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GREEN BAY FIRE—Crews with the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Fire Department work to control a blaze that razed a house in Green Bay April 6. Police were called in to investigate.



House levelled in Green Bay fire

GREEN BAY—An early morning fire on Saturday, April 6 prompted the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Fire Department to call in the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Duane Deschamps, fire chief, told The Expositor that the fire department was dispatched at 1:27 am on April 6 to Indian Mountain Road in Green Bay.

"The fire was fully involved by the time we arrived," he said. "We had it under control at 2:15 am."

The home belonged to Jacqueline and Claudio Rocca.

Mr. Deschamps said the police were called due to the time of day, location and other extenuating

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Manitoulin fire chiefs strongly support no outdoor burning, 'common sense'

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Several fire chiefs on Manitoulin are calling for people to be careful and responsible and take all safety measures before considering having a grass fire or carrying out any type of fire. This comes after a recent spate of fires having to be responded to by local fire departments in about a week's time.

"If people are going to be irresponsible, they need to know the consequences—they could lose their own or a neighbour's house/structures or their lives," stated Rick Graham, fire chief of Burpee and Mills township.

On Monday of last week, the Burpee and Mills Fire Department had to respond to a grass-fire on Union Road that spread to a barn on a neighbouring property in Evansville. "When we got the fire call, I grabbed

the fire truck and went to the fire. I met an older man who had been burning garbage when the fire got out of control and destroyed his lawn, getting as close as about 60 feet from his house. The fire spread to his

neighbour's property and destroyed a barn."

"Fortunately, no one was hurt," said Mr. Graham. "There was nothing in the barn ex-

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Veteran A-M-K MP retiring

Carol Hughes won't seek reelection

by Tom Sasvari

ELLIOT LAKE—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing has announced she will not be seeking re-election in the next federal election. She joined fellow NDP MPs Charlie Angus and Rachel Blaney in announcing they would not be seeking re-election.

"It has been an exceptional honour representing the people of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing for the



MP Carol Hughes has announced she will not run in the next election.

past 16 years," said MP Hughes. "I got into politics to try and make a positive difference in people's lives. I've always attempted to take a pragmatic approach to this job and reach across party lines to get things done, but I and my NDP colleagues never wavered in our progressive ideals, and I am proud of the work I've done."

"I've been contemplating for a

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Community supports local management of Meldrum Bay lighthouse and park

by Tom Sasvari

MELDRUM BAY—There is certainly enough interest among members of the public to volunteer their time to help assist the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association (DCIA) in making the Mississagi Lighthouse operational again.

About 40 people, including 33 members of the public and members of the DCIA met in Meldrum Bay this past Saturday to see if there is public interest to volunteer towards making the lighthouse operational again. As had been reported previously, the DCIA, with the assistance of LAMBAC and Annette Clarke, Western Manitoulin Economic Development officer made an application to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to acquire a long-term lease for operations of the lighthouse.

"The Mississagi Lighthouse is



The Dawson Citizens Improvement Association is hoping to have the famed Mississagi Light and campground open again.

a very important heritage site for Manitoulin Island, Western Manitoulin and Northern Ontario. It is a very popular tourism destination," said Wendy Van Every, DCIA treasurer. "But if we don't do this now it will be too late. And

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Protestors gather against carbon tax

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter CANADA—On April 1, the federal carbon tax surged from \$65 per tonne to \$80 per tonne, initiating a contentious conversation across Canada. This hike, intended to curb greenhouse gas emissions, particularly targets fossil fuel consumers, affecting various industries and everyday citizens alike.

The hike translates to an additional 3.3 cents per litre for drivers at the pump, affecting not only gasoline but also other fuel sources like propane and natural gas. The impact of this tax increase on individual bank accounts and its purpose in the larger environmental agenda has ignited public interest and concern.

On Manitoulin, Brendan Addison of M'Chigeeng organized

a peaceful protest in support of the protests on interprovincial borders and across the country on Monday, April 8.

The protest was held on Goat Island on the North Channel across from the Little Current and the goal, according to Mr. Addison was "to have like-minded people come together to have their voices heard, on the old highway without obstructing traffic." A protest in Calgary on April 1 saw a collision when five large farm tractors caused a multi-vehicle collision when they refused to stop for police during an attempted traffic stop. The Manitoulin protesters wanted to avoid any safety concerns.

Mr. Addison went on to say that while carbon rebates will increase with the carbon tax hike, that there are hidden costs for citizens that aren't being addressed by the federal government.

"It's their (the feds) system and what most people don't see is the inflation that it (the carbon tax) causes," he said. "On Manitoulin Island alone, we contribute about \$20,000 per day in the winter months to the carbon tax. That number comes from some simple math and is a conservative estimate. Every bit of fuel has to come onto the Island on a truck. A single tanker load, approximately 50,000 litres of diesel fuel, at 21 cents per litre costs \$10,500 [in carbon tax]. If that whole tanker is taxable,

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The 10th annual Dewar Family Syrup Auction broke the record for the largest winning bid on the first litre of the delicious maple syrup. 'Lucy's Support Team' had the winning bid of \$2,700. In photo from left Corey and Lucie McCutcheon along with their three children, are congratulated by Travis and Bill Dewar on placing the winning bid in this year's auction.

10th Dewar syrup auction breaks sweet record Team Lucie McCutcheon raises \$2,700 for cancer centre

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—The 10th annual Dewar Family Syrup Auction has broken another record with the largest winning bid on the first litre of the delicious maple syrup. And for the winner of the auction putting a bid in this year holds special meaning to the family.

"Lucie's Support Team had the winning bid of \$2,700, the highest bid yet," stated Travis Dewar. "Last year's winner, The Wild Hogs had a bid in this year of \$2,250."

Lucie and Corey McCutcheon and their three children had agreed to put in a bid this year. Ms. McCutcheon explained, "both Corey and my mom had been diagnosed with cancer last summer. They are both now cancer free. But I was diagnosed with cancer and am recovering from surgery. Corey and I both thought with all that has happened in the past year that this would be a good year to put a bid in on the auction," to support the Northern Cancer Foundation (NCF).

"So, we asked a bunch of people, friends and family, to support us (with their bid)," said Ms. McCutcheon. "Cancer affects every family."

"This year's auction was a wonderful success," said Mr. Dewar. "Every year it gets bigger. No, when we started the auction the first year we never expected it would go to this extreme. The support has been incredible."

Mr. Dewar explained that along with the many bids made on the first litre of maple syrup and those who just donated toward the cause, the auction brought in more than \$5,000 this year.

Going into this year the auction had helped to raise \$16,900 for NCF. Mr. Dewar explained previously, "We haven't been affected by someone who has cancer, but we have had lots of friends who have been impacted by a family member or friend having cancer. That is why our family decided to have this maple syrup auction to raise funds to benefit everyone."

"It was a pretty exciting venture again this year, the number of bids was incredible, and the good-natured trash talking between teams making bids was fierce," he said.

The auction took place from March 25-29.

The Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack Auction Facebook page prior to the auction beginning read in part, "Be prepared folks, these auctions are fierce and can get downright nasty, but in the end, to the victor goes the spoils! (You want to be that victor). What spoils they are, this is the best of the best, this is the most expensive maple syrup sold. And we'll be honest with you...We've never had a complaint about the price!"

The auction was initiated in 2015 with the winning bid that first year being \$150.

Chiefs of Ontario to pursue litigation against Ontario over exclusion of First Nations laws in new Policing Act

TORONTO—The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) is disappointed that the Ontario government has repeatedly ignored its requests to address the glaring gap contained within the Community Safety and Policing Act, which came into force on April 1. As had been reported previously, COO will be moving forward on their promise to take legal action and will be preparing a lawsuit against the government in the coming days.

"Not recognizing or enforcing First Nations laws undermines reconciliation, the actualization of our jurisdiction and self-governance and sends the signal that the federal and provincial governments care less about the safety and well-being of First Nations than other Canadians," said Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare.

Ontario's Community Safety and Policing Act excludes the enforcement of First Nations' laws as a mandatory police function in its current form, which COO says will result in discriminatory and unequal law enforcement in Ontario now that the

Act is officially in effect. Since the Act was tabled, COO has tirelessly warned the government of the serious risks it poses to First Nations' communities, but those warnings continue to be shrugged off by the Ontario government.

In November, the COO passed

a resolution that called on Ontario to include First Nations' laws and bylaws as mandatory police functions in the government's new policing legislation before it comes into force, to enable the proper levels of law enforcement and funding for police services in First Nations' communities.

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands agrees to purchase Little Wally's Dock Service

by Alicia McCutcheon

PORT OF LITTLE CURRENT—At its regular meeting on April 2, council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approved the purchase of Little Wally's Dock Service from Rob Little, who has operated the business on the Little Current waterfront for many years, taking over from his father.

The waterfront business has been for sale for a number of years and, according to Mayor Al MacNevin, with rumours circulating that Mr. Little was prepared to retire without having received an offer of purchase, the municipality felt it was the time to act.



On May 8, the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be the new owners of Little Wally's Dock Service.

thanks him for his years of dedicated service to

Wildfire season is officially underway in Ontario

ONTARIO—With Ontario's legislated wildland fire season having started April 1 (and continues until October 31), the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has provided The Expositor with information on Ontario's Outdoor Burning regulations and tips to share with local residents that will help reduce the risk that a nearby wildland fire can spread to your home/cottage/community.

"Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services would like to remind the public that during Ontario's legislated fire season (from April 1 to October 31), Ontario's Outdoor Burning Regulations are now in effect. In order to dispose of yard waste and woody debris, we encourage Ontarians to use methods such as composting or using your local landfill. If you must burn, use caution and follow Ontario's Outdoor Burning Regulations," a press release explains.

"In Ontario, outdoor fires are regulated under the Forest Fires Prevention Act. If you cause a wildland fire, you could be held responsible for the costs of putting out the fire and for any property damage in addi-



April 1 marked the official start of wildfire season.

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tion to any fines that accompany an infraction," the release notes.

Within Ontario's Fire Region, during the wildland fire season, "fires are to be ignited no sooner than two hours before sunset and extinguished no later than two hours after sunrise; always have tools/water adequate to contain the fire at the site; never leave your fire unattended; if you start a fire outdoors, you must tend the fire, keep it under control, and extinguish it

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Wiikwemkoong High robotics team wins jousts predicted by AI

by Tom Sasvari

MISSISSAUGA—The Wiikwemkoong High School (WHS) #5672 Metal Robotics team did well in competition at the provincial championships, while a mentor of the Manitoulin Secondary School Metal Robotics #6865 team also won an award at the Ontario Robotics championships held this past weekend in Mississauga.

"We had qualified for the provincial robotic championships (at the McMaster University competition held last weekend)," said Chris Mara, mentor of the WHS team. "We performed really well at the provincials; we won every match in the qualifying matches that we were predicted to, according to the AI (Artificial Intelligence) bot (based on seasonal statistics of every team that had qualified for the provincials). And our team won a two versus three match which was awesome and something we wouldn't have expected going into the competition."

"All the members of our team performed very well, in

driving the robot, our scoring was excellent (both offensively and defensively) and our team alliances were good," said Mr. Mara.

The WHS team didn't get selected during the championship rounds, but Mr. Mara said, "to get to the provincials was incredible enough and going against and performing well against the top teams in the world is no small accomplishment. It was an excellent season."

MSS Robotics team mentor Yana Bauer won the Provincial

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Manitowaning home to new EarlyON centre

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—Manitowaning Family Resources (MFR) has added another EarlyON Child and Family Centre to its roster across Manitoulin, this time in Manitowaning. The Manitowaning site is a welcome addition to the other EarlyON locations in Little Current, Mindemoya and Gore Bay.

EarlyON Child and Family Centres "are a really friendly, welcoming environment for families and their children ages 0 to 6," said Colleen Hill, executive director of MFR, "as well as parent/caregiver supports."

The Little Current site has Baby and Me programming, for babies ages 0 to 12 months and their caregivers, which involves learning through music, language and rhyme. One of the three EarlyON facilitators is also available at this time for parenting information, resources, referrals and support.

The EarlyON centres also offer playgroups, drop-ins for

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Federal Conservatives place blame for housing on municipalities

The federal Conservatives have finally offered a peek into their plans to alleviate the current housing shortages being experienced across most of the nation. The plan is simple. Reward municipalities that increase housing builds by 15 percent and fine those that do not.

There is a simple flaw in that approach. Municipalities are not housing contractors and most do not build housing—the funding they receive from the provinces barely covers the cost of maintaining existing social housing stock.

Like their provincial cousins, the federal Conservatives are busy laying blame for the housing shortage on the governing Liberals and aiming their sights on the property taxpayer as a solution.

To be fair, the Conservative housing plan has other legs. Their plan includes building one million homes over three years. Converting 15 percent of federal government property into housing, "creating" an Indigenous housing strategy and tackling money laundering and foreign investors.

But the old adage "all's fair in love and war" has long included politics and it has done little to improve our governance. The Canadian Constitution cites its goals as "peace, order and good government." It has a division of powers. That division puts the responsibility for housing squarely in the provincial theatre.

That would be the level of government in Ontario where the premier has embraced his inner NIMBY and ruled out a plan to allow fourplexes to be built "as of right." As of right means bypassing municipal approval (the level of government most susceptible to NIMBYism) and will allow four-unit housing to be built in residential neighbourhoods. Several fourplexes have been built on the Island.

Instead of creating policies that would encourage affordable housing, Premier Ford wants more single-family housing built, even though that housing has demonstrably proven to be hugely unaffordable for so many younger families.

Instead, Premier Doug Ford's usual approach to "helping" municipalities is to download ever-increasing amounts of responsibil-

ities onto municipalities (read property taxpayers) and not providing enough money to cover the cost. This is a strategy aimed at "encouraging" efficiencies. He, too, has been known to blame municipal "red tape" for the crisis.

A good portion of the roll of "red tape" Premier Ford is aiming at is where municipalities insist that subdivision developers shoulder the cost of increased infrastructure to service the new housing, rather than those costs

being foisted onto the backs of the existing ratepayers. All this while the province has recently brought forward the largest budget in Ontario history.

So, the federal government is being blamed for the housing crisis, even though it is not their constitutional responsibility—or at least being blamed for not doing enough to "fix" the provincial responsibility. The Ontario government (led by the Progressive Conservatives) points its finger at both the feds and the municipalities while the man-who-would-be prime minister is doing the same while busily creating snappy sound bites on social media.

It is long past time the province rolls up its fiscal sleeves and takes responsibility (along with real action) to tackle the crisis, rather than pointing at its sibling levels of government.

The housing continuum begins with social housing and that is one area the province could take real and immediate action to alleviate the current situation. With more of the province's poorest properly housed, affordable housing in the next tier opens up. That allows younger families to have more cash to set aside to access a starter home in the next tier and so on up the ladder.

With pressure alleviated from below, the amount of housing available in the upper tiers should stabilize—because that's how the invisible hand of the market is supposed to work.

That approach, endorsed by housing policy experts, won't line the pockets of large land developers who attend strategic weddings, gifts in hand, so it is unlikely to be route that meets muster with the current masters of Queen's Park, but it makes simple (if not "common") sense.

Gore Bay community pitches in for Chinook salmon release

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Thanks to the efforts of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC), a staff member and many students in Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay collaborating on the micro-hatchery program in the school the past few months, well over 100 Chinook salmon fingerlings have been released in the local bay.

"The eggs collected by the fish and game club were very good," said Richard Pantan, a C.C. McLean staff member who was assisted by students in the Grade 6/7 class and other students at the school in raising the fish over the past few months.

"We have a total of 125 fish to plant today," said Chris Robinson, president of GBFGC, prior to the fish being released at the town swim beach down on the waterfront below the Queen's Inn. "Richard (Panton) with the assistance of all the students did a bang-up job of raising the fish."

The healthy fish, which average about four inches in length, were collected by members of GBFGC on October 2 at the Kagawong River. A total of 200 eggs were collected and distributed to C.C. McLean to raise in the micro-hatchery. "The survival rate has been very good this year," said Mr. Pantan.

Mr. Pantan said after the school received the fish eggs at the beginning of October, "the eggs hatched out pretty quickly, hatching the first week in November."

"We had the Grade 6/7 class with teacher Zach Robinson help out," said Mr. Pantan.

"It was a class effort in helping to raise



Richard Pantan and Chris Robinson (both kneeling) and students of C.C. McLean pose for a photo just before 125 good-sized Chinook salmon fingerlings were released into Gore Bay waters.

photo by Tom Sasvari

the fish."

The micro-hatchery is set up in a school hall, so that all the students in the school have the opportunity to see the fish every day as they grow. "The students enjoy watching the fish when they hatch out and as they grow."

Mr. Robinson told The Expositor, "All the students really enjoy seeing the fish as they

grow. My son is in daycare and loves to see the fish every day. And Richard was in our class yesterday (April 3) making a presentation to the students on the program and how important their efforts are in helping to raise the fish and how it is important to stock fish locally."

Little Current Fish and Game Club holds annual beef dinner

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Conservation and camaraderie were the names of the game recently as members, friends and supporters of the Little Current Fish and Game Club came together in the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion for their annual beef dinner (once known as the wild game dinner but since changed to provide better logistics).

Club president Lou Shortt gave a short address to start the meal (which featured beef from Ice Lake's Burt Farm—Max Burt was in attendance with apron at the ready).



Little Current Fish and Game Club president Lou Shortt draws door prize names at the beginning of the dinner.

photo by Michael Erskine

"They tell me the meal is getting cold," joked Mr. Shortt, "so I am going to make it very quick."

Mr. Shortt thanked the many

volunteers who "made this dinner good for us" and give so generously of their time to help make the club's projects such a great success. He specifically referenced the recent raising of the club's fish hatchery onto new foundations with a cement floor and the many hundreds of hours volunteers and club members spend setting nets, harvesting eggs and sperm, operating the hatchery, transporting the resulting fry to the fishponds and then harvesting the fingerlings to be transported back into big water to grow into a nice walleye catch for anglers.

"This year has been a very

good year for us," he said. "It's all due to the people in this room who buy tickets for this room and who donate."

Mr. Shortt called for a moment of silence for those members "who are no longer with us" and those supporters who would normally be at the dinner but illness has kept them away.

The evening progressed with plenty of good food, moderate drink and a whole lot of animated conversation. In a hilarious coincidence, the first table to be drawn to attend the buffet was table number one.

Anishinaabemowin conference in the Sault recognizes language keepers

by Gina Gasongi Simon

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich.—This year's Anishinaabemowin-Teg 2024 "Zaag-toodaa Anishinaabemowin" (Let's Love Our Language) was an overall success, thanks to the 994 attendees and 362 elders present. The annual language conference was celebrating 30 years and has grown to become one of the largest gatherings of its kind along the shores of the Great Lakes.

"It was amazing to have a large contingent of fluent Anishnaabe speakers gathered under one roof for the three-day gathering!" exclaimed organizer Elizabeth (Liz) Osawamick of Wiikwemkoong.

According to Ms. Osawamick, 'Anishnaabemowin Teg' translates to "where the language is at" and with the continued growth year after year "shows how dedicated and drawn the Anishnaabeg are to the beautiful sounds of our mother



Harvey and Delores Trudeau are presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

photos by Gina Simon

brief highlights of their contributions to keeping the Anishnaabeg language alive and well. It was a touching gesture and reminder of the volume of knowledge that our elders have and its our duty and responsibility to make every effort to learn, to treasure and appreciate their legacies and their wealth of teachings, so vital to our culture's survival.

Friday evening's Scholarship Award Banquet was a chance for the youth to showcase their Anishinaabemowin talents in recognition of the 16 memorial acknowledgements. The memorial Scholarship Recipients were: Robert Trudeau and Rosemary Roy (Linda Peltier-Trudeau baa), Beloved Wemigwans (Florence/Lily Osawamick baa), Delilah McGregor (Olive McGregor baa), Janelle Dokum (Clarence Leo-Sagassige baa), Deacon Jacko (Violet McGregor baa), Nawaatin Assinewe (Jean Shawana baa), Charlise Eshkawkogan (Dominic Eshkawkogan baa), Kihanna Toulouse (Rose Logan baa), Naawaaka Roote (Orien Corbiere baa), Teirney Fox (Ellen Migwans baa), Danica Peltier (Marjorie Mishibinijima baa), Lila Garcia (Victor Keshigo baa), Avery Toulouse (Dorothy Toulouse baa) and Larry Assinewai (Mary Lou Fox baa).

Following the award presentation swere a few impromptu from the daring audience participants. Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Harvey and Delores Trudeau by board members Liz Osawamick and Barbara Peltier.

Friday's keynote address by Barbara Nolan, Language Commissioner for the Anishnaabek Nation, spoke about the value of the language and the need to acknowledge the strength it provides to the Nation, as "our language Anishnaabemowin is how we stay connected with our culture and identity. Ms. Nolan shared firsthand her experiences at Indian Residential School and the attempts made behind closed doors to discourage and punish the children for speaking their mother tongue. She encouraged the need to continue developing materials and opportunities by utilizing modern day technology like the internet. "Using apps like Zoom help us to connect with as many people as possible, to motivate learners and provide a place and space for people in need of access to the Anishnaabe language," she explained.

Ms. Nolan is no stranger to working with students online, at various stages with learning the language. "We have to make every opportunity available for anyone and everyone who wants to learn, this is how other languages, like the French have made significant strides to keep their language alive and spread throughout the world. Protecting our Anishinaabemowin, we can do the same by sharing and encouraging whomever you can influence to keep the movement growing."

A big salute to volunteers Nicole Van Stone, MC Duke Peltier, Yvette Pitawanakwat, Amanda Hardisty, Sophie Corbiere, Christina Pheasant, Isadore Toulouse, David Arroyo, the Silent Auction group Anita Recollet and Rosetta Toulouse, and ASL Interpreters Annette Sandy and Debbie Parliament. Your gracious time and efforts were so appreciated by everyone in attendance.

Final words came from Elizabeth Osawamick. "We want to say Gchi-migwech to all of our fluent speaking elders and Anishnaabeg for creating this space where our language is prioritized and honoured. ATEG would not exist without the efforts our speakers. Our elders, especially, they are the carriers of our original spoken language, and it is vital to our existence as Anishnaabeg to share and teach the language to the next generations to come. We ask with all our hearts and spirits for you all to speak the language daily, even it's just a few words a day.

"Remember who you are and the gift of our language, Anishnaabeg don't be shy to use the original language of this land, Turtle Island. It is our responsibility to love the language by speaking it and teaching it to all the young ones who are following the sound of their ancestors."

On behalf of the organizing committee and executive, "we wish to encourage you to keep practicing for next year and follow us on Facebook to keep updated on events and details for 2025!"



Anishnaabemowin for the generations. Grandparents and grandchildren enjoy the conference.

tongue that has been held in sacred trust by our ancestors," Ms. Osawamick explained.

From beginning to end the gathering assembled some of the most prolific and accomplished Anishnaabe speakers like Elder Stanley Peltier who stressed the need to find solutions from within our 'language bundle' to reconnect with Anishnaabe language, songs and rhythms. Mr. Peltier expressed strong beliefs about adaption. "We should not be adapting to the settler's language to teach our language, those methods have nearly obliterated the sophistication and profound connection to our inter-related being with the universe," he explained.

"As we continue this process to adapt to a foreign language, our worldview, our thought process and philosophies are becoming mere translations to English without the proper connection and interpretation of those voices, that manifest our identity and connection to the universe," he cautioned.

Alan Ojig Corbiere's presentation focussed on how the Anishnaabeg used pictographs to visually convey information to each other, to tell our stories to other nations and to colonial entities. His slideshow contained photos of pictographs, copies of maps and petitions to demonstrate our ancestors' ways of creating and transmitting records of monumental events. Mr. Corbiere concluded by encouraging teachers and students to incorporate the materials into their curriculum.

Dr. Shirley Williams did a fine job presenting 'how Anishnaabe can age with grace,' Ni gchi piitizing Anishnaabe-kweyaang ni zhiwendaa-gooe-gdaa-kiigaadeseng. Her sense of humour tied in with her own life experiences shed light and laughter to re-learning how to be dependent on someone and at the same time unlearning about independence.

"All our combined experiences in life help us to become who we are; some are happy and some sad, but if we accept and learn to laugh at ourselves, at the foolish things we've done, then we can continue with the laughter as we age," Dr. Williams said. "We will have good days and bad days, but we must continue utilizing the healing power of laughter, as you climb the four hills on our journey with life."

Nokomis Martina Osawamick presented on the seven stages of life using Indigenous knowledge from the beginning of Bimaadziwin, 'living the good life,' and ceremonies as a core component in her



Beloved Wemigwans is presented with the Florence/Lily Osawamick baa Memorial Scholarship award by Liz Osawamick and Keynote speaker Barbara Nolan.

cultural teachings. She shared how she has applied these teachings throughout her life with her children, twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren. "Maintaining and revitalizing the Anishnaabemowin language has enabled me to leave a legacy for my future generations. The healing of language and ceremony have helped me past the Residential school experience in Spanish.

Mary Ann Corbiere has been teaching Anishnaabemowin since the late 1980s and producing manuals for introductory and intermediate courses. Her latest project has been to produce an Anishnaabe dictionary and continue to design advanced level courses. Her presentation focussed on the kinds of patterns contained within the Anishnaabe language, juxtaposed with her attempts to use English to explain abstract grammatical concepts.

Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi along with elder and father Eugene Manitowabi, teamed up to present an up-close personal insight into their private life and public life as elected leaders in Wiikwemkoong. Both shared their knowledge of helping others to learn and speak the language. They presented terms and teachings of how they honour and abide by the values of the Seven Grandfather teachings of Respect, Humility, Truth, Bravery, Love, Wisdom and Honesty.

Thecla Neganegijig's perspective on Anishnaabemowin was from a land-based angle. She provided basic language to help revitalize the learners understanding and respect of mashkiki, medicines. Combined with her colorful slideshow and incorporation of the alphabet, she explored words for traditional medi-



Dr. Shirley Williams shares a private chuckle with workshop participant.

cines and linked them with spiritual teachings.

The Wiikwemkoong Anishnaabemowin Kinoomaagewin, presented by Program Manager Sandra Peltier and her team of Darlene Peltier and Jason Pangowish, talked about the importance of teacher collaboration and feedback. "We work closely with the teachers to design appropriate materials that suit their classroom needs and curriculum. We encourage the students to do the work, to become part of the designing and production of language materials." As Ms. Peltier explained, "we are blessed with some of the most fluent elders like Josephine Peltier, Rita Corbiere, Phyllis Williams, Steven George, just to name a few. They are there to assist us in refining, reading, revitalizing and assisting with intervention and promotional strategies."

The material samples presented were phenomenal and a number of participants attending this workshop were disappointed they could not purchase or obtain any of the materials presented. One woman commented, "I feel like a kid in a candy store, look but don't touch."

Longtime language teacher and presenter Phyllis Williams discussed the benefits of healing through the use of Anishnaabemowin. She acknowledged her 106-year-old grandfather, mishomis and nokomis for her traditional teachings and preservation of the language. She credits them for the woman she is today and the opportunities to pursue different avenues to obtain her education and life experiences. "I have been encouraged to pass on my traditional teachings and language skills to whomever has the desire to learn. Our language will grow through sharing. We can't keep it inside us, we need to speak, that is its purpose. It is up to us to recognize our Anishnaabe language and using it as a process of healing and growing stronger."

Also part of the incredible work by the organizers and language keepers was the artists, crafters and musicians that created ways to express and carry on the life line of original communication. Those in attendance could attest to the fine intricate work by these gifted artists and designers.

Next to the registration station and elders' room were tables adorned with cedar and candles to honour 16 influential speakers, who are now passed into the spirit world. Their photos, along with

OPP charge driver following traffic stop

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted a traffic stop on a driver erratically driving a vehicle, which led to an arrest.

On March 31 shortly after 4 am, Manitoulin OPP officers were conducting general patrol on Water Street in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI). Police observed a motor vehicle being driven in an erratic manner and conducted a traffic stop.

Upon speaking with the driver, police were able to determine the driver had consumed alcohol. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, 36-year-old James Hammer of New Liskeard has been charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs, and operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on April 16. The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Traffic complaint leads to charges

One driver has been arrested and charged for impaired driving following a traffic complaint.

On April 2, shortly after 10 pm, Manitoulin OPP officers responded

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to a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver on Highway 540. Police patrolled the area and located the motor vehicle on Mnaawnkwad Drive in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Police conducted a traffic stop and upon speaking with the driver, determined the driver had consumed alcohol. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, 24-year-old Dante Abotossaway from Little Current has been charged with: novice driver, blood alcohol consumption (BAC) above zero, driving motor vehicle with liquor

readily available, class G1 license holder accompanying driver BAC .05 or above, operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired, BAC (80 plus), possession of a schedule 1 substance, cocaine.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on May 21.

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

Man charged with impaired driving

A Little Current man faces charges for impaired driving and other offences

following a traffic stop on Manitoulin.

The Manitoulin OPP reported that officers were on patrol on Highway 6 in Assiginack Township on March 28 when they pulled over a vehicle around 1 pm.

Upon speaking with the driver, police were able to determine that the driver had a suspended licence and had consumed alcohol. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

Patrick Shean, 40, from Little Current was charged with impaired driving over 80 mgs, having pot readily available, driving while under suspension, and failure to surrender an insurance card.

The accused is sched-

uled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on May 7. Mr. Shean was issued a 90-day licence suspension and his vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Impaired, possession of weapon charges

A M'Chigeeng First Nation driver faces multiple charges, including being impaired and having a weapon, following a traffic stop on Highway 6.

Officers with the Manitoulin OPP pulled the vehicle over Sunday, March 31 around 7 pm in NEMI.

Upon speaking with the driver, police were able to determine he had consumed alcohol. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the

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Friends and Neighbours

**Providence Bay
Alexia Hannigan**

Hello Providence Bay! Alexia here with your friendly wind-blown fly!

If you're reading this, smile big because you have survived the first of many spring/summer windstorms, the eclipse-alyse and you did not burn your retinas beyond repair. So what's next? The season of the elements is upon us: earth (aka mud); air (aka helium balloons); wind (aka windstorms) and fire (aka by-laws) as we begin the daunting task of spring cleaning, gardening prelims and yard clean-up. Remember that you need a fire permit to burn wood, brush, leaves and grass outside during the fire season (April 1 to October 31) daytime burning is prohibited. Burn permits are \$5 and can be obtained at the municipal office at 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya.

Ceillidh had a nice surprise visit from her friends from school the other day. They drove over from Mindemoya for a beach stomp at Providence Bay beach and had tons of fun. The coffee club met again last week and Joanne and Marianne and I chatted about the foxes, bobcats and the geese. Joanne and Ingrid were busy this past weekend, taking down and tidying up from the holidays with spring cleaning and polishing downtown Prov. Kudos, ladies, you are awesome!

I was busy with spring decorating our Community of Christ Church and I have seen a lot of posts and pictures of local folks and kids participating in the garbage and beach clean-ups; well done everyone! Earth Day is every day and we want to keep our beautiful township beaming!

Providence Bay arena and outfield: stay tuned for Nerf wars, community rec and youth soccer events coming soon, dates to be announced.

Providence Bay Curling Club announced the winner of the beer for a year raffle, congratulations Kim Cooper. Congratulations to the Providence Bay youth and junior curling club who rocked the end of season in Niagara Falls representing Team Northern Ontario.

Providence Bay hall: stag and doe season means the hall will be busy in the coming months! Paul Wright (aka Island Taxi) mentioned he is very busy so make your travel plans well ahead of time if you need rides in, around and off of the Island. Lions Club meeting is tonight, Wednesday at the hall. I will continue to keep you all posted on the coffee club and other important dates and local events.

Providence Bay Community of Christ church food handler's certificate course this Saturday, April 13, 9:30 am to 4 pm. For information and registration contact Alex Baran or Natasha Sweeney at Sudbury and Districts Public Health unit <https://www.phsd.ca/contact/>.

At the Providence Bay beach, can't wait to mermaid. It's getting warmer! Keep it clean folks. We want to enjoy it for years to come.

Island Quilters Guild (pre-registered) spring workshop this Saturday, April 13 at the Mindemoya Community Hall. I will be in Sudbury and will miss this amazing event. Happy quilting ladies, I will see you again on April 18.

This weekend I will be going on a day trip to Sudbury for a girl's birthday party and spring spree! March into April are busy birthday months for many! Happy birthday wishes to Mya, Nixon, Brooklyn, Jackie, Ruth, Tina, Chris Bryan and yours truly.

**Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer**

Caution! Do not stare directly into these eclipse puns! The humour may seem obscure, but they could do real damage. Team Fergmeijer took a road trip down to southern Ontario so we could be in the path of totality for the eclipse. We were heading where the sun don't shine. It's a long drive to get to the viewing place for the eclipse, so it's good we packed a light snack. Afterwards, we attended a solar eclipse party. It was a wonderful solar-bration. Beyond a shadow of a doubt, it was a good experience, but if we had to rate it, we'd only give it one star.

This weekend! "Come as You Are" on Saturday, April 13 and enjoy an evening of contemporary inspirational music (and sing-along) courtesy of Cia and Bill Savage at St. John's Anglican Church. The fun starts at 7 pm with refreshments provided. Donations towards repairing the front stained-glass window of the church are greatly appreciated.

Happy 29th birthday wishes go out to Maya H. We hope you get out there and seize the day! Remember, some only dream of cake, others bake it happen.

We're back to summer hours at the Billings landfill! Stop by to say hi to Denis (and drop off your sorted garbage and recycling) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 6 pm, and weekends 10 am to 4 pm.

Next weekend, the Billings Climate Action Committee is hosting an Earth Day event. Come out Saturday, April 20 for a community clean-up, a "junk in the trunk" sale, activities for youth and information on green technologies. Interested in being a vendor? It's not too late! Contact Vince Grogan at vgrogan@billingstwp.ca for more information.

That same weekend, join The Island Singers as they celebrate their 60th anniversary! On Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm at Manitoulin Secondary School, current and past members of the choir will be presenting a concert of classics and modern favourites. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. Visit "The Island Singers - Manitoulin Island" on Facebook for more information.

Save the date! Manitoulin Streams is hosting an outdoor angling trade fair right here in Kagawong! More details on the May long weekend event will be shared in the coming weeks. For more information, check out manitoulinstreams.com, or contact anglingtf.manitoulin@gmail.com, or 613-857-9877.

What is Mr. T's favourite month? April, fools. Have a great week!

**Barrie Island
Lillian Greenman**

Fiona, Ben, Perry and baby Griffin from Ottawa were here for Easter weekend. They joined Oliver and Barb Runnalls at Scott and Enid Runnalls and Cameron Runnalls and Micah for supper on Friday.

Joining Lance and Lillian Greenman on Saturday for supper were Terry Greenman and Laurie, Kayla Greenman and Will, Kyle Greenman and Krystan Hayden and Jessie.

Some upcoming happenings in the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island are: 1) Everyone invited to come out to thank our volunteer members of the fire department at Gordon Hall on Wednesday, April 17 at 7 pm. 2) You are invited to our tree planting ceremony for Earth Day 2024 at Gordon Hall on Friday, April 19, 4 pm. 3) Come out to celebrate Wayne Fogal's retirement from the Municipality of Gordon and Barrie Island with a potluck on Friday, April 26 at 7 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion in Gore Bay.

**Silver Water
Karen Noble**

On Friday, March 15, lunch at the Watersedge Pub included a birthday celebration for Molly Ainslie.

On Friday evening there were three tables of euchre players in Meldrum Bay.

The maple syrup season has been very successful this year and some people plan to continue once the current cold temperatures are over.

On Sunday, March 17, there was a potluck supper at the Silver Water Community Hall. Fifty people attended and over \$800 was raised for the Angel Bus.

On Monday, March 18, Vince Grogan and Bill Orford held an information session in the Silver Water Community Hall about the Island Wide Waste Management committee and their current progress with several programs.

On Tuesday afternoon there was an exercise class at the hall.

On Wednesday, there was line dancing at the hall in the evening.

On Wednesday, the Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting was held in Mindemoya. Representatives from the OPP gave a presentation about how the municipalities are invoiced for their services each year.

On Thursday evening, there were 24 euchre players at the Silver Water hall.

Brenda Carter returned on Wednesday after a week in the Hamilton area visiting family.

Condolences to the family of Dave Slater.

Condolences to the family of Alan Wheable.

Doug and Brenda Carter went to southern Ontario on Wednesday, March 27 for the Easter weekend.

Tom and Linda Rumley were at their Silver Water home for several days.

There were six tables of euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday.

There were church services at St Andrew's United Church in Silver Water on Good Friday and at the Anglican Church in Gore Bay.

Euchre in Meldrum Bay was cancelled on Good Friday, March 29.

Keith and Iris Clarke and some of their family were at their cottage for the Easter weekend.

There was six handed euchre played on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson travelled to Espanola to spend Easter with their son Blake and his family.

Shawn Noble and Anne Boyd joined us for Easter dinner on Sat, March 30.

Euchre in Burpee and Mills was cancelled on April 1.

The fire team was called to assist with a bush fire in Elizabeth Bay on Tuesday. It was discussed at length at fire practice that evening.

Exercise class was held Tuesday afternoon. It will continue each Tuesday until mid-May.

There was a Sic Sox Circular bin delivered to our yard on April 2. This bin is for fabric recycling and will be open for the west end residents to fill up.

On Wednesday, April 3 in the afternoon, there was a group that met with a doctor who is currently part of a program that may lead him to practice locally. There are numerous steps still to go.

On Thursday, April 4 the UCW meeting was held in the afternoon. There were 14 ladies out.

On Thursday evening, there were five-and-three-quarter tables of euchre players at the Silver Water hall.

Alexis McVey with the rest of the MSS Robotics team travelled to McMaster University in Hamilton last weekend and to Mississauga this past weekend.

There were a few snow days in the last two weeks, but it is all melted now.

Happy 90th birthday to Alfreda Wickett on April 25.

Condolences to the family of Cam Clark.



The Wiikwemkoong High School #5672 Metal Robotics team qualified for and took part in the provincial championships this past weekend in southern Ontario. The team shown after the McMaster University competition held in Hamilton recently (where the team qualified for the provincials) includes mentor Chris Mara, Adrian Manitowabi-Bell, Adrian Katt, Zander Shawongonabe, Phoenix Hoy, Tristan Wemigwans, Brayden Pangowish, Kobe Espaniel, Carmine Wemigwans, Brannon Wassengeso, Blaine Naokwegijig, Rakejah Wallace, Chyella George, Mercedes Aibens, Liam Wassengeso, Ellie Anna Leedham, Ava Wakegijig, Grace Pitawanakwat, Tamara Bondy-Naokwegijig, Brianna Mishbinijima, Jessica Wemigwans and Ryley Wassegijig-Migwans.

...robotics team wins jousts predicted by AI

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Woodie Flowers Award, “alongside my friend and colleague Dan Monti, lead mentor of Lo-Ellen (High School) Robotics.”

The MSS team had nominated Ms. Bauer for the award. The Woodie Flowers Award celebrates communication in the art and science of engineering and design. Dr. William Murphy founded this prestigious award in 1996 to recognize mentors within the FIRST Robotics Competition who lead, inspire and empower using excellent communication skills.

“It is a special award because you are nominated by your own team, and other mentors and coaches,” said Ms. Bauer. “There are a lot of incredible mentors who qualified for this award. Winning this award is more than I could ever imagine.”

Ms. Bauer explained, “Our team impressed the (provincial competition) judges with our program, but another deserving team won the Engineering Inspiration award at provincials. Alexis McVey was proud to make it this far but did not win the Provincial Dean’s award.”

As was reported in last week’s Expositor, the MSS team did not compete with their robot in the



MSS Metal Robotics #6865 team mentor Yana Bauer, third from left, was presented with the prestigious Woodie Flowers Award at the provincial robotics championships this past weekend.

provincials, choosing to fix their robot and get it ready for the world championships which will take place starting next week in Houston, Texas. As has been previously reported, the MSS team had qualified for the 2024 world championships after having won an Impact

Award at last year’s world championships, also held in Houston.

The MSS team is continuing to seek financial support for its trip to Houston and still needs to raise \$15,000 to pay for all the costs involved.

...Wildfire season is officially underway in Ontario

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before leaving the site.”

“To put your fire out, soak it with a generous amount of water, stir the embers with a stick or shovel, and soak it with water again. Stir the embers until they are cold to the touch,” the release continues. “Know the rules for safe outdoor burning.” You can read the full set of Outdoor Burning Regulations on the ministry website at ontario.ca/outdoorburning.

It was pointed out, “Residents located within municipal boundaries must also abide by their local burning restrictions, or permit requirements as outlined by their local fire department or municipality.”

“There are many things that you can do to help reduce the risk that a wildland fire can spread to your home or cottage. Read up about the FireSmart program at ontario.ca/firesmart, and make a list of tasks to accomplish once the snow melts. You can also take note of where the snow has accumulated on your roof right now, since this is about the same area dead leaves, pine needles and fallen branches will accumulate as well, and these are the areas you should be cleaning off debris to reduce the risk that travelling embers from nearby forest fires can ignite your home or cottage this season. Keep these areas and your eavestroughs clean this spring!”

The ministry notes, “Spring is also a good time to move your firewood piles to a minimum distance of

10 metres from any structure on your property. This also helps reduce the risk to your home, cottage, garage or shed.” And, “On our website, you can also get your hands on our FireSmart guide to landscaping if you’re planning your garden. Ordering seeds at this time of year is popular, so why not choose fire-resistant vegetation to plant around your property? These can also reduce the risk that a nearby forest fire could spread to structures in your yard.”

“As the fire season is upon us, the following information is a good reminder,” the ministry suggests. “If you encounter smoke or flames in a wildland area, take note of how to report it. If the fire is located south of the Mattawa and French Rivers, please dial 911 to report a forest fire. If the fire is located north of these rivers, you can report it by dialing 310-FIRE.”

Updates about active wildland fires in the province as well as Ontario’s Interactive Fire Map can be found at ontario.ca/forestfire from April to October.”

The ministry release adds, “To further stay up to date with the forest fire situation this season, you can follow us as usual on X @ONForestFires in English and @OnFeuDeForest in French, as usual. But as of recently, we also have brand new social media channels on Facebook and Instagram. Search for us @ONForestFires in English and @OnFeuDeForest in French and follow us all fire season long on these platforms, too! There, you will find forest fire updates, job postings and tips on how to prevent wildland fires.”

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Second UCCM Police drug warrant in two weeks results in more arrests and seizure

M'CHIGEENG—Two persons have been charged after a second drug warrant was provided in two weeks for the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crime Unit who executed a Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (CDSA) search warrant at a residence in M'Chigeeng First Nation on April 3.



The UCCM Anishnaabe Police executed two drug warrants in two weeks.

photo by Giovanni Capriotti

A search of the residence revealed 28.62 grams of cocaine with a street value of \$5,724 and \$565 in property obtained by crime.

23-year-old Ataulhai Ahmad of no fixed address and 37-year-old Angel Corbiere of M'Chigeeng First Nation have been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking in a schedule one substance (cocaine), and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

"Community safety is a collaborative effort with our communities. UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service would like to remind the public that we need to work together to ensure the safety, protection and

overall health and wellness of our communities. We need your help, your information, and your assistance to affect change," said James Killeen, UCCM Police Chief.

"Drug trafficking invites residual and lateral violence into your communities, such as home invasions, serious assaults, homicides, and leads to the erosion of our communities through addiction, homelessness and overdose deaths," continued Police Chief Killeen. "We need to speak directly with the people who have the information that we require to ensure the safety and protection of our communities. Remember, information is best pro-

tected and utilized when the police can receive the information firsthand."

"The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, OPP Community Street Crime Unit and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service remain committed to working collaboratively and will continue to focus its efforts on major crime operations that pose a direct and elevated threat to the safety, security, and wellness of our communities," continued Police Chief Killeen. "This combined integrated street crime unit is a joint force operation and aims to identify and disrupt organized crime on Manitoulin Island through innovative technology, collaborative

partnerships and traditional police work resulting in the arrests of those involved, holding them accountable for their criminal activities and the seizure of illegal drugs, prohibited firearms and proceeds of crime."

"If anyone has further information regarding any criminal activity, drug trafficking and/or organized crime, please contact UCCM Police at 705-377-7135 or Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 705-222-TIPS (8577) or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit an online tip at www.sudburycrimestoppers.com Together we can make a difference!"

...NEMI agrees to purchase Little Wally's Dock Service

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the business. I know that our Harbourmaster Reid Taylor will continue the tradition of exceptional customer service that Rob has established."

The little wooden building that is the command centre for Little Wally's will remain for now, but Mayor MacNevin shared that the municipality will not be offering any retail items for sale, as Mr. Little had done in the past, saying this was best left to the downtown merchants to handle.

CAO Dave Williamson told this newspaper that the building will either be torn down in future, or see significant upgrades. The purchase of Little Wally's will

mean an additional four summer students will be hired by the municipality for the downtown docks.

Council has agreed to fund the \$210,000 purchase out of its waterfront reserve account which has been built up through profits derived from the operation of the downtown docks and Spider Bay Marina. "This effectively means that the purchase has no impact on local property taxpayers and is completely funded through waterfront operations," a press release from the municipality notes.

The closing date for the purchase is May 8, and when contacted for comment Mr. Little said he would rather wait and reflect on his time spent on the waterfront closer to that date.

...Manitowaning home to new EarlyON family centre

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playtime, monthly 'parents' night out' and 'let's get moving' nights and more.

Some of the playgroups do require pre-registration, so email earlyon@mfresources.net or text 705-302-1058 for more information or to get on the monthly calendar mailing list. The monthly calendar is also posted to MFR's website mfresources.net and to its Facebook and Instagram pages.

"There is a lengthy waitlist for daycare spaces," Ms. Hill said, adding that it was important to add another EarlyON centre due to the "incredible demand" for programming and supports for Island families.

The Manitowaning EarlyON centre is located in downtown at 46 Queen Street East. Little Current's site is at 9050 Highway 6 in Little Current (the Manitoulin Business Centre), Gore Bay's is at Lyons Memorial United Church and the Mindemoya location is at 27 Forest Street (in the MFR array of buildings).

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson

Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

JONAH BALFE

Whether it is volleyball, basketball, racket, weights or spikes in hand, Jonah is always ready to jump on any opportunity to move! Growing up in an active household, Jonah has been immersed in the world of athletics from a young age, giving him a passion for sports that does not go unnoticed. In his first year sporting the black and gold, Jonah has brought a high level of skill, competitiveness and laughs to Mustang athletics. His commitment to constant improvement has set him up for a promising athletic future at MSS!

Before Jonah was a Mustang, he was an Eagle, rocking the purple jersey for his elementary years. At Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS), Jonah took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in cross country, flag football, soccer, volleyball, basketball and track and field. The wide variety of different sports is something Jonah loves about athletics. Jonah was recognized as a standout player in various sports throughout his public school years, where he became eager to compete at the high school level!

Jonah was able to carry these skills with him into his high school volleyball season, helping them to capture the NSSSA silver advancing them to compete in Sudbury! Moving on to AA NOSSA, the junior Mustangs battled their way through the tournament, but unfortunately fell short. Jonah spent this season training as a left side and was able to play with a number of his friends, as well as meet new people. It is opportunities like these that Jonah appreciates the most about volleyball.

Although COVID interfered with school sports during Jonah's time at CMPS, he made the most of his time at home by taking advantage of all that Manitoulin had to offer to stay active. Hiking, CrossFit, walking his dog and doing work outside were among Jonah's favourite social isolation activities. He especially enjoyed being in the bush working with his dad.

Outside of MSS athletics, Jonah grew up playing for the Manitoulin Panthers Hockey Association. Here he was able to make countless friendships and long lasting memories with his team. Jonah quotes that one of his favourite parts of playing Panthers was getting to travel with his team and the intensity of the games. Finishing off his last year with the association last season, Jonah played this past season with the Mindemoya Thunder where he helped his team secure their division finals!

So far this year, Jonah has been spotted on the basketball and badminton court! Despite the junior boys not being able to form a team this season, Jonah continued to work on his skills with the senior boys team in preparation for next year. Jonah's efforts are currently focused on the badminton season with pre-NSSSA creeping up soon. Post badminton, Jonah will finish off a fantastic rookie year as a Mustang with track and field!

When Jonah finally takes off the black and gold jersey, he can be found enjoying the outdoors, fishing and hunting. In the summer months, Jonah works at Barren Island with his family, enjoying lake activities during his time off. There, he enjoys water skiing, wakeboarding, swimming, fishing and days on the lake!

Undoubtedly Jonah loves to keep active, which is likely why his favourite class is phys ed. The extra gym time allows Jonah to continue to play with his friends and explore new activities. He enjoys the option of numerous sports, even when it's out of their regular season. This allows Jonah to stay fresh and fine tune his skills!

During his time at MSS, Jonah has enjoyed the opportunity to work hands-on with different projects for his tech class. He notes how this class has encouraged his love for hands-on work as he developed skills learning how to use new tools. Looking at options postsecondary, Jonah is interested in working in the trades.

With Jonah's dedication and fun loving attitude, he is sure to reach all of his goals, on and off the court!

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...fire chiefs strongly support no outdoor burning, ‘common sense’

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cept for a couple of bales of straw. We had to put 7,000 gallons of water on the barn.” He pointed out firefighters had to return to the scene of the fire to douse the fire after it got started again. About a couple of acres of grass was destroyed in the fire.

“I have heard there have been six or seven grass fires on the Island over the past week,” said Mr. Graham.

“Last week a guy who had a burn permit for construction materials was cleaning out brush and logs and seemed to have everything in control in one area, but an excavator came in and stirred things up after this and the fire got out of control,” said Mr. Graham. “The fire call was a report of a brush fire out of control, so I called Tim McKinlay of the Robinson Fire Department through mutual aid for backup on the fire on Ainslie Road.”

“The ground may be wet, especially with all the rain we have received in the area the past couple of days, but it will dry quickly. The ground is dry,” stated Mr. Graham last Tuesday. “The ground is moist, but the grass, trees and bush are not.”

April 1 marked the official fire season in Northern Ontario. As of this date, anyone who has a fire outdoors is required to adhere to guidelines laid down in the Forest Fire Prevention Act. “From April 1 until the end of October, people are required to have burning permits, which are free,” said Mr. Graham. He explained that in most municipalities, if someone does not have a burning permit and a fire starts they could be charged (by the municipality) per truck per hour if a fire is out of control and the lo-



This barn fire on Union Road in Burpee and Mills Township on April 1 was one of many blazes that have taken place on Manitoulin Island within the last 10 days. This has led to several fire chiefs on Manitoulin calling on local people to be more safety conscious when considering having a fire of any type due to the dry conditions on the Island.

photo by Natalie Hodge

cal fire department has to respond to a blaze. And if the Ministry of Natural Resources has a fire ban in place, but due to someone having a fire that gets out of control and water bombers are needed to be brought in to douse it, “the ministry won’t care if it was accidental—they can and will charge a person and it will cost in the thousands of dollars. And the municipality could fine them as well.”

“It silly to be burning anything when things are as dry as they are. And definitely not when its as windy as it has been,” said Mr. Graham. “Unless we get an awful lot of rainfall, things are still dry. When I walk in the bush it is dry. All it takes for a bad fire to start is someone flipping cigarettes out the window of their car into a ditch. And even throwing a glass bottle in a ditch; it acts like a magnifying glass and can cause a fire. And water levels are five feet below what they normally are which makes it worse.”

Andrew Corbiere,

M’Chigeeng First Nation fire chief said common sense needs to be foremost when someone is looking at having any kind of fire. “It is just common sense than anything else. Especially when there are high winds, don’t light a fire.”

Mr. Corbiere explained the M’Chigeeng Fire Department had to handle two fires last week. One was on Monday evening in the community. It was a fire that got out of control. Fortunately, members of the local fire department were able to contain and extinguish the fire in good time.

The grass fire on Tuesday of last week was another story. “We had to call in other fire departments through mutual aid,” said Mr. Corbiere. The fire took place on Crosshill Road near the former Abby’s Restaurant. “Someone had been burning garbage and was still tending to it but with the very high winds it got out of control.”

“The winds were taking the fire to the bush, then about half an hour

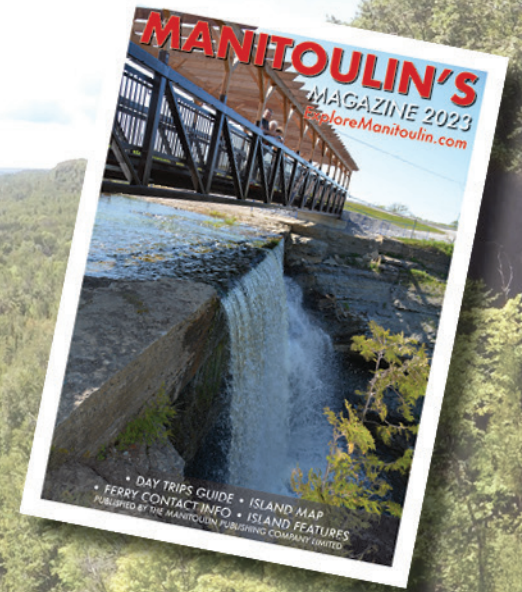
area around the location of a fire is cleared of anything that can burn, do not leave a fire unattended and let the fire chief handle it, to call in the MNR with water bombers,” Mr. Corbiere. “People know you are having a fire.”

“One of the rules I follow is that I will not hes-

itate if a fire gets out of control and we can’t handle it, to call in the MNR with water bombers,” Mr. Corbiere. “People have to know before they light any type of fire that if a fire burns someone’s

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OPP to ramp up enforcement after 31 percent increase in impaired driving-related collisions

ONTARIO—As the result of a 31 percent increase in impaired driving enforcement throughout the province in 2023, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be enhancing its impaired driving enforcement efforts.

The OPP notes a total of 385 people were killed in impaired driving-related collisions on OPP-patrolled roads between 2018 and the end of 2023.

The OPP release explains, “Under Canada’s Mandatory Alcohol Screening (MAS) law, drivers must comply with a police officer’s demand for a breath sample, even in the absence of any suspicion that they have consumed alcohol.”

“Increases in impaired driving occurrences are

prompting the OPP to enhance its impaired driving enforcement efforts, with the aim of saving more lives on our roads,” the release continues. “Tragically, 385 people lost their lives in impaired driving-related collisions on OPP-patrolled roads between 2018 and the end of 2023. During the same period, impaired driving-related collisions have steadily climbed, with 2023 marking a 31 percent increase when compared to the numbers during the previous five years. Impaired driving charges are also up 33 percent over the same six-year period.”

“The increases are a clear sign that many drivers are not doing their part to keep fellow road

users safe. Motorists are reminded to be prepared to provide a breath sample during a traffic stop.”

“MAS remains an effective measure for enhancing the police’s ability to detect and investigate impaired drivers and remove them from our roads,” the OPP says.

“The OPP also reminds motorists that officers conduct Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) initiatives throughout the year. Drivers should also be prepared to provide a breath sample in these situations,” the OPP release says. “If you suspect that a driver is impaired, do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. By doing so, you could be saving a life.”



Police guard the potential crime scene that was a house on Indian Mountain Road in Green Bay which burned in an April 6 fire.

...House levelled in Green Bay fire

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circumstances that he was not prepared to discuss. The Ontario Fire Marshal was also called, but will not be attending the scene, the fire chief added.

“The call went well—no injuries, no incidents—and no one was home at the time of the fire,” Mr. Deschamps added.

An OPP cruiser was watching the scene on Saturday, awaiting the arrival of the Identification Unit.

A press release issued Monday, April

8 by the OPP called the fire an “arson” in its headline, but provides no further details other than it remains under investigation. OPP Community Services Officer Jessica Gilbertson confirmed with The Expositor that no arrests have been made or charges laid in connection with the investigation.

The Expositor will provide further details on Manitoulin.com and in this newspaper as they become available.

...strongly support no outdoor burning

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house, or if someone is killed because of a fire they could be held liable for this.”

“We assisted M’Chigeeng on the fire there today (Tuesday),” said Central Manitoulin fire chief Phil Gosse. “It could have been much, much worse than it was. Everything is so dry.”

Mr. Gosse said “As I will always tell people when they have a fire, don’t hesitate to call if it is getting out of control. If they think they should call the fire department they should have already.”

“We had one report of a chimney fire and the person hesitated a bit then called. I would rather put a fire out than carry out a person from a fire scene,” said Mr. Gosse. “We have had five fire calls in the past four days. Along with the grass fires and a chimney fire, there was one along the fence line on a road in the municipality.”

“The fence fire took place Tuesday at about 9 when it was raining. We have no idea how it got started and there was no one around when we got there,” said Mr. Gosse.

Mr. Gosse said, “it is way too early to have a fire ban in place. But if people aren’t being cautious then one will eventually have to be in place. I don’t like to put fire bans on. There are bylaws in place in every municipality to make things safe. Know your bylaws and if everyone follows them everything should be okay. Fire bans should be a last resort,” he said, noting local residents can view the municipal fire bylaws on the municipal website.

“I know there have been two grassfires

in M’Chigeeng the past few days, including a large one today (April 2), where we were called out to help out,” said Martin Connell, Billings Township fire chief. “At the fire today, someone had been burning grass and brush piles, and with the 60 miles per hour wind gusts the fire stretched to about a kilometre long and half a kilometre wide. M’Chigeeng had called for our assistance as well as assistance from Central Manitoulin.”

“The grass, fields, and bush are all dry,” said Mr. Connell. “It doesn’t take much to get a fire started.”

Dwayne Elliott, Assiginack township fire chief and co-coordinator of Manitoulin Mutual Aid said, “people need to know they could be responsible for damage caused by a fire, and having the province send in water bombers, and in some cases, municipalities could look for cost recovery as well.”

Mr. Elliott said anyone looking to have any kind of fire should review the provincial Forest Fires Prevention Act. Local residents can go to the Assiginack website and look at the community open air burning policy.

“Safety and being careful is the most important thing,” said Mr. Elliott. “Unfortunately, it looks as if this year is going to be even drier than last summer was.”

With the influx of grass fires on the Island so far this early season, Mr. Corbiere cautioned, “all the fires recently were man made and could have been prevented. If we get rain every other week during the summer we will be okay, but if there is no rain it could be scary. People need to use common sense.”

**A message from the
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Little Current system – April 22nd to May 3rd
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Mayor MacNevin and Council would like to congratulate Mindemoya Minor Hockey on the fantastic 3-on-3 hockey tournament held in the NEMI Recreation Centre. This was an awesome, well run event that we look forward to again next year!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Sheguiandah Fall Fair on September 14th! Entry booklets are available at the following locations: Town Office, Library, Museum and Information Centre (May).

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...Manitoulin protestors gather against carbon tax

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not including HST, of that 10,000 we are now being taxed HST on the fuel itself as well as the additional 10K.”

While the Conservative leadership has decried the carbon tax as a major contributor to the massive climb in inflation in recent years, economists say that it's not enough to account for the doubling and tripling that we are seeing on grocery store shelves. In 2023, the direct and indirect effects inflated prices by 0.207 percent a year. Nevertheless, critics of the carbon tax aren't completely off the mark: the gradual increase in carbon tax, slated to climb until 2030, will make up a significant mass of Canadians' fuel bills.

Mr. Addison alleged that Canada is the only country in the world that is paying a carbon tax, despite having vast swaths of forested lands that offset our carbon emissions. *(EDITOR'S NOTE: As of November 1, 2023 there were 39 countries and 33 subnational jurisdictions with a carbon tax, including the European Union Emissions Trading System, United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Chile and Sweden.)*

Of 195 recognized countries in the world, Canada ranked seventh in a CO2 emissions report released in 2016, with a total 675, 918,610 metric tons of gas, contributing 1.89 percent of the global total.



Mark Debassige, left, and Brendan Addison, both of M'Chigeeng, were among those who participated in a peaceful protest against the carbon tax on Monday at Goat Island.

photo by Tom Sasvari

The top two positions are occupied by China and then the United States. The world's largest per capita CO2 emitters are the major oil producing countries, particularly for those with relatively low population sizes. Most are in the Middle East. However, more populous countries, like the US, Canada and Australia on average have emissions that are nearly three times higher than the global average. Countries with higher standards of living are expected to have higher carbon footprints, however countries across Europe have much lower emissions than North America. Before the Industrial revolution, emissions were very low and continued to be slow until the mid-20th century, when

in the 1950s, the world emitted 6 billions tonnes of CO2. By the 90s this nearly quadrupled to more than 20 billion tonnes. Emissions have continued to climb steadily since then, emitting over 35 billion tons globally each year, with international aviation and international shipping being the biggest culprits. For those seeking clarity on the implications of this tax, Forbes Advisor Canada offers insights and guidance on understanding the carbon tax rebate, designed to mitigate the financial impact of this escalation. The carbon tax, initially introduced at \$20 per tonne in October 2019, has steadily risen, reaching \$80 per tonne on April 1, 2024, with a scheduled in-

crement of \$15 per tonne annually until it peaks at \$170 per tonne in 2030. This gradual increase aims to prompt Canadians to adopt greener fuel alternatives and contribute to national emission reduction goals. The tax is applicable in several provinces and territories, including Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, PEI, Newfoundland and Labrador, Yukon, and Nunavut. British Columbia and the Northwest Territories have their own carbon charges, while Quebec employs a cap-and-trade system. The debate surrounding the carbon tax extends beyond its environmental efficacy to its economic implications. Small busi-

nesses, particularly, express apprehension over the disproportionate burden imposed by the tax. The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) criticizes the tax hike, emphasizing its adverse effects on small enterprises. CFIB President Dan Kelly highlights concerns about rising prices, stagnant wages and diminished investment capabilities. Despite the government's promise of rebates to offset the tax burden, concerns persist about the adequacy and fairness of these measures. CFIB urged Ottawa to address these concerns by freezing the then-upcoming tax

hike and promptly returning owed rebates to small businesses and ensuring equitable distribution of carbon tax revenue. The debate between proponents and critics of the carbon tax underscores broader challenges in navigating environmental policies while balancing economic considerations. As Canada grapples with its commitment to emission reduction targets, the carbon tax remains a focal point of contention and discussion, reflecting the complexities of addressing climate change on both national and individual levels.

...Meldrum Bay lighthouse

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if we can operate this popular tourism site again it will be a benefit to western Manitoulin and the entire Island.” “We own the general store (in Meldrum Bay) and during the summer we will get three or four customers a day saying that they drove out to see the lighthouse, and are very disappointed that it is not open,” said Debbie Reaume. One man, who has recently moved to Manitoulin stated, “the lighthouse is something the Island should definitely get operating.” Carolyn Campbell, executive director of LAMBAC who moderated the meeting said, “the lighthouse is important to the entire Island as a tourist destination. We brought this up at a meeting last week and everyone said how important it is to keep the lighthouse and the camping ground operational. And other people have indicated they would be interested in helping out.” Ms. Campbell noted LAMBAC is “here to help. Today we will be looking for your (members of the public) interest in helping to get the lighthouse operational again. We need to move forward. I think it is all of our goal to access and enhance tourism and protect this natural heritage site.”

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Wiikwemkoong High School students explore Belize for credit

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG— Two dozen students from Wasse Abin Wiikwemkoong High School recently travelled to the Central American country of Belize and the heartland of the Mayan civilization. The students travelled as part of an innovative program created by teacher Jason Thibault where they not only get to travel to exotic locales, but earn high school credits while doing so.

It isn't all just fun and games, although there was plenty of that, in order to qualify for the credits the students must complete a battery of questions about Belize, its people and its history. As the seat of an Indigenous civilization that rivalled those of Europe, the Middle East and Asia before colonization and subjugation took its toll, the travel holds particular importance for Indigenous youth.

As a relatively small group of travelling stu-



Students gather at the base of a Mayan pyramid.



Ziplining was a big hit with the students.

dents, the Wiikwemkoong squad's numbers were augmented by seven American students hailing from Texas—adding a whole new dimension to the experience.

"The students were together from 7 am to 10 pm," noted Mr. Thibault. "So, they became very close."

Ethan Manitowabi noted that although there were many similarities shared among the two groups, they did have some cultural differences. The same was true when it came to Mayan people themselves. Ethan cited "snorkeling on the reef" as one of his favourite experiences, along with ziplining.

Janvier Cooper agreed that snorkeling was a

definite hit. The brightly coloured fish were a big change from the freshwater varieties he would see at home.

Janvier and Ethan noted that the Mayan creation story was similar to that of the Anishinaabe with one rather large difference. "They believed that the world was created on the back of a crocodile," said Ethan. Anishinaabe legend holds that it was on the back of a turtle.

The students were able to visit a zoo containing animals indigenous to the region. "I got to see a tapir," laughed Ethan. The zoo was a bit different in that the animals it hosts were all rescue animals who came to the facility with injuries.

Another big hit was

cave tubing, where the students travelled through bat-filled caves on large innertubes.

"It was like a Lazy River experience," noted Mr. Thibault, citing the popular amusement ride at Canada's Wonderland.

Several students who took part in the trip were attending the Robotics competitions in Hamilton this week, and so responded to questions about the experience through email.

"Going to Belize was a nice learning experience and seeing the sugar mill and the coral reefs was cool," said student Lanaya Oshkabewisens. "I saw a stingray. The activities were fun and the food was tasty. It was hot there but there was some wind. Learning about and staying in Belize was a good experience 10/10 super fun and interesting." Lanaya adds, "LMAO-OOOOOOOOO yay!"

"I had a great week when I was down there," said Carmine Wemigwans. "I met new people, saw new places and explored different areas while at the same time learning new things about the culture and history of the country."

"The Belize educational

tour trip was a super awesome experience," said Tristan Wemigwans. "It allowed me to make international friends, it opened a new point of view to the youth on the reserve, it showed me there's a lot more to the world and inspires me to travel regularly now. I learned a lot about the Belizean culture, their temples, food and cities."

"Going to Belize was an awesome time, being able to experience new people and their cultures,"



Chilling at the pool.



The food was different but delicious.

said Javier Salas-Cooper. "And now after traveling to this great new country I am able to spread my experiences with my family and friends."

The travel course has proven so popular among students and their families that two further trips are planned for next year

and seats are already booked.

"I had planned a trip to Paris, but it filled up right away and a lot of people were asking me to set up a second trip," said Mr. Thibault. So, he set up a second group to tour sites in Italy.

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Ms. Van Every noted a decade ago DCIA was in negotiations with DFO about acquiring the lighthouse, all its buildings and the property but were unsuccessful. DCIA produced a business plan and “in the summer of 2022 we decided to start the process to try to lease the lighthouse. We toured the property and buildings and discussed with Annette (Clarke) making a request application to lease the lighthouse. She was able to get us in touch with DFO and who exactly we needed to make the application to.”

“Last summer, DFO indicated they were carrying out assessments on all lighthouse properties,” said Ms. Van Every. DCIA rewrote its business plan and is now trying to get a long-term lease with DFO. “We also realized we need a lot of people to be involved in the project to help and help in many ways to get the lighthouse operational.”

Thus far, DFO has not come forward with its findings on the lighthouse assessment, the meeting was told. Ms. Van Every said DFO has carried out some work in fixing up the lighthouse building but it needs additional work, while the washrooms are a write-off. She also noted, “We need a 10-year lease to enact our plan.” She said as part of the plan what has been proposed is to have the lighthouse and campground property opened. The camping fees and any donations received would then be used to apply for funding to carry out work on the lighthouse building and other outbuildings and the electrical and water systems along with the foghorn building.

“We would also need to spend money on marketing. If we promote that people can visit and can camp here, we know from inquiries there will be quite a few people that will visit,” said Ms. Van Every.

One idea that was raised by a resident was asking Lafarge for assistance in moving the lighthouse building into the Meldrum Bay community.

However, Anne Steele-Griffin of DCIA said, “Part of the draw of the lighthouse is the property around it. I think we would have interest in camping on the property regardless (of the lighthouse being located there) due to interest among members of the public.”

There were also concerns about the regulations that would be required to move the lighthouse, and that DFO wouldn't allow the building to be moved regardless.

The lighthouse, “is a heritage building,” stated DCIA member Marcus White.

Meeting attendees asked what a sitting committee that is being sought by DCIA would be focusing on.

Jennifer Clarke, DCIA president, said the four main areas the working committee and volunteers would be focusing on include fundraising, marketing, customer

service and maintenance upgrades to the buildings and property.

“The campsites would need to be cleaned and updated as part of this,” said Mr. White.

The existing sewage tanks for the lighthouse keeper building, foghorn building and others would need to be inspected.

“As for DCIA and what our group can offer, one thing we have is a lot of experience in volunteering and running projects,” said Ms. Van Every. “What we don't have is money to provide for the project.”

Ms. Campbell brought forward the idea that as is the case in other communities with similar property and heritage buildings, a virtual reality kiosk could be installed outside the lighthouse that would provide the visitor a tour of the facility and the items in it without the building having to be staffed. This and all other ideas if the group moves forward on the project and a committee is formed and volunteers come forward to help, and brainstorm.

In the DCIA business plan, Ms. Van Every said the idea is to open the lighthouse and run camping sites. “We don't expect we would get any (government) funding until year two or three.”

When asked if DCIA expects a positive response from DFO in the application for a long-term lease of the lighthouse. Ms. Van Every said, “They haven't said no, we have not been written off.”

“Everything is very preliminary at this point,” said Ms. Campbell. “It all depends on DFO and if they approve the lease request. See how and if a committee is formed and get a structure in place and volunteers on hand to help out.”

“There has to be a lot of fundraising,” Ms. Clarke told the meeting. She along with two other DCIA members have indicated they would be willing to be members of the committee.


“If approval is issued for a long-term lease, is there any interest in a private sector sub-lease of the lighthouse and property?” asked Jim Martin. “While this idea has not been discussed previously, this is a great idea,” said Ms. Van Every.

Ms. Van Every noted that it is hoped that 15 campsites (of about 30 in total) would be opened the first year the lighthouse property is open again.

“We need a committee to be formed to help support the initiatives we have outlined, as well as the help of a lot of volunteers,” said Ms. Clarke. She pointed out for the sub-committee, Friends of Mississagi Lighthouse, “We are looking for 7-9 members.” She also said that the DCIA has a long list of volunteers who have agreed to help out.

Several DCIA members indicated their interest in be-

ing on the committee, and along with about five people in attendance indicated they would be willing to stand on the committee. As well, the DCIA received many requests by phone and online from people who are also interested in being a member of the committee which will carry out the vision for the project and report back to DCIA.



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Sharpe Farm Supplies in Spring Bay expanding to meet farmers' needs

by Michael Erskine

SPRING BAY—Those shiny stainless steel silos that have sprung up at 542 Hartley Drive in Spring Bay herald some great news for local farmers (hunters and pet owners) as the Guelph-based business Sharpe Farm Supplies, long a supplier of seeds and other farm inputs to Island farmers, has now set up a bricks and mortar (and stainless steel) operation through which they are now offering a host of expanded supports for agriculture, as well as supplies for hunters and pet owners.

The Expositor caught up with Paul Sharpe, who along with brothers John and Michael, now operate the business founded in 1986 by parents Bill and Marion Sharpe as a retailer of seeds, fertilizers and crop protection products. From its humble beginnings in Wellington County, the company has expanded into new locations in Moffat, Freelon, Fergus, Elmira, Guelph and now Manitoulin.

Although beef farming has been, and is, an important agricultural activity on Manitoulin, Mr. Sharpe noted that times are changing. Among the assets Sharpe has brought to the Island is the largest dryer for grain crops available to farmers locally, an important consideration given the steady growth of grains in the Island's agricultural mix.

"The store in Spring Bay has been well-received, given the number of people who have been coming in," said Mr. Sharpe.

Sharpe is aimed at supplying everything a farmer needs to have a successful operation.

To that end, not only do they supply seeds, fertilizer and crop protection supplies, but also the aforementioned drying facilities, grain storage and handling, even marketing the farmer's product, should they decide to go that route. Proper drying is incredibly important in grain crops as mold can be a literal killer, both literally and figuratively in terms of profit.

Thanks to its economies of scale, Sharpe is able to employ a host of experts to pro-



Sharpe Farm Supplies Ltd. workers Jamie Taylor and Frank McLennan stand ready to assist area farmers with all of their agricultural needs. Hunters and pet owners will also find plenty of interest in what the store has to offer.



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vide consultation and advice to farmers, basically providing a base of agronomic support—that is "a complex of services provided by high-level professionals with the aim of increasing the profitability of crop production or the production of forage crops."

at the Spring Bay location. Canola, soybeans, oats, whatever a farmer is growing Mr. Sharpe says, "bring it on." Sharpe can purchase the product outright or act as broker.

In addition to all things agriculture, Sharpe also has a host of items for farmers, including deer and other wildlife feeds, baits, literally tons of bird feed (full disclosure The Expositor picked up a 50-pound bag of raw peanuts for the visiting blue jays).

There is also plenty of other pet foods on hand in large bulk quantities, as well as toys for horse, dog and cat. Where else can you buy yourself a ball toy for your horse or even a rubber chicken (we have photographic evidence of the latter).



Silos and dryers sprouting up at the Spring Bay location of Sharpe Farm Supplies Ltd. herald great news for local farmers. The operation boasts the largest drying facilities on the Island.

photos by Michael Erskine

Sharpe experts will come to a farm, test the soil, provide the analysis of said soil and offer suggestions on soil improvements, setting up an appropriate fertilizer program.

"We have trained crop consultants on staff," noted Mr. Sharpe. "That includes nutrient delivery and a level of expertise—we don't just sell."

But sell they do. Grain remains a key part of the operation and there are two grain elevators

Sharpe Farm Supplies is also now a significant employer on the Island and local workers are being trained to provide for a farmer's every need.

Currently, Sharpe Farm Supplies is open Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm, closed Sunday and Monday, but that could very well change as the season develops come springtime, noted Mr. Sharpe.

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while knowing I would be making this decision at some point," MP Hughes told The Expositor. "And Mr. Angus has been an MP (Timmins-James Bay) for the past 20 years and MP Rachel Blaney (North Island-Powell River) has health issues that she is dealing with. We all worked with the (NDP) party on this (announcement). We need to get ready for the next election, and this will provide the opportunity for interested candidates to come forward."

"I will remain the MP until the next federal election, but I knew I had to carve out some time to make this announcement," said MP Hughes. "My daughter had a baby in December, she has four children, the oldest being 12. They want me to be able to attend important things in their lives and I am looking forward to this. And my husband took his retirement last July and I would like to spend more time with him as well."

MP Hughes had an ankle replacement a few years ago (which, she noted, has not fully recovered), which never stopped her in her duties, even campaigning door to door in the last election. "And with the riding redistribution (election boundaries) coming up very soon, making my announcement now allows other candidates to come forward."

MP Hughes was first elected in 2008, and won re-election in 2011, 2015, 2019, and 2021. She has acted as Assistant Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole since 2015. In her time in office, MP Hughes successfully fought to make FedNor a standalone agency. From securing funding for the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport, to the Meldrum Bay marina, to working to settle the Lecours Lumber lease agreement in Constance Lake and Lecours, to helping save post offices in Webbwood, Constance Lake First Nation, and Walford, MP Hughes has always fought for the needs of local communities.

She also noted that the introduction of the mobile ultrasound unit for Anishnawbek Aski Nation, that allowed wom-

en in the community not having to travel outside of their community for ultrasound was a milestone and saved the federal government and taxpayers money.

"There was the relocation of caribou in the Lake Superior area, near the Michipicoten First Nation, the Huron Centre Railway securing more funding, the broadband project we have worked on with H&M Cofi that is very close to a final announcement, keeping several post offices from closing, including the location in Silver Water which we were able to keep open for some time and the office in Wiikwemkoong, the lands claims issues we worked on, the work in making sure First Nations were exempt from the HST tax, and helping my fellow MPs to make sure the jobs were saved at the mill in Hearst, the many infrastructure projects and a lot more," said MP Hughes.

On a national level, along with fellow New Democrats, she worked to secure dental coverage for millions of Canadians, develop a framework for single-payer universal pharmacare, including coverage for contraceptives and diabetes medication, anti-scab legislation, an indigenous-led housing program and the passing of the Canada Child Care Act.

"I'm exceptionally proud of what I've managed to accomplish," said MP Hughes. "I know that we can continue to show Canadians that we can enact real, tangible, positive change by electing more New Democrats. I look forward to helping elect the next generation of progressive MPs within the new electoral boundaries in the North, but it's time for me to start planning on spending more time with my family."

"I recognize that some individuals over the years have not been happy with all the decisions I have made or the work I've done, but this is par for the course," said MP Hughes. "Not everyone



Carol Hughes served as deputy assistant speaker during her time on The Hill.

is going to be happy with what you have done and the votes that you have made. There are always people that are dissatisfied with what you have done, but I've done it based on the information and what impacts positively on the majority of people."

"And I will continue to do the work I was elected to do," said MP Hughes. "But it is time to pass the flame to someone who will have as much energy that I have given to this position and to the level of service all our communities deserve."

"I tip my hat to Charlie (Angus) who has done so much good work over his 20 years. It has been an honour to work with him, I learned a lot from him and continue our work."

MP Hughes will remain the MP for AMK until the next federal election.

In a statement, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh said, "On behalf of all New Democrats, I want to thank Rachel, Charlie, and Carol for their years of advocacy and dedication to serving working people. They've all accomplished so much for Canadians and worked tirelessly to make our country a fairer, better place. They've added so much to our party and, while we'll miss their contributions around the caucus table, I want to

wish my friends the very best when each of them begins their next chap-

ter."

With the riding boundary changes coming down in the next few weeks, Manitoulin Island will be included in the Nickel Belt riding. In the last federal election in the Nickel Belt riding, NDP candidate Adreane Chenier finished a strong second behind Liberal Marc Serre.

"We are certainly going to be looking for a party candidate in the next federal election in this riding," said MP Hughes. "I understand Adreane has some interest in running again. I would endorse her, although I don't know if there are other people that are going to put their hats in the ring."

"Adreane is a fabulous person, very knowledgeable," said MP Hughes. "I would certainly support her if she throws her

name in the ring."

When contacted by The Expositor Ms. Chenier said, "I certainly hope to run. I would like to, and my intention is to seek the nomination."

Ms. Chenier, who is the president of the NDP Nickel Belt Riding Association, said, "We will have to reconstitute the riding and have candidates who are interested come forward for the nomination. Yes, it is my intention to seek the nomination."

Ms. Chenier praised the work that MP Hughes has done over the past 16 years. "I think very highly of Carol and the work she has done, all the things she has achieved for her constituents and the groundwork she achieved. It is very impressive."

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44-47p

Come one, come all to the Little Current United Church Hall on April 12 from 7 to 9 pm (and every two weeks after that) to enjoy George Williamson and colleagues for a night of entertainment. Donation towards Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank appreciated.
46-47p

Knox United Church rummage sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, shoes, books, household and miscellaneous items.
47-49p

yard sale

Yard sale at the Little Current United Church on Thursday, April 25 from 8 am to 4 pm; Saturday, April 26 from 8 am to 4 pm; Saturday, April 27 from 8 am to 12 noon. Money earned goes to the Little Current United Church and Mission and Service. Something for everyone!
47-49p

in memoriam

THOMAS—In Memoriam for Lloyd Thomas and Nola Kassam (Thomas), April 14, 2021. Until we meet again, We think about you always, We talk about you still, You have never been forgotten, And you never will. We hold you close, Within our hearts, And there you will remain, To walk and guide us, Through our lives, Until we meet again. Love, Lois and family
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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.
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Death Notices

GEORGINA ELLEN HARI

(nee Ferguson)



It is with heavy hearts we announce the quiet and peaceful passing of Georgina Ellen Hari on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Georgie was predeceased by her adoring husband Terry Hari. She was the much-loved mother and best friend of Kirsten (Jon) Brimmell and cherished stepmother to Deborah (Dave) Spina,

Suzanne (Paul) Guindon and Jason (Danielle) Hari. Her heart belonged to her grandchildren Henley, Kelti, Macklin and Boden Brimmell, Rowan Hari, Ryan (Kaylie) and Stephen (Kasey) Guindon and Gabriel (Rebecca) and Noah (Samantha) Spina. She was the adored daughter of the late Bertha and late James Ferguson Senior and will be missed by her favourite brother, Jim (Linda) Ferguson Junior. Many nieces, nephews and friends will miss her laughter, fun and wise advice. Georgie grew up on Manitoulin Island with summers in McGregor Bay and winters in Sheguiandah, even though she left "the Island" for many years she thought of herself as a Haweater, returning in her retirement to enjoy Island life and rekindle friendships. As a young woman she started an entry level position at Bell Canada in 1969. She was with Bell for 29 years, retiring as General Manager of the Northwestern Ontario office. Upon her Bell retirement, she became the president of the Thunder Bay United Way, running a successful million-dollar fundraising campaign. She continued her fundraising efforts as the first president and CEO of the Thunder Bay Health Sciences Centre Foundation directing campaigns to attain the initial community contribution and fundraising to help ensure the future of the hospital. Many Thunder Bay organizations benefited from her community volunteer services. She served as a director for many organizations: the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, Thunder Bay Business Women's Network and Junior Achievement to name a few. In 1989, she became the first female member of the Fort William Rotary Club. Georgie was a trailblazer, using her intelligence, professionalism and strength to ascend the corporate ladder in a time when it was difficult to do so for women. She set high standards for herself personally and professionally and motivated others to achieve similar standards for her and for themselves. Family was important to Georgie, with her and Terry opening their home to family and dear friends in Thunder Bay and on Manitoulin. These occasions often included spirited card games late into the night. She loved playing cards and could be quite competitive unless you were under twelve when she would conveniently forget she had that Ace. We will hold dear Georgie's memory and use it as an inspiration and reminder of the profound impact she had on our lives. We take comfort that she is now at peace. In accordance with Georgie's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will take place at a later date. For those wishing to donate in Georgie's memory, the family asks for memorial contributions to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre Foundation. Love you, Mom/Georgie!

JEANNE SIMS PEAREN

Jeanne Sims Pearen, age 95 years, passed away peacefully in Ottawa on April 2, 2024 with Bayne, her beloved husband of 70 years and family near her side. Jeanne, the daughter of W.A. "Bill" Sims and Millie Stringer Sims, was born in Little Current and raised in the Sims family home, which later became Little Current's first hospital building. Her grandfather Tom Sims, owner of many of eastern Manitoulin's early 20th century mail steamers, was Little Current's first mayor. Jeanne attended the Ontario Ladies College (Trafalgar Castle School) in Whitby and studied teaching at the Normal School in North Bay, where she was one of that institution's youngest graduates. At age 17, she began teaching in rural schools including Honora Bay before settling in Port Arthur (Thunder Bay), Ontario, where she met her future husband. Marrying in 1953, Jeanne raised three children, Shelley, Todd (predeceased 1992) and Shawn, worked alongside her husband in their furniture and decorating company, was active in many community groups and returned to school to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lakehead University, majoring in English. After retiring and relocating to Ottawa in 1987, Jeanne and Bayne enjoyed the following decades close to their two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, enjoyed world travel, vacationed at their Honora Bay summer home and volunteered actively with community organizations. A determined cancer survivor who also overcame COVID-19 in 2020, Jeanne is remembered as a tranquil, lifelong friend, and for her love of literature, music, history and cuisines of the world. In Jeanne's honour, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or an organization of the donor's choice.

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“While we cannot confirm the substance(s) causing the overdoses, this situation serves as an important reminder to the community that street drugs may be cut or mixed with substances such as benzos (benzodiazepines), xylazine, fentanyl or carfentanil. Frontline workers warn that more toxic substances may be circulating locally. As well, with the recent closure of the supervised consumption site, persons who used to depend on that service may be at increased risk when using now.”

An overdose occurs when a person uses a substance, and their body is unable to handle the effects. As a result, the brain is unable to control basic life functions. The person might pass out, stop breathing or experience a seizure. Overdoses can be both fatal and non-fatal.

Public Health Sudbury and District provided some suggestions on preventing overdoses to save lives: carry a naloxone kit, call 911 if you suspect an overdose, avoid mix-

ing drugs, including prescribed, over the counter and illegal drugs, avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs. Use caution when switching substances; start with a lower dose than you usually would. If you have not used in a while, start with a lower dose as your tolerance may be lower. When using substances, consider the following options: have a trusted person with you who can provide support as needed, connect with the National Overdose Response Service at 1-888-688-6677 (NORS line), access the

Brave App and avoid using drugs when you are alone.

Opioid overdose symptoms include: fingernails and lips turn blue or purplish black, skin turns bluish purple, grayish, or ashen, depending on skin tone. Symptoms can include dizziness and confusion, the person can't be woken up, choking, gurgling or snoring sounds, the person has slow, weak, or no breathing, and is drowsy or has difficulty staying awake.

Due to benzodiazepines (benzos) toxicity, an overdose may last for hours

and look like: extreme sleepiness or passing out, poor balance and movement control, slurred speech, blackouts and memory loss.

In responding to someone who is having an overdose it is recommended to give them Naloxone. This will help reverse an opioid overdose and will do no harm if the overdose is not due to opioids. This may improve breathing, but the person may not regain consciousness due to sedation. Additional doses may be needed. You should call 911 to get medical help and keep

monitoring the person's breathing. Stay with the person until help arrives. If the person is unconscious, place them in the recovery position.

For a free naloxone kit,

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A copy of the proposed DRAFT Zoning By-law and Schedules may be accessed through our website at:

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Planning Board budget jumps six percent in 2024

by Tom Sasvari
 GORE BAY—The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) has increased its budget by six percent for this year.

At a recent meeting, the MPB approved a budget in the amount of \$224,902 as recommended by the board's budget committee. “We anticipate having increased costs that would increase our required revenues by about six percent,” Jake Diebolt of the MPB told The Expositor. “The budget committee recommended that the board increase municipal requisitions by a maximum of three percent, with the remainder (a further three percent) to be covered using the (MPB) surplus for the prior year, in order to mitigate the financial burden on our member municipalities.”

Mr. Diebolt explained the main areas that contributed to the MPB budget increased costs are related to conference expenses, increases to accounting fees for the annual audit, increases to staff training costs, anticipated increase costs for phone and internet services, anticipated costs for website upgrading and maintenance and an increase of three percent for staff salaries and wages and associated payroll burden. The increase to salaries and wages was set at three percent to match annual inflation as per the Consumer Price Index.



Manitoulin Centennial Manor is looking for those interested in participating in our Family Council.

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The next meeting is at 1:00pm on April 10th in the Manitoulin Centennial Manor board room.

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Wiikwemkoong's classical pianist holds Mindemoya recital at Scott's

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—Mason Annimikwan may be just completing his final year of high school at Manitoulin Secondary School this spring, but he is already causing people to sit up and take notice. The young Indigenous man from Wiikwemkoong is something of a classical piano prodigy—although that term might downplay the incredible focus, hard work and determination he has applied to his studies of classical music—talent may be one thing, but it is the sweat equity that makes a performance truly shine.

Although he has performed in public on a number of occasions, Mason held his first solo recital at the home of Holly and Dale Scott of Mindemoya on the



Mason Annimikwan sits at the keyboard of Holly Scott's concert style piano. Mason is a classically trained pianist who has studied under one of the world's most outstanding pianists.

weekend.

"It was an enjoyable afternoon, an intimate and refreshing way to experience the music of the classical masters performed by this very gifted young man from Wiikwemkoong," said Ms. Zylstra Scott. "The audience gathered not only to hear beautiful music, but also to encourage and support Mason in his goals and dreams. It was an honour to be present for his first public concert."

There were around 30 people in the audience while Mason tinkled the ivories, performing Beethoven, Bach, Strauss and some of his own compositions.

Not only is Mason a classically trained pianist, he is also trying his hand at creating new works in the classical genre.

The concert also worked as a fundraiser, admission being through a free-will offering either before or after the performance, as Mason will need a professional piano in order to further his studies effectively, and those don't come cheap. Although the Annimikwans are not at all impoverished, the roughly \$15,000

for a Yamaha N1X can put a hole in just about any family's finances and Mason feels he should be pulling his weight in that department. What better way than to apply his talents.

Mason has been studying classical piano for about five years and it is clear to anyone who has taken in one of his public performances that he has not wasted a minute of that time.

It has been a difficult time for the budding young musician as his teacher, mentor and inspiration Robert Horwath, passed away. An award-winning classical, jazz and tango pianist, Robert Horwath passed due to cancer at the young age of 52. The versatile pianist was known in both the classical and jazz worlds, and most recently, as a member of the award-winning Payadora Tango Ensemble, which blended elements of Western classical music and jazz with Argentine and Uruguayan traditional music as well as original songs. That group is currently on a tour to support their award-winning album *Silent Tears: The Last Yiddish Tango* (2023), which climbed #1 on the World Music Charts in Europe.

"He was a world class pianist," said Mason. "The best of the best."

It was Mr. Horwath who told Mason he needed a "proper piano" if he is to progress the way he should. While a Grand Piano is the instrument of choice, it is somewhat impractical for a young student living in residence—so it's second choice time, hence the digital Yamaha. That piano is the number one choice for professionals as its modeling of the sound of the Grand is outstanding and its weighted keys most closely mimic those of the seminal concert piano.

"He told me all the people that play at his level play that instrument," said Mason.

Mason has his sights set on one day attending the Franz Liszt Academy of Music where his mentor won a prestigious award as well as his masters degree. In the short term, it's University of Toronto in his sights, although he has applied to a number of colleges as well.

"I will have to do an audition to get in," said Mason, who admitted to being a little more concerned than he normally would be, as the college programs are more aimed at jazz. But given the grounding of classical training, he probably shouldn't worry too much.

When it comes to his amazing talent, one does not have to take *The Expositor's* word for it (although, of course, you should) Mason will be holding more concert recitals over the coming months so you can attend and listen for yourself.

Don't be thinking Mason is a one-trick pianist though, besides playing classical music and composing some of his own in that style, Mason also enjoys playing pop. His tastes there tend to 70s, 80s and 90s versions. "There is some of the new stuff I like too," he admits.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Panther Time!

Congratulations to the U13 version of the Manitoulin Panthers who equaled their littermate U15s by also winning the NOHA Tournament of Champions! The Panthers played a hard-fought, back-and-forth game, eventually prevailing 4-3 over the Iroquois Fall Eskimos!

The Panthers roster (and jersey numbers) included: Adrian Bois #19, Brantley Lauber #30, Emmett Bourcier #12, Boston Abotossaway #6, Joshua McComb #16, Ryley Corbiere #17, Cohen Howe #21, Landon Armstrong #87, Lyndra Madahbee-Peltier #4, Caleb Sidock #89, Lachlan Crane #7, Casey Bowerman #61, Laila Mae Taibossigai #88, Anderson Bennett #97, Brayson McGregor #11, Jackson Lalonde #9, Evander Shawana #77. Their Head Coach was Ryan Corbiere, Assistant Coaches Derek Lalonde and Andrew Howe, Trainer Janet McComb and Goalie Coach was Josh Taibossigai.

Very impressive, Team, now go get ready for try-outs!

Smashing Volleyball Results for local ace!

Congratulations to Mya Balfe and her Northern Chill 16UG Blue Vortex who went almost perfect, only losing one match of this past weekend's Ontario Volleyball Championships. Mya and team battled hard in the finals, just coming up short 25-23 in Division 3 Tier 1! Congrats on the Silver, Mya! Your hard work paid off!

Local Impresses at OHL Combine!

Congratulations to Kohyn Eshkawogan, who took part in the OHL Combine this past weekend and will help teams make their decisions for the 2024 OHL draft next weekend! Best of luck, Kohyn!

U-18 Panther Update

There has not been a lot going on for the Lady Panthers since their victory to advance to Provincials. Scheduled exhibition games were cancelled due to a shortage of officials and even their practice ice-time has been limited. This week, though, they did manage to have a couple of exhibition games against the Sudbury Lady Wolves U15 BB team as they, too, look to tune up before Provincials coming up this weekend.

Thanks to Head Coach, Scot Hughson, who was able to record these details. Game 1 was Thursday in Sudbury and the Lady Wolves came out flying. They opened the scoring early in the first period and went on to capture a 4-0 victory. Ciera Sokoloski between the pipes played great to keep the score as it was as the long layoff was very evident for the rest of the squad.

Game 2 took place in Espanola on Sunday and our players vowed to find their stride for this game. Izzy Hughson got

the start for this game in the goal, seeing her first game action in more than a month due to injury. Our Lady Panthers showed a lot more intensity for this game but got down 2-0. We had a lot of great scoring chances but could not manage to find the back of the net until late in the third when Gracie Gibson buried one past the Sudbury goalie to make it 2-1.

That was the way the game ended but our girls played a great game. Izzy made some great saves to keep the score at 2, giving our girls the chance to catch up, but an extremely well-played game by the Sudbury goalie prevented our comeback.

Scot was impressed. "Overall, I was very happy with the effort our team put in tonight. One practice left this week before we head to Toronto and we have a couple things to work on, but all in all I believe we are prepared to represent Manitoulin very well at Provincials."

Game 1 for Lady Panthers will go Friday morning at 9:30 against the Ottawa Valley Thunder followed by Game 2 at 4:00 vs. the Kitchener Lady Rangers and Game 3 at 11:45 on Saturday against the Burlington Barracudas. All games will be streamed live on the Jenny Panther Facebook feed.

I just want to take this opportunity to congratulate our U13 and U15 Panther teams on capturing gold at their TOCs. This is amazing and goes to show the strength of our Panther hockey program. Could we add a U18 Provincial Championship to this year, too? That remains to be seen. Best of luck, Panthers!

Future For Local Hockey?

As Coach Hughson was saying, the team missed out on some important game time due to the official shortage. Their experience is not rare, either! So, at this time of year, a plug is needed for the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association and the great work they do to provide organization and games for hundreds of Island kids. However, they cannot do it without new officials! There has always been a high turnover for officials, but the new supply has almost stopped dry. Please consider becoming an official for next season!

Assiginack Opps!

Assiginack's good-vibe producer, Jackie White, has sent along a sketch of the activities she is planning on for the spring. She is already on the ball for recruiting teams for the second annual Youth Ball Tournament, slated for August 9-11th. The youth archery is full, but soccer is May 1-22nd and then a year-end tournament in NEMI sounds super fun! There is yoga for adults April 24-May 15. Also, there is pickleball/badminton. Just drop in for free weekly games on Thursdays 6-8 pm, May 2nd to June 27th.

Check out the Assiginack website and social stuff!

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

Another week at MSS has passed with more exciting achievements, upcoming opportunities and much more!

Monday, April 8 was a PA day for students. This day was rescheduled from Friday, April 19, giving students the rare opportunity to watch the solar eclipse. Manitoulin experienced a partial eclipse starting around 3:20 pm, lasting about three minutes. The next total eclipse visible in North America will happen in 20 years on Tuesday, August 23, 2044.

The MSS robotics team sent a handful of members to participate in awards interviews at the Ontario Provincial FIRST Robotics Championship. Their robot stayed on the Island, undergoing repairs and improvements before its journey to Houston, Texas for the World Championship, which the team pre-qualified for with their global success last year. The robotics team was eligible for three awards and did not go home empty-handed. Manitoulin Metal's lead mentor, Yana Bauer, became one of two Woodie Flowers finalists for her dedication to providing robotics to kids on Manitoulin. To be eligi-



Alexandra Wilson Zegil

ble, students on 6865 had to submit an essay about Ms. Bauer's accomplishments. Here are some excerpts from her nomination essay:

"Ms. Bauer celebrates each achievement. She taught us to be proud of every step of our journey, whether it be repairing the robot, scouting or winning Impact finalists."

"She learned pneumatics and swerve drive mechanics with the sole purpose of supporting students' interests. In our off-season, she works to support team members' fundraising and community projects, from supervising students at local fairs, showing members how to teach code, volunteering her yard for a Halloween fundraiser and promoting 6865."

"Ms. Bauer's uniquely large skillset gives rural Manitoulin youth a chance to explore STEAM. With Yana Bauer, possibility meets de-

termination, showcasing the limitless possibilities that mentorship, communication and teamwork can achieve."

Another Rainbow District School Board educator, Dan Monti, took the other finalist spot. Go, Northern teams!

An exciting opportunity for women interested in pursuing technology careers is coming up! On Wednesday, May 1 Cambrian College is hosting a day of workshops for girls interested in technology. Attendees can choose from various activities from working with artificial intelligence to exploring data analysis. Additionally, participants can tour Cambrian College's campus, win prizes and experiment with gadgets and software. This day-long event empowers women to pursue careers they are often discouraged from and face barriers in accessing. MSS students interested in par-

ticipating can contact Ms. Heinen.

Important dates coming up: Pre-NSSSA Badminton is on Wednesday, April 10; NSSSA Badminton is on Wednesday, April 17; The Robotics World Championships are

from April 16 to April 22; and the Three Fires Confederacy Taco Sale is on Thursday, April 18.

That is all for this week! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

Cruising Club chooses Little Current for 60th rendezvous

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Port of Little Current played host to the very first Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC) Rendezvous nearly 60 years ago. The GLCC was supposed to hold their bi-annual gathering in Little Current just as the pandemic hit, leading to a considerable delay in returning. Although the club had hoped to come to Little Current in 2024, the stars did not align, but that worked out rather well. This year the GLCC plans to make up for it arriving July 13 to 16, 2025.

"We pointed out to the club organizers that next year would be the 60th anniversary of the rendezvous taking place and it would be fitting that it be held in Little Current, as the first one was held here," said co-organizer Debby Turner of Little Current. She, along with husband Jib Turner and Manitoulin Cruiser's Net host Roy Eaton have been tagged with setting up the logistics of the visit.

"We are anticipating that there will be anywhere from around 80 to 150 boats," she noted. "The last time, in 2008, there were close to 300 people at the dinner. When the GLCC Rendezvous is held in the Port of Little Current and the North Channel, everybody wants to come."

While the GLCC started out with a limited membership of around 200, today there are over 2,500 registered members

and the club provides the most accurate and up-to-date assessments of the Great Lake ports, including those of Manitoulin and the North Shore.

Little Current and the Turner family have deep roots in the boating community and were central to the creation and expansion of the club, as the GLCC website notes: "To the Canadian government, too much credit cannot be given. Arch (Gibson, founder), through his friend Grant (Barney) Turner at Little Current, Ontario, was put in touch with key people in important departments. In the name of the club, he was able to obtain not only some very helpful improvements in several areas—including new aids to navigation—but, in addition, the government did a considerable amount of aerial charting of some very attractive spots for the Log Book to feature. Many of these places were not at that time surveyed for navigation."

The late Dr. Jack Bailey also served as the GLCC's honorary fleet surgeon until his passing in 2015.

Space shouldn't be that much of an issue according to Ms. Turner.

"People can remember when boats would raft out from the docks two or three deep," she recalled. "Boaters are a very tight community and will go to great lengths to help each other out."

Help Wanted!



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

FULL-TIME positions:

Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:

IT Specialist: Closes April 12, 2024

CONTRACT positions:

Sudbury:

Case Aide: Closes April 19, 2024

Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:

Rapid Response Trainer: Closes April 12, 2024

Health & Safety Officer: Closes April 19, 2024

All postings close at 4pm 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 KGCF, 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.



Zhiibaahaasing First Nation JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Policy and Procedure Analyst

JOB TITLE: Policy and Procedure Analyst

POSTING DATE: April 4, 2024

LOCATION: Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

REPORTS TO: Governance Director

TERM: Full-Time(1), Permanent upon successful completion of probation

POSITION OBJECTIVE:

The Policy and Procedure Analyst will help to ensure consistency and clarity of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation internal policies by developing and reviewing such documents. This will assist staff, Chief and Council and the public with effective operation and understanding of the administration. The Policy and Procedure Analyst is responsible for developing and maintaining all policy, procedure and work instruction documents to reflect Zhiibaahaasing First Nation's operational realities and requirements, so as to enable consistent performance and outcomes. This role works with all departments and internal subject matter experts to revise, refine and/or create the required documentation that is to be made available to internal and, where appropriate, external audiences.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Write various types of documentation such as operational policies and procedures, forms and reference guides. This will involve:
 - Gathering information through external research, internal interviews and review of source documents/existing documentation, where it exists.
 - Analyzing current processes to determine documentation requirements.
 - Managing regular reviews with departmental staff to maintain accuracy and completeness of documents.
 - Ensuring documents comply with Zhiibaahaasing First Nation's standards on language, writing style, structure and format.
 - Producing documentation for electronic or hard copy publication.
- Other duties.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong researching and organizational skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Effectively corroborate in a team environment and also to operate independently with minimal supervision.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

This position is primarily remote, and may require some on-site travel.

HOW TO APPLY

Please forward your cover letter, resume and three (3) work references by email to:

melanie@zhiibaahaasing.org

RE: Policy and Procedure Analyst

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Now Hiring All Departments!

- Kitchen Line Cook
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- Guest Services Agent
- Laundry Attendant
- Maintenance Staff
- Food & Beverage Servers

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

Wages are negotiable.

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

New textile diversion bins make debut on Manitoulin Island

KAGAWONG—The first of several large shiny mauve bins that will be used to collect used textiles from local residents for resale and recycling—and kept out of local landfills—was officially installed and launched in two locations on Manitoulin Island last week.

“I’m excited to get this going on the Island,” stated Jerret Paquette of Sic Sox Circular, who delivered two bins in Kagawong on April 2. Earlier in the day he had delivered and installed a bin in Silver Water to be used by residents in both Robinson and Dawson Townships. Other Island communities that are interested in having a bin installed or considering it include Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island, Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and Central Manitoulin, the latter of which has indicated it is looking at two bins.

“This is one more way of diverting these materials from landfills, and will benefit the environment,” stated Billings Councillor Vince Grogan. “Without the Island Wide Waste Resource Committee support this wouldn’t have taken place. And hopefully this program will receive a warm and receptive response from other Island communities.”

Mr. Paquette said, “We’re hoping to get bins established in more communities on the Island, like Central Manitoulin, South Baymouth and others. I’m hoping once people see what we are doing and the benefits this provides to the



Sic Sox Circular delivered two bins in Kagawong on April 2 that will be used to collect used textiles from local residents for resale and recycling. The bins will be installed in several other communities on Manitoulin Island. Some of the members of Billings Township council, the Island Wide Waste Resource Committee and Sic Sox Circular were on hand for the event. In photo from left is Michael Hunt, Paul Darlaston, Bryan Barker, Ian Anderson, Vince Grogan, Jerret Paquette and Chris Theijsmeijer.



Billings councillor Vince Grogan drops the first clothing items into one of the textile collection bins in Kagawong.

environment we will receive a succession of requests for the bins.”

As has been reported previously, Mr. Paquette and his mother Doris Mitchell launched Sic Sox Circular in the community of Brunswick House First Nation near Chapleau last fall. They plan to repurpose unwanted textiles in a new type of home insulation and recycle the rest in a recycling facility at Brunswick House.

Clothing, bedding and pillows, industrial textiles, shoes, handbags and even stuffed animal toys can be dropped in the bins, which will be emptied once a week and transported to the recycling facility at Brunswick House.

Items that still have lots of life in them will be resold through the Sic Sox Thrift Store in Chapleau and online.

Mr. Grogan said data shows that on average each person throws out 47 kilo-

grams of clothing and bedding per year. If Sic Sox can divert 60 percent by recycling 60 percent of what they pick up and 40 percent is used for spray insulation foam, that would definitely have an impact on these type of items going to landfills on the Island.”

Currently, Sic Sox Circular has recycling bins set up in 18 communities in Ontario and another 40 are ready to ship out.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Help Wanted!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MANITOULIN NORTHSORE VICTIM SERVICES

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services provides immediate crisis response, intervention and prevention services which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities affected by crime and tragic circumstances.

Program/Administrative Assistant

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, as well as remotely. (Travel within all of Manitoulin Island and the North Shore)

For full details, see our website: <http://www.mnvictimservices.ca>

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS Friday, April 19, 2024 AT 4:00 PM

Please submit resumé with cover letter to:
Victim Services Hiring Committee
Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services
54 Boosneck Road, Unit 101, P.O. Box 702
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Email to: Amy Collins, Executive Director, at mnvs@vianet.ca

POSSIBILITÉ D'EMPLOI
SERVICES AUX VICTIMES DE MANITOULIN NORTHSORE

Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore offre des services immédiats d'intervention en cas de crise et de prévention qui répondent aux besoins des personnes, des familles et des collectivités touchées par les actes criminels et les circonstances tragiques.

Adjointe administrative/Adjointe de programmes
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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, ainsi qu'à distance.

Pour de détails, consultez notre site web <https://www.mnvictimservices.ca/>

Veillez envoyer votre curriculum vitae accompagné d'une lettre de présentation à:
Comité d'embauche des services aux victimes
Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore
54, chemin Boosneck, bureau 101, C. P. 702
Little Current (Ontario) POP 1K0
Courriel : Amy Collins, directrice générale, à mnvs@vianet.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MANITOULIN NORTHSORE VICTIM SERVICES

In partnership with Police Services in Manitoulin and the North Shore, we provide coordinated and initial assistance to victims of crime, trauma and tragic circumstances. This program has been in existence since 1997 and has assisted hundreds of victims. The work is both challenging and rewarding.

Weekend and Statutory Holiday On-Call Overnight Crisis Responder

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services is looking for an energetic individual to assist in our crisis response while working as a part of a team. Reporting to the Executive Director, this after hours on-call position requires being available, within Manitoulin Island and the Northshore from Walden to Nairn Centre, overnights between 4:30 pm beginning on Fridays, and continuing into the weekends and statutory holidays to 8:30 am the following business day. This is an ongoing two-week rotating shift of three (3) to four (4) nights each weekend to provide immediate response to crisis calls, as well as on scene crisis response. On-call compensation is in keeping with Employment Standards Act of Ontario and the On-Call, Overnight Crisis Responder will be paid a guaranteed three hours per shift for being on-call and will be compensated for any time worked in addition to the three hours if called out. Potential to increase shifts pending on funding.

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Sur appel les fins de semaine et les jours fériés
Intervenante ou intervenant de nuit en situation de crise

Nous sommes à la recherche d'une personne énergique qui aidera à intervenir lors de situations de crise tout en travaillant au sein d'une équipe. Sous la responsabilité de la direction générale, ce poste de garde après les heures normales de travail exige d'être disponible, sur l'île Manitoulin et Northshore, de Walden à Nairn Centre, à passer les nuits à partir de 16 h 30 le vendredi et jusqu'à 8 h 30 le jour ouvrable suivant, y compris les fins de semaine et les jours fériés. Il s'agit d'un quart de travail avec une rotation continue toutes les deux semaines comprenant trois (3) à quatre (4) nuits chaque fin de semaine travaillée afin de fournir une réponse immédiate aux appels de crise, ainsi qu'une intervention d'urgence sur place. La rémunération sur appel est conforme à la Loi sur les normes d'emploi de l'Ontario et l'intervenante ou l'intervenant de nuit en situation de crise recevra une rémunération de trois heures par quart de travail garanti pour être sur appel et sera rémunéré pour tout temps travaillé en plus des trois heures si on l'appelle. Possibilité d'augmenter les quarts de travail selon le financement.

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Prov. Jr. curlers attend U15 Rockfest East event

PROVIDENCE BAY—A group of junior curlers from the Providence Bay Curling Club had an incredible experience recently, having attended the inaugural Under 15 (U15) Rockfest East event held in Niagara Falls March 22-24.

“Seven of our junior curlers attended the inaugural U15 Rockfest East in Niagara Falls on March 22-24,” said Angela Johnston. “This was one of four regional Rockfest events

put on this year by Curling Canada.”

Ms. Johnston explained the Rockfest “is brand new this year. There is a new app from Curling Canada in place for singles competitions, where each of the junior curlers must throw 12 different shots and their results are scored. The top nine male and top nine female competitors from Northern Ontario get invited. In the end, we were the only club in Northern On-

tario who were involved.”

The event held in Niagara Falls included curlers from Northern Ontario, southern Ontario, Quebec and Nunavut. “It was a great experience for the junior curlers,” said Ms. Johnston. “These events are designed to provide young curlers with opportunities to develop their skills and compete against curlers from neighbouring provinces and territories in singles and triples format curling.”

“There were 64 kids there. I was impressed that there were two curlers from Nunavut who took part,” said Ms. Johnston. The event was fun for participants and, “While at the event, the curlers also participated in skill development clinics with national level curlers.”

The local junior curlers who attended Rockfest included Amber Ducharme, Silva Verboom, David Joyce, Parker Johnston, Shawn MacKelvie, Devon MacKelvie and Spencer Johnston.

Next year Rockfest will take place in Northern Ontario.



This group of junior curlers from the Providence Bay Curling Club took part in the inaugural Under 15 Rockfest East event held in Niagara Falls March 22-24. The local curlers included Amber Ducharme, Silva Verboom, David Joyce, Parker Johnston, Shawn MacKelvie, Devon MacKelvie and Spencer Johnston.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR



Classification/Level: Management CS-4 (\$63,648 – \$77,792)
+ Group Pension & Extended Benefits
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

JOB DESCRIPTION/JOB POSTING

POSITION SUMMARY:

As a part of the HIAH team the Finance Administrator shall have extensive experience in the financial management sector with a strong financial vision, insight to match and a proven track record of success to manage and direct all the organization's finances.

The Finance Administrator will work with the Business and Economic Development Manager to develop, monitor and evaluate budgets, financial codes and regulations, policies and procedures and recommend changes for improvement; and will coordinate the establishment and maintenance of internal financial control processes for monthly financial reporting.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Preferred - A bachelor's degree in finance, business administration or accounting with minimum five (5) years direct work-related experience.
Minimum - College Diploma three (3) years in Finance or Accounting with minimum seven (7) years of equivalent work experience

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE:

- Plan, coordinate and monitor the daily activities of the Finance Department daily operations; including inputting and reviews all financial transaction matters
- Prepare and maintain the general ledger and produce financial statements for HIAH and its subsidiaries for board meetings and reporting purposes
- Ensures compliance with generally accepted accounting principles and by-laws, finance and administrative codes/regulations, employee policies and procedures
- Responsible for the efficient and effective administration of all financial programs and services
- Assist in strategic planning, financial, administrative, policy development and risk management processes
- Ensure financial information is relevant, timely, accurate and complete for decision-making purposes and to address existing and future community needs
- Coordinates annual audit preparation, reconciliation and working processes with the auditors and identifies supporting documents, audit trails and reports on significant financial implications
- Maintains and monitors financial budgets based on regulatory agreements and communicates with all management
- Monitors contractual agreements and report submission requirements for key external funding agencies
- Builds financial models to support terms of new agreements and contracts, monitors budgets and develops systems to track expenditures
- Thorough understanding of the payroll legislation process and requirements
- Provides advice, interpretation and translation of conceptual financial agreements and other financial information and recommends sound investment opportunities

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


BUSINESS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
Phone 705-377-5362 ext. 231, Fax 705-377-4980
or email to: natalies@mchigeeng.ca
Full job description is available upon request.


Closing Date: April 15, 2024, by 4:00 pm

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

Help Wanted!



**2294669 Ontario Ltd OBO/
Odawa Stone Limited Partnership & Sheshegwaning First Nation**
1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON, POP 1X0
(705) 283-3292 | (705) 283-3481



**Employment Opportunity
Administration Assistant/Finance
(Full-Time Position)**

2294669 Ontario Ltd., on behalf of Odawa Stone Limited Partnership and Sheshegwaning First Nation, is seeking a self-directed and self-motivated individual to execute the position of Administration Assistant/Finance for its dimension stone quarry, as well as Sheshegwaning First Nation's Finance Department. Odawa Stone/Sheshegwaning is seeking a highly motivated and well-organized professional to fill the full-time position of Finance/Administrative Assistant. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing clerical duties and will provide direct assistance to the General Manager of Odawa Stone and Sheshegwaning First Nation Finance Department.

Qualifications:

- A Business Administration diploma or certificate would be an asset. Secondary School Graduate and/or acceptable related experience.
- Proficiency in business math and critical thinking.
- Must have a moderate working knowledge of various computer applications (Microsoft applications, QuickBooks, etc.).
- Proven ability to meet deadlines.
- Excellent written, oral communication and interpersonal skills.
- Strong organization and self-motivational skills.
- Working knowledge of traditional culture, language and traditions is an asset.
- Training can be provided as needed.

Duties:

- Preparing, processing and recording accounts payable, accounts receivable and processing receipts.
- Managing accounts receivable and processing receipts.
- Manage the corporation records filing, minute taking, HST/GST quarterly filings.
- Posting month end entries in the general ledger; and
- Performing general duties as required such as: data entry, filing, report preparation, office supply inventory, office duties and other duties as assigned.
- Obtains general manager's travel itineraries, helps plan and record activities/location on schedule board.
- Helping Sheshegwaning First Nation main finance department with various tasks as requested.

Compensation:
As per Sheshegwaning First Nation's salary grid. Three (3) and six (6) month probationary reviews are applicable.

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Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a cover letter to the attention of:

Human Resources Director
jessica@sheshegwaning.org
Sheshegwaning First Nation, 1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0
PH: (705) 283-3292 FAX: (705) 283-3481

We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview. Preference will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation Members and applicants of First Nation ancestry. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience.



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**Employment Opportunity
Economic Development Directors Assistant | Full-Time Position**

Sheshegwaning First Nation is looking for a highly motivated individual to assist with our Economic Development Department. Help our Economic Development Director research and execute activities to help economic growth in our amazing community.

Job Responsibilities

- Help to coordinate departments schedule, appointments and travel arrangements/claims.
- Organize and prepare meeting agendas, minutes, notes and tools/equipment for meetings as assigned.
- Coordinate funding applications, planning and or edit project proposals as assigned and help with monitoring.
- Administer summer work experience funding applications, programs, monitoring, reporting and claims.
- Assist entrepreneurs in accessing business supports.
- Participate in training, workshop and networking sessions.
- Maintain department records and filing systems, maintain equipment logs within department.
- Set up and run the community farmers' market.
- Coordinate maintenance and marketing of Nimkee's Hiking Trail.
- Maintain knowledge of daily catering events and confirm they are prepared and delivered on time.
- Promote positive public relations for department and Sheshegwaning First Nation.
- Be able to work occasional night and weekend events/workshops.

Qualifications

- Written and verbal communication skills.
- Training will be provided/accessed.
- Computer skills ie. Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Valid Ontario driver's licence.
- Ability to speak/understand Odawa/Ojibway/Potawatomi is an asset or willingness to learn.

Reports to: Economic Development Director
Salary: \$20.00/hour - 32.5 hours weekly.

Interested applicants should submit their cover letter, resume no later than
April 10, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m. to:
Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0
Jessica@sheshegwaning.org

Preferences will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation Members.
We thank all applications for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

...Law and Order

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OPP detachment for further testing.

Douglas Jensen, age 45, from M'Chigeeng First Nation, has been charged with impaired driving over 80 mgs, having open liquor and cannabis readily available and possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

The driver also faces charges for driving while under suspension, lacking

insurance and plates, using an unauthorized permit, being a novice driver with a blood alcohol contest above zero and having an improper plate light.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on April 23.

The driver received a 90-day licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.



Help Wanted!



OJIBWE CULTURAL FOUNDATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Finance Officer

The Ojibwe Cultural Foundation seeks a Finance Officer with management experience with organizational, communication and leadership skills.

The individual in this role will be responsible for the effective financial management of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation including budgeting, reporting, processing accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, remittances, deposits and bank reconciliations and other responsibilities including filing, year end inventory and assist auditors.

Required Qualifications:

- 2+ years' experience as an in financial management.
- Experience in budget development/administration.
- Strong leadership, interpersonal, planning and organizational skills; excellent written and oral communication skills; problem solving and meeting management skills.
- Knowledge of fundraising principles and practices in the arts, experience in writing successful proposals.

Please send applications marked 'Confidential' to:
Sophie Corbiere, sophie@ojibweculture.ca
Operations Manager, Ojibwe Cultural Foundation:
Box 278 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P1G0

Deadline: No later than 3:00pm April 12, 2024



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN Admissions Assistant (12-Month Contract)

Position Description:

A full-time position responsible for supporting the Admissions Coordinator and task work of the admissions team. The admissions team is often the first point of contact for participants, families and referring professionals. This position works to ensure clients have completed all necessary documentation prior to entry and that appropriate file management procedures are followed. The Admissions Assistant is also responsible for communicating across various platforms to disseminate program information and will report to and collaborate with the clinical team for admissions and various administrative tasks.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Clinical Director and receiving direction from the Admissions Coordinator
- Responsible for supporting the intake of program participants
- Working with the clinical team to prepare for incoming participants
- Electronic file and paper file management
- Communicate with participants and their families about the program
- Supporting referrals to external organizations
- Responsible for liaising with community organizations
- Assist in implementation of research and outcome measurement projects
- Various administrative duties as needed

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a diploma in social services, office administration, addictions and community service worker or other related human service diploma, with mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Proven experience with data management, office administration and electronic medical records
- Experience working in the Mental Health and Addictions field
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Must have a relevant diploma

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications.

Closing Date: April 12, 2024 at 4:00pm

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

Contact mmaracle@gwek.ca with any questions.

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



OJIBWE CULTURAL FOUNDATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Executive Director of Ojibwe Cultural Foundation

The Ojibwe Cultural Foundation seeks a dynamic executive director possessing strong organizational and management skills. This position is responsible for the overall management and promotion of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) of Mndoo Mnising.

The responsibilities include actively nurturing community participation in creative ventures, to strengthen relationships and expand network of participation by being visible and engaged in the member communities.

Role:

- This position will report to the OCF Board of Directors and has overall strategic, fiscal and operational responsibility for the organization.
- This role is responsible for the development of OCF programs and budgets and execution of OCF mission and vision. Direct the overall operation of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.
- Recruit, manage and mentor staff, volunteers and instructors of the organization and its programs.
- Oversee fund development and work in partnership with the OCF Board of Directors to ensure sustainable and diverse revenue streams including government grants, individual and corporate giving, major donor development and self-generated revenue.
- Maintain record of all contributions; send tax receipts and proper acknowledgements and reporting of all contributions.
- Development/maintenance of community connections and partnerships with other organizations.

Required Qualifications:

- An understanding of Anishinaabe culture, language and history is necessary.
- Ability to use a team approach to plan and produce programming.
- Experience in marketing, fundraising and social media.
- Strong experience in office, program and event budget management.
- Experience in organization of exhibitions, preparation of catalogues and supervision of gallery installations and other programmatic events.
- Ability and enthusiasm for working with diverse artistic and community groups.
- Strong leadership, interpersonal, planning and organizational skills; excellent written and oral communication skills; solid public speaking, negotiation, problem solving and meeting management skills.
- Knowledge of fundraising principles and practices in the arts, experience in writing successful proposals.
- A bachelor's degree in a relevant field is preferred but a combination of education and experience would be considered.
- Demonstrate success in business and project management.

Please send applications no later than noon, on April 26, 2024 marked 'Confidential' to:

Sophie Corbiere, Operations Manager

Ojibwe Cultural Foundation:

Box 278 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P1G0

sophie@ojibweculture.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – MULTIPLE POSTINGS Gwekwaadziwin Miikan – Seven Grandfathers Program



Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continues to expand and is looking for motivated individuals to join our multidisciplinary team. There are multiple land-based counsellor positions and casual support worker positions available.

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

Program Description

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

Position Descriptions

Land Based Counsellors - (Multiple Full-Time Positions)

The Land Based Counselor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counselor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a holistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinabek culture and land-based learning.

Casual Support Workers

A part-time position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group circles and assisting with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming. This position presents opportunity for shifts in the land-based treatment program and live-in aftercare program based on interest and availability.

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications Closing Date: April 12, 2024 @ 4:00pm

To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/careers
Incomplete packages will not be accepted. Current Vulnerable Sector Screening and Drivers Abstract required as a condition of employment.

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

Central Manitoulin raises autism flag acknowledging Autism Day

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOU-
LIN—April 2 was World
Autism Day and the
Municipality of Central
Manitoulin raised a flag
in honour of the day. A
number of residents from
Manitoulin Community
Living (CLM) were on
hand for the flag raising,
conducted by one such
resident, Tim Bradley.

“This is wonderful,”
noted Wendy Friedman,
CLM manager who ac-
companied the residents
to the flag raising. Central
Manitoulin Councillors
Derek Stephens and Dale
Scott were on hand to wit-
ness the flag raising.

According to the Cana-
dian Medical Association
Journal, approximately
one to two percent of the
Canadian population are
somewhere on the autism
spectrum—that means
there are approximately
135,000 people with au-
tism in Ontario.

Autism (also known as
autism spectrum disorder
or ASD) is a lifelong neu-
rodevelopmental condi-
tion. It presents in many
ways and can affect sen-
sory processing, social
communication, ability
to carry out certain tasks,
as well as emotional and
behavioural regulation.
But every autistic person
has a unique combination
of symptoms and those
symptoms can vary con-
siderably in intensity.
Many individuals may
also have co-occurring



Residents of Manitoulin Community Living gather in front of the newly raised autism flag that was raised in front of the Central Manitoulin municipal offices in acknowledgement of Autism Day. Tim Bradley, far right, raised the flag that will fly throughout the week.

conditions.

People on the autism
spectrum use many dif-
ferent terms to describe
themselves. “People with
autism” is person-first
language while ‘autistic
people’ is an example of
identity-first language. If
you’re not autistic, try to
use the language that the
autistic people in your life
ask you to use.

While the causes of au-
tism are unknown, some
scientists suggest ge-

netics and environment
both likely play a role.
Researchers worldwide
are working to under-
stand the factors that can
increase the likelihood of
a person being autistic,
but it is important to re-
member that an increased
chance of autism is not
the same as being the
cause.

What is known is that
autism is not contagious,
(despite viral conspir-
acy theories) autism is

not caused by vaccination
and is not a result of par-
enting style—that’s the
science, not social media
posturing.

Autism looks different
for everyone, and each
person with autism has
a distinct set of strengths
and challenges. Some au-
tistic people can speak,
while others are nonver-
bal or minimally verbal
and communicate in oth-
er ways. Some have intel-
lectual disabilities, while

some do not. Some re-
quire significant support
in their daily lives, while
others need less support
and, in some cases, live
entirely independently.

Autism is usually di-
agnosed around age five,
but signs can begin ap-
pearing by age two or
three. People on the au-
tism spectrum might also
have co-occurring condi-
tions that can affect over-
all physical health, such
as epilepsy, hypotonia,
sleep disorders, diges-
tive issues, uncommon
responses to pain (over-
or under-reacting) and/
or metabolism problems
(how the body breaks
down food for energy).

Some common co-oc-
curring mental health
conditions for those on
the autism spectrum can
include anxiety, depres-
sion, obsessive compuls-
ive disorder (OCD) and/
or attention deficit hyper-
activity disorder (ADHD).
Those health conditions
can appear at any time
over a person’s life or not

exhibit at all.

What is important to
know is that those peo-
ple who are impacted by
autism can require vast-
ly different supports and
approaches—that makes
it exceedingly difficult
for government programs
to encompass, leading to
significant shortfalls in
program funding and ar-
bitrary program cut-offs.

Given the right sup-
ports and programs, peo-
ple with autism can live
healthy and productive
lives.

Central Manitoulin
CAO Denise Deforge was
on hand for the raising of
the flag. “Although Au-
tism Day is only April 2,
the municipality will fly
the flag throughout the
week,” she said.

The raising of the flag
in Central Manitoulin not
only acknowledges au-
tism, but also the impor-
tance of understanding
what autism is and how
community can all help.

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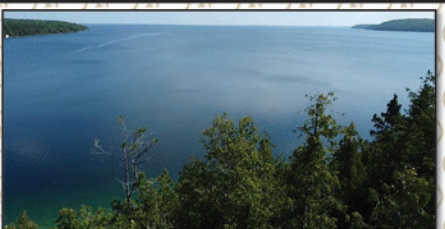


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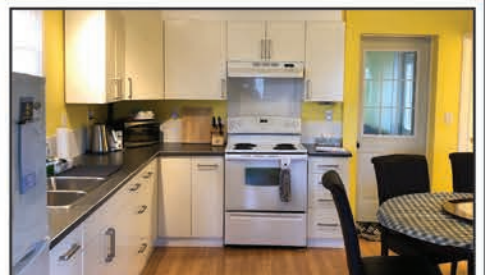
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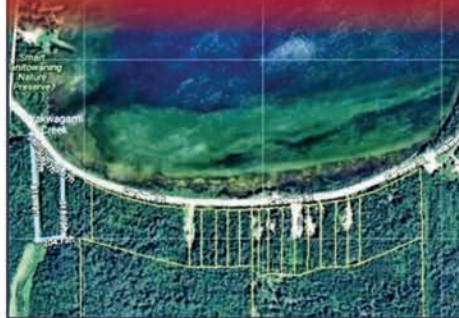


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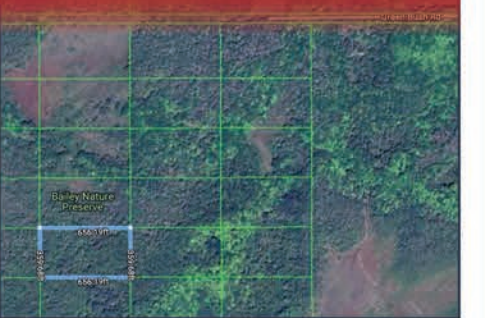
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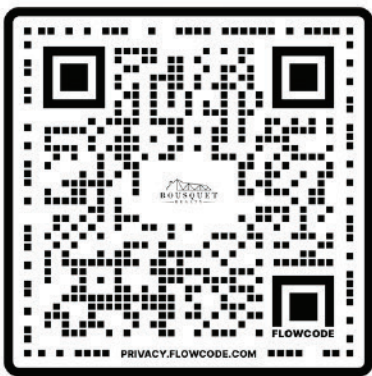


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