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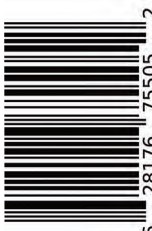
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THESE MOCS WERE MADE FOR WALKIN'—M'Chigeeng Economic Development Manager Grant Taibossigai responds with delight when presented with a pair of moccasins during a luncheon honouring his retirement after 44 years with the band. Mr. Taibossigai was also gifted with a plaque commemorating his service and was the recipient of plenty of good-natured teasing by his now former colleagues.

photo by Michael Erskine

Emergency room duties increasingly stress physicians on Island, in North

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While doctors at both hospital sites of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) say that Island hospitals are not on the brink of closing their emergency departments, which is the case for several Northern Ontario hospitals, family doctors locally and throughout the North are currently working around the clock to help keep them open. The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) and the Ontario Medical Association Section on General and Family Practice (SGFP) are calling for quick and immediate action to support those family doctors and their patients.

with the Manitoulin Central FHT and the MHC in Mindemoya, stated flatly. "We are desperate for help. We've got our schedule and our shifts are covered (in the emergency department) up to the end of September. But it is at an inhumane pace work. It is not sustainable."

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Community Living Wiikwemkoong hosts Sarnia-Lambton friends

WIKWEMKOONG—On July 9, three participants from the Community Living Sarnia-Lambton Adult Respite Program, along with support staff, had the honour of visiting Community Living Wiikwemkoong Anishinabek's summer camp for four days as an adult respite cultural exchange initiative.

"Everyone was over the top excited for our camping vacation which started by crossing Georgian Bay on the Chi-Cheemaun

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Oakville Enterprises claims innocence in lake levels debate

Study shows Lake Kagawong's fluctuations not their doing

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Residents of Billings Township were told during a public meeting held recently that low water levels in Lake Kagawong are not caused by Oakville Enterprises Corporation (OEC), the company that operates the hydroelectric dam

on the Kagawong River.

If OEC was not running the hydro power generating plant on the Kagawong River in Billings Township, water levels would still drop close to the minimum lake level every summer, said an OEC representative.

"If the power plant was not

there, levels would still be dropping close to the rule curve (212.66 metres above sea level)," said Bill Touzel, of OEC, at a public meeting last week.

Lake Kagawong covers an area of 55 square kilometres. "If there was zero inflow to the lake from the other 185 kilometres of the

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Hawberry Jams and Jellies celebrates 50th anniversary

Iconic Island brand turns golden

by Michael Erskine

PROVIDENCE BAY—For five decades a hardy group of berry pickers have braved the considerable thorns of the ubiquitous hawthorn bushes to provide the raw material for Hawberry Farms' popular Hawberry Jelly.

The Expositor caught up with Agnes Cuthbertson to chat about the



interesting history behind the confection.

"It came about because the motel (Huron Sands) opened in the mid-1960s," said Ms. Cuthbertson. "We sold the motel in 2018 but continue making the jelly."

Stew Cuthbertson founded Providence Bay's Huron Sands Motel and Restaurant with his

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Gabby Giffords, Cat Survivor

Feline shot twice, loses leg, seeks new home

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—The folks at Manitoulin Pet Rescue (MPR) have no shortage of beautiful animals needing forever homes, but one little ginger cat has tugged especially hard at the heartstrings of those who have had the pleasure of knowing her and they hope to find her a special family.

The MPR group received a phone call on May 24 about a ginger cat in the Tehkummah area that appeared to be badly injured, perhaps by a wild animal, Kathy Jewell, MPR volunteer told The Expositor. The concerned animal



Gabby Giffords

lover set up a live trap and captured the hurt feline. She was immediately brought to the vet for medical attention.

When examined by Island Animal Hospital (IAH) it became apparent that the cat had not been attacked by another animal, but had been shot twice with a .22 calibre rifle.

"One bullet went straight through her torso, while a second bullet shattered her femur and became lodged," a post on the MPR Facebook site shares. "The fact that she survived and was

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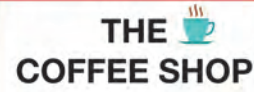
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Bicyclists taking part in the 200-kilometre Bay to Bay Ride pause for a photo prior to embarking on the ride. The Gore Bay Rotary Club hosted the fourth annual event this past Saturday with close to 60 riders taking part. Proceeds raised from the ride will go toward food banks and the food cupboard in Gore Bay and Manitoulin, along with the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

Rotary Bay to Bay Ride raises funds for good works

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay Rotary Club held a very successful Bay to Bay Bicycle Ride fundraiser this past Saturday.

“It was beyond expectations, reading and hearing some of the comments from those who participated,” said Rotarian Peter Carter. “We couldn’t have asked for a better combination of riders, weather cooperating and support from our sponsors.”

“The rider quality this year was so encouraging, the riders are so keen to take part,” said Mr. Carter. “I think this was one of our better years. We had lots of riders from off-Island, with probably 75 percent of the riders coming from Sudbury to take part including a large delegation from The Rolling Circus Sessions group. And we had one rider, Kris Henrikson, from Sarnia who participated.”

“I met Peter on another fundraising event, the Seven Day Ride,” Mr. Henrikson told The Expositor. Mr. Henrikson’s girlfriend Erica volunteered to be a helper for the ride. “Peter has invited me the last couple of years to take part, and the opportunity arose this year,” he said, pointing out that he had been to the Island previously, as a child.

“Everything was fantastic; there is no better way to see the Island than to go on a big bike ride,” said Mr. Henrikson.

This year’s event marked its fourth year, with every dollar raised going back into the community. This year’s benefactors from the ride will be the food banks and food cupboard in Gore Bay and Manitoulin and the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

There were close to 60 riders take part, with three cycling routes to choose from, a century ride-200 kilometres, a half century 100-kilometre ride and a family fun/children’s ride of six kilometres from Gore Bay to the Janet Head Lighthouse and back.



The Gore Bay Rotary Club hosted the fourth annual Bay to Bay Bicycle Ride fundraiser this past Saturday.

Prior to start of the ride Mr. Carter said, “I would like to thank all of you so much for coming here today to take part in this event.”

Rotary Club president Jack Clark said, “on behalf of the Rotary Club I would like to thank all of you for taking part. And we would like to thank Peter (Carter) for all his work in organizing this ride. There are a lot of people that help to make this event happen every year and we appreciate everyone’s support, help and contributions.”

Kathy Mutch of the Lyons Memorial United Church Food Cupboard program told the riders, “Lyons Memorial United Church is very appreciative of what the Rotary Club does in putting on this event and supporting the food cupboard. We have benefitted each of the three previous years the ride

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Island brewers support Keep Craft Beer Local campaign

Ontario craft brewers taxed eight times higher than those in Alberta

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—While everyone is decrying about being taxed being so high, just think what it is like for an Ontario craft brewer, including those on Manitoulin Island, who say the tax rate for Ontario breweries is eight times as high as those in Alberta.

“My understanding is that Ontario has the highest craft beer taxes in Ontario. Our industry feels we are being unduly taxed in comparison to other provinces,”

said Andrea Smith, president of Split Rail Brewing Company in Gore Bay.

Mishin Meawasige, co-owner of Manitoulin Brewing in Little Current told The Expositor, “We are definitely in support of our Ontario association and our fellow craft brewers in Ontario. This is a good opportunity to review and look at meeting the needs of producers. We are in a dynamic industry but for about three years the craft brewers industry was significantly impacted by COVID-19 and we still have to deal with high taxes.”



“Hopefully something is worked out and we can be on a balanced playing field as craft beer producers in Ontario,” said Mr. Meawasige.

Split Rail Brewing and Manitoulin Brewing are members of the Ontario Craft Brewers (OCB) and support the Keep Craft Beer Local campaign. The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness that high taxes are the biggest threat facing local craft breweries and to call for tax fairness to keep brewing their beer.

“We started this craft brewery because we love Manitoulin. Local is what makes craft beer craft beer,” said Ms. Smith. “This and other craft breweries right across Ontario are where people gather, where our friends and neighbours and families work. We’re lucky in Ontario to be able to enjoy some of the best craft beer in the world, but the current beer tax system is putting the future at risk. For example, the craft beer tax for Ontario brewers is

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Little Current resident to cycle 1,000 kilometres in August to benefit friend battling cancer

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Bill Slaght of Little Current is off to a great start in his fundraising bike ride to help a good friend who is going through health difficulties.

“I was able to ride 52 kilometres my first day,” said Mr. Slaght, who is planning to cycle 1,000 kilometres through the month of August and has challenged, “everyone to donate one, five, or 10 cents” for

every kilometre he bikes in the month of August.

In a post online Mr. Slaght explained, “You may or may not know Sean Coleman and the story of his battle with cancer. He has had a tough battle and still continues to battle. This man is a very good friend of mine and would always lend a hand to anyone who needed. His expertise in marine

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Bill Slaght has set a goal of bicycling 1,000 kilometres during the month of August, to raise funds for Sean Coleman and his family. Mr. Coleman is battling cancer for a second time.

Central Manitoulin council relents on Pride Flag raising

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A notice of motion was put forward at the August 10 meeting of Central Manitoulin council to revisit a decision made at the property committee level to not permit the raising of the Pride flag at the municipal flagpole in Mindemoya.

The motion to revisit the request from Pride Manitoulin to raise the flag was written as a “new motion,” thus making it easier to put on the floor (reconsideration of a passed motion would require larger council support).

The motion to add the request to the agenda was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt and went to a recorded vote—Councillors Brian Mitchell, John Bisailon and Mayor Richard Stephens voted against the motion, while Councillors Derek Stephens, Dale Scott, Linda Farquhar and Rose Diebolt voted in favour.

Added to new business, the motion came up for debate later in the meeting.

Councillors Stephens and Diebolt emphasized the decision to raise the Pride flag as an indicator of inclusivity. “Everybody counts in our community,” asserted Councillor Diebolt. During the debate it became clear that the original decision to turn down the Pride Manitoulin request hinged on the cost of the flag (estimated at \$40). Both Councillor Stephens and Diebolt offered to pony up the cost between them, but that offer was moot as Pride Manitoulin had indicated that they would supply the flag.

Councillor John Bisailon said that he would only support raising the Canadian or Ontario flags on municipal flagpoles, while Mayor Stephens asked if there were any bookings at the hall that would be in place while the flag was raised, noting that the people renting the hall might not be hap-

py to have the flag over their events. CAO Denise Deforge indicated that there were no bookings at the hall during that time.

Councillor Stephens cautioned his fellow councillors that he believed the debate was treading close to dangerous ground and could be considered discrimination. To which Mayor Stephens responded “hogwash.”

In the final recorded vote on the motion to allow the raising of the Pride Flag, Councillors Derek Stephens, Dale Scott, Linda Farquhar and Rose Diebolt voted in favour, while Councillors John Bisailon, Brian Mitchell and Mayor Richard Stephens voted against the motion. The motion passed.

NEMI landfill receives ‘natural attenuation’ designation

Will not be required to truck leachate off-Island

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—It took 17 years of approvals, reports and studies, but the Northeast Town’s Highway 6 landfill site has finally been granted status as a ‘natural attenuation landfill,’ meaning taxpayers will not be faced with a massive cost to truck leachate from the site.

Leachate is the ‘garbage juice,’ the liquid created from the refuse. It must be monitored by the appropriate ministries. While the landfill, which was designed in the late 1990s, was created as a natural attenuation site, meaning the leachate could just be filtered into the ground, concerns from

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editorial

Volunteers are an invaluable asset to rural communities

Another successful Little Current Lions Club Haweater Weekend and Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival are now in the rear-view mirror, but for countless families, friends and neighbours, 2023 will live on as pleasant memories that will be cherished for a lifetime. Once the start of a downward slide in activity on Manitoulin Island, the August long weekend has seen a dramatic shift as thanks to the hard work of Island entrepreneurs KT and Craig Timmermans, Rockin' the Rock (RtR) and this coming weekend's Manitoulin Country Fest (MCF) have changed that tourism paradigm, as have the organizers of the expanding Pride Manitoulin festivities and the venerable Providence Bay Fair this weekend—definitely a tourism draw.

None of these events would be possible, however, without the efforts of a relatively small group of hardy volunteers who give up the bulk of their August long weekend in order to provide service to their community. We say hardy, not tireless, because those Lions Club members and the volunteers, as well as those who volunteer at RtR and MCF are plenty tired by the time Monday comes around.

They all deserve a most heartfelt thank you.

Haweater Weekend has metamorphized from a rowdy, party through the night event into a very family-friendly weekend with plenty of things for all ages. That change was a conscious effort by the Lions Club to make the event more enjoyable for families and they managed to change the course of Haweater onto a family track.

The low-key presence of the Manitoulin OPP throughout the event, often seen, but in no way could it be said they were an overbearing presence, deserve credit for helping keep the event in the family-friendly lane with a gentle hand.

Of course, Little Current is not alone in enjoying the fruits of volunteer labour, as volunteers across the Island step up to support their own communities' homecoming events. Without them, our communities would be much the poorer, both figuratively and literally.

The cost of putting on such events without them, if at all possible, would require the outlay of considerable funds while producing much-truncated celebrations.

Many hands, it is said, make for light work. When the next event takes place in our Island communities, consider offering a hand to the local organizers of the event. They can always use the help.

One of the great challenges of putting on an event like Haweater Weekend, Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival, or Harbour Days, or Summer Fest, or Pride Weekend, is the danger of volunteer burnout. Another concern is the loss of corporate memory, the knowledge of what needs to be done and when, should a key volunteer be lost. The more hands on deck, the smoother the sailing can be.

From a grateful community to all the volunteers who make our community events such wonderful family events, it can never be said enough: thank you.

letters

Gratitude expressed to Central Manitoulin fire department

Burpee and Mills fire chief notes the valuable contributions of neighbouring department

To the Expositor:

This is a letter to The Expositor explaining my position as fire chief of Burpee and Mills.

I am consumed with a variety of duties. My duties involve initiating mutual aid with other fire departments such as the case on August 5, 2023. I had the privilege of having Central Manitoulin assist with the bush fire. Without Central Manitoulin Fire Department this fire would still be an ongoing concern. They provided all the firehose from four of

their trucks. They allowed their equipment to remain onsite overnight to ensure it was available in the event of a flareup. The remainder of the equipment was returned to their fire hall in Spring Bay on Tuesday.

So, Mutual Aid is a piece of equipment the Island needs and works in our best allies when it comes to fighting fires, because we all live on one Island and don't need it to burn down.

**Rick Graham, fire chief
Burpee and Mills Township.**

Noojmowin Teg Wellness Day at Sheguiandah First Nation

by Margery Frisch

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—Booths were set up, a sacred fire was prepared and many members of the various health teams at Noojmowin Teg were on hand to answer questions, and to inform and enlighten the Sheguiandah First Nation community on the centre and the health services they provide.



Noah Shawanda practices his archery skills during the Noojmowin Teg Wellness Day in Sheguiandah.

photos by Margery Frisch

Melissa Biedermann, acting director of operations, was on hand to warmly greet the Sheguiandah First Nation members who came out to learn and discover what Noojmowin Teg Health Centre has to offer.

Carly Valiente, mental health and addictions manager, was eager to talk about Mobile Wellness, a pilot project still in the planning stages, but one that will offer greater access to mental health and addiction care to the District of Manitoulin. “Ideally, we'll be mobile, operating out of that van, in the very near future,” Ms. Valiente said, indicating the brand-new van that stood on display at the site. “It will likely be appointment based, so folks will have to make an appointment for one of the service providers on the van and we will have a schedule as for which communities we will be in and when, because the program services both on and off the reserves—for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous—the entire Island as far as Whitefish River First Nation—a lot of communities to cover. So, we need to get an idea of what that will look like and how

that will roll out.”

The team consists of mental health and addictions service providers, a trained social worker, registered nurse and nurse practitioner available for all people to access, at no cost. Vanessa Brandow is the registered nurse and team lead, and there's a psychiatrist who's based out of Sudbury (so appointments with him are virtual), a program facilitator, a social worker and an intake and client coordinator. This is not a crisis service, which is why it will be run by appointments. Presently, feedback is being compiled from the many communities they serve to determine how to best begin the program. “Hopefully, very soon,” Ms. Valiente reiterated, with emphasis on soon.

“We're here today to bring awareness about our centre to the community of Sheguiandah First Nation.” Ms. Biedermann said. “We want people to know who we are and what we offer.” Each booth, set in a circle on the powwow grounds, was shared by two or more team members offering information about their programs, providing pamphlets and booklets on strategies for dealing with mental health issues, proper nutrition, diabetes, sexual violence and fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. These health teams cover the gamut of issues faced by individuals, families and communities.

Josh Eshkawkogan, knowledgekeeper and



Cultural Support Provider Lisa Still, Counselor Navigator Lisa Irwin and Registered Nurse Lauren Booth were on hand to provide guidance and education.



Cultural Support Worker Barb Re collet stands ready to assist in making medicine pouches.

healer, was also on hand, providing an added dimension to the programs offered at Noojmowin Teg. He stressed the importance of keeping mind, body and spirit in balance and keeping the fire within burning brightly, imparting his knowledge with unconventional yet fun methods in breathing and release techniques, while always giving thanks to the Creator before the sacred fire. There are several cultural support providers on the team, Barb Re collet is another while Christianna Jones works with elders in a traditional aging at home program.

Corey MacDonald was instructing kids on how to use a bow and arrow, promoting healthy physical activities for young people; Charlene Corbiere was encouraging the painting of rocks, a soothing, calming pastime; and massages were being given to further calm and relax the body.

Something for everyone was being offered by Noojmowin Teg care providers. There was a catered lunch too, free to participants, and loot bags were given out to all who came by, as well as draws for some great prizes.

“We plan to do two more Wellness Days in August,” Ms. Biedermann said, “one in M'Chigeeng and one in Sheshewaning.” A fun and informative way to spend a day, with lunch and prizes too.

CONGRATULATIONS

2022-23 M'Chigeeng

First Nation Graduates

M'Chigeeng First Nation Leadership and Community are thrilled to recognize the incredible achievements of our graduates this year! Congratulations to our Grade 8 grads, High School grads, and Post-Secondary Education grads for their hard work and dedication.

In the face of challenge, our graduates have shown resilience and determination, making us immensely proud of their accomplishments. They are the future leaders of our community, and we have no doubt that they will continue to shine brightly in all their future endeavours.

As we celebrate their successes, let us also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our educators, families and community members who have supported and encouraged our graduates throughout their educational journey. Join us in celebrating and honouring the outstanding achievements of our graduates. Let's wish them all the best in their bright futures!

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Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival weekend stats

The Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) responded to 94 calls for service during the Civic Holiday Weekend, August 4-7.

The WTPS conducted Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) programs through the Civic Holiday (powwow) weekend. Throughout the weekend, approximately 816 vehicles were checked with no impaired driving infractions encountered and only a few provincial offence notices issued for minor

highway traffic act infractions.

"The WTPS would like to extend our appreciation to the community for a safe weekend on the roads," a release states.

Break and enter being investigated

On Tuesday, August 1 the WTPS received a report of a break, enter and theft in the main village area on Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Unknown suspects entered the residence and proceeded to steal several items from the residence including a flat screen tele-



Law & Order

vision, an Xbox game console and a guitar. As well, a grey Dodge Ram pickup truck was also stolen but was later recovered. The value of the stolen items is not known currently.

Police are requesting the assistance of the public in this investigation. If anyone has any information related to this offence or any other, they are asked to call the WTPS at 705-859-3141, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. Your information is

anonymous, and you may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Impaired driver charged

On Thursday, August 3, just prior to the Civic Holiday weekend, the WTPS was conducting a RIDE check on Bayview Heights in the main village area of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

While officers were conducting vehicle checks, a Dodge Ram truck was

stopped and the driver was found to be impaired by alcohol. The driver was arrested and transported to the Wiikwemkoong Police office for breath tests.

A 52-year-old male resident of Wiikwemkoong was charged with the following: operation while impaired and operation over 80 mgs.

The accused was later released and is set to appear in Ontario Court of Justice in Wiikwemkoong on September 5 to answer to the charges.

OPP lay 50th impaired charge of the year

The Manitoulin detach-

ment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid its 50th impaired driving charge of the year, following a single-vehicle collision on Highway 6 in Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands on August 6.

An OPP release explains that a 33-year-old from Sudbury, who was not identified, faces charges of operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired with a blood, alcohol concentration of 80 plus and dangerous operation of a vehicle.

Four people charged with \$64,000 in drugs, firearms in Wiikwemkoong

WIKWEMKOONG—Two Wiikwemkoong persons and two southern Ontario men have been charged with having \$64,000 in drugs and firearms after a joint investigation carried out by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service.

The police report that shortly before midnight on Thursday, August 3, police executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at a home on Genevieve Street in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

"A search of the residence led to the seizure of over 175 grams of suspected crack cocaine, over 90 grams of suspected fentanyl and over 14 grams of suspected cocaine," the police release explains. "The estimated street value of the drugs seized was over \$64,000."

A loaded handgun, ammunition and about \$22,000 in cash was also seized in the search.



The haul of drugs, weapons and cash are displayed in this photograph.

Two men, a 21-year-old and 38-year-old from Scarborough and two people, a 29-year-old and a 16-year-old from Wiikwemkoong

are facing numerous charges including drug trafficking, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and having property obtained by crime.

The 16-year-old is also charged with failing to comply with a release order and is being held in custody and will appear in court at a later date.

The 38-year-old was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court on September 5.

The two other people accused are being held and were scheduled to appear in court in Gore Bay on August 9.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Expositor clarification

In the August 9, 2023 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor, in the story titled 'Major changes to operations of Kagawong Canada Post draws Billings Twp. council concerns,' on Page 7 the paragraph begins, "Mr. Rogers explained civic addressing to the Expositor."

The paragraph should read, "Canada Post assigns a mailing/postal address for the purposes of mail delivery. The addressing authority (municipality, band, province, District, etc.) assigns a civic (9-1-1) address to identify a physical location. In some cases, the mailing/postal address already matches the civic (9-1-1) address, however, in some areas, like Kagawong, it does not. Canada Post's civic addressing program is the matching of a physical address to its mailing address. This matching gives customers one consistent address to serve both purposes and helps Canada Post improve efficiency and accuracy of mail and parcel delivery."

The Expositor regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Don't throw a hissy fit, but Team Fergmeijer has it on good authority that there has been an uptick in the number of snakes in the village lately. What kind of snakes, you asp? On a scale of harmless to venomous, all the local snakes are harmless, so no need to be rattled.

At time of writing, the fire ban has been completely reinstated for Billings Township. No burning whatsoever is permitted, including fireworks. Check the township website at billingstwp.ca for up-to-date information.

Happy birthday wishes to Bonnie F and Meg M who both turn 29 this week. We recommend that you treat your birthday like you would a game of golf. If you don't keep count, it's way more fun.

Congratulations and thank you to the Old Mill Heritage Centre on hosting another successful History Night in Kagawong last week, featuring the history of trains on Manitoulin and a commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the JFK assassination. Don't forget - for the rest of the summer you can check out the vintage camera exhibit at the museum. Snap to it!

Huge thanks to 4elements Living Arts and Kagawong Concert Series for bringing Georgia Hathaway and friends to Kagawong last week for an Mindful Music afternoon workshop, followed by an evening concert.

We have been seeing lots of familiar faces visiting in the last week or so. There was a bevy of Buies, a legion of Lawrences, a troop of Theijsmeijers, a pack of Parks, and a rally of Rhubys, just to name a few.

In related news, members of the Mudge Bay Floating-Boating Club (MBFC) gathered from far and wide for their quinquennial meeting and general shenanigans. Legend has it the organization was initially formed in the 1950s when some local and summer resident luminaries/rascals were looking for a way to raise money and support the local community (while still affording members the opportunity to get together for drinks and the aforementioned shenanigans). And so, the MBFC was born, a mascot was chosen (a skunk), and members gather in Kagawong every five years to reconnect, celebrate and continue the long and proud tradition of hijinks. Does anyone else remember Aussie's cheating snakes?

Team Fergmeijer is tickled pink (and all colours of the rainbow, actually!) that Pride Manitoulin is back, August 17-20! There's a whole host of events happening all over the Island, beginning with raising of the Pride flag at the Little Current waterfront on Thursday at 6 pm culminating in a parade and barbecue in Little Current on Sunday, August 20. There are way too many events and activities for us to list here, so be sure to check out Pride Manitoulin on Facebook for a full schedule and listing of events and in this week's paper on pages 20, 21 and 22.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club is hosting its annual sum-

mer tournament on Sunday, August 20, at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. All players of all abilities are welcome! Contact Chris at 705-618-7155 for more information or to register or check out the Manitoulin Tennis Club on Facebook.

Put your thinking caps on, the Township of Billings is requesting proposals for a five-year comprehensive strategic plan, as well as a corporate website. Interested? For more information on the request for proposals, check out the township website at billingstwp.ca, or contact Emily Dance, CAO/clerk at edance@billinstwp.ca.

The new pedestrian bridge across the lower Kagawong River is finally being built! The trails remain open, however be on the lookout for minor trail detours. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of September. For more information, contact Todd Gordon at 705-282-2611 extension 224.

Save the date! The next Island-Wide Waste Management meeting in Kagawong is coming up on September 14 at 7 pm. And be sure to check out the recent update on the Billings Climate Action Committee blog at <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/>.

Did you know? A snake that's 3.14 feet long is a pi-thon. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

The Annual Beef Barbecue on the August long weekend was a great success. Thanks to everyone who came. Scott followed in his dad's (Dale Van Every's) footsteps and did a wonderful job on the barbecue. The beef was flavourful and tender and the corn on the cob was great.

Monday was another special day with a church picnic on the south shore. The lunch was fantastic. We saw the quarry which had supplied stone for the locks in Sault Ste. Marie. There were kayaks and some swam. The weather was perfect. It was sunny and warm with a slight breeze. Everyone was telling stories and visiting. A great day was had by all. Hopefully we are able to do it again next year.

There was no euchre last week due to preparing the hall for the barbecue. We'll all be getting together for euchre this week.

Have a great week everybody!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

The 33rd annual Tour de Barrie Island was held on Saturday, August 6, twenty people rode bicycles and others walked, ran, rode in side-by-sides or acted as shuttle services and lemonade servers. Thirty two

cranes were sighted and 31 gathered for a potluck dinner. Thank you to Alison Godwin and Effie Jeffkins for organizing the event.

Dave and Theresa Carlisle have their daughter Stephanie home for the week.

Wally and Esther Stiller have her sister Rev. Helen Reid from Medicine Hat, Alberta visiting for two weeks with them at their cottage.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Albert Meijer and I travelled to Gore Bay on Friday, August 4 to go to the street market and the cafe. Thanks to the ladies from the Anglican Church for the cake and coffee.

Jean Steeves called to tell me that she and Lloyd had a visit from Larry and Sylvia Pfeifer, Lorna Cambria and Kay Everett the week before. The four of them had been to New Liskeard and were on their way home.

There was no euchre on Friday night in Meldrum Bay. The residents had spent the day getting the community hall ready for the roast beef dinner on Saturday night.

Saturday morning there was a market in our yard. The biggest excitement was when we realized that the stop sign across the road had been stolen the day before. Thanks to Eric Thiessen and John Jagt for figuring out a temporary solution. The MTO replaced the sign on Thursday.

Saturday evening, Albert and I went to Meldrum Bay for the roast beef supper. It was well attended.

After we got home, I was invited to Keith and Iris Clarke's cottage to play six handed euchre. Iris, Linda Rumley and Myra Duncanson won the game in the end.

Kate Duncanson and her husband, Chip Tomisch arrived on Sunday to spend the week with her mother, Myra.

Gladys Duncanson and I swam every day this week. On Monday after the swim, my car would not start. Gladys gave me a ride home. Albert and I went back to the car with the booster cables and a battery which started the car right away. Albert called McQuarrie's on Tuesday and they sent a new battery home with Gladys on Wednesday. That did the trick.

Thursday morning, I made two cakes for the market cafe in Gore Bay on Friday. It is the Silver Water UCWs turn to serve the cake and coffee.

Thursday night there were five-and-a-half tables. Congratulations to Myra Duncanson who won the money jar. Condolences to the family of Tim Bailey.

...Manitoulin Island brewers support Keep Craft Beer Local campaign

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eight times higher than breweries in Alberta where a fairer tax regime has allowed the craft beer industry there to grow at a much higher rate.”

The OCB said that “Lowering the tax burden on our local craft breweries will help breweries hire more people, invest in their brewery, and build stronger communities. In fact, a recent study by the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis (CANCEA) found that with the right tax and regulatory changes, Ontario’s craft beer sector could grow by an additional 40 percent, and in turn create over a thousand new jobs in communities right across our province.”

“Some breweries are closing, that has left communities across the province without their local craft brewery and the great jobs they offered,” the OCB says. “It is time we build a tax system that is fair for Ontario craft breweries. It will help support our local community, create jobs, and ensure our local craft breweries across the province grow and thrive.”

Ontario’s craft breweries are a significant economic driver across the province, especially in rural and Northern communities. Between 2010 and 2019, craft beer was the fastest growing segment of Ontario’s manufacturing sector, growing from 40 breweries to over 300, the OCB reports. Today, these small businesses and job creators employ 4,600 people full-time and contribute more than \$685 million annually to Ontario’s gross domestic product.

“Local is what makes craft beer craft, and our local breweries are where we gather, where our friends and neigh-

bours work, and are part of the fabric of our communities,” said Scott Simmons, OCB president said in a news release. “But the local craft breweries we all love are being put at risk by the fact that they currently pay the highest taxes of any craft brewery in Canada. We are excited to launch the Keep Craft Beer Local campaign because we need to lower the tax burden on local breweries to help them grow and succeed and ensure the craft beer we love keeps being brewed right here in the communities we call



KEEP CRAFT BEER LOCAL

home.”

The taxes include a basic beer tax, a beer volume tax and, if applicable, an environmental tax. CBC News reports it as 39.5 cents a litre for the basis tax, 17.6 cents a litre beer volume tax and a potential environmental tax of 8.93 cents for each non-refillable container. The tax system in Alberta and British Columbia that the OCB prefers adjusts rates based on the size of brewery.

“The campaign’s message is simple, local is what defines craft beer, and we need to build a tax system that is

fair for Ontario craft breweries like ours and helps keep craft beer local,” said Ms. Smith. “We encourage everyone to visit www.keepcraftbeerlocal.ca and let the government know that local Ontario craft beer matters and that we need to make sure we can keep brewing outstanding beer, creating good local jobs and supporting the community we love so much.”

...Rotary Bay to Bay Ride raises funds for good works

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has taken place.”

“Food insecurity is something that is felt all the way across our country, and we have seen its effects on the community of Western Manitoulin,” said Ms. Mutch. “Our population in Gore Bay is 900 but we have fed over 400 since Christmas. All of these people are very appreciative of having the food cupboard, there have even been people in tears so appreciative that the food cupboard can help them.”

“We have seen an increase of about 25 percent in food costs in stocking our food cupboard,” said Ms. Mutch. “The food cupboard is open just once a week, but we go through a lot of food. We are averaging a cost of \$300 a month to stock our food cupboard, which is used mostly by residents of Western Manitoulin. We have had great community support, with people in the community who come in with bags of food to help stock the food cupboard.”

“We thank the Rotary Club and all the riders here for our dedication and support,” said Ms. Mutch. “We hope that you have a wonderful ride, and you will have a chance to

see some of the beautiful scenery along the way.”

Reverend Mercedes Hughes then presented a blessing of the riders and their bikes.

“Creator God. We give thanks for this day and for this gathering of bicycles and riders and all who support them.”

“Bless these bicycles that they may be sure and steady,” read Rev. Hughes. “May their gears change smoothly, and their chains remain intact. May their tires always be full and may they never slip on the ground or pavement.”

“Bless also and especially these riders,” stated Rev. Hughes. “We pray that they will lift their heads and take in the beauty of the world, even as they whizz through it. May they feel the exhilaration of the ride, the joy of journeying together, and the deep well-being of the strength and determination they find within their minds and bodies. We pray all these things in Jesus’ name.”

After the riders completed their ride, everyone gathered at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay for lunch and to swap stories of their experiences on the ride.

...landfill receives ‘natural attenuation’ designation

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neighbours caused the Ministry of Environment to pull back that design and force the municipality to keep its leachate on-site, deeming the landfill an ‘attenuation zone.’ This was done through the creation of cells lined with clay, effectively clay bowls. The leachate sits in the clay bowls and is then pumped out and sprayed over the landfill site to help further evaporation.

CAO Dave Williamson noted this has worked very well

...man to cycle 1,000 kms

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mechanics always had people stopping for advice or to have Sean tinker with their watercraft. On top of this he gave eight years to minor hockey as an executive member as well as coaching multiple teams. You would always see him at fundraising events for minor hockey trying to keep the cost of hockey low for local families. Now it’s time to help him out.”

“Sean has put a lot of his life into local minor hockey and in helping others whenever he could,” said Mr. Slaght. “Sean is paralyzed from the waist down. We have tried to do stuff to help him out before, but he feels it is being a burden on people.”

“He is going through his second battle with cancer,” said Mr. Slaght. Mr. Coleman is a marine mechanic and his wife Danielle is a physiotherapist assistant. The couple has two boys.

“Along with all his work and support for minor hockey, Sean would do a lot of stuff for other people, he has always been one to help others,” said Mr. Slaght. “He was always doing something for someone. I know he helped me a lot over the years on my boat.”

Mr. Coleman, who is in his late 40s, “had his first bout with cancer nine years ago, which went into remission but came back.”

“I just feel it is time to give back to a guy that has helped out so many other people over the years,” said Mr. Slaght.

On his Facebook post Mr. Slaght noted that he would post his bicycle rides, “from my Garmin device to a platform called Strava.” In challenging everyone to donate toward his ride he said, “Your generosity can make a difference. My goal for the month is 1,000 kilometres.”

To add to the fundraising campaign Orr’s Valu-Mart in Little Current is holding a barbecue in front of the store this Friday, August 18. One hundred percent of all the proceeds raised through the event will be going to the Coleman family, said Andrew Orr.

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over the years, but the leachate is now getting to the point that it will need to be removed by other means. A quote from the late 1990s showed that trucking the leachate to the closest landfill capable of handling it (leachate is deemed a hazardous waste), Sudbury, would cost the municipality \$250,000 a year. That figure will have grown exponentially, Mr. Williamson shared.

In the years following the landfill’s opening the municipality purchased the nearby Mountainside Homes, closed and capped the well there and bought other adjoining properties. In 2006 they then applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources and asked that the landfill once again be declared a natural attenuation site and, 17 years later, they have been approved that status.

“This will save taxpayer money in the future,” Mr. Williamson told The Expositor.

The landfill will still have the required monitoring wells where the leachate is tested numerous time a year.

“This shows the perseverance of various councils toward moving to natural attenuation,” Mr. Williamson added. “The current council should be congratulated.”

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Be sure to check out the MBC farm silo which has been retrofitted into a wicked draft dispensing bar. There is also a food truck on hand, The Brewers, serving up delicious food to pair with your flight. Wednesday evenings head for the patio for live music throughout the month of July.

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In addition to the breathtaking lookout, Ten Mile Point Trading Post and Gallery in Sheguiandah has a unique and beautifully cultivated offering of Indigenous art, crafts, books, accessories and home décor. The gallery has been a family run business over 51 years and features prominent area artists such as Ivan Shawana, Duncan Pheasant, Stan Panamick and Leland Bell.

The store also has a selection of quill boxes from local artists, medicine wheels, dream catchers, drums, Adrian Klis Fine Leather buffalo hide wallet and purses, moccasins, Boy Chief blankets and shawls, pelts and furs. There is a great children's section with book, toys, puzzles and games, as well as a large adult book section on various Indigenous teachings and history. It also carries both Hawberry Jelly and a wide selection of Manitoulin branded clothing for men, women and children.

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If you're visiting the Island and want a souvenir for your furry friend, Kat's carries Manitoulin bandanas, in addition to the large selection of collars, leashes, harnesses, life jacket and toys. You and your fur-ever friend won't want to miss this shop on your Manitoulin adventure!

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Weekend events roundup

Pride Manitoulin has a full weekend of events planned for 'Into the Current'

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Pride Manitoulin has an amazing lineup of events planned as part of Into the Current, from August 17 to 20, starting with a flag raising on the Little Current docks on Thursday starting at 6 pm. The flag will be raised at the flagpole near Wally's Dock Service followed by OUT-spoken: A Queer 101 presentation from 7 to 8 pm at the East Pavilion on the Little Current waterfront.

This year, Mnaamodzawin Health Services is partnering with Pride Manitoulin to put on three days of events and in future years, Pride Manitoulin will become part of Mnaamodzawin.

"Founder Sarah Seabrook wants to retire," said Rebecca Milne, Mnaamodzawin allied health manager and human resources officer. "She reached out to us."

The goal, explains Ms. Milne, is to make Pride Weekend one of the key summertime events on Manitoulin Island. "For us, as an agency, we want to focus on education."

To that end, 'OUTspoken: A Queer 101' is envisioned as a "safe space for anyone where there is no such thing as a dumb question."

Friday's events will kick off with Rainbow Connection: Painting with Pride, held at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah from 10 am to 1 pm. Then head on down to the Sheguiandah powwow grounds on Ogemah Miikan Road for Two-Spirit Drum Circle with Veronica Johnny from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Island Roots Flower Farm in Mindemoya will be offering free admission to the farm, where you can "Pick the Rainbow." If you choose to pick a bouquet while checking the farm out, there is a cost. Visit IslandRoots-Flowers.com for more details. Then, top off the evening with the Glow Party Concert at the Little Current Curling Club at the NEMI Rec Centre from 7 to 10 pm featuring Spice Girls tribute band Simply Spice as well as Backstreet Boys and Lady Gaga tributes.

Saturday its bright and early with the 5K Colour Run starting out at the NEMI Public Library from 9 to 10:30 am,

followed by the Pride Amazing Race from 11 am to 3 pm. It isn't all just Little Current, however, as Split Rail Brewery in Gore Bay will be offering live music from 1 to 3 pm.

Introduction to Archery with Rainbow Hood will take place at the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning. Out at the Whitefish River First Nation powwow the Pride flag will be brought in during grand entry (1 pm and 7 pm) and an honour song will be played. An Express Yourself Makeup Tutorial will take place in Sheguiandah at the Old School House at 100 Townline Road. From 7 to 9 pm it's Queer Trivia at the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion from 7 to 9 pm, followed by a drag show and dance featuring music by DJ Tom A Haw (both are 19+ events).

Sunday will start with a Christian Worship Service from 10 am to 11 am at the Little Current United Church, followed by the Annual Pride Parade and March which sets out from the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre at 11:30 am and wraps up with a community barbecue at the Little Current United Church, featuring music by DJ Tom A Haw.

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Providence Bay Fair celebrates 140th anniversary

PROVIDENCE BAY—The Providence Bay Fair is celebrating its 140th anniversary this year with the theme "A Family Fair Tradition."

"We figured that since the fair is 140 this year that to celebrate this we would have some new events and activities and bring back some of the old favourites," stated Dawn Dawson, a member of the agricultural society board. "This year visitors will see even a lot more family-oriented



Meet the 2023 Providence Bay Fair ambassadors on Page 1A.

sored by the Agro-Mart in Gordon/Barrie Island. "People have already submitted pictures of their hens and roosters along with their biographies, and the winners will be selected through online voting taking place. The announcement of the winners will take place at the opening ceremonies of the fair Friday night," said Ms. Dawson.

"We have had at least 12 hens and 12 roosters entered into the contest," said Ms. Dawson. "And we've made a calendar. The Manitoulin Chicken calendars will be available during the fair. One of the things we wanted to do a little more this year was to try to build up agricultural awareness."

"We are bringing back the Farm Olympics, which are being sponsored by Sharpe Farm Supplies," stated Ms. Dawson. "We

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events taking place than usual."

"There will be a family bubble gum blowing contest held, being sponsored by Home Hardware," said Ms. Dawson. "We will also have a family passport program, where families can visit the agricultural fair booth and register for a passport that will be

stamped at events the passport holder attends." She pointed out there will be prizes as well for those who attend the most events.

"Another new event that we are bringing back which has already received fabulous response is Manitoulin's Top Chicken contest," stated Ms. Dawson. The event is being spon-

Manitoulin Country Fest celebrates the best in country music all weekend long

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The stars are coming to Manitoulin, country stars that is, we're talking High Valley, we're talking Dean Brody, we're talking Sawyer Brown, just to name the headliners at Manitoulin Country Fest (MCF). As has been the tradition, there will also be a chance to get up close and personal with the Songwriters' Showcase aboard the North Channel Cruise Line's Grand Heron.

At 11 am on Friday, August 18, Nicole Rayy will be joined by fellow lyric crafters Elyse Saunders, Genevieve Fisher and Jessica Sole aboard Le Grand Heron to provide a perfect opportunity to experience how songwriters come up with the hits that climb the country charts. (For tickets go to

northchannelstours.com.)

The country music fun starts on Thursday, August 17 with headliners High Valley returning to the MCF stage, preceded by Jojo Mason and the River Town Saints. Onstage action starts at 7 pm.

Friday, the action just keeps going with headliner Dean Brody facing a crowd warmed up by Thompson Square, Nate Haller, Genevieve Fisher and Nicole Rayy. Ms. Rayy takes the stage at 4:30 pm.

Saturday, Sawyer Brown tops the bill, with The Hunter Brothers, Chad Brownlee, Beverley Mahood, Elyse Saunders, The Redhill Valleys and Mike Trudell. Saturday action starts at 2 pm.

Call out continues for volunteers to help

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August 26 Cancom Golf Tournament to include special guest NHLer Doug Gilmour

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—The third annual Cancom Golf Tournament, which benefits Wiikwemkoong minor hockey and the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education, will once again feature a special guest, a former National Hockey League superstar.

"Doug Gilmour will be there, participating in the tournament, meeting and greeting participants," said Ron Wells, president of Cancom Security. "We will also have the Stanley Cup on hand for viewing."

Mr. Wells explained, "the tournament is being held to benefit the Wiikwemkoong Hawks as well as the board of education." The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, August 26 at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning.


"Usually most of the teams and players

taking part register at the last minute," said Mr. Wells. "We have had tons of interest from teams and players for the tournament."

"The last time we had the tournament we had a player cap limit of 100 players, and ended up with 160 players," said Mr. Wells. He said registration for the tournament will take place at 10:30 am with a shotgun start at noon hour.

Teams of four will pay \$1,000 per team or \$250 per player to take part in the 18-hole tournament. "We are looking for four player teams, but players can register as singles. We want everyone who wants to come out and enjoy the day to do so," said Mr. Wells. He pointed out there is an online portal where teams can register; cancom-

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...Emergency room duties increasingly stress physicians on Island

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“And it may get more challenging to get more funding to get enough people to continue to help work this fall,” said Dr. Reade.

Dr. Steve Cooper, a physician with the Northeast Manitoulin FHT and an OMA board member, said, “we are not one of the hospitals that are looking at their emergency departments being closed. For the remainder of the summer we have shifts filled. But we are definitely short of doctors and nursing staff.”

Dr. Anjali Oberai of Wawa, in an interview with CTV News last Wednesday said, “I know it’s a crisis. It’s frankly dangerous for our emergency departments to close for hundreds of kilometres from the next emergency department. No community should have to be in that position where if you have an emergency your local emergency is closed and it’s 100 kilometres, 200 kilometres to get to the next emergency room.”

If there is not another hospital that can manage a surge in capacity that can be reached by way of a short drive it could take two to three hours to drive to the next emergency room in the North, which is a potentially dangerous situation for a patient with a life-threatening illness or injury.

Dr. Reade said neither MHC hospital site has the capacity to take on patients if one hospital closed its emergency department.

To fill gaps and keep the emergency rooms open, locums (temporary doctors) are relied upon, however, when a locum doesn’t materialize family doctors can face a situation where they need to take time away from their clinics.

“The situation is critical as many Northern communities are struggling to ensure ER shifts are covered while facing significant population increases in the summer months. In the North, family doctors are relied upon to staff ERs,” said the OCFP/OMA SGFP in a release.

“Family doctors face unique and extraordinary challenges in the North. In other parts of the province, the next nearest hospital may be 20-40 minutes away. In the North, if an ER closes, the next hospital could be more than two hours

away, leaving patients with life-threatening illness or injury dangerously at risk,” the release continues.

“For family doctors in the North, closing an ER is not an option,” says the OCFP/OMA SGFP. “But keeping them open means they are taking on more shifts than is reasonable to expect. Family doctors always put their patients first, but many of these doc-

locums on behalf of communities. “The last email I received this week we were listed as one of 14 Northern Ontario communities continually looking for last minute locums so our local doctors can have a break.”

“We are very grateful to all the municipalities as well as MHC’s ongoing contributions to our recruitment efforts in the form of monetary support for our part-time recruiter, Craig Matheson,” continued Dr. McDonald. “In Little Current, we’ve had some success with increased locums in the last year, but no real interest in any permanent positions which we have been advertising already for some time.”

Dr. Reade told The Expositor, “Little Current currently has six positions, and Manitoulin Central FHT is funded for six but have 4.75 (full-time doctors). We actually need 11 (in Mindemoya Hospital), but with all the efforts to recruit doctors we can’t even get someone to take the sixth position because there is too much work, when you look at all the responsibilities and things we have to do. It’s using all our time to keep the hospital running.”

“What often happens is that we have to work 60 hours a week to keep the hospital running,” said Dr. Reade. “We have temporary locums, and are incredibly grateful for them, but we need more help. The province needs to put together a variety of strate-

tors are doing the impossible right now.”

“Across the North, hospitals are struggling to get temporary doctors to cover shifts for many reasons, including inexperience with the demands of working in a Northern emergency room. Without the support of these temporary doctors there remain significant scheduling gaps, some hospitals regularly face gaps of 40-50 shifts in the ERs every month. These shifts are often then filled by family doctors in order to avoid a closure,” the release continues.

“Adding to the crisis, when family doctors must take extra shifts to keep an ER open, they cancel their primary care clinics. There is already a shortage of more than 200 family doctors in the North, leaving patients in almost every community without adequate access to a family doctor.”

Dr. Anne McDonald, of the Northeast Manitoulin FHT told The Expositor, “in terms of the number of doctors in Little Current, we currently have six positions allowed and filled with an expected retirement in the next year. We have been trying to recruit for some time to fill this position with no success.” She explained the doctors’ responsibilities include the ER, hospital inpatient unit and hospice

is over 900 patients which is close to what some full-time family physicians in Toronto might have without all the other clinical responsibilities,” said Dr. McDonald. “I am struggling, like many of my colleagues, to provide what I feel is appropriate wait times and equitable care to my patients. This is despite a fantastic allied health team including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, pharmacist, social worker, and front desk staff at our clinic.”

“Our glimmer of hope is that a recent complement review of our contract was completed by the Ministry of Health and the OMA. Many Northern communities, including our site, have received an increase in full-time physician jobs allowed,” said Dr. McDonald. She pointed out Manitoulin Central FHT, the Gore Bay Medical Centre and Assiginack FHT have also been allowed an increase in doctors.

“The challenge will be to recruit to our sites (amongst the competition for family doctors everywhere) and the ever-specialized skillset required of rural Northern family doctors,” said Dr. McDonald. She explained the ministry has been advertising with extra incentives in weekly email blitzes for

to join us when they find out how much work is involved.”

“We have received approval to add 1.5 more doctors, which is nice, but it

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...Gabby Giffords, Cat Survivor: Feline shot twice, loses leg, seeks new home

...continued from page 1 showing up daily to eat by the person watching over her is remarkable.”
“The vets at the IAH let her settle in and build up her strength for a couple of

days before proceeding with a very lengthy surgery,” the post continues. “Not only did Gabby’s hind leg need to be amputated but she needed exploratory surgery of the abdomen to ensure that

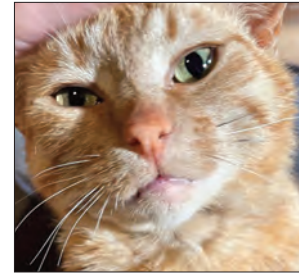
she was not full of infection. Luckily for her, the stars aligned and Gabby was spayed during the same surgery.”

Ms. Jewell set about naming this plucky feline and knew it needed to be special, and so she was named for Gabby Giffords, the former US politician who survived an assassination attempt on January 8, 2011. This remarkable woman was shot point blank through the head and, not unlike Gabby, it is nothing short of a miracle that she survived.

Having three legs doesn’t slow this kitty down and

she is finally ready for a home. MPR says she is still learning to trust people, but when picked up she is a “purring machine” and will never squirm to be put down. Gabby loves the company of other cats but has not been tested with dogs. She loves pets and enjoys head butting her human caretakers.

MPR is looking for a quiet home for Gabby, one where she will have help overcoming her insecurities and someone who will love her for who she is. If you think you are this person or family, please contact Ms. Jewell at 705-377-4121 or leave a per-



Gabby loves a good head scratch.

told The Expositor. “She’s a special cat in need of a special home.”

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is not nearly enough,” said Dr. Reade. “What it means is that a doctor will never take a job with us. An additional 1.5 doctors on top of the six we have been allowed for is 7.5 doctors but there is still way too much work for the doctors even if we had this many.”

“We continue to be thankful for the respect and support we receive from the community, the MHC and the hospital auxiliaries. This respect and support is needed from the province,” said Dr. Reade.

In a separate contract from the Northeast Manitoulin and Manitoulin Central (FHTs) both the Gore Bay Medical Centre (GBMC) and Assiginack FHT have received approval from the province for additional doctors to add to their staff complement. Currently the GBMC has two contracts, one shared by Drs. Robert Hamilton and Shelagh McRae, and one for Dr. Chantelle Wilson. “Now the recommendation is that we are allowed to have five contracts,” said Dr. Hamilton.

Dr. McRae said the increase approval, “is wonderful but getting additional doctors here through recruiting is going to be the issue. Nation-wide and provincially, there is a shortage of doctors.”

“The fact that we have received approval for three additional doctors is good news, and hopefully we can attract doctors here,” said Dr. McRae.

Sandra Pennie, executive director of the Assiginack FHT said, “we have received approval from the ministry for an additional doctor contract position.” Drs. Mike Bedard and Steve Daniel had been sharing one contract. “This is wonderful news for us. We’re very excited about all of this.”

The OCFP/OMA SGFP feel the current doctor shortage is currently tenuous and unsustainable, and that government and healthcare leaders can take steps to stabilize the situation. They are calling for “the province to immediately enhance locum program supports to ensure temporary doctors are available where they are most needed right now. Longer-term

rethinking of how locums are used in the North is necessary; urgently fund recruitment programs to bring new physicians to the North; retention is critical. Implement a comprehensive strategy and ensure positive working conditions to retain the remaining physicians in the North and provide immediate peer support for family doctors in these difficult conditions to maintain their mental health and wellbeing.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha said, “the announcements of additional doctor positions looks great on paper, but it doesn’t materialize with feet on the ground and doctors in emergency rooms.”

“What is needed is a true recruitment plan and repayment programs from the provincial government to provide incentives to bring doctors to rural areas,” said MPP Mantha. “This is what we hear from everyone in the health care field, that we are in a crisis situation. This government needs to respond to it as a crisis.”



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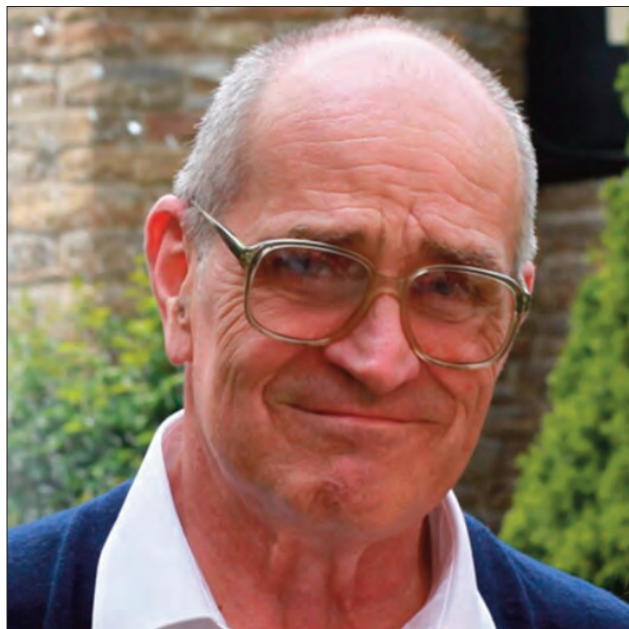
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business partner Neil McArthur (the pair having met while working at Eatons).

“Stew (Stewart Grant Cuthbertson, aka Irving Lipshitz, Ms. Cuthbertson’s late husband) was always on the lookout for something to build up the shoulder season,” she recalled. “We tried different things and Hawberry Jelly was one of those things.”

That’s Hawberry Jelly, not jam, which would be quite problematic. “There are too many seeds to make jam,” said Ms. Cuthbertson, a retired home economics/family studies teacher at MSS. “You boil down the berries, strain the juice, and use that.” The juice is used to make jelly and the recipe has long been in common use on Manitoulin.

“Islanders have been making it for years,” she said. “One of the stories is that, because it is high in vitamin C, hawberry jelly helped keep body and soul together during the Great Depression. It was very useful.”

A number of early staff at Huron Sands were local Islanders, noted Ms. Cuthbertson, and making the jelly was pretty much second nature to them. “It was something they were always doing in their own homes,” she said. One of the staff, Evelyn, cooked up the first batch in a pressure cooker. “We had her making Hawberry Jelly and there were soon 100 jars sitting on



The late Stew Cuthbertson made Hawberry Jelly a household name beyond Manitoulin’s shores.

the shelves.”

The original label featured an old-fashioned fireplace mantel laden with pots and jars—that image can still be found in advertisements in The Expositor archives.

“Those first labels were typed on a typewriter,” laughed Ms. Cuthbertson. “It looked more professional than a handwritten label.”

That first venture into the realm of jellies and jams was so well received that the family soon branched out into different types of jams and jellies and expanded marketing far beyond the Island’s shores.

“Hawberry Jelly is still very much an Island proj-

ect,” said Ms. Cuthbertson.

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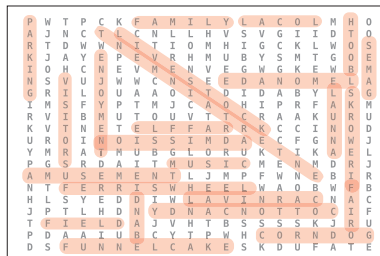
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...Community Living Wiikwemkoong hosts Sarnia- Lambton friends

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ferry,” said Connie Locking, adult respite supervisor for Community Living Sarnia-Lambton. “Arriving at this beautiful camp in Wiikwemkoong we were greeted by some very outgoing, professional staff who made us feel more than welcome,” noting that their hosts were

John Trudeau, Ashten Assiniwe, Ursula Bondy, Natalie Ryaner and Adam Kaboni. “The support staff planned a boat ride to Indian Head in Killarney for us to enjoy some famous fish and chips and do a bit of sightseeing. During our spectacular camping trip, not only did we enjoy boating, but we also enjoyed

hiking to stunning Topaz Lake—certainly, a gem of Killarney Provincial Park!”

“We ate delicious homemade Indian tacos and fried balogna and scone. We enjoyed listening to Adam Kaboni’s drumming performed on our behalf and talked about what some of the song meanings were and the significance of drumming to Indigenous culture,” continued Ms. Locking.

“I think the cultural experiences provided by the staff were probably the highlight of the visit,” Ms. Locking added. “And the boating trip was awesome. None of us had been to Killarney before and it was wonderful.”

Ms. Locking said, “dur-

ing COVID things were closed down for a couple of years. When we got back to normal, we wanted to do some things different. I was at Wiikwemkoong for a visit and they told me about the Community Living Wikwemikong and the summer camp they have.”

“I talked to reps from Community Living Wikwemikong, including the director and this got the ball rolling,” said Ms. Locking.

“Community Living Sarnia-Lambton thanks Community Living Wikwemikong Anishinabek for their outstanding hospitality. We feel very fortunate to have experienced such a wonderful camping trip. Friendships and memories

were made by all. We hope next year to return with even more participants to share in this cultural experience,” said Ms. Locking.

Community Living Wikwemikong Anishinabek gratefully acknowledges the Chase the Ace fundraiser that supported the development of the cabins at the

Wikwemikong Camp.

As a follow-up to this respite cultural exchange initiative, some of Community Living Wikwemikong Anishinabek’s respite participants and their support staff will be visiting Community Living Sarnia-Lambton later this summer, said Ms. Locking.

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August long weekend events proved popular across Manitoulin Island



LEFT ABOVE: Crystal Shawanda and husband Dewayne Strobel are always a hit at the Wiikwemkoong Music and Art Festival. CENTRE LEFT: Comedian Dan Burnstock kept the crowd in stitches. CENTRE RIGHT: Musician July Black watches on as the Wiikwemkoong hand drummers perform. RIGHT: July Black gave an outstanding performance at the festival.

photos by Ashely Manitowabi



Psychic Chantele, left, prepares to give a reading to a client.



Geedah inspirations' George and nephew Willis step up to make fry bread proving it isn't just the aunties who can do the deed.



The Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival was once called the Wiikwemkoong powwow and there were plenty of dancers on hand.



Da crew! These five buddies were having a blast at the street market in downtown Little Current.



Haweater is all about family and friends. The O'Hare clan of Little Current and their childhood friends came together on the shoreline.



The Fantstic Four won the volleyball tournament at Low Island.



Manitoulin OPP Detachment officers get ready to race their go-carts.



The Manitoulin Haweater Unit of the Shriners were out in force for the annual parade.



The Haweater Weekend street dance on Sunday night was a big hit with folks of all ages.

Lions reflect on one of the most successful Haweater Weekends in recent memory

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—"The most spectacular fireworks yet," has been the oft repeated phrase since the grand finale of the 54 edition of Haweater Weekend wrapped up August 6, and Little Current Lions Club President Bruce Burnett couldn't agree more.

"What a great year," he enthused to The Expositor following a few days of rest.

He couldn't say enough about the new events to Haweater Weekend and the draw they provided, the mid-way specifically. "We've secured them for next year already," he said.

The Huron Bass Tour Haweater Cup saw 21 boats entered and a cash donation to the Lions just shy of \$1,000.

"The cardboard boat races were a success again with 20 boats entered this year and the beach volleyball tournament had a record number of teams entered," he shared. "The parade was terrific and the Slingshots said they want to come back next year, too." (The parade was filled with a group of travelling Polaris Slingshots, each customized in a unique way.)

Lion Bruce's favourite Haweater project, the mixed slo-pitch ball tournament, went off without a hitch too with 16 teams and many more wanting in. Winning the tournament this year were: A division, Steve Rydell and Runnin' and Gunnin'; B division, Whittier Gauthier; and C division, Dawson Campbell and the Shotgunners.

"The fireworks were the best ever. I timed them—it was

over 20 minutes. Everyone I talked to said they were the most amazing fireworks yet."

Lion President Bruce was effusive in his praise for the Northeast Town staff who went above and beyond to make sure Haweater Weekend was a success. "Without them we wouldn't be able to put on as much as we did."

The Lion President also thanked the many hardworking Lions Club members and volunteers for helping to put on such a world-class event before turning his thanks to the many people who attended.

"Haweater Weekend has always been our gift back to the community for supporting us the whole year through so thank you, migwetch for coming, and we can't wait to see you back next year!"

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11 AM	EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES FOR JUDGING
5:30 PM	GATES OPEN MIDWAY BY GABLE CONCESSIONS KIDS ZONE & PONY RIDES
6 PM	MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT "THE ISLANDERS" ON THE INDOOR ARENA STAGE.
7 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
7:30 PM	OPENING CEREMONIES ON THE INDOOR ARENA STAGE.
8 PM	FAIR AMBASSADOR COMPETITION SPEECHES ON THE INDOOR ARENA STAGE.
8:45 PM	PIE EATING CONTEST ON THE INDOOR ARENA STAGE.
9 PM	FAMILY FEUD COMPETITION PRE-REGISTERED FAMILY GROUPS WILL COMPETE ON THE INDOOR ARENA STAGE.
10 PM	FAIR AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE INDOOR ARENA STAGE. EXHIBIT HALL & KIDS ZONE CLOSE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

7-11 AM	PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE PROVIDENCE BAY HALL. COME SUPPORT THE PROV BAY SPRING BAY LIONS CLUB.
9 AM	GATES OPEN
9 AM-8 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
10:30 AM	PARADE ENTRIES ASSEMBLE FOR JUDGING ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN PLACE ALONG MUNRO ST. AT THIS TIME
10:30 AM-3:30 PM	QUILTING DEMONSTRATION AT THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH.
11 AM-CLOSE	MIDWAY BY GABLE CONCESSIONS
11:30 AM	PARADE - FAMILY FAIR TRADITIONS THE PARADE ROUTE IS FROM THE BEACH DOWN MUTCHMOR ST.
12 PM	JUDGING OF LIVESTOCK
12 PM	GLENDALE PONY RIDES
12-2 PM	SOAP BOX DERBY ALONG MUTCHMOR ST. FREE ENTRY. AGES 5-11. PLEASE BRING A BIKE HELMET.
12-3 PM	FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA BESIDE THE KIDS ZONE.
12-4 PM	GAME ON EXPRESS GAMING TRAILER & AXE THROWING
12-8 PM	KIDS ZONE OPEN
12:30 PM	SUDBURY & DISTRICT PIPE BAND PERFORMANCE BY THE OUTDOOR STAGE.
1 PM	4-H SHEEP SHOWMANSHIP
1:30 & 3:30 PM	MSS ROBOTICS TEAM DEMONSTRATIONS INSIDE THE ARENA.
2-4 PM	MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT "TOE JAM TEQUILA" ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE.
3 PM	HEAVY DRAFT HORSE PULL
3 PM	CHILDREN'S RACES & GAMES ON THE FIELD NEAR THE KIDS ZONE.
4 PM	KIDS' BUBBLE GUM BLOWING CONTEST ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE.
4 PM	REMOVAL OF BAKING EXHIBITS ONLY
7:30 PM	MANITOULIN'S GOT TALENT ON THE INDOOR ARENA STAGE.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9 AM	GATES OPEN
10 AM-3:30 PM	KIDS ZONE OPEN EXHIBIT HALL OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
9 AM-1 PM	LIGHT HORSE SHOW
11 AM-1 PM	MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT "NETTISH" PERFORMS ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE.
11 AM-2 PM	QUILTING DEMONSTRATION AT THE COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH.
11 AM-4 PM	MIDWAY BY GABLE CONCESSIONS
12-4 PM	GLENDALE PONY RIDES
12-4 PM	GAME ON EXPRESS GAMING TRAILER & AXE THROWING
12 & 2 PM	MSS ROBOTICS TEAM DEMONSTRATIONS INSIDE THE ARENA
12-3 PM	FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA BY THE KIDS ZONE
12-1:30 PM	FARM OLYMPICS REGISTRATION BESIDE THE FAIR BOARD OFFICE.
1 PM	COW PATTY BINGO
1:30-3:30 PM	MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT NAOMI BRISTOW PERFORMS ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE.
1:30-4 PM	FARM OLYMPICS VARIOUS FARM-RELATED EVENTS FOR ALL AGES TAKING PLACE IN THE HORSE RING. CASH PRIZES!
3:30 PM	QUILT RAFFLE DRAW ON THE OUTDOOR STAGE.
4 PM	REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

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Children (6-12) \$10 (\$5 after 6 pm)
Children 5 & under FREE

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Location: Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah 

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Location: Sheguiandah Powwow Grounds
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Location: Little Current Curling Club
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Saturday, August 19

5K Colour Run, Walk & Wheel: 9am - 10:30am

Location: NEMI Public Library
50 Meredith St. E, Little Current 

PRIDE Manitoulin Amazing Race: 11am - 3pm

Location: Little Current United Church
5 Robinson Street, Little Current 

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Saturday, August 19



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Whitefish River First Nation Powwow Grand Entry: 1pm & 7pm

Pride Flag brought in on Grand Entry

PRIDE Honour Song

Location: Whitefish River First Nation Powwow Grounds, Sunshine Alley

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Location: The Old School House
100 Townline Sheguiandah

Queer Trivia (19+): 7pm - 9pm

Location: Royal Canadian Legion
15 Vankoughnet St. E, Little Current

Drag Show & Dance (19+): 9pm

Music By: DJ Tom A Haw

Location: Royal Canadian Legion 177
15 Vankoughnet St. E, Little Current

Sunday, August 20

Pride Christian Worship Service: 10am - 11am

Location: Little Current United Church
5 Robinson St, Little Current

Annual Pride Parade & March

11:30am - 12pm

Start: Manitoulin Hotel and
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Location: Little Current United Church
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...Oakville Enterprises claims innocence in lake levels debate

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watershed area (a very unlikely scenario), then operating the generating station at maximum output would lower the lake level by 0.5 centimetres (one-fifth of an inch) per day, or 3.5 centimetres or 1.4 inches per week," said Mr. Touzel.

Losing one-fifth of one inch of water per day adds up over the course of the summer but there is more water lost due to evaporation than from power plant operations, he said. Evaporation, leakage, and flow through the dam all impact lake level.

Billings Mayor Bryan Barker said in comparing water levels this summer with last summer, he didn't see much difference. "I want to communicate that it's not just hydro generation that affects the levels," he said. "In the spring, the township is responsible for mitigating the flood levels as well."

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) approves and administers the Kagawong Watershed Management Plan (WMP), Mr. Touzel said. "We are required to maintain the level of Lake Kagawong and flows in the Kagawong River, in accordance with the WMP. It is an offence under provincial law not to do so. MNRF makes it quite plain that flood control and ecological protection trump all other factors related to levels and flows. The only exemptions from this obligation are if Mother Nature makes it either impossible or unsafe to meet the requirements."

WMP requirements include a maximum lake level of 213.12 metres above sea level (masl) year-round, a minimum lake level of 212.66 masl from January 1 until the peak of freshet each spring and also from September 15 to December 31.

Between the peak of freshet and September 15, the minimum daily level is derived by drawing a rule curve line (on the annual levels graph) between 213.07 masl and continuing downward to 212.66 masl on September 15. The station is not allowed to operate if the lake is below minimum and flow must be maintained over Bridal Veil Falls at no less than 0.4 cubic metres per second, primarily for ecological reasons, regardless of lake level.

Water to power the turbine is drawn off the Kagawong River via a canal before water plunges over the falls.

Lake Kagawong water levels approach 212.66 every summer. OEC is required to read the water level gauge twice a week. "We read the gauge," Mr. Touzel said. "We're not in the business of lying to anyone."

There are leaks in the rock from the falls from the pathway to the base of the lake, noted resident Brian Parker. He said there was talk at one point of culverting the canal.

"This station generates a quarter of a million dollars in gross revenue per year," responded Mr. Touzel. He said revenues to Billings Township are 23.5 percent of that amount, and culverting the canal would be a multi-million dollar process the generating station couldn't pay for, and there wasn't enough water loss to justify it. He said there has always been leakage through the rock into the valley of the river, but under the lease agreement, OEC is responsible for any dam leaks or repairs to the station.

Mr. Parker asked if there was any thought of allowing

more water and revising the rule curve. "The water is very low and it's mid-August," he said, wondering of 212.66 masl is too low.

"We will have a conversation with MNRF on that," said Mr. Touzel. "This would mean an amendment to the WMP."

The MNRF has rarely revisited the upper and lower limits of the rule curve.

Mr. Parker also noted that water use patterns will change worldwide as the climate changes.

"The current thinking (by scientists) is in the mid-North, there will be increased precipitation rates in the next 50 to 100 years," said Mr. Touzel. "This area may see wetter conditions in the future."

Bill Begley of OEC said, "The municipality is a good partner to be with. If there are challenges in the future, we're here 100 years and will for another 100 years. We are not a numbered company. Our takeaway is not very big at all. We're here for the long haul."

Since OEC is municipally owned, they understand the concerns of the township, Mr. Begley added.

OEC is a for-profit business that includes several operating companies and is wholly owned by the Town of Oakville. Most OEC companies include renewable energy generation and related support services. It is a sister company to the Oakville Hydro utility.

Billings owns the Kagawong generating station and the

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Rockin' the Rock 2023 featured Canadian icons and trailblazers

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Over the course of two days this past weekend, Flatrock Entertainment's Kelly and Craig Timmermans brought some of the most important names of the past six decades in Canadian rock music to their Harbour View Road concert grounds for Rockin' the Rock 2023 (RtR).

Headliners Haywire on Friday night and Aldo Nova on Saturday night topped each lineup with outstanding shows, but that was no easy task as the bar was set high by the opening acts.

Pop Machine was the standout on Friday, given that the ages of that entire band totaled together would be hard put to rival that of some of the following band's lead singers. The young Sudbury group has made it their mission to bring classic rock to a new generation of fans, and they did it well (although in truth, their RtR audience's median age was probably closer to that of their grandparents than their parents).

Punk rock legends Carole Pope and Rough Trade were next up and a bit of a case in point. Lead singer Pope is firmly ensconced in Canadian rock royalty's lineup. Currently on the Polaris Prize shortlist, her work has been recognized with multiple JUNO Awards, a Genie, gold, platinum and double platinum



Aldo Nova guitarist Jack Frost wows the crowd with a riff.

photo by Gary Desabrais

record sales and she has been inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame. Among the names she has performed with can be found such luminaries as David Bowie and Elton John. One of her latest projects includes composing 'Rough Trade, the Musical.'

Ms. Pope's performance was a testimony to the invigorating nectar of live performance. Despite being 77 years old, her voice and stage presence remain as powerful as when she first brought her New Wave sexually charged music to life in the bars of Yorkville during the late '60s, going on to

ascend the heights. One of the first openly gay artists to make it in the mainstream, her music cracked boundaries wide open.

Ms. Pope's songs transcend the limitations of sexual boundaries and labels, however, touching deep into the psyche of heterosexual and gay listeners alike. The audience reaction to the teen "gay" anthem 'High School Confidential' and 'All Touch and No Contact' played witness to that truth. Ms. Pope prefaced the former with the tongue in cheek comment, "I feel like a bit of a perv" singing about a high school



Carol Pope and Rough Trade took to the Rockin' the Rock stage Friday night.



Toronto caught backstage.

photo by Gary Desabrais

crush—but her performance was anything but apologetic, and the crowd literally went wild.

The Expositor caught up with the artist following her show for a short conversation about the industry

today and how she finds the road these days.

"We don't do that much now," she said. "But it's still a lot of fun."

"I am working on a musical 'Rough Trade, the Musical'," she said.

As for advice for young people entering the music industry today, "You have to perform live," she said, "cause that is the only way you are going to make money. You are not going to make money from making albums and films, that sort of thing."

As for AI, "I think it is scary, but I don't think it is going to replace singers," she said. "There has to be some kind of control. But I saw that Indiana Jones movie with Harrison Ford and it was great."

"You own your own image," said Ms. Pope, noting that it is probably wise to take steps to protect that image, given the current state of technology.

As for budding songwriters, the pathway remains the same, even if the environment has changed somewhat from when she started out. "Keep writing," she said. "Keep writing until you learn to write better. Write what works for you."

"There is a way more crap out there because anybody can write albums now," she said. "I find a lot on indie radio. I am always excited to hear something I like." Despite more than five decades in the industry, even rock legends get pumped when they step on stage and can discover delight in a new song.

Either of the closing acts, SAGA or Haywire, could easily have been the head-

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...Providence Bay Fair celebrates 140th anniversary

...continued from page 10 will have community celebrities Dale Scott and Adam Smith as masters of ceremonies for the event.”

The Farm Olympics will include various farm-related events for all ages, taking place in the horse ring on Sunday afternoon.

“And being brought back due to popular demand is

the cow patty bingo, which will take place Sunday afternoon,” said Ms. Dawson. She pointed out it has been close to 25 years since the fair has held the farm Olympics and the cow patty bingo events at the fair.

One of the many other highlights of the fair that always gets a lot of attention is the midway. “We had

a downsized version of the midway last year, but this year we will have a full midway,” said Ms. Dawson.

“With this year’s fair theme being ‘A Family Fair Tradition’ we are asking people to use this theme in their haybale contest structures and floats in the parade and encourage them to sneak the theme in wherever they can,” said Ms. Dawson.

All weekend long there will be food booths for visitors to enjoy, displays and vendor booths, the kids’ zone, midway by Gable Concessions, pony rides, an incredible display of baking, arts and crafts, needlework, quilts, grain, fruits and vegetables, junior exhibits, woodworking, photography and more in the exhibit hall.

On Friday, the gates will open at 5:30 pm, with the midway by Gable Concessions Inc, the kids’ zone (bale maze, farm toys, corn table, rubber duck racing, a baby area and Glendale Pony rides on hand). There will be vendors both outside and inside the arena all weekend.

Musical entertainment will be provided Friday evening by The Islanders, and the exhibit hall will be open to the public. The



The Providence Bay Fair parade Saturday at 11:30 am is not to be missed.

opening ceremonies will also take place with welcome speeches and special award presentations being made.

Also Friday evening will be the Fair Ambassador competition, pie eating contest and Family Feud competition.

Saturdays many activities will include a pancake breakfast being put on at the Providence Bay hall by the Providence Bay-Spring Bay Lions Club, the exhibit hall will again be open to the public, and the always popular parade. There will also be a quilting demonstration, judging of live-

stock, Glendale pony rides, a soap box derby along Mutchmor Street, face painting by Olivia, the Game on Express Gaming Trailer and Axe throwing. The kids’ zone will be open, and the Sudbury and District Pipe Band will be providing musical entertainment. There will also be 4-H sheep showmanship event and the Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics team will be putting on demonstrations.

As well during the afternoon events, musical entertainment will be provided by Toe Jam Tequila, a heavy draft horse pull will

be held, as well as children’s races and games and the kids’ bubble gum blowing contest.

Saturday evening will feature the ‘Manitoulin’s Got Talent’ show in the arena.

There will also be a lot of activities and events taking place on Sunday. Gates open at 9 am, and the exhibit hall will again be open to the public. There will be a light horse show taking place, a quilting demonstration at the Community of Christ Church, where visitors will be able to see how a quilt is made and give it a try. The midway will be on as will Glendale Pony Rides, the Game on Express Gaming Trailer and Axe Throwing, MSS Robotics team demonstrations, and face painting by Olivia.

The Farm Olympics will take place early afternoon, along with the Cow Patty Bingo. Musical entertainment will feature the Singin’ Cowgirl Naomi Bristol, and the Farm Olympics will be held.

See the centre-page spread on Pages 18 and 19 of this week’s edition or go online at providencebayfair.com for all the details and a schedule of all the events.

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Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are held monthly on a rotating basis around the Island. The next meeting is August 23 in the Mindemoya Town Council Chambers at 2 pm; September 24 at the Gore Bay Legion at 2 pm; October 25 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team at 2 pm; and November 19 the Little Current Legion at 2 pm, but support can be given over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer support group contacts: Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com or Ann Cranston, 705-272-7531, bnanncc@gmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

Tfn

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

Tfn

yard sale

Garage sale, 395 Concession 6 West, Tehkummah on Saturday, August 19 from 8 am to 8 pm. Lots of tools and household items.

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Indoor yard sale and bake sale at Trinity United Church Manitoulin in Mindemoya on Saturday, August 26 from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations can be dropped off at the church Monday, August 21 through Friday, August 25 between 9 am and 5 pm. Thank you for your support.

13-14p

wanted

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

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thank you

The family of **Albert Noland** would like to thank everyone who brought food to our homes, sent flowers and cards, made donations and extended their condolences in his passing. Thank you also to Janice Frame for her kind words and the Wellness and Recreation Committee of Burpee and Mills for providing the lunch. We appreciate the care and concern that Albert received from his caregivers and the medical community. The outpouring of love, kindness, concern and encouragement is very much appreciated. Lenna Noland and family

13c

marine

12' aluminum boat, motor and trailer, \$1,885; 17' x 3' dock or boardwalk in mint condition; splitting mauls, axes, picks, branch trimmer with 12' reach, negotiable. 705-368-2815.

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notices

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

Tfn

rentals

Private loft on waterfront available for nightly, weekly and reasonable monthly rates. Fully furnished, Starlink internet, premium cable TV. See 'Waterfront Private Loft' on Airbnb for pictures and five star reviews. 705-368-6240.

13tfn

rental wanted

Wanted to rent in downtown Gore Bay, two-bedroom ground floor apartment, long-term. Call 705-210-9818.

13-14c

church services

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

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in memoriam



MOGGY—In loving memory of our dear father/grandfather, Dallas Moggy who passed away August 24, 2021 and our dear mother/grandmother, Noella Moggy who passed away July 25, 2022.

We miss your face,
We miss your smile.
We wish we could see you once in a while.

We miss your laugh,
We miss your love.
We hope you are watching with pride from above.

We miss so much not having you here,
Guiding us in life and having you near.

We miss you, Mom,
We miss you, Dad.
Forever in our hearts with memories we had.

Forever loved by Derrick and Saeideh, Angie, Amanda, Ryan, Brittany and Colt

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Death Notices

TIMOTHY DAVID BAILEY
November 28, 1965 - August 7, 2023



With heavy hearts we regret to announce the passing of our son, husband and brother, Timothy David Bailey, at Mindemoya Health Centre on Monday, August 7, 2023 at the age of 57. Tim will be deeply missed by his loving spouse and best friend, Shelly Wright and her son, Wyatt. He is also mourned by his parents, Wayne and Seija Bailey and Shirley deChevigny (nee Lewis), as well as siblings Jeffrey (Tara), Michael (Heidi) and Melanie deChevigny-Caron (Maurice). Tim will also be remembered by his nephews and nieces Derek (Breanne), Mallory, Emily, Magda and Tristan (predeceased), as well as uncles, aunts, cousins and many dear friends. Tim was a veteran of the Canadian Air Force, serving Canada for 15 years. After leaving the air force, Tim worked for Bombardier as Emergency Manager of an "Aircraft on Ground Team," travelling the world in response to damaged Bombardier aircraft requiring on site immediate emergency repairs. Upon his return to Manitoulin, he worked briefly for Manitoulin Transport and finally as bylaw enforcement officer for the municipalities of Burpee Mills and Gordon Barrie Island. Although short in stature, Tim excelled in athletic, as a long distance runner with Sudbury's junior track and field team, as a ball player, catcher for the Cold Lake Alberta Airforce provincial champions, which competed in the Canadian championship fast-ball tournament in Nova Scotia. He also enjoyed skiing and playing hockey. The major lure of the Island was his love for snowmobiling, hunting and fishing. He and Wyatt spent many hours together on the water. Tim, you will be sorely missed. Tim's ashes were nterred during a memorial service at Burpee Mill's Cemetery on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mindemoya Health Centre (Palliative Care Unit).

ALBERT EDWARD NOLAND
November 16, 1929 - July 24, 2023



In loving memory of Albert Edward Noland who passed away at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Monday, July 24, 2023. Survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Lenna (Lanktree) and children Fred (Terri), Ken (Janis) and Barb (Gary Gilpin). Also survived by grandchildren Jamie Lee, Robyn (Chris), Charlene (Keith), Derek (Amelia) and Andrew; great-grandchildren Bryden, Maylee, Emery, Thea, Jack, Hank, Della and Lillian; sisters-in-law Marg Palmer and Helen Maki as well as many nieces and nephews. Special friend to Sharon and Mike Meeker. Predeceased by grandson Bryan, also brothers and sisters Herb (Gladys), Roy (Norma), Harry (Eunice), Lyle, Ethel (Willie) Ruttan, Rhoda (Russell) Carson, Bernice (Dennis) Carson, Ruth and Stella and in-laws Bob Palmer, Iva Moulton and Don Maki. Albert lived and farmed his whole life in Mills Township. Albert was dedicated to his community and was on many committees, organizations, and over the years, participated in the growth of the municipality. He looked forward to volunteering at many community events, especially the pancake breakfasts. Albert was a good neighbour, friend to many, and was well respected by all who knew him. His quiet wisdom was a value to many. Albert was proud of his family and their accomplishments. He instilled his integrity, moral values and work ethics, sometimes without saying anything at all. He will be greatly missed. A man well loved. A life well lived. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service was held on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 11 am at Burpee Mills Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Burpee Mills Cemetery.

JAMES EDWARD MOGGY



In loving memory of James Edward Moggy, who died peacefully at his home in Assiginack on July 25, 2023. Jim will be dearly missed by his wife of 51 years, Susanne Moggy (nee Lambert). Beloved father of Colleen (David) Blondé of Guelph, Jennifer (Daniel) de Cotret of Embrun, Ontario and Ashley (John) Lunney of Zurich, Switzerland. Cherished grandfather of Briana, Michael, Ella, Liam, Luke, Nicholas and Hugh. Son of the late George and Sadie (Third) Moggy of Manitowaning. Brother of Robert (predeceased) (Bev), Arthur (Winnie) (predeceased), Mervyn (Karen) and Grant (Nancy) Moggy. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Jim was a proud OAC '67A alumnus of the University of Guelph and stayed on to pursue a career as a research technician for 35 years, all the time a devoted family man. Always cherishing his Haweater roots, he and Sue retired to the Island in 2007. Jim had a life-long love of gardening, family history, photography and a good (that is, bad!) joke. He'll be fondly remembered for his 'word-smithing', great taste in hats and the twinkle in his eye as he inevitably won at euchre or crib. He was also a great companion to his many pets through the years, most lately his little buddy Charlie. His life will be celebrated privately among family and friends. In honour of the medical field that supported him through a lifetime of diabetes, it was Jim's wish that his remains be donated for the advancement of science. Cherishing the farm's beaver pond as a boy, Jim would welcome donations to Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association for the restoration of natural waterways on Manitoulin.



SHARON ROSE DUNCAN
(nee McAllister)

In loving memory of Sharon Rose Duncan (nee McAllister) who passed away at Perth District Hospital on July 24, 2023. Sharon will be dearly missed by her loving husband Robert Duncan, beloved mother Winnifred McAllister (nee Pattison), father Calvin McAllister (predeceased), siblings Debbie, Terry (predeceased), Diane (predeceased), Michael and Alison. Sharon will be missed by her family and friends and will be laid to rest with her family members in Providence Bay.

VERA ATKINSON
July 16, 1931 - July 21, 2023



After many years of declining health, it is with great sadness that the family of Vera Atkinson announces her passing on Friday July 21st 2023, in her 92nd year. The daughter of the late William Atkinson and Dorothy Langman, stepfather Ivan Bailey. Predeceased by her sister, Dorothy Wilda Wright. Survived by her sister Darlene Bailey. She will be dearly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. A heartfelt thank you to the personal support workers and friends (Shelley, Nancy, Adrienne, Vicki and many others). Thanks to their patience, compassion and support, Vera was able to remain in her home for as long as possible. Furthermore, many thanks to the staff at Mindemoya Hospital and Wikwemikong Nursing Home for caring for Vera during her final days. As per Vera's wishes, no services will be held. Donations to the Arthritis Society of Canada would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.



Remember your loved ones fondly
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Send an email to Debbie at
services@manitoulin.com
or call 705-368-2774

\$ for sale

Bunkie for sale, 16' x 24', insulated to R41 and wired for hydro. Content in bunkie is queen-size sofa bed, a love seat plus easy chair, large area rug, small fridge and woodstove. Asking \$18,000 or nearest offer. Contact Mysanwy, 705-562-7783 or Miv, 705-470-5461. 10-15c

2016 38' Puma travel trailer, \$20,000 or nearest offer. Contact Paul, 705-936-6478 or Miv, 705-470-5461. Located at South Baymouth. 10-15p

Highback 7' long couch with 7' cushions with matching brown rocking chair set, \$500; pool table, 8' x 41/2' x 4' wide, includes balls, triangle, pool cues and hanger, asking \$1,000 "buyer responsible for removal"; pully assemble exercise skier, \$300. If interested call 705-859-3730. 11-13c

2003 Volusia Suzuki, 800 cc. \$2,000 obo. Call Paul, 705-822-4279 or 705-368-1613. 13c

Excalibur crossbow Exocet 200 comes with scope and eight arrows with broadheads. Extra broad head practicing arrow. Also carrying case for arrow and arrow quiver, like new; also a complete set of homemade wine equipment. Reasonable price, great condition. Call Roger, 705-283-1818. 13-14p

Church pews for sale at Fairview United Church, Hwy 542A, Tehkummah, Friday, August 18 and Saturday, August 19 from 9 am to 1 pm. View and take the same day. Seven pews are 8', \$150 each; 17 pews are 4.8', \$75 each. 705-859-3504. 13p

i coming events

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. 6-15p

Mini farmers' market now at the farm of Robert and Joan Beard. Open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (or whenever we are home). No sprays or chemicals. 39 Townline Road East, Tehkummah (just off Hwy 542) or call 705-859-2604. 7tfn

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, shoes, household, books and miscellaneous. 13-15p

St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Mindemoya will celebrate its 90th Anniversary on Sunday, August 20 at 11 am. The speaker will be Archbishop Anne Germond. Music by Esther Anstice, soprano and Sonya Mulder, violinist. Everyone is welcome! Further information 705-282-7218. 13p

services

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

Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400. Tfn

Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

Legion Events

Little Current Legion Branch 177 wing night is back! Thursdays from 5 to 10 pm. To pre-order please call 705-368-2661, if ordering before bar opening leave a message with your name, phone number and your order. Delivery available within town limits from 5 to 7:30 pm. Wings and mozza sticks: six for \$9, 12 for \$18. Cheese balls: 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. tfn



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Every Friday in July & August
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PLUS Café in the Community Hall





Please join us in welcoming Lynne Hanson to the Cafe in The Woods stage.



Lynne is often referred to as "Canada's Queen of Americana," a passionate, prolific and lyrically gifted songwriter and a powerful vocalist coupled with an intense roots guitar driven performance. Her personal style has been described as 'too tough for folk and too blues for country.' Lynn's joy in performing live is contagious and her sense of humour and natural connection to her audience is well known across the country. A great evening of entertainment not to be missed. Book your seats early as seats are limited.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 7:30 PM

2619 Hwy 540, Little Current.

For tickets contact Kerrene Tilson, either by phone at (249)997-0009 or by email at cafeinthewoods@gmail.com. The tickets are \$20 and fees can be prepaid by etransfer to manitoulinclub@gmail.com or purchased at the door.

LANDMARKS

new works by Ray Fox



June 27th - September 26th, 2023

Opening Reception July 8th, 4-6pm

Drawing workshop July 8th, 12-2pm

KB Reynolds Mastin Gallery - 43 Queen Street, Manitowaning



...August 26 Cancom Golf Tournament to include special guest NHLer Doug Gilmour

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 golfcharity.com
 There will be a steak dinner for all players after the tournament concludes, and

lots of prizes such as signed jerseys, hockey cards and photographs of Mr. Gilmour. Mr. Gilmour played 20 seasons in the



NHL Legend Doug Gilmour is the featured guest at this year's Cancom Golf Tournament being held at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course.

NHL with the Toronto Maple Leafs, St. Louis Blues, Calgary Flames, New Jersey Devils, Chicago Blackhawks, Buffalo Sabres and Montreal Canadiens. He was a member of the Stanley Cup champion Calgary Flames team in 1989.

"I have got to know Doug over the past four years, and been involved in many charity events with him,"

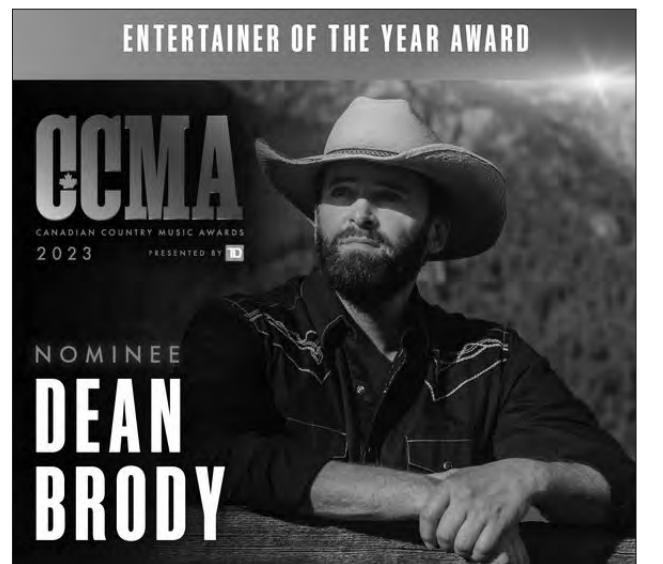
said Mr. Wells. "He does a lot of charity work like this; it seems every week he attends some sort of charity event. He's loved everywhere and is a great draw for an event like this." "Golf is one of the many things people on the Island really love," added Mr. Wells.

...Manitoulin Country Fest

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make the three days run smoothly and would be a very painless way for students to rack up those volunteer hours.

Tickets can be accessed only online at Frec.me. If you already have tickets, guard them like cash advise the promoters, as lost tickets will not be replaced. Campers are able to check in as early as Tuesday, August 15 and the front gate will be open 5 to 10 pm Tuesday and 9 am to 10 pm Wednesday.



Dean Brody is Friday night's Manitoulin Country Fest headliner.

MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK



The Corporation of the Township of Assiginack invites contractors to submit tenders for the **supply, hauling, and spreading** of the following quantities of gravel on Red Lodge Road:

4" Minus Pit Run: 3,500 cubic metres
Granular M: 1,750 cubic metres

Sealed bids will be accepted until **Friday, September 1, 2023 at 4:00 pm** in person at the Municipal Office or received by mail.


Tender packages are available at the Municipal Office or online by visiting: www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders/

Please contact Ron Cooper, Public Works Superintendent for further questions at (705) 859-3780.

Please send sealed submissions clearly marked **"Provision of Gravel for Red Lodge Road"** to:

Township of Assiginack
 156 Arthur Street
 P.O. Box 238
 Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0

LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED


Township of BILLINGS

Request for Proposals

The Township of Billings is requesting proposals for:

Five Year Comprehensive Strategic Plan - The project must provide the Township with a realistic and achievable plan, including short, medium and long-term priorities with specific objectives to measure outcomes for a five-year period (2024-2029).

Corporate Website - qualified website design firms/consultants to submit proposals to redesign, upgrade and host the municipal website found at www.billingswp.ca.

For more information on the request for proposals please visit www.billings.ca or contact Emily Dance, CAO/Clerk at edance@billingswp.ca.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

54 Water Street West
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **September 5, 2023**, at 7:00p.m. through a virtual meeting.

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning amendment to By-law No. 2018-41, as amended for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C. P. 13. to amend the zoning from Multiple Residential (R2) to Residential (R1).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.


If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact Pam Myers, Clerk, Box 608, Little Current, On, P0P 1K0.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Pam Myers, Clerk, Box 608 Little Current, On, P0P 1K0.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2023-08-16.
 Pam Myers, Clerk
 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
 14 Water Street East; P.O. Box 608
 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
 Ph.:(705)368-3500



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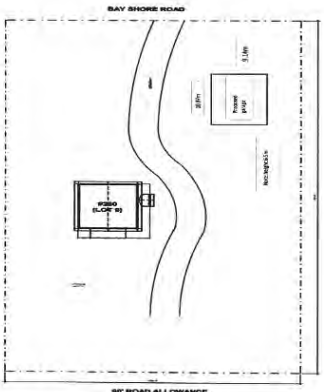
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The M'Chigeeng First Nation held its Family Fun days event last weekend. There were many activities held that provided fun for every member of the family, like a foam party!

M'Chigeeng Family Fun Days!



Youngsters of all ages took turns riding the bronco, one of the many games held as part of Fun Days weekend in M'Chigeeng.



Cheryl Migwans had a big smile for everyone who passed her at the M'Chigeeng Family Fun days.

...Rockin' the Rock 2023 featured Canadian icons and trailblazers

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liners, putting forward driving performances that kept the audience rocking. Saturday's bands followed closely in the same vein.

Conversation with another artist performing at the festival (during a sudden torrential thunderstorm earlier on Saturday—thankfully clearing up by the time they took to the stage later that evening) revealed a sometimes-hidden truth about rock musicians who are generally saddled with a rough and rowdy rep. "This is terrible for us," he said as the rain pounded down on the car that was taking a couple of the musicians to Sheguiandah for "supplies." When asked "don't you still get paid?" his reply in that unguarded moment was instant. "But the audience doesn't come out—and that's the whole point of doing this, isn't it?"

Performing artists live to perform, even as they perform to live. That was a recurring theme in conversations with artists throughout the weekend. It is what drives a bone-tired artist who has just endured the hell of a 12-hour multi-airport journey to step out on stage before a live audience to give more than seems humanly possible and that energy transmits to their audience.



Rockin' the Rock provided a venue to catch up with old friends.

photo by Michael Erskine



Volunteers make the world go 'round, especially at big events like Rockin' the Rock.

photo by Gary Desabrais



Young Sudbury rockers Pop Machine make it their mission to spread their love of rock and roll.

photo by Gary Desabrais

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here is one of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

Manitoulin Island is world renowned for its exceptional natural beauty. It may soon also be recognized as the home of the most beautiful – inside and out – woman in the universe. Madison Kvaltina, a contestant in the upcoming Miss Universe Canada contest, and her mom, Monique Sirkka, recently took up residence on Tobacco Lake outside Gore Bay and may soon put the Island on the global media and fashion world's maps.

Mother and daughter spent the bulk of their lives in Lively in the Greater Sudbury Area, although Monique is originally from Thunder Bay. She moved to the northeastern corner of the province when she graduated from Confederation College as a Registered Nurse in 1992 and found employment with the Victorian Order of Nurses, an employer she stayed with for a dozen years. That period of her career was followed by a position in the Intensive Care unit of

Health Sciences North, which she held for a decade. During that time, she also taught in the nursing program at Cambrian College before taking additional training to pursue her passion for caring for children at risk. She spent the final two years of her tenure with Health Sciences North focused on her subspecialty in family violence care. All this while also getting married and raising three children – Meagan, Madison, and Mathew. She even managed to find time for a furniture refinishing hobby that recently became a side business. This summer, Monique opened Artistry 67, a furniture restoration company featuring Fusion paint in the Pavilion building by the marina on Gore Bay's waterfront.

Monique and her husband, Matti Sirkka, bought a cottage on Tobacco Lake four years ago with the intention of eventually retiring on Manitoulin. That move was expedited in 2022 when, burned out by COVID, she was looking for a new opportunity and was hired as an RN by Noojmowin Teg Health Centre in AOK to bring her specialized nursing background in child maltreatment to the community. Monique is effusive in her praise for the Centre, which she describes as "The most amazing organization I've ever worked with in my entire life!"

Madison's youth was filled with sports, volunteer-

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Madison Kvaltina and her mother Monique Sirkka. Madison is set to compete in Miss Universe Canada on August 19.

ing and community activism. She competed competitively in swimming and was involved in soccer, volleyball, football, cross country running and skating. She also was on student council at Lockerby Secondary School, where she was active in an anti-bullying program as well as Ontario Students Against Drunk Driving, an off shoot of Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Being a beauty queen was the furthest thing from the busy teen's mind when her photo on Instagram caught the attention of Peggi LePage Modelling, which approached her about runway modelling – something Madison had never considered.

"I was the biggest tomboy. I did lots of sports and never wore high heels or make

up," she laughs. "We were always raised to believe that your inner beauty is the only thing that matters so something like a beauty contest never occurred to me. However, I was convinced to give pageantry a try by Cheryl Kozera who runs the Miss North Ontario competition. She knew me because of my charitable and fundraising work with various community groups and thought I might be a good fit."

How right she was! In her first-ever pageant at age 16, Madison placed 2nd runner-up – wearing heels and long dresses for the first time. A year later she won the contest and was showered with prizes and scholarship money that she set aside for university. By virtue of becoming Miss Northern Ontario,

Madison was eligible to compete for Miss Teenage Canada in 2016, where she placed in the top 20. That success led to another scholarship to Top Model Search Canada and winning the title of Miss Intercontinental Canada in 2016. Each achievement opened new doors to more opportunities. "I went to Sri Lanka to compete for Miss Intercontinental 2016, my first time travelling overseas alone. I didn't place there but it was an incredible experience."

Despite these heady days, trouble was brewing. Apart from being a typically insecure female teenager, Madison's parents were in the throes of a divorce that hit the children hard. Her depression led to an eating disorder that became serious enough to warrant hospitalization for four months. That challenging experience left a lasting – and positive – impact on Madison, who has since become a champion of healthy eating and living and learning to love the skin you're in.

"I had no one my age to talk to about these issues when I was going through them. So, I've made it my mission to help men and women learn to love themselves and take care of themselves," adds Madison, who conducts workshops and seminars across Canada in addition to her online presence where she promotes healthy, active living and body confidence.

Another reflection of the level-headedness of the

beauty queen is that she set aside beauty pageants after high school for four years to focus on her post-secondary education. Madison earned an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Business at Queen's University in Kingston. She loved her time living and studying in Kingston but was unable to finish her classes in the city when COVID struck. She returned to Sudbury to live with her family and studied remotely until her graduation in 2020.

In keeping with her commitment to community service, Madison landed a job with Northern 911 in Sudbury, initially as an executive assistant and soon after as a call quality auditor. In her spare time, she launched several small businesses – Skilla Athletics, a body confident athletic brand and website design company, along with MAD Media Marketing – capitalizing on her business degree.

The lure of pageantry was never far from Madison's mind and, in 2022, she decided to give the Miss Universe competition another try. Although there are numerous beauty pageants to choose from, she was always drawn to the organization because of its emphasis on philanthropy, the importance of education, setting goals and pursuing your dreams. "It's about empowerment, giving back, making a difference and being a spokesperson for positive change," explains Madison. "It suits

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my interests and personality.”

Last year, she went to Japan for a month to compete in Miss International after placing 1st runner up at Miss Universe Canada and in the top eight, the highest ranking for Canada since the early 1960s. And this past winter, she spent six weeks in Bogota, Colombia working with a pageant training house to hone her skills on everything from interview preparation to make-up, runway walking and physical fitness. Equally important, the training emphasized the development of her platform which, consistent with her personal history, focuses on philanthropy.

Until quite recently Madison contemplated doing an MBA, but the chance to work for one of Canada's leading transportation companies “fell into my lap, lucky me!” Madison became part of Manitoulin Transport's LEAD management development program in early summer of 2023, instigating the move to Gore Bay. Her new employers

are accommodating her schedule so she can compete in this year's Miss Universe Canada contest being held in Vancouver on August 19th. If she wins the title, her victory will take her to Ecuador in December to compete in Miss Universe 2023.

The 25-year-old is eligible to compete to the maximum age of 28 but says this is her final kick at the can, due to the significant time, hard work, and financial commitments required to continue.

“I will be happy regardless of the final results,” she insists. “One pageant provides the equivalent of three years personal growth I am told, so I know I will come out of the experience richer for it. I've loved my journey thus far and am really proud of the work I've put into it. I don't need to win to prove that I've done all these amazing things. It would just be the cherry on the top.”

Monique couldn't be prouder. “As a nurse I know that one in three youth suffer from mental health issues and

there isn't anywhere near enough support for them,” says Monique. “I am so proud of Madison's work helping other young people and being a such a positive influencer in healthy living.”

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAMarshall@proton.me

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primary infrastructure, including the land, dam, powerhouse building, penstock and turbine. OEC leases the station from Billings and is responsible for all operation, maintenance, refurbishment and administration costs, and is obligated to operate in accordance with the Kagawong Water Management Plan under the scrutiny of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). The permit and licence to operate the station is through the MNRF.

Electricity from the station is sold into the provincial grid under a contract with the province of Ontario. Terms of the contract specify that Billings receives 23.5 percent of the revenue from the sale of electricity. The total annu-

al revenue from 2020 to 2023 averages \$246,000 per year, and therefore the township received \$58,000 per year on average during that timeframe, with no related expenditures, explained Mr. Touzel.

The \$58,000 average received annually by the township amounts to approximately two percent of its tax revenue base. The rate the township receives in annual revenues is about twice what other municipalities get, said Mr. Touzel. “The largest I know in the province is 15 percent, and for 23 percent of the share of revenues, the township doesn't have to do much as the OEC handles day to day malfunctions, taxes and other expenses. “I think if the municipality was operating (the generating station) itself, the

profits would not be (almost) \$60,000 per year. This is not a business for the faint of heart.”

“I don't recommend small municipalities take over these types of operations,” Mr. Touzel said. “You have huge collection problems and the capital investment requirements can overwhelm small municipalities for technical and safety requirements. Legally, Billings could, but I don't think it would be a good idea and wouldn't make any money.”

Mayor Barker said he's been asked why Billings shouldn't take over the hydro plant and generate their own power. He said the township looked into this last year, looking at three or four other municipalities that operate hydro generation stations,

and it wouldn't be feasible for Billings. The mayor called the public meeting because of misinformation on how hydro generation affects lake levels.

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Silver Lake Waterfront with a great sunset view across the water. Tree covered land with year round access over Silver Lake Road and a power line traversing the lot. Extra frontage of 250 ft. as per Teranet, being a Point, & 1.62 ac. \$149,000 (1593)

Nameless is a motorless lake exclusive to property owners including membership in a Preservation Association & its 200 ac. Lot 19 is available if you are ready to build. It is a large 3.3 acres with 258 ft. of frontage with western exposure. Search this area at www.timberstone.com. The forested lot is hardwood & mixed bush. The road is year round & hydro comes from submersible cable. The lot is partially developed with walking paths & clearing work. Several well constructed outbuildings are completed including a small cabin with loft, 2 sleeping camps, storage sheds & a privy. These valuable structures will serve you well in another location, once you have built your home. \$330,000 (1573)

996 Highway 540 just 5 km to downtown Little Current is a great building lot of 2 ac. w/327 ft. of frontage accessed from Virginia Crescent. Driveway installed & lot cleared ready to build surrounded by fruit, maple & willow trees. South exposure for lots of light, sunsets & pastoral view. Seasonal spring creek runs through back of the property. Fertile land w/plentiful berries and wild flowers. Lot is septic approved, hydro at lot line & potential water connection. \$99,000 (1603)

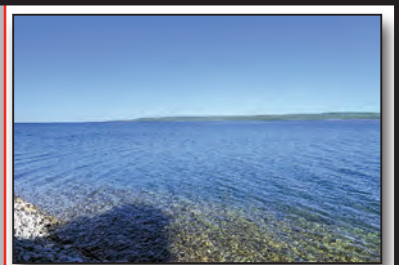


189 McKinley Road renovated schoolhouse camp home on a large level corner lot of one acre w/year round access & hydro at the lot line. It has 798 sq. ft. of heated living space plus an enclosed entrance 17 x 9 ft. Newer windows & other renovations, wired for generator & complete bathroom awaiting septic & hydro hookup. Water by a hand pump. Open concept w/a corner kitchen. Fruit trees on site. Most contents included w/ propane appliances & lights. Wood heat. \$210,000 (1602)

Lake Huron Waterfront 150 ft. & 3.9 ac. of forest & open alvar accessed via Little Lake Huron Road & Cedar Tree Trail. This beautiful off the grid lot has been rezoned to permit a seasonal dwelling, set back in the trees to protect the Lakeside Daisy (aka The Manitoulin Daisy) that thrives on the flat limestone surface. \$107,000 (1594)

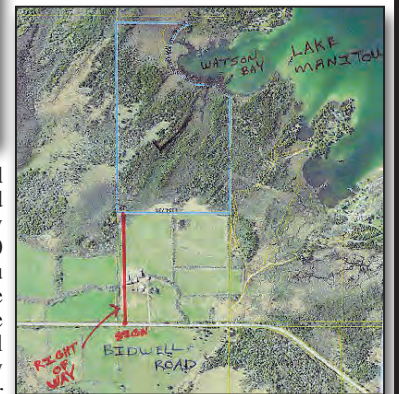


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Meet the Ambassadors of the Prov Bay Fair

Alex Carrick

Alex Carrick is 18 years old and hails from Central Manitoulin.

Alex just completed a pre-health program at Cambrian College. During her time off, she enjoys reading and paddle boarding.

Her major role model is my grandpa. "I have always looked up to him and admire his kindness," Alex says.

Alex says her favourite thing about Manitoulin is the community and how everyone is always willing to help each other.

"Winning the Ambassador of the Fair would be a



Alex Carrick

great opportunity to meet new people and experience a great aspect of the fair," Alex shares.

Alex's sponsor is Manitowaning Mill.

Ben Dewar

Ben Dewar is 18 years old and is proud to call Providence Bay home.

In September, Ben will be returning to Cambrian College for his final year of studies.

In his spare time Ben enjoys golfing, hiking, fishing, reading and volunteering in his community.

Ben says that his father Darren has had the biggest influence on his life. "He is loved in my household and the community and I would be pleased if I could have half as many friends as he has."

His favourite thing about Manitoulin is the sense of community. "From east to



Ben Dewar

west, there's always a friendly face around."

Ben shares that he is participating in the Ambassador program to be a help to the fair, first and foremost, but "winning would be an honour but the main win is helping out in the community."

Ben is sponsored by Mindemoya Home Hardware.

Alexis McVey

Alexis McVey is a 16-year-old from Evansville. She will be attending Grade 11 at Manitoulin Secondary School in the fall.



Alexis McVey

During her down time, Alexis loves to swim, read, walk her dogs, play sports and spend time with her family.

Alexis says her mom has been a major role model in

her life because "she raised me by myself, showed me strength where others would have folded and taught me some of the most valuable lessons."

"Winning the title of Ambassador of the Providence Bay Fair would mean I get to represent my home, family and give people a chance to get to know me and my desires, passion and love for Manitoulin Island."

Alexis' sponsor is Betty's Convenience.

Lexis Young

Lexis Young is vying for the title of Ambassador of the Fair.



Lexis Young

This 16-year-old from Spring Bay will be starting Grade 11 at Manitoulin Secondary School in the fall.

In her spare time, Lexis enjoys swimming, tubing, fishing and spending time with friends.

Lexis calls her grandfather her biggest role model "because he teaches me a lot on how to farm and how much work goes into it."

She calls the beautiful lakes and friendly communities her favourite things about Manitoulin.

Lexis says winning the title of Providence Bay Fair Ambassador would mean a lot "because my great grandma was a big part of the fair and although she passed, I think she would be very proud."

Lexis is sponsored by Stanley Park Campground.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Beaton Classic!

The Annual Beaton Classic is a swim, bike, paddle and run quadrathlon and is part of the Sudbury Fitness Challenge series of event held all year long. The Beaton had several Manitoulin participants. Aurel Fox-Recollet was the ringer runner for the Nickel Nuts in the four-men relay division. Aurel was the anchor for his team and finished with one of the top-5 times for the 7.5 km run allowing his team to finish first overall! Next up for Aurel will be the Masters' North American Indigenous Games in Ottawa next week. Good luck, Aurel.

Over in the canoe, young high schooler Dane Gibeault was also recruited as one of the best around in the paddling business. He paddled for the Sudbury Storm foursome with his top-five time for the 4km solo paddle.

In the water, Whitefish Falls' Tamara Flanagan swam the third overall fastest one kilometre swim to help her mixed four "Still not Dead Yet" first in their division.

was to stand so they would have the best chance to stop the ball from his own team's batter!

She wanted to make sure to thank the volunteers from Assiginack public school who worked all weekend providing food and drinks at the tournament, and a special shout out to Janet McCarville and Dawn Roque who took on the job of making it happen with the support of Assiginack Public School parents.

Jackie reserves the top accolades to the umpires. None of this would even be possible without the incredible umpires who stood out there in the hot sun, and wind and ensured these kids had great games. Ryan Stewart, Nathan Howard, Larry Harasym, Joe Cooper, Reuben Allen and Ron Cooper. They are truly the guys that made the tournament.

Pike Masters!

The August 12th edition of the Wiikwemkoong Anglers Pike Derby took place this past Saturday. The successful tourna-



Aurel Fox-Recollet was a ringer runner for the Nickel Nuts in the four-man relay division of the annual Beaton Classic.

Assiginack team Youth ball a huge success

In just its second year, the annual Assiginack Youth Ball Tournament was the place to be this past weekend. There were 11 teams in the tournament that ran from Thursday night to Sunday night and spectators filled the bleachers all day long.

Organizer Jackie White was again blown away that everyone was super positive and showed incredible sportsmanship. "From the players to the coaches to the spectators, it was all positive for four days of ball," she relayed. Her favourite part was when she watched the first base coach in the 12 and under division in the final game, suggesting where the opposing team

ments are a two-fish, combined length, live release tournament, so your video skills are also important. There must be a clear video of both the measuring and of the release.

On Saturday, the flotilla boated and released a ton of pike! Taking home some money for more lures and gas was Jr. Corbiere with \$335 thanks to his 73.75 inches of pike. Mike Assinewai was in second with 70.5" for \$200 and Casey Debassige pocketed \$135 for 66".

The derbies also earn money for the season ending Pike Masters championship pot! To date, there is a healthy \$2,129 that is slated to be shared this fall. For more information, check out the Wiikwemkoong Anglers Facebook page for important updates.

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

First annual Chip in Fore Kids golf tournament at Rainbow Ridge was a huge success!

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOWANING—Twenty-five four-member teams took part in Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFs) first annual “Chip in Fore Kids” charity golf tournament, held July 22 at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning.

“We are holding our first annual “Chip in Fore Kids” one day 18-hole tournament with four person teams in three divisions: men’s, ladies’ and mixed. The funds raised will be used to support KGCFs programming for our children and

youth and their families in activities within the Sudbury/Manitoulin region,” said Jessica Orr, communications and public relations person for KGCFs, prior to the tournament.

“We have a total of 25 teams (four players per team) taking part,” said Ms. Orr. “And we have four hole-in-one sponsors, and a grand prize of a 2022 Jeep Compass Trailhawk donated by Manitoulin Chrysler.”

“We also have three \$10,000 hole-in-one prizes donated by Wikwemikong Anglers, 3rd Line Studio



One of the men’s division teams at the Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFs) first annual Chip In Fore Kids charity golf tournament.

and Gen7 Fuel,” said Ms. Orr.

Denise Morrow, executive director of KGCFs

said, “Miigwech to all participants, sponsors and KGCFs employees who helped support this first agency charity event.”

In the men’s division the team of Travis Assiniwe, Chase Assiniwe, Shaun Assiniwai and Ryan Shawanda made up the winning team. In the women’s division the team made up of Kendra Madahbee, Charlene Assiniwai, Steph Corbiere and Ashley D. took top spot. Meanwhile in the mixed divisions the team made up of Kelly Abotoss-...continued on page 3A



A mixed division team who participated in the first annual Chip in Fore Kids charity golf tournament put on by Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course on July 22.



One of the ladies division teams that took part in the Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services first annual Chip in Fore Kids charity golf tournament.

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

FULL-TIME positions:

Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:

Finance Clerk: Closes August 18, 2023

Sudbury:

Family Finding Worker: Closes August 25, 2023

CONTRACT positions:

Manitoulin:

Youth in Transition Worker: Closes August 18, 2023

Education Support Worker: August 18, 2023

Sudbury:

Youth in Transition Casual Cook: August 18, 2023

After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes August 18, 2023

Sudbury or Manitoulin:

Wellness Coordinator: Closes August 25, 2023

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. All postings close at 4 pm EST.

To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

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

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 RN, RPN and PSW
 Manitoulin Centennial Manor**

Manitoulin Centennial Manor has openings for full- and part-time permanent care staff. Come and join our highly skilled caring team providing top quality care to our residents.

Responsibilities include:

Full direct care of residents that ranges from ensuring care is provided with established nursing standards and principles, physicians’ orders and administrative policies to assisting with activities of daily living and providing emotional and social support, depending on position.

Qualifications:

Appropriate current certificate of competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario required. Registration or eligible for registration with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

Completed a PSW program that meets the appropriate standards established by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, the National Association of Career Colleges, or the Ontario Community Support Association and must be a minimum of 600 hours in duration (including class time and practical experience time).

Compensation includes

Competitive wages, health and benefit package and pension.

Signing bonus and relocation bonus with free accommodations for up to six months.

For more information or to submit your resume, contact:

Sylvie Clark RN
 Director of Care
 Manitoulin Centennial Manor
 Address: 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
 Phone: 705-368-2710 | Fax: 705-368-2694
 Email: SClark@extendicare.com



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**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service
 Employment Opportunity – 1 Year Contract**

Position: Civilian Crisis Responder
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Reports to: Chief of Police

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Civilian Crisis Responder position.

Summary: The Crisis Responder will be responsible for helping individuals, families and the community in times of personal crisis as well as for cases of crisis prevention and education. The Crisis Responder will provide counselling and resources to help mitigate the effects of crisis situations including but not limited to family violence, police interventions and drug/alcohol related issues. This role will require to create accurate and detailed records and case notes as well as develop and maintain sustainable relationships with other professionals in the community.

The Crisis Responder will work as an integral part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide crisis response services to persons with disabilities. Using a clinical assessment and solution focused therapy methods, the Crisis Responder will provide immediate relief and stabilization to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma. This individual will be responsible for conducting on-site assessment of clients and the administration of individual and situational appropriate treatment. They will also provide recommendation and aid in the coordination of any necessary continued treatment plans.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Excellent human relations and interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism to members of the public and external agencies.
- Experience in crisis service considered an asset.
- Ability to multi-task in a fast-paced business environment.
- Knowledge of social, education and healthcare systems that case manage at risk individuals.
- Ability to exercise professional judgement, analyze and solve issues effectively in a variety of situations.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing and counselling skills.
- Interaction with clients in a sensitive, tactful, diplomatic and professional manner always.
- Advanced communication skills required, written and verbal.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide immediate care to individuals and families experiencing crisis and trauma through mobile crisis outreach.
- Conduct assessment of individuals with the ability to refer to the appropriate community organizations.
- Interview clients to assess situations and determine the types and level of services required.
- Assist in finding opportunities, solutions and resources to address the individual’s social and behavioural needs.
- Conduct on-site risk assessment and mental status examinations, determine risk of harm, required level of care and immediate treatment plan.
- De-escalate crisis through provision of immediate solution-focused therapy.
- Manage the transfer of client information to the receiving community organization, as per information sharing agreements.
- Liaise with a range of multi-disciplinary professionals who are involved in a client’s care, ensuring a smooth and coordinated approach, especially when multiple organizations are involved.
- Monitor and evaluate clients, provide follow-up and documentation to all parties.
- Respond to individuals and/or family members by telephone or on a walk-in basis to provide information and support for their needs and situation.
- Other case management duties as assigned.

Basic Requirements:

- College diploma in related field or other considered an asset.
- Minimum Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.
- 3 – 5 years of previous work experience in the social work field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass a background check.
- Provide proof a copy of Covid-19 Double Vaccination record from Ministry of Health

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

**CONFIDENTIAL – Crisis Responder
 A/Staff Sgt. Operations Manager – Chris Wesley
 christopher.wesley@wtps.ca
 Posting Deadline: August 25, 2023 at 4:00pm**

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed at the request of the applicant. Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire.

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away, Cheryl Audette, Denis Audette and Lana Neville took top spot.

There were also several side game winners included in the day's events. The prize for the men's longest drive was won by Arron Assinewai on the seventh hole and Travis Assiniwe on the 18th hole. On the women's side Justine

Keeshig had the longest drive on the seventh hole while Kathleen Migwanabi won the prize for longest drive on the 18th hole.

There were also prizes for the closest shot to the pin. On the men's side Denis Audette won the prize on the second hole with Shaun Assinewai winning for the 11th hole. Cheryl Audette was the winner in the women's division on

the second hole, while Carlene Assinewai was the winner for the t-shot closest to the pin on the 11th hole.

Jarrold Shawanda won the putting challenge with a putting total of 250.

After the tournament everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner with a local harvested meal in DDCX Kitchen prepared by Chief Joseph Shawana.

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Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT)
MCFHT is looking to fill the following position:
1 Full Time – Social Worker

Position Summary

- Provide counselling, support, and system navigation to a wide range of patient population, at different stages of life, including adolescents, new parents, patients with new life-changing medical diagnosis and the elderly.
- Provide psycho-social assessments, cognitive-behavioural therapy and advocacy for patients and families where required and appropriate.
- Work collaboratively with the primary care team to support patients with advance care planning conversations, support with transitioning from independent living to supported living and assisting with conducting capacity and cognitive assessment where required and appropriate.
- Conduct poverty screening with patients to support intervention, which may include working with patients to complete social assistance applications, income augmentation applications and other community social services or funding opportunities.
- Support and resources to patients struggling with addictions or substance abuse.
- Support patients in system navigation across community-based and professional services and programs appropriate to the needs of the patient.
- Provide house calls and community outreach visits when appropriate.
- Provide culturally safe and respectful services.
- Provide services virtual and in person as appropriate.

Qualifications

- Bachelor's or master's degree in social work
- Registration in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers
- Demonstrated experience working in a counselling capacity with patients and families who have multiple service needs.
- 3-5 years' experience in counselling/therapy, preferably in a community setting, would be an asset.
- Familiar with the broad range of community and social services available in the Manitoulin District.
- Demonstrated cultural competency and experience with patient or system navigation.

Please submit resume to:
Manitoulin Central Family Health Team
 PO Box 150
 Mindemoya, Ontario
 POP 1S0
 Attn: **Lori Oswald**
 Fax: 1-855-908-2517
 Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca

Please reply in writing no later than **4:00 pm, August 18, 2023.**
 Only those selected for an interview will be contacted

Guardian **Employment Opportunity**
Dispensary Assistants

The Mindemoya and Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacies are both looking for Dispensary Assistants.

Looking for someone to provide general assistance with daily pharmacy duties.

Take prescriptions from customers in person and over the phone.

Package, label and dispense medications.

Keep up with inventory and restocking.

Training will be provided.

Please submit resumes in person or send to ashminpharm@outlook.com.



Abilities Case Management Advisor

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for an **Abilities Case Management Advisor.**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Friday August 25, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



Manitoulin Hotel
Conference Centre

Job Posting

Experienced Kitchen Line Cook: Full-Time x 2

Salary TBD \$32,000.00 to \$40,000.00, benefits, Room & Board available.

Work Setting
 Hotel Restaurant

Specific Skills

Responsible for executing all menu items while meeting presentation and timing standards, assisting others in the kitchen, and maintaining a clean, well-stocked and organized work area. Able to communicate well with a wide variety of people in person, take pride in appearance, take pride in the presentation of your meals, can multi task and have a sense of urgency and are attentive to detail.

Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.)

Safe Food Handlers

Security and Safety

Bondable

Essential Skills

Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education

Completion of high school

Please apply in person between 9:00 am-5:00 pm with resume to:

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

66 Meredith St E

Little Current, ON

POP 1K0

Or email to:

gm@manitoulinhotel.com

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION
PART-TIME JOB POSTING
Bus Driver



JOB PURPOSE:

We have an opening for a 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.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or GED preferred
- B licence required
- Experience driving a school bus
- Clean driving record (driver's abstract must be provided)
- Successful candidate must provide clear Vulnerable 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 email, fax or in person to:

Attn: Kevin Mishibinjima, O&M Manager

Sheguiandah First Nation

142 Ogemah Miikan

Sheguiandah, ON

POP 1W0

Or fax to: 705-368-3697

For inquiries, please contact Kevin at (705) 968-0644

DEADLINE TO APPLY: August 18, 2023 @ 12:00 P.M.

Tour de Barrie Island celebrates 33th anniversary with ‘In search of Sandhill cranes’

by Tom Sasvari

BARRIE ISLAND—The Tour de Barrie Island ‘In Search of Sandhill Cranes’ is one of the many long-standing traditional events that takes place on Manitoulin Island every summer.

This year’s event marked its 33rd anniversary and took place as it always does on the Saturday of the Civic Holiday weekend, August 5.

“There are so many new people this year and a lot of the people that started this event are now gone,” said Carolyn Lane-Rock, one of the main organizers of the



The Tour de Barrie Island included Carolyn Lane-Rock, centre, who was joined by her sister Gloria Tuck and Grace Turner.

event. She explained Jessica Lonsdale’s mom, Jean Hanson, had been to Barrie Island where my husband Bill and I had a cottage. “We were good friends with Jean and Bob.”

“A lot of Jean and our friends from Sudbury wanted to come to visit, but we felt it would make sense to have them all come at once for an event,” said Ms. Lane-Rock. “That is where the idea of this bicycle ride



Participants in the Tour de Barrie Island pause for a photo before the start of the event.

and supper afterwards originated.”

Ms. Hanson and Ms. Lane-Rock made the shirts for what became the annual event, and Bob Hanson drew a map of the routes that could be taken by everyone who wanted to take part in the event through Barrie Island by bicycle ride, walking or running.

“One year we had a writer from Cottage Life come out to cover our event,” said Ms. Lane-Rock. “The writer told us that we needed to have binoculars on hand the next year so could see the sandhill cranes. So we did, and we didn’t see any cranes that year,” she quipped.

“Jessica first took part in the event when she was eight years-old and her brother Russell was one,” said Ms. Lane-Rock.

There was a very good turnout for this year’s event, with Ms. Lane-Rock pointing out that Allison Godwin, one of the main organizers of the event encouraged many of her friends to come from Sudbury to take part.

This year’s Tour de Barrie Island drew a total of 21 bicyclists, four walkers and

one runner. Participants saw a total of 32 sandhill cranes during the event. There was 31 people on hand for a dinner held after the tour event.

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COOK and DIETARY AIDE Manitoulin Centennial Manor

Looking for an enthusiastic energetic person to join our team of dietary professionals at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility, located in Little Current, ON \$22.00 per hour plus benefits and pension or 17% in lieu of benefits.

Reporting to the Dietary Manager, the cook prepares and serves food for the residents (dinner, sauces, desserts etc.), cleans production area and equipment.

Reporting to the Dietary Manager, the dietary aide helps prepare and serves food for the residents, cleans dishes, kitchen and dining room.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS, WE WILL ALSO TRAIN THE RIGHT PERSON.

- Safe Food Handlers Certificate
- Food Service Worker certification
- Experience in institutional large quantity cooking
- Ability to work safely, following established safety practices and procedures
- Ability to read and write English, and understand verbal and written instructions in English
- Proven ability to provide direction and lead others within a busy environment.

Interested applicants may forward their resume to the attention of:

Kim McFarlane: kimcfarlane@extendicare.com

OR

Don Cook: docook@extendicare.com



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications for the position of

By-law Officer


Approximately 15 - 20 Hours/Week
Salary: \$30.00/Hour

Please submit your application to the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m. September 1, 2023.

Stasia Carr, Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
PO Box 590, 15 Water Street
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
705-282-2420 ext. 2
scarr@gorebay.ca

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.


The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.



JOB POSTING

Student Support Teacher for the 2023-2024 School Year

Full-Time: Monday-Friday (40 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 and prepare for tests and advocate on their behalf. This individual must possess: a degree in education or equivalency; experience working with elementary school children in a classroom environment; knowledge and understanding of Google operating systems, iPads, Chrome Books, Smart Boards and educational applications is required for this position.

RESPONSIBILITIES:


- Assist students to learn and understand concepts, assist with completion of assignments.
- Work directly with students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 at Little Current Public School.
- Work in collaboration with students, parents, teachers at LCPS, AOKFN Education Counsellor, Band Manager and Chief and Council.
- Provide knowledge and instruction to students while helping develop positive educational skills.
- Provide individualized instruction to each student advocating for the implementation of IEPs (if applicable.)
- Working knowledge and understanding of technology and computer skills.
- Access and record students’ progress and provide monthly reports and feedback to Ed. Counsellor.
- Collaborate with teachers and principal from LCPS regarding AOKFN students needs, challenges and strengths.
- Participate in meetings as directed with teachers, parents, AOKFN Education, Band Manager and Chief and Council.
- Plan and execute educational daily in-class and outdoor activities and events.
- Create an orderly and pleasant learning environment, for students.
- 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, a photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials and three (3) references with phone numbers to:

Attention: Student Support Teacher for 2023-24 School Year
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 22, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m.



JOB POSTING

STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR (Part I)

10 Month Part-time Contract



Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation is seeking a Project Coordinator to deliver the Niigaan Gdizhaamii – Student Success – Part 1 series. This contract is for 50 hours over a 10-month period, September 11, 2023 – June 14, 2024, coordinating and delivering 20 workshops – 2 per month for Youth ages 12 -20 years.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12 OSSGD diploma minimum or post-secondary graduate in education, social services or related field.
- A valid driver’s licence, first-aid, and CPR training (or willing to take training).
- Excellent communication skills, written and oral.
- Excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office software to prepare promotional materials.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Must be able to work independently.
- Must be able to work flexible hours, which includes evenings and/or weekends.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Meeting the objectives set out in the established work plan.
- Plan and prepare two workshops per month from September 2023 – June 2024. One (1) educational/awareness workshop and one (1) cultural workshop/activity, per month.
- Maintain participation numbers for each activity.
- Maintain a list of skills developed, building of relationships, connections with educators, students, parents/families and community/band members.
- Develop a series of workshops/activities, develop themes of workshops, list resources required i.e wellness professionals, resource people/Elders, materials/supplies required.
- Complete a project report and make recommendations for Part II.

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) current work references with phone numbers to:

ATTENTION: NIIGAAN GDIZHAAMII – STUDENT SUCCESS
13 HILL STREET
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Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

DEADLINE DATE: Tuesday, August 22, 2023 @ 4:00pm.
There will be no return of submissions.