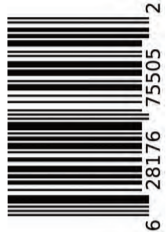


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Plus: Community Easter Egg hunts across Manitoulin see story on Page 3
Special Easter offerings from local businesses throughout this paper!



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OFF TO THE PROVINCIALS! The Manitoulin Secondary School Team 6865 Manitoulin Metal team has qualified for the provincial robotics championships this week. The team won the FIRST Impact award at the McMaster University robotics championship held this past weekend and, earlier this month, won an Engineering Inspiration Award at a competition held in North Bay. The MSS team, includes back row from left Glen Zembal, Yana Bauer, Caroline Black, Mike Zegil, Xavi Mara, Kyle Zembal, Alan Wilkin, Ben Willis. Middle row left Robyn Ashley-McNaughton, Nevaeh Harper, Samuel Pennings, Garrett Charbonneau, Alexis McVey, Ryan Kuntsi. Front row, left, Daphne Carr, Jocelyn Kuntsi, Alex Wilson-Zegil, and robot 'Bumble Bee.' Missing from photo are Addy Gray and Patrick McCann. See story on Page 12.

Wiikwemkoong police will have 14 new officers, additional support staff

\$7.8 million new funding agreement

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) announced the signing of a new \$7.8 million policing agreement with Ontario and Canada, effective April 1, which will see 14 additional officers hired over the next three years—as well as the civilian staff needed to support the new officers. The new agreement will enable WTPS to continue its commitment to community safety and security in the face of new challenges.

"Historically, First Nation police services have been extremely underfunded," said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi. "This is especially true due to the influx of new issues that add to the intergenerational trauma and governmental oppression." Ogimaa Manitowabi

cited the infamous 1969 White Paper as an example.

The 1969 White Paper proposed to abolish all legal documents that had previously existed, including (but not limited to) the Indian Act, and all existing treaties within Canada comprising Canadian Indigenous law. The White Paper's aim was to assimilate First Nations as an ethnic group equal to other Canadian citizens. The ripples of its provisions still resonate in Indigenous-government relations.

"The government has historically not treated us with the level we expect, nation to nation," said Ogimaa Manitowabi. She noted that First Nations police services have been treated as "programs" as opposed to "services" which they demonstrably are. "We have

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Mike Mantha removed from NDP caucus

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP sitting as independent while allegations of misconduct investigated

by Tom Sasvari
ALGOMA-MANITOULIN—Michael Mantha, long-time NDP member and Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) for Algoma-Manitoulin has been removed

from caucus due to an investigation into alleged workplace misconduct. He will now sit as an independent MPP, the party revealed on Saturday.

Ontario NDP Marit Stiles said in a statement Saturday, "I have removed Michael Mantha from the Ontario NDP caucus while an independent third-party investigation into alleged workplace misconduct takes place. In order

to protect the privacy of the complainant and allow the investigation to run its course, I cannot share further details at this time."

"I take my responsibility to create a safe workplace seriously," said Ms. Stiles.

Sources have been quoted as saying the NDP received a complaint in December and that Ms. Stiles had only learned about it

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\$420 million committed to Gt. Lakes rehabilitation

by Maureen Strickland
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
LAKE HURON—Prime Minister Justin Trudeau committed a federal government contribution of \$420 million over the next 10 years to protect the Great Lakes.

The announcement was made on March 24 during US President Joe Biden's visit to Canada.

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Gore Bay committed to keep nursing home beds in the community

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—While the option hasn't been ruled out to have the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home combine with the Manitoulin Centennial Manor under one board of management, and it would only be considered if it

included two separate sites, the Mayor of Gore Bay said it is not the town's first choice or being considered.

"We haven't ruled it out, but it is definitely not under consideration at this point. It is an option, but definitely not our first choice," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. "First off, we are concerned about making sure the (Lodge) beds stay in Gore Bay. We would never consider moving the beds to Little Current."

"Right now, we are looking at a non-profit structure which would not necessarily include all municipalities on Manitoulin Island, and a non-profit structure would be different than having a board of management involving all municipalities on the Island," explained Mayor Lane.

"It depends on the management structure you have as to how you

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Two Wiikwemkoong women touted for \$20 bill

The late Josephine Mandamin and Autumn Peltier

by Tom Sasvari
WIKWEMKOONG—A petition campaign to get an Indigenous woman on the Canadian \$20 bill includes proposed designs that include the late Josephine Mandamin of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, and (a separate design) that would feature her great niece, Autumn Peltier, also of Wiikwemkoong

Ms. Mandamin walked around the Great Lakes from 2003 to 2017 to bring awareness to the problems of water pollution and environmental degradation on the Great Lakes and Indigenous reserves in Cana-

da. Her great-niece, Autumn Peltier, followed in Ms. Mandamin's footsteps, becoming the next generation's "water warrior."

Ms. Peltier was named as the Chief Water Commissioner for the Anishinabek Nation in 2019.

"The Change The Bill (campaign) is not just about placing an Indigenous woman on a banknote, it is about recognizing the contributions and significance of Indigenous women in Canada and creating

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Cherie Brant of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has received the University of Toronto Faculty of Law highest honour.

Wiikwemkoong woman receives Faculty of Law's highest honour

TORONTO—A Wiikwemkoong woman has been recognized with the University of Toronto (UofT) Faculty of Law's highest honour. Cherie Brant has received the Distinguished Alumni Award, recognizing a graduate's extraordinary public leadership and lifelong commitment to the community over the course of their career.

"Later this week I am being presented with the U of T Faculty Alumni Award," Ms. Brant, who is a 2003 law graduate, told the Expositor. "This award is an award the faculty gives out every two years."

"One of the things that is exciting for me is that I am currently in my 20th year in practice, and they usually present this award to people who are retiring from the bench of the Supreme Court of Canada and similar accomplishments," said Ms. Brant.

"The University of Toronto Faculty of Law Alumni Awards biennially recognizes the exceptional contributions of valued community members. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes extraordinary public leadership and lifelong commitment to the community over the course of their career," a

release notes.

"I have been a practicing lawyer since 2003," Ms. Brant said. She is a partner "at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) and independent director at Hydro One Networks since 2018 and Toronto-Dominion Bank since 2021."

"I have been with Borden Ladner Gervais (BLG) since 2019," said Ms. Brant. "I am the national leader for the Indigenous law group at BLG and member of the firm's Environmental, Social and Governance Initiative. But my day-to-day job is working with corporate commercial clients." Her commercial practice extends across a wide variety of sectors, including energy and transmission, land development and financing on First Nations lands, Indigenous infrastructure and economic development for Indigenous owned businesses and Indigenous governments. She also provides strategic policy and governance counsel to Indigenous groups seeking to exercise their jurisdiction and authority.

In an online post last week Ms. Brant wrote, "I am

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Enbridge Line tunnel project delayed again

by Tom Sasvari

DETROIT—While a judgment by the United States Army Corps of Engineers to delay a decision on an application from Enbridge Line on the proposed Line 5 tunnel beneath Michigan's Straits of Mackinac project for another year-and-a-half has been called disappointing by officials with the company, local and US representatives are somewhat happy with the decision.

Glen Hare, Ontario Regional Chief told The Expositor, "If there is a delay in the decision that is good news. We have been saying all along that this is not needed. I think we all are, or should be nervous about oil pipeline spills, they have and will happen in the future if all due diligence isn't followed."

Lake Huron and Manitoulin Island, "is the main underwater highway from the US, and if a spill ever happened it would very negatively affect us, and those in charge would turn their back on us and not help," the regional chief added.

"Well, you know the decision is the lesser of a larger narrative," said Liz Kirkwood, executive director of For Love of Water

(FLOW). "The solution would be to not have a tunnel at all."

"Manitoulin Island is ground zero of a potential catastrophe if a spill took place, that no one wants to see," stated Ms. Kirkwood. "There is wide agreement that this line must and should be decommissioned. This is a line that will be 70 years old on April 23."

"Our public leaders need to be focussed on decommissioning this line as fast as possible," said Ms. Kirkwood. "We can't wait for another strike. There has been multiple anchor strikes on the line. You can't allow the fate of line five dictated by another

anchor strike."

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Detroit District, announced March 23 it is revising the decision on the proposed Enbridge Line 5 tunnel permit application review.

"Enbridge Energy seeks authorization to cross the Straits of Mackinac and impact adjacent wetlands for construction of the Line 5 tunnel. The Detroit District, responsible for evaluating the permit application, received more than 17,000 public comments during the scoping period which ended on October 14, 2022," a USACE release states.

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Western Manitoulin hosts travelling Volunteer Fair

WESTERN MANITOULIN—Next Wednesday, April 12 will see the first event in a new West End initiative: Volunteer Fairs.

From 2 until 8 pm that day, residents of the neighbouring municipalities of Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee Mills can come out to the Gordon Community Centre on Noble Sideroad to talk to local organizations they can consider joining as a volunteer member.

There is another such event scheduled for the following Wednesday, April 19 (at the Gore Bay Community Hall) and the week after that, April 26 at the Kagawong Park Centre.

Crystal gazing

As winter fades, the touring season heats up for Crystal Shawanda

by Michael Erskine

NASHVILLE—Wiikwemkoong songbird Crystal Shawanda said that she is grateful to have been once again nominated for a JUNO Award in the blues category (following her win last year), even if she did not take the top award this time around.

"I was grateful to have been nominated," she said. "I wish I could have been able to attend the awards this year, but I had too many commitments. It would have been too hard to reschedule everything."

Ms. Shawanda said she was very pleased to see the JUNO for Blues Album of the Year go to Angelique Francis. "I performed with her at Women in Blues at Massey Hall," she said. Ms. Francis's album 'Long River' won the JUNO. "It was great to see a sister win," she said, noting that despite the roots of the blues as a musical genre, there are few women of colour performing in the blues these days.

As for her own career, Ms. Shawanda said that "things are going great. We are just getting ready to hit the road." Ms.

Shawanda and her band have dates scheduled in Kentucky, Alabama, Florida and Arkansas to promote her seventh and newest album, 'Midnight Blues.' "The new album is out now with a vinyl edition due out April 23. "We will be heading up to Canada in May, stopping in British Columbia before heading to the East Coast," she said.

The blues as a genre is very much alive and well across North America, notes Ms. Shawanda. "It is really building up a resurgence," she said. "I think people are looking for something that is not so 'pop' and they are finding that in the blues."

She said that she is finding more and more people in her audience that used to listen to country music but are now drifting into American roots and blues.

"It's really exciting to be part of the wave coming up," she said.

Ms. Shawanda was the first Indigenous women artist to be featured on the Billboard Country Music Charts and now she has found her blues album rising to number eight on the Blues Music

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Contractor expresses concerns over Gore Bay tender documents

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—An Island contractor was dismayed to discover that a company belonging to the designer of a project was listed as the specified subcontractor in tender documents issued by the Town of Gore Bay for a new airport building.

George Kopylov, whose company Manitoulin Timber Frames specializes in timber framed buildings such as the type listed in the tender documents, raised the alarm with town officials, noting the issue runs contrary to the Competition Act, specifically "Under Exclusive Dealing, Tied Selling and Market Restriction, section 77, look for 'Exclusive dealing and tied selling' paragraph."

The error was confirmed by the Town of Gore Bay. "Yes, there was an error that was corrected when it was brought to the project manager's attention after a subcontractor called me," said Gore Bay CAO Stasia Carr when contacted by The Expositor, adding that, "An addendum was issued right away."

Mr. Kopylov said that issuing an addendum has done little to allay his concerns about the tender. "She appears to think that

issuing an addendum makes everything fine," he said. He went on to point out that specifying the subcontractor in the documents taints the decision-making process, in his mind.

The contractor was reluctant to go on the record with his concerns, not wishing to be seen as someone who is difficult to work with but said that he felt the

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Easter bunny hopping into many Island communities this weekend!

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Easter Bunny will be hopping into many communities and First Nations this weekend for Easter Egg hunts.

Gore Bay's Easter Egg Hunt, which will include photos of the kids with the Easter Bunny and the Gore Bear, will take place on Friday, April 7 at Manitoulin Golf on 25 Golf Course Road. The hunt, which is being organized by the Gore Bay recreation committee, is being sponsored by Manitoulin Golf, Manitoulin Transport, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514, the Gore Bay Rotary Club, Betty's Convenience and Barney's Bargain Barn.

In Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, the fun will take place throughout Easter weekend in the community, with Buzwah Toys and Variety and Ma and Pa Enterprise hosting the events.

"Our second annual communi-
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obituary

Joseph Endanawas: November 27, 1944—March 25, 2023

Warrior, veteran, leader and tireless advocate with a quick wit and sense of humour

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—Whether you talk to colleagues, friends or family, everyone agrees that with the passing of Joseph Clarence Endanawas, the world has lost a great man. His passing leaves a void that will be felt by anyone who knew him.

“Joe was a long-time friend and colleague,” said Patrick Madahbee, commissioner of governance for the Anishinabek Nation. “He was a real warrior, having been a veteran in the military.”

Mr. Endanawas was one of about 12 area Anishinabek Nation veterans who attended the Vimy Ridge celebration in France, Mr. Madahbee said. “As much as it was a great ceremony with a lot of pageantry, the highlight for me was when Joe found out his grandfather was buried over there. He was a veteran of Vimy Ridge, a casualty of World War II. Joe asked if we could take a little detour prior to the celebration. It was a little off the way and the driver missed the exit, but we asked him to turn around. It became a real highlight for me and some of the others, even more than the Vimy Ridge celebration.”

Mr. Endanawas was able to find his grandfather’s grave, across the road from a German cemetery, said Mr. Madahbee. “The cemetery and the grave sites were meticulous, in good shape. We held a pipe ceremony with the four directions and left sacred medicine bundles at the grave site. It was so moving for all of us. It was so good to see Joe able to see his grandfather.”

Mr. Madahbee remembered Mr. Endanawas as a strong advocate for First Nations who worked to maintain their language and culture. “He was always at pow-



Colleagues, friends and family members all agree that Joseph Clarence Endanawas, of Sheshegwaning First Nation, who passed away March 25 at the age of 78 at his home in Sudbury was a great man who will be missed. Mr. Endanawas is pictured above with his beloved Bungi.

worked with UCCMM in the Alternative Justice Program as the community justice worker. In this program, clients from the court system are dealt with through traditional healing circles instead of possibly going to jail. He was proud to say there were many successes in that program.

He worked with the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI) as ratification vote manager for the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement vote. He also acted as vote manager in 2016 for the education agreement.

Morley Runnalls of Evansville was another long-time friend of Mr. Endanawas. “I went to high school with him,” said Mr. Runnalls. “He was a hell of a good guy. He was an excellent fellow.”

“We bought his trailer to live out at Obewung Park when we first began operating it,” Mr. Runnalls added. “He was a great friend, a great fellow. He was Chief of Sheshegwaning (First Nation) when he stayed at the park for the summer.”

“Joe was a great, honest fellow,” continued Mr. Runnalls. “He would talk to you any time and make sense. He was an ordinary fellow that got along with everyone.”

When he told Evelyn Cardiff that Mr. Endanawas had passed, she told Mr. Runnalls that she knew Mr. Endanawas as a great fellow. “Our opinions are very similar,” he said.

Mr. Endanawas had a ‘great and positive influence’ on his nephew, Francis Endanawas. “Joe was definitely an influence on me for sure: going into the military and seeing his work in a service aspect, and the books and photographs of his being in the military when I was growing up, and helping the community.”



A young Joseph Clarence Endanawas is shown in photo while he was in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970. He also served in the Reserves until 1974.

one who spearheaded the sentencing circle justice program with the UCCMM. When I was deputy chief of the Union of Ontario Indians (UOI), Joe was pushing for the governance agreement. He was one of the identified leaders for governance and education.”

“Joe was a veteran and was really proud of that,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare.

“I know a guy in Sagamok who always told me that when Joe was going by, he would stop and come in to visit him,” Ontario Regional Chief Hare added. “When I saw him the other day, he told me that Joe hadn’t stopped by this time. When I told him Joe was gone, he was speechless. He didn’t believe me. There will be a lot of people shocked when everyone hears about Joe passing on.”

“He’s going to be missed. He was such an easygoing guy. I don’t know if I ever saw him upset,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. “It makes a big difference when you are talking about a leader like that. Joe gave a lot of his time to help other people.”

Mr. Endanawas passed away at his home in Sudbury on March 25, at the age of 78. He leaves behind his beloved wife Maryann, along with two sons, Christopher and Joshua, and a daughter Jackie (Shane). He also leaves behind three grandchildren, Riley (Amanda), Christina, and Katrina (Dakota), and two great-grandchildren, Anubus and Lucas. Mr. Endanawas is predeceased by his parents, Adam and Clara Endanawas, siblings Jonas, Helen, Evelyn, Lylene, David, and Frances, and will be greatly missed by his remaining sisters Mary (Jim), Christine (Barry), and Cecilia (Harold), pre-deceased.

He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends, including his favourite nephew Francis (Keri), with whom he spent a lot of time and watched many Toronto Maple Leafs games. He also leaves behind his best loved service dog “Bungii.”

Mr. Endanawas loved the outdoors and would always help his dad as he was growing up. He had a varied career that ranged from forestry to manufacturing to serving in the United States Army. He thoroughly enjoyed working for Indigenous governmental agencies like United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mníssing (UCCMM), Sheshegwaning First Nation, and Anishinabek Nation, and was a respected elder, and language and knowledge keeper. His presence at functions and powwows will be greatly missed.

Joseph Endanawas was born and raised



A younger-ish Joe Endanawas was a leader with a quick ready wit and boundless humour. Expositor scribes often found themselves on the pointy end of some of Mr. Endanawas’ quips. He will be missed.

on the Sheshegwaning First Nation. He was in the US Army from 1968 to 1970 and was in the Reserves until 1974. When he and his family returned to Sheshegwaning in the mid-1970s, he became band administrator and was elected as a councillor several times from the 1960s through the 1990s. He was chief of Sheshegwaning for a total of 10 years, over two terms from 1989 to 1993 and again from 2009 to 2015.

Mr. Endanawas worked at UCCMM as fish and wildlife coordinator during the time of Operation Rainbow. His main role was to educate First Nations people and the general public about aboriginal and Treaty Rights in the areas of hunting and fishing and access to First Nations’ traditional territories.

From 2002 to 2009, Mr. Endanawas

“My mother Christine was Joe’s sister,” said Francis Endanawas, who has served the community as a member of the Ontario Provincial Police in Sudbury for the past 33 years. He will be retiring in May. “Joe was always supporting what I was doing and would come to all my graduations, including from the police academy,” said Francis. “He is definitely going to be missed.”

Francis provided the English translation of the eulogy at Mr. Endanawas’ funeral on March 30.

“He was a great man, a family man, and a patriarch of the Endanawas family. He was supportive of all of us,” said Francis. “He was my last uncle, and he is going to be missed.”

wows or events focusing on Anishinabek culture,” he said. “He was always there.”

One time Mr. Endanawas had the opportunity to make a speech in Peru. He called Mr. Madahbee and told him, ‘I am not one to make speeches? What should I do?’ ‘I told him ‘if you can’t baffle them with your brilliance, dazzle them with b.s.’ He and I would always get a chuckle about this when we would meet up.”

Mr. Endanawas was very active in the 1990 Manitoulin Island Land Claim discussions and was the voting coordinator for the Anishinabek Nation on the governance agreement, Mr. Madahbee added. He worked with a team to help communities prepare, work that included all necessary due diligence up to the appeals stage. They worked on appeals as well.

“He had a very subtle and quiet sense of humour,” said Mr. Madahbee. “He is going to be missed for sure.”

“It was a big shock when I heard that Joe had died,” said Glen Hare, Ontario Regional Chief. “He died at home (in Sudbury), having moved back there before Christmas, with Maryann (his wife) having gotten a job at the university.”

“Losing Joe leaves a big void within the Anishinabek Nation,” Ontario Regional Chief Hare added. “We did a lot with the UCCMM (United Chiefs and Council of Mnídoo Mníssing) as colleagues. He was the

Single vehicle collision leads to impaired and assault charges

A resident of Little Current has been charged in a single vehicle rollover on the Sagamok First Nation. There were two passengers in the vehicle along with the driver. While one pas-

senger sustained no injuries, the driver and one passenger suffered non-life-threatening injuries.



A Little Current man has been charged in a single vehicle (shown in photo) rollover on the Sagamok First Nation.



The driver and one passenger were injured in the crash.



Law & Order

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) report that on March 28 at approximately 6:30 pm, officers responded to a complaint that a blue car had left Sagamok Road at a high speed and rolled over several times.

Police determined that the driver had been consuming alcoholic beverages. The driver was subsequently arrested, and further tests were administered.

Niibin Moore, 25, of Little Current was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, operation while impaired by alcohol and drugs, and operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on April 17.

During the investigation, one of the passengers, Marlon Toulouse of Sagamok First Nation, was arrested and charged with assaulting a peace officer. The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on May 15.

Vehicle collision leads to impaired charges

A single vehicle collision on Highway 540 led to impaired driving charges in Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI).

On March 30 at approximately 5:20 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a complaint of a vehicle in the ditch.

Police determined during the investigation that the driver had been consuming drugs. They were subsequently arrested and returned to the detachment for further tests.

Tyson Francis, 26, from Little Current was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and driving while under suspension.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on May 3.

Police cameras installed in areas of Wiikwemkoong community

With the recent increase in the number of crimes in various areas of the community, the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) has installed several remote cameras.

"As part of the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service ongoing commitment to community safety, a new provincial initiative was proposed and is being implemented throughout the community," a WTPS release March 23 reads.

"The WTPS has installed a few remote camera systems as part of a new crime prevention strategy to

address the increase in crime, in various areas on the Unceded Wiikwemkoong Territory."

"WTPS continues to strive to obtain the latest in investigative technology to assist with investigations," the release says.

Acting Chief of Police welcomed to Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Services

The Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Services (WTPS) is pleased to welcome a new

Acting Chief of Police Jason Spooner has been involved in policing since 2001.

WTPS Acting Chief of Police Spooner was the former Acting Chief of Police at Lac Seul Police Service for three-and-a-half years. "Jason brings 22 years of policing experience and recently transferred from Sioux Lookout OPP to Manitoulin."

Chief of Police Spooner looks forward to working with the WTPS team and collaboratively with the Wiikwemkoong community.

"Please welcome Acting Chief of Police Spooner to



Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service acting Chief of Police Jason Spooner is welcomed to the community by Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi.

acting chief of police. Jason Spooner, staff sergeant with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was welcomed to WTPS and the community on March 23.

Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service whose door is always open for the community of Wiikwemkoong."

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Oh, for peeps sake, it's Easter time already! A chance to absolutely Cad-bury yourself in chocolate. This year is eggstra special, as we received an early Easter gift from a friend in Australia. They really shelled out and sent it by express hare-mail. This year is the first in a long while that Team Fergmeijer will be getting together for Easter. We were going to do the traditional dinner, but now we are leaning towards brunch instead. What better way to celebrate Easter than to get everybunny together for a meal at IHOP?

Cooo-ngratulations to this year's Sandhill Crane spotting competition! It was a tight race this year, with more entries than ever before! But bragging rights go to first-time winners Paula and John M. for first hearing the melodious coo of the sandhill crane within Billings township limits. Honourable mention goes to Kathy J. who first spotted the long-legged and winged creatures elsewhere on the Island. Thanks to all who reported sightings!

On April 1st, a few crane enthusiasts braved the nasty weather for the annual Sandhill Crane Coo-ing and Interpretive Dance contest. It was quite the flap - we just can't stop raven about the bird-like performances!! Some contestants came prepared, but there were others who were clearly winging it. Don't cry fowl, but the dances and coos were so good, the judges announced it was too close to call. If all of this sounds like a bit of ostrich, rest assured we certainly wouldn't try to fool anyone this past Saturday, would we?

Sure there's the spring equinox and the return of the cranes, but you REALLY know summer is just around the corner when the landfill switches back to its summer hours! Beginning Saturday, April 1 (no joke!), the Billings landfill will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

The township is looking to fill three student summer positions! Applications are still being accepted for positions at the marina and with Public Works. Send your resume to tmills@billingsstp.ca as soon as possible.

Happy birthday wishes to Sharon A. this week. At 29, you might start feeling like you are getting up in years, but really, 'old age' is always 15 years older than we are.

Get those egg baskets ready - the Easter Bunny is coming to Kagawong! The Billings Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Park Cen-

tre on Saturday, April 8th at 11 am. Everyone is welcome to hop on by!

We heard a rumour about the Easter Bunny. Seems they are interested in studying to become a doctor and have applied to study at John Hop-kins University.

Enjoying the lovely spring weather? Take some time to thank Mother Earth! Join the Billings Climate Action Committee in celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 22. From 10 am to 12 noon they'll be hosting a circular economy sale (community yard sale) at the Kagawong outdoor rink. Book a table at the rink with Tina Beckerton (tbeckerton@billingsstp.ca), or if you prefer to host your own on your property, let Tina know and the location of your sale will be added to a community list. There will also be a community clean-up that day. Looking to learn more about how our township is working to become greener? Check out <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/>

Quick question: Is saying you don't like Easter haresy?

Mark your calendars! Western Manitoulin Volunteer Fairs are happening in April. Stop in to meet the many organizations that work to make our communities so special. Learn about their efforts and events, and you are sure to find a comfortable fit for you. Billings' is April 26th at the Park Centre from 2 to 8 pm and includes refreshments as well as prizes to be won.

Bulk water users can access the new quick-fill station at the water treatment plant (75 Beach Street). It has options for 2" and 3/4" fill spigots. Remember to bring your clean Cam-lock female fitting to connect to the 2" option. Contact Tiana Mills at the town office for more information (tmills@billingsstp.ca)

And lastly, an excerpt from our up-coming book, "Parenting Is Easy When You Don't Have Any Kids" (publication date TBD): Easter egg hunts are proof your kids can find something themselves if they really want to. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night, March 31 at cards, several of the regulars did not make it due to the stormy forecast. Overnight the forecast came true, a bit late, first with icy rain pellets and then with lots of wet snow bending tree branches and breaking trees. Sunday morning Rose's access road had a tree across it and against her house and window. It was a very large branch that had bro-

ken off. But there were no accidents. No damage done was done that I know of.

At cards we had three full tables. High lady was Brenda Carter; high man was Dave Abrams; ladies' lone hands was won by Sara-Lyn with three and men's lone hands was won by Doug with four. Most euchres was Rick with seven. Money jar is safe. Rick won the juice.

Maple syrup is in full swing, with several families collecting. The bay is still covered in ice.

St. Andrews had their church meeting, which was well attended. They voted to keep the Meldrum Bay church open year-round, and not close for the winter. Many new projects were discussed.

We hope that everyone has a great Easter.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday, March 24 I took a car full of euchre players to Meldrum Bay. We had a great time.

The recycle bins were open on Saturday, March 25. There were five brave neighbours who came out in the snow. The reports were of slippery roads.

Saturday evening there was a 50th anniversary party for Lynn and Charles Pickard. Their three children and families had arrived on Thursday. Lynn's two brothers and a sister had come from Manitoba and Ottawa. Many other people attended, and a good time was had. The snowstorm kept a lot of people away. We walked to the community hall and could barely see our tracks in the yard when we came home about three hours later.

Sunday, March 26 at the Silver Water community hall, a soup and sandwich luncheon was held starting at 12 noon. At 1:30 pm there were 36 euchre players at the tournament. Thank you to everyone who donated food and did all the set-up, serving and cleanup as well as attending.

Monday, March 27 a group of us went to Evansville to play euchre. I meet new people there every week and we all have a good time.

Fire practice was held on Tuesday, March 28th. The last line dancing night for the season was on Wednesday, March 29.

Thursday, March 30 there were 17 euchre players out at the Silver Water community hall. Rose Van Every was the luckiest lady and took home the contents of the money jar. Condolences to the family of Norma (Priddle) Harper.

Condolences to the family of Joe Endanawas.

Pope Francis heeds call to disavow Doctrine of Discovery

by Michael Erskine

ROME—The Doctrine of Discovery has been a sore point between Indigenous peoples across the globe, standing as the basis for colonial settlement during Euro-

pean expansion across the globe. The doctrine was the focus of Indigenous protests calling for repudiation of the doctrine during a mass celebrated in Quebec last summer by Pope Francis. On

Thursday, the Pope heeded those calls.

The Doctrine of Discovery was a declaration and legal concept based on 15th-century papal bulls (that is, official declarations made



Pope Francis

called the doctrine a racist and harmful doctrine, noting quite correctly that the lands in question were not, in fact, terra nullius, but rather the homes and territories of the Indigenous peoples who lived upon those lands.

In repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery, the Vatican declared that the Doctrine of Discovery “did not adequately reflect the equal dignity and rights” of Indigenous peoples.

The announcement is seen as largely symbolic, despite providing much of the foundational law in Canada and the US.

Reactions to the announcement will be the subject of an in-depth story in next week’s edition of The Expositor.

by a pope) authorizing Christian explorers to claim, “terra nullius” (Latin for vacant lands), citing racial and religious superiority. Indigenous leaders have long

Work proceeding on Big Lake School hall

by Michael Erskine

BIG LAKE—A lot of renovation work has been accomplished in the Big Lake School Hall thanks to a hardy group of volunteers—but there is still plenty of elbow grease to be applied over the next few weeks.

“Right now, they are working on wiping down the cupboards and walls,” said volunteer Lois Middaugh. “The drywall is done, and the spraying has been completed, but it will be a while yet.”

Unfortunately, the Big Lake School House Association has had to limit access to the property for insurance reasons, a move that has proven less than popular in the community.

“A lot of people were not happy when we had to put

no trespassing signs on the playground equipment,” she said. “But it isn’t something where we have a choice.” Ms. Middaugh explained that until the remediation work is completed insurance issues dictate that policy.

“We have been very fortunate with our volunteers,” she said. “They have been fundraising with yard sales and such.” Many have gone above and beyond in their efforts. “I can’t take any credit,” said Ms. Middaugh. “Since I am working fulltime again, I just don’t have enough time to do that much.”

Nonetheless, Ms. Middaugh has been among the forefront of the charge to save the building which serves as a community hub for the Big Lake area from the wrecking ball.

...Mike Mantha removed from NDP caucus

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Mr. Mantha has been on a leave from his MPP duties, an NDP spokesperson told The Expositor.

A third party is handling the investigation into the allegations against Mr. Mantha and the NDP is keeping certain information private to protect the identity of the individual, Ms. Stiles said in the statement.

Mr. Mantha has served as an NDP MPP since first being elected in 2011 to represent the riding of Algoma-Manitoulin. He most recently served as the party’s mining and natural resources critic until March 29, when his critic portfolio was reduced to mining alone, a position he no longer holds with his departure from the caucus.

Mr. Mantha hasn’t attended his regular legislative duties this year. The house resumed its sit-



Mike Mantha

ting on February 21 after rising for winter break on December 8, 2022. Official records show that

was the last day he participated in debate or a vote in the legislature.

As well, Mr. Mantha hasn’t posted on his website or his Twitter or Instagram accounts since early February. On February 10 he wrote that he was “very excited to return to the legislature with Marit Stiles as the (new) Leader of the Official Opposition.”

Mr. Mantha released a statement on Monday, April 3. “As a lifelong believer in safe workplaces, I have been and remain fully committed to participating in the independent process now underway. I will continue to serve the people of Algoma-Manitoulin. I will not be commenting further on this matter.” Constituents can continue to contact Mr. Mantha’s office for service.

Mr. Mantha is the first MPP that Ms. Stiles has removed from the NDP caucus as its leader. There are now 30 members in the official Opposition caucus.

...Great Lakes rehabilitation

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statement recognized the importance of the Great Lakes to both Canadians and Americans and said the financial commitment is “part of our renewed joint commitment to preserving and restoring these iconic waters and ensuring the resiliency of the communities and people that depend on them.”

Mary Muter, chair of the Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation (GBGLF) says the announcement is “good news for the Great Lakes.”

The GBGLF is dedicated to delivering sound scientific research and solutions supporting water levels, water quality, wetlands, the fishery and aquatic invasive species control.

Ms. Muter wants “a piece of this, specifically \$1.5 million to complete studies and to place flexible measures to control water and erosion in the St. Clair River that would hold back water when needed, during low supply and would not interfere with shipping and fish.”

Ms. Muter points out that all other connecting channels in the Great Lakes system have full locks and controls to regulate water but there is nothing on the St. Clair river connecting Lake Huron to Lake Erie.

Studies done by Environment and Climate Change Canada on climate change impacts show that by 2030 water levels on Lake Huron could be three feet below the record low water level.

Low water levels would negatively impact habitat, wetlands, navigation channels and municipal docks. The biodiversity and economic loss would be substan-

tial.

Flexible measures in the St. Clair River are needed to help manage predicted extreme high and extreme low water levels in Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Georgian Bay, says Ms. Muter.

The GBGLF made a request for \$1.5 million to Minister of Science, Innovation and Industry, Francois-Philippe Champagne in August 2022. Ms. Muter hopes that their request will get more interest and traction in light of the \$420 million announcement for the Great Lakes.

Another group interested in the funding announcement is the Biinaagami partnership between Canadian Geographic, Royal Canadian Geographic Society and Swim Drink Fish.

Biinaagami is a multi-year project to engage Canadians and Americans in stewardship of the Great Lakes and the Indigenous Peoples of the lakes.

Aundeck Onmi Kaning’s Patrick Madahbee is an advisor to Biinaagami.

“It’s good news for both countries,” said Mr. Madahbee. “It’s important that both countries give this the priority it deserves.”

Mr. Madahbee points out that on the face of it \$420 million is a large number but this is spread out over 10 years.

“Biinaagami will take some time to digest this information and see what can be done,” said Mr. Madahbee.

“We’ve got to smarten up,” said Mr. Madahbee, “water is life and taking care of it is a shared responsibility of every individual, all stakeholders, government and industry.”

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...Two Wiikwemkoong women touted for new Canadian \$20 bill with petition

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a more inclusive society," said Lynn Groulx, chief executive officer of the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC).

NWAC launched the "Change the Bill" campaign in January in an attempt to get an Indigenous woman featured on the Canada \$20 note, acknowledging the contributions they have made in Canada.

The proposed commemorative design of Ms. Mandamin was submitted by artist Adrienne Assinewai, who is originally from Manitoulin Island, while the proposed commemorative design of Ms. Peltier was provided by Claire Shannon-Akiwenzie of British Columbia.

The NWAC explained, "Indigenous women have played an integral role in shaping the history and culture of Canada, yet they have been historically excluded from mainstream representation. It's time for change. The NWAC is launching Change the Bill (which was launched in January), a campaign aiming to get an Indigenous woman featured on the bill to acknowledge contributions made in Canada." Ms. Groulx noted that more than 20,000 signatures have been gathered on the petition, which will be submitted to the central bank this spring for their consideration.

"We are calling on all Canadians to support the recognition and representation of Indigenous women



Artist Adrienne Assinewai, who is originally from Manitoulin Island, submitted the proposed commemorative design of the late Josephine Mandamin for a new \$20 bill.

by signing our petition to feature an Indigenous woman on a Canadian bank note. By signing this petition, you are taking a stand for a more inclusive and equitable society for all Canadians."

Ms. Mandamin was known as the Water Woman, as she walked around the Great Lakes from 2003 to 2017 to bring awareness to the problems of water pollution and environmental degradation on the Great Lakes and Indigenous reserves in Canada.

Ms. Assinewai is a visual artist born and raised on Manitoulin Island. She grew up surrounded by her traditional culture and nature and was driven to share these treasures with others from a young age. Now based along the coastline of New Brunswick, Ms. Assinewai continues to be inspired by the natural world and creates from her private home studio. She chose to depict Josephine Mandamin/Biidaasigebaname. Her traditional name translates to "The one who comes with the



British Columbia artist Claire-Shannon Akiwenzie has submitted this proposed commemorative design of Autumn Peltier for a new \$20 bill.

light" and she carried her name well. For her activism, Ms. Mandamin received the Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 and the Governor General's Meritorious Service Cross in 2019.

"I'm originally from Sheguiandah and now live in Little Shemogue, New Brunswick," Ms. Assinewai said. "It is a nice little area that reminds me a lot of Manitoulin Island."

"As a kid I was always drawing and always had a pencil and paper in my hands," said Ms. Assinewai. "I went to school to formerly train in the arts and just completed my last formal training in

2019 in the design and visual arts program at Cambrian College." She is a visual artist, "and I find I need to do work in a bunch of different media like fibre work and wool sculptures."

Ms. Assinewai explained she had been contacted by NWAC to do the design of Josephine Mandamin for the \$20 bill. "They (NWAC) approached me and explained the

idea to change the bill initiative. I think it is a great idea and think it would be nice to see this change being made on the \$20 bill. At the time they contacted me, my husband and I had gone back to Ontario for Christmas and when they got in touch with me in early January, I had pneumonia."

"I had about 5-6 days to come up with the design," said Ms. Assinewai. "Luckily, digital art allows me to do this work faster. And I took a day to think of all the potential women I could use for the design, and I kept landing back on the idea of Josephine. She is from my home on the

Island, and I have always looked at people that we can all look up to and are representative on matters. Being

an Indigenous woman from my family's land, and everything she did in terms

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...Gore Bay commits to keep nursing home beds

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are funded."

As was reported in last week's edition of The Expositor, Jarlette Health Services, a private company that currently operates the Manitoulin Lodge, is in discussions with the Town of Gore Bay to transfer the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home licence to the municipality, which is looking at an ownership entity towards redevelopment and keeping the beds in town.

The town, in partnership with surrounding municipalities and others, is looking at all options for ownership and redevelopment.

Pat MacDonald, chair of the Manor board told The Expositor, "it would be financially very difficult for us to combine the Manor and the Lodge. And we couldn't even think about any of this until we had the town of Gore Bay's opinion."

"I understand the town wants to keep the beds in Gore Bay and that is great,

we definitely need the beds on the Island, and if Jarlette is transferring the Lodge to the town that is good," said Ms. MacDonald. "Yes, we heard a rumour that the announcement was going to be made on the Lodge."

"We definitely don't want the beds moved off the Island, that would be an extremely unpopular move" stated Ms. MacDonald. "And it (combining the Lodge with the Manor) would mean a major infrastructure and costs involved. And we certainly have not talked about this as being any kind of option."

Ms. MacDonald said both the Manor and the Lodge have long waiting lists of those wanting a bed in the facilities.

"We need to let Jarlette and the town (Gore Bay) go through the process," said Ms. MacDonald.

Mayor Lane has been

quoted as stating that together with Jarlette Health Services, "we are committed to keeping long-term care in our community for now and years to come. This can be a long process as we work together with Jarlette, our community and our partners and the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). We are in the very early stages of these discussions."

Jake Roseman, issues manager and press secretary for the MOHLTC told The Expositor on behalf of the ministry, "municipal homes are not issued a licence but receive an approval for the MOHLTC. Any request to issue a new approval or licence requires the completion of a ministry licensing review process as required under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 and Regulations and must be approved by the ministry. The review process would depend on how the operator is structured. There have been no approvals of a transfer from a for-profit-operated

long-term care home to a municipal home."

"There is no distinction in the ministry's approach to funding," said Mr. Roseman. "In the event of a license transfer, the home operating the beds would continue to have access to all applicable funding provided by the ministry."

Both Mayor Lane and Jill Knowlton, director care for long-term care operations with Jarlette noted that Lodge resident will continue to have the same level of excellent care as they currently receive. Manitoulin Lodge will continue to need the services of a dedicated team of professionals.

"It is important that long-term care services remain within the community of Gore Bay to ensure that the residents and families continue to be well served and that the home be elevated to an even stronger position for redevelopment," said Ms. Knowlton.

...Wiikwemkoong police will have 14 new officers, new support staff

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been working to be recognized as services for some time."

"It was a long time coming," agreed WTPS policing agreement portfolio holder Joe Wabegijig, who noted that getting to this point had required numerous meetings over the past couple of years. The previous agreement expired on March 31, 2023.

The lack of adequate resources has long challenged First Nation police services in servicing their communities, said Ogimaa Manitowabi. "Despite years of advocacy, the government's response has always been a 'take it or leave it' approach," she

said. "As a result of underfunding, we have been really limited in trying to meet new issues that have appeared over the last few years. These Southern Ontario issues have come to our territory. Drugs, gangs, violence, addressing that, combating that, these are challenges facing our police in trying to keep our communities healthy, happy and safe."

The addition of 14 new officers over the next three years will go a long way toward providing the resources WTPS needs in order to serve the community and cut off the supply of illegal drugs being brought into the community by organized networks from

Southern Ontario, noted Ogimaa Manitowabi.

The new funding agreement will also help to reduce the wait times for officers to respond to a call for service in the community.

Ogimaa Manitowabi commended the WTPS and the Wiikwemkoong Police Board for the work they have done over the past few years, despite being woefully underresourced. She characterized the funding agreement as "a step forward" in the relationship between Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and the Crown.

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...Wiikwemkoong woman receives Faculty of Law's highest honour

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thrilled to share that one week from today I will be accepting an award recognizing my commitment to First Nations and professional accomplishments at UoFT Law."

"I can share with pride that I had to find my way in order to find my success. I started with small goals and then built from there. The first was to have money in my jeans. I started with a job as early as I could at age 13-14. My dad (Clare Brant) also motivated us with \$20 for each 'A' mark I had in school and let me tell you it worked. I wanted that zhooniya (money) every semester so I could buy more jeans and Roots shoes."

"The second was more of an aspirational statement that guided me for years," said Ms. Brant. "I saw my life as a responsibility to build from the past generation. It helped me keep the struggles of growing up simple. I visualized

that each family generation was like a rung on a ladder and my responsibility was to create the next rung. I would tell myself, 'Cherie, you just have to get to the next rung' and that was it."

"The third was to get my Ojibway/Mohawk teachings which I did at the Anishnawbe Health Centre of Toronto. I completed several ceremonies and volunteered as much as I could. I was on a mission—get to the next rung. I had my vision quest by dream when I was 15-16 and it still guides me to this day."

"I want to honour my past generations with this award and for setting up such a beautiful fulfilling path for me, my nookomis, my mishomis and my dad, I love you very much and know you are looking after me," wrote Ms. Brant.

Ms. Brant, who is both Mohawk from the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Ojibway from Wiikwemkoong, told

The Expositor, "I was pretty surprised to receive this award. The Faculty of Law makes the final decision on the nominations. It is very nice to be recognized in this way."

"My mom (Elaine) is from Wiikwemkoong and my dad from Tyendinaga," said Ms. Brant. I grew up spending my summers on Manitoulin Island until I was able to work," said Ms. Brant. "My grandparents, Rita and Adam Corbiere, owned property in Tehkummah, South Baymouth and Wiikwemkoong. I have very fond memories of being on the Island. And I think about my grandparents all the time, I was very much influenced by my grandmother's entrepreneurial spirit."

Ms. Brant also serves on the non-profit boards for the Anishnawbe Health Foundation, Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business and Canadian Club of Toronto. In 2017, Cherie received the Lexpert Zenith Award, a national award that recognizes women's contributions to the law. In 2012 she was named one of Lexpert's "Rising Stars: Leading Lawyers Under 40."

CRA providing some relief on Underused Housing Tax concerns

by Tom Sasvari

BARRIE ISLAND—A US resident who has had a cottage on Barrie Island for many years has some good news for US and Canadian residents regarding the Underused Housing Tax Act (UHTA) and the penalties and interest related to this.

"It is good news and will help take some of the pressure off people," stated Richard Butela, a US resident. "A friend of mine talked to a member of parliament in his area and got a response that there is going to be some relief on the deadline for (UHT) to be filed and the penalties for filing late."

"I want to inform you that Minister Diane Lebouthillier (National Revenue of Canada) has decided to offer transitional relief for the Underused Housing Tax. This relief will waive penalties and interest for a six-month period until November 1, 2023, although the filing date remains the same," said Brian Masse MP for Windsor West, in a letter to one of Mr. Butela's friends, who also owns a cottage in Canada.

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) announced in a release March 27 that it, "understands that there are unique challenges for affected owners in the first year of the Underused Housing Tax Act (UHTA) administration. To provide more time for affected owners to take necessary actions to comply, the Minister of National Revenue is providing transitional relief to affected owners. The application of penalties and interest under the UHTA for the 2022 calendar year will be waived for any late-filed underused housing tax (UHT) return and for any late-paid UHT payable, provided the return is filed or the UHT is paid by October 31, 2023."

"This transitional relief means that although the deadline for filing the UHT return and paying the UHT payable

is still April 30, 2023, no penalties or interest will be applied for UHT returns and payments that CRA receives before November 1, 2023," the CRA release explains.

As was reported in last week's edition of the Expositor, "Canada has a new one percent annual UHT on the ownership of vacant or underused housing in Canada. The tax usually applies to non-resident, non-Canadian owners. In some situations, however, it also applies to Canadian individuals and corporations. If you're an affected owner of residential property in Canada, you must file a return for the UHT return by April 30, 2023, for each property you owned on December 31, 2022. To determine if the underused housing tax applies to you, please visit Canada.ca/cra-uht. For more technical information, visit our UHT notices page," the CRA notes.

On the topic of vacation property exemptions, "the CRA has developed an online vacation property designation tool that will help you determine if your property is located in an eligible area for purposes of the vacation property exemption. In rare situations, this tool will be unable to determine whether your property is located in an eligible area. In such situations, you will have to conduct a visual inspection of the Statistics Canada's GeoSearch map.

As of March 14, 2023, UHT returns can be filed in My Account and My Business Account.

If you are not registered for the CRA's online portals, you can also file your UHT return electronically. If you file your UHT return electronically through this webform, you will need: a valid CRA tax identifier number, social insurance number, individual tax number or business number and a digital access code (DAC). If assistance is needed in obtaining a DAC, you can call the UHT filing help desk toll free at 1-800-387-0720, or call collect at 613-221-3224.

Indigenous Ingenuity travelling exhibition to visit OCF

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Ojibway Cultural Foundation will be one of the sites that the Indigenous Ingenuity: (Anishinaabewin Maamniwendimowin: Pane Gii-Bite) Timeless Inventions unique travelling exhibition will be visiting this summer.

Indigenous people from North America have long demonstrated a great sense of ingenuity, using nature as inspiration. The world we know today is influenced by their innovations and scientific knowledge. The exhibition will invite visitors to experience the innovative processes that give rise to Indigenous knowledge by observing nature as a source of inspiration, listening to bearers of knowledge, experimenting with scientific principles and sharing acquired knowledge by passing it on to others.

The exhibition presents a clever and novel mix of science and culture intended to stir a sense of pride among First Nation, Inuit and Metis communities and celebrate the diversity, interconnectedness, and



An exciting display is heading to the Ojibway Cultural Foundation this month.

resourceful ways of knowing and being, that Indigenous knowledge and innovations provide in the global community.

Kevin Eshkawkogan, chief executive officer of Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) explained, "We are the co-developers of the exhibit with Science North and looked at how we could bring an exhibit like this to our communities; and by working with tourism activities operators in the communities, that would develop experiences for visitors."

He pointed out the exhibition will include things like traditional dwellings, knowledge about animals with video that Science

North took across Northern Ontario, dream catchers and much more. "There be science involved as well as cultural and spiritual teachings, and traditional activity."

"The OCF will be the host of the exhibit on its visit to the Island and Science North helped create the exhibit," said Mr. Eshkawkogan.

Science North's Nick Ryma said the exhibition is a novel mix of science and culture intended to stir a sense of pride among First Nation, Inuit and Metis communities with the OCF and the M'Chigeeng First Nation being one of 20 communities in Northern Ontario

hosting the show.

The travelling exhibition will be hosted at the OCF from April 21 to May 19.

The exhibition will travel across the North over the next two years.

The Indigenous Ingenuity: Timeless Inventions travelling exhibition is proudly supported by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario, and the Government of Canada.

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issue was too important to let it pass unchallenged.

"(Including the name of a subcontractor in the original tender documents) taints the whole process," he said. He sug-

gested that, left unchecked, such designations can be backed up by specifying products that only that subcontractor can supply.

Still, Mr. Kopylov said he has submitted quotes to several companies bidding on the tender in question.

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NDP takes credit for budget's low income benefits

NORTHERN ONTARIO—Canada's NDP says that it secured much-needed help for Canadians as the high cost of living in Northern Ontario continues to soar as part of last week's federal government budget.

"People are skipping vital dentist appointments or putting food back on the shelf because of how expensive everything is," said NDP Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "The goods and services tax (GST) rebate and dental care expansion will make life more affordable for people who need it most, and that wouldn't have been possible without the power of New Democrats."

Left on his own, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has repeatedly chosen to protect the profits of the super-rich, said MP Hughes. "He teamed-up with the Conservatives to vote against making CEOs and big corporations pay what they owe. And both the Liberals and Conservatives voted against delivering dental care to Canadi-

ans."

New Democrats used their power in Parliament to deliver dental care for children under 18, seniors and people living with a disability, which will save \$1,247 per family per year, explained MP Hughes. The NDP also pushed for a grocery rebate which will put up to \$467 back in over 3.5 million Ontarians' pockets.

"Earlier today, before the budget was tabled, the Conservatives said they wouldn't even be supporting the budget," said MP Hughes. "If Pierre Poilievre oversaw the budget, there would be no dental care for Canadian kids and seniors. He would have cut your pension, youth health care, child care and other services your family relies on to support the profits of the big bosses. I'm incredibly proud of what New Democrats accomplished for working people. Imagine what else would be possible if more elected officials fought for Canadians like New Democrats do."



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Notice of Meetings

Council Meeting of April 18 is CANCELLED

A special meeting of Council will be held on April 20 at 6 pm for the auditor's presentation of the 2022 financial documents.
Regular Council to follow at 7 pm.

Notice of Meetings

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now offering hybrid meetings. Come and join us in the Council chambers located at 14 Water Street or join us via Zoom by using the following Meeting #: 489 313 1974 or call 1-587-328-1099.
Our Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday and Thursdays of the month.
For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca

Mayor and Council would like to take this time to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

Reminders:

In observance of the Good Friday holiday our municipal office will be closed and garbage pick up will be on **THURSDAY, April 6.**
Municipal office will be closed on Easter Monday.

Notice of Public Tender

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting tender submissions for the following construction season:

- Granular A & B
- Landfill Cover
- Surface Treatment

For a copy of the tender package including the submission form please see our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca
Closing date for submissions is April 26th at 12:00 noon

Public Notice

Mayor and Council have begun the development of the Strategic Plan that they will diligently work towards achieving over the next four years.
If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to submit them to Heidi Ferguson at hferguson@townofnemi.on.ca. Please submit your ideas by April 21st, 2023

NEMI Events and Learning Sessions: Up Coming Events

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
10862 Hwy 6, Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah
April 8th at 11 am

NEMI Youth Soccer
Registration deadline April 10th
Contact nemisoccer@gmail.com

Save the Date!
NEMI Youth Soccer will be hosting an Island-Wide Soccer Tournament
May 27th at the Low Island Soccer Fields

Public Notice

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be considering the Water and Wastewater by-law at the upcoming Council meeting on April 20th at 7 pm in the Council chambers.
A copy of the proposed by-law is available on our website, townofnemi.on.ca or at the Town office located at 14 Water Street, Little Current
The effect of this by-law will see increases as follows:

	Annual Current	Proposed
Ward 2 and 3	\$501.18	\$521.23
Sewer	\$501.18	\$521.23
Ward 4	\$1,483.71	\$1,543.06

To submit a comment prior to the meeting email Pam Myers, Clerk at pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be considering the Building Permit and Fee by-law at the upcoming Council meeting on April 20th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. A copy of the proposed by-law is available on our website, townofnemi.on.ca or at the Town office located at 14 Water Street, Little Current
The effect of this by-law will see increases as follows

CLASS OF PERMIT	PERMIT FEE
New Buildings	\$12 per \$1,000 (Minimum \$1,200) (or fraction there of construction value)
Additional & Structural Renovations	\$12 per \$1,000 of Construction Renovations (Minimum \$400)
Building Permit Renewals	\$50 each - \$100
Permit Fee Refund	There will be no refund
Demolition/Moving Permit	\$50 each
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Residential Garage	\$12 per \$1,000 (Minimum \$400)
Industrial/Commercial Construction	\$14 per \$1,000 (Minimum \$1,500)
Wind Turbine (>3kW only)	\$3,000 per Turbine
Concrete Bases Supporting Solar Panels in Excess of 10m2	\$400
Residential Deck	\$12 per \$1,000 (Minimum \$100)
Request for Inspection	\$100
Work without a Permit	\$50-00 Double the calculated permit fee

To submit a comment prior to the meeting email Pam Myers at pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca

FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sales Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on May 3, 2023, at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

Description of Land:

Roll No. 51 19 040 002 13600 0000; PIN 47120-0208 (LT); PT LT 29 CON 3 HOWLAND AS IN RM54439; S/T & T/W RM54439; NE MANITOULIN & ISLANDS; File No. 21-05
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$8,000.
Minimum tender amount: \$4,973.64

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 percent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

Melanie Aelick
Taxes and Utilities
The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands
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P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

...touring season heats up for Crystal Shawanda

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Chart. “So now it’s ‘okay, what can we do next?’” she laughed. “That’s always been what it has been about.”

Although her schedule is pretty tight these days, Ms. Shawanda said that she and her partner Dewayne have always been looking ahead to their next thing. “I am working on a lullaby album,” she confirmed, “it will feature children’s songs,” she said. “I am hoping to have it translated into Anishinaabemowin.”

Ms. Shawanda said that she feels that “sometimes you have to step outside of your comfort zone if you are going to do amazing things.” She said that applies equally to whatever environment you are in. “Whether that is going to school or in business, you dream big, you accomplish big things, but then you come back home to share your accomplishments and knowledge to inspire others.”

Ms. Shawanda’s music can be found on her website, crystalshawanda.co, or on Apple, Amazon, Google, Soundcloud or wherever you download your music from.



Crystal Shawanda is a woman on the go. Ms. Shawanda has many gigs lined up as the weather starts to warm.

...Enbridge Line tunnel project delayed again

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“We greatly appreciate the meaningful input received throughout scoping and will use this information to shape studies and continuing consultations throughout development of our draft environmental impact statement,” said Detroit District Commander Lt. Col. Brett Boyle.

The USACE Detroit District had originally planned to publish the draft environmental impact statement in late 2023 but is now preparing a spring 2025 publication.

Bridge Michigan, in a story published March 23, quoted from Enbridge spokesperson Ryan Duffy who expressed disappointment about the latest delay, notes, “While we are supportive of a thorough, comprehensive and carefully considered permitting process that ensures adequate opportunity for review and comment, we are disappointed with the extended timeline for a project of this scope.”

The delay adds on to the dispute as environmentalists and Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel argue with Enbridge over its existing 70-year-old dual-span petroleum pipeline at the bottom of the straits.

Line 5 opponents contend that the existing pipeline should be shut down immediately, citing its age and the threat an oil spill would pose to the straits. Meanwhile, Enbridge argues Line 5 can operate safely along the sandy bottom of the straits until it is eventually relocated into a tunnel bored deep beneath the lakebed.

Bridge Michigan reported the USACE decision is not surprising. “It’s another unfortunate case of Enbridge lying to the Michigan public and getting away with it,” said Sean McBrearty, coordinator of the anti-Line 5 coalition Oil and Water Don’t Mix. “From the beginning, we’ve said this is an unrealistic timeline, and building an oil tunnel through the Great Lakes is an unrealistic proposal.”

It was noted that while federal regulators consider the tunnel plan, Enbridge continues to ship petroleum products through the existing lake bottom pipes, in defiance of a shutdown order from

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Ms. Nessel, meanwhile, has been pursuing a lawsuit since 2019 that aims to shut down the pipelines. A judge has yet to issue a final decision on whether the case should be heard in federal court (which Enbridge prefers) or state court (which Nessel prefers).

Enbridge Energy is proposing to construct a tunnel under the bed of the Straits of Mackinac between Point LaBarbe, St.

1953.

Mr. Duffy told Bridge Michigan Enbridge remains committed to the tunnel project, as well as the continued safe operation of the Line 5 crossing of the Straits, and ensuring an uninterrupted supply of reliable, affordable energy to Michigan and the region.

Michigan Governor Whitmer, environmental groups and Native American tribes want the line shut down. They contend the nearly 6.4 kilometre

But the company agreed in 2018 with Governor Whitmer’s predecessor, Republican Rick Snyder, to drill a tunnel that would encase a new pipeline section in concrete, it was reported.

Ms. Kirkwood said, “the further delay of the infrastructure project that we don’t need, will hasten the pace of transition. This delay means that the pipeline will probably not be built until 2030 anyway. Priority must be on water security and protection.”

Enbridge is also await-



A diver assesses the Line 5 pipeline, which runs through the Straits of Mackinac.

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Ignace, and McGilpin Point, Mackinaw City, Michigan (Line 5 tunnel). The Enbridge tunnel would house a new 30-inch pipeline for light crude oil and liquid natural gas, replacing the existing dual submerged pipelines crossing the Straits of Mackinac, which have been in operation since

section is vulnerable to a rupture. Line 5 moves about 23 million gallons (87 million litres) of oil and natural gas liquids daily between Superior, Wisconsin and Sarnia, Ontario.

Enbridge insists the nearly 70-year-old dual pipes are in good condition and monitored regularly.

ing a ruling from the Michigan Public Service Commission on its request to relocate the underwater pipeline segment. The commission last July request more information about tunnel engineering and hazards.

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The MSS team, shown in photo, includes co-captain Jocelyn Kuntsi, Build lead Ben Willis, Kyra Carpenter, Daphne Carr, Garrett Charbonneau, Tanner Graham, Addy Gray, Morgan Green, Nevaeh Harper, Ryan Kuntsi, Xavi Mara, Patrick McCann, Alexis McVey, Ryann Moore, Samuel Pennings, Alan Wilkin, Ben Willis, Tom Willis, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, Darwin Wood, Kyle Zembal, lead mentor Yana Bauer, and mentors Caroline Black, Andrew Argall, Mike Zegil, Scott Willis and Kyle Zembal.

MSS Mustangs robotics team qualifies for provincials; wins prestigious awards

by Tom Sasvari with files from Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Both the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) and Wiikwemkoong High School (WHS) robotics teams have won prestigious awards at competitions held this year. The MSS team qualified for the provincials having won the FIRST Impact Award at a McMaster University competition last weekend and an Inspiration Engineering award at a competition held the last weekend in March in North Bay. The young all-rookie WHS team, while not qualifying for the provincials won a prestigious award at a competi-

tion held in Barrie earlier this year.

“It has been a very emotional day,” stated Yana Bauer, one of the mentors of the MSS team Sunday night. “We won the FIRST Impact Award which is the most prestigious award at FIRST, it honours the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose of FIRST Robotics.”

“The FIRST Impact Award is presented to the team judged to have the most significant measurable impact of its partnerships among its participants and community over a sustained period, not just a single build season,”

explained Ms. Bauer. “The winner is able to demonstrate progress towards FIRST’s mission of transforming our culture. The recipient is invited to a FIRST championship (in this case the provincials) where it competes for the FIRST Impact Award against winners from other qualifying events.”

Ms. Bauer said that the MSS team took part in the robot competition this weekend, and after the first day of competition, “we ended up 10th among the teams. Our team had to repair our robot (due to a problem with the robot arm), but the team never missed a match. On Sunday

the team experienced more difficulties with its robot and its ranking in the standings dropped further, even competing in alliances with other teams. But they kept their energy up and continued to do our best and rebounded (from the difficulties).” In not qualifying to go on in the competition, “our team cheered on the other teams.”

“With the engineering inspiration award (the team won at its previous competition) we were going to the provincials to compete in this category, and now having won the FIRST Impact Award our robot will also be competing at the provincials. MSS finished 65th

among the 80 teams in provincial rankings,” said Ms. Bauer.

“We participated in our first event of the season, the Nipissing University competition (held the last weekend in March) North Bay,” said Yana Bauer, a mentor of the MSS Manitoulin Metal 6865 Team, early last week. “It was a great event, and we had very modest expectations going in because this was the first time we had our robot in an event, the team robot drivers haven’t had much experience, compared to many other teams that have already competed this year.”

“We went in with the

idea we were going to test things out and develop our robot strategies, to take pressure off the team so team members would not be disappointed if we didn’t do very well,” said Ms. Bauer.

Ms. Bauer acknowledged the MSS team didn’t do very well in its first match. “The robot actually tipped over in competition, so we had to do repairs, and received some help in this from the Loellen team on the programming side for the robot.” After the first day of the competition, MSS team was 15th place among the 28 teams taking part.

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 day of the competition “more things fell into place. Our robot ran better, and the team got better and were able to better our codes. Gradually the robot and the team were progressing,” said Ms. Bauer.

“In the afternoon several members of the team competed in the ‘Impact Award’ event, for science and technology, and some of our team made presentations to the judges. Two of our students also took part in Deans list interviews. In general, a lot of the competition judges came to talk to us, our team members and programs we are running, and things we do in the community with the team.”

“On Sunday we had a few more matches, and our team gained more confidence and had a solid performance,” continued Ms. Bauer. “When the round-robin competition ended, many teams wanted us to work with their team (in the next round of competition). This is the fifth year we have been in competition, and this was the first year this has ever happened. We didn’t expect to be chosen by other teams, and our team was ecstatic! Being in an alliance means we had made it, that the team is valued—that it can be an asset in an alliance with another team. It was a big deal,” she said. MSS partnered with C-4 a team from Arnprior and in another match with Atomic Dishwasher (A.D.), a team out of Owen Sound. It was really cool to be partnered with them and with A.D. we faced the number one seeded alliance team and almost beat them in the semi-finals. To be in an alliance and in the semi-finals and actually competing was a big thing for our team.”

When the awards were handed

out after the competition, “our team received an Engineering Inspiration Award,” stated Ms. Bauer. “This award is presented for inspiring engineering in our school, community and with students in elementary schools. This is a huge award and was unexpected. The judges had interviewed our team members about our promotion work in the community, designing our robot and how the team promotes engineering at conferences and events. It means we will be vying for that award in the provincials.”

The MSS team was to take part in another regional event this weekend at McMaster University, and then will be taking part in the provincials in Hamilton April 5-8 at the First Ontario Centre.

“We won the judges award at the competition in North Bay,” stated Chris Mara, mentor of the Wiikwemkoong High School (WHS 5672) robotics team. This is the eighth year of competition for the team. A group of 14 students travelled to Barrie’s Georgian College earlier this year and brought home significant honours with their robot Biabco Nimoosh 8.

“The theme for this year’s competition is ‘Energy and Sustainable Connections,’ said Mr. Mara. He explained at the competition in Barrie the field of battle was a giant charging station wherein the team and its autonomous creation was set to the task of making connections at set points.

“The design team worked really, really hard to generate an interpretation of the robot team in the pit,” said Mr. Mara. “The judges were very impressed with the images and Anishinaabemowin. It was very provocative.” So much so that the judges awarded the team the Imagery Award for their efforts. “People were stopping by

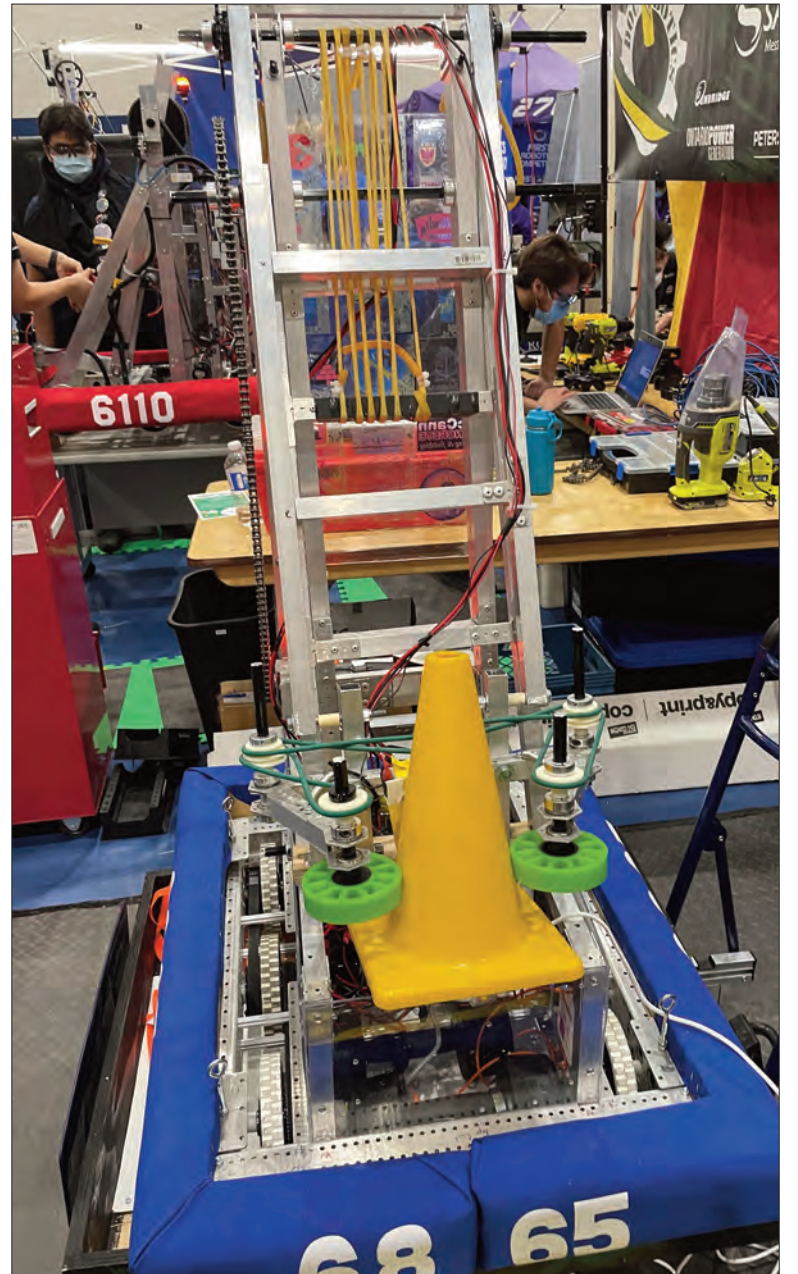
and asking questions.” In addition to providing the WHS students with an opportunity to showcase their STEM chops, the Wiikwemkoong team came back from their first competition tied in the ranks at 38th in the province, moving up four positions among the 198 registered teams. “Pretty good showing for an all-rookie team, we got to the alliance round and the elimination round.”

“When you think of the school population, there is a good percentage of students on the robotics team,” he said. “The students really represent their school well. There is a lot to take on.”

“Our team was not as strong as it was in Barrie,” said Mr. Mara. “The MSS team was incredible, winning the Engineering Inspiration Award. And they did really good in the field. We did better in part than we did in the Barrie event but did not qualify for the elimination round.”

The competitions are the culmination of nine months of work for the WHS team to build the various components with countless hours of extracurricular effort going into Biabco Nimoosh 8.

The new acronym replacing STEM is STEAM, that is science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics and the Wiikwemkoong team has strong representation in all categories. “They really took it up a notch,” said Mr. Mara. “The robot looks great, and the team has a newly designed T-shirt and the words that describe the robot and its activities.”



The Manitoulin Secondary School Team 6865 Manitoulin Metal team has qualified for the provincial robotics championships this week.

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...Two Wiiky women touted for new \$20 bill

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of the water and environmental aspect I chose Josephine Mandamin. The sheer determination she showed in walking around all of the Great Lakes, and all her accomplishments was incredible.”

“No, I can’t personally say I knew Josephine, but my dad (Maxie Assinewai) was a healer, and he knew a lot of people,” said Ms. Assinewai. “He would go to a lot of conferences and meetings so there is a good chance I met her,” noting she moved away from Manitoulin in 2003.

“What is really neat about this initiative is as a bunch of artists (12 in total) who have created these design pieces, the works can be purchased in poster size,” said Ms. Assinewai. “And all the money that goes into the sales of the posters, \$20, all goes back to the artists. This is great for myself because I am a seasonal worker and the rest of the year I work on my art.”

Ms. Mandamin’s great-niece, Autumn Peltier, of Wiikwemkoong followed in her aunt’s footsteps, becoming the next generation’s water warrior and is the Anishinabek nation’s Water Commissioner. Her design was created by Claire Shannon-Akiwenzie (of Anishinaabe/Irish descent) who is a digital artist, beader and educator based in unceded Musqueam, Tsleil Waututh and Squamish territory in Vancouver, British Columbia. She is a proud member of the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation in Neyaashiinigmiing, Ontario. Her father taught her to create at a young age and subsequently helped connect her to family, language and story through beadwork, painting, sewing, and drum making.

Ms. Shannon-Akiwenzie’s artwork features Autumn Peltier, a globally respected Indigenous water and rights activist. “Autumn has quickly become an empowering figure for young Indigenous women, children and voice for many Indigenous movements around the world,” she wrote. Ms. Peltier, “is strong in her cultural knowledge and teachings and unafraid to use her voice to speak up for the health and



Artist Adrienne Assinewai originally from Manitoulin designed the proposed bills featuring Josephine Mandamin.

wellbeing of nibi (water), for the people and for future generations.”

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...Easter bunny hopping this weekend!

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The M'Chigeeng First Nation Easter Egg Hunt, open to all children in M'Chigeeng, will take place on Sunday, April 9 starting at 3 pm. Bring a basket! The hunt will take place at the M'Chigeeng Pow Wow grounds.

On Saturday, April 8, the Little Current branch of the Royal Canadian Legion is hosting a Kids' Easter Dance, 6 to 8 pm. Admission is \$5 per child and there will be snacks and drinks available to purchase. This event is for young people ages up to 12.

And don't forget to watch for the Manitoulin Expositor Easter Egg Hunt in this week's edition of the newspaper. Find the eggs hidden in ads throughout the newspaper and fill in the form (found on Page 16) showing where you found the eggs and drop off the completed form to the Expositor office by Easter Monday, April 10 or take a picture of your completed form and email it to services@manitoulin.com.

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Understanding history is key to connecting with spirit

by Maureen Strickland, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—The sacred smell of burning sage wafts through the air while cards on the conference tables ask participants to “Catch the Trigger Before it Escalates.”

It is the morning of day two of a two-day gathering on Strengthening Spirit Impacted by Addictions and Mental Health sponsored by Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and facilitated by Stephanie Stephens.

Community members, frontline workers, counsellors, child and family workers and people living with mental health and addictions issues have been invited to the gathering. Those in attendance are from communities and organizations across Manitoulin Island and the North Shore.

Rob Wabegijig, addictions support worker at Noojmowin Teg is pleased with the turnout and the response. “There is a good mix between frontline workers and community members, it is especially important for new frontline workers and people not from here to understand the community,” said Mr. Wabegijig.

Addictions, particularly to opioids remains an ongoing issue in the region with significant impacts says Mr. Wabegijig.

According to the Public

Health Sudbury and Districts Community Drug Strategy opioid surveillance data, in 2022 Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts had 2.8 times the annualized rate of visits to emergency departments for opioid overdoses than Ontario overall. The annualized mortality rate in 2022 from opioid related overdoses in Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts was three times the rate in Ontario overall.

Ms. Stephens leads the gathering over two days on a journey to understand the impact of colonialism on mental health and addictions in first nations communities.

Ms. Stephens is Anishinaabe, Bear Clan and a member of Garden River First Nation. She is a social worker and an anti-colonial, critical thinker who believes in the old Anishinaabe ways of knowing, being, understanding and doing in the world.

Ms. Stephens offers a condensed look at colonial history from first contact through the lens of Windegokaan (a protective spirit) and highlights the traumas over the centuries that lead to disconnection from spirit.

From the introduction of guns in the 1500s to Christian indoctrination in the 1600s, then the exploitation by the fur traders in the 1700s, the beginning of residential schools in the 1800s, the



Stephanie Stephens (Waabishka Miigwan)— Anishinaabe, Bear Clan, member of Garden River First Nation.

‘60s scoop in the 1900s and the first steps in the 2000s towards truth and reconciliation after 10 generations of the trauma the list is long, painful and powerful.

Ms. Stephens refers often to the negative ‘W spirit’ or ‘W virus’ as being at play in colonialism. “I cannot say the W in the W-virus because it will call the spirit in,” said Ms. Stephens. This W-virus is about greed, extraction and exploitation.

Ms. Stephens describes the history she tells as a meta-narrative.

The Oxford dictionary defines meta-narrative as “an overarching account or interpretation of events and circumstances that provides a pattern or structure for people’s beliefs and gives meaning to their experiences.”

Those in attendance are asked to reflect and discuss



Rob Wabegijig — Addictions support worker at Noojmowin-Teg

at their tables how they feel about this history of trauma laid bare.

Angry, sad, overwhelmed, confused are some of the feelings shared. The “Catch the Trigger” card makes sense and offers suggestions like taking slow deep breaths, inhaling sage smudge and connecting to your support person should you be triggered.

There is lightness and humour too.

Ms. Stephens shared traditional stories to help awaken the spirit. The “Little Winged Startlers” tells how Nanabush, the trickster, defecates on a group of baby grouse and then the mother grouse scares Nanabush off a cliff. The moral here is to not cause harm and to have good relations.

A group of frontline workers from the low bar-

rier Mental Health and Addictions Shelter in M’Chigeeng see the value in this gathering. Shelter worker Morgan McGraw explains that “this helps to understand the emotional pain that drives some people to addiction.”

The importance of understanding the generational emotional pain in First Nations communities and individuals living with mental health and addictions issue is a main take-away.

Mr. Wabegijig hopes that frontline workers and those living with mental health and addictions leave with an understanding of the importance of kindness to yourself and others. He believes “the opposite of addiction is connection and that those who are connected, with spirit and their community, may not be as prone to addiction.”

This is echoed by Ms. Stephens with the saying, “connection is the correction.”

Another traditional story, the Shut Eye Dance, involves Nanabush luring a group of ducks to their death during a dance with their eyes shut. The ducks are saved by one duck who knows something is wrong, opens its eyes and listens to its gut. Nanabush gives the duck red eyes for life as punishment for opening its eyes. This duck becomes the loon whose call we

know so well—a call that often speaks to us in the wilderness.

“Whose song and dance are you doing?” asked Ms. Stephens, “Are you a duck or are you a loon that is in touch with spirit?”

Ms. Stephens says to connect to spirit “get out of your head, the colonial world is set up to live in your head. Connect to your heart and know where you are from.”

It is this reclaiming of identity and understanding the roots of emotional pain that can lead to connection says Ms. Stephens.

The frontline workers from M’Chigeeng wish there were more community members from across Manitoulin at the gathering, learning about these deep roots of intergenerational trauma, the resulting disconnection to spirit and the understanding of this that can lead to empathy.

“I’d like to bring this back,” says Mr. Wabegijig, “there has been a very positive response.”

For those living with mental health issues and addictions Mr. Wabegijig wants you to know, “you are not alone, there are people to help and support you.”

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Michael Cywink paints Indigenous mural with A.B. Ellis students

ESPANOLA—The foyer at A.B. Ellis Public School in Espanola is now home to a striking 40-foot by 10-foot

Indigenous mural. Approximately 47 students from Grades 4 to 8 helped paint the mural under the direc-

tion of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory artist Michael “Cy” Cywink and his apprentice Gerry

The mural, suitably themed ‘The Values In Life,’ took some 50 hours over a two-week period to complete. Student participants received a certificate of appreciation for their contribution.

The idea for the mural began with Principal Kendra Mihell who was looking to create a welcoming space in the school’s main entrance.

“We wanted a mural created by students to showcase the board’s new values, which are integral to our school community and character education,” said Ms. Mihell. “I reached out to RDSB staff in Indigenous education who were happy to support the initiative. They arranged for Michael Cywink to lead the venture.”

Since 2009, Mr. Cywink, an Odawa Anishinaabe registered with the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, has shared his teaching with thousands of students across Ontario. Also a curator and published author, Mr. Cywink crafts murals that depict clans (dodems, spirit helpers) and the Seven Grandfather teachings (Niizhwaaswi G’chi Mishoomsinaanik Kinoomadwinan). “Art is therapy for my living spirit, a gift of historical recovery,” said Mr. Cywink. “It’s fulfilling for me as an Indigenous Elder and artist to share what I have learned with youth.”

Throughout the project Mr. Cywink often referenced the Seven Grandfather teachings and encouraged students to feel the colours, a process he deems a therapeutic way to engage in Reconciliation and health with colour and culture.

“My hope is that the mural will bring an understanding of truth,” said Mr. Cywink. “And that it leaves students with a greater sense of how each value can help them in learning and in life.” He expressed pride and gratitude for stu-

dents and his apprentice. “I look for participation, not perfection, and teach that we are all equal in the circle with everybody making history at A.B. Ellis Public School in Espanola.”

“Miigwech to Michael Cywink and Gerry Ranger for helping our students develop a deeper understanding of traditional Indigenous practices and teachings through art,” said Ms. Mihell. “The result is a beautiful, meaningful and colourful masterpiece that will be enjoyed for many years to come.”



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Duncan retires! Long-time Town of NEMi employee Duncan Pheasant was acknowledged during a recent council meeting by Mayor Al MacNevin for his many years with the municipality on the occasion of his retirement. Mr. Pheasant says he’ll spend some of his free time volunteering with the Grass Roots Gardening Club.

Ranger of the Huron Wyandot.

“Each panel mirrors one of the Seven Grandfather Teachings of bravery, aakidewin; honesty, gwewaadziwin; humility, dbaadendiziwin; love, zaagidwin; respect, mnaadendomowin; truth, debwewin; and wisdom, nbwaakaawin. There are three additional panels for community; kwiinwin, resilience; gshki-eziwin, and equity; bezhgonong, the values adopted by Rainbow District School Board in its strategic directions.

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Mnaamodzawin two-spirit youth gathering ignites inner fire

by Maureen Strickland,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—While an early spring snowstorm brewed outside, Island youths were inside feeding their inner fires at the third annual Two-Spirit Youth Gathering on March 25.

‘Coming In: Claiming Your Space in the Circle’ was the theme of the first in-person two-spirit youth gathering since the pandemic, organized by Mnaamodzawin Health Services and held at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre.

Two-spirit refers to gay, lesbian and transgender people in First Nations culture.

Embracing your fire and unique inner spirit was a main message of the gathering.

After a traditional prayer, song and drum, Elder Josh Eskhkawogon started the day with a fire teaching. He asked those in attendance to “open your hearts today” and “use your breath to ignite the fire within.”

Mnaamodzawin Executive Director Craig Abotossaway spoke more about the “fire within,” linking it both to science and cultural traditions.

Mr. Abotossaway shared how we need “to take care of our fire, name it, cleanse it, feed it and build a relationship with it.”

Culturally this is done



Mnaamodzawin Health Manager/Human Resources Officer Rebecca Milne sizes up a participant for a pride T-shirt that incorporates the Mnaamodzawin logo with a rainbow.

photos by Maureen Strickland

through the traditional naming ceremony, smudging, grounding in mother earth, drumming and singing in your original language.

“You get colonized at birth, and then colonization continues at school,” said Mr. Abotossaway, “you must remind yourself who you are.”

He also shared “that the longest journey in life is from your head, back to your heart.”

Once you know your spirit, you can reclaim it and develop your voice said Mr. Abotossaway.

Mnaamodzawin has a mission to strengthen com-

munity harmony and well-being by ensuring access to high quality holistic services which promote personal, family and community responsibility of health care.

Supporting and connecting two-spirit youth on Manitoulin Island, as part of this mission, is clearly important to the staff of Mnaamodzawin. The original idea to make Mnaamodzawin a safe space for two-spirit youth came from Allied Health Manager/Human Resources Officer Rebecca Milne.

Ken Lander, mental health clinician at MHC,

led a conversation before lunch, giving the youth, parents and frontline workers in attendance the opportunity to use their voices, introducing themselves to the group and naming their pronouns. As a safe space, anyone could also take a pass.

Many youths shared their names and pronouns in their original language.

Mnaamodzawin runs other events for two-spirit youth regularly besides the annual youth gathering and Mr. Lander asked those gathered for new ideas.

In addition to activities like sewing and hiking, both youth and parents

suggested a discussion and education around pronouns and all the gender options on the range of the entire rainbow spectrum would be very helpful and informative.

One parent said, “we want to be supportive, but all the options in LGBT++ can be confusing and overwhelming.”

Besides the empowering message of embracing your fire, your unique spirit and helping to educate the community in supporting two-spirit youth Mr.

two-spirited youth together to meet new people, make friends and connections is very important.

An art activity after lunch with Mark Seabrook, then a Talking Stick Teaching with elder Nokomis Oshkabewisens reinforced the theme of connecting to your unique spirit, finding and using your voice.

In addition to the inspiring teachings, there was swag—shirts and rainbow socks, bags, buttons, bandanas and stickers.

All those rainbows were



Fantastic rainbow swag was available at the Two-Spirit Youth Gathering.

Lander also wants youth to know that “Mnaamodzawin is a safe space; you are not alone and Mnaamodzawin wants to facilitate creating a community connection.”

Mr. Lander noted that Manitoulin Island is a large place with small communities where two spirited youth live, so bringing

also lighting up the fire within on a stormy Saturday.

Please contact Ken Lander at Kenneth.lander@mnaamodzawin.com or 705-368-2182 ext 239 for more information about two spirit events or to connect.

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Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is now closed for restocking and will reopen in May. 46-47p

coming events

Ladies! You are invited to morning coffee/tea and conversation each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Grace Bible Church, 10 Draper Street East, Little Current. 23tfn

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Legion Events

Breakfast Brunch at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current Branch 177 on Sunday, April 2 from 10 am to 1 pm. Adults, \$15; children 6 to 10 years, \$8; kids under 5, free. Serving eggs, bacon, sausages, homefries and French toast. Also includes toast, coffee, tea and juice for the kids. Please support your Legion so we can support community events. 40tfn

Kids' Easter Dance, Saturday, April 8 from 6 to 8 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current. Admission, \$5 per child; snacks and drinks available for purchase. Come on out for an Easter bash, for ages up to 12 years old. 46p

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thank you

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Death Notices

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spirituality

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In Mat.7:21 Jesus says "not everyone who calls Me Lord will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. But only those who do the will of my Father in Heaven, will enter the Kingdom."

In MAT. 6:33 Jesus says, "seek ye first the Kingdom of God..." The Lord's prayer includes "Thy Kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." It is clear that Jesus preached the gospel of the Kingdom. And that it should be everyone's priority to seek that Kingdom. And one of the conditions to enter God's Kingdom is doing the will of God. In order to do the will of God we must: a) know what the will of God is; b) be willing to do the will of God; and c) need the power to do the will of God.

a)God's will is revealed to us in the Bible. EPH.5:17 says: "be not unwise but understand what the will of God is." It is clear that God wants us to know and understand what His will is and that understanding we get when we read, study and/or listen to what the Bible says.

b)We must be willing to do the will of God. IS.1:19 says, "if you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land (receive blessings)." ROM 6:16 says, "know ye not that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, His servants you are to whom you obey, either to sin (Satan) to (resulting in) death or unto obedience (to God) unto righteousness (life and blessings)." DEUT. 30:19 says: "I call Heaven and earth as witnesses that I have set before your life and death, blessings and curses. Therefore, choose life (choose to obey God's commandments) that both you and your children may live (be blessed and enter the Kingdom)." Just like God gave Adam and Eve the free will to choose between the two trees (the ability to choose to obey God or listen to the serpent), see GEN.3, so God has given everybody a free will to choose between doing the will of God (obedience to God) and doing what Satan wants him to do. And Satan wants you to disobey God's will (word). Satan wants you to reject God's sabbaths. Satan does not want you to honour your Father, he does not want you to listen to the instruction of your Father, PROV 1:8+4:1. Satan wants you to accept "unacceptable" lifestyles and Satan wants you to commit all these sins so he can steal the blessings that God wants you to have and the eternal life that God wants you to have. God says in DEUT 5:29: "Oh I wish that there was such a heart in them, that they would keep (obey) all my commandments always, that it might go well with them". Basically, all the problems in the world including diseases and natural disasters are the result of disobeying God's instructions and commandments (not doing the will of God). But each individual has a free will by which he can choose to do God's will and so receive blessings. God does not force anybody to obey Him, but he allows people to make wrong choices and suffer the consequences.

c)We need the power to do the will of God. That power is supplied by the Holy Spirit which God offers to everyone who is truly born again. (See my previous article in the Expositor, March 8).

The power to do the will of God is negated by sin. In other words, sin pulls the plug. Just like when we pull the plug of an electric appliance out of the electric outlet and the appliance won't work so... all sins disconnects the power to do the will of God.

I explain these conditions for entering the Kingdom of God in more detail in my book "The Keys of the Kingdom" which I am offering free of charge to all who sincerely want to investigate and know the truth.

May God put it in your heart to do the will of God.

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Death Notices

PARRY SEWARD ROBINSON

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1968 - 2023



In loving memory of Parry Steward ("Kid") Robinson who passed away peacefully on Friday, March 24, 2023, at the age of 54 years. Parry was born at the Little Current Hospital and grew up on the shore of Lake Manitou just off of New England Road in Manitowaning. Parry worked alongside his parents at L & J Family Campground. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at fish fries, barbecues, birthdays and moose camp. So much like his father, Parry would always be found in his favorite chair watching the six o'clock news and reruns of MASH. There is nothing that he loved more in this world than his two daughters Taylor and Paige! Parry will always be remembered for his goofy personality and quirky sense of humour. Parry is predeceased by his dad and mom, Seward and Laureen (Case). He will be greatly missed by his daughters Taylor and Paige, his sister Bev, his brothers Larry and Jim and many nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

AMANDA PEIFFER-FLAMAND

Wass Saa Ghii Shgoo Kwe

June 07, 1981 - March 26, 2023



In loving memory of Amanda Peiffer-Flamand, daughter of Sharon Osawanimiki and Theodore Flamand (Debbie Aiabens, stepmother). Will be dearly missed by her children Aiden, Malcolm and Ellie (Missy), sisters Lila, Crystal (Gordon) and brother Peter (Danielle), stepsister Stacy and stepbrother Stephen. She was auntie to Theodore, Phoenix, Silas, Annabelle, Nina, Amber, Lila, Noodin, Lynx, Shasta, and goddaughter to Wayne Osawanimiki and Jean Flamand. She will also be missed by many aunts, uncles and friends. She will be joining her grandparents Peter Flamand and Agnes Flamand, grandparents Patrick Osawanimiki and Victoria (Vicky) Osawanimiki and faithful dog Beta. Like a true daughter of the wolf clan, she protected all things she came in contact with. Rested at St. Anthony Daniel Church, Kaboni on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 after 3 pm. Funeral Mass was at Holy Cross Mission, Wiikwemkoong on Friday, March 31, 2023 at 11 am. For donations or messages of condolence please visit www.LougheedFuneralHomes.com. Arrangements entrusted to Lougheed Funeral Home.

COSIMO CRISTO

September 1, 1968 - March 28, 2023



In loving memory of Cosimo Cristo who passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Mindemoya Hospital on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at the age of 54. Loving husband of Sherri Cristo (nee Jalsich). Loving father of Jordan (Faith) and Cassandra (predeceased). Survived by his father Gaspare Cristo and predeceased by his mother Adele (nee Calisi). Brother of Marissa (predeceased) and Frank. Cosimo will be missed by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Cosimo worked for Vale as a heavy equipment mechanic for many years. It was a job he was very good at and he was very well respected by his peers. He had a passion for dog training as well. He was an avid member of the springer spaniel community and loved to help anyone and everyone learn different techniques of training. He was never afraid to share his secrets so that everyone could benefit. In his spare time, he loved hunting and fishing and he really enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially in the summer. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 from 4 to 9 pm. A memorial mass will follow at St. Bernard's Church in Little Current on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 11 am with Father Hutton officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cosimo's honour to the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.IslandFuneralHome.ca.

ROGER GEORGE CORBIERE

February 1, 1946 - March 20, 2023



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Roger George Corbiere on March 20, 2023 after a short battle with cancer at the age of 77. Roger lives on in the family he left behind. He will be sadly missed by his wife Patsy Corbiere; son Ryan Corbiere; his two loving grandsons Skyler and Ryland; his brothers Gary Trimmer (wife Julie) and Billy Corbiere (predeceased); his mother Virginia Corbiere (predeceased); and many nieces, cousins and nephews. Roger was a carpenter by trade and took pride in his work. He loved being at the family camp and spent hours relaxing in the sun and watercrafting. He enjoyed the sunsets, night campfires and reminiscing about the past.

*Don't think of Roger as gone away,
His journey's just begun,
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From the sorrows and the tears,
In a place of warmth and comfort,
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That we could know today,
How nothing but our sadness,
Can really pass away.
And think of him as living,
In the hearts of those he touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And he was loved so much.*

On behalf of the Corbiere family, we would like to thank everyone for the love and support in our time of grieving including the floral tributes and fruit baskets by individuals and affiliated organizations. Miigwetch.

PETE BOTH

November 11, 1936 (Boskoop, Holland)

to

March 29, 2023 (Warton, Ontario)



Pete Both, at the age of 86 years, passed away peacefully from his earthly home into glory surrounded by the love of family, friends and caregivers. Forever loved by his Soulmate and best friend Eleanor (nee Ball) Both of 55 years. Loving father of Douglas Both, Dennis Both and his wife Michelle Anderson, Derek Both and his wife Angela Wright. Cherished papa to Brennan Both (Rachel Blenkinsop), Dillon Both, Jenna Wright, Trenten Both (Emma Johnston), Hailley Both and Owen Both. Warm-hearted great-papa to Nicole Wright and Anna Wright. Fondly remembered by his brother Hank and Geraldine Both and sisters-in-law Mary Both, Gloria Ball and Ruby Connery and brother-in-law Mervin Ball, nieces, nephews and extended family in Holland. Predeceased by his brother Dick Both (2018), brother-in-law Irvin 'Gomer' Ball (2013), daughter-in-law Lois (Wilson) Both (2006) and his parents Dick Both (1993), Janna (Kasius) Both (1983) and Cor (Joosten) Both (1992). A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday, April 2nd, 2023 at 2 pm at the First Christian Reformed Church, 201 4th Avenue West, Owen Sound, Ontario with a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Final resting place, Southampton Cemetery. The service was livestreamed. The link is available on the funeral home website. Arrangements entrusted to the Downs and Son Funeral Home, Hepworth. Expressions of remembrance to World Renew (Disaster Response Services), Timothy Christian School or a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through www.DownsAndSonFuneralHome.com.

Meriwether the woodpecker continues to make Kagawong his home

by Tom Sasvari

BILLINGS TOWNSHIP—It appears Meriwether has made himself at home on the property of Phyllis and Bob Cacciotti of Billings Township. As was reported in the January 25, edition of The Expositor, Meriwether is a Lewis's woodpecker, a bird not normally found in this part of the world. The rare sighting of this bird on Manitoulin Island has caused quite a stir in the bird sighting world.

"I thought you might be interested to know that the Lewis's woodpecker, aka Meriwether, is still with us, since January 9 when I first saw him," said Ms. Cacciotti in a March 29 email to The Expositor. "We have now had four viewings through the Rare Bird Ambassador Program with the Ontario Field Ornithologist (OFO) and, all in all, 264 people from all parts of Ontario have seen him. Many people have contacted me directly to see him and that has worked out fine. Everyone who has come has been so respectful!"

A fifth viewing was scheduled for Saturday, April 1, also through OFO.

"It appears Meriwether has found what he wants here," said Ms. Cacciotti. "He has been here two and a half months every day. I feed him every day, and I know where he sleeps."

"He is so territorial and has been right from the beginning," Ms. Cacciotti said. Meriwether has chased away a pileated woodpecker, a squirrel, two crows and mourning doves. "He is pretty non-spooked."

"He might cross breed with another woodpecker, or he might end up leaving some day," she added.

The birding community has been amazing, added Ms. Cacciotti. "There has been a huge influx to the Island, many people have never been here before, and many stay overnight on the Island. We have had birders that will drive halfway across the province just to see him. It has been good for tourism."



Meriwether, a Lewis's woodpecker seems to have made Billings township his home. He is thousands of miles away from his home range and has been living on a Billings property since early January.

"A lot of the birders have never seen this type of bird before," Ms. Cacciotti said. "My question is, how did Meriwether find us on Manitoulin Island?"

The bird's normal range is the west coast of the United States and British Columbia, she said. "They don't generally venture much further east than western Alberta and even then, it's during the summer season. They are mostly found in the west and into the interior a bit. I'm told there have only been two sightings in Ontario in 20 years."

Bruce Kirkland an ambassador with OFO rare bird ambassador program said previously the bird is probably from the northern population of Lewis's woodpeckers, likely British Columbia or Washington. The southern population in the western US are short term migrants. It's the ones in the north that migrate further distances.



Ms. Cacciotti noted that Meriwether has had artists use him as a subject to paint, draw and be featured on a t-shirt. Paul Riss, a well-known birder on the Island has had a t-shirt made with Meriwether's picture and Billings on it, and Kagawong artist Marc Denomme has painted the bird.

"He has affected a lot of people," said Ms. Cacciotti.

"We have raised over \$2,000, which is being donated back to the Manitoulin Nature Club," she added "Not only did the birders come, they donated gener-

ously and apparently it's normal practice to have a donation jar at viewings."

"It's going to be tough if he leaves," said Ms. Cacciotti. "He has become pretty special."

Anyone who wants to see Meriwether can reach out to the Manitoulin Nature Club (manitoulinnatureclub@gmail.com).

Meriwether Lewis was the leader of the Lewis and Clark exploratory expedition of 1803 to 1806 across the American continent and in May 1806, the party collected several "black woodpeckers" near Kamiah, Idaho. These birds were later examined by Alexander Wilson, who gave the

bird the common name of Lewis's woodpecker or *Melanerpes lewis*. This bird is a western species, whose habit ranges mainly from Colorado west to the Pacifica, and from southern British Columbia south to northwestern Mexico. During her research Ms. Cacciotti learned the British Columbia population of Lewis's woodpeckers is considered to be imperiled, as the breeding population within Canada is believed to be only around 371 pairs.

"Its population is small,

with fewer than 1,000 individuals, and there is evidence of ongoing declines in parts of its Canadian range where it has been monitored over time," Ms. Cacciotti said. "The global population (Canada and the US) is also showing significant declines. Threats include habitat loss and degradation from increasing urban and agriculture development and fire suppression. Recent surveys have shown the species to be far less numerous than previously believed."

Work proceeding on Big Lake School hall

by Michael Erskine

BIG LAKE—A lot of renovation work has been accomplished in the Big Lake School Hall thanks to a hardy group of volunteers—but there is still plenty of elbow grease to be applied over the next few weeks.

"Right now, they are working on wiping down the cupboards and walls," said volunteer Lois Middaugh. "The drywall is done and the spraying has been completed but it will be a while yet."

Unfortunately, the Big Lake School House Association has had to limit access to the property for insurance reasons, a move that has proven less than popular in the community.

"A lot of people were not happy when we had to put no trespassing signs on the playground equipment," she said. "But it isn't something where we have a choice." Ms. Middaugh explained that until the remediation work is completed, insurance issues dictate that policy.

"We have been very fortunate with our volunteers," she said. "They have been fundraising with yard sales and such." Many have gone above and beyond in their efforts. "I can't take any credit," said Ms. Middaugh "Since I am working full time again, I just don't have enough time to do that much."

Nonetheless, Ms. Middaugh has been among the forefront of the charge to save the building, which serves as a community hub for the Big Lake area, from the wrecking ball.

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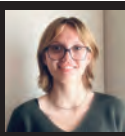

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Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

It's been a bit of a chilly start to the new month, and this author is hoping for warmer weather. Along with some snowy weather, April also has many upcoming activities, sports opportunities and more. For Grade 12 students, it also means that they are one month closer to graduation and the next big step in their lives.

Speaking of graduation, graduating students have begun planning for year-end events like prom. On top of this, graduation will take place on June 8 at MSS. Make sure to keep your eyes peeled for more year-end updates. Congratulations and best of luck to everyone graduating!

Progress reports have been sent out to students. We are still early into the semester so progress reports are a great way to gauge how students are doing. These reports are also an opportunity for students to reach out to teachers for any needed help.

Thursday, March 30 was parent-teacher interviews. This gave parents and staff the opportunity to discuss how their student is doing in school and what steps for improvement should be. A special thank you to all the volunteers who ran this event.

The robotics team is in the middle of their week-long adventure! On Friday, March 31 Manitoulin Metal took off on their second competition. They arrived at McMaster University that afternoon to set

up shop for the next few days. The next day, 6865 wowed the judges with their Impact presentation. For clarification, the Impact Award is the most prestigious award a FIRST team can win. Along with interviews and presentations, Manitoulin Metal's robot, which the team has spent months building, exceeded expectations. It held its place in the top 15 most of the competition before landing in 18th overall. The team was on the brink of qualifying their robot for the provincial tournament next weekend when the awards ceremony started. Tension was building in the stands as there was only one way to guarantee a spot for the robot at provincials: the Impact Award. It was nearly time to leave when the recipient was announced. 6865 all had their fingers crossed in the stands. When it was announced that Manitoulin Metal had won the award, the team erupted. There were happy tears, hugs and lots of cheering from everyone. The team is very proud of their outstanding accomplishments. Provincials starts this Wednesday, April 5, where Manitoulin Metal will be interviewing for not only the Impact Award but the Engineering Inspiration Award that they had qualified for at their first regional event in North Bay. Good luck team!

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


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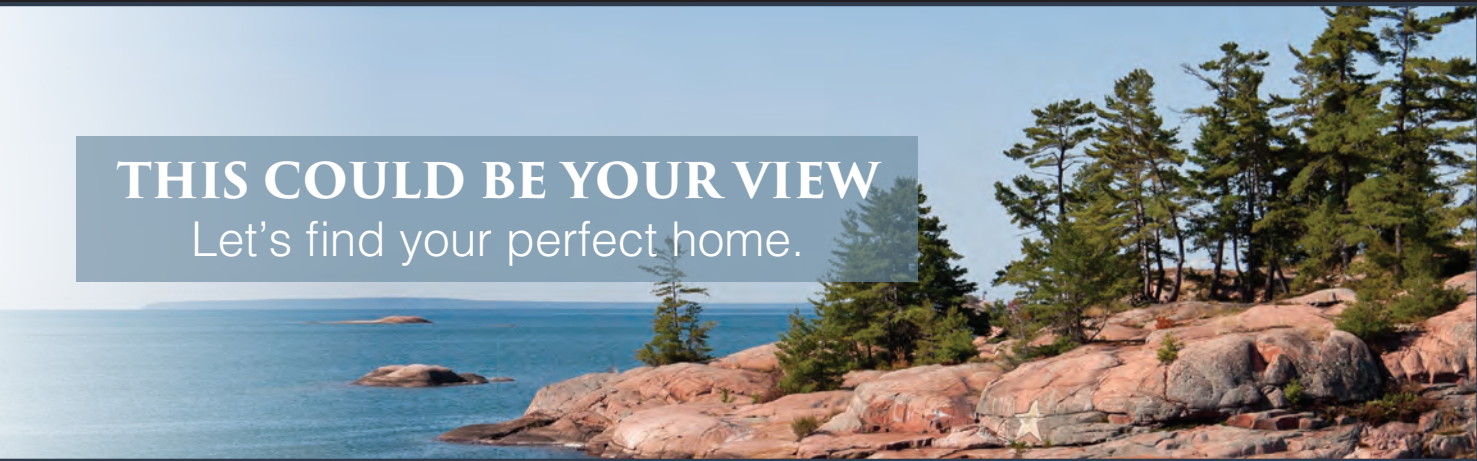
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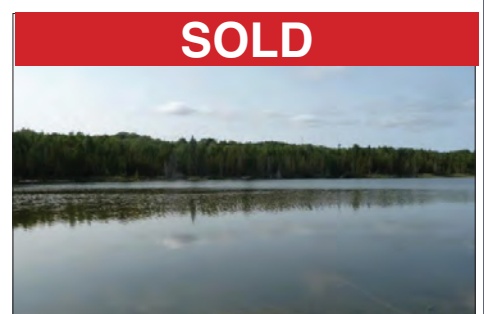
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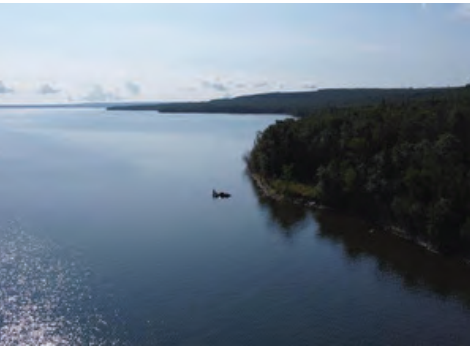
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Island People



Elaine Peck of Little Current proudly displays her handwritten letter and special medal received from Scott E. G. Bishop, Lieutenant-General, Military representative of Canada. The letterhead indicates his rank as vice-admiral with the Joint Delegation of Canada to NATO

Elaine Peck acknowledged for her many handwritten cards to troops

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Elaine Peck of Little Current is used to hauling plenty of envelopes down to the Canada Post office, but recently she found a pleasant surprise waiting in her mailbox. Ms. Peck is known to countless Canadian Armed Forces personnel across the globe. Each year she sends out hundreds (if not thousands) of Christmas cards to service men and women who are spending the holiday season far from home. Often, they will write back to say how much they appreciated the gesture—this time the thanks came with a little metal surprise and a hand-written letter from a vice-admiral.

“I’m not the only one who sends out cards,” Ms. Peck assured The Expositor when asked about the letter and medal she received. But she admitted it was nice to receive the note

The letter reads: “Dear Elaine, Thank you for taking the time to write to a Canadian soldier this holiday season. I can personally attest to the impact these gestures have to our men and women serving overseas and often away from their families. Your card made me proud to serve Canada and great Canadians like you! Best wishes to you and your family for a happy, prosperous and healthy

2023.” The letter was signed Scott E. G. Bishop, Lieutenant-General, Military representative of Canada but the letterhead indicates his rank as vice-admiral with the Joint Delegation of Canada to NATO and addressed from Boulevard Leopold III, Brussels, Belgium

“I often receive letters back,” said Ms. Peck. “It sometimes makes me very emotional. They don’t tell everything they do, but some do explain some of their work.”

One letter that was very striking for Ms. Peck came from a Canadian soldier conducting mine clearance work. “He was going out to locate mines on Christmas Day,” she recalled. “They did find a couple and I thought ‘oh my God, this is how they are spending Christmas Day.’”

“I do it because I like doing it,” said Ms. Peck. She asks her family to give her blank cards for

Christmas and her birthday that she can, in turn, send out to service personnel each year. “I don’t really need anything,” she said. “The cards are something I can use.”

Anyone wishing to assist Ms. Peck in her card posting campaign are invited to drop off cards to the Legion. “Or they can give me a call and I will go pick them up,” she said. She can be reached at 705-368-0522.



Elaine Peck was gifted with a Joint Delegation of Canada to NATO medal from a high-ranking official overseas.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Mustang gymnasts shine at NOSSA!

The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustang gymnastics team finished their season in fine form at the NOSSA Championships in Sudbury yesterday, posting these results: **Maren Kasunich** is now the NOSSA champion of Level 1 Vault and Manitoulin Secondary placed second as an overall Level 1 Team!

Other top 10 results include: Level 1 Vault: Aspen Debassige - 4th; Level 1 Bars: **Aspen Debassige** - 4th; Level 1 Beam: Aspen Debassige - 4th, Maren Kasunich - 7th, **Hailey Ferguson** - 9th; Level 1 Floor: Aspen Debassige - 4th.

These Mustang results are significant when you consider that there were 13 schools represented at the NOSSA Championship, with over 80 athletes competing! The team’s coaches, Jill Ferguson and Heather Theijsmeijer, are extremely proud of these athletes, and look forward to building the team next year with level 1 and level 2 gymnasts.

Panthers Pounce!

The Manitoulin Panther U13s had a great weekend at their NOHA Tournament of Champions played out in Sturgeon Falls! The Panthers played in the “A” division against teams from all over the North. Teams in the “A” division hailed from far and near including Hearst, Cochrane, Sudbury, Kapuskasing, North Bay and the Sault! The Panthers finished the round robin portion with an even 1-1-2 record but with a positive goal differential to put them in the finals.

Bright and early on Sunday morning the Island kids were bright-eyed and bushy-tailed in their semi-final game against the home-town favourites West Nipissing Sting. The Sting scored first in the first but the Panthers responded with three in the second period and three in the third to take the game easily 6-3. Later that afternoon, in the Championship final the Panther were pitted against the Temiskaming Shores Puckhounds. After a close checking and

scoreless first period the Hounds scored two in the second including one power-play marker. The Panthers tried to mount a comeback in the third and managed just one and took the silver medal! Congratulations Panthers!

Sudbury Lady Wolves come close!

Mindemoya’s **Delaney ‘Boog’ Bridgeman**, captain of the U18A Sudbury Lady Wolves (SLW) had a strong weekend but just didn’t quite get the outcome they hoped for. Unfortunately, the Leaside Wildcats team that split with the Lady Wolves last Sunday won their set Tuesday and Wednesday against Mississauga to tie the SLW with 6 points, with Leaside moving forward on goal differential, a difficult way to go down! The Wildcats then also won the championship!

The girls came very close, and it would have been nice to see how they would have done had they not had to play four full length playoff games in 30 hours. In the end, Delaney and her team came up 1:48 seconds short in the 4th game. The Sudbury side are off to the provincials this weekend, where the playing field is a little more level and the girls are hopeful of a better outcome. Go Boog, go!

Missing from March 22!

As mentioned in this column last week, the MMHA’s playoffs were exciting, whether teams were skating for the “B” trophy in the U9s or battling for Island supremacy in U18. Having just provided tem results and some names, I know there are some who would be interested in the offensive details of some of the series. The following, is a quick synopsis of the games detailing details gleaned from the score-sheets. Over the years I have written that I often have difficulty, only just mentioning offensive stats because hockey is a team game and the scoresheet doesn’t paint the whole picture. However, here are the deets with apologies for any game-sheet misspellings!

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Cathy Case rink takes Little Current ladies’ bonspiel



From left are Robyn Arthurs, Cathy Case, Mandy Case and Judy Trimmer.

The Little Current ladies’ bonspiel marks the end of a busy curling season on Manitoulin. This year the first event was won by the Cathy Case-skipped rink alongside teammates Mandy Case, vice, Robyn Arthurs, second and Judy Trimmer, lead. The second event was won by skip Kristin Luoma, vice Devon Dedman, second Maggie Ziegler and lead Sharon McGale. The third event was skipped by Angela Johnston with vice Casey Boisvert, second Allison Orford and lead Patti Jo Woods. The fourth event team was comprised of skip Joelle Deschamps, vice Corrie Farquhar, second Debbie Sokolski and lead Lisa Risko-Stringer.

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At KGCF we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. *Migwetch* for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (current & within three months of application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.



DATE POSTED: April 5/23
POSTING CLOSES: 4:00 PM Wed., April 12/23

Community Living Manitoulin ("CLM") External Job Opportunity

2 Part-Time Temporary Direct Support Professionals I Support Services – FH

CLM has two immediate openings for Part-Time Temporary Direct Support Professionals I within the Support Services as per attached Job Description. The positions will be based out of Field House; however, Management reserves the right to transfer and/or assign work in other locations. These temporary positions will be for a minimum of three months with the possibility of extension.

Focus: The health and welfare of the individuals CLM supports must be the primary focus. The successful candidate will assist the DSP1s in the day-to-day operations of the program.

Education Requirements:

- Developmental Service Worker diploma or equivalent
- College diploma in human services or health services program
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to recognize anxiety and respond appropriately with supports
- Behavioural knowledge
- Excellent medication knowledge

Health-Related Requirements:

- Current T.B. Test (if willing to obtain / if required)
- Covid Vaccination

Start Date: Following Agency direction

Hours of Work:

- Part-time hours as per the CBA in this area
- Shift hours and days may vary based on the assigned area and per the Collective Agreement

As part of CLM's staffing pool, staff may be assigned to any area, and when considering all areas, the shift work is spanned over 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The staffing pool supports the operation of the Residential Programs, Support Services and (on-site) Respite Care Programs. The successful candidates recognize that in the future management may assign staff to work within programs/homes other than the program/home to which staff has applied.

Rate of Pay: As per the Collective Agreement Direct Support Professional 1 Category
Deadline: Written applications may be submitted to the following by 4 pm, Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Submit written application to:

Carol Fellin, HR and Finance Admin
Community Living Manitoulin
Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Telephone: (905) 699-9522 email: cfellin@clmanitoulin.com

Options for submissions are as follows:

DO NOT FAX your resume

- Email to cfellin@clmanitoulin.com
- Personally deliver your resume to the Administration Office.
- **DO NOT** deliver it by leaving it under a closed door. Office hours are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.
- Mail (when using mail, submissions must be sent in time to be received by the deadline – the postmark is not able to be considered as the date received because it is the date it is sent).

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Rainbow Schools

Reaching minds. Touching hearts.

Carpenter

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Carpenter**.

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

Interested candidates should apply by **3 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



JOB POSTING: PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOKFN) is looking for a dynamic, energetic professional experienced in First Nation administration of Public Works. We are seeking a superior performer who is confident and self-motivated. The Public Works Manager oversees the operation of the Road Crew, Grounds Crew, Water Delivery operations and the Water and Wastewater department.

The Public Works Manager provides leadership in strategic planning and advising on policy, development and implementing work plans for AOKFN's Public Works Department. Reporting to the Band Manager, this is a management position responsible for the management, administration, and delivery of all AOKFN's Public Works programs and services to ensure that the needs of AOKFN are met in a reasonable, effective and efficient manner.

The Public Works Manager is responsible:

- Hiring, plan, direct, co-ordinate, administer and supervise Public Works staff and Public Works budget.
- Submitting reports on time.
- For strategic planning and project management.
- For final inspection of Public Works projects.
- For all tendering and Request for Proposal preparation for Public Works services.
- As the liaison and to communicate with local officials of various Ministries, Crown corporations, and government agencies on all functions pertaining to Public Works.
- For reviewing cost reports and construction progress of AOKFN projects to ensure standards of quality and conformance with budget appropriations.
- In working in compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Act and any other relevant legislation.
- Certified in leadership or experience in leadership would be an asset.
- Be available to travel as needed.

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- A university degree or college diploma in Civil Engineering or other related field, or certification as a Certified Engineering Technologist (CET). An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.
- Certified Road Superintendent (CRS) Level I and Level II required or must be committed to complete.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience, with three (3) years at a management role, in a Public Works setting.
- Level 2 certification in EOCP Water Distribution and EOCP Wastewater Treatment would be an asset. OIT will be considered.
- Working knowledge of heavy equipment and certified to operate an asset.
- Working knowledge or education in Wastewater, Water and Storm water utility planning and management.
- Strong knowledge of federal/provincial legislation and policy that affects the operation of Public Works.
- Computer literate.
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin language and culture.
- Must be willing and able to work outside of regular work hours and weekends.

Interested applicants who meet the qualifications as listed above must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials & three current work references with phone numbers to:

Attention: Public Works Manager
13 Hill Street,
LITTLE CURRENT, ON P0P 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Criminal Record Check (CPIC).

DEADLINE DATE: April 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m

There will be no return of submissions.

Posted: March 24, 2023

...Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

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In the U18 championship deciding game three, **Xavi Mara** put Mindemoya up by one and **TJ Green** added a marker to make it 2 - 0 Thunder. **Davin Desch- enes** brought LC to within 1 at the end of the 1st. **Jared Toope** evened it at 2 - 2 in the 2nd, and the season came down to a final period to decide the champion. In the third, **Brodie Pennie** scored the game and championship winner with 6 minutes to go, **Cash Duch- ene-Milne** added the insurance marker 3 minutes later and the Mindemoya Thunder were the 2022-2023 Island U18 Champs!

In the U15 division, there were six teams. This meant that the top four teams went straight to the single game elimination round 1 format, while the 5th and 6th place teams played in a best-of-three 'B' Division playoff. In the 'B' Division, the M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds took the series 2 games to 0 from the Little Current Flyers with a decisive 5 - 0 opener, goals from **Riel Beam** (2), **O Migwans**, **Ayden Louks** and **Lordes Taukei**. In the second game it was 2 - 1 for the Thunderbirds with goals from O Migwans and

Landon Armstrong, while **Kian Corbierre** notched Little Current's lone marker of the series.

In the 'A' division finals on Friday March 3rd the Thunder outdid themselves, scoring 12 in the first before romping to a 15 - 1 first game win. Goal scorers for the Thunder were **Jack Bridgeman** (9), **Corie Brown** (2), **Ethan Ense**, **Lucas Brown**, **Tristan Cyr** and **Kohan Camp- bell**. **Wasmowin Beaudry**

scored for the Hawks. In game 2 on Monday March 6th, the Thunder won the series, finishing the season undefeated with a record of 26 - 0 - 1, with an 11 - 3 win. Scoring for the Thunder were **Jack Bridgeman** (6), **Tristan Cyr** (2), **Lucas Brown** (2) and **Kohan Camp- bell**. Countering for the Hawks were **Paquis Trudeau**, **Wasmowin Beaudry**, and **Avery McDonald**. Congratulations to all participants on

an excellent season, and to you **Mindemoya**, on an undefeated championship year!

In U13 game 1 of the 'B' final series, **Clytie Mishib- injima** put the Lightning

on the board first, while **Breeze Oasawamick** and **Terran Eshkawkogan** countered for the Thunder to take a 2 - 1 lead into the 2nd. **Brayden Armstrong** tied it up at 2 - 2 for the

Lightning in the second, before **Brayden Wabano** notched the game winner for the Thunder on the power play in the 3rd for a 3 - 2 Thunder Hawks win. In

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Summer Student Needed
Mindemoya Library

Please send resume to
mindemoyalibrary@gmail.com
 or **Central Manitoulin Public Library**
P.O. Box 210, Mindemoya


Attention: Claire Cline



Seeking a **part-time truck driver** to make a weekly trip from **Burnt Island** to **Mackinaw City**.
 (other trips to pick up fish in Ontario and Michigan occasionally)

Applicants require a valid Passport and a DZ licence.

Please call (705) 283-3131
 or email purvisfisheries@gmail.com



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGER

Department: Health Services
 Classification Level: Senior Management
 Employment Status: Full Time
 Salary Range: \$72,800.00 to \$98,800.00

Reporting Relationship
 The Health Services Department Manager reports to the Enaagdenjged.

Position Summary
 The Health Services Department Manager is responsible for the management of the M'Chigeeng Health Services under the direction of the Enaagdenjged. This includes providing support and assistance to the Band Membership for developing and maintaining quality health care services.

Essential Functions

- Prepare budgets, financial reports and recommendations of program expenditures to Enaagdenjged and ratify by Chief and Council.
- Ensure all activities conducted are consistent with M'Chigeeng First Nation policies.
- Advise Health Committee with the development of the Health Policy and By-Laws for M'Chigeeng First Nation.
- Ensure all activities relating to participation in government and community affairs are in the best interest of M'Chigeeng.
- Maintain communication liaison with Chief and Council, Band Members, health organizations, hospitals, health units and funding agencies.
- Respond to health concerns; be familiar and aware of local health issues, initiatives, and processes as well as conditions that may affect M'Chigeeng First Nation (i.e. water quality).
- Research sources of funding.
- Responsible for preparation of proposals and apply for funding in all areas that relate to the program.
- Manage project activities and funding requirements.
- Attend regular Committee/Board meetings and Chief and Council meetings when requested.
- Perform such duties as report writing, compiling statistics, program and delivery systems development with Health Services Team.
- Participate on Committee/Boards outside of MFN as appointed by Chief and Council.
- Prepare and maintain regular financial reports for MFN and funding agencies.
- Manage an annual budget and be responsible and accountable as per MFN financial policies.
- Ensure professional development needs are identified and relevant to Health Services Department Manager role and subject to financial resources.
- Responsible for on-call nursing services for Wellness Centre residents.

Qualifications/Requirements

- Degree in Public Health Administration or Equivalent Health related diploma with five (5) years' experience in administration of Health or Social Services.
- Well developed leadership and management skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills including computer skills.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and own transportation.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset.
- CRC/VSS requirement, must be current (30 days) and must be an original.


**The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day Police CRC*

Application Closing Date: April 14, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current reference contacts (two work-related references and one character reference) addressed to:

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT MANAGER
 c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
 Fax 705-377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch for your interest, however, only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted.
 For detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca.



Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN - 2nd posting
 Full Time -Contract ending March 31, 2026

Mnaamodzawin Health Services is seeking a reliable and committed individual to provide community-based client centered mental health services to First Nation community members of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaahaasing. The counsellor will work in a confidential environment that is interdisciplinary and values the cultural philosophy of First Nations communities.

Skills and Qualifications:

1. Experience working with First Nations communities and knowledge of Ojibway culture, language, traditions and treatment approaches an asset
2. Bachelor of Social Work Degree preferred
3. Social Service Worker Diploma will be considered
4. Must be a member or eligible for membership with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
5. Ability to provide mental health assessment and evidence-based treatment services to individuals, couples and families
6. A minimum of two years' experience in a mental health setting is an asset
7. Ability to liaise as appropriate with other First Nation, internal and external providers to ensure appropriate continuum of Mental Health services
8. Ability to work independently and collaboratively
9. Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle
10. Possess Standard First Aid/CPR certification or be willing to take training
11. Experience with Microsoft computer software
12. Experience working with electronic medical records (EMR) is an asset
13. Ability to assist in the development and planning of community mental health resources
14. Possess administrative skills including management of scheduling, health records, annual work plans and tracking of services

Closing Date: Friday, April 14, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a cover letter, a current resume, a recent Vulnerable Sector Screening (within the last year), credentials, registration with their appropriate College, along with three current work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
 48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
 Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271
 Fax: 705-368-2229
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

***only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted**



P.O. Box 181 Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
t: 705.368.3400
f: 705.370.4796

**Outreach Worker/Case Manager -
Transitional & Housing Support - Full-Time
Violence Against Women Prevention Program
6 Month Contract, possibility of extension**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires 1 temporary, full-time Outreach Worker/Case Manager, for 6 months, in our Violence Against Women Prevention program to support women in their recovery from violence and/or abuse. Working with women both in community and in the emergency VAW shelter, the THSP worker offers flexible, supportive client services in the areas of transitional and housing support, as the women work to establish lives free from violence. Maintenance of client records (including transitional plans and safety plans), and statistical data capture is required, as is the promotion of agency services and providing public education.

The successful candidate will have:

- An undergraduate degree in a relevant field, or combination of suitable diploma and relevant work experience
- Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers as a member in good standing and/or proof of eligibility and intent to do so is required
- Ability to apply an intersectional feminist framework that identifies women's relation to social systems
- Familiarity with the child welfare sector and court processes
- In-depth knowledge of community support services for women and children
- Working knowledge of harm reduction principles and practice
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-oppressive frameworks
- Excellent interpersonal, planning, and communication skills
- Ability to work evenings and weekends when required to do so
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position and conditions of hire.

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the Outreach program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. Outreach Workers deliver direct client services throughout the catchment area of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron, from Massey to Nairn Centre. There are times of remote work assignments during the pandemic, and a suitable remote setting respectful of confidentiality and PHIPA compliance is required. The position is based out of the main administration office in Mindemoya.

Deadline for applications: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM

**Please forward applications to:
Kaitlyn Sorbara; VAWP Program Director
ksorbara@mresources.net**

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. While we thank all applicants for their submission, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Violence Against Women Prevention - Haven House Shelter & Outreach Counselling
Children's Services - Manitoulin Early ON Child and Family Centre, Centre based & Home Childcare
Help Centre - Food Bank and Thrift Shop



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**Outreach Counsellor - Addictions Support - Part-Time
6 Month Contract, possibility of extension**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one temporary, part-time Outreach Counsellor, for six months, in our Violence Against Women Prevention program to support women in their recovery from violence and/or abuse in the area of addictions. The counsellor offers flexible and supportive services to women who self-identify a need for addictions support along a continuum of care, including the stages of change, assessment and referral. Maintenance of client records and statistical data capture is required, as is the promotion of agency services, attendance and support at relevant community tables, and providing public education in the areas of woman abuse and addictions.

The successful candidate will have:

- An undergraduate degree in a relevant field, and a minimum of two years' experience in the field of mental health and addictions
- Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers as a member in good standing and/or proof of eligibility and intent to do so is required
- Ability to apply an intersectional feminist framework that identifies women's relation to social systems
- In-depth knowledge of community support services for women and children
- Working knowledge of harm reduction principles and practice
- Demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-oppressive frameworks
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- Ability to work evenings and weekends when required to do so
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position and conditions of hire.

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the Outreach program, with the position averaging 14 hours per week. Outreach Counsellors deliver direct client services throughout the catchment area of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron, from Massey to Nairn Centre. There are times of remote work assignments during the pandemic, and a suitable remote setting respectful of confidentiality and PHIPA compliance is required. The position is based out of the main administration office in Mindemoya.

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MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Events Coordinator (Part-time)

***The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is
seeking applicants for the position of a part-time Events Coordinator***

The Events Coordinator will act as an event facilitator and promotor, helping to provide the community with social and recreational events. The Events Coordinator will assist with the planning, coordinating and implementing of municipal led events and provide assistance to community events in the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.

Facilitate placemaking initiatives to foster the connection between business owners, community organizations, ratepayers and the Municipality.



Further information including a job description is available on our website at: www.centralmanitoulin.ca/employment

Resumes will be received until Friday, April 7, 2023 at NOON at the office below.

Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542
P.O. Box 420
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca
Phone: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Elementary School Teacher**

**Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
Phone: (705) 283-3292 Fax: (705) 283-3481**

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

Essential Duties:

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

Qualifications/Requirements:

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

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation St. Josephs Anishnaabe School
Salary Range: Negotiable

Deadline to Apply: April 6, 2023 (NOON)

**Interested applicants may forward their resume and three written references marked confidential to: Jessica Sampson, Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON P0P 1X0
Jessica@sheshegwaning.org**

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

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Manitoulin Hotel  Conference Centre

General Manager: Full Time
(must be available days, evenings and weekends)

Work Setting: Full Service Hotel

Specific Skills:
Under the guidance of Board of Directors, the GM of the oversees all aspects of operations at the hotel, day-to-day management of both staff and guests. Manages and provides leadership to all departments to uphold our service culture, to maximize operating profits and guest satisfaction. Works very closely with BOD and other stake holders. Coordinates all phases of group reservations and meeting/conference/banquet functions. Works closely with the Executive Chef to assist clients in program planning and menu selection. Executes local marketing initiatives under the direction of General Manager. Always maintains the highest services standards and reputation of the hotel by delivering an excellent guest experience. Maintains an ideal level of staffing (hires, disciplines, terminates where appropriate) and upholds a work culture that promotes teamwork. General Manager assumes all responsibility of the hotel and performs all relevant duties.

Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.): Smart Serve


Business Equipment: Computerized POS system, PMS, basic computer

Security and Safety: Bondable

Essential Skills: Communication, Working with others, problem solving, experienced hotel professional with outstanding management skills.

Education: Completion of high school, at least 5 years' experience in the hospitality industry, with significant experience in food and beverage, meetings and events management.

Please apply in person between 9:00am-5:00pm with resume to:
Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St E, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Or email to: gm@manitoulinhotel.com

 **NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!**

ELDER'S NAVIGATOR
Department: Administration
Classification/Level: CS2 (\$45396 - \$55,484)
+ Group Pension & Extended Benefits
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

POSITION SUMMARY:
Under the supervision of the Enaagdenjged, the Elder's Navigator will focus on providing referral services, outreach, and advocacy to M'Chigeeng First Nation Band Member Elders (60+ or vulnerable persons).

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Manage an active participants (Elder's and Vulnerable persons) caseload.
- Support department elder's leadership and community services activities.
- Provide elders information on services available within the M'Chigeeng First Nation community.
- Navigate elders to the appropriate supports when they require assistance with:
 - Homemaker services o Personal care services
 - Light Shopping and or delivery of meals
- Identify barriers and assist them in finding solutions to barrier removal.
- Recognize participants' strengths and skills and apply those attributes to appropriate activities.
- Work collaboratively and communicate effectively with an inter-professional care team that may include patients, elder's families, and health care professionals.
- Provide group transportation to social events or support groups.
- Arrange for counselling referrals when required.
- Arrange and coordinate traditional supports and/or ceremonies when required.
- Assists with communication and planning initiatives with all staff as required.
- Completion of monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to the Enaagdenjged as required.
- Assists with gathering data for completion of various staffing reports to the Enaagdenjged when required.

QUALIFICATIONS:
OSSD or equivalent.
Previous work experience in assisting or working with elders or as a case support in other programs.
Navigate community resources preferred, with preference given to those with knowledge of the mental health and social work.
Knowledge of M'Chigeeng First Nation culture and/or community resources.
Knowledge of Microsoft Word and other database systems.
Ability to speak Anishinabemowin is an asset.
Knowledge of the Anishinabek values, culture, and traditions.

OTHER SKILLS:

- Must be self-directed, strategic, collaborative, flexible, organized and highly motivated and visionary.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate multiple activities.
- Strong organizational and time management skills.
- Demonstrated ability to manage crisis situations and make sound judgments.
- Excellent customer service skills. • Demonstrated ability to work in a team atmosphere.
- Demonstrated ability to identify parenting resources in the community to network with and complete informed referrals.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the social, health, education and training and cultural needs of the M'Chigeeng First Nation community.
- Must have valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle.

Police VSS requirement must be thirty (30) days current original or certified copy upon hire.

Closing Date: April 12th, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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

ELDER'S NAVIGATOR
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
***For complete a job description, please contact: andreami@mchigeeng.ca*

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 **Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service**
Employment Opportunity

Position: Human Resource Manager Term: Permanent Full-Time
Location: Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Reports To: Chief of Police

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Human Resource Manager.

Summary:
The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is looking for an experienced Human Resource Manager. The HR Manager will report to the Chief of Police, work with collaboration with the Staff Sergeant, and Finance Manager. The HR Manager will be responsible for overseeing all of the human resource functions including but not limited to: legislative compliance, labour relations, civilian / uniform recruitment, WSIB / benefits claims, policy development, performance management, mental health and wellness initiatives. The business administrative professional will provide human resource guidance and expertise to all levels of staff within the organization and will be handling sensitive information.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Human resource management and file maintenance.
- Excellent human relations and interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism to members of WTPS and external agencies.
- Strong policy development and writing skills.
- Ability to multi-task, and to meet deadlines in a fast-paced business environment.
- Ability to exercise professional judgement, analyze, and solve issues effectively in a variety of situations.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide general HR support and comply with all applicable labour and employment laws.
- Provide direction, expertise, and support to management on employee relations and performance management issues.
- Assist in the administration of compensation and monitoring the performance appraisal process.
- Oversee the recruiting process by preparing job postings, screening selection and selecting resumes, interview process, recommendation of new hires, and on-boarding orientation process.
- Manage pension and benefits, WSIB claims, and long-term disability claims.
- Policy development, prepare, update, amend, recommendation of internal policies and procedures.
- Plan, develop, and implement in-house programs, specific skill-based training.
- Must be willing to attend and participate in all required training programs as instructed.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Diploma/Degree in Human Resource Management, Business Administration or related field.
- Membership in the Human Resources Professional Association is preferred.
- Minimum of 3+ years of progressive experience working in the Human Resource field.
- Advanced knowledge of Labour Relations Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act, Employment Standards Act, and other applicable provincial legislation.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nations culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid Class G Ontario Driver's Licence
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record, and must pass a background check.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form, which is included in the employment application package.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights code.

To apply for this position, interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three (3) work-related reference letters to:

Acting Chief of Police, Jason Spooner
jason.spooner@opp.ca
Posting Deadline: April 14, 2023 at 4:00pm

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed to the request of the applicant. Please call our office during administrative hours if you require an application. Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Application packages will be screened, interviews will be scheduled, and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire. We thank everyone for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**INDIGENOUS HEALTH CARE NAVIGATOR
TEMPORARY FULL-TIME
(WITH POTENTIAL TO BECOME PERMANENT POSITION)
(NON-UNION POSITION)**

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires an Indigenous Health Care Navigator to work on a temporary full-time basis at both of its Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites.

The Indigenous Health Care Navigator will work at MHC to create pathways among hospital and community-based services to support Indigenous patients who self-identify, with a focus on patients and programs in both the emergency department and in-patient units. The Patient Navigator's work will help to build, strengthen and sustain relationships with Indigenous communities and community organizations. The navigator will provide guidance to staff regarding the needs of Indigenous patients and community.

This position recognizes MHC's commitment to health equity, to creating a culturally safe organization for Indigenous peoples and other structurally marginalized groups, and to educating future healthcare providers about health equity.

First Nations, Inuit, Metis or Indigenous persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- Minimum of a diploma in Health Sciences, Social Sciences or in a related field, from a college
- Current Certificate of Registration with a regulatory college of the applicable professional discipline
- Knowledge of Indigenous Nations, community engagement and cultural protocols
- Strong decision-making, problem-solving, and judgement skills
- Experience building and nurturing relationships with Indigenous communities, Leaders, Elders, Healers, Language Speakers, Oral Historians and Knowledge Keepers
- Proven ability to work collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team and/or independently
- Good interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- Awareness of Indigenous cultural safety training, anti-racist practice and trauma-informed care
- Vaccines (COVID-19 and others) are a requirement of the job unless you have an exemption on a medical ground pursuant to the Ontario Human Rights Code

Preferred:

- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin, an asset

Please apply to recruitment@mhc.on.ca stating Job Number 2023-NU-02

Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (3rd Posting)

FINANCE CLERK

Department: Ontario Works (OW) and the Local Delivery Mechanism (LDM)
Classification/Level: CA4 (\$46,800 - \$57,200) + Group Pension and Benefits
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

POSITION SUMMARY:

Under the supervision of the OW/LDM Department Manager, the Finance Clerk will act as liaison between the Finance Manager and the OW/LDM Department Manager with the responsibilities to manage and maintain all the funding agreements, financial transactions, budgets, and preparing reports. Also, to ensure compliance with contract agreements, the financial obligations and translation of agreements to program staff. The Finance Clerk will assist in the coordination of financial planning and organization of the financial departmental operations of the OW and LDM Department.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Financial

- Work primarily on preparing and ensuring funding agencies reporting requirements are complete.
- Prepare the accounts payable processes for the department and issuing cheques.
- To function within the general ledgers by monitoring, extracting reports, identify and address discrepancies, reviewing and make the necessary adjusting entries with the Department manager and Finance Manager.
- Assists with the preparation of annual budgets and budgetary processing – updating and input into ACCPAC.
- Prepare accurate and timely monthly financial reports, quarterly and annual reports.
- Assists Finance Manager with annual audit preparation and reconciliation.
- Other duties as assigned.

Administration

- Coordinates procedures to ensure proper documentation of all funding received.
- Works directly with central finance ensuring proper; translates financial data into accurate accounts and reports.
- Ensure compliance with the General Accepted Accounting Principles and MFN policies and procedures.
- Monitor current administrative accounts and ensures accurate records for all service delivery programs.

Planning

- Assists the Finance Manager and OW/LDM Department Manager with the planning and implementation of strategies for improved financial controls.
- Assists in the planning and preparation of monthly, quarterly, and annual statistical and financial reports.

Service Delivery

- Assists the Finance Manager and senior management with the planning and implementation of strategies for improved financial controls.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- College diploma in Business Administration and/or Financial Management.
- At least 2-4 years of work experience in a finance position.

Other:

- Advanced ACCPAC, Excel and PC skills, excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Excellent financial acumen and familiar with government funding agreements.
- Effective communication skills for effective interaction with internal and external organizations.
- Knowledge and experience in First Nation operational procedures.
- Knowledge of the Ojibwe culture, traditions and fluent in the language will be considered an asset.
- Must be able to work independently and work well under pressure to meet deadlines.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced changing environment.
- Must have valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Police CRC requirement must be thirty (30) days current original or certified copy.

Closing Date: April 12th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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

FINANCE CLERK
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
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**TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

To assist in the Township office with all aspects of general office work, including dealing with the public; able to communicate effectively in written and verbal form; maintain accurate and detailed records; prioritize multiple tasks, organize, work independently. General knowledge of municipal operations desirable.

Knowledge of WORD and EXCEL are required.

Job description available at www.tehkummah.ca.

Apply by: MONDAY, April 17, 2023 at 3:00 pm

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



EMAIL: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

FAX: 705-859-2605

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**ONE (1) YEAR CONTRACT
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:**

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Department: Health Services
Classification/Level: CA-5 (\$51,480 – \$62,920)
Term: One (1) Year

POSITION SUMMARY:

Under the supervision of the Health Manager, the Executive Assistant assists with a broad range of administrative and clerical services, such as word processing, routine records, database management, file management, organizing events, travel arrangements, reconciling budget and accounts. The Executive Assistant is also responsible for supervising the administrative support staff and the Medical Transportation Clerk. The Executive Assistant is under the supervision of the Health Manager.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

ADMINISTRATION

- Assist the Health Manager in implementing and carrying out communications, program planning, operational management, and financial planning.
- Supervises the administrative support staff and medical transportation staff.
- Develop and maintain a file management systems procedures manual for efficiency and effectiveness for the retrieval of stored documents.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Attends and participates in the administrative and clerical working group on a monthly basis.
- Upon acceptance by Council of the department's committee meeting minutes, communicate via memoranda the committee motions for attention by the respective staff person responsible for implementation.
- Prepare notices, agenda, minutes, and meeting packages for Department Committee.

OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAM PLANNING

- Provide assistance with compiling documentation for the annual submission to Health Canada for Health Transfer Agreement, the activity includes annual planning, budget preparation and implementation.
- Provide assistance to the Health Manager with the annual strategic planning objectives.
- Complete tasks that will assist the Health Manager with the budget preparation and implementation.
- Prepare and update financial data and reports for department programs in consultation with MFN Finance Dept.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-Secondary education in the areas of business, business administration or a relevant field of study.
- At least three (3) years' work-related experience.
- Previous working knowledge within an Indigenous organization and communities is a definite asset.

Other Skills:

- Must have experience with recording formal meeting minutes and knowledge of meeting procedures.
- Excellent time management and ability to multi-task.
- High degree of confidentiality.
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture and a great understanding of issues affecting Anishinabek people.
- Good understanding the Ojibway language or the willingness to learn.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Must have a valid First Aid and CPR certification or willing to obtain.
- Must have a valid "G" Driver's license and access to vehicle.
- Must submit a Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check (VSS) upon hire.

Application Closing Date: April 11th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
c/o Human Resources

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game 2 the Lightning came out flying, with Brayden Armstrong netting a pair and Clytie getting one to set a 3 – 0 1st period lead. In the second, **Lily Kanasawe**, **Aidan Kanasawe** and Clytie added three more to carry a 6 – 0 lead into the third. **Breeze Osawamick** got the Thunder on the board in the 3rd to make it 6 – 1, then Clytie answered back, with Brayden Wabano getting the Thunder's second and the 7 – 2 final set up a decisive game 3. Game 3 was one for the ages, with Michael Myers opening it for the Thunder, who was then countered by Brayden Armstrong of the Lightning, and the pattern was set. In the second, **Clayton Pedoniquotte** put the Thunder up 2 – 1, and Aidan Kanasawe of the Thunder tied it. In the 3rd Michael put the Thunder up 3-2, and Aidan tied it yet again. Then the pattern was broken as the 1st OT period ended with no goal. In the 2nd OT period, **Marissa Ominika** put the series away and the Thunder had a 4 – 3 OT series win!

In the 'A' finals, **Casey Bowerman** got LC off to a 1 – 0 start before Alexei Pelletier evened it at ones just 13 seconds later. In the 2nd **Liam Metus** put the Wolves up 2 – 1, then in the 3rd he potted 2 more to make it a natural hatty before **Josh McComb** got the No. 5 goal. Mia Tomaselli got a power play marker for the Flyers in the 3rd, but that was all, and the Wolves had game 1 by a 5 – 2 count. In game 2, after a scoreless 1st, Manitowaning notched 3 in the 2nd, with 2 from **Hudson Roque** and one from **Alexei Pelletier**, then four more in the 3rd, from Josh, **Track Cyr**, Liam, and Alexei. Down 7 – 0 in the 3rd LC nobly attempted a comeback, with **Collin Goodfellow** marking 2 and **Elena Anaya** one, but the lead proved too much for the Flyers to overcome and the Manitowaning Wolves 7 – 3 win capped an undefeated 26 – 0 -1 season with the island championship!

In U11 there were 'A' and 'B' division series. In the 'B' final, the Manitowaning

Wolves faced the Wiikwemkoong Hawks and were up one game in the best of three, the Manitowaning side came out strong in game 2, with **Cohen Metus**, Adriella and Trapper putting the Wolves up 3 – 0 after 1. Wiki fought back hard in the 2nd, with **Jacen Simon** netting one and **Carter Shigwadja** potting 2 to tie it at 3 – 3 going into the 3rd. When **Miah Hughson** put the Wolves up 4 – 3, Patience knotted it back up at 4 – 4 before **Steven Gulyas** scored the game and series winner and the insurance goal and the Manitowaning Wolves were the U11 'B' champs with a 6 – 4 win.

In the finals, LC Flyers Orange vs Gore Bay Bruins, **Boston Abotossoway** opened the scoring for LC with the game's lone 1st period marker. Scoring his second in the 2nd before **Brody King** got GB on the board, Boston netted his hat trick and the Orange Flyers ended the 2nd period up 3 – 1. GB's **Riley Hubbard** opened the scoring in the 3rd, followed by Brody's second and it was knotted at 3s before Boston scored his 5th and 6th of the game and delivered the Flyers game 1 of the series, 5 – 3. Game 2 saw the Bruins come out determined to get back into the series. Brody and Riley scoring again before Boston answered, leaving it 2 – 1 after the 1st. **Jaxon Gravelle** made it 3 – 1 GB at the start of the 2nd, before the Flyers fought back, with markers from **Thomas Anderson**, Boston again, and **Kailyn Inglis**, for a 4 – 3 LC lead entering the 3rd. In the final period, Riley scored for GB to tie it again, before Boston answered with 2, the second with just 57 seconds to go, to put LC up 6 - 4. But GB wasn't done yet, and when Riley scored with 32 seconds to go, the packed house was on its feet for a nail biter of a finish, which the Flyers held on to win the game 6 – 5 and with that the championship, 2 games to 0. Congrats to both teams on an exciting final!

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Mnaamodzawin Health Services Employment Opportunity

Community Health Nurse -2nd Posting
Full-Time contract ending March 31, 2024
(extension pending funding)

Overview:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver culturally competent health, education, and social services to individuals in our 5 First Nation communities, identifying and putting in place supportive mechanisms in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. The CHN will provide competent and safe holistic care to our FN communities through consultation, clinical practice, leadership and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention. The CHN will be digitizing client records and providing education on health prevention and promotion topics. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs of the Indigenous communities of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Shesheganing, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing.

Required Competencies:

- Respect cultural diversity
- Knowledge of health needs for Indigenous populations
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Familiar with electronic medical records
- Clinical expertise, critical thinking skills

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification.

Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2023 at 12:00pm

Submissions:

Send resume, cover letter, vulnerable sector check, three (3) references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

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Noojmowin Teg
Health Centre
A place of healing

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC) is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions, providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our team includes: Traditional Healing and Cultural Services, Primary Care, Mental Health and Addictions and Health and Wellness Programs and Services. *NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.*

Current available positions:

- Cultural Support Worker-MMIWG (12-month maternity leave)
- Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner (full-time 1-year contract)
- Marketing/Communications Assistant Summer Internship (pending funding approval)
- Family Coach FASD Coordinator (full-time)
- Firekeeper/Harvester (full-time contract)
- Registered Practical Nurse (full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (full-time/contract)
- Receptionist (full-time 6-month contract)
- Receptionist (casual on-call)
- Aging at Home Van Drivers

For job details please visit:
www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment


Submission Prerequisites:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, a copy of registration and list three (3) work-related references
- Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Status is required

Applications: Can be sent, by email at info@noojmowin-teg.ca
by facsimile at (705) 368-3922
or by mail:
Attn: Human Resources
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

To learn more about employment opportunities
call (705) 368-0083 ext. 235

*Miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in applying to
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre*




EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

IN HOUSE SUPPORT LEAD

Classification Level: CS - 4 (\$63,650.00 - \$ 77,790.00)
+ pension and health benefits

Employment Status: Full time Term (1 year)
Department: Mental Health and Addictions



Position Summary:
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Essential Functions:

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- All other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

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Other:

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Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original upon hire.

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Manitoulin Secondary School
PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



MYA BALFE



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

Before Mya was a Mustang, she was an Eagle; rocking the purple jersey for her elementary years. At Central Manitoulin Public School, Mya took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating including cross country, flag football, three pitch, soccer, volleyball, basketball and track and field. The wide variety of different sports is something Mya loves about athletics. Although she was recognized as a standout player in various sports throughout her public school years, she had exceptionally stellar results in both cross country and track.

Although COVID interfered with school sports towards the end of Mya's time at CMPS, she made the most of her time at home by taking advantage of all that Manitoulin has to offer to stay active. Hiking, running, CrossFit and waterskiing were among Mya's favourite social isolation activities. She especially enjoyed playing volleyball in their backyard court.

That love for volleyball stayed with Mya as she tried out for Northern Chill Volleyball Club in her Grade 8 year. Although the game of volleyball involves many exciting aspects, Mya became especially fond of hitting, digging and blocking. Quickly excelling in all of these skills helped Mya to become a valuable all around player, capping off her first season at Chill with the OVA (Ontario Volleyball Association) award of excellence engraved in her name.

Mya was able to carry these skills with her into her high school volleyball season, helping her team to capture the NSSSA gold after an undefeated season of league play! Moving on to NOSSA, the junior Mustangs battled their way through the tournament all the way to the finals, coming home with a silver medal. Mya recalls that one of her most memorable moments in sport thus far was that finals match and being so close to taking off a set from the highly talented NOSSA champs. It is moments like these that Mya appreciates the most about volleyball. Travelling with her teammates to games and tournaments with her club team or school team provides her with so many opportunities to meet new people and make long lasting memories!

It is without question that Mya has the ability to simply dominate a volleyball court, but it doesn't end there! This year Mya helped her team in securing another record of undefeated league play and a NSSSA banner in the basketball season. She also participated in cross country running, tallying a third NSSSA appearance and qualifying her for another NOSSA experience. Mya's efforts are currently focused on the badminton season with Pre-NSSSA creeping up soon. Post badminton, Mya will finish off a fantastic rookie year as a Mustang with track and field!

When Mya finally takes off the black and gold jersey, she can be found fishing, hunting, swimming or water skiing. As soon as the cold weather forces her to pack the water skis up, Mya will hit the slopes as she particularly enjoys downhill skiing. She can also be spotted in the community working at the Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacy.

Undoubtedly, Mya loves to keep active, which is likely why her favourite class is phys ed. The extra gym time allows Mya to continue to work on her skills and play with new people. Her love for movement may translate into a future career as Mya plans on pursuing kinesiology post graduation.

With Mya's dedication and fun loving attitude, she is sure to reach all of her goals, on and off the court!

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THE MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR

Manitoulin's award winning newspaper of record

Let's Meet the Island Quilt Guild Members

by Deborah Grant

This month I talked with Brenda Pakkala who resides in Gore Bay. She started quilting about 10 years ago when she moved to Manitoulin Island. She was invited to Happy Quilters where she found she knew some of the people who went there. Brenda says it was a nice way to meet people.

She then joined the Island Quilt Guild seven years ago, and has been both vice-president and president, in charge of workshop planning, taking care of the guild's library as well as planned programs for the guild members to try out new techniques at the monthly meeting. Currently she is once again vice-president.

Last year Brenda entered the Providence Fair quilt block competition and her block won first prize. The block theme was stars, machine quilted, and contain an orange fabric that was provided to everyone who participated. The resulting quilt will be raffled off for a fundraiser for the fair

Free motion quilting is what Brenda loves to do, she likes the freedom she has, as well as the creative challenge. 'Free motion' quilting is done by not using the sewing machine tension to guiding the fabric through the needle, but instead guide the fabric by hand which lets her make curved lines, circles or intricate shapes with the thread used in quilting. Thread painting is also among her favourite things; this involves using thread and her sewing machine instead of a paint brush to shade and color areas of fabric to bring a flat coloured fabric to life. She also uses embroidery stitched on her sewing machine to enhance her quilts, and also paints on fabric with InkTense pencils and Inktense blocks. She also uses water-colours mixed with fabric medium to produce fine details and shading.

She suggests that new quilters should start with small projects that are easy to complete, which will give them a sense of confidence when completed. Brenda says her favourite quilt is one that she made for her niece after Brenda's brother passed away, using t-shirts of all his favourite bands as the fabric.


The quilt she is sharing with you is one made for the TrendTex Challenge for Quilts Canada 2023. This year the theme was waves, and five fabrics were provided which had to be incorporated into the front and border of the quilt, and the total size around the edges of the quilt could be no more than 120 inches in total. Her quilt finished at 76 inches and is titled "Through the Porthole"

She used extensive thread painting for the sun's rays and reflection in the water, as well as adding embroidered anchors along the binding and waves in the water and a cord with a fancy ring to the outer edges of the porthole




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