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Fire destroys historic Sheguiandah Anglican church



HISTORY AFLAME—The former St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Sheguiandah First Nation was destroyed in a conflagration that threatened to spread to the nearby bush during the afternoon of Friday, April 19. The building had lain derelict for a number of years and was uninsured. UCCM Police are investigating the incident.

photo by Michael Erskine

Arson suspected by authorities

by Michael Erskine
SHEGUIANDAH FN—A Friday afternoon fire consumed an historic decommissioned Anglican church, St. Andrew's, located on Sheguiandah First Nation.

According to locals, the building, largely constructed of cedar shingles was built sometime in the 1880s but became run down since being decommissioned. It was lovingly restored thanks to the efforts of Sheguiandah Elder Clara Waindubence baa and Lucie Robitaille, an Espanola woman who helped Ms. Waindubence realize her dream of restoring the building to its earlier glory. Both women were acknowledged with certificates from the Ontario Heritage Foundation and a feast held in their honour following the restoration work—it was hoped at the time the church would become a community museum.

Then Sheguiandah Chief Georgina Thompson noted that the restoration process took a lot of time and effort, with final touches such as cleaning

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Dream of the late Clara Waindubence goes up in smoke

by Shelley Pearen

Fire destroyed an historic building in Sheguiandah First Nation on April 19, 2024. An online video of the smoke and flames on Manitoulin caught my attention. I recognized the building immediately as the former St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Sheguiandah. I watched as the flames destroyed the eastern gable end and then devoured the belfry. The spectacle of the vibrant flames and billowing smoke was for me as heartbreaking as I assume it was for Parisians watching Notre Dame burning. Though unlike Notre Dame, which has inspired an entire country to rebuild it, St. Andrew's will vanish.

Its disappearance does not simply mean



St. Andrew's Anglican Church as depicted in 1890.

the loss of another old building to fire or "progress." It is the loss of a concrete symbol of the community's history and of its Anishinaabe builders.

St. Andrew's Church was entirely built by Anishinaabe hands 138 years ago. The builders' descendants still live in Sheguiandah or Manitoulin.

As Expositor readers know, Manitoulin Island (Mnidoon Mnising or Odawa Mnising) has been the home of Anishinaabeg for thousands of years. At Sheguiandah this long residency is well documented. The Sheguiandah Archaeological Site illustrates the area's ancient history.

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Robinson-Huron chiefs, trustees hear language trust proposal

by Tom Sasvari

SERPENT RIVER FN—A grassroots effort being coordinated by Serpent River First Nation band member Quinn Meawasige, along with a group of Robinson-Huron Territory First Nations members, is proposing allocating a portion of the \$10 billion Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHLTF) settlement to be put into an Anishinaabemowin Language Trust.

"We are lobbying some of the chiefs and trustees of the 21 First Nations (including all those on Manitoulin Island) to put funds into an Anishinaabemowin Language Trust," Mr. Meawasige told The Expositor. "They will be meeting on April 22, chiefs and trustees for all the Robinson-Huron Treaty (RHT) First Nations (including all First Nations on Manitoulin Island) and we have put this proposal forward for their consideration. They have all seen and know about the proposal because community members have indicated their support to them in voting in favour of the proposal."

"Yes, there have been community leaders, language advocates and teachers, a wide range of

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Help sought for Manitoulin Island 'little brown bat' study

by Tom Sasvari

GUELPH—Alexandria Cosby is currently in her first year of studies at the University of Guelph and will be conducting research on Manitoulin Island this summer toward her PhD, studying little brown bats and

the types of habitat they need to forage. She is hopeful that Islanders will be able to help her in this work.

"I study little brown bats and will be carrying out research on the type of habitats they need to forage," Ms. Cosby told

The Expositor. "There is very little information available about bats on Manitoulin, and bat research heavily relies on having relationships with communities and I am hoping to get access to private property for monitoring. I felt the Island would be the perfect place for my study given my roots."

"My PhD is in ecology," Ms. Cosby shared. "I'm studying animals in the community and how they interact with each other. My PhD will take about four years to complete and I am in my first year at university."

Ms. Cosby is a Haweater, born and raised on Manitoulin Island and lives in Little Current. "I graduated from Manitoulin Secondary School in 2016."

"I study little brown bats, which have seen significant population declines and are now endangered in Ontario due

to white-nose syndrome," said Ms. Cosby. "I'm looking into the reproduction influences have on their foraging."

Her proposal, "The Geographic and Temporal Variation in Myotis Lucifugus (Little Brown Bat) Foraging," explains "the distribution of species is influenced by factors affecting habitat suitability. Optimal foraging theory (OFT) explores the balance between food gathering and energy expenditure, providing insights into dietary and habitat choices. However, gaps exist in our understanding of foraging behaviour and habitat use, especially for cryptic and endangered species like the little brown bat."

Given their alarming population declines, "a detailed examination of bat foraging

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Nature Conservancy secures more of Cockburn Island

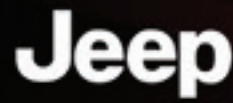
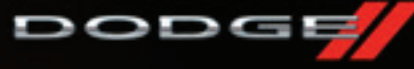
WIARTON—Midwestern Ontario is home to some of the Great Lakes region's most important biodiversity hot spots, supporting an exceptional abundance of species and habitats and on Earth Day, April 22, additional hectares of thriving forest and alvars have been protected forever. The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) announced the

protection of two new nature preserves to mark Earth Day: Sturgeon Bay Forest, located on the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula near Wiarton, and an additional 40-hectare property added to existing conservation lands on Cockburn Island.

The additional 40 hectares protected on Cockburn Island contain alvars, an unusual

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Edna Manitowabi, second from left, of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was presented with a 2024 Indspire Culture, Heritage and Spirituality Award by Mary Simon the Governor General of Canada in a ceremony held April 18 in Ottawa.

Wiikwemkoong's Edna Manitowabi 2024 Indspire Culture, Heritage Award winner

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—Edna Manitowabi has been changing lives across Turtle Island for decades, and her work is far from finished. Ms. Manitowabi, of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, received the Indspire Culture, Heritage and Spirituality Award in a ceremony held in Ottawa on April 18.

The 2024 Indspire Award for Culture, Heritage and Spirituality goes to a person who has not only recovered valuable past teachings, but who has also brought them to life and revitalized them, ensuring that generations to come will be able to walk a powerful path.

"I was so overwhelmed at being presented with this award, to be honoured by your own people, peers and family," Ms. Manitowabi told The Expositor. "It was a huge event. There were (12 in total) recipients from across Canada. It was pretty incredible."

"I experienced being a student in a residential school at a very, very young age. Coming from

Expositor alum's history series picked up by TVO

by Michael Erskine

ONTARIO—All good things must someday come to an end, but with that ending sometimes something new and exciting comes to pass. The Expositor was pleased to welcome novice journalist Warren Scholte into our ranks a number of years ago and we were sorry to see him leave to take up a new post with the CBC in Sudbury.

Mr. Scholte's first love in journalism has always been rooted in the documentary genre and the new position, being part time, offered him the opportunity to pursue a number of projects in film.

C.C. McLean student advances to provincial public speaking competition

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay is supporting a Grade 6 student at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay with the costs of mileage as he has qualified for the provincial Legion public speaking competition.

At a Legion branch meeting two weeks ago President Marilyn Clarke presented a cheque in the amount of \$345 to Riley Hubbard and his family for the costs of mileage for his trip to the provincials.

Mr. Hubbard has qualified for the provincials, having gone through the Branch, Zone, District and Area championships in the Junior Grade 4-6 division.

Mr. Hubbard made a presentation to the Legion branch executive of the speech he will be making at the provincials at a recent meeting.

"Honourable judges, ladies and gentlemen. Hi, my name is Riley, and today I'm going to talk about how technology affects our society in these ever-changing winds of time. To start, let's talk about the benefits of technology like communication with today's society.

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this background I sought out Elders and knowledgekeepers for knowledge and I used many of our own Anishinabek ways for healing and helping our people. It has been my life vision, something I had to do, and gave me a sense of purpose and filled my life," continued Ms. Manitowabi. "It has been a lifelong journey. I sought out teachers and knowledgekeepers and the vision and ancestral knowledge that they provided I began to weave into my life. I remember every single one of them who affirmed, confirmed and encouraged me."

"In those days it was taboo to provide all this knowledge, spirituality and culture, so for all those who shared these teachings it was awesome," said Ms. Manitowabi. "And since then, I have passed on all this knowledge and culture to others. I wanted my children to hear about this—it's their truth, their history. Being acknowledged is a great blessing. It was the Elders

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program partnership between the university and the college," explained Mr. Schlote. "They were among the first schools to offer such a partnership."

A couple of weeks following graduation in 2021, Mr. Schlote arrived on Manitoulin's shore to take up his post at The Expositor. He would go on to win numerous accolades and awards, including a number for his seminal work on 'Out of the Shadows,' The Expositor's in-depth investigation of the opioid crisis. His penchant for puns provided ongoing entertainment in the office. Our loss was most certainly CBC's gain.

"I took the casual position at CBC because it was part-time and allowed me to work on a number of my passion projects," said Mr. Schlote. "I thought I would not be working all the time; I was wrong," he laughed. It turned out that he was rarely out of the newsroom in some capacity. He is currently being trained as a radio show host.

As for his 'Living History' series, Mr. Schlote explains that "it was an idea I had starting in university. I was never really engaged in history classes in school; the subject matter never really grabbed me. I found it hard to relate, there just didn't seem to be a connection with my own life." That struck him as unfortunate on reflection.

He decided to see if he could

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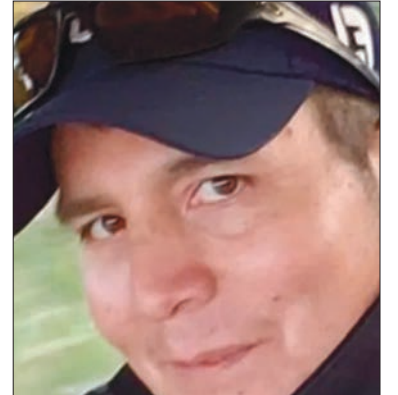
Stem cell donors sought for AOK dad of two

Charity hockey game this Saturday for Lyndon Peltier

by Ed Prudhomme

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The Peltier family is seeking assistance from community members to roll up their sleeves to help one of their own.

Lyndon (Lynn) Peltier is presently battling acute myeloid leukemia (AML), a cancer of the blood and bone marrow. AML affects a group of white blood cells called the myeloid cells that typically develop into the various mature blood cells, such as red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. With AML, the bone marrow produces immature cells that become leukemic white blood cells called myeloblasts. These leukemic cells are then unable to function properly and build up, crowding out other healthy cells. The treatments vary, but typically chemotherapy is employed kill these cancerous cells. Unfortunately, healthy cells, including healthy blood-forming cells, are also destroyed by the treatment. Stem cell (immature blood cells) trans-



Lyndon Peltier is currently battling AML and is in need of a stem cell donor.

plant is then utilized to replenish these depleted cells in the host. These new cells are often collected from a compatible donor and are then frozen and stored. Once the patient completes their rounds of chemotherapy the stored stem cells are then given to the patient through an infusion allowing these new cells grow into and restore the body's depleted supply. Mr. Peltier is in

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Carol Gilmore to be inducted into The Great Northern Opry

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—Carol Gilmore and her bandmates are familiar sights entertaining at local nursing homes. In fact, the popular Island entertainer has been singing since she was five. This year, Ms. Gilmore will be inducted into the ranks of The Great Northern Opry by the Northern Ontario Country Music Association.

"I never expected anything like this," said Ms. Gilmore when approached about the honour by The Expositor. "I thought it was just for people who made their living from playing music."

Ms. Gilmore and her current bandmates are not in it for the money, or the fame for that matter.

"I was in the church choir when I was about five, then school plays and I was in just about every musical in high school," she laughed. "About nine years ago I got this little band together and we play at nursing homes in Little Current, Gore Bay and Espanola, usually one day a month. Lately, we have also been playing at Milltown Homes in Espanola."

Ms. Gilmore said that she has always enjoyed singing and entertaining folks. "Why do we do it? Just because we enjoy doing it," she said. "We don't do it expecting any kind of payment or reward. I like to help people."

But there are plenty of rewards, nonetheless. "When you see some of these folks' faces as you start to sing an old Gospel tune or golden oldie, they just brighten right up," she said. "Music is a universal language."

Sorry Taylor Swift, this is country music country.

"We do all country and Gospel," said Ms. Gilmore.

The singer is also a seamstress of some note, creating many of the costumes worn

during Manitoulin Secondary School musicals.

"It isn't all just music and entertaining," noted Northern Ontario Country Music Association rep Ben Lentir (who also organizes the upcoming Bluegrass in the Country Festival). "Carol has been organizing entertainment at the Providence Bay Fair for years and is a big part of country music here on the Island. She has always been

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Phragmites Project seeking to add paid staff to their team

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Phragmites Project is gearing up for the summer season and are seeking to hire two full time summer employees. The grassroots community organization has been operational since 2015 and is tasked with the removal of invasive phragmites reeds and teaching citizens how to control the population of the plant to stop the spread.

Phragmites are a common reed originating in Eurasia, and can grow up to five metres tall. The invasive plant thrives in damp areas, making Manitoulin Island a prime host. Invasive phragmites swiftly spreads, outmatching native species in the struggle for water and nutrients. It releases toxins from its roots, sabotaging the growth of surrounding plants and leading to their demise.

Judith Jones, the coordinator for the organization, spoke with The Expositor about the upcoming 2024 summer season. "This will be our 9th summer, and so far we have gotten the entire south shore under control, and many more of our sites

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A curious case of the budget that didn't spend enough—or too much

The latest Liberal budget is out, and there are plenty of howls of outrage and damnation to be heard across the land. In the largest budget (in dollars, if not in percentage of GDP) in history, the governing Liberals have managed to outrage both sides of the political spectrum.

The Conservatives are railing about the size of the budget, claiming the Liberal largesse will stoke inflation into the stratosphere, but not doing enough on defence in these troubled times. True enough on the face of it, although the military did get a substantial boost, we still are not meeting the aspirational, albeit arbitrary two percent mark suggested by our NATO compatriots. It's a case of priorities and the Tories have never been much on the butter end of things, convinced that will be handled by the invisible hand of the market.

The NDP, who hold many of the cards when it comes to keeping the minority Liberal government afloat, are also castigating the budget as not doing enough for the people.

Sounds like the traditional Liberal sweet spot has been nailed at first glance. Tories to the right of them, socialists to the left, into the valley of budget ride the 155. The Bloc Quebecoise and Greens were also unhappy with the budget, for varying reasons including overreach and not doing enough.

The backlash in online media has also been intense, mostly focussed on the dastardly increase in taxes on the .013 percent—through an increase on capital gains tax. Most Canadians will only

see a hit once their capital gains pass the exemption mark—that's (effective June 25, 2024) \$1.25 million, up from the current amount of \$1,016,836 in capital gains tax-free on the sale of small business shares and farming and fishing property. Residential property sales are also exempt.

A recent series of polls have shown that the Liberals are falling out of favour with youth, largely due to the housing crisis apparently (weirdly a provincial responsibility—so much for civics class efficacy). This despite Conservative premiers like Alberta's Danielle Smith chastizing the Liberals for daring to offer assistance to Alberta cities if the province won't play ball because, you guessed it, housing is a provincial responsibility—and frankly the current crisis is a pox on all their houses, whatever partisan stripe (although the NDP do get a bit of a bye on this one as they have at least attempted to make a difference when they had a chance).

Although the Liberals have tossed a whopping \$8.5 billion over five years to tackle housing issues, it is in the capital gains area this budget may well help with the insane rise in housing costs going forward. One of the most popular trends in investment has been in property speculation—buying and selling property in a constantly rising market is a great way to invest, and a surefire way to hoist prices in an endlessly upward spiral. The capital gains move will put a little bit of a pause on that, or at least ensure that some of the profits go toward helping solve the problem. We can only dream of silver linings..

Island Singers celebrate 60th in front of sellout crowd

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) cafeteria/concert hall was filled to overflowing on Saturday, April 20 as Islanders flocked to hear a special celebration of 60 years of performance by the Island Singers choral group. The afternoon proved to be an outstanding experience as the Island Singers' current members were joined by numerous alumni and friends.

"We hoped to bring the community together, the alumni singers especially, but the community in general, who have enjoyed concerts over the past 60 years," said conductor Chris Theijsmeijer. "We also hoped to find ways to recognize the history of the choir overall, with the selection of music and other additions to our regular concert. It was wonderful to see so many people come to the concert and



Island Singers and alumni gather to sing together one more time.

photos by Michael Erskine



Accompanist Holly Scott and former conductor Dorothy Anstice received a standing ovation from the audience.

hear their enjoyment of the whole afternoon. I was really happy to watch people engage with various aspects pieces, and I feel lucky to have been a part of the choir and its tradition of the arts in our community."

Mr. Theijsmeijer was quick to deflect to fellow organizer Holly Scott, whose tireless efforts helped to make the show a success.

Ms. Scott was sceptical of the "tireless" denominator, but pronounced herself pleased with the outcome. "I think this concert is more about the people of the Island Singers than a write

up about the songs," she admonished. But we will write a bit about that as well.

The performance owed a great debt to accompanist Michael McCormick, whose stint at the ivories presented just the right balance to augment the choral effect, melding flawlessly with the voices. Jane Best provided a wonderful harp accompaniment to W. Ross' 'The Skye Boat Song' ably soloed by Peter Gordon. Sonya Mulder provided an aerial accompaniment on violin for 'Ava Maria' and Ms. Scott took a turn at the keyboard to accompany long-time conductor Dorothy Anstice—causing



Island Singer Alumni Jim Smith reprises his role as Tevia from Fiddler on the Roof to the surprise and delight of all present.

the audience to leap to its feet in spontaneous ovation.

The next standing ovation went to the most remarkable Mason Animikwan, who performed his own classical music piece 'Nocturne in F# Major.' Mr. Theijsmeijer noted that

Mason, who is graduating from MSS this year, is currently fundraising to purchase a professional keyboard. Keep your eye out for an opportunity to see Mason perform this summer—and bring your wallet to be part

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Dave and Barb McCauley

The McCauleys live in a beautiful stone home that this writer has admired since it was built.

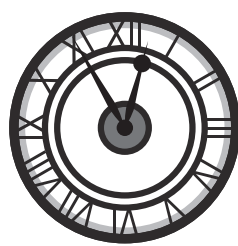
"We moved in about three years ago when we sold our farm and the home on it, just east of us. For this house, contractors were organized in advance and each did an outstanding job with both the exterior and interior." The McCauleys are 'almost retired' now. They still have about 30 cattle that will be sold this fall. Dave has had several jobs over the years, including splicing wires for Bell and working for Manitoulin Tel. Nevertheless, farming has always been his favourite occupation.

Barb was a medical assistant, organizing and doing the paperwork for a physician specialist in the south and a chiropractor on Manitoulin. Their two offspring frequently visit, bringing their four grandchildren who have come to love the Island also. "All our grandchildren spent quite a bit of time with us when they were younger. We would visit favourite haunts, like the Providence Bay Beach and the Bridal Veil Falls."

Barb shares her early years. "I was born on March 24, 1947, and grew up on the outskirts of Buffalo, New York. My paternal great-grandparents lived in



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A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Dave and Barb McCauley at home in February, 2024.



The beautiful couple are now married.



Barb as a girl scout in 1958.



A young Dave with his brother Brock in 1952.

as 30, working in South Baymouth at the time, so it was a popular place for young men to visit." This is where Barb first met Dave. "I think I may have taken his order while he was sitting at a booth. After we met, we felt an immediate attraction and spent many Saturday nights at Tehkummah Hall dances."

Dave shares his background. "My great-grandfather James 'Cochrane' McCauley and his wife Jane (McCurdy), from Northern Ireland, moved to Owen Sound. "My grandfather, Mathew McCauley, lived in Walter's Falls, near Owen Sound, and he worked for the police in Owen Sound. He married Jane Hilson of Georgetown in 1864. She had moved to Michael's Bay at age five with her parents. Mathew moved to Manitoulin in 1875 and settled on the land that is still in the McCauley family today. My grandmother, Jame Hilson, born in Georgetown in 1867, moved with her family to Michael's Bay when she was five years old. It was once the largest settlement on the Island. My grandparents, Mathew and Jane, married in 1883. Mathew bought two 100-acre parcels with a \$150 mortgage that was good for 10 years. Beef cattle, chickens, roosters and pigs were raised. Each year they would produce 100 roosters for meat. They also sold eggs and cream and cared for a large garden. Grandfather died in 1928 at 74." Dave and Barb still live on this ancestral McCauley land.

"I was born on February

16, 1947 to Vilda (Perrins) and James 'Dodds' McCauley," Dave continues. "Vilda, my mother, had been born in Wales and came to British Columbia with her parents as a young girl. Dodds met Vilda when he travelled to that province to work in the lumber industry." Early memories include the advent of hydro lines on Manitoulin. Our neighbour, Jerry Bowerman, wired the house, inside and out, and the barn. I remember an early Christmas, in about 1953. Lots of family members visited that year. We had chosen a tree in the woods and brought it home by horse and sleigh. I got lots of toys and a cap gun with plenty of caps." Dave's siblings are Patsy, Shirley, Joan, Blaine, Dodds and younger brother Brock. Dave also had a twin who sadly died at three months. "I was told we were born six weeks early and could fit inside a shoe box."

Dave recalls cutting grain with his brother Dodds, who was 13, and driving the tractor in the hayfield. "I was 11 and riding on the binder in the back. We were driving along the fence line where the apple trees, planted by fence-sitting birds, sat. Dave picked a few apples and put them in a toolbox next to him, awaiting the perfect time to play a trick on Dodds. "I picked up one of the hard apples and threw it against the back of Dodds' head. Dodds clearly thought it was a mistake because he didn't get angry with me." The second time a similar

missile hit the back of Dodds' head he quickly turned around and voiced his complaint to his mischievous younger brother.

Another story from Dave's youth concerned his sister Joan. She was doing the family laundry with the wringer washer. Joan was standing by the wash tubs and Dave was standing on the other side of the machine. Dave decided to loosen the plug on the wringer washer's main tub. The pressure of the water soon blew the plug out and water cascaded everywhere. Dave started to laugh, caught the gaze of his sister and quickly made his exit by running out the door and into the orchard. Joan was in hot pursuit. She was not able to catch up to him and he hid for a while. By the time he had returned to the house, Joan had calmed down and Dave was only mildly chastised.

One spring break, Dave and the children, Brett and Jennifer, were dehorning some of the calves. Jennifer was holding each calf's head while Brett held the back-ends steady in the chute so Dave could remove the horns with a wire saw. It was a bright sunny day and all three got nicely tanned. A side-effect of removing the horns, and part of farm life, can be a small splattering of blood from the cut and Jennifer did get some blood on her during the process. The children were working in bright sunshine. Friends of the McCauley children had gone to Florida, but they had encountered clouds and rain and did not get their anticipated tans, while the McCauley children had wonderful tans, just from working on the farm.

"I walked two miles to the school in the Slash. It was usually cold, so I kept my coat on in the winter," Dave continues. "We would get the teacher for a half day then a Grade 8 student would take over at the back of the building, so the teacher could instruct the other classes. In the Mindemoya High School I enjoyed math and track and field. I also played defense for the Tehkummah hockey team. We won a couple of tournaments playing against teams from Mindemoya, Wikwemikong, Gore Bay, Little Current and Manitowaning. I played 'hooky' once when four of us ignored the school bell and drove away with the principal watching. He was quite strict and gave all of us detentions for a week."

"After Grade 12, at 18, I left the Island in an old Volkswagen and \$20. The VW broke down in Britt. I called my brother Blaine in Aurora and he drove up to get me. We left the broken car at a garage and returned to get it, a month later, after it was repaired. I drove it back to Blaine's place and worked for him for the next year, drilling water wells. In 1969 I moved to Toronto to work for Bell Canada, splicing cables. You work under the city, in bunkers, and splice cables that will branch out to various locations above ground." Dave would spend 15 years at this class one job in Toronto.

"I liked growing up in Kenmore, just north of Buffalo," Barb adds, "History and English were favourites. In high school, I took German, worked hard and got good marks in all my subjects." History was studied at the University of Buffalo and yielded an associate degree after two years. Barb and a friend, Lenore, played badminton as part of a phys ed course. "We became university champions and we even beat the teachers." Later, Barb got work in the medical field doing secretarial work for a gastroenterologist in Kenmore. "I also helped with

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Northeastern Germany. Their son Ernst Lubstorf was born in 1886 and immigrated at age 23, landing alone at Ellis Island in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. That statue must have been an impressive sight for the new arrival. He moved to Buffalo, worked for the railroad and married Christine Hansen whose parents had also immigrated from Germany. They had three offspring, Evelyn, Elmer and Raymond. Grandmother Christine died in 1959 and Grandfather Ernst died in 1966."

"My maternal grandmother's parents were also German immigrants, but grampa was of mixed German and Welsh heritage. My mother, Elvira, nee Oakes, married my dad, Raymond, who had become a printer by trade, in Buffalo. Mom was a good disciplinarian who could control each situation with just a look. My brother Gary is a retired computer programmer for the Department of Education in the state of New York."

"As a toddler, I remember our dog Rocky who used to nip

at our feet. I would run across the kitchen floor as quickly as I could, to avoid his certain but playful attack. Sadly, he died with distemper. Many of our holidays were spent on Manitoulin Island where dad's first cousin, Mabel Ritchie, and her husband owned Ritchie's Resort in South Baymouth. It was renamed several times with subsequent owners but is no longer there now."

"Uncle Bill Ritchie also bought the Morrison property on Second Street in South Baymouth. It extended from the highway to the waterfront. Later he severed off the section next to the highway. My parents bought it and built a one-room cottage in 1950. We added on to it over the years and spent many good holidays there, fishing and sightseeing. My older brother Gary and I would each get a dime to go to the Ferry Lunch Restaurant to buy an ice cream cone."

"Starting at 14 I would spend my summers working at the Ferry Lunch Restaurant. Apparently, there were many young ladies, possibly as many

Wikwemikong police respond to disturbance call

On April 13, at approximately 1:30 am, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) received a call of a disturbance at a residence in the main village area on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

Officers arrived and spoke to the complainant who stated a female suspect became irate and began damaging the residence. The female suspect was advised to leave the premises to which she refused. The female was placed under arrest for

trespassing/failure to leave.

Upon further investigation, it was revealed that the female suspect had also broken a window and damaged a door within the residence.

As a result of the incident, a 21-year-old female resident of Wiikwemkoong has been charged with one count of mischief under \$5,000.

The accused is set to appear in Ontario Court of Justice, Wiikwemkoong on Tuesday May 28 at 10 am to answer to the



charge.

Mischief incident being investigated

On Saturday, April 14, at approximately 5:20 pm, the WTPS received a mischief complaint in the Buzwah area on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Officers responded and located a vehicle that had been damaged, and a male suspect was attempting to gain entry into an apartment. The suspect managed to gain entry but was quickly located and placed under arrest by police.

Investigation revealed the suspect had damaged a parked motor vehicle and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

As a result of the incident, a 39-year-old male from Wiikwemkoong has been charged with two counts of mischief under \$5,000 and is set to appear in Ontario Court of Justice, Wiikwemkoong on Tuesday, May 28 to answer to the charges.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service responded to 51 calls for service during the weekend of April 12-15.

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your Friendly Fly! Providence Bay is blooming and come May will be booming! As we begrudgingly continue yard cleanup, home and business repairs, maintenance and refurbishing and store away our ski-masks, snowshoes and hockey bags in exchange for soccer cleats, baseball bats and bike helmets, we must take a minute to experience and revel at the wonder of the natural world coming back to life! And the remote possibility and pipedream that some or one of our favourite NHL teams doing the same (not naming any names) as we puck-drop into Stanley Cup playoff season. And call to order spring meetings, management, Mother's Day gifts, the May 24 miscellaneous of grill-friendly fare, marshmallows, Muskoka chairs and splash around in muddy puddles with muddy boots wondering if our neighbours have ordered their gravel, mulch and peat moss yet as we grumble at the cost of groceries, goods and services that are sure to spike in tandem with the tourists arriving. The good and happy news is all of our favourite outdoor events are happening again! Here's the lineup:

Providence Bay Arena: Soccer is back beginning Saturday, April 27 at the Providence Bay arena grounds, recurring Saturdays, 10 to 11 am for Ages 6 to 13. Pre-registration required, visit Providence Bay Spring Bay Recreation Committee <https://www.facebook.com/provbayspringbayrec>.

Providence Bay Hall: Coming Soon, a lot of prebooked private events including some seasonal Lions Club breakfast events. I will keep you all in the know as I am as of last week's Lions Club meeting, a newly appointed and proud member of the Providence Bay Spring Bay Lions Club. My sponsor was Annette Murphy. Thank you, Annette and Lions, what an honour.

Coffee Club is done now for the season and will resume in the fall, thanks to everyone who participated in support of the Lions Club.

Mindy meetings and drop-ins:

<https://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/recreation-culture/events/>;

Cancer support group April 24 (today) 2 to 4 pm at the Mindemoya Council Chambers; Seniors' drop-in, April 25 at the Mindemoya library 2 to 4pm, macrame workshop.

Manitoulin Nature Club meeting, April 25 at the Trinity United Church 7 to 9 pm.

Community of Christ Church regular Sunday service at 10:30 am with community chat at 11 am service.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12 this year.

Notable Events: Central Manitoulin Council meeting has been rescheduled to April 30 at 7 pm.

Central Manitoulin Mother's Day Market Saturday, May 4 at the Mindemoya Community Hall and Memorial Park.

Art Stash event Saturday, May 4 at the Mindemoya Curling Club. Buy, sell and trade gently used and new art supplies, paint, canvas, frames, paper, stencils etc.

Spring cleaning notes: If disposing of bedding, pillows, towels, handbags or clothing, Sic Sox Circular Clothing and Textile bins are located at 39 Henry Drive at Kagawong Park Centre. Or you can donate your items to Manitoulin Family Resources or salvage for your next yard sale!

Yard Clean-Up: 6 am today garbage and recycling plastic and metal /first week of May cardboard and paper (or repurpose your cardboard in your garden beds). The Providence Bay transfer station accepts light bulbs, paint cans and small batteries in a designated sea-can. If you have any questions, contact Mark 705 377 5276

Batter, batter, batter! Central Manitoulin softball club is in search of volunteer coaches, on field helpers, score keepers and umpires, contact Central Manitoulin Softball Club for details.

Docks and boat launches: Docks and bumpers are installed May long weekend.

Providence Bay beach change rooms and washrooms are open in May - Hooray!

Happy Volunteers Week, National Student Leadership Week, National Playground Safety Week, National Organ/Tissue Donor Awareness Week and National Administrative Professionals Week.

"A Tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."
Saint Basil

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

There's been a lot going on in the township recently. But not only that, there are some days being celebrated on a national scale that we wanted to recognize here in our community column! First up, April 18 was National Exercise Day. It was also National Velociraptor Awareness Day. Which makes sense to us since once you become aware of a velociraptor, you better start running!

Got bedding, curtains, clothes, or other fabrics that you don't want any more? Drop them into the lavender deposit boxes near the Kagawong Park Centre. Items in good shape will be re-sold at the Sic Sox retail store. Other textiles that would otherwise be garbage are recycled into insulation. Either way, it's a win-win situation for the environment!

Happiest of happy 29th birthday wishes go out to Kagawongians Jean W and Kristy C, as well as seasonal Kagawongian Marilyn P. We find birthdays are an excellent time to look back over our lives and reflect on the really big questions. Like, can you believe we used to think people our age were adults and had their life in order?!

Sunday (April 21) was Big Word Day. Not to be too sesquipedalian, but Team Fergmeijer finds that absolutely supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!

Come out to the Rotary Club of Gore Bay fundraiser "Life on a Farm" this Saturday, April 26th being held at the Gore Bay community hall. Enjoy an evening of song and poetry with Vernon Bailey and John McCleneghan, featuring the poetry of Charlie Smith of Massey. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Central Pharmacy and at the door.

Billings council has established an Ad-Hoc Committee to create a Municipal Owned Water System Policy. The committee will be responsible for developing clear procedures on capital projects and major upgrades to the water lines, as well as reviewing options for implementing a capital levy that can be used to create a water capital reserve, among other important tasks. The Township is looking for 4 members of the community to serve on the committee. Application details are available on the Township website.

Today (April 24) is National Pig in a Blanket Day. It is also Stop Food Waste Day, so in honour of the day, pass over the rest of those pigs in blankets!

In other township news, Todd Gordon has been appointed to the position of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Municipal Project Manager, effective immediately. The Deputy CAO role is an integral part of the Senior Management Team and acts as the CAO in the CAO's absence. Todd is a dynamic and experienced municipal leader with a demonstrated history of managing projects and strategic initiatives in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Congratulations!

Old Mill Rd. Bridge replacement will begin on May 1st! There will be several weeks when the bridge is out-of-service and the only access to properties on Old Mill Rd. will be via Newburn Rd/Graham Hill. Full closure of the bridge is expected to be no later than May 15th. Please note that construction will also affect those using the river trail. Anyone walking on the east side trails (along the bluff) will not be able to cross the river at the river mouth and will have to retrace their steps to the pedestrian bridge.

The worst part of April is when the meteorologist keeps predicting sprinkles and you just get regular droplets of water like always. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

The bay is open, the grass is green, spring bulbs are blooming and pussy willows are out. We saw our first bumblebee yesterday and it was huge.

Congratulations to Jamie Nelder who has been hired as the new manager for the Meldrum Bay Marina for 2024. There will be two cleanup days coming up, April 27 and May 4. Be at the marina building at 9 am or whenever you can make it to help out.

On May long weekend there will once again be the ATV Ride, followed by a dinner at the hall here in Meldrum Bay. A lot of work goes into planning this and it should be a great day for everyone.

Friday night, April 12, there were three full tables and one sit-out at Euchre. High lady was Gladys Duncanson with 73 points. High man was Karen Noble with 68 points. Ladies' lone hands went to Rose VanEvery with four. Men's lone hands went to Murray Duncanson with four. Most euchres went to Donna K McDonald with nine. Bob Benedict brought home the juice. The 50/50 draw was won by Diane Jones. The money jar is still safe. Come out and join us on Friday night.

Silver Water Karen Noble

The funeral for Arthur Addison was held on Thursday, March 28. Condolences to his family. Erwin Thompson announced that he has done his very last funeral. Thank you to Erwin for all his service over the last many years.

Friday, April 5 we went to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

Saturday, April 6 Albert Meijer and I went for a long walk in Evansville picking up cans and bottles.

Sunday, April 7 we went to Tehkummah for their euchre tournament in the afternoon. They had twelve tables of players. The ladies announced that the tournaments will continue all summer on the first Sunday of each month.

Monday, April 8 the recycle bins were open. After we finished with them, we went to the house to prepare for the eclipse. The television provided excellent coverage.

Tuesday, April 9 there was exercise class at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Wednesday, April 10, there was an online meeting with two members of the NFPP about the future of the Robinson Township fire department.

Thursday, April 11 there was euchre at the Silver Water hall.

Friday, April 12 there were three tables of euchre players in Meldrum Bay.

Sunday, April 14 there was a soup and sandwich lunch at the Silver Water Hall to raise funds for the hall board. At 1:30 pm, there was a euchre tournament in the hall. Thank you to the nine tables of players who came out and had a fun afternoon. First place with a perfect score of 90 were Myra Duncanson and Karen Noble. Second place with 80 points were Lisa Townsend and Darlene Munro. Third place with 79 points was Allison Idle and Annie Porter. \$170 was raised at the tournament for the hall board. Thanks to everyone who helped with the events and we look forward to the next one on June 9.

Monday, April 15 I went to Mindemoya to work. Afterwards I did the shopping for the funeral. After supper, I took Murray, Ken and Myra Duncanson with me to the Burpee Mills Complex to play euchre.

Tuesday, April 16 Albert Meijer and I went to the Meldrum Bay hall to help with packing the hygiene kits. There were 14 people and the record for one session was broken when over 600 kits were packed. Thanks to everyone for coming out to help.

Tuesday night, there was fire practice. The team members got homework of a course on fighting grass fires.

Wednesday, April 17, there were eight ladies at the hall for 8:00 am. It took us just over an hour to prepare all the trays of food for the funeral luncheon in Gore Bay. Thanks to all the volunteers.

Myra Duncanson, Marie Leeney and I went to the funeral home to serve the luncheon.

Thursday, April 18 there were five tables of euchre players at the Silver Water hall.

Alexis McVey and many other members of the MSS Robotics Team flew to Houston, Texas on April 17. They are in competitions there every day until they return on the weekend.

Lee and Ed Alexander were at their cottage for a few days last week.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson went to Sudbury for an appointment on April 17. They did a lot of the shopping for the upcoming Snowdusters fish dinner on May 4 at the Silver Water hall.

There will be a fashion show on May 11 from 2 to 4 pm in Silver Water.

Happy 90th birthday to Alfreda Wickett on April 25.

Condolences to the family of Morris Emery.

...Edna Manitowabi 2024 Indspire Award

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that said, 'don't give up, keep going no matter what.' "I am back in Wiikwemkoong now and still carrying out this work," said Ms. Manitowabi. "My children, grandchildren, great grandchildren witness this and put in their own lives. Our youth need this knowledge, who we are as people. It is what we need to do and acknowledge what we have and who we are. It is my truth, my life, it is what has fueled me all these years."

"I had a lot of people (at the award ceremony) there from nieces, grandchildren, peers and colleagues, from Wiikwemkoong and elsewhere," said Ms. Manitowabi.

"I believe in our people's traditions and ceremonies with my heart and spirit and have dedicated my life to picking up my bundles and carrying it with me in whatever space I find myself in to ensure our future generations know the strength of our ancestors and culture."

As a teacher at the forefront of the Indigenous cultural revitalization of the 1960s and 1970s, she was a founding member, teacher and curriculum designer of the Bidassige Native Way School in 1976. With her friend Kathy Bird, she established medicine lodges in many First Nation communities across Ontario and Manitoba to share traditional medicinal knowledge.

She is a fifth-degree member of the Midewiwin Society, the head woman and the Ogimaakwe (Head Leader Woman) of the Eastern Doorway Minweyweyigaan Lodge which spans across Ontario and Manitoba. Ms. Manitowabi co-founded this Lodge with the late Chief and Ogimaa Charles Nelson of the Western Doorway of the Lodge. Edna has helped Minweyweyigaan Lodge grow exponentially.

A teacher of Anishinaabemowin, Ms. Manitowabi is also the author of teaching texts which have become key curricular components in disciplines such as Indigenous studies, women's studies, and cultural studies. She taught at Trent University for many years and is a Professor Emerita there. She was the driving force behind the creation of Nozhem Theatre, Trent's dedicated performance space and the Indigenous Studies Department's biennial Native Women's Symposium.

Ms. Manitowabi has served as the Traditional Cultural Director for The Native Theatre School, The Centre for Indigenous Theatre and the Banff Aboriginal Dance Program. She is an accomplished actress, beginning in 1994 with her first-ever role in Drew Hayden-Taylor's play 'Someday.' Her more recent work includes roles in the films 'Indian Horse' and 'Café Daughter' as well as the series 'Resident Alien.'

As a strong advocate for Indigenous peoples, a teacher of Anishinaabemowin and Anishinaabek traditions and an unfailing champion of Indigenous ways of knowing Ms. Manitowabi has dedicated her life to ensuring cultural well-being and strength for future generations.

The Indspire awards were presented by Mary Simon, the Governor General of Canada. She said in her address, "Thank you all for being here to celebrate the exceptional contributions of Indigenous people's across Canada. And congratulations to all the recipients we are honouring this evening at the Indspire Awards."

"For 30 years, the Indspire Awards have been celebrating the incredible talent and innovation that exists within Indigenous communities," said Ms. Simon. "In business, the arts, culture, language, justice, public



service, education and health, Indspire is highlighting the contributions of those who have made significant impacts."

"Tonight, we celebrate First Nations, Inuit and Metis, both young honorees and those with a lifetime of achievements, who are creating a better future for us all," said Ms. Simon. "Tonight, we tell their stories. Stories of resilience, dedication and excellence. Stories that define them and that shape our country."

"I am eager to learn their stories and to share them with Canadians. And it's important that we do so. It's important to acknowledge and celebrate Indigenous success. Through their stories, we inspire others to dream big and achieve greatness. And to embody ajuinnata."

"As some of you know, ajuinnata is an important concept to Inuit. It means to persevere, to never give up, no matter how difficult the cause may be. I see the spirit of ajuinnata in every one of these recipients, who are working towards the betterment of our communities," said Ms. Simon. "Their success reminds us of how far we have come on the road to reconciliation."

Ms. Simon explained, "Reconciliation is a way of seeing and a way of living life. It is about being intentional in how we interact with one another, how we show respect. Reconciliation is a shared responsibility between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples."

"I see the potential of reconciliation in so many things, in both small gestures and large public acts. Reconciliation will thrive if we nurture it, in our workplaces and our homes. It will thrive if it is taught in our schools and our public offices," said the governor general.

"And it will thrive when we recognize Indigenous excellence, as we are doing tonight. To all of the recipients, I want to say how proud I am of all that you have done. I appreciate all you have done and continue to do for Indigenous peoples and for Canada. Once again, congratulations on all that you have achieved," added Ms. Simon.

Manitoulin Pet Rescue



Chester and Peanut

Having been in our rescue for over 6 months, these 1.5-year-old, healthy darlings are waiting for adoptive homes. Chester, the friendliest guy, begs for belly rubs. Peanut, a spayed female, is a little more reserved.

To adopt one (or both!), please contact Kathy Jewell at 705-377-4121. Our \$325 adoption fee per cat covers spay/neuter, vaccines and dewormer.



...Carol Gilmore to be inducted into Northern Opry

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a big supporter of NOCMA and I don't think she has missed one of the bus trips to the Sault since they started."

Mr. Lentir notes that there are only a handful of tickets left for the November bus trip to the NOCMA Awards evening in Sault Ste. Marie left (so if you are planning to go you had better get on it soon).

A celebration of Ms. Gilmore's induction into the Northern Ontario Country Music Association's Great Northern Opry takes place 7 pm on Saturday, June 1 at the Providence Bay Hall, 11 Muchmore Street in Providence Bay. Many of Ms. Gilmore's Great Northern Opry compatriots will be on hand to entertain.

The induction itself will take place on the weekend of November 1-3 during the Northern Ontario Country Music Awards Weekend.

For tickets for the June 1 show at the Providence Bay Hall or more details call Ben or Crystal Lentir at 705-210-0807.



Carol Gilmore has been named as a 2024 Great Northern Opry inductee.

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...Manitoulin Expositor alum's history series picked up by TVO

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discover a route for people to "get more into their heritage."

Casting his gaze about, Mr. Schlote noticed that in many small rural towns, such as Manitoulin's own Little Current, vestiges remain of major edifices and events that have largely been forgotten, even in their own communities. "They are still there," he said. "You just have to know how to look for it and where. It is in so many places; you just have to train yourself to look. There are so many stories in everyday spots."

Mr. Schlote borrowed some technical equipment from The Expositor and set about creating his vision. The result is 14 episodes in the can and a host of ancillary commentaries and expansions that expand in the set pieces. The episodes can be found online on the video sharing platform YouTube.com.

The route to being broadcast on TVO was a bit circuitous, thanks to pandem-



Warren Schlote takes a swing on the famed Little Current swing bridge, the topic of one episode of his series Living History, which can now be seen on TVO's The Agenda.

ic challenges and the TVO labour disruption.

Mr. Schlote had approached TVO about perhaps airing some of his work and the producers initially seemed interested.

In the meantime, Mr.

Schlote approached TVO host Steve Paikin seeking the veteran host of the documentary talk show 'The Agenda' for input into his work. "I was hoping he might give me a few pointers," said Mr. Schlote. It

helped that one of the segments that Mr. Schlote was working on included late Ontario Premier Bill Davis, a subject that Mr. Paikin is known to be interested in. The host (who has a summer cottage in

Kagawong) generously agreed to meet with him to chat about his work and they set up a meeting at Mr. Paikin's TVO office in Toronto.

In the meantime, it seemed to be crickets in the hallway when it came to the producers, until one day the phone rang. The producer was on the line, apologizing for the delay and noting that, with the labour disruption and COVID, the concept had fallen off the radar a bit, but was now back on the table for discussion.

During discussion, the (unbeknownst to the producer) meeting with Mr. Paikin came up and it made perfect sense to schedule the meeting with the producer for the same day.

In the end, Mr. Schlote not only got some valuable insight from a veteran broadcaster he admires but found himself with a great career boost in the realm of documentary production.

Unfortunately, word of the first episode airing

did not arrive until after production of last week's edition of The Expositor (it took place on Wednesday, April 17). But despair not, you can still see the segment featuring 'The Newmarket Ghost Canal' online at TVO.org. Episodes air live on Wednesdays.

Mr. Schlote continues to make occasional contributions to the pages of The Expositor and returns to Manitoulin fairly regularly. An accomplished musician in his own right, he can often be seen playing in the Manitoulin Swing Band.

"I have to thank The Expositor for the loan of the video equipment," he said. Mr. Schlote also expressed gratitude to Wiikwemkoong's Crystal Shawanda. "She gave me a great shout-out," he said.

Mr. Schlote's complete (and ongoing) repertoire can be accessed on YouTube or by stopping by LivingHistory.ca, as well as the TVO addendums to the agenda.

...Manitoulin Phragmites Project seeking to add paid staff to their team

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are doing really well also. We still have larger more complex sites to work this season."

While Ms. Jones describes the work as "tedious" she also says that the work is extremely gratifying, and that anyone who enjoys the outdoors is encouraged to apply.

"We get to be outside on the water, go to a lot of different areas on the Island and educate the public about the threat of invasive species."

"We are a special case, we are the rainforest of the Great Lakes, one quarter of flora of all of Canada, and more than 40 species at risk and numerous pristine sensitive areas that need to be protected. The policies put forward by the feds and the province don't necessarily apply to the Island because of our unique ecosystem. But we do have a lot working in our favour, we have team

spirit. People really love the Island and want to keep it healthy. We have more than 100 volunteers who work to remove the plants and 60 phrag watchers, they take control and keep checking on the sites to make sure they remain under control," Ms. Jones went on to say.

Ms. Jones also pointed out that everyone is affected should phragmites become unmanageable, including hunters, anglers, beach-goers and all manner of outdoors persons. The invasive plant infests turtle habitats and shallow waters where fish spawn. They also pose a threat to wildlife, as the plants can overtake many of the plants that deer and other animals feed on. Beaches become unusable when the plant takes over an area, growing densely and blocking access to water. Ms. Jones also said that while most Islanders are engaged with protecting the biodiversity on the



A team member of the Manitoulin Phragmites Project takes stock of the task at hand.

Expositor file photo

Island, many visitors do not understand how critical it is to prevent cross contamination to pristine sites.

"It's a fight every day—everyone wants their cake

and eat it too but we have to make changes. People who enjoy using a quad also have to recognize that areas will become inaccessible if phragmites are allowed to spread. The

choices are to keep up on cleaning equipment and to learn to recognize which plants are invasive, not to drive through it, to drive around it," Ms. Jones said.

The group has launched an educational awareness campaign to target sport utility users, with a large sign at Ramakko's in Sudbury and will be providing an ATV washing station free of charge at the upcoming Fishing and Angling Show in Kagawong on May long weekend.

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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 Gore Bay is supporting Charles C. McLean Grade 6 student Riley Hubbard and his family with the costs of mileage as he has qualified for the provincial Legion public speaking competition. In photo from left is Legion president Marilyn Clarke, Riley, Ryan and Tini Hubbard.

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Most people walk around with a mobile cellular device, or a smartphone. These incredibly useful tools allow a whole new world of assistance. For example, if you want to say hello to your penpal from New Zealand, which is 19,000 kilometres (11,800 miles) away from here, all it takes is a few seconds. Just whip out your phone and text them. Forty years ago it would take months if not more to just say send a note.

“A very useful thing about technology is the time efficiency,” said Mr. Hubbard. “For example, if you need to know something for a school project, any time before 1990 you would have to scour the library for 10 different books for research. Now you can use search engines such as Google and Safari for lists of organized information. Did you know that my mom is older than Google? That’s... a long time.”

“Another way technology benefits our society is, well, social media,” said Riley. “Yep, that means Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc. Social media platforms are a great place to spread your voice and to share your ideas, to advertise your business, to kill a bit of time. There are endless possibilities of what you can do with social media platforms.”

“Mobile phones sound pretty great, don’t they, but with all the good things they have to offer there are dangers to the internet as well, like, well, social media. Social media can be a good thing, but it also has some dangers like your personal information can easily get into the hands of somebody with bad intentions,” continued Riley. “What you see on social media isn’t always true and you have to have a strong sense of what is right and

wrong on social media, especially when a close friend may post something that they believe but you think isn’t right. It’s important to stay true to your beliefs. But that doesn’t mean you shouldn’t be friends with someone who has a different opinion.”

“Another danger is the power of hiding your face, yes, your cell phones, computer, tablet, they are all tools that you are free to use at your will, you are an anonymous figure free to do and say as you like. You can pretend to be someone to send unfriendly messages or video blackmail. It’s terrible what happens. Not only can others harm you on the internet, but you can harm yourself, you can damage friendships, your body, your mental health and self-esteem.”

“Too much use of your phone and computer can lead to eyesight issues, a lack of social participation, you don’t see your friends and family as much which can lead to unhealthy relationships,” said Riley. “And to all you gamers: grinding dubs on Fortnite with your friends isn’t quite the same as talking to them and spending time with them.”

“But with all that aside; technology still is a great step in human evolution. And I believe society should continue to evolve our current state in understanding and unlimited ways we can bend our environment to create revolutionary products of our imagination to further develop science, medicine and comfort. But just remember: Take a break, and stay safe.”

Riley will be competing against three other speakers at the provincials taking place in Toronto in May.

...Stem cell donors sought for AOK dad

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need of such cells if he is to win this fight. His wife, Kendra Madahbee, and his two children Lynnndra, 11, and Kennlyn, 6, are asking locals between the ages of 18-35 to get tested to see if they are a genetic match for Mr. Peltier. They are quick to point out that the new process of checking for stem cells consists of simply swabbing the inside of one’s cheeks. If a match is found, blood is drawn, and cells are then synthesized from it. This new process no longer requires the painful tapping of the pelvis hip bones, as had previously been the case, making finding potential donors and donating easier and less painful than ever before.

The Expositor asked Ms. Madhbee how they were holding up in the face of such a trying and frightening time. “Today marks the 91st day that Linnie’s been fighting,” she said. Her husband has been at Health Sciences North over this time. Ms. Madahbee said she and her family have been staying at the Travelway hotel so that she and the family could remain close to support him. She reports that the family has been staying positive and that the support they’ve gotten from family, friends and the community has been humbling. But the battle isn’t an easy one.

Ms. Madahbee told The Expositor that “It’s unclear if Linnie’s next round of chemo will be covered. Because of that,



Kendra Madahbee, Kennlyn, Lynnndra and Lyndon Peltier in a family photo.

we’ve had to start various fundraising campaigns.” These include a GoFundMe page (which can be found by searching ‘Fund Lyndon’s battle against AML’), which has been up for four days as of press time Monday, and gotten a lot of attention. Ms. Madahbee also made sure to note that there is an exhibition hockey game being organized for this Saturday, April 27 at 7 pm at the M’Chigeeng Arena. There will also be a 50/50 raffle at the event. The funds raised would go towards Mr. Peltier’s medical costs. The game is being organized by Mr. Peltier’s cousin Dustin Peltier and Mike Wabuno. The cause is close to both men but carries a special place for Mr. Wabuno as his wife had previously battled AML and he’s well aware of the importance of finding a match and getting good medical care. Ms. Madahbee also shared that there was a

chip prize bingo at the Wiikwemkoong Arena Tuesday night, April 23. In addition to these two fundraising events, there is also a Kickoff Fun Scramble golf tournament being held for Mr. Peltier’s cause at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course on Saturday, May 11 with a 9 am start time. Interested parties may enquire on the course’s Facebook page, or call (705) 859-2990 for more information as soon as possible, as space is limited.

Though all the funding and support is a boon and a blessing, the key to winning this battle for Mr. Peltier remains finding a suitable match for cells. Because of Mr. Peltier’s Indigenous heritage, his best chance of finding a match is within the Indigenous community. Anyone interested in joining the fight is urged to contact the Canadian Blood Service at 1-888-2DONATE (236-6283).



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...Fire destroys historic Sheguiandah Anglican church

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and the removal of a few lingering bats occurring just that week.

The former St. Andrew's Anglican Church was nestled in a grove of pine trees just off of Highway 6 where the turnoff to the band powwow grounds, health centre and administration buildings are located.

Then-Expositor editor Jim Moodie described the building:

"Late afternoon sun burnished the new, honey-coloured cedar siding and illuminated the beautiful stained-glass windows that have recently been installed, as well as the striking cross at the top of the steeple—a mosaic of stained-glass fragments from the original windows. Inside, a unique sign, whose letters are formed from recycled square nails, welcomes visitors in three languages, reading: 'Boozhoo, Bienvenue, Welcome.' A new floor has been laid down and the pews have been sanded and stained, as have the interior



Gravesites are scattered throughout the St. Andrew's church property.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

walls, which are adorned with historical records. A 200-year-old bible, donated back to the church by one of its former reverends, occupies a glass case made by the father of summer resident and Exploring Manitoulin author Shelley Pearen, whose great-grandfather, Jabez Sims, was instrumental in establishing the church in 1867.

The original church was a log structure, replaced by the present frame building in 1886. The bell in the church dates to 1875.

Ms. Robitaille noted at the time that when she first learned of the church, the property was so overgrown that

she didn't even notice it at first. "Once the work began, it took a full year to complete. We started on the powwow weekend and finished the following year on the same weekend," noted Ms. Robitaille.

The handywoman, with the help of her nephews Francois-Xavier and Matthew McLean, milled all the wood for the exterior themselves at their sawmill near Massey, using white cedar logs that were cut in Silver Water. They removed the old siding (an arduous task in itself), then nailed up the new planks. They built and installed the new stained-glass windows, as well as the unique cross, and performed all

cleared away the overgrown brush on the property.

Ms. Waindubence was beaming as she stood in the nave of the refurbished church, gazing at the red-and-blue windows and the gleaming pews. Later, as she stood outside, looking at the neatly-angled door and the bat-free belfry above, she still couldn't stop smiling.

For both women, the certificates from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, while appreciated, would be secondary to the pleasure and pride they took in beholding the fruition of their efforts. A revived church that should inspire others for many years to come—that was the true reward.

Nothing of substance remains of the building.

Chop Waindubence witnessed the conflagration, asserting that there were what he described as clear signs of arson at the back of the church. Some of the plaques inside the church were rescued by the property owners before the fire was fully developed.

UCCM Police are investigating the fire as an arson. Police Chief James Killeen told The Expositor that officers are still interviewing witnesses.




Firefighters with the Northeast Town Fire Department work to battle the Friday blaze.

the grunt work of sanding and staining. Also assisting in the project was Leo Atawish, who

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...Dream of the late Clara Waindubence goes up in smoke

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The St. Andrew's Church site commemorated more recent history, acknowledging Anishinaabe builders and restorers by name. Families like Manitowasing, Bahpewash, Muckadabin.

Sheguiandah Anishinaabeg wrote to the Anglican Bishop of Algoma in November 1884 and offered to supply the labour to build a new church to replace their 20-year-old log church/school building. Chief A. Manitowasing, James Bahpewash, Joseph Shebahgezhiq, Wilson Kagesheyagha, Henry Muckadabin, Anthony Kageshagheyagha, William Bahpewash, John Gaike-zheoongai "and others" signed the letter.

The Anishinaabe congregation's determination to build the church themselves, with "no white architect," inspired financial contributions for materials from all over the province. St. Andrew's opened in July 1886. Services were conducted entirely in Anishnaabemowin, just as they had been since 1867 in its log predecessor.

This site also recalls the still controversial Treaty of 1862 and the relocation and merger of Anishinaabeg that resulted from the treaty. According to the terms of the treaty, Anishinaabeg were to be relocated from



St. Andrew's church in 1981.

their homes on potential mill sites, harbours, parks and village sites to compact, mostly inland settlements. The Anishinaabeg of Sheguiandah and Manitowaning were particularly affected by the treaty's terms due to the local Indian agent's personal desire for land and his

wish to appear successful professionally by resolving the resettlement of Anishinaabeg.

In 1867, while Canada was being created, the 70 Anishinaabe residents of Sheguiandah were joined by most of the Anishinaabe residents of Manitowaning. Sheguiandah grew almost overnight into a village of 129 persons or 29 families. In addition to the increase in population, the community had been moved south-west from its original location on the bay at the millstream, deemed a potential mill site, to inland lots south of Bass Lake.

A small log building was constructed in 1867 to serve the residents as a church and school. The little log structure was in use until replaced by St. Andrew's in 1886.

I have a personal connection to Sheguiandah though I am not Anishinaabe. My great great grandfather Rev. Jabez Sims was posted to Manitowaning in 1864 as an Anglican missionary. He relocated to Sheguiandah in 1867 with his Anishinaabe neighbours. He witnessed their struggles as bands were merged, and lots were assigned based on the Indian agent's desires rather than on Anishinaabe wishes. Sims' children, including my great grandfather, attended school in the little log church.

The church served the community for about 100 years. In 1998 the late Clara Waindubence initiated a project to recognize the site's history and to restore the building to house a community museum. Clara was inspired, she said, by her knowledge that the community's grandfathers worked on the construction of the building with Rev. Frederick Frost. She believed it was a shame to neglect the little church that so many had helped to erect, and where she had been baptized and had watered the pine and cedar trees as a child.

The church was decommissioned and Clara and her amazing volunteers, especially contractor Lucie Robitaille, rejuvenated the building. It was reopened in July 2004 as the Sheguiandah First Nation Heritage Museum Church. The building still contained carvings by Simon Esquimaux, the wood stove from the 1867 log church, the original handcrafted pews, baptismal font and pulpit.

Sadly, Clara's dream went up in smoke on April 19, 2024. I hope Clara and the history of Sheguiandah will be remembered.

Shelley Pearen is the author of 'Four Voices the Great Manitoulin Island Treaty of 1862,' and transcriber, translator, and editor of the recently published 'Wikwemikong Diariums 1844-1873.'

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habitat type characterized by shallow soils and areas of exposed bedrock that supports several species thought to have originated when the climate was warmer and drier than today. Several species at risk have been documented there, including Hill's thistle. The property also contains pockets of diverse forest communities.

The 65-hectare Sturgeon Bay Forest features expansive, intact forests that provide habitat for many species and support biodiversity. These forests also provide important ecosystem services for nearby communities, such as cleaning air and filtering water, while storing carbon within their trees, roots, soils and wetlands, and helping to slow the pace of climate change. The deciduous, mixed and coniferous forests at this site provide


high-quality habitat for wide-ranging species, such as American black bear.

"It is truly a pleasure to work alongside many conservation-minded individuals, governments, and organizations to protect some of our most important natural spaces on the Saugeen Peninsula and Cockburn Islands for both nature and people," said Esme Batten, program director, midwestern Ontario NCC. "The Saugeen Peninsula is world-renowned for the diversity it supports, and the forest at Sturgeon Bay Forests are no exception, providing habitat for wide-ranging mammals, such as American black bear, and habitat for breeding and migratory birds along the Niagara Escarpment. Building upon the network of existing conservation lands on Cockburn Island ensures the long-term protection of sensitive alvar habitats and the species they

support, while also cleaning our air and water to ensure people continue to thrive. These conservation efforts bolster existing networks of protected lands and help build healthy and resilient ecosystems."

"On Earth Day, and every day, our government supports initiatives that protect biodiversity and help fight climate change at the same time," said Steven Guilbeault, minister of environment and climate change. "The NCC's work to secure Sturgeon Bay Forest is another step in sustaining the vital ecosystems in the Great Lakes region. This nature reserve provides a home for many species, including migratory birds, as well as helping to store carbon and filter water for nearby communities. By making investments such as this through the Nature Smart Climate Solutions

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CONSTITUENCY CLINICS

Mon. April 29th

Serpent River First Nation | Band Office 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Massey | Township Office 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Espanola | Public Library 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory | Band Office 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Tue. April 30th

Manitowaning | Township Office 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Tehkummah | Township Office 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Mindemoya | Municipal Office 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Gore Bay | Town Office 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wed. May 1st

M'Chigeeng First Nation | Band Office 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Little Current | Town of NEMI Office 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Whitefish River First Nation | Band Office 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

McKerrow | Township Office 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Thu. May 2nd

Spanish | Town Office 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Nairn Centre | Township Office 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Webbwood | CA MacMillan Place 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Sagamok First Nation | Wellness Clinic 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm


Fri. May 3rd

Algoma Mills | Township Office 9:00 am - 10:00 am




Iron Bridge | Township Office 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Thessalon | Town Office 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Blind River | Town Office 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm



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...Robinson-Huron chiefs, trustees hear language trust proposal

...continued from page 1 support from people from across RHT who support the proposal to use funds to take action to educate and save the language," said Mr. Meawasige. "The Anishinabek Nation had declared about 15 years ago that our language, Anishinaabemowin, was in a state of emergency."

"With this agreement in place, we would have the opportunity to take action and educate to save the language," said Mr. Meawasige. "We are only looking for two percent of the amount being provided. Research and a needs assessment would need to be undertaken to determine how best the funds could be utilized, and how

make sure the language is ongoing 20 years and even further into the future."

Mr. Meawasige said, "Imagine the transformative impact of dedicating a mere two percent of the \$10 billion RHT settlement towards the revitalization of our language? This would represent a \$200 million commitment to developing a comprehensive language strategy that benefits not only current RHT communities but also the broader Anishinaabeg. We could even invest this two percent and generate a much smaller but still substantial four to 10 million dollars annually, depending on interest rates and investment strategy, for language revitalization."

A press release explains the proposal also requests that the RHTLF chiefs and trustees invest the equivalent of two days of interest of the total settlement being held in Trust (approximately \$3 million) of the settlement into a needs assessment regarding preserving Anishinaabemowin as a first language. "The RHT beneficiaries propose investing the remaining funds into existing Anishinaabemowin programs."

"Saving Anishinaabemowin requires working with current first language speakers, a coordinated revitalization strategy that has immersion opportunities," the release continues. "It needs a commitment from our

leadership and communities, and needs resources—it needs zhoonyaa, meaning money," Mr. Meawasige said in a press release.

Members of the movement anticipate that a vote on the proposed amendment will take place at the RHTLF Special Chiefs and Trustees meeting on April 22. A support letter template is being circulated amongst the beneficiaries and members of the RHT First Nations to send to their respective chiefs, councils and trustees.

The Expositor contacted several Island chiefs and trustees of the Robinson Huron Treaty on Manitoulin Island, who all said they wish to not comment until the pro-

posal comes before them at the meeting table on April 22.

Mr. Meawasige stressed, "my name is attached to all of this but

there a lot of folks in the background who have worked on and are supporting the proposal."

Canada plummets to 62nd in 2024 Climate Change Performance Index

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative reporter

CANADA—In a concerning development, Canada has slipped to 62nd place out of 67 ranked countries on the latest Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI). This downgrade of five ranks underscores the nation's dire performance in critical areas such as greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, renewable energy adoption, and energy efficiency, with its climate policy rates deemed "low."

The CCPI, an independent monitoring tool published annually by Germanwatch since 2005, evaluates countries' climate protection efforts. The latest report highlights Canada's dismal performance despite its status as the sixth-largest crude oil producer and the fifth-largest natural gas producer globally.

Canada's Emissions Reduction Plan, aiming for a 40 percent reduction in emissions below 2005 levels by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2050, falls short of expectations. While the country introduced a carbon pricing system in 2019, recent increases in CO2 pricing have not effectively curbed emissions, particularly from oil and gas producers who enjoy exemptions from the tax, according to the CCPI.

Furthermore, Canada's plans to ramp up gas and oil production by 2030, as revealed in the 2023 Production Gap Report, contradict global efforts to limit global warming to 1.5°Celsius. Despite pledges from 151 nations to achieve net-zero emissions, governments continue to prioritize fossil fuel production over climate action.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has warned against doubling down on fossil fuel dependence, emphasizing the urgent need for renewable energy expansion and fossil fuel phase-outs. However, Canada lacks concrete plans for an oil and gas phase-out, with delays and lobbying efforts hindering prog-

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Fund, we continue to build a more sustainable, healthy future for ourselves, our children and our grandchildren."

Brent St. Denis, clerk/treasurer for Cockburn Island told The Expositor, "we have a good working relationship with NCC. We are aware they continue to assemble property on the Island and we continue to have a good partnership with NCC. We consider ourselves the conservation island," he said, noting NCC has acquired over half of the land on Cockburn Island.

The protection of Sturgeon Bay Forest and the additional 40 hectares on Cockburn Island are the latest in NCC's land conservation efforts in the Saugeen (Bruce) Peninsula and Manitoulin Island Archipelago natural areas. Together with its partners, NCC has protected



The Nature Conservancy of Canada has protected an additional 40-hectare property on Cockburn Island to its existing conservation lands on the island.

over 35,000 hectares of ecologically significant land in the two regions.

"I am thrilled to see the continued success of the Greenlands Conservation Partnership program in protecting important natural habitats like the ones here at the Saugeen Peninsula and Cockburn Island. The nearly 260 acres of newly conserved land, equivalent to more than 146 soccer fields, is a win for the region and for our province's biodiversity. It's crucially important that projects like this continue, and that's why our government is investing \$20 million in the Greenlands program over the next four years," said Andrea Khanjin, minister of the environment, conservation and parks. "Together with partners like the NCC this program will help ensure the long-term health and sustainability of our natural environment."

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...Help sought for Manitoulin Island 'little brown bat' study

...continued from page 1 strategies to maximize energy gain is important for determining patterns of habitat selection. Reproductive status influences diet and habitat choices in female (little brown bats), adding complexity to the foraging-environment relationship. Their strategies adapt to meet the energy demands of different reproductive phases during pregnancy and lactation," she explained.

"OFT helps predict these adaptations, aiming to maximize maternal and offspring fitness. During pregnancy, females focus on accumulating energy reserves and prefer more energy-dense prey, optimizing intake over hunting efficiency. During lactation, a critical phase for energy needs due to milk production, bats may restrict their foraging range to closer to their roost to

facilitate frequent nursing bouts," Ms. Cosby explained. "The foraging behaviours and habitat selection patterns of these bats are expected to vary throughout the reproductive season, reflecting changes in dietary need and prey availability across different habitat types."

"The overarching goal of my project is to investigate how reproductive and ecological factors influence the foraging behaviour of little brown bats," said Ms. Cosby.

Ms. Cosby explained, "For fieldwork in years one through four I aim to identify five maternity roosts across Manitoulin Island. I will passively collect guano from roosts, facilitated by drop sheets and then use DNA metabarcoding to cross-reference identified species with available prey species sampled using moth

sheets within a three-kilometre radius of each roost across five key habitats (forest, agriculture, grassland, water and urban). During this time, I will also deploy four acoustic monitors in each habitat type to quantify spatial variation in patterns of bat foraging activity." She will examine dietary patterns across distinct reproductive phases to test how diet changes as a function of reproductive status, sample guano and insects on a weekly basis from May to September, capture females from maternity roosts in May and implant them with passive integrated transponder tags. Roosts will be equipped with tag readers which will record when bats leave and return to roosts.

"I am looking for and need to find colonies on the Island," said Ms. Cosby. Her study on the Island will take place over three years. "If people have any questions or information on where there are roosts on their property, farms or have bat boxes that I could access it would help me greatly in my research."

Ms. Cosby added, "my findings will contribute to the development of informed conservation strategies, identifying spring and summer critical habitat and important prey species for *M. Lucifigus*. Furthermore, delving into how heightened



Alexandria Cosby, is shown using radio telemetry to track bats. Ms. Cosby who is currently in her first year of studies at the University of Guelph will be conducting research on Manitoulin Island this summer toward her PhD, studying little brown bats and the types of habitat they need to forage. She is hopeful that local residents can help her with her work.

energy demands during reproduction influence predator-prey dynamics and responses to environmental variation will contribute to our broader understanding of the complex interplay between species and their habitats, thereby advising our comprehension of OFT."

For anyone who can help Ms. Cosby access property to do her research, or those who have questions, they can contact her by cellphone 705-282-4176 or email acosby@uoguelph.ca



Alexandria Cosby is seeking help from Islanders in her PhD research on the little brown bat.

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ress on emissions cap regulations. In response to mounting pressure, the Canadian government has proposed regulations for a net-zero electricity grid by 2035 and pledged investments in renewable energy and grid modernization projects. However, challenges such as the absence of a national power grid and disconnected regional grids hamper clean energy deployment.


With Canada's global reputation at stake, experts are demanding immediate action, including stringent emissions caps, a transparent progress report on the Emissions Reduction Plan, and climate-aligned financial regulations. As the world looks to Canada for leadership in climate politics, urgent and decisive measures are needed to address the escalating climate crisis.

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Manitoulin Island students help stock fish into river

M'CHIGEENG—Thanks to the efforts of students of Central Manitoulin Public School (Mindemoya), Lakeview Public School and the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC), healthy Chinook salmon were stocked in the M'Chigeeng River last week.

"The GBFGC wants to commend Patti Jo Woods (CMPS teacher) and her Grade 3 class who, with the guidance of Dave Robinson, the school's friendly custodian, for the excellent job they did in raising these Chinook salmon," said Ian Anderson, of the GBFGC.

Mr. Anderson explained, "They have collectively contributed to future stocks of salmon for the waters around Manitoulin and we thank them for their diligent work." The GBFGC collected the fish eggs and gave them to CMPS to raise in their micro-hatchery over the



Gore Bay Fish and Game Club member Ian Anderson outlined the process of raising and releasing the Chinook salmon that were raised by students at Central Manitoulin Public School in a micro-hatchery this past winter. A total of 72 healthy fish were planted in the M'Chigeeng River.



Central Manitoulin Public School students raised chinook salmon over the winter months.



Students were not dismayed at the wet weather.

talked about the Chinook salmon and how they raised them in a controlled environment.

"Thank you, miigwetch for joining us today," said Ms. Woods. "We would like to especially thank all the students that are here from CMPS and Lakeview for participating in this event. Ian Anderson, Geraldine Ense-McGregor and Julie Harris who helped organize this day. As a token of our appreciation, we would like to present you with these gifts of tobacco and CMPS

honey. To all the community members, parents, guardians, we hope you had a wonderful experience with us and we look forward to seeing you next year."

winter.

"Aanii, welcome. We would like to take this opportunity to respectfully acknowledge that we are gathered here today in the Robinson Huron Treaty Area and Manitoulin Treaties of 1836 and 1862," said Ms. Woods in welcoming everyone to the event. "We would like to acknowledge Lakeview Public School and M'Chigeeng First Nation. We would also like to recognize all the Anishinabek of this territory on Mni-doo Mnising. Miigwetch for sharing this place with us today."

"My name is Ms. Woods, and I am the Grade 3 teacher at CMPS. I am very honoured to be here today to help release the chinook salmon that we raised at CMPS."

"At this time, I would like to acknowledge some of our special guests who have joined us for this occasion," said Ms. Woods. She acknowledged Mr. Anderson, Lisa Corbiere-Addison, Rainbow District School Board trustee, Julie Harris, the Grade 3 teacher at Lakeview, Ms. Jo, an education assistant at Lakeview and Geraldine Ense-McGregor, elder and knowledge keeper of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Mr. Anderson outlined the process of raising and releasing the Chinook salmon and answered questions from students and community members on hand.

Ms. Woods invited Ms.

McGregor who provided a blessing/prayer and honoured the fish and water with a feast bundle. She then led the Grade 3 students from Lakeview in drumming and singing the water song. The Grade 3 and Grade 7 students of CMPS then

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...Now and Then: Dave and Barb McCauley

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the lab administration.” Barb and Dave had met by this time, and they were dating.

On September 27, 1969, the couple tied the knot in Kenmore, New York. “We had pleasant weather for our 150 guests. Dave’s older brother Blaine took videos of the ceremony, his camera tethered to a plug. At one point, well into the ceremonial process, he was alerted by a guest that the cord for his camera had been dislodged. He had moved around to



Brett McCauley and his partner Pastor Megan.

get all the action and had accidentally pulled out the cord. Unfortunately, he had missed much of the ceremony. Nevertheless, the wedding went off with no other hitches, and the couple was soon on the way to their honeymoon location. “I had left specific instructions,” Barb declares, “no decorations on the car.” True to their promise, nothing was stuck on the outside of the car. However, the inside was filled to the brim with paper flowers. “That night Dave had a flower stuck to his backside when we walked into our hotel,” Barb added, smiling.

“We only spent a brief time in Muskoka. It was raining a lot, so we came back to the Island to spend the rest of our time at the South Baymouth cottage. Then we headed back to Willowdale to our apartment so Dave could go back to work for Bell.” Barb started to look for employment in her new location. She found work with a general practitioner for two years. This job was followed by work at a rehabilitation hospital where she would spend 10 years. “We had left the apartment after two years

to buy our own three-bedroom house in Willowdale.” In 1974, they moved again, this time to a home in Thornhill where they lived until 1981. It was also a brick bungalow, like the first home and it also had a large yard. “The same year, we bought Barb’s aunt and uncle’s house on South Bay, and we visited as often as we could.”

“We moved to the Island in 1981. Dave transferred to the Bell office in Sudbury but managed to do much of his work on Manitoulin. We built the big house, recently sold, further east on this land and settled the family there. The kids took the bus to school and began to enjoy life on a farm. A small 4.5-acre section next to Highway 6 was later severed so we could build our retirement home here.” Dave later found work with Manitoulin Tel so he could spend more time on the Island. “I stayed at Manitoulin Tel for about seven years and then left to do full-time farming, which I love.” Barb would help during calving season for a month each spring and fall. She also found secretarial work with a local chiropractor at the time.

on Lakeshore Road. One day Flipper, her favourite horse, stopped dead in his tracks and didn’t want to continue. It took a while to convince the horse to move ahead. Jennifer found out the next day that there had been a bobcat spotted in the area.”

“Today Brett lives in St. Mary’s in the London area where he works for a large factory that makes body moldings for cars. His wife Megan is a Presbyterian minister in Milverton. They have three boys, Aaron, 17, in Grade 12, Levi 13, in Grade 8, and Caleb, 11, in Grade 6. Jennifer lives in Marmora, near Peterborough where she works from home in journalism. She writes articles for the Epoch Times, which includes

to love the Island. We often swam at Providence Bay, or we would jump on the ATV at the farm to check out the cattle and feed them round bales of hay, about ten bales per week. Occasionally grain was added for the 300 cattle. The children loved to help with those tasks.”

Were either of you named after anyone? Dave: “My parents had run out of names, so I was named by the nurse that delivered me, in the old hospital in Mindemoya.”

Fondest memory? Both declared it was their wedding.

An important other memory? Dave: “My brand-new car at age 19. It was a 1966 Ford Fairlane Convertible.”

Favourite pets? “Dudley our border collie. He would only bark if the cows were out of their pen.”

Specific chores when you were a child? Dave: “Dad died when I was 14, so there were lots of farm chores to do. My younger brother and I were soon doing most of dad’s tasks.”

Favourite season? Fall and hunting for Dave. Summer for Barb, who enjoys gardening.

Collections? Barb: “fine China” and for Dave, “raising collections of cows.”

Favourite family holiday? “Marineland and Canada’s Wonderland when the kids were under 10 years old.”

Favourite television show? “Old sitcoms like Lucy, Dick Van Dyke, Perry Mason and Fox News.” Your first hourly wage? Dave: “One dollar an hour in the summer at the Lands and Forest Station on Lakeshore Rd. I was 15.”

What are your strengths? Dave: “Farming and splicing wires.” Barb: “Organization and paperwork.”

What do you still want to do? Both: “Retire, but

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Brett's sons Levi, Aaron and Caleb in 2023.

“Both children, Brett and Jennifer, were born in Toronto but they loved being on the Manitoulin farm. The family kept a steady supply of about 300 cattle and various bulls. Walter the bull is featured in one of the photos in about 1990. Jennifer really enjoyed the riding horses we had. She would be on them often, usually

some very interesting articles. She has one son, Gabriel, 12, in Grade 7. Her husband Dave Cowan is a mechanic with his own garage and a contract with the Belleville EMS.”


“As previously mentioned, when they were young, all four grandchildren would visit in the summer and they all came



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coming events

An evening of Contemporary Inspirational Music, Saturday, April 26 at 7 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong. Refreshments provided, donations appreciated. Proceeds of fundraiser to repair stained glass window. **tfn**

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**

Manitoulin Community Choir in concert Friday, May 3 at 7:30 pm in the Kagawong Park Centre and Sunday, May 5 at 2:30 pm at the Spring Bay Church. Admission is \$10 each or \$25 for a family. Or attend our dress rehearsal by donation on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:15 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre. **48-49c**

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary is having their spring bazaar, bake sale and luncheon on Saturday, May 11. The sale runs from 11 am to 2 pm and the luncheon is available from 11:30 am to 1 pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 6 to 12 and under \$5 is free. The event will be held at the Mindemoya Community Centre. **49-51c**

Enjoy an afternoon of country music with George Williamson and Friends at the Sheguindah Seniors' Hall from 1 to 4 pm on May 5. Refreshments available. Donation basket for the Senior's Club will be available. **49-50p**

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Legion events

Come join the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion, 15 Vankoughnet St. West, for a breakfast brunch on Sunday, May 5 from 10 am to 1 pm. \$10 per person. **47-50p**

RCL BR 177 Little Current Elections May 8, 2024 at 7pm Upstairs hall, 7pm Annual General Meeting followed by initiation of new members, then elections will be held. Please bring proof of membership. Please gather downstairs in the club room and you will be brought up when we are ready to start. Please email if you have any questions or concerns lcmembership.br177@outlook.com **49-51p**

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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. **tfn**

wanted

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Cash for your older road car sedan, six to 10 years, Cadillac, Chrysler, Buick etc. Call 705-988-4926. **48-49c**

yard sale

Yard sale at the Little Current United Church on Thursday, April 25 from 8 am to 4 pm; Friday, 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**

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a Spring Rummage Sale on Friday, April 26 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, April 27 from 9 am to 12 noon. This sale will include everything we have! Something for everyone, spring and summer clothing, linens, books, houseware, yard stuff and more. Donations will be accepted at the back of the church Monday through Wednesday, during sale week between 9 am and 12 noon. Thank you, we couldn't have a sale without our many terrific supporters who drop off their donations. Proceeds go toward our Community Outreach Programs. We hope you can drop by and pick up some nice items. See you at the sale! **48-49p**

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church services

King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229. **30tfn**

A Covenanting Service for Reverend Susan Peverley will be held on Sunday, April 28 at 3 pm at Knox United Church in Manitowaning. Refreshments to follow. Everyone is welcome. **49c**

services

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info. **tfn**

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services

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in memoriam

LEU—In loving memory of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Lynn Leu, who passed away April 27, 2021. Forever in the hearts of your family and friends. Loved always, husband Ken, son Chris and grandsons Jarrett and Malcolm. **49c**

thank you

The Clark family would like to thank everyone for visits, food, messages, cards, phone calls and donations made in memory of our father and grandfather Cam.

Thank you to Simpson Funeral Home for their support and catering the delicious luncheon. Special thanks to Jeff Heitkamp for the lovely service. In his 99 years Cam saw a lot of changes but one thing remained the same—his love for his family. "He will be missed" **49p**

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Death Notice

MARY CATHERINE SMELTZER
(nee Caddel)

March 27, 1935 - April 15, 2024



Reunited into the loving arms of her husband Douglas at the age of 89. Devoted mother of Timothy Smeltzer (Liisa 2022), Paul Smeltzer (Kathleen), Jayne Thrasher (Patrick 2001), Jamie Smeltzer (2021), Lisa Beneteau (Lawrence) and Peter Smeltzer, (Debbie). Cherished grandma to 12 grandchildren and GG to 19 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents Wallace and Elsie Caddel; her siblings Morrison Caddel (Gail), Murla Finley (Paul), Margaret Cannard (Doug), Deanna Petersen (Grant) and Ivor Caddel (Irene). She will be dearly missed by her many relatives and many friends. Mary Catherine will be fondly remembered as a dedicated member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 63 years, serving as a Worthy Matron as well as several other capacities. She was a life long fan of the Toronto Blue Jays. Mary Catherine was a very proud "Hawewater", through and through, and considered Manitoulin home. At Mary Catherine's request a private family service has taken place with interment at Rose Hill Cemetery. If you so desire, donations may be made to Erie Shores Health Centre. Arrangements entrusted to James H. Sutton Funeral Home, 401 Sandwich St S, Amherstburg, ON, 519-736-2134., Share a memory or sign the book of condolence at <http://www.jhsuttonfuneral.ca>.

MARGARET (MARGIE)ELEANOR STRINGER
(nee Clark)

October 21, 1947 - April 15, 2024



Margie passed away peacefully at the age of 76 with family by her side on April 15, 2024 at the Manitoulin Health Centre. Margie was born on October 21, 1947 to Donald Clark and Eleanor (Patterson) Clark of Kagawong. Margie loved farming alongside her husband and life partner of 58 years, Tom Stringer (predeceased). She was a thoughtful and gentle person who was passionate about caregiving, gardening, books, and music. Margie was known for her selflessness, always putting the needs of others before her own, especially her family. She will be forever missed by her children Sharon (Bob), Leanne (Ron), Dwayne (predeceased), Heather (Rob), Janyn (Brent), her grandchildren Caitlyn, Amanda, Randi-lyn, Riley, Liam, Caleb, Cole, Kayla and great-grandchildren Aviah, Nixon, and Adler. Margie is survived by her siblings Allen, Marilyn, Ken, Ann, and Jim. A private family visitation will be held on April 20, 2024. A celebration of life will be held at a later date to honour the life of Margie and her beloved husband, Tom, who passed just two months before his soulmate.

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...Island Singers celebrate 60th in front of sellout crowd

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of his musical journey. In a surprise appearance, Island Singer alumni Jim Smith arrived in costume hauling a vintage milk can in order to reprise his Tevia from Fiddler on the Roof. With wife Joanne on keyboard, Mr. Smith's hilarious rendition brought the house down.

A series of folk songs were performed as part of the afternoon repertoire courtesy of Ben Lentir and friends, including his son George, who was part of the Island Singer male section.

"This was amazing," said Ms. Anstice following the performance. "It was so wonderful to see, and hear, so many incredible voices." She admits that the choral group she

headed up and helped organize for many years is in good hands.

Jane Best, whose efforts on behalf of the choir have also been considerable through the years, agreed wholeheartedly. Ms. Best heads up the Manitoulin Community Choir, which is itself celebrating over a decade of bringing music to the Island and her group was given a shout-out by Mr. Theijsmeijer during the show.

"I was volunteered," laughed chorister Tammy Bryan-Walsh, who is new to the Island Singers ranks when asked how she became involved. Ms. Walsh is a familiar voice at Island karaoke evenings and had attended a gathering the choral group had hosted. Is she



Classical pianist Mason Animikwan reacts to the spontaneous standing ovation which greeted his original work.



Soloist Peter Gordon joined harpist Jane Best in presenting the Irish folk song 'The Isle of Skye.'

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hooked? "Oh, I think so," she laughed, having thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

George Lentir said that, despite the music being slightly outside his comfort zone (he can often be found performing country, Gospel and bluegrass standards with his father Ben) he enjoyed the evening's performance as well.

Laura Hunter, the new executive director of Manitoulin Legal Clinic and spouse of accompanist Mr. McCormick (he of Arrogant Worm fame), said that she has always been involved in choir groups and it was one of the first things she sought out when coming to Manitoulin. She said that joining the group was a great way to get to meet people in the community.

The Island Singers lineup included sopranos Clau Arcand, Annalee Cooper, Wendy Gauthier, Crystal Lentir, Heather Theijsmeijer, Tammy Bryan-Walsh, Michelle Cooper, Laura Hunter, Jane Prosser, Mary Jo Tracey, Lydia Burkein, Emily Deegan, Maggie Leclair and Holly Scott; altos Cecilia Baumann, Jakeline Bran, Barbara Grigg, Ramona Jaggard, Maya Baumann, Jade Danville, Lianne Hovingh, Willa Wilson, Donna Beam, Kari Gerhard and Courtney Oswald; tenors Brian Bird, Dick Maloney, Stephanie Steele, Jason Forrest, Jordan Moore, Peter Gordon and Kirsten Nelson; and bass Raymond Baumann, John Diebolt, Chris Lister, Jack Varieur, Kevin De Jong, Barry Grigg, Arik Theijsmeijer, David Williamson, Ben Dewar, George Lentir and Ethan Theijsmeijer.

The choral group always has an ear out for more voices. Contact Mr. Theijsmeijer at 705-968-0404 or email IslandSingers1@gmail.com to be added to their mailing list for upcoming performances or to find out more about becoming part of the group.

...Now and Then: Dave and Barb McCauley

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we still have some cows on the farm, and they will have to be sold first. Also, we would like to see the West Coast again and travel to the East Coast.”
What did you enjoy

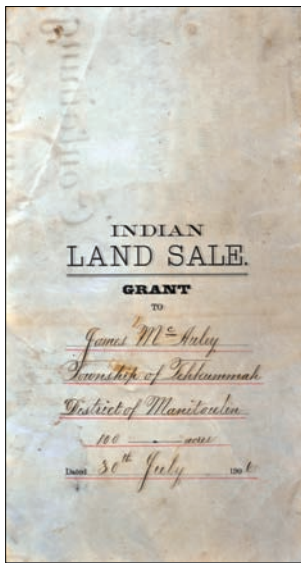
most as a parent? Barb: “Spending time with the kids. Jennifer and I would go to the Costco in Barrie before we got one here in Sudbury. It would be a girls’ weekend. Brett and I went to Columbus, Ohio once to check out a



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big gymnasium there.”
Organizations you were involved with? “The Cattleman’s Association.”

What are you most afraid of? Barb: “Bats.” For Dave, “losing our independence. I have an older sister, Joan, in the Little Current Centennial Manor. She couldn’t care for herself anymore, but she is doing fine there now.”

If you could only keep three things from this life, what would they be? “Our photos, the computer with the genealogy files and our Christmas decorations.”

Looking back is there anything you would do differently if you could go back in time? Dave: “I would have stayed

at Manitoulin Tel a few more years. Also, we might have kept the South Bay property, beside the water, a little longer.”

What is your greatest hope for the future? “Peace for the world, and good health for us, so we can travel.”

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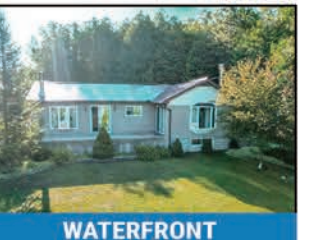
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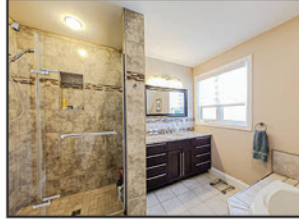
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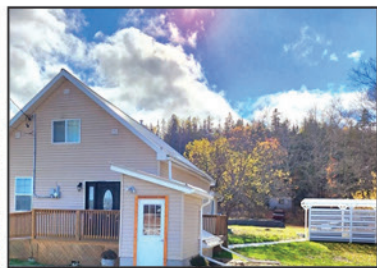
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Gore Bay librarian retires after three decades among the stacks

GORE BAY—After close to 31 years as librarian at the Gore Bay Union Public Library, and as a volunteer at the library prior to that, Johanna Allison has announced she is retiring at the end of April.

“You have done an excellent job over 30 years,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a retirement celebration held at the library last Saturday. “We are very proud of everything you have done for the library, and the library itself.”

“You have given 30 years of your life working at the library on behalf of the town, and all of Western Manitoulin, as this library is a union library for all of Western Manitoulin,” said Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane recalled when he was a youngster going to the library and his love of reading. He noted the library has had a long history, with the first local library, “the Gore Bay Mechanics Library, having opened in 1891.” At that time, it was not a public library until 1895 when three public libraries were opened to everyone deemed a “responsible person” in the community. From there the library operated in a number of private buildings in town, later moving to the agricultural office, the post office and then the old Gore Bay municipal office in 1953. The library was moved into the current town office in 1990.

“We have always been really well supported by the community, the library board and the councils,” said Ms. Allison. “In my 30 years here, I have always



Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane thanked and congratulated Gore Bay Union Public Library librarian Johanna Allison for her 30 years serving in this capacity at a retirement party held in her honour last Saturday.

Allison.

As well, Ms. Chaytor noted, “the library board decided to dedicate the computer room in memory of you. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your work as the librarian over the past 30 years.”

“After 30 years and 10 months it is time to pass the bookmark over to a new librarian,” Ms. Allison said in an interview with *The Expositor* last week. “I have enjoyed this job more than I ever imagined I would. The library has become like a second home to me. The people I have met over the years have been the best thing about the job. The stories I have heard and the friends I have made are countless.”

Ms. Allison explained that one of the hardest parts of being the librarian “was ordering books for a community of readers. What would folks like? What was the best price? I felt that since I was spending public money every penny had to count.”

“I have always loved to read and when we moved here the opportunity came for me to volunteer at the library which led quickly to working part-time, then the librarian CEO position,” said Ms. Allison. “When I started, the library had one computer that was for the librarian to use to write reports and board minutes. The internet was only in its infancy, and no one knew what to do with it. Over the years computers and the internet were added for the public to use, a colour printer was added for public printing, a new microfilm reader was purchased for the library’s collection of *The Manitoulin Recorder* newspaper from approximately 1910 to when it stopped being printed.”

Ms. Allison said, “I have served with great people on the library board, all of whom had the best interest of the library at heart. The support from the community has always been outstanding. I have also had the pleasure of working next door to great people at the town office who have been kind and willing to help if they were able.”

“When I hand over my keys to the new librarian CEO, Anya Wright, I will do so feeling confident that she will do a great job and alongside her the new assistant librarian will be there to support her,” added Ms. Allison.



A beautiful Manitoulin quilt was presented to Johanna Allison by Isobel Harry, a member of the library board and a Gordon/Barrie Island councillor.

had good councils and boards to work with.”

“I can remember the first time I brought my kids to the library,” stated Kelly Chaytor, library board chair. “The kids were running up and down the aisles and making noise. I told them they had to be quiet in the library. Johanna said not to worry, everything was okay. She always made us, and everyone, feel comfortable here.”

Ms. Allison noted when she was a youngster in Palmerston, “I can remember our librarian. She was always shushing everyone who was loud. And I remember the library would stamp the date on each of the books taken out. I felt like I was a real librarian the first time I could use the date stamp.”

“On behalf of the library board we would like to present this plaque to Johanna in recognition of your 30 years,” said Ms. Chaytor. “You have been amazing to work with over the years.” She also presented a Manitoulin quilt to Ms.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Goaltender stock continues to rise in NHL

Carter George is doing everything right in the eyes of NHL scouts. The young net-minder, with years of good decisions and hard work, has positioned himself in the best possible place to be for the upcoming NHL draft. His most recent opportunity to showcase his pro-ready skills is being named to compete in the 2024 IIHF World U18 Championships to be held in Finland later this month.

This newest feather in his cap adds to a Team Canada Gold at the Hlinka – Gretzky Cup and an OHL season that has often defied statistics. He plays with the Owen Sound Attack who are struggling to keep their heads above the 0.500 mark, although with Carter’s stellar numbers you would think he is playing for one of the league’s best teams. He has impressively been the top or in the mix of number of saves, shutouts, save percentages, etc.

The fun gets started tomorrow, April 25! Since 2002, Canada has won four gold medals at the IIHF U18 World Championship (2003, 2008, 2013, 2021), in addition to one silver (2005) and four bronze (2012, 2014, 2015, 2023). Having already played pre-tournament games, they will face off against Sweden. Canada will also face Czechia on April 26, Switzerland on April 28 and Kazakhstan on April 30 to close out preliminary-round action. The semifinals are set for May 4 before the tournament concludes with the medal games on May 5!

The 2024 draft will reportedly be held at Sphere in Las Vegas, with the first round June 28 and Rounds 2 to 7 on June 29. The NHL Draft Lottery to determine the first 16 picks in the draft has yet to be determined. Best of luck, Carter! We are pulling for you!

Island elementary badminton

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, in partnership with the local school boards, hosted the 2024 Mnidoo Mnisning Elementary School Badminton Championships today at the 4 Directions Complex in AOK. Forty-nine athletes competed in

singles and doubles. Congratulations to the medal winners and participants!

Some of the medal winners included: **Nova Debassige, Brinley Watson, Amber Brizuela, Dylan Bebonang, Rowyn Kasunich and Tessa Ense-Wabonosse.** Full results to follow.

Earth Day grump

As I write, it is Earth Day and should likely have very little space in a sports’ column. As a fan of sports and especially activities in the outdoors, I have the chance to see the results of people acting badly in nature! Standing around, or on the water this spring trying to catch a fish, I am constantly reminded of how badly nature is treated by people who likely claim to ‘love’ it.

The examples are too numerous and delve into the ad nauseam. One example from this weekend encapsulates the disregard some people have. On the shore of one of our local tributaries, I got tangled up in somebody’s nasty birds nest of fishing line and gear. It was not the time to untangle the ball of line there and then, so I cut off my line and retied, throwing the ‘nest’ into my bag to bring home. There, I had nothing to clean but this mess in my tackle bag. When I dismantled my only prize of the day I figured I would be able to salvage some gear at the least. Examining further, this ball of sticks and line had no less than 5 different types of line, 16 sinkers and 5 hooks or jigs. What initially looked like one person’s greedy discard of a tangle turned out to be a collective result of several ignorant people over what looked to be years in the making, with one jig hook almost rusted to nothing. This is a small symptom of a major disease. What people do when they think nobody is watching is bad enough, but it is not even being hidden? The attitude that it is always someone else eventually comes back to us. We are everybody else and we need to help. Wherever we are, if we just do one little thing to make a place better than when we went there to enjoy it, it helps. Just do it!

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A half-decade of service!

Firefighter Kyleen Robertson, left in photo, is presented with a five-year service pin by Duncan Sinclair at a Gore Bay Joint Fire Department reception held April 17.

Volunteer Week

Manitoulin Centennial Manor awards volunteers for their dedication

by Margery Frisch

LITTLE CURRENT—Volunteer week was a busy time for volunteers, attending various appreciation events. Julie Omnet, activities director at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, presented her volunteers with awards of appreciation on Friday, April 19.

Residents and volunteers gathered, and Ms. Omnet welcomed them all, "I wanted to thank all of my volunteers that have come today. I'm missing a number of people, but there's a lot going on and I have a few people sick, which is unfortunate. We have a lot of food to eat, so get eating. But I wanted to thank you all from the bottom of my heart." Ms. Omnet then shared a poem about volunteers, followed by an invitation for everyone to get some food.

Donna Wolfe brings library books to the residents. She discovered one of the residents is a violinist and he's now giving her violin lessons, once a week. "I haven't played in 40 years," she said, "and now I'm learning to play again. There are some amazing people here and you just don't know, until you talk with them."

Ruth McDonald is fairly new to the Island and has been volunteering at the Manor for the last several years. She plays piano and accompanies four

other singers. They come with the United Church minister and provide a church service monthly, on the third Thursday.

Brenda Hallett has been volunteering and singing at the Manor for nine years. She also explained this is the first volunteer gathering they have had since COVID began. "We used to have them every year, until COVID," she said.

Mike Farquhar, though proud of his 15 years of volunteering, brushes off any praise by saying, "Well, we're away for three months every year." But adds with a smile, "I love it. I love it." He brings his guitar and plays and sings his own songs for the residents. "They're a tough crowd, I tell you." He also does sports with the residents on Wednesdays, "We curl or play bocce but I like to curl. The Lions Club donated the curling stones. They've got bearings on the bottom, and they roll on this floor. In the nice weather, we move out to the gazebo."

Sitting with Mr. Farquhar was Ed Heis, formerly of Sheguiandah. "Ed ran the Zamboni at the complex," Mr. Farquhar explained.

"I ran the Zamboni for 31 years," Mr. Heis clarified. "I've seen everything going on up there," he said, with a laugh.

Wendy Blackie and



Manor resident Ed Heis raises a glass with Manor volunteer Mike Farquhar during the Manor's volunteer appreciation lunch.

photo by Margery Frisch

Matt Hutcheson are with Jehovah's Witnesses and were coming to the Manor before COVID, a bible study group once a month. "We've only just started up again," said Mr. Hutcheson.

"My husband was in here, but he died last summer," Ms. Blackie said. "I was associated with the Manor because of that as well, but it's nice to give back to the place, too."

Several auxiliary members, sitting together, dis-

cussed how many years they've been involved with the Manor. Linda Bowerman has been with them since the beginning and Donna Wuksinic, since 2009. They were volunteering long before they became auxiliary members. Now Ms. Wuksinic is president of the auxiliary. They listed off the accomplishments of their fundraising efforts. "The palliative room has been redone, the sitting room, too, all with the fundrais-

ing we have done." In the past, they provided each resident with a birthday gift, and a Christmas gift, which were shopped for and wrapped by these volunteers. "When COVID hit, we lost all that." The stories, the fundraisers, the results of their hard work were astounding. "But now we're all getting older, we can't do the things we used to do anymore." Ms. Wuksinic said. "It's harder," she said with a sad smile.

Administrator Don Cook joined the gathering and expressed his appreciation. "I just wanted to say thank you and give my appreciation for all that you do. It is definitely appreciated by residents and staff. And I know everyone really enjoys it. So, thank you very much." Despite all that the auxiliary and these volunteers do, there's still much to be done and clearly, more help would be appreciated.



AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND MANAGER

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

JOB DUTIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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- Experience working for a First Nation government or organization.

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Volunteer Week

NEMI says Thank You to Volunteers with kind words and delicious food

by Margery Frisch

LITTLE CURRENT—A good crowd responded to the invitation for volunteers to come out and let NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin and council members show their appreciation and say thank you on Wednesday evening, April 17.

“It’s great to see you all here.” Mayor MacNevin said, “We’re here in recognition of the hard work you all do in the community in terms of volunteering and making our community a great place to live. We really appreciate your efforts.” He spoke for several minutes, his jokes well received. “Oh look, I dropped a drink ticket and no one dove for it.”

The Curling Club lounge was beautifully

decorated by Lisa Hallaert and her group of young volunteers. The colours of black and gold dominated, with gold balloons throughout the room. Ms. Hallaert also looked after the food, and there was lots of delicious food for everyone to enjoy. There were beverages as well, each person receiving one drink ticket and, at each place setting, a small bottle of maple syrup for the volunteers to take home.

Mayor MacNevin interrupted the conversations throughout the room to interject, “As well as thanking Lisa for her efforts in making this a wonderful evening, I just found out, it’s a surprise to everyone else, except Lisa, I guess, that it’s her birthday.” And the crowd

burst into a hearty round of ‘Happy Birthday’ to Ms. Hallaert.

The Little Current Hospital Auxiliary was out in full force, with 10 members present including Dawn Orr, who was doing double duty, not only as chair of the auxiliary, but also as a NEMI council member.

A good number of members of the Pickleball Club were also in attendance. Happy to talk about their sport, “Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the adult population across Canada,” said Garry Wolfe, one of the founding members of the Little Current Pickleball Club, which had its beginnings in 2009.

The auxiliary members of the Manitoulin Centen-



Volunteer firefighters Noah Albers, John Spanos, Fire Chief Duane Deschamp.



Garry Wolfe, George Ballantyne, Mike Blanchard and Ken Stewart hang out at the NEMI volunteer appreciation evening.

nial Manor were there. Volunteer firefighters took up a table, the Legion, the Lions and the musicians who play down at the Cenotaph all came out to the appreciation night. There were several tables of people representing different organizations and activities in the area: the museum, fish and game,

curling club, the ski club. And there were several organizations whose volunteers were unable to attend or did not wish to be acknowledged for the work that they do.

The interests and activities of the town are numerous and diverse and, fortunately, there are volunteers willing to step up

and help out, but there’s always room for more volunteers, in fact, some organizations are clamouring for help. So, if you have an interest in one of the many clubs the town provides, get involved, and the town will show its appreciation.

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Under the Direction of the Band Manager, the Health Director will be responsible for coaching the Health, Cultural and Social team to plan and organize. The Health Director will also be responsible for developing related policies and procedures for approval. The Health Director will provide front line supervision, direction, guidance and support to the health department.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervise day to day activities of staff and ensure adherence to HR policies and procedures.
- Oversee operations of Health and Social (staffing/usage/troubleshoot problem areas).
- Support staff with preparation of funding reports (financial/narrative).
- Oversee policies and procedures for designated programs and make recommendations/decisions.
- Research health related information topics that would assist in meeting the community health needs.
- Ability to multi-task and work with a high level of confidentiality, tact and discretion.
- Other duties and responsibilities as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum 2 years related health services experience.
- Strong knowledge or awareness of a wide range of health issues specific to First Nations.

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Travel and weekend work may be required at times.

HOW TO APPLY

Please forward your cover letter, resume and three (3) work references by email to:
melanie@zhiibaahaasing.org
RE: Health Director

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION

JOB POSTING

POSITION: Interim Finance Manager
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
ACCOUNTABILITY: Band Manager
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Full-Time Contract to July 31, 2024 (with possibility of extension)
HOURS OF WORK: Regular Band Office Hours (8:30am-4:30pm)
- After hours will be required
TENTATIVE START DATE: ASAP

Under the supervision of the Band Manager of the Sheguiandah First Nation, the Interim Finance Manager will provide financial support and advice to all First Nation programs by managing daily financial operations, updating methods and maintaining an accurate accounting system. Assist with annual audit preparations, budget reports and implement financial management procedures as needed and is directly responsible for the financial control system for all revenue and expenditures.

DUTIES:

- Establish and implement financial management procedures for the Sheguiandah First Nation.
- Responsible for all transactions generated by the computerized accounting system (ACCPAC).
- Assist Band Manager with audit and budget reports as well as other financial matters.
- Examine journal/ledger entries, statements, inventories, expenditures and other financial documents.
- Prepare monthly statements to various departments, submit written reports and analyze printed data.
- Maintain First Nation assets and investments as directed.
- Provide input and advice on human resource planning.
- Provide financial resource assistance to the Chief and Council as requested.
- Oversee and maintain the general office of the finance department.
- Represent the First Nation in negotiations or other official capacity as required.
- Supervisor finance staff to ensure that all procedures are completed properly.
- Update the ACCPAC system on an annual basis or when needed.
- Abide by the Sheguiandah First Nation Personnel Policy.
- Attend meetings, workshops and conferences as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have Grade 12 O.S.S.D plus degree or diploma in Accounting.
- Must have two (2) to five (5) years’ experience in accounting, budgeting, financial planning and analysis.
- Knowledge of First Nation economic issues.
- Proven supervisory and management skills.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proven computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets, EasyPay and ACCPAC.
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture and history considered an asset.

Interested applicants are asked to submit an application that includes a cover letter, resume, and three (3) work-related references to:

“Interim Finance Manager”
SFN Band Manager
Sheguiandah First Nation
142 Ogemah Miikan
Sheguiandah, ON POP 1W0
Email: management@sheguiandahfn.ca

Preference will be given to Indigenous applicants.
Applicants are encouraged to self-identify.
We thank all applicants in advance for their interest but advise only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Volunteer Week

Volunteerism has always been part of Deb Flaxman's life

by Sharon Jackson
KAGAWONG— According to Webster's Dictionary, a volunteer is a "person who chooses freely to enter into a transaction with no promise of compensation."

Whether you are the type of person who craves a lot of social interaction or whether you prefer as little as possible, volunteering has social, career and personal benefits.

After raising three daughters, Deb Flaxman moved to Kagawong from

Toronto in 2019. She had been coming to the Island since 1990, staying with a colleague of her former husband's and then 10 years on Robertson Road and Grandor, both in Billings Township.

"Volunteering has always been part of my life," Ms. Flaxman shared. Four generations in her family have been active in giving back beginning with her grandparents, her father in the Lions Club and her mother in the church, right down to her daugh-



Deb Flaxman is joined by her aunt Elaine in this photograph. Ms. Flaxman is a longtime volunteer whose family celebrates four generations of volunteerism.

photo by Sharon Jackson

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ters, who all live in the GTA. "It makes me feel good and warms my heart that they can have empathy and connect with people in the world around them."

Her Aunt Elaine has been volunteering for 40 years at St. John's Rehab in Toronto.

Ms. Flaxman found Kagawong and its community a quick and easy fit, connecting with the church group at St John's, and then working at Main Street Cafe (prior to COVID-19). "It was a wonderful way to meet every-

body."

When an opening on the Museum Board became available, Ms. Flaxman joined the dedicated team of volunteers. She also spent a short stint on the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee, assisting with fundraising for the rink boards at the outdoor facility at the Park Centre. Be it helping out at the church for their craft and bake sale or putting up Christmas lights alongside members of the Economic Development Committee, you will always find Ms. Flaxman lending a hand.

Not one to shy away from a challenge, Ms. Flaxman, who was looking to become "involved in a different way," put her name in for a recent vacancy on Billings council. "The opportunity came up and the timing was good." Although she was not the successful candidate, "it was a great experience."

Finding the pandemic "very isolating" and coming out of the COVID bubble and mixing with others in a more normal fashion is what led her to take seats on committees and other roles with the church and museum.

Spending time in Kagawong has become "a huge part of our life" she said, referring to her grown daughters. "It has become a safe zone which offers a sense of peace."

Ms. Flaxman served on the Davisville School Parents Council for 12 years. "It was an inter-city school where I had an opportunity to help with fundraising and outreach for immigrant families. One of the more rewarding programs she helped with was the reading program."

She shared a story of an incident where a young man called out to her while riding on the subway. "You taught me how to read," he said, "and

now I can go to university."

"It made me feel so good. You don't know how you're going to touch someone's life."

Ms. Flaxman is one of the members of the outreach program at St John's in Kagawong. Each year she, along with other volunteers, put together baskets for shut-ins and folks who live alone and deliver to their home at Christmastime. "It makes them feel special; that someone has thought of them even if only briefly. It can really make a difference in their day. It is truly a gift."

Manitoulin Family Resources now has one more volunteer as Ms. Flaxman reached out to them recently and "checked all the boxes" on the application form. They are fortunate to have someone as dedicated and selfless as Ms. Flaxman.

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Volunteer Week

Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island residents honour their firefighters

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—Residents of Gordon/Barrie Island and the Town of Gore Bay packed the Gordon/Barrie Island Community Centre to recognize and thank members of the local volunteer fire department for their service, dedication and commitment in protecting local residents.

“The main reason we are here tonight is to recognize the members of the Gore Bay Joint Fire Department for all your hard work, service, dedication and commitment to protecting the residents of Gordon/Barrie Island and Gore Bay. I am so proud of all of you,” said Fire Chief Mike Addison.

“It goes without saying thank you for all that you do as firefighters, all your work and efforts to protect all of us,” said Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island. “You lead by your example as good man and women and you



Gore Bay and Gordon Barrie Island honoured its firefighters during a reception.

definitely do more than put out fires, with your contributions to the community.”

Gore Bay Town Councillor Terry Olmstead said, “on behalf of Gore Bay council, staff and

residents I would like to thank each and every one of the firefighters for your courage, hard work, dedication and commitment. Thank you.”

Carrie Lewis, Gordon/Barrie Island clerk and Gore Bay Fire Board administrator, who was master of ceremonies for the event, welcomed all those in attendance. “We just thought it was time to hold an event like this to recognize the firefighters. And to recognize and honour the work that you do every day that makes them extraordinary.”

“I have the pleasure of being the joint fire board administrator,” said Ms. Lewis. “Tonight, you will

hear from a few people of the immense appreciation we all have for our firefighters.”

“The councils and communities of Gordon/Barrie Island and Gore Bay are very supportive of our volunteer firefighters and your importance in the community,” said Ms. Lewis. She listed off several council members and staff for each community who were in attendance.

Fire Chief Addison and Deputy Chief Duncan Sinclair presented Ms. Lewis with a gift for all her work as fire board administrator.

“I would like to thank everyone who is in attendance at tonight’s event,”

said Reeve Hayden. “Mike Addison has taken the fire department to a new level with training, and it makes the community so proud.” He and Mr. Olmstead presented a plaque to Mr. Addison which read, “With appreciation of your service as Fire Chief of the Gore Bay Joint Fire Department. From the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island and the Town of Gore Bay.”

Reeve Hayden said, “in the past few years the fire department has received donations from the Gore Bay Rotary Club, Western Manitoulin Lions Club, Lyons Memorial United Church, All Saints Anglican Church, that Mike

can elaborate on in a few minutes. And the Smith Family Foundation for providing funding to our municipality for use by the volunteer fire department. Funding that our council felt very much included community betterment.”

“First off, I would like to thank the families of our firefighters,” said Mr. Addison. “Without their support we would not get our firefighters out to fires and practices, so thank you for sharing your firefighter with us. We know how stressful it can be when we get called out in the middle of the night and don’t come back ...continued on page 7A

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

Mustangs win north shore secondary school badminton championship

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs badminton team has won the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship.

“We sent 23 athletes to both the pre-NSSSA and NSSSA championship (the latter held last Wednesday), including athletes in Grades 9-12, novice junior and senior,” said Jordan Smith, sports coordinator at MSS. “We won the NSSSA championship,” he said pointing out MSS defeated Central Algoma Secondary School for first place by three points (45-42).

“Seventeen MSS athletes will be going to NOS-SA (Northern Ontario championships),” said Mr. Smith. “We did quite well at NSSSA. In just about every category we took part in we either had athletes in first or second or both.”

All three members of the Balfe family finished first in their events, pointed out Mr. Smith.

In the boys’ novice singles division, Jonah Balfe was first, Mya Balfe took top spot in the girls’ singles junior division while Annie Balfe placed first in the senior girls’ singles division.

The boys’ novice singles division saw Anders Watson and Ethan Ense finish first and second, respectively. MSS athletes made up the top two in the senior boys’ doubles



The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs badminton team won the North Shore Secondary School Association championship last week.

division with TG Green and Davin Deschenes in first and the team of Jaron Panamick and Ian McCauley second.

The girls’ doubles novice division saw the team

of Kim Williams and Darcie Thorpe in second. In the junior girls’ doubles category the team of Ava Corbiere and Emery Watson took top spot.

In the mixed doubles

division, Maddie McCarville and Wyatt Williamson-Wright finished in second place. The MSS team of Eli Lock and Mackenzie Green were first in the senior mixed

division. The Mustangs coaches this season include Peter Tallman and Kaitlyn Watson-Smith.

Seventeen MSS athletes will be taking part in the

Northern Ontario Secondary School Association playdowns being held in Sault Ste. Marie this week.

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Volunteer Week

...Gore Bay, Gordon/Barrie Island residents honour their firefighters

...continued from page 5A until morning.”

“We spend a lot of time at practice and training and keep strange hours, and we miss things like birthdays and anniversaries,” said Mr. Addison. “Next, I want to thank the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island and Town of Gore Bay for their support and especially support for our operating budget. We are jointly owned by the two municipalities and we appreciate their support. I especially want to thank Carrie Lewis and her team who manage our administration and go above and beyond to support us, and this evening is a great example of that.”

“I want to thank the



Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden and Gore Bay Councillor Terry Olmstead presented a plaque to Fire Chief Mike Addison in appreciation of the communities' appreciation of his service as Fire Chief.

John Baker assisting with the signoffs and help from some of our senior firefighters we were able to get the training done for seven more firefighters. It

plained Mr. Addison.

“We now have five NFPA firefighter 1-2 standards, and seven with Ontario Interior Firefighting standards,” said Mr. Addison. He pointed out the rest of the new firefighters have until July 2026 to be certified.

“In addition to the firefighter certification, our team does other training to keep us prepared to respond to emergencies in our area: live fire training, auto extrication training, pump operator training, first aid and first responder training with CPR,” continued Mr. Addison. “We have five firefighters certified as emergency first responders, mental health and PTSD training, driver training where our firefighters get DZ licences to operate the pumper and tanker

trucks. We have two new DZ licenced drivers this year, Justin Harris and Chris Meloche. We now have seven DZ licenced drivers. This is by far the largest, best trained and dedicated team of firefighters we have ever had, and I am so proud of them.”

Firefighter Kyleen Robertson was presented with a five-year service pin to recognize her years of service.

“We also have a very special presentation, the Federal Exemplary Service Medal for 20 years of service to the Gore Bay Fire Department. Duncan Sinclair actually has 22 years of service, but we are finally getting to present his medal,” said Mr. Addison.

Mr. Hayden said in recognizing the fire department, “we remember two former fire chiefs we have lost in the past few years, Jack Colwell and Mike Steele. And my father (Bill) who is here tonight was a member of the fire department.”

Ms. Lewis finished the evening by saying, “these guys are awesome. Not only do these firefighters help our community but by being a part of this team they also help themselves grow and become better citizens for our communities.”



Fire Chief Mike Addison, second from left in photo, presents a 20-year federal exemplary service medal to Duncan Sinclair.

employers who allow firefighters to leave work to respond to fires and emergency calls during the workday. We never know when it might be their business we are responding to,” said Mr. Addison.

“In particular, I want to thank the following organizations who helped support us to keep our personal protective equipment up to date for our firefighters. The Gore Bay Rotary Club, Lyons Memorial United Church, All Saints Anglican Church and Western Manitoulin Lions Club,” continued Mr. Addison.

“Our own firefighters raised \$2,300 at a car wash (organized by firefighter Justin Harris). In total, we were able to raise over \$11,000 to help us replace outdated PPE such as bunker gear, helmets, boots, gloves and balaclavas,” said Mr. Addison.

“This year, with mandatory training (through the province), more of our budget went into the additional training we have had to do,” continued Mr. Addison. “We asked the community for support. A full set of (PPE) is just shy of \$4,500 and that does not include radios or breathing apparatus.”

“We are truly grateful to the Smith Family Foundation for allowing us to purchase the breathing air compressor which will allow us to do more training for interior attacks and working in hazardous environments,” said Mr. Addison.

Mr. Addison explained that in 2022 the Ontario Fire Marshal mandated firefighter certification. “When I first heard about this I was ready to quit. I reached out to a friend of mine who is the fire chief in Markstay-Warren and he convinced me that we can do this. And we did it. With Duncan Sinclair and

was a lot of hard work and training around health and safety. What was being found in the province was that too many firefighters were getting hurt or killed on fire scenes, so these training standards were developed to keep firefighters safe.”

In March of last year, Mr. Addison said one of the firefighters was ready for certification. “Justin Harris had met all the requirements and we put him up for interior firefighter with auto extraction. He worked very hard to achieve this and has helped mentor many of the younger firefighters.”

As of last September, we had six more firefighters ready and with enough documentation to submit for certification. As well as Mr. Harris, six other firefighters received their certificates for interior firefighting including Andy Campbell, Andrew Cone, Kyleen Robertson, Jon Oliver, Devin Wheale, and Zach Robinson, ex-



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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson



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ETHAN ENSE

From the court to the arena, Ethan can be found constantly on the move with a smile on his face! As a rookie Mustang, Ethan brings a positive attitude and enthusiasm to all of his athletic endeavours. His involvement in sports from a young age has instilled a love for athletics that is evident in every minute of gameplay. Ethan has already established himself as an excellent all around player, creating a promising athletic future for his time at MSS!

Before Ethan was a Mustang, he attended Lakeview School for his primary years. Here, Ethan took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in hockey, volleyball, basketball, flag football, soccer and badminton. The wide variety of different sports is something Ethan loves about athletics. He notes that getting the opportunity to travel to various schools and compete with his friends are some of his most cherished moments from elementary school. Between the bus rides and numerous competition days, there were many laughs and fun times creating long-lasting memories!

Ethan carried his skills and love of sports with him into his high school volleyball season, helping them to capture the NSSSA silver and advancing them to compete in Sudbury! Moving on to AA NOSSA, the junior Mustangs battled their way through the tournament, but unfortunately fell short. Training as a middle blocker, Ethan always found ways to improve his skills and help his teammates. With Ethan's hard work and dedication, he is sure to continue to improve his skills and be a great team leader for the up and coming players next year!

Outside of MSS athletics, Ethan grew up playing for the M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds and most recently for the Mindemoya Thunder. Over the years, he has made countless friendships and long-lasting memories with his teams. This past season, Ethan was honoured to receive the title of captain for the U15 Mindemoya Thunder. His team had a phenomenal season, closing out with a gold medal in their division championships! When it finally comes time to hang up his skates, Ethan can also be found playing baseball during the summer months.

So far this year, Ethan has been spotted on the volleyball and badminton courts! Ethan's efforts are currently focused on the badminton season which is beginning to finish up. This year Ethan is playing boys' doubles. He and his partner Anders Watson competed at Pre-NSSSA this past week, and after a very long, stressful game were able to take home the gold! They will travel to Sault Ste. Marie next week to compete at NOSSA.

When Ethan finally takes off the black and gold jersey, he can be found enjoying the outdoors, swimming and biking. He enjoys hanging out with his friends as well as gaming. To help stay active, Ethan takes his dog, Daisy, for lots of walks, enjoying the beautiful weather! In the summer months, Ethan works at a local food truck.

Outside of his own sports, Ethan enjoys keeping up with numerous baseball and hockey teams. His favourite player and inspiration in sports is Aaron Judge from the New York Yankees, however, his favourite team is the Toronto Blue Jays. He has also grown up looking up to his dad. Ethan quotes that his dad was involved in many different school sports growing up and he wishes to follow in his footsteps. His parents have always encouraged him to try new activities and find what makes him happy!

During Ethan's time at MSS, he has begun to explore the various courses offered. He enjoys classes like phys ed as it is a chance to stay active with his friends. However, his favourite subject is Ojibwe as it is Ethan's second language. At MSS, Ethan has gotten the opportunity to engage in numerous hands-on projects. Looking at options post secondary, Ethan is interested in a career in welding.

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

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Level: Beginner

Here's how it works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1-9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

7	1	2	9	4	6	2	8	5
8	9	5	4	6	1	9	7	2
2	6	1	8	7	8	1	3	2
5	9	6	7	8	1	6	7	8
2	4	6	9	3	1	6	7	8
8	4	6	7	2	9	5	3	4
5	7	3	8	4	6	2	9	1
9	1	2	6	7	4	8	5	3
4	5	7	8	1	2	6	9	3
6	3	8	2	1	5	7	4	9

ANSWER:

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
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52	53	54				55				56		57	58	59
60					61					62		63		
64					65						66			
67					68						69			

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Excessively theatrical actors
 - 5. Footwear
 - 10. A way to disfigure
 - 14. Exchange rate
 - 15. Hawaiian wreaths
 - 16. North-central Indian city
 - 17. Bungle
 - 18. Extremely angry
 - 19. A short note of what's owed
 - 20. Criminal organization
 - 22. Mimic
 - 23. Try to grab
 - 24. U.S.-born individuals
 - 27. Some are covert
 - 30. Order of the British Empire
 - 31. Don't know when yet
 - 32. Payment (abbr.)
 - 35. Winged angelic being
 - 37. Variety of Chinese
 - 38. A way to be anxious
 - 39. Famed wrestler Hulk
 - 40. Partner to cheese
 - 41. Slang for sergeant
 - 42. Canadian flyers
 - 43. Actress Ryan
 - 44. Highly unpleasant vapor
 - 45. Body part
 - 46. Halfway
 - 47. Cool!
 - 48. Consume
 - 49. Salts
 - 52. Upper bract of a floret of grass
 - 55. Housepet
 - 56. Cavalry-sword
 - 60. Symbol of a nation
 - 61. Frocks
 - 63. Used to carry food
 - 64. Portuguese folk song
 - 65. Sharp mountain ridge
 - 66. Ireland
 - 67. Where golfers begin
 - 68. Greek mythological sorceress
 - 69. Fluid suspensions

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. "Mad Men" leading man
 - 2. Water (Spanish)
 - 3. Annoy
 - 4. Bulgarian capital
 - 5. Japanese title
 - 6. Capital of Zimbabwe
 - 7. Giraffe
 - 8. A mixture of substances
 - 9. Midway between south and southeast
 - 10. Staffs
 - 11. Turkish title
 - 12. Type of acid
 - 13. Thin, flat strip of wood
 - 21. Russian river
 - 23. Ribonucleic acid
 - 25. Partner to flow
 - 26. Airborne (abbr.)
 - 27. Earthy pigment
 - 28. Genus of earless seals
 - 29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
 - 32. By or in itself
 - 33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface
 - 34. Partner to trick
 - 36. British Air Aces
 - 37. Ammunition
 - 38. Supervises flying
 - 40. Health care for the aged
 - 41. Flanks
 - 43. Millimeters
 - 44. Where wrestlers perform
 - 46. Not around
 - 47. Flightless bird
 - 49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family
 - 50. Expressed concern for
 - 51. Satisfies
 - 52. Flew off!
 - 53. Wings
 - 54. Load a ship
 - 57. Vigor
 - 58. British title
 - 59. Whiskeys
 - 61. ___ Adams: founding father
 - 62. Body of water

PUZZLE SOLUTION

H	A	E	T		O	C	C	U	L	T												
A	B	B	R	E	V	I	A	T	I	O	N											
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											P	A	P	A	C	Y		D	E	S	K	

APRIL 3 ISSUE

HOROSCOPES

April 21-27

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You can get your spark back with some help from friends, Aries. You may have been struggling in one form or another, but others can provide the perspective needed.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, you are a dependable rock and that comes with a lot of responsibility. Sometimes you may feel overwhelmed, and in those instances feel free to delegate some tasks.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Too much joking around may strike a nerve of someone close to you, Gemini. Feel out every situation before you start communicating in such a laid back and jovial way.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Cancer, like it or not, you have to stand by a promise or a commitment you made to someone, even if you no longer feel like doing so. Once it is finished, you can go your separate ways.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, if others have underestimated you or written you off in the past, you will have an opportunity to prove them wrong this week, even if you already know the truth.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Your keen eye for detail has you pointing out a mistake that may have cost someone a lot of money, Virgo. Your reward could be a promotion or another commendation.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Making room for your needs right now is challenging as others seem to require all of the attention, Libra. You will have a chance to balance the scales soon enough.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Right now you may be reluctant to commit or comment on an issue that is affecting some in your circle, Scorpio. You can get involved once you dig further and do your own research.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, when you hang out with friends, you may be tempted to spend more than is in your budget at the moment. Set a limit, and perhaps leave your credit cards at home.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are ready to move forward, but others in your orbit may be holding you back. Know when to cut loose and do things according to your bigger vision.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Thinking about all of the things in your life that may not be going to plan could have you feeling down, Aquarius. Flip the perspective and start focusing on the right things.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, you are known for being a dreamer, but right now you have to come down from the clouds and develop a solid plan of action. There will be time for fanciful ideas later.