

Saluting 50 years of Chi-Cheemaun service



CELEBRATING THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE MS CHI-CHEEMAUN—Saturday, August 10 saw Manitoulin Island's tribute to the beloved MS Chi-Cheemaun as it marks her 50th year of plying the waters between South Baymouth and Tobermory. A community event hosted by the South Baymouth Community Development Association saw a day of family fun in honour of the ferry, capped off with a street dance and fireworks. FOR MORE 50TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS, PLEASE SEE PAGE 29. photo by Debbie Bailey

Union arbitration lifts veil on Mike Mantha controversy Algoma-Manitoulin MPP accused of workplace harassment by Elliot Lake staffer

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN'S PARK—Rumours have swirled since the news of

Employees Union (CUPE) Local 343 shed more light on the alle-gations facing Mr. Mantha that led to him being turfed from the that really nailed the decision down tight. The recent arbitration report detailed accusations regarding an unsafe workplace-Mr. Mantha's constituency office. Among the allegations were that Mr. Mantha pressured the employee to have "non-consensual sexual interactions with him," and that Mr. Mantha requested that the constituency worker "send explicit pictures of herself," among other allegations. The investigation was conducted by Mireille Mortimer of Mortimer Khoraych Workplace Investigations and is referred to in the decision as "the Mortimer Investigation." That investigation was not released to the public. Now that the arbitration is a matter of public record, some details have come to light through the publicly issued de-... continued on page 20

Over 1,000 Northeast **Family Health Team patients** to lose family doc by October by Michael Erskine

CURRENT—Patients LITTLE rostered with the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team (NEMFHT) in Little Current have received letters informing them that their doctors would no longer be serving them. First, it was Dr. Ken Barss who was moving to Ottawa, now Dr. Ben Quackenbush has informed his patients that he is closing his family medicine practice to concentrate his efforts on obstetrics and emergency room work, while Dr. Kathleen Mac-Keracher is reducing the scale of her practice because of the need to "accommodate the hospital workload."

"Like many small, Northern rural communities, the physicians here are really struggling," noted NEMFHT manager Judy Miller. "I'm sure you've seen the recent CBC 'The National' clip about the North Shore (Blind River, Thessalon, Richard's Landing). In many respects Manitoulin is not far off from this situation. We are in a real battle to recruit new rural family physicians as they are

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Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike led to him being turfed from the rious she could not allow him to Mantha's removal from the NDP caucus over alleged workplace harassment. This past week an arbitration decision between the Ontario NDP caucus and the Canadian and Professional ma-Manitoulin carrying the from my caucus when I saw the

NDP ranks and his new status as an independent MPP.

First elected in 2011, Mr. Mantha has won four consecutive provincial elections in Algo-

remain within the NDP fold.

"As a leader, I know I could not condone that kind of harassment," she told The Expositor. "That's why I removed him

leader Marit **Stiles visits** Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT-It was a busy weekend on Manitoulin Island, with the inaugural Home, Cottage and Culinary Show (HCC) taking place in Little Current and Manitoulin Pride Weekend events across the Island. Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles was also "in the house," so to speak, touring the HCC on Saturday and Sunday and joining in the Pride fun at the Little Current United Church (LCUC).

The Expositor caught up with the NDP leader and her entourage, which included ... continued on page 9

Signs erected at Bridal Veil Falls after waters disturbed and resident turtle killed

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG-There is a reason why Bridal Veil Falls in Kagawong is one of the most scenic and popular places for visitors and locals alike to visit every year. It is beautiful, of course, but in the river there is rushing water, rocks, trees and other vegetation that provides important habitat for aquatic wildlife, invertebrates, fish and turtles. However, when the water, or things that protect the critters, are moved or damaged it is a major concern.

Recently a distressing report was released that a snapping turtle who had lived in the river for several years was dragged out of the water and killed. All of this has led to "Respect The Falls and River" signs being installed in three locations at Bridal Veil Falls.

"A couple of things have been taking place on the river over the past couple of years," said Seija Deschenes, coordinator of Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) who, along with Billings Township officials and staff, have partnered on an educational sign project to alert visitors to Bridal Veil Falls' fragile ecosystem.

"Rocks are being piled into big into areas to form pools so people can swim in the area of the falls. There are a couple of issues with this. Removing or moving rock damages the habitat and nesting eggs for aquatic wildlife, fish, invertebrates, turtles and other species. As well, recently a (snapping) turtle was reported to be removed from the water,

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Wiikwemkoong Votes 2024 Meet the candidates for chief of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

WIIKWEMKOONG—A total of seven candidates will be in the running for the position of chief in the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) chief and band council elections taking place August 17. There are 44 candidates for one of the nine council seats.

In the running for chief, incumbent Rachel Manitowabi has let her name stand as one of the candidates. Also vying for chief are Bernardine Francis, Samuel Manitowabi Sr., Tim Ominika, Daniel Marcello Roy, Joni Roy and Herman Wemigwans.

Councillor incumbents are Lorraine Fox, Ralph

Gonawabi, Frances Mandamin, Lyle Peltier, Marcia Trudeau-Bomberry, Joe Wabegijig and Gladys Wakegijig have let their names stand for the election. Others in the running include Thomas Assinewai, Jennifer Bennett, Morgan Booth, Lillian Baibomcowai-Dell, Aaron Dokum, John Dube, Josh Eshkawkogan, Patrick Fox, Bernardine Francis, Robin George, Steven J. George, Marian (Yoho) Jacko, Agnes Kanasawe, Larry M. Kimewon, Marilyn Sharon Kimewon, Wanda Kimewon, David R. Lavallee, Gerrilynn Victoria Manitowabi, Natalie Neganegijig, Jean Oshkabewisens, Anna

(Tillie) McGregor Pangowish, Dustin Peltier, Adrienne Pelletier, Tia Peltier, Mary Pheasant, Hali Pitawanakwat, Joni Roy,

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Candidates for chief Bernadine Francis and Herman Wemigwans could not be reached by press time Monday.



Tim Ominika

Tim Ominika, a proud member of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, is excited to announce his candidacy for chief. With over a decade of experience serving on the Band council and a deep commitment to his community, Mr. Ominika is ready to lead Wiikwemkoong into a future that honors its past while embracing new opportunities.

"Our community's health is paramount," says Mr. Ominika, a Mental Health and Addictions Specialist with the Anishinabek Nation. "We must prioritize access to culturally relevant mental health supports and address the root causes of health disparities. By focusing on health, nutrition, and addiction services, we can ensure that every member of our community has the opportunity to achieve wellness and live a healthy life."

Mr. Ominika has a proven track record of education and youth empowerment, a pillar of his platform. "Investing in our youth is investing in our

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Rachel Manitowabi

There is a world of difference between governing and campaigning, notes incumbent Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi. "You can challenge leadership on why they have not accomplished a particular thing while you are running for office," she said. But once a person gets elected they soon discover how many moving parts are involved in dealing with issues.

Despite the challenges that Ms. Manitowabi encountered during her first term as Ogimaa of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, not the least of which was the fact that nearly the entire council was new to their positions, she assured The Expositor that she was very proud of what she has been able to accomplish. Much of which she puts down to her solid grounding in Anishinaabemowin, culture, traditions and most importantly the values and attributes she acquired from her mother and grandmothers.

"That is integrity, honesty



Sam Manitowabi

My name is Sam Manitowabi, and I am honoured to accept the nomination for chief of Wiikwemkoong in the upcoming election on August 17, 2024. With deep respect for our traditions and a commitment to our future, I am ready to serve our community with the skills and experience I have gained over three decades of work in economic development and First Nations governance.

"I decided to accept my nomination because of the teachings of our Elders," says Mr. Manitowabi. "When you are called to serve, you don't say no. I believe I have the experience and skills that can benefit our community, and I am ready to put them to work for Wiikwemkoong."

As a candidate for chief, Mr. Manitowabi understands the complexity and challenges of the role. He plans to spend the first two to three months of his two-year term focused on transition and planning. During this time, he will give the council an opportunity to hear from

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Joni Roy

"I am honoured to have been nominated for both chief and council positions," said Joni Roy. "I was quite surprised to have been nominated for chief. You need two people to support your nomination and agree to let your name stand. When I first saw the nomination list, I wasn't wearing my glasses and asked the staff 'is that my name on the nomination list?' I said, "That's nice, people believe in my perspective and ideologies.""

"Before I accepted either nomination, I sought out trusted opinions whether I should let my name stand," said Ms. Roy. "I was told in Anishinaabemowin 'to see how far I could go' and reminded 'if someone believes in you, to nominate you, you should honour that,' and lastly that, 'community will decide.' It's a great opportunity to serve in another capacity."

"My platform will be my work experience, advocacy and resource network, which is publicly accessible on my LinkedIn," said Ms. Roy. "I am very humbled and want to ac-

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Daniel Marcello Roy

Working together as one entire community of both on-reserve and off-reserve residents, allowing everyone to provide input, is essential to solve solutions and provide for growth in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory said Daniel Roy, a candidate for Wiikwemkoong chief in the upcoming election.

"We all need to work together, there has to be fairness in all decisions for everyone, on and off reserve," said Mr. Roy. "We need a community-minded and community-invested approach. And along with on-reserve members we need to make a connection with off-reserve members. If elected as chief, I would want along with council to hear everyone's needs, concerns and wants. We need to work together to come up with solutions."

Mr. Roy acknowledged he has never served on council. "Since moving back to the community 30 years ago I have led a quiet, peaceful life with my family. But there are a lot of things going on in the community that can't continue. We need to find solutions to these concerns."

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HONORA BAY—"Mission accomplished!" declared M'Chigeeng Fire Chief Andrew Corbiere following the rescue of a person in distress on the Cup and Saucer Trail last week.

Mr. Corbiere explained that Manitoulin EMS alongside M'Chigeeng Fire Department were called for a rescue at the top of the Cup and Saucer Trail just before noon on Wednesday, August 7, completing the task just after 4 pm. "It was an adventure, indeed, as the EMS crew and fire department crew had to search for the patient, taking a little over two hours until reaching the male who needed assistance," said Mr. Corbiere.

Thankfully there were no serious injuries.

"Initially we called in the OPP helicopter to basket the individual out, but they were not at the original location and they continued on the trail, so we had to catch up to them and called off the helicopter rescue due to being in the middle of the bluff, so it was decided to walk the individual down, which we safely completed," said Mr. Corbiere. Who offered his congratulations to everyone involved.

"Good job to everyone involved and to OPP being on standby with the helicopter," he said. "First Responders go above and beyond when it comes to lives, we completed the task effectively, just an idea of how much we go above and beyond, it was 15,000-plus steps on the counter, with our gear on (no jackets) in just over four hours. When lives are on the line, it's down to the grind."

Fire Chief Corbiere went on to suggest following the event that putting a numbering system on the trial and an emergency heli-pad in case of an emergency at the top, would go a long way if someone is in distress. "They can say which number they're closest to, or at, and if needing an evacuation for medical," he said. "During our search we could only go by a red trail or blue trail, which made it difficult in locating the individual, but if a numbering system along with a map were to be implemented, it would make rescuing much more easier and quicker, as time is of the essence when dealing with lives."

Scott Woods show coming to Little Current September 14

LITTLE CURRENT—The Scott Woods 'Yee Haw' show is coming to Manitoulin Island! The popular and Canadian champion fiddler, together with his incredibly talented entourage, will be on stage at the Northeast Manitoulin and the Islands Recreation Centre in Little Current on Saturday, September 14. The show begins at 7 pm.

The Scott Woods performances in previous stops on Manitoulin have always played to packed houses so it might be wise to mark the September 14 date on your calendar now and line up tickets before they're all gone.

Scott Woods himself is a multiple-time winner of both the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest and the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championship and has been named Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the Year. He holds the Lifetime

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by Michael Erskine PROVIDENCE BAY—A new structure has arisen at the Providence Bay Fair grounds and its promise is positively musical.

"It is going to be a wonderful year at the fair," said Providence Bay Fair secretary/treasurer and director in charge Dawn Dawson. In addition to all of the favourite events that people have come to expect from the fair (can you say midway?), a new stage has arisen at the grounds along with a 5,000-seat venue. "We have named it the 'Lone Pine Stage.""

"The community has really stepped up," said Ms. Dawson, noting that special thanks goes out to Manitoulin Transport and the Doug Smith Family Foundation who have been es-



The parade gets underway Saturday at 11:30 am.

pecially supportive of the project, as well as businesses. "The support has been phenomenal. A lot of contractors have donated their labour to help make

this a reality."

Thanks to the new musical venue, the Prov Fair is now ablecontinued on page 7

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"who dares not offend cannot be honest" **One Manitowaning Road** opinion *editorial*

Hallway medicine solution should not involve closing ERs The recent announcement by the North Shore Health Network schools did have the result of keeping health care costs down—but

(NSHN) that the emergency department in Thessalon would once again be temporarily closed this past weekend due to doctor shortages—with patients advised to call 911 and ambulances re-routed to NSHN Blind River Site, NSHN Richards Landing-Matthews Site or the Sault Area Hospital—is another clarion call that things are not trending well in health care.

Kudos must go out to the Island's family health teams for taking heroic measures in order to keep the same from happening here on Manitoulin Island once the locum pool that has enabled keeping the doors open at the Manitoulin Health Centre's ERs dry up in October. But it is the patients who are being cast adrift who must bear the burden of a health care system that falls far short of what should be expected in a First World nation such as ours.

Ontario is Canada's most populous province and yet it boasts the lowest nurse/patient per capita rating in the nation. As Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles noted on her recent visit to the Island, three million Ontarians do not have access to a family doctor-with the announcements of Dr. Barss leaving for Ottawa, Dr. Quackenbush quitting family medicine and Dr. McKeracher trimming her practice down to manageable levels more than a thousand Manitoulin residents are soon to join their ranks in October.

This is unconscionable and, with apologies to Ms. Stiles, is a pox on all political houses. This "crisis" did not come to pass overnight, but is rather the result of successive provincial governments failing to meet the needs of the future by focussing on immediate political expediency.

That failure could be said to have begun when the federal Liberal government of Jean Chretien brought the national books out of the red and into the black largely by cutting transfers meant to help maintain the universal national health system. From a 50/50 cost sharing with the province those transfers dropped to barely 25 percent—with promises to rebalance the scales sometime in the future. That future never came, then the books went wildly into the red as a new sheriff came to town in the form of Stephen Harper and his merry brand of reunited Conservatives.

The parsimonious approach of the Mike Harris Progressive Conservatives kept the lid on health care spending and public service wages in Ontario, to the ever-spiralling detriment of filling the ranks of soon to be retiring doctors and making careers in nursing less and less attractive.

Truth be told, limiting the number of spaces in Ontario medical

now Ontario's most vulnerable citizens are paying the price. No provincial government stepped up to the plate to remedy the impending crisis—so now we the people are paying the piper.

The Conservative game plan in health care is to privatize-gutting the universal health care system by a literal death of a thousand cuts and then proposing to solve the problem they have created, at least in part, by falling back on market forces. (Read user fees imposed by private clinics.) It is an approach that blithely ignores the added costs of maintaining profits and offering the time-worn canard of the market "finding efficiencies" to offset them.

Throwing money at the problem won't solve the problem we are told, even though the current crisis itself was created by starving the system of funds over several decades of various partisan flavours being in charge. Nobody was willing to spend the moneynot Bob Rae's NDP (albeit hamstrung by a severe recession), not the succeeding Progressive Conservative governments of Mike Harris or Liberal governments of Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne, and certainly not the current government of Doug Ford (who seems obsessed with bigger and better Southern Ontario highways, reducing green spaces to aid the deep pockets of his daughter's developers' wedding guests—not to mention a billion or so to ensure easier access to alcohol for one and all over the age of 19).

The current health care crisis was not made in a day or by one government, and it will not be solvable over the short term given the length of time it takes to train doctors and the escalating deterioration of working conditions-especially here in the North-that make family medicine or nursing a less than palatable career option.

We have been, and continue to be, very fortunate to have the family health teams that serve our communities, and The Expositor applauds the courage and ingenuity they are applying to finding solutions.

It is unconscionable that some members in our community take it upon themselves to harass and attempt to intimidate local doctors during a time when they, and their families, are under increasing and unsustainable levels of stress.

We have so much to offer and to share. Manitoulin, as a community, must make every effort to ensure doctors coming to our beloved paradise feel both welcome and safe if we are to weather a storm that promises to get much worse before it gets better.

<u>letters</u>

A call for Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha to resign

See front page for story being referenced

To the Expositor:

Please inform the public on this new development regarding our (honorable?) Michael Mantha MPP.

As a constituent I am asking Mantha to resign. I am disgusted.

How can he represent our riding? I don't want my tax dollars paying his salary.

Laurie Simon Mindemova

Pride Month has once again come to successful fruition

Christians calling all LGBTQS2S+ abominations need to review Christ's teachings

To the Expositor:

I am writing this letter on the Saturday of Manitoulin Pride Weekend 2024. This past Thursday the Pride Flag was proudly raised in Little Current.

Tomorrow, Sunday morning, the Pride Christian worship service is taking place at the Little Current United Church and shortly after that, the annual Manitoulin Pride Parade kicks off.

There is so very much more to Pride Manitoulin but at the end of the day it's a family friendly, fun and informative event supporting and recognizing the LGBTQ2S community on Manitoulin Island and around the world.

(not all) small non-denominational Christian churches here in Ontario and all across Canada and the US where extremist Christian pastors preach hate against the LGBTQ2S community and people of different religions, referring to them as abominations and that they are all going to burn in hell.

With that being said, I know lots of really good and decent religious people including some Christians who are truly following the teachings of love, equality, diversity and acceptance that their Brown man, Jewish profit, Jesus Christ preached. A lot of churches now welcome the LGBTQ2S community and perform same sex marriages and many churches now hold special multi-faith services at times throughout the year. All freedom-loving democratic people must stand up and denounce the bigotry and hate that Christian nationalism spews and to collectively state that we will never tolerate a reversal of the separation of church and state.

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As we witness the joy and festive attitude at Pride Manitoulin and the huge amount of people supporting and participating in it, I am both saddened and extremely concerned with a still very prevalent and ever-increasing bigotry and hatred towards the LGBTQ2S community in the United States, Canada and right here on our back door in Ontario.

For the most part this bigotry and hate stems from Christian nationalists within the far and alt right political spectrum. In Canada, many Christian nationalists wear the cloak of social conservatives within the federal Conservative Party of Canada with the more extremist of these now a big percentage of Max Bernier's alt right PPC Party and right here in Ontario in Derek Sloan's alt right Ontario Party.

The ultimate objective and part of the current agenda for all Christian nationalists is the "reversal of the separation of church and state in government and implementation of a Christian-run government.

If their objective is ever allowed to happen it would immediately delete most all rights of women, the LGBTQ2S community and anyone of any religion other than Christianity to start!

Sadly, it has become very evident that the beginning of a person's indoctrination to Christian nationalism is beginning in some

Through it all I have recently seen a bright ray of hope in the words of a lady from Little Current who responded to a social media post on this very issue with this very comment:

'I am against any and all cases of hate and bigotry. I have no religious affiliations and no particular political passions. I believe in all of us being entitled to our own beliefs and opinions and we should be able to discuss, if desired, anything in a civilized and respectful manner. The internet, unfortunately, has made that impossible it seems so I refuse to engage any more with people that can only rebut using hateful, hurtful and frankly vicious rhetoric. I am frankly very saddened but still have hope and faith in man's humanity to man."

Thank you,

Greg Young Wiikwemkoong

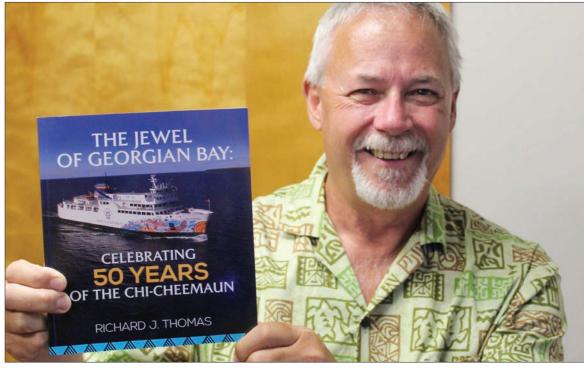
History Day in Kagawong highlighted the Chi-Cheemaun story

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG-The MS Chi-Cheemaun provides critical commercial traffic transportation of goods and passengers to and from Tobermory and South Baymouth and the southern and northern part of the province of Ontario, but it has become much more to its passengers and those who have worked for and on the vessel. And after its 50 years with approximately 24,000 voyages, 10 million passengers and three million vehicles having crossed, one thing is verv clear.

"People love the Chi-Cheemaun," stated author Richard Thomas, of Owen Sound. who wrote the recently released 'The Jewel of Georgian Bay: Celebrating 50 Years of the Chi-Cheemaun.'

"It has to be one if not the most beloved vehicle on the Great Lakes," stated Mr. Thomas at a presentation he made at 'History Day in Kagawong' August 8, put on by the Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum.



Owen Sound author Richard Thomas who wrote the book, "The Jewel of Georgian Bay: Celebrating 50 years of the Chi-Cheemaun" was one of the featured speakers at the annual History Day in Kagawong. photos by Tom Sasvari



Richard Thomas, of Owen Sound, was one of the guest speakers at the annual History Day in Kagawong last Thursday. Mr. Thomas recently had his book "The Jewel of the Georgian Bay: Celebrating 50 Years of the Chi-Cheemaun" published.

And oh, the stories the Chi-Cheemaun could tell-tales of love, heartbreak, funny animal stories and stories of the many weather-related storms the ship has managed to get through over the years.

Mr. Thomas recounted one of the remarkable stories during his presentation. "Dr. Brian Taylor of Lion's Head shared a story that reads like a movie-of the week plot. 'Two years ago, my grandson and his girlfriend took the Chi-Cheemaun to Manitoulin to visit his girlfriend's grandparents who were camping there. He absolutely loved the ferry trip and his description of the voyage brought back many memories of magical ferry trips and my summers over there as a teenager. To my surprise, he was staying at the same campground where I had been many times 50 years earlier.' "I texted him and told him about my last summer there at age 19, when I met a pretty girl from Ohio," recalled Dr. Taylor. "We had a crush on each other after a week and then went our separate ways. We wrote to one another a few times, but never saw each other again. My grandson texted me back and told me he had just been talking with a lady from Ohio who had been coming up there on the ferries to Manitoulin all her life. He said her name was Karla. My heart skipped a beat. Karla was the name of my teenaged crush. I was amazed and stunned, and felt I had to find her." "I built up my courage, found her number, and called her,' said Dr. Taylor. "To my delight, she remembered me right away! In fact, she told me I'd stood her up all those years ago by not responding to her last letter. We

spent a long time talking and, after many more phone conversations, eventually met in person last year. We had both lost our spouses to illness, and realized we still had many things in common. Last summer we sailed back to Manitoulin together on that magical Ch-Cheemaun. We felt like teenagers again, and still do. That majestic ship and the trip to Manitoulin are indeed symbols of our reunion."

"I would like to thank all the people who sent in stories and pictures for this book," said Mr. Thomas. He explained, "Last fall, I was talking to the president of OSTC (Owen Sound Transportation Company) who told me this year was going to be the 50th anniversary of the Chi-Cheemaun. What are we going to do to celebrate it, and I said a book was needed. In the springtime I talked to many people from the Collingwood Shipyards and let members of public know I was looking for stories and photos of their memories and thoughts on the Chi-Cheemaun. I received over 90 letters, journeys of those involved in building, operating and sailing on the Jewel of Georgian Bay.' The OSTC was started in 1921. formed by a group of Owen Sound businessmen. In 1931 the OSTC applied to the province of Ontario for an exclusive franchise of the Tobermory-South Baymouth ferry service. It was granted for the 1932 season, with the M.S. Normac placed on the ferry run. It could transport 66 passengers and had staterooms for 40: as well it could carry 18 automobiles and 200 tons of freight. Cars were charged \$4-\$5 each way and passengers paid \$2 for a one-way trip, or \$3.50 return. Breakfast in the ship's

dining room was 40 cents, lunch and dinner were 50 cents.

It was a huge success, and it wasn't long until the Normac was not able to cope with the traffic, Mr. Thomas said. And the OSTC had to add other existing vessels to the service, such as the Caribou, the Manitou and Hibou which all served there during the summer.

By the end of World War II, car traffic was increasing while the package freight business was declining. The OSTC was reluctant to continue its package freight and passenger service, which wasn't making a profit, but people and businesses along the North Shore and Manitoulin Island needed it to continue. The federal government was consulted and it was decided a new ship would be built. The Collingwood Shipwhat the OSTC could afford and discussions with the federal and provincial government were held. At the start of 1972, the government awarded a oneyear contract to the OSTC to operate a summer ferry service, with no mention of solutions to the ongoing problems. However, in June of that year the federal government announced \$8.8 million would be spent to improve the dock facilities on both sides of the water and a new ferry able to carry 110 cars would be constructed.

'Collingwood Shipyards won the contract to build the new ship," said Mr. Thomas. However, early in April the shipyard was hit by a strike which lasted 48 days. "The design for the new ship had been completed by west coast marine architect John Case of Case Existological

wheeled around a curve to see a mother skunk and four babies in the middle of the road. She sailed over the little family and made it just in time for her sailing. 'I really didn't notice that anything was amiss until I slowed to stop at the ticket booth in South Baymoth. The smell of skunk was so strong my eyes began to water, and I felt a foul taste in my mouth. The horror of my situation dawned on me as I saw the open mouth of the Cheech in front of me. What would happen when my car was locked in the confines of the car hold? The ticket clerk questioned the idea of taking my vehicle onboard, but I pleaded that I needed to get across, and hopefully the ship was big enough the smell wouldn't be noticed. I was wrong about that!'

"The stench of fresh skunk spray filled the Chi-Cheemaun,' said Ms. Scott. "Folks were not bashful about commenting of the foul odour, but I sat out on the outside deck and didn't head back to my car until the last minute. The thick smell of skunk wafted up the stairs. The entire hold car was so filled with it that I had no fear anyone would track it down to my car. No doubt the smell lingered for days. So, I apologize to all those whose trip was ruined that day. If it is any consolation the skunk family made it safely across the road.'

Referring back to storm stories passengers have encountered over the years, Mr. Thomas told a couple of humorous ones.

"Ann Kelly of Owen Sound shared a story by her father, captain Osborn Long, master of the Norisle. 'When anybody saw my dad coming off ship or on ship, they would approach him and remind him they had sailed with him on the roughest voyage the Norisle had ever made.



Passengers sign a commemorative card celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry.

yard was once again given the Laboratories in August 1972." contract to build the new vessel. With a length of 365-and-a-half the Norisle (in 1949) at a cost of \$565,000.

And dad, who was a very gentle person, said to the family, that if all those people were aboard the Norisle on her roughest voyage, she'd never have gotten out of the harbour!' Chi-Cheemaun is a member of the family for lots of people and has such been a part of many significant events, births, deaths, marriages, anniversaries and more, said Mr. Thomas. As part of his presentation Mr. Thomas told stories with interviews and pictures of crew members and passengers of the ships that sailed the Turkey Trail of Manitoulin Island including the Hibou, Manitoulin, Manitou, Caribou, Manasoo, Normac and the Norgoma. EDITOR'S NOTE: See next week's edition of The Expositor for coverage of the presentation made by Mike Strobel on the fateful story of The Rhu, the cabin cruiser that sank in the North Channel near Kagawong resulting in a tragic loss of life.

Mr. Thomas noted by the end of 1971, the Norisle and Norgoma were making four trips every day as well as an evening sailing, and travellers found themselves with long waits crossing.

Mr. Barnard said at a meeting in 1971 that a ship was needed that could handle about 100 cars per trip and load and unload in about 20 minutes instead of the vessels it had that handled about 40-50 cars and took about an hour to load and unload.

An end-loading ferry would speed up loading and unloading times, carry more cars on a single trip and eliminate wait times. But it was going to be expensive, more than \$5 million to build the new vessel. "To replace the Chi-Cheemaun today would cost \$50 million," Mr. Thomas told the audience.

The cost was well beyond

feet, and a beam of 62.5 feet, the new ferry was designed to handle the worst that Georgian Bay could provide.

The Chi-Cheemaun, named 'Hull 205' at the time, came together during the latter half of 1973.

September 29, 1974 marked the first run of the Chi-Cheemaun carrying 140 passengers and 60 vehicles. The ship encountered 14-foot waves on the 28-mile journey and even the most sober skeptics conceded she represented a breakthrough in marine safety as she sailed easily through them, said Mr. Thomas.

"Everyone always had a storm story to tell," Mr. Thomas quipped.

"We also had a few funny animal stories as well," said Mr. Thomas "Holly Scott said one time she was racing from Mindemoya to South Baymouth to catch the ferry when she

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Hello my grasshoppers and showstoppers! Alexia here with your friendly fly!

Can you feel it? Summer is slipping away like a unicorn pool float on a windy day. Most of the events, festivals and celebrations of summer have come to pass but hooray, we're all "back in the saddle" for a big finish and throwdown this weekend at the 2024 Providence Bay Fair and then it's back to business with the back-to-school hubbub,

fall and winter sports and "Silly Season" fandango. Fear not my friends! There are still many warm and wonderful days ahead and plenty of things to keep us busy. Woot- woot, neigh-neigh, ding-ding-ding-yeehaw-berry-booyah, we made it! Time to have some serious fun. So, kick up your boots, throw your hats in the air see, you all at the 2024

Providence Bay Fair!

Here's what's happening: Prov Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: Providence Bay Fair weekend is here! August 16 to 18. "Back in the Saddle" theme, see you at the Fair! Lone Pine Stage: bring your own chair! Saturday, August 17, Entertainment Line Up: gates open at 6 pm; Side-car Willy and the Mojo Kings, 7 pm; Nate Haller 8:45 pm; Jade Eagleson (CCMA Entertainer of the Year) 10 pm. Providence Bay welcome you! Tickets online or at the gate until 8 pm.

See the centre-page spread in this week's paper for all the details!

Summer Fun: resumes after fair weekend preregistered programs daily Monday to Friday, July through August,

8 am to 4 pm. Remember to save your spot by 4 pm the day prior via centralmanitoulin.ca.

Friday Family Rec Nite cancelled August 16 continues August 23.

Drop-in and play pickleball, badminton, basketball, cornhole, ping-pong and air hockey with friends, family and neighbours. All ages welcome.

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

PB/SP Pancake Breakfast at the Prov Bay Hall on Saturday, August 17 from 8 to 11 am.

Providence Bay Hall: Central Manitoulin Beachside Market

featuring local bakers, foodies and fun continues Thursdays through August from 11 am to 3 pm. Contact Central Manitoulin for vendor information and details.

Providence Bay Beach Boardwalk and Discovery Centre:

Sunset Music Series continues this weekend Friday and Saturday 6:30 to 9 pm.

Check the Huron Island Time Facebook page or Sunset Music Series online for the full musical lineup. Be sure to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the shows!

The Discovery Centre is filled with wonders and teachings of our elders and locally trained experts, drop by to learn about the incredible biodiversity of our Island's ecosystem. Next events: Wednesday, August 14 from 10:30 am to 12 noon.

Plant Life Spotting, Wednesday, August 21 from 10:30 am to 12 pm.

Fun Beach Games, Huron Island Time is busier than ever! Be sure to ask Lance and crew about their awesome ice cream flavours and sweet and savory food! Stroll along the beach and boardwalk, take a dip or a wade in the warm waters of Lake Huron or the Mindemoya River. Make memories, snap selfies and enjoy the beautiful scenery, music and views! Be sure to visit the local eateries for great food, great inspiration and good company. You will meet a lot of locals here and there and perhaps meet some local artists as well. Dear beachcombers, visitors, friends and neighbours: please keep our beaches clean and safe by using the blue bins all along the boardwalk. Drop-in classes available for vacationers and summer residents. Providence Bay Community of Christ Peace Church, 80 McNevin Street, Youth Group resumes Wednesday, August 21. Sunday Communion 11 am (TBA).

are interested in measuring the quality of our puns in a more scientific way, all you need is a sighsmograph!

If you are strolling the river trail or stop in at the falls this week, you will notice some new signage has been installed. It is meant as a gentle reminder to locals and visitors that things like stacking rocks, building rock walls or dams in the river or falls pool, as well as disturbing the spawning fish, are all harmful to the overall health of the natural systems and should be avoided. The best policy is to leave no trace.

Our Manitoulin Mom was telling us that she saw an audiologist yesterday but was unimpressed with him, so she's going to get a second opinion. She just can't imagine why on earth she would need a heron egg.

As of the writing of this column, Billings township has issued a partial fire ban for the region. Campfires and fireworks are still permitted as long as you use extreme caution. Other forms of open fire are not allowed. For up-to-date information visit the town's website or Facebook page.

Happy 29th birthday to Bonnie F who may or may not have reached the age where your back goes out more than you do.

Welcome to Frank and Margaret who are visiting Kagawong this week from down south. We know which half of Team Fergmeijer is your favourite, but we are both very happy you are here!

Struck by inspiration? The township is still accepting name suggestions for the Kagawong covered rink. Proposed names are being accepted at the town office until the end of this month. Check the township's website or Facebook page for more information.

Did you hear about the woman who put snakes in her hair to cure migraines? Yeah, turns out it's oddly Medusinal.

This township has a surprising number of things that need naming (the covered rink, the new tractor, the market/picnic pavilion, and the new bridge across the river). In an effort to celebrate all new structures in Kagawong, we are still taking suggestions for our completely informal, not-affiliated-with-the-township, and unlikely to get approval, naming competition (which really should have a name...). Email fergmeijer@gmail.com and let us know your ideas for any of the nameless entities!

We may be halfway through August (waaaah!), but there's still plenty of market left! Come down into the village and make your way to the rink area Wednesday from 10 am until 3 pm to check out the over 70 regular vendors at the Kagawong Market.

We were going to include a joke about a dead parrot in the column this week, but it was a bit too macawbre. Have a great week!



The annual beef barbecue was a great success. I found the dinner delicious. They served beef, potatoes, large green salad, fresh corn on the cob and strawberries with ice cream. There were tables outside displaying items for sale. I bought a sweatshirt from the Meldrum Bay Store's display. People could eat inside or outside. They had a game for the children to enjoy. When it was over, there were still groups of people standing around visiting and enjoying themselves.

The docks and campgrounds were very busy over the long weekend and some of the campers and boaters enjoyed the dinner as well. One boater told me he had a great time just watching the beef being barit her parents on Friday and are staying until this Friday for a holiday.

On Sunday, Derek Atwood and his wife Stephanie came for a surprise visit to help his parents' Tania and Bruce celebrate his grandparent's Ashton and Nina Calback's 65th wedding anniversary early. They prepared a lovely, delicious dinner for all. Ashton and Nina's anniversary was on August 8, 2024. Derek and Stephanie are expecting their first child any day now, so they had to go back home to Val Caron that evening. Our whole family is anxiously waiting for their baby to be born which can be anytime soon. We sure enjoyed our surprise visitors and had a delightful time together.

George and Carolyn Calback have their daughter Joyce, her husband Rob Rogers from Hamilton and their daughter Skylar, her children Sophie and Evelyn visiting this week.

Fiona Miller, husband Ben Perry and child Griffin Miller-Perry visited with the Runnalls' family on Julia Bay and at Grandview Farms for a week over the long weekend. Moya Miller, husband Jeff Rothwell and children Lucy and Olivia also visited at Grandview Farms and at Julia Bay over the August long weekend.

The 34 tour de Barrie Island was held on Saturday, July 3 with a 1 pm start. Alison Godwin and Ethel Jeffkins were in charge and 25 people of all ages rode bicycles and enjoyed a swim at Rocky Lane Hideaway. Three Sandhill cranes were spotted. 30 people enjoyed a potluck dinner at the community hall.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Albert Meijer and I went to Gore Bay on Friday morning, August 2 to the Gore Bay Street Market and Café. The ladies from the Anglican Church were providing the treats and coffee.

Friday evening, I invited Myra and Kate Duncanson, Tom and Linda Rumley and Murray Duncanson for six-handed euchre at our house. One team had twice the points as the other in the end.

Friday night there was no euchre in Meldrum Bay so the hall could be set up for their beef barbecue on Saturday. I was told they had a good crowd at their yard sale in the afternoon and supper in the evening.

Brenda Carter, Albert and I spent Saturday in Gore Bay. We worked for Norm Morrell at the auction for Joe Baker. There was a very large crowd and lots of items for bid. We left there at 4:45 pm and went to the Watersedge for supper.

Tuesday morning was garbage pickup in Robinson Township. I had quite a few people previous week tell me that their garbage had not been picked up for one or more weeks. I made a list and went over it with the driver while he was in our driveway. I understand all the ones on the list got picked up. Please let me know if there are others having issues. We have had four different drivers on our run since the full-time man retired over a year ago and it has been a challenge.

On Tuesday Albert and I went to the Kits and Quilts in Meldrum Bay. There were quite a few people helping with the projects and everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday, August 20.

Colleen and Eric Julseth spent last weekend in Southern Ontario house sitting for friends. They arrived home on Tuesday.

Clarke, Heather, Ethan and Aiden Duncanson were at his parents' home for the weekend and went home on Tuesday morning.

Rick and Diane Kling visited his brother Jim and Patsy at their cottage last week. Gladys Duncanson and I had a short visit with them while having our swim on Wednesday. Kate Duncanson was here for the long weekend at her mother, Myra's house. She had a visit with lots of family and friends in Meldrum Bay on Saturday. On Sunday, she attended the wedding of Danielle McVey in Kagawong where she saw several people she knew from school. Rebecca Bender was visiting in Silver Water on August 4. I had a phone visit with Jake from the Lone Pine Hunt Club on Thursday. He and a large group have been on vacation at their camp. During the last several weeks, our washing machine had been making an increasingly loud noise as if something had come loose. On Thursday, it was really loud near the end of the cycle. Albert took the machine apart and found a crochet hook under the drum. We will never know how it got there but it sure is banged up. Someone sent a text to my landline from a phone number ending in 6917. Could the person please telephone me instead? The text to landline does not work well. Happy 22nd birthday to Larissa Chevrette on August 7. She leaves soon to return to Trent University for her fourth year. Condolences to the family of Sheila Slomke. Condolences to the family of Tom Foster.

Saturday, August 17 quilting demo and backpack program donations.

And a Big Boat horn hoot, salute and happy half-century to our Ontario ferry, the Chi-Cheemaun.

becued on the spit and talking to everyone involved.

Kits and Quilts had their workday on Tuesday. The main organizer missed it due to driving me to an appointment in Sudbury. But someone else stood in for her. Thank you! They have lots of batting for making more quilts to provide for disaster relief.

Wednesday was a big day. There was a picnic on the south shore. It's a bit remote and very beautiful. There was lots of food, as well as hiking, kayaking and swimming. It was a great way to spend the day and get together to have fun.

On Thursday I went to physio in M'Chigeeng and met my cousin there. She was having physio as well. Too bad we both needed physio (they have been a great help) but it was nice to meet and have a chat.

Friday night is cards at the Meldrum Bay Community Hall. I don't have scores for you but should have them for next week.



Billings residents are well-known for their sense of humour. How else do you explain their tolerance for this community column all these years? Of course, we think our jokes are fantastic, but if you Our daughter, Lynn Calback and her cat Gabe Owent back to her home in Seguin on Thursday. Our daughter, Tania Atwood and her husband Bruce and their dog Maisie came from Whitby to vis-

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needed everywhere." Ms. Miller noted that Manitoulin and the North Shore recently lost their physician recruiter as "he left his position for another job where he thought he could make a bigger difference.

Ms. Miller noted the recruiter "didn't have much luck for permanent recruitment in his role.'

The NEMFHT manager noted that the health team's lead meets quarterly with the hospital and municipalities to discuss recruitment and to seek assistance. "We have upcom-ing meetings with the ministry and Ontario Health," she noted. The NEMFHT's lead recently chaired an Ontario Medical Association (OMA) committee in order to give recommendations on the Rural and Northern Physician Group Agreement (RN-PGA)-style contract the health team on where the agreement needs re-vamping and modern changes to make it more attractive to physicians.

"We have no locums scheduled after October 4," cautioned Ms. Miller. "That leaves 5.5 physicians who currently staff

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Achievement Award from

the Canadian Grand Mas-

ters Fiddlers Association.

But when Scott Woods

comes to town, it's with

current

called 'Yee Haw', is a

nod to the popular and

iconic television show

of the same name, and

echoes the same features.

A true variety show, the

Scott Woods Band brings

country music, gospel,

stepdancing and lots of

family-friendly humour

Costumes and antics

include Scott's famous

trick fiddling. (He walks

on a barrel and does a

running somersault, all

tour,

Canadian

his band...and more.

The

traditional

to the stage.

Health Centre EMERGENCY ENTRANCE Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team ← Medical Clinic

Some patients rostered with the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team may soon find themselves without a family physician.

the Little Current emergency room and the16-bed inpatient unit 24/7, which has become increasingly busy with single medical doctor coverage. If that was all we were doing that would be enough, but we recognize the NEMFHT could collapse without us and ER would become even more unmanageable. We have some hopes for an internationally trained physician possibly joining us in November and at

least two family medicine residents with interest in the coming two years but we need to prevent full burnout and the loss of local physicians. Once they leave or close practices, we know it's virtually impossible to get them back or re-build.'

"All the physicians in Little Current (like many our neighbouring of communities) have been working above capacity for some time," noted Ms.

The show is live but also

features big-screen pro-

jection so guests in every

corner of the hall can, of

course, hear the live mu-

sic but also see it project-

ed on the giant screen.

Tickets are \$45 each (HST

included) and are avail-

able now (cash only) at

The Expositor Office in

Little Current or by call-

free at 1-855-726-8896 or

visit the band's web-site, www.ScottWoods.

ca to order your tickets,

using your credit card for

payment in both cases.

This event is hosted by

Little Current United

Miller. "Given the breadth of our responsibilities (24/7 ER coverage, inpatient care, nursing home/ OB for some in addition to clinics) all our practices are double the size they should be to be manageable. This has been compounded by Dr. Barss' recent retirement and the NEMFHT nurse practitioners have stepped up to manage much of his practice-themselves also now at or above capacity-in order to try and keep the hospital open and retain our local physicians."

"With the exception of Dr. Quackenbush's practice closure (about 500 patients impacted), all of the patient's being discharged are from out of our catchment (ie. Sudbury, Espanola, Southern Ontario and beyond) and can continue to receive services until the end of October."

Things are not all doom and gloom, as some of have full complement of physicians for their complement and are accepting patients, noted Ms. Miller. 'We have reached out to them and they are aware and will accommodate patients there as they can. Particular attention was

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ing Gail at (705)368-2589. those patients will be in You can also call the Manitowaning where they Scott Woods Band toll-

Providence Bay Fair promises a new era

Church.

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to host large-scale concerts, the first of which takes to the Lone Pine Stage on Friday, August 16 are the Studebaker Props at 10 pm (local talent The Islanders start off the music on the indoor stage at the arena) and Saturday Sidecar Willie and the Mojo Twins start things off at 7 pm, followed by Nate Haller at 8:45 pm and Jade Eagleson at 10 pm. But the Providence Bay Fair has not strayed from its roots as a celebration of all things agricultural and this year things are amping up in that department in a big way when the gates open at 5 pm on Friday. "We have a huge number of animal entries this year," notes Ms. Dawson. "That includes sheep, calves and horses." A large amount of credit for that is the Island's 4H Club is vibrant and growing, she adds.

She also contributes essential piano pieces, accordion as well as harmony and lead vocals. Leo Stock, a 20-year-old phenomenon, is also part of the band playing drums, fiddle, singing but, especially, stepdancing, a skill that has earned him the nickname 'Spaghetti legs' because of his whirlwind dance style. A special guest performer for the 'Yee Haw' tour is Kurk Bernard, a traditional country singer and bass guitarist who has played and sung with Merle Haggard, Dolly Parton, Tommy Huntcessions) will be com-

80 McNevin Street.

The parade theme this year is 'Back in the Saddle Again' and starts out at 11:30 am from the beach, then down Muchmor Street to the fairgrounds.

At 12 pm the livestock

show, the Farm Olympics at 1:30 pm, Nettish Band, a reprise of the trick riding performance at 1 pm and the quilt draw at 3:30 pm. See all of the details and

schedule on Pages 16 and

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Scott Woods coming to Little Current while playing the fiddle!) er and Ronnie Prophet.

Part of the Scott Woods

Yee Haw tour is his sis-

ter, Kendra Norris, like-

wise a champion fiddler.

aforementioned The midway (by Gable Con-

table and baby area. The exhibit hall, meanwhile, opens at 7 pm with foods and artisan work on display and looking to advance bragging rights to the sky.

plemented by Glendale

Pony Rides and petting

zoo near the horse ring, a

Kids' Zone will feature an

inflatable maze, obstacle

course, farm toys, corn

Opening ceremonies and speeches start at 7:30 pm on the indoor stage, followed by the annual Fair Ambassador Competition (see the contestants and their bios on Page **).

Family Feud starts at 8:30 pm to keep people occupied until the fair ambassador announcement at 10 pm.

On Saturday gates open at 9 am (but check out the pancake breakfast in the Providence Bay Hall courtesy of the Prov Bay Spring Bay Lions Club).

A quilting demonstration talks place at 10:30 am to 3 pm at the Community of Christ Church at judging begins, complemented by the Central Manitoulin fire truck and Friends Fur-Ever Dalmatians.

The soapbox derby hits the asphalt on Muchmor Street also at 12 pm and running until 2 pm.

There will be axe throwing, a Sudbury Pipe Band performance, Top Shot Hockey featuring an electronic hockey net, mini rink zone and Skee-puck Game.

At 1 pm, it's the 4-H Showmanship competition while Missy's Groovy Little Band provides musical entertainment.

At 2:20 pm Grit and Glitter trick rider Alyssa Remenda will perform in the horse ring before the horse pull.

Sunday the fun continues with a light horse

This Providence Bay Fair promises to be one for the history books.

Admission on Friday is \$10 for adults, \$5 children six to 12 and under five are free. Saturday it's \$20 for adults and \$10 for children six to 12 and under five are free, and on Sundav admission drops back down to the Friday rates.

See www.bahai.org for more information.



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M'Chigeeng Education Department • Recognition of 2024 Graduates: Congratulations to all students on their academic achievements this past year!

Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Pre-school Graduates:

Asiniins Assinewai Kaelem Bondy Damien Brunet Alayna Cooper-Taibossigai Luca Corbiere Pierce Corbiere Pierce Corbiere Pierce Corbiere Floyd Ense Jr. Orion Gaudrault-Fox Mia Migwans

Lakeview School Grade Eight Graduates:

Dylan-Bebonang Tessa Ense-Wabonosse Rhyett Gagnon Owen Hare Rowyn Kasunich Lux Larochelle Ozhwashko Migwans River Sagon Summer Migwans

Ontario Secondary School Graduates – Manitoulin Secondáry School Graduates:

Kaylee Corbiere Adrian Debassige Kal Debassige Emma Ense Saraya Eshkawkogan Maren Kasunich Nolan Hare

Savannah McCauley Hugh McLaughlin Destiny Migwans Mnising Migwans Sage Migwans Eria Panamick-Kastofi

Post Secondary Graduates:

Margaret Abel (Business Accounting) Nolan Ace (Electrical Engineering

- Mentaagzid Gordon-Corbiere (BA
- Honours Specialization Criminal Justice)
- Technical Power)
- Indigenarum DR)
- Cameron Corbiere (Motive Power
- Technician)
- Daphne Corbiere (Social Services Worker
- Indigenous)
- Austin Desormeaux (BBA Accounting) Alex Gainforth (Collaborative Nursing) Haley Gauthier (Personal Support Worker)

Shyla Halls (Massage Thereipy) Jaime Leigh Letourneau (MSW –
* Gerontology – Advance Standing) Aiyana Louis (Environmental Studies -Honours)
Cherilyn Panamick (Social Services Worker - Indigenous)
* Hanako Radulovich (Curatorial Studies) Beverly Roy-Carter (PhD Higher Education)
* Alexis Roy (BA Biology) Stephanie Roy (PhD Higher Education)

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paid to try and continue to serve those (even if out of catchment) who are particularly vulnerable, like those with cancer etc. The ministry recognizes our catchment area as NEMI, AOK, Whitefish River First Nation, Sheguiandah First Nation. You can expect further letters to come from Dr. Ann Mc-Donald's practice, as well as those of Dr. Stephen Cooper and Dr. Simone Meikleham. For Dr. Mc-Donald that amounts to less than 50 patients.'

These amount to small changes for the NEMFHT to try and create some space to do the work, which is truly overwhelming currently, noted Ms. Miller. "The alternative would be to close their practices like Dr. Quackenbush has done, which the other doctors are trying not to do-but certainly remains in the realm of possibility. There will be more work changes in the future to try and manage things if there aren't improvements."

Ms. Miller said that they recognize patients living on Manitoulin or in their catchment are likely the most vulnerable because of the lack of access to physicians and other services on the Island. "There are no walk-ins, you can't get a pap test with public health here like in Sudbury or elsewhere, and ERs are not places to receive primary care—but we know there are many unattached patients here as well who have no choice," she said. "We feel for our patients, both those we are keeping and those that are being discharged and it is morally injuring us to make

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Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and Andréane Chénier who will carry the NDP banner in the new federal riding of Nickel Belt-Manitoulin-Sudbury East on Sunday at the LCUC Pride events.

This is Ms. Stiles' first visit to Manitoulin. "I am really happy I am to be here," she said, noting she spent two days at the HCC because there were different exhibits on each day. "And I had to pick up some things for my daughter," she laughs. When it comes to On-tario NDP policies that impact Manitoulin Island. Ms. Stiles noted that everyone in Ontario is suffering from many of the things that are impacting Manitoulin as well. "I think, like everybody in Ontario, is facing affordability challenges, people are having a hard time, struggling a lot with the cost of everything, you feel that in places in Manitoulin Island, sometimes a little more," she said. "If they haven't already lost their homes the fear of losing their homes, and, of course very much the ...continued on page 11

these difficult decisions."

The NEMFHT currently serves the Northeastern part of the Island, including Little Current, Sheguiandah, Aundeck Omni Kaning as well as Wiikwemkoong. Wiikwemkoong makes up one third of the NEMFHT patient load and the health team holds monthly clinics to support that First Nation community.

Laura Shilliday is one of the patients who have received letters from Dr. Quackenbush indicating he is closing his practice she said she does not believe a good job of communicating was done in the letter she received.

"What are the ramifications beyond," she asked? "What happens to specialist care? That wasn't addressed in the letter. If you are on a roster are you still rostered for nurse practitioners—I called to ask but nobody called me back."

Ms. Miller noted that such patients would need to access the hospital emergency room. "If they have their referral to a specialist and they become unattached after October 31, we will be monitoring the status of that referral with members of our team," said Ms. Miller.

While some of the planning currently underway is still in flux, the NEMF-HT is working on finding solutions.

Ms. Shilliday expressed concern about the Northern Ontario Health Travel Grants. "Nurse practitioners can't sign travel grants," she said, asking "how is that handled without a doctor, do emergency doctors handle that?"

"If they are seen by a nurse practitioner, we have a doctor's name that is used for the grant. If they have no doctor the ER doctor would have to issue it," said Ms. Miller. She assured concerned patients that the NEMFHT is working diligently to ensure that no patient "falls between the cracks."

While he is scaling back his family practice, Dr. Quackenbush will continue to provide Aundeck Omni Kaning clinics, obstetrics and emergency room coverage.

News of these latest changes to Island doctors' practices comes hard on the heels of an announcement that the Thessalon Hospital emergency room on the North Shore has been indefinitely closed.



Canadian Tai Chi Academy to a local Tai Chi Open House. This event is an opportunity to observe and participate in Tai Chi moves, and to interact and socialise with the established group.

For more information, please contact Jean Pearce phone: 705 885 8444 email: jean.manitoulin@gmail.com



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future," he states. During his tenure on the council, he has worked tirelessly to enhance educational opportunities for both on-reserve and off-reserve members. He was instrumental in changing policies to extend educational funding and support to band members living outside of Canada, a significant achievement that he plans to build upon.

"Empowering our youth to be proud of their heritage and confident in their future is essential for the continued growth of our community," Mr. Ominika asserts. His commitment includes expanding access to quality education, scholarships, and mentorship programs, ensuring that the next generation is well-equipped to lead.

In the area of health and wellbeing, Mr. Ominika is a strong advocate for supporting families with children who have exceptional needs, both on and off the reserve. He has championed the provision of tools for children with hearing impairments and has a long-term goal of establishing a medical detox facility on the Island. "We need immediate access to these services to break the cycle of relapse and move our people toward wellness," he explains.

Mr. Ominika's platform also emphasizes Cultural Preservation and Revitalization. "Our culture is our strength," he declares, promising to preserve the language, traditional practices, and elder knowledge

Sam Manitowabi

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and respect, but community comes first," she said. "We are more than just a collection of individuals, we are a community of one." To that end, Ms. Manitowabi said that her family has instilled the one abiding principle that guides her work: do as much good as I possibly can for the whole community."

Rachel Manitowabi

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"I am very proud of what we as council have accomplished over the past two years with community support," said Ms. Manitowabi. "I am humbled and honoured to have been once again nominated for the position."

She points to the community safety bylaw that was recently passed by band council resolution and which will come into effect on August 24. Ms. Manitowabi said that the new law will continue to further the work of making Wiikwemkoong band members more safe and secure in their own homes, while combatting the scourge of drugs that are afflicting many communities.

"I am pleased with how the camera surveillance has been working," she said, noting that the band has been engaging technology to help combat the unwanted presence of southern drug dealers coming into the community and the dampening effect the added eyes are having on crime in the community.

Ms. Manitowabi is well grounded in her community, having spent most of her life, aside from attending post secstaff, managers, and directors about their department's issues, programs, work plans, budget needs and priorities. This collaborative approach will help the new Chief and Council develop a clear and effective plan for the remainder of the term.

"Wiikwemkoong has already completed important work, such as ChiNaakinagewin, Community Standards, and the Children's Bill of Rights," he notes. "These documents provide a roadmap for leadership, membership responsibilities, and service standards. We need to build on this foundation."

Mr. Manitowabi is particularly passionate about ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children in the community. "Our children are our future, and it truly takes a community to raise a child," he asserts. He believes that the implementation of the Wilkwemkoong Children's Bill of Rights, ratified in 2013, is key to addressing many of the issues facing the community, from housing and food security to health, education, and services.

"We need to restore the value of 'it takes a village' among our community," Mr. Manitowabi says. "I want to see the Chief and Council work closely with program directors and frontline workers to ensure that our children's rights are being upheld and that every department is aligned in supporting our youth."

Joni Roy

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knowledge the opportunities and support our community has extended and invested in me," she said noting her 48 years of experience in the community in Anishnaabek art promotion and awareness, 30 years of youth advocacy and community engagement, 23 years of event planning and administration, 20 years of government liaison (intertribal, federal, provincial, municipal, union) and 16 years in First Nation economic developed, education employment and training."

"I started working when I was 13, and even before that I worked with my dad as an art promoter," continued Ms. Roy. Her work background in the community is extensive, and currently she is working as a special projects officer with Wiinii n'guch-tood LMS/Wikwemikong ISETS, Wiky Development Corporation which has a huge umbrella of initiatives.

Ms. Roy acknowledged issues like the drug crisis, child welfare and the Robinson-Treaty settlement, "are current and pressing issues on the council table, that will have to be dealt with, as a community, at the community level."

"I live in Manitowaning and am a single parent, with one cub (child) still in my den," said Ms. Roy. Miinghan Niina. I also have a granddaughter now, who endearingly calls me "Oma." Under the current Indian Act, a chief can reside anywhere in Canada and could also be a nonband member. "This adds fuel

Daniel Marcello Roy

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"One of the reasons I am running for chief is that a lot of people feel there has been misappropriation of spending in the community," said Mr. Roy. "I see a \$2.5 million marina that has disappeared, along with equipment of about \$350,000 that is not being used, and gasification burners that were designed to go into an industrial park that are rotting away."

"We have seen violence and drug use increase significantly in the community the past few years," stated Mr. Roy. "If a person is caught selling drugs, they need to know they are going to do real time in jail and feel the consequences of their actions. We have seen shootings in the community and just a few days ago the heavy news of someone having been assaulted and kidnapped. We are going to get drug dealers here if there are no real consequences to them."

"I don't know why the federal government does not have regulations in place that prevent the drug chemicals coming into the country in the first place," stated Mr. Roy. "To find solutions we need to lobby the government to make penalties for drug dealers much harder, with much more jail time for those caught selling the drugs. And as a community we need to work together to prevent these drugs, and dealers getting into our community. Again, we need to work together to find solutions."

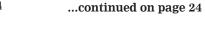
"When I moved back to Wiky 30 years ago, the drug and violence problem was not as prevalent as it is today," said Mr. Roy, who

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

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...Ontario NDP leader Marit Styles visits Manitoulin Island

...continued from page 9 healthcare crisis with emergency department closures."

She noted that hallway medicine has gotten worse under the Liberals and the Progressive Conservatives. "It has gotten deeply worse under the Conservatives," she said, despite the assurances from the current premier that he would end hallway medicine (where patients lie on gurneys in hallways awaiting a hospital bed).

"Almost three million Ontarians don't have access to a family doctor," she said. "I know that in Northern communities and in places like Manitoulin Island that has been a challenge for a long time. Now it is challenging every corner of the province and communities are competing against each other."

She pointed to the continuing challenges facing municipalities due to provincial downloading of responsibilities. "The added burden of having to maintain infrastructure that really should be the province's responsibility, it shouldn't fall to local taxpayers who are already bearing a big, big burden of that. It really is a provincial re-

sponsibility." She noted Northern highways do not receive the attention the 400 series receives.

As for her main message to Manitoulin voters, Ms. Stiles was adamant.

"When the election comes, which could be any time soon actually, we can't let Doug Ford take us for granted as Ontarians," she responded. "People here deserve a strong NDP voice in the legislature. They need that representation. Ontario needs a change in government and we're the change. Ontarians deserve so much better."



What's a visit to Manitoulin without ice cream? Ontario NDP leader Marit Styles enjoys a stop at 3 Cows and a Cone during her first visit to Manitoulin.



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Manitoulin Pride Weekend was an outstanding family-oriented affair



Taylor Swift was one of the tribute acts that rocked Low Island on Saturday. The wind prevented the foam but the kids were alright.



Jody Kennedy's drumming gets things underway in a good way at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng.



Introduction to Archery with Rainbow Hood took place in Aundeck Omni Kaning.





Incirque Stiltwalkers Tiny and Tiptoe join the rainbow Unicorn for a photo-op during the barbecue held at Little Current United Church. The weekend was filled with many family-oriented events and the atmosphere throughout the weekend was one of inclusivity.



Basically, we are going to connect,' said Bobby Hudon during the Two Spirit Drum presentation at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.. 'We are going to connect with ourselves...with each others voices and the universe around us.'





Aiden and Aspen with Naloxone overdose kits.



Pride photo booth with Leslie Tipper, Jackie Allen, Katherine Brown and Anglie Lozeau.



Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles dropped in to the Pride barbecue held at the Little Current United Church.



Rain may have forced the cancellation of the Pride parade but Brenda Dewar and Bob Bruno were ready with this well-decked -out truck.



You can't have a good Pride event without some rainbow cake.

Pride LCUC Andreane Chenier the NDP candidate in the new riding Katherine and Terry Brown CH Ollie and Liam.



Pride Express Yourself makeup with artist Waase was a big hit with folks of all ages.

Musician Clau Arcand performed at the PRIDE weekend celebrations that were hosted at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay.



Manitoulin Pride Week was a family-friendly affair with plenty of little people decking themselves out in rainbow attire.

Kagawong poet a Quill and Quire 'must read'

by Michael Erskine KAGAWONG—Some of life's events come at you like a thunderbolt out of the blue. It's nothing short of awesome when that bolt is charged with positive energy. So it was that when Manitoulin poet (and 4elements Living Arts co-founder) Sophie Edwards saw the 2024 Quill & Quire Fall preview of short fiction, graph-ic novels and poetry she admits to finding herself "gobsmacked."

Quill and Quire for the uninitiated is the magazine of the Canadian book trade and is published in paper form 10 times a year (every month except for the joint January-February and July-August editions). The publication includes author profiles, news about upcoming books and developments in the Canadian industry and reviews of new adult and children's titles. The magazine reviews around 400 new titles each year, offering the most comprehensive look at Canadian-authored books in the country.

Simply put, the 'Quill and Quire' list presents "the titles we are most excited about this fall" and Ms. Edwards' book of innovative poetry is on the must-read fall list finding herself among the likes of Margaret Atwood and Marilyn Dumont. Best of all, Ms. Edwards didn't have to do anything other than create her workpublishers did all the rest to ensure she was consid-



poet Kagawong Sophie Edwards'book 'Conversations with the Kagawong River' has been named a 'must read' book.

ered for the list.

"I was floored," said Ms. Edwards about when she discovered she made such a prestigious cut.

"Poet Sophie Anne Edwards spent several years on the Kagawong River on Ontario's Manitoulin Island, learning how to listen to its flora, fauna, weather and water," reads the citation from Quill & Quire. "She installed a series of alphabets made of wood and paper and documented how the resulting poems shifted over time, whether within a few seconds or over a few months."

The result is an innovative tome that pushes the boundaries of 'poetry' into relatively new territory, combining nature and literature into a kind of performance art in which the Kagawong River played a leading role.

Ms. Edwards notes that she had hardly picked herself up from the floor after being picked up by publisher Talonbooks when she found herself knocked back down again by the Quill & Quire reveal.

"That by itself was a very big deal for me," she said. In retrospect, Ms. Edwards makes no bones, the two to three years working

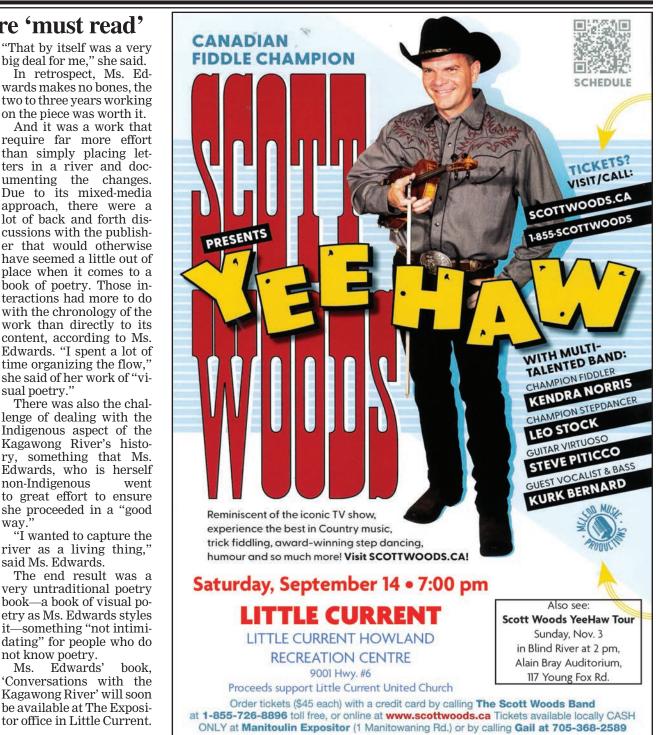
And it was a work that require far more effort than simply placing letters in a river and documenting the changes. Due to its mixed-media approach, there were a lot of back and forth discussions with the publisher that would otherwise have seemed a little out of place when it comes to a book of poetry. Those interactions had more to do with the chronology of the work than directly to its content, according to Ms. Edwards. "I spent a lot of time organizing the flow," she said of her work of "visual poetry."

There was also the challenge of dealing with the Indigenous aspect of the Kagawong River's history, something that Ms. Edwards, who is herself non-Indigenous went to great effort to ensure she proceeded in a "good way.

"I wanted to capture the river as a living thing," said Ms. Edwards.

The end result was a very untraditional poetry book-a book of visual poetry as Ms. Edwards styles it-something "not intimidating" for people who do not know poetry.

Ms. Edwards' book, Conversations with the Kagawong River' will soon be available at The Expositor office in Little Current.





First Home, Cottage and Culinary Show drew steady crowds



Chef Louis Simard was one of a number of professional chefs who held cooking demonstrations during the Manitoulin Home, Cottage and Culinary Show held at the NEMI Recreation Centre in Little Current on the weekend. The inaugral show attracted a steady crowd through the three days of the event.



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Four vie for coveted title of 2024 Providence Bay Fair Ambassador by Michael Erskine pretty it is in all seasons and role model," she said. "I could green eyes and plans to attend Lexi enjoys spending time with

PROVIDENCE BAY-The Providence Bay Fair Ambassador program has been a central part of the popular agricultural fair for generations. This year, four young people have set their sights on winning the crown to represent Manitoulin Island.



Hannah McDonald

Hannah McDonald

Hannah, sponsored by Nicklasson Construction, is from Little Current, 16, boasts brown hair and blue eyes and plans to attend Grade 12 at Marymount Academy in Sudbury come September.

In her spare time, Hannah enjoys playing guitar, piano and trumpet. She also bakes, cooks and enjoys painting.

Hannah lists Algoma Roman Catholic Diocese Bishop Thomas Dowd as a major influence and role model. "He taught me how to enjoy life, even during stress, leading me to my true calling," she said.

Hannah lists her favourite thing about Manitoulin as "how

the diversity of the people. The Island is a welcoming place."

When it comes to what winning the title of Providence Bay Fair Ambassador would mean to her, Hannah said that "it would be an honour and a way to make my great grandfather Ted Taylor proud. He showed me how to love and give back to the Island. Being nominated is a tribute to him.'



Alexis McVey Alexis, 17, sponsored by Buoy's Grocery, is from Evansville and has blonde hair and bluish-green eyes. She plans to attend Grade 12 at Manitoulin Secondary School in September. In her spare time, Alexis enjoys playing sports, is involved in robotics and likes to spend time with friends and family, writing books, painting and going hiking.

Alexis lists her mother as her biggest influence in life. "My mom has always been my

be asked this question a million times and I would answer 'my mom.' She raised me single-handedly and showed me what it means to be a good and helpful person."

Alexis' favourite thing about the Island is "the close-knit community and the willingness to help. For example, fundraising for the robotics team and helping local youth with their endeavours."

Winning the fair ambassador title would "mean that all my determination pays off," she said, "and I learn that I can try again. It would be an honour to represent the Island at the Ca-



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

nadian National Exhibition as a Haweater.'

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, 17, is sponsored by Betty's Convenience in her home town of Gore Bay. She has blonde hair and Manitoulin Secondary School for Grade 12 in September.

Alexandra lists writing with an exclamation mark when it comes to what she likes to do in her spare time. "I love writing stories," she said. "I've even written and published a children's book called 'Robofriends and the Mowzone' to raise money for my robotics team. I also write articles for The Manitoulin Expositor."

Alexandra's major influence/role model has been her parents, who she lists as "my biggest role models. They've taught me empathy and to think for myself. I want to be hardworking like my mom and caring like my dad. I wouldn't have had the confidence to be student trustee, publish a book or be here without them."

Alexandra's favourite thing about Manitoulin Island is the "tightknit community. I have been the recipient of their generosity and seen it in action several times. The Providence Bay Fair is a reminder of the incredible connection we all share."

As for the impact becoming fair ambassador would have on her, Alexandra said it would provide her with the opportunity to represent Manitoulin Island. "Share our unique perspective with others and advocate for environmental sustainability. This role would be a way for me to give back to my community and continue fostering the pride we have for our home.'

Lexi Young

Lexi, 17, sponsored by Lonely Creek Farms, is from Spring Bay and has blonde hair and blue eyes. She plans to attend Manitoulin Secondary School in September. In her time off,

friends and family, making bracelets, bike rides and tanning.

She lists her grandmother as the major influence in her life. "She taught me to always stay positive and the importance of being kind to others. She means a lot to me and really cares about everyone around her. I especially admire her outlook on life."

When it comes to her favourite thing about Manitoulin Island, Lexi points to how "life moves at a slower pace compared to the city and I appreciate being able to enjoy every moment of it. Plus, the scenery is so beautiful along with the people in the community.



Lexi Young

Lexi notes that "coming to the fair every year has been a tradition for me and I always loved being there. I remember wanting to run for ambassador when I was younger. Now that I'm older, it would feel like such a big accomplishment."





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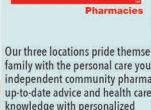
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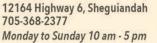
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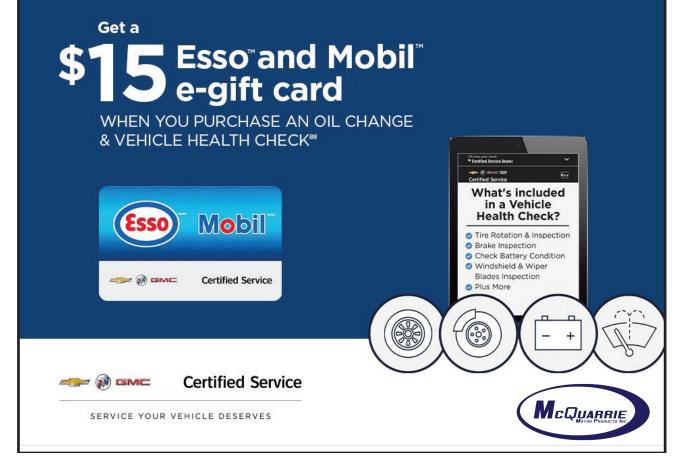
... Union arbitration lifts veil on Mike Mantha controversy

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On or around August 22, 2022, the person making the complaint raised concerns to the Ontario NDP caucus about an unsafe work environment (at the same time, she began a paid leave of absence).

The union filed a grievance on her behalf the following November, raising specific allegations of workplace harassment by Mr. Mantha. The investigation was conducted between January 31, 2023 and July 6, 2023, the investigation was based on phone calls, email exchanges and several investigative interviews with the constituency worker; phone calls and email exchanges with Mr. Mantha and/or his legal counsel; investigative interviews with three witnesses who had direct knowledge of the facts underlying the allegations; review of substantial video evidence, as well as text messages and online communications; review of a variety of relevant documentation related to the allegations such as meeting notes and correspondence; and review of various workplace policies. The final report was issued July 18, 2023—less than a month later Ms. Stiles permanently removed Mantha from the NDP Caucus.

The Mortimer Investigation found that, on a balance of probabilities, "allegations of workplace harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination on the basis of sex, abuse of authority and creation



of a toxic workplace, had all been substantiated." "Those all go against our party's values and workplace policy," said Ms. Stiles.

Specific allegations are that Mr. Mantha pressured the constituency worker to engage in non-consensual sexual interactions with him: that he required her to submit to his hugs on a regular basis; that he sexually harassed her on a regular basis in the office, engaging in several incidents of unwanted physical and sexual contact, notwithstanding her protests that he stop such conduct; that he requested she send him sexually explicit photos of herself, advise him of any sexual dreams about him, and made comments about her appearance, including her makeup, hair and clothes; and finally, that Mr. Mantha pressured her to work from the office more often so that he could physically have access to her and continue his practice of sexually touching her.

The decision notes that both parties, the union and the Ontario NDP, do not dispute the findings of the investigation. Mr. Mantha was provided notice of the arbitration proceedings by the NDP, but he "has not sought to participate in this hearing."

When Mr. Mantha was removed from the Ontario NDP the Ontario NDP sent a termination letter



MPP Michael Mantha says he will continue to work as the riding's elected provincial member.

to the woman he was alleged to have harassed. That letter indicated that, since she was no longer employed by an NDP MPP, she was no longer covered by the NDP collective bargaining agreement. All NDP employees are unionized. The other workers in Mr. Mantha's offices also received a letter.

The letter also stated that the caucus could not offer her work within the CUPE bargaining unit as there were no other constituency offices nearby.

This led to the union filing a further grievance on January 26, alleging she had been unjustly terminated, going on to seek reinstatement and "a range of other compensatory and other remedies." In the decision, the arbitra-

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...Signs erected at Bridal Veil Falls after resident turtle killed

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"All turtles in Ontario are at risk, including snapping turtles," said Ms. Deschenes. "People are using this area as a swimming area; this is habitat for wildlife, fish species, turtles and everything needs to be left where it is."

Ms. Deschenes further explained, "when people create a berm (using rocks) they are removing the habitat, but it causes major problems when they are trying to get up the river to spawn as they can't get into the gravel area. So, we have to remove the berm and replace it."

"Another thing we have heard, especially in the fall, is that people will go into the river and grab a salmon out of the water so they can get an Instagram picture moment," said Ms. Deschenes. "It is illegal to harass wildlife during their spawning life cycle time."

"If people are running or even walking in the river they could very well be stepping on and damaging fish and other species of aquatic wildlife," said Ms. Deschenes. "We've been working with the township to enhancing and restoring the river for the past few years. This is a beautiful river and there needs to be a balance of tourism, fish and wildlife using it."

"The township would prefer people not swim in or create pools by the falls," said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker. "This is a natural environment area for fish that are spawning and habitat for aquatic wildlife fish and other species, including the snapping turtle which was



From left, Seija Deschenes coordinator of Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association and Billings Mayor Bryan Barker were among others on hand for the unveiling of three signs at Bridal Veil Falls and the Kagawong River imploring people not to stack rocks, create rock berms or interfere with fish spawning or aquatic wildlife.

killed about two weeks ago."

Mayor Barker said, "A big part of our township strategic plan includes expanding and enhancing the natural spaces in the township. Bridal Veil Falls is one if not the most visited location on Manitoulin Island. As far as swimming we have a really nice beach in the hamlet just down the road, and we would much prefer people use the beach for swimming."

"As a township we are trying to hold off on banning people from swimming near the falls area, and hope people recognize the value and importance of this natural space and not carry this on at the falls or the river," continued Mayor Barker.

"With these signs being installed we are hoping to educate people to be responsible to the environment, habitat, fish and aquatic wildlife: to be respectful," said Ms. De-schenes. "We want these fish, aquatic wildlife, invertebrates, and other species to be here for future generations and by partnering with Billings Township on signage we hope to educate members of the public why it is so important to be respectful. And if someone sees something that is not right, they should report it.'



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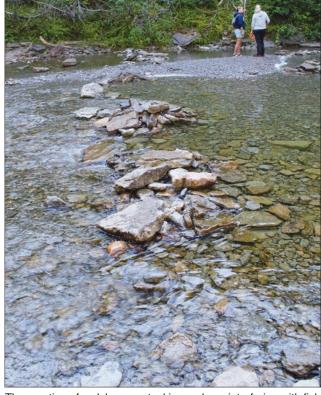


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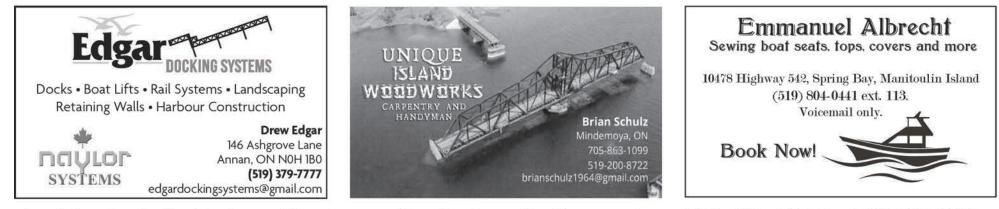
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Tim Ominika

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through expanded cultural education programs for youth. "Supporting the arts and traditional practices is central to keeping our identity strong in a rapidly changing world."

Economic development and sovereignty are also key priorities for Mr. Ominika. "Our community's economic prosperity is a top priority," he says. As chief, he pledges to expand local business opportunities, support entrepreneurship, and attract sustainable investments that respect both the land and the culture of Wiikwemkoong. "Promoting economic sovereignty means more than just job creation; it's about ensuring that our resources benefit our people and future generations.'

Mr. Ominika envisions a diverse economic future, beyond tourism, with sustainable practices that align with the community's values. He advocates for transparent communication about investment opportunities and supports innovative ventures like pellet farming and aquaculture, ensuring that these efforts respect natural areas and contribute to long-term sustainability.

"Let's move forward together," Mr. Ominika urges his community. His campaign for Chief is built on a foundation of health, education, cultural preservation, and economic sovereignty—pillars that he believes will lead Wiikwemkoong into a prosperous future for all its members.



Rachel Manitowabi

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ondary education, in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. She said she is extremely grateful to her family for helping ground her in the culture and traditions of her community, and also for ensuring that she is a fluent speaker in the language.

"Language is so important," she said. "I want to ensure that projects like our Mooshkin Anishinaabemowin Gamig, a place for young families to learn and strengthen our language continue to be supported and grow." She noted that the recent Anishinaabemowin Immersion Camp held in the community is an example of the kind of things that are happening in a positive way.

Despite the challenges to language and culture that came out of government actions and policies aimed at assimilation, things like the residential school system and the injustices foisted on Indigenous communities by the settler governments, Wiikwemkoong has not only survived, but thrived.

"Wiikwemkoong has always been a leader when it comes to preserving the language," said Ms. Manitowabi.

Ms. Manitowabi points to the 30 years of experience in governance that she brings to the table as a huge asset in helping to ensure that the challenges facing Wiikwemkoong are met and overcome in a good way.

As to the future, Ms. Manitowabi said that she intends to continue the work on building and rejuvenating community infrastructure and economic development. She points to the continuing progress being made in moving forward the pellet plant in Nairn Centre and partnerships that are being developed to support those initiatives and other business opportunities.

She said she is also very excited about her project to move all of Wiikwemkoong's "data" to storage facilities in the community. "That data is our stories," she said. "We should have control and ownership of our own stories." Once the data is ensconced in Wiikwemkoong, said Ms. Manitowabi, then it can be made accessible to other First Nations and outside organizations.

Sam Manitowabi

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With over 30 years of experience working with First Nations in economic development, Mr. Manitowabi brings a wealth of knowledge in creating change and establishing the relationships necessary to accomplish large projects. His track record includes leading negotiations on hydroelectric projects, sustainable forest licenses, and impact benefit agreements around mine sites, generating opportunities for First Nations and surrounding communities.

"Strategic planning is critical for our success," Mr. Manitowabi emphasizes. "Wiikwemkoong has done a lot of good work, but we need to ensure that our strategic plans are not just sitting on a shelf. We must address immediate challenges like drinking water, sewer systems, housing, and substance use, while also pursuing longterm goals."

Manitowabi is also committed to preserving and revitalizing the culture and governance of Wiikwemkoong. He acknowledges the importance of moving beyond the Indian Act and adopting an election code that truly reflects the community's sovereignty. "Governments are always trying to assert their authority over us," he warns. "It's essential that we take the necessary steps to reinforce our sovereignty and protect our rights."

Mr. Manitowabi believes that leadership must be built on trust and transparency. He is advocating for mandatory drug testing for Chief and Council members as a way to lead by example in the fight against the opioid crisis and restore trust in leadership. "We need to lead by example," he says. "It's time to restore trust and demonstrate that we are committed to the wellbeing of our community."

On August 17, Sam Manitowabi humbly asks for your vote. His campaign is built on a foundation of strategic planning, cultural preservation, economic development, and the safety and wellbeing of our children. With a vision for a stronger, healthier Wiikwemkoong, Manitowabi is ready to lead the community into a prosperous future.

Joni Roy

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to my passion as a registered Wiikwemkoong member. I am proud of community and I really want us to have a library again; one that includes our history, stories and genealogy too," said Ms. Roy.

Developing and making the Anishnaabemowin language prevalent in all areas of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and ratifying the governance law, which has been in the process for many years, are two of the priorities of Ms. Roy, who is vying for the chief seat in the upcoming band chief and council elections.

"I'm going to encourage all and everything Anishinaabemowin and continue to participate myself," stated Ms. Roy. "Fluency in our language is a personal goal." "We used to sing Anishinaabemowin loud and proud when I was younger. I want that back for all our community members now and for all our great grandchildren," said Ms. Roy. She noted she is a strong advocate for E-DBENDAAGZIG miinaa kweok (all women) and the vulnerable.

"I was raised on and off-reserve, as are my children and grandchild," said Ms. Roy. "I have that lived experience and understand the challenges it presents to us. I also have family on the other side of Lake Huron, and I believe they all need their own portfolio, as well as a portfolio for off-reserve members and our ogitchidaa (veterans)."

"I would like to see an increase in our voting membership," said Ms. Roy. "With this we can ratify our Gchi-Naaknigewin (our own constitution) which our community has been working on for more than 15 years now. I have helped and contributed to this planning, as I really, truly believe we need to get them ratified so that we don't remain under the current Indian Act. It is one of my priorities."

Ms. Roy explained, "We have a total of 6,000 voting age members both on and off-reserve. In the last election only about 1,100 voted, which is barely 18 percent of our total voting population. We can do so much better in terms of having more of our eligible voters participating. Where are you, Wiikwemkoong? Stand and be counted."

Daniel Marcello Roy

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works part-time as a commercial fisherman, and used to own Roy's Trucking Company in Nairn Centre until Domtar shut down.

"It was good to see the recent Robinson-Huron Treaty Supreme Court decision that indicated both governments (Canada and Ontario) failed its fiduciary duty and kept all our communities in a system of oppression," said Mr. Roy.

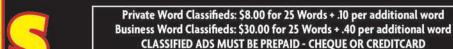
The Supreme Court decision determined that Canada and Ontario "dishonourably breached its sacred promises' to the Anishinaabe of the upper Great Lakes by making a "mockery" of its treaty promise by failing to increase annuity payments for nearly 150 years, under a rare augmentation clause which requires the Crown to increase annuities as revenues and wealth generated from resource extraction on the land grew over time."

"Once a community like ours signs a new governance agreement there is no turning back." said Mr. Roy. "Is that what we want in Wiikwemkoong? So far, the way it is now I don't want that governance agreement the way it reads right now. I don't think people are prepared for retirement or for paying income tax. But what we would need to do as council is sit down, discuss this with input from all members of the community. If I am elected as chief, I would like to see a mechanism put in place that Wiikwemkoong would never surrender in the future.'

Mr. Roy would like, "to see a trade school built in the community. There was talk years ago of this in Wiky. I am a strong believer in trade schools, because I am a graduate of one."

Mr. Roy listed his key priorities in running for chief in the election. The need to work for on-reserve and off-reserve of all ages and invest with on-reserve and off-reserve membership. "We need to work collectively with council and staff members," said Mr. Roy. "We need to enhance governance and create laws to exercise our rights in all aspects for the betterment of Wiikwemkoong."

"They talk of future generations, the future is now," said Mr. Roy. "Now is where our future is at. Investing in work. Investing in an ever-evolving future is promising. A promise to our children of a future is not as reassuring as promising them a strong foundation to create their own future."



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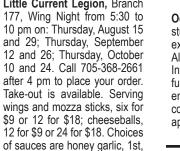
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In loving memory of Richard "Rick" Campbell, 68 years, Lwho passed away peacefully on July 28, 2024. Much loved husband of Jill. Survived by his brother David, sister Cori, sister-in-law Juli and mother-in-law Fern. Also survived by his nieces Kayleigh (Jim), Jade and Kristy (Andy), as well as great-nieces and nephews, aunts and cousins. Predeceased by his parents Fred and Shirley Campbell, sister Anne, brothers-in-law Bert and Danny, and father-in-law Doug. Rick worked in a variety of jobs in his younger life before settling back in Pickering on Mulberry Lane. He was most proud of his years as a Crane Operator and a member of the Operating Engineers Local L0793B and stayed in contact with his brothers. His years on Mulberry were a great source of enjoyment for him. The rural environment so close to the city allowed him to entertain friends and family for meals, camp fires, skating parties and general merriment. He travelled North for his great loves of hunting and fishing – to the Stephens' camp on the Spanish for moose hunting and Manitoulin for deer hunting and fishing. After meeting Jill in 2004, he decided to move to Manitoulin Island permanently. For the last 20 years he enjoyed these pastimes, as well as volunteering in his new community and entertaining in town and at the lake. He was embraced by a whole new group of friends and family and was always so appreciative of how they welcomed him here. He loved his neighbourhood, his hunting property, his time at the camp and the life he built in Gore Bay. Rick was a proud member of the Legion Branch 514 Gore Bay. There will be a Celebration of his Life at the Branch on September 14, 2024 at 1 pm. Donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 or the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www. simpsonfuneralhome.ca.





THOMAS HENRY FOSTER September 16, 1937 - August 4, 2024



In loving memory of Tom Foster, a resident of Gore Bay, who died peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on August 4, 2024 at the age of 86. He grew up in Mills Township, the son of the late Richard and Josephine (Van Meer) Foster. He left Mills at the age of 16, went to Toronto and worked at the corn starch factory. He

left there and went out to Manitoba and worked on the pipeline. He later started working for Wahl Plumbing and continued in that field for more than 40 years. He met his wife Joyce out there and they got married. They moved back to Orangeville in Ontario where he obtained his plumbing licence at McKena Bros. in Guelph. They then moved back to Manitoulin in 1970 where he started his own business of plumbing and heating, retiring in 1997. He loved to hunt and spent hours watching the deer in the fields at the McKay farm, especially watching for a big buck he hoped to get come archery season. During gun season he loved to get out to the hunt camp with Bart, Darryl and Bob Montgomery. He loved to get-together with friends and reminisce about things. He had a good memory of people and who they were related to. Dearly loved husband of Joyce (Hintz) Foster for 62 years. Loving and loved father of Bart (Darlene) and Darryl (Kelly predeceased). Proud and loving grandfather of Dean (Britany), Brea (Jordan), Barret (Cortney), Brady and Dylan. Great-grandfather of Cecilia and Rory. Dear brother of Elaine (Gerald) McCauley, Fledda (Bill) Ryder, Vivian (Reg) McKay (all predeceased) and Joe (Marie predeceased) Foster. Brother-in-law of Charlotte (Bill predeceased), Beverley (Terry predeceased), Marilyn (Albert predeceased) and Edith Thurston. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Family and friends gathered at the Simpson Funeral Home on Thursday, August 8, 2024 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service took place at the Wm. G. Turner Memorial Chapel at the funeral home on Friday, August 9, 2024 at 11 am with Rev. Catherine Hazlitt officiating. Burial followed at the Burpee-Mills Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to the Canadian Lung Association or to the All Saints Anglican Church. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www. simpsonfuneralhome.ca.



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Lucky the Lobster tours Manitoulin

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Social media sensation Lucky the Lobster made a stop on the world's largest freshwater island last week on his cross-Canada odyssey, en route home to his family in Alberta.

Getting the cute, plush critter from A to B is no easy feat. He even comes equipped with a full-size lobster trap/ cage.

Elizabeth Beattie of Honora Bay was scrolling Facebook one morning when she happened upon a post from a family in Meaford asking for help getting Lucky from Tobermory to Manitoulin Island. She recalled thinking 'that's interesting,' and kept on scrolling. The thought of helping Lucky was intriguing, though, and thinking it might be a fun activity for her two-year-old son Wren and mom Bonnie to take part in, she booked them all a walkon ticket for the ferry and made arrangements to meet the Kaminski family and Lucky in Tobermory.

"They were pretty sad to see him go," Ms. Beattie said,

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tor found the constituency worker's employment with the NDP caucus was terminated "through no fault of her own.

Both parties requested, should the arbitrator come to this conclusion, that the matter of remedy goes back to the parties involved, the union and the ONDP caucus.

However, the arbitrator states in his decision he will re-engage "in the event the parties are unable to resolve the issue of remedy.³

For his part, Mr. Mantha has remained defiant in the face of the arbitrator's decision, releasing the following statement: "The last two years have been very challenging, but it is time to move past this matter. While I disagree with some of the characterizations made, on the advice of my legal counsel I will not be commenting further at this time. It is my honour to represent the people of Algoma-Manitoulin. I will fulfill my role as MPP for the remainder of this term and leave the decision on my future in the hands of voters in Algoma-Manitoulin.³

"MPP Mantha needs to take responsibility for his actions and show real support," asserted Ms. Stiles. "A lot of people have been hurt," she noted, pointing to the many volunteers who have placed trust and faith in him. "All have to deal with the fallout."

Ms. Stiles said that she could not speak on the settlement between the complainant and the Ontario NDP.



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Lucky the Lobster 2.0 tours Manitoulin Islan

...continued from page 26 noting that they had the stuffed lobster for about a week and brought him on several adventures, including a visit to the Chapman's ice cream plant.

Ms. Beattie stuffed the massive trap into her Honda Civic in South Baymouth on August 6 and they set out to show off Manitoulin.

Lucky began his journey on April 29 in Charlottetown, PEI. Well, "began" might be a bit of an overstatement. He sat and waited for a friend to come along and give him a lift for two-and-a-half months.

Lucky belongs to Chris and Karen McCallum of Okotoks, Alberta. Lucky is a second generation travelling lobster, Lucky 2.0. The couple first attempted sending a lobster from PEI (1.0 was a plastic model) to Alberta in 2009, before the serious help of social media. He made it to Ontario, then ended up in Chicago, but Chi-town is where his journey ended.

"The last we saw of him was a photo of him at a bus stop," the McCallums tell The Expositor. He was never heard from again.

The McCallums are frequent visitors to PEI as Mr. McCallum's parents are from the island province. They were there in April when they decided to take another stab at sending a lobster across Canada, based only on the kindness of strangers. This time the lobster is plush and an open-thorax surgery placed an AirTag inside so they can always see where he is. (The cage comes equipped with a QR code that links to a video of the couple explaining the odyssey.)

Mr. McCallum explained the couple was staying at a boutique hotel in Charlottetown when they approached the owner to see if they could leave Lucky on display in the hopes that someone would pick him up on his first leg. The owner agreed, but there he sat. Friends of the McCallums were going to be in Charlottetown a couple of months later so they were tasked with bringing the lobster to Moncton where they left him at the famous anchor at Moncton's Tidal Bore. It was there that someone saw him, made a TikTok and the rest is, well, history. Lucky's journey began in earnest on July 16, the day of the first TikTok video.

Ms. Beattie, a Kindergarten teacher at Shawanosowe School in Birch Island, said she saw this as a good exercise in, as the McCallums said, the



Lucky, Wren and Elizabeth stopped into The Expositor Office last week to introduce reporters to the little lobster that could.

kindness of strangers. She was amazed at how many people she met in her brief time with Lucky. People would see the cage, wanted to come and chat and were quick to open up about their own lives. "It just piqued everyone's curiosity," she said.

Ms. Beattie said she felt a kinship with Lucky. As a teenager, she took part in the Katimavik program and took her Grade 12 year off to travel the country on her own, something she felt stood her in good stead as a change to grow into the woman she is today.

"(Lucky) is going to make it home-his trip doesn't have to be linear, she smiled.

"It's been an absolute

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riot," the McCallums said from their Okotoks home "Followers from around the world are watching and getting a good snapshot of

what Canada is like—the world is watching." Lucky has been to a scallop festival, driven a race car, hung out with the RCMP, been vet-

checked, gone roller skating, climbed the CN Tower, partook in a karaoke night, did a "lobster shot" and visited Manitoulin Island.

The McCallums hope to pen a children's book about Lucky's adventure following his return home.

There are also t-shirts for sale that read 'I Got Lucky Across Canada' available for \$20, the proceeds of which are going to help victims of the Jasper wildfire and also the PEI lobster fishery.

As Lucky makes his way across Northern Ontario, the hype keeps building.

"People in Manitoba are going nuts," Ms. McCallum said. And in Saskatche-

wan, one Lucky follower is hoping to bring him to a Metallica concert where, hopefully, he'll meet the band.

"Sometimes social media can have a negative repkeyword courage-and be detrimental to communities, but we've seen how it can be strengthening for community," Mr. McCallum said. "Fellow Canadians have had fun, and in a goofy way. It reaffirms how great Canadians are."

To follow Lucky the Lobster, follow the LobsterQuest TikTok page or search the hashtags Lucky the Lobster and Lobster Quest From East to West 2.0.

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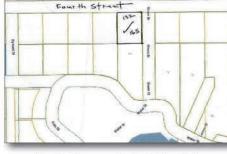


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South Baymouth celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Chi-Cheemaun



These happy float riders were ready to raise a toast to the venerable old lady as she came into port.



What's a celebration without some fine art face painting? Georgia and Sawyer were pretty serious about the whole process.



Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles took the opportunity to hand out a certifcate commemorating the 50th aniversary.



This float in the South Baymouth parade was a great tribute to the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry which was celebrating its 50th anniversary of service to Manitoulin.



Car shows are always a great draw and the turnout of vintage automobiles was strong despite the threat of inclement weather.



Let them eat cake! A celebratory dessert was ready and waiting for hungry celebrants.



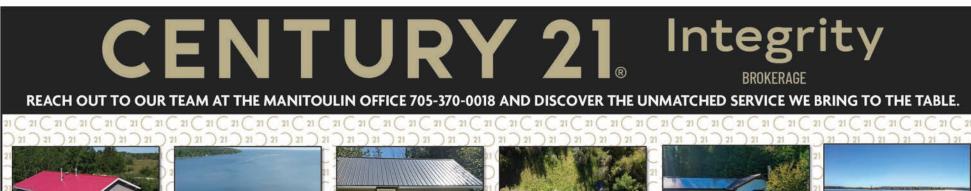
Is that former longtime reeve Gary Brown poking his head out of that fancy black car?



The cast and crew of the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry pose for a photo following the ship's arrival at the celebrations in South Baymouth



The Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps were on hand for the parade and posed for a group shot.





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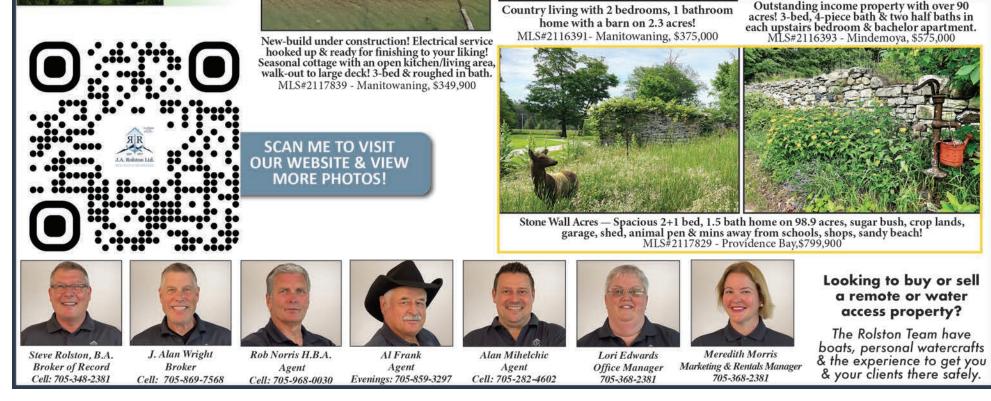
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Little Current, Ontario

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Community rallies around Evansville's Sadie Graham by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—The Graham family is grateful for the support they have received from the Manitoulin community rallying around six-year-old Sadie of Evansville as she battles acute leukemia in Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. Two highly successful fundraisers were held in the past week to help support the family during this difficult time.

"We never expected this type of support. You'd better believe the community support is overwhelming," stated Rick Graham (Sadie's grandfather) after a fundraising picnic and auction put on by the Burpee and Mills Township Volunteer Fire Department on Thursday of last week. A second fundraiser, a spaghetti dinner and silent auction, was put on by Deanna and Tim Hardy and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay this past Sunday evening.

"Rob and Jess (Sadie's parents) are the same as me, they can't believe the tremendous support we have received," said Mr. Graham. "It is Nicole, Deanna, Tim, their kids and the community that have done all of this."

The bidding was furious with auctioneer Robbie White taking bids on the picnic baskets which were each filled with enough food for at least two people. Bidding on one picnic basket went for as much as \$400.





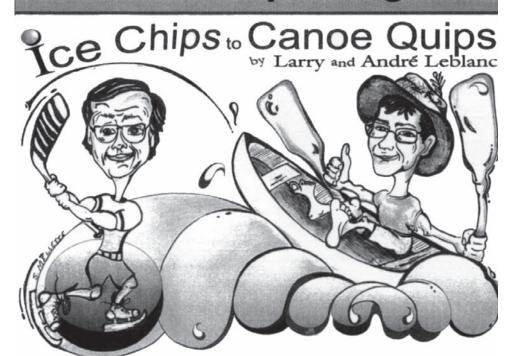
A very successful picnic basket auction for Sadie Graham and her family was held in Gore Bay last week. Ms. Graham, of Evansville was recently diagnosed with acute leukemia and is currently in SickKids Hospital in Toronto receiving treatment. In photo, Nicole Middleton organizer of the event is shown with auctioneer Robbie White and youngster Arabella Fogal. At far right is Rick Graham, Sadie's grandfather.

held Sunday evening at the Royal Canadian Legion in Gore Bay drew a huge crowd of people from all over the Island. The dinner started at 5 pm and as of 45 minutes later 200 people had been served dinner with at least 100 more taking in the dinner during the evening. The event was organized by Deanna and Tim Hardy.

There were well over 60 items up for bid in the silent auction, donated by businesses around the Island.

Sarah Gagne (Sadie Grahams aunt) helped serve the dinner. "This is incredible. I am kind of emotional seeing how many have shown up for the dinner-auction and the many people who are volunteering here this evening. Our family is

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Dawna-Strong!

Dawna Chartrand is a super-fit person who also happens to be stronger than your average bear! She just got the official invite to the SCC (Strongman Corporation Canada) Nationals this October! She is a bit nervous but excited that she is getting this opportunity after just a year of 'Strongman' training!

Dawna has to be psyched for this October 11-13th event that will be held in Moncton this year. She has converted her home and backyard into an elite training facility! She even has those huge Atlas Stones, kegs and tires she will be hoisting and flipping this fall! You go, Dawna!

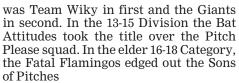
Golf scramble

Activity promoter, **Mark Peltier** helped host the Mnidoo Mnising 2-Person Scramble Youth Golf Tourney over the weekend. The Mixed Champions were **Danica Peltier** and **Sheldon Mandamin**. The Ladies Champions were **Marilyn Stevens** and **Aaliya Corbiere** (btw, Aaliya also won the ladies long drive and closest to the pin)! The Men's Champions were **Dominic** and **Matty Morningstar**. Dominic and Matty shot a 7 over par 79, with two teams just one stroke back at 80!

The major door prize winner was **Easton Lauber**, winning some tickets to see the Toronto Blue Jays. Congratulations to all golfers, who played 18 holes in all that rain and wind, tough conditions. Miigwech to the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course, for hosting the event!

Assiginack Youth Ball and More!

Congratulations to the Assiginack Ball participants but here are the podium finishers! In the 12 and under set it



First, a HUGE thank you to their umpires! It could not have happened without you: **Ryan Stewart, Larry Harasym, Reuben Allen, Bud Spry** and **Murray Gammie**.

From the organizational talents of **Jackie White**, also in September they are are running a short ball hockey league for kids. Here is her pitch: Kids, come and get warmed up for the hockey season by joining a ball hockey league!

Taking place at Assiginack arena on the dry pad on Thursdays from September 12 to October 10, 2024. Registration in advance is required, just log into the Township website and under the 'Courses' tab you can see all the cool things to do.

The cost is just \$10 for the five-week session. The U7 & U9 play from 6-6:45 pm, U11: 7-7:45, U13: 7:45-8:30 pm, U15: 8:30-9:15 and U18: 9:15-10 PM.

Next, will be free line dancing then starting in September there is Zumba, senior dance and kids' dance! Getting 'Assiggy' with it! Cringe acknowledged.

Record setter!

Wiikwemkoong's **Aurel Fox-Recol**let, helped his team again this year at the endearing and enduring, Beaton Classic in and around Lake Ramsey. Aurel was drafted to do the running leg of the quadrathlon last year, helping them win. Last week, the team not only won but set the course record in the cycle, swim, canoe and running event! Way to goooo, Aurel!



Sadie Strong!' t-shirts were selling very quickly at the fundraising spaghetti dinner and silent auction held at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay Sunday evening. The event, organized by Deanna and Tim Hardy along with others was held to raise funds for Sadie Graham and her family. Ms. Graham of Evansville is battling acute leukemia and is in SickKids Hospital in Toronto with her family. photos by Tom Sasvari

"We had a total of 43 baskets," said Nicole Middleton, who explained, "everything-all the food, water and soft drinks in each basket were donated. Everything was donated by members of the community." She pointed out Purvis Fisheries donated coolers to keep the food cold and fresh for the auction.

"We are so grateful to everyone who helped out, and donated items for the food baskets," said Ms. Middleton. She said a total of \$3,770 was raised in the picnic basket auction to be donated to the Graham family.

The spaghetti dinner silent auction

very grateful for all the support."

"If Rob and Jess (Sadie's parents) were here they would also be very emotional with all the support the community has shown, it is incredible," said Ms. Gagne.

Mr. Graham, who is the Burpee and Mills fire chief, told The Expositor that Sadie is undergoing chemotherapy treatments at SickKids. "She will be in the hospital for at least a month, and maybe longer. It is fortunate the doctors at the Mindemoya Hospital didn't waste any time, they sent Sadie to SickKids in Toronto immediately."

As was reported in last week's edition of The Expositor Sadie had not been feeling well and so her grandparents took her to Mindemoya hospital where they did bloodwork, and the bloodwork came back abnormal. So, doctors at the Mindemoya Hospital had her transferred by ambulance to the Manitoulin East Airport where she was airlifted to SickKids Hospital with her mother Jess on August 2. She underwent a battery of tests and was diagnosed with acute leukemia.

The Nickelnuts repeated as Champions of the Beaton Classic held on August 11 at the Moonlight beach in Sudbury. The winning team consists of: Aurel Fox-Recollet of Wiikwemkoong, (7.5 km running) Jeff Paul (1km swim) Geoffrey Helluin (Bicycle 24 km) and Robert Gregoris (Solo Canoe 4 km). The winning team earned a new course record of 1 hr and 52 minutes. The Beaton Classic is one of the oldest multi-sport events in Canada. It can be done solo, or as teams of two or four.

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Manitoulin Special Olympics bring home the gold

by Tom Sasvari MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) teams won gold and silver medals at the softball provincial qualifier in Azilda this past weekend.

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rebuilding and has some new athletes, Braedon Harper and Triston Eadie, who jumped in and really helped. And because both our teams ended up playing at the same time our coaches and volunteers had to divide and conquer on the ball fields," she said, thanking Roslyn Taylor, Michelle Lanktree, Steve Salt, Amanda James and Tanya Cox for helping this team to win gold.

The Manitoulin Nightriders roster included Bruce Vanhorn, Danielle Foreshew, Braedon Harper, Tim Bradley, David Gagne, Anna Bateman and Triston Eadie.

"Our Manitoulin Wolverines C division team came home with a silver medal after losing out to Almaguin," said Ms. Anning, who thanked fellow coaches Sandra Graham, Kathy Nickol and Herve Leclair for helping on the bench with the team.

Players on the Manitoulin Wolverines team ...continued on page 3A

For more information about the organization, please visit the website at: <u>www. noojmowin-teg.ca</u> . Pre-requisites:	a) Must have graduated from a post-secondary program in business administration, commerce, economics and/or accounting.	
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Must be able to provide proof of Status	 e) Must be proficient in use of various types of business and communications software (word processing, spreadsheets, email, net searching, etc.). 	
Send "Confidential" to:	f) Must have excellent written and oral communication skills.	
Attn: Board Chair c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002 Little Current, ON POP 1K0 Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 235, Fax: 705-368-3922 Or email: <u>debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca</u> Deadline: Posting is open until filled	 a) Must have experience in delivering workshops and public presentations related to business programs, entrepreneurship, marketing, etc. b) Must have strong organizational skills and work cooperatively with the Business Development Team. i) Must have a solid working knowledge of the First Nation communities in Northeast Ontario. j) Must have a valid Driver's licence and own a reliable vehicle as business outreach is required. 	
Miigwech/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application. Only those under consideration will be contacted.	Please provide a letter of application addressing each of the requirements above, a detailed resume and three (3) reference letters no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 16th, 2024 , to the attention of the General Manager, Waubetek Business Development Corporation via email to dmadahbeeleach@waubetek. com with the subject " BDO Position ." Miigwetch!	

...Manitoulin Special Olympians bring home the gold from provincial qualifiers

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Nickol, Jeffrey Harper, Michael Harper, Michael Cormiere, Marybeth Taliotis, Rebecca Strain, Tyler Madahbee, Emily Moggy, Jamie Pyette and Matthew

"We had a great weekend with all our athletes having fun and representing Manitoulin proudly,' added Ms. Anning.



or call the store at 705-368-3524 and ask to speak to a Manager.

ABOVE: The Manitoulin Nightriders Adapt division team won the special olympics provincial qualifier in Azilda last weekend. The team included players

Bruce Vanhorn, Danielle Foreshew, Braedon Harper, Tim Bradley, David Gagne, Anna Bateman, Triston

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

UCCM Building Material Supply in M'Chigeeng (Castle) is looking for a full-time store clerk.

Duties will include: areetina and assistina customers with their purchases, operating the cash register and balancing daily deposits, processing sales using computerized sales system, preparing quotes, answering phones, assisting with stocking shelves and pricing merchandise and other duties as required. Experience in customer service and knowledge in hardware and building materials would be ideal. Benefits, pension and competitive wages offered.

Please mail or email resume and cover letter to: UCCM Building Material Supply P.O. Box 295 M'Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0 Info@uccmcastle.com





JOB POSTING Teacher for 2024-2025 school year

Full-Time: Monday-Friday (35 hours/week)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The ideal candidate will be passionate for the job with an ability to reach out to each student and create a positive relationship of mutual respect, trust and honesty. We are seeking a teacher to assist students with class assignments, review subject material, prepare for tests and advocate on their behalf. This individual must possess a degree in education or equivalency. Experience working with secondary students in a classroom environment. Knowledge and understanding of Google operating systems, iPads, Chrome Books, Smart Boards and educational applications is required for this position. Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibwe language and its peoples are assets for this job.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist students to learn and understand concepts, assist with completion of homework and ensuring their work has been handed into the teacher;
- Work directly with students from Grades 9-12 at Manitoulin Secondary School;
- Work in collaboration with students, parents and teachers at M.S.S., AOKFN Education Counsellor, Band Manager and Chief & Council;
- Provide knowledge and instruction to each student advocating for the implementation of IEPs (if applicable);



BELOW: Manitoulin The Wolverines 'C' division team brought home the silver medal from the special olympics softball provincial qualifier. The team includes players Dylan Danville, William Leclair, Aaron Nickol, Jeffrey Harper, Michael Harper, Michael Cormiere, Marybeth Taliotis, Rebecca Strain, Tyler Madahbee, Emily Moggy, Jamie Pyette, Matthew Bedard and coaches Sandra Graham, Janet Anning, Kathy Nickol and Herve

Eadie and coaches Roslyn Taylor, Michelle Lanktree, Steve Salt, Ámanda James and Tanya Cox.



Manitoulin Hotel 🕢 Conference Centre

Now Hiring!

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

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

Wages are negotiable.

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre 66 Meredith St. E. Little Current, ON P0P IK0

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION



FULL-TIME & PART-TIME JOB POSTING Position: Bus Driver



JOB PURPOSE We have an opening for a Full-Time and Part-Time School Bus Driver with a valid B licence to transport children/youth to and from school in the mornings and afternoons. The successful candidate will have experience driving a bus as well as working with children/youth. We're looking forward to talking with anyone who has transported elementary and secondary students to school in the past. Our Bus Drivers are an essential part in our educational system, and we value their contributions.

- Working knowledge of the Ministry of Education updated curriculum guidelines; .
- Access and record students' progress and provide weekly updates, monthly reports and feedback to Education Counsellor;
- Collaborate with teachers and principal from M.S.S. regarding AOKFN students' needs, challenges and strengths;
- Participate in meetings as directed with teachers, parents, AOKFN Education, Band Manager, and Chief and Council;
- Observe and understand students' psyche and report suspicions of child abuse and neglect following AOKFN protocol;
- Understanding of First Nations' history, culture and Ojibwe language skills an asset;
- Must possess a valid 'G' licence, First-aid, and CPR training up-to-date. .

Interested applicants, who meet the qualifications as listed above, must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials and three (3) references with phone numbers to:

Attention: AOKFN Teacher 13 Hill Street LITTLE CURRENT, ON **POP 1K0**

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

DEADLINE DATE: August 16, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or GED preferred
- B licence required
- Experience driving a school bus
- Clean driving record (drivers abstract must be
- Sector Check/CRC
- Ability to carry out assigned route on time
- Excellent communication skills
- 3+ years' working with children preferred
- **OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**
- Verify students on route ensure pick up and appropriate drop off
- Maintain a clean and mechanically-sound bus at all times
- Obey all traffic laws

Perform inspections of the bus before and after each route

- Ensure safety of all students
- Maintain a safe and healthy environment
- Attend safety meetings
- Participate in Orientation and Health and Safety sessions

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

Please submit applications Marked "CONFIDENTIAL" via mail, fax or in person to: Attn: Kevin Mishibinijima, O & M Manager Sheguiandah First Nation 142 Ögemah Miikan Sheguiandah, Ontario P0P 1W0

Or by FAX to: 705-368-3697

DEADLINE TO APPLY: August 29, 2024 @ 12:00 P.M. For inquiries, please contact Kevin at (705) 968-0644.



- Responsibilities and Duties:
- Responsible for implementing direction in the Live-in Aftercare Program
- Responsible for monitoring the facility; facility upkeep and cleaning
- Responsible for maintaining IPAC Best Practices
- Responsible for inputting case notes to the EMR Database
- Responsible for reporting to the Aftercare Team Leader
- Responsible for monitoring participant wellness and whereabouts
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education, therapeutic interventions
- Other duties as required

Gore Bay/Assiginack Child Care Centre

43 Hall Street, P.O. Box 256, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0 T 705-282-8669 F 705-282-8679 134 Michael's Bay Road, Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0 T 705-859-2001 v 705-859-1234

Supervisor - Full Time

Wage: \$26/hour

This position will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of Assiginack Child

- 2-year diploma in Early Childhood Education or equivalent.
- Be registered and in good standing with the College of ECEs (Registered Early
- Strong understanding of current theories (including How Does Learning Happen? ELECT and Think, Feel, Act), governing agencies requirements, Child Care and Early Years Act, Public Health and Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice in the Early
- Experience in marketing and program promotion both face to face and virtual.
- Proficiency with Google Drive (sheets & docs) including MS Word and Excel. Strong relationship development skills with the ability to build and maintain both formal
- Sound judgment and decision-making skills with the ability to effectively administer/
- Strong problem-solving skills with the ability to analyze and diagnose the issue, reaching
- Ability to work in stressful situations with the ability to respond to changes and fluctuating demands with shifting deadlines.
- Strong written/communication skills with the ability to clearly articulate directions,
- Experience and understanding of working efficiently in a diverse environment.
- Current Driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

Note: The successful candidate must have valid First Aid and CPR certification, proof of immunizations and a clear vulnerable sector screening check. This position has physical requirements such as lifting and physical play with young children. We strive to foster an organization that reflects the diversity of the community we serve and welcome applications from all qualified candidates. We encourage applications from individuals from underserved and underrepresented cultural and racial

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2024 Please forward Applications to: Andrea Lewis

Executive Director, Gore Bay/Assiginack Child Care Centre andrea@gorebaychildcare.com

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the volume of applications, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Support Worker (Multiple positions available)

A full-time contract position, responsible for the development and implementation of acute withdrawal, distribution of Harm Reduction supplies, safe/flex beds and Opioid Agonist Tapering services as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services.

- Reporting to the Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Team Leader
- Program development and implementation
- Responsible for supporting the intake of program participants
- Electronic file and paper file management
- Communicate with participants and their families about the program
- Supporting referrals to external organizations
- Responsible for liaising with community organizations
- Group and one-to-one interactions
- Assist in implementation of research and outcome measurement projects
- Various administrative duties as needed

Qualifications:

Qualifications:

- Entry level position (training provided) with preference given to a diploma in social service work, or related field with mental health and addictions training, or combination of education and relevant work experience
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

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

Compensation: Starting at \$20/hour Closing Date: Open until filled

To Apply: Please complete the application online at gwek.bamboohr.com/careers Contact mmaracle@gwek.ca with any questions.

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

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

Requirements:

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

Salary: Starting at \$54,000/annual Closing Date: Open until filled

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