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Manitoulin's last WWII veteran turns 100!



JUSTIN ROY CELEBRATED ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY—Justin Roy, seated, is Manitoulin's sole surviving WWII veteran, and the oldest member of M'Chigeeng First Nation. He celebrated his 100th birthday at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 in Little Current on the evening of Monday, August 19—the precise date of his birthday—surrounded by family and friends. The vet had another party to attend on Tuesday, this time at his home community of M'Chigeeng. Mr. Roy resides in Arizona, but makes the trip home almost every year. He's surrounded by, from left, Braddon Taibossigai, Lisa Corbiere-Addison, Sandra Taibossigai, Wallace Corbiere and Linda Debassige, Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation. Please see next week's paper for story and more photos. **photo by Jacqueline St. Pierre**

Wiikwemkoong chooses Tim Ominika as chief in upset election victory

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
WIKWEMKOONG—Changes are afoot in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory as a new chief and seven new councillors were elected Saturday.



Chief Tim Ominika

The First Nation held its bi-annual election for the two-year term, naming Tim Ominika as the new chief. Mr. Ominika, a mental health and addictions specialist with the Anishinabek Nation, ran on a four-pillar platform: economic development and sovereignty; cultural preservation and revitalization; education and youth empowerment; and health and wellbeing. Mr. Ominika won with 418 votes, topping former chief Rachel Manitowabi by 58 of 1,050 eligible votes cast.

holds elections for one chief and 12 councillors every two years. Additionally, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has been making efforts to implement its own election laws.

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory elects one chief and 12 councillors for two years under the Indian Act's electoral system. The community is working on implementing its own election law. In 2014, the First Nation ratified its constitution, Wiikwemkoong Gchi Naaknigewin, enshrining band members' rights.

Wiikwemkoong has undergone significant changes as a new chief, Tim Ominika, and seven new councillors have been elected. The community

Among the elected councillors, incumbent members Lorraine Fox (416 votes), Ralph Gonawabi (352 votes), Frances Mandamin (337), Lyle Peltier (354), and Marcia Trudeau Bomberry (306) were re-elected. Additionally, seven new councillors were elected to the council: John Dube (317), Bernadine Frances (452), Gerrilyn Manitowabi (321), Darcy Solomon (286), Mary Jo Wabano (387), Gladys Wakegijig (374), and Kevin Wassegijig (289).

Frequency of bridge failures raises concern

by **Alicia McCutcheon**
LITTLE CURRENT—Following two significant mechanical malfunctions in recent weeks, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) closed the Little Current swing bridge to marine traffic for 28 hours from Thursday, August 15 to Friday, August 16. A breakdown in the swinging mechanism also caused the

bridge to be closed to vehicular traffic for some time Thursday and Friday which saw huge backups of traffic down both Highways 6 and 540 at Little Current and Highway 6 north of the bridge.

The most recent breakdown also caused Bay Estates resident Tony Ferro to pen a petition on Change.org, specifically to Ontario Premier Doug

For and Canada's Minister of Transport, Pablo Rodriguez.

"Dear Premier Ford, We, the undersigned residents and supporters of Manitoulin Island, are writing to express our urgent concern regarding the deteriorating condition of the historic Manitoulin Island Swing Bridge, which serves as the only link between Manitoulin Island and Highway 6, which ultimately turns into the Trans-Canada Highway 17 connecting Manitoulin Island residents to the rest of the north and beyond," the petition begins.

"In the past six months alone there have been consistent mechanical breakdowns during which the bridge could not function and thereby making it impossible to access or leave Manitoulin Island. These breakdowns also limited the ability of boaters to access the North Channel.

"This vital piece of infrastructure has reached a critical point of disrepair, making it increasingly unreliable for residents, emergency services and tourists alike. The effects of this situation extend beyond inconvenience; they pose serious safety risks and threaten the economic stability of our community."

and resign his position. This comes after an arbitration decision between the Ontario NDP Caucus and the Canadian and Professional Employees Union (CUPE) Local 343 was shared earlier this month which indicated why the MPP had been removed from the NDP caucus over alleged workplace harassment.

"A year and a half ago, Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, was removed from the ONDP Caucus as an independent, confidential investigation into 'workplace misconduct' was undertaken. While details were sparse at the time, he was alleged to have been in contravention of the party's harassment, violence, and discrimination policy. Our anti-harassment statement is read and recommitted to at

NDP riding association demanding MPP Mike Mantha's resignation

by **Tom Sasvari**
ALGOMA-MANITOULIN—The Algoma-Manitoulin Riding Association is calling on MPP Michael Mantha to be accountable to his constituents

CUPE declares Ont. healthcare

now in crisis mode

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
ONTARIO—A new peer-reviewed study has raised alarm about the deteriorating conditions faced by Ontario's hospital workers, most of whom are women and many of whom are from racialized communities. The report, titled 'Running on Empty,' highlights the severe staffing crisis that is undermin-

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PROV BAY FAIR AMBASSADOR AND HER COURT—There were four in the running for the Fair Ambassador title, from left, Lexi Young, Alexis McVey who was selected 'Miss Congeniality,' Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, selected as 2024 Fair Ambassador and Hannah McDonald, who was first runner-up. **FOR MORE PROV BAY FAIR, SEE PAGES 20-21.**

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The Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Elders unveiled their first billboard in Sagamok last week aimed at putting an end to aerial herbicide spraying.

MHC sees increase in base funding

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has received its funding allocation from the province, which shows an increase in base funding and one-time funding allocations. However, wage arbitration awards from Bill 124 are currently only funded for part of the year, currently.

“At this point the announcement is not good or bad,” said Eric Theriault, vice-president corporate support service and chief financial officer of MHC. “It’s better at this time of the year versus the prior year, with the hospital deficit projected to be significantly lower. But we only have half the story thus far.”

Mr. Theriault explained, “We have received new base funding from the province in the amount of \$1,553,300 and one-time funding of \$1,363,400, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. The base funding includes an across the board increase for small hospitals, small and northern hospitals stabilization funds and wage arbitration awards from April 2024 to September 2024 only.”

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TEK Elders launch billboard campaign to end aerial glyphosate spraying in forestry

SAGAMOK FIRST NATION—Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Elders have initiated a powerful education campaign aimed at ending the use of glyphosate-based herbicides in forestry. The campaign was launched with a ceremony in Sagamok First Nation, where TEK Elders gathered to unveil the first of twenty billboards that will be erected across the Robinson Huron Treaty lands. These billboards, featuring the message “Glyphosate Kills All,” alongside an illustration of a moose, are part of a broader effort to raise awareness about the harmful effects of glyphosate on the environment.

Elder Caroline Recollet of Wiikwemkoong, a spokesper-

son for the TEK Elders, emphasized the deep connection between the land and the health of Indigenous communities. “Ontario has an obligation to respect our treaty rights,” she stated. “When forests are converted to plantations, all life is affected – we share these lands with all Creation.”

Ms. Recollet reflected on her involvement in the movement, inspired by the work of Elder Raymond Owl, a co-founder of the TEK Elders Group. “I have a passion for this work, protecting the land,” she said. “I watched Ray from a distance when he got this TEK Elders work going over a decade ago... I feel called to the work that they were doing... our connection with the land, what hap-

pens to Mother Earth happens to our bodies, and we are all very sick.”

The TEK Elders have been advocating against the use of glyphosate in forestry for over a decade. They have observed alarming changes in the ecosystems, particularly the decline of moose, deer, muskrat, and other wildlife as glyphosate is used to convert mixed forests into jack pine plantations. The Elders have called for an immediate moratorium on glyphosate use, a stance supported by a 2017 declaration signed by 22 First Nation chiefs.

“The TEK Elders continue to uphold expert land-based Indigenous scientific knowledge on our traditional for-

ests,” Ms. Recollet said. “We know that we are dependent on the health of Mother Earth. Our way of life comes from the lands, and if the lands are sick, so is all life. We are seeing increasing numbers of our people and animals dying from cancer, tumors and chronic

Town of Gore Bay will take over Lodge on July 1 next year

by Tom Sasvari
 GORE BAY—Gore Bay town council has released the due diligence condition in an agreement to accept the donation of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home property from Jarlette Health Services effective July 1, 2025. At that time, Gore Bay will lease the facility to the new operator, St. Joseph’s Health Care, until a new building is constructed.

“As council is aware, we signed an agreement with Jarlette to help facilitate and develop the new nursing home building and take on ownership of the current building,” Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane explained at a council meeting last week. “In the agreement there was a condition that needed to be satisfied.” The due diligence conditions conducted included an internal inspection by the town of the building. A full report was carried out by a third party and insurance is available for the property.

Mayor Lane said the internal inspection of the building revealed no major concerns. “The unknowns with the mechanical system is

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Island fibre artist Judy Martin exhibits at ‘Festival of the Quilts’ Birmingham, England

by Michael Erskine
 SHEGUIANDAH—Fibre artist Judy Martin is no stranger to international quilt exhibitions and awards, having been invited to participate in many over the years where she has garnered quite a harvest of accolades for the glory wall.

The artist has just returned from a solo exhibition in Birmingham, England where, not only did her innovative artistic fibre creations go on display, but Ms. Martin was also one of an international group of artists asked to speak and teach at The Festival of Quilts.

Launched in 2003 in partnership with England’s The Quilters’ Guild as a hub for people from all over the world to come

together and share their passion for quilting. The Festival of Quilts is now the biggest quilting show in Europe, with over 22,000 quilting fanatics from around the globe attending this year. The festival is also home to the largest open quilt competition in the world, has the largest programme of workshops and talks offered anywhere in Europe and hosts some of the leading quilt artists from around the globe.

“For nearly forty years, Judith E Martin’s earthy, understated textiles have been exhibited and loved in solo and group exhibitions. Her hand-stitched quilt, Underfoot the Earth Divine, won honorable mention in the Fine Art Textile Award Shortlist exhibition in the 2022 festival and Judy returns in 2024 with a solo exhibition of naturally dyed, two-sided quilts. A self-taught quilter and proponent of the aesthetics of care and poetry in the practice of quilting, Martin holds two fine art BA degrees (Lakehead 1993 and Middlesex 2012). Her long-lasting and popular blog, Judy’s Journal gives this artist from Manitoulin Island, Canada, an international voice,” reads her speaker’s bio for the festival.

“I had 14 pieces on display,” noted Ms. Martin. She had originally been approached by the festival for 2023, but felt she needed time to put together enough new work for the show. “I could have entered my old work,” admitted Ms. Martin, but she decided to approach the show with new works. So it was she set about creating the collection that would come to be known as ‘Softer and Dreamier.’”

Ms. Martin said she was delighted with the way her work was displayed at the show. “My work is usually two-sided,” she said. Following consultation with the curation designer for the show, he went on to build walls with hollow centres that

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Movie shot on Manitoulin Island included at Cinefest

MANITOULIN—A film shot on Manitoulin Island will be presented at the annual Cinefest film festival in Sudbury next month.

The Sault Star reported that Dada, a film shot on Manitoulin, tells the story of Kai (Ciara Alexys) on the eve of her 16th birthday and her divorced father Adam (James Gilbert). They drive around the perimeter of a nuclear power plant, reading books and creating seemingly harmless nonsense games.

Aaron Poole’s debut feature film is a story that invokes the erosion of language, the failure of mentorship and the threat of the abyss.

The 36th edition of Cinefest Sudbury International Film Festival takes place September 14-22 at SilverCity.

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Manitowaning man cycling for Manitoulin Food Bank

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOWANING—A new resident to Manitowaning will be riding his bicycle from Manitowaning to Mindemoya later this month, encouraging local residents, both permanent and seasonal, to put non-perishable cans of food in three locations along the route, which will take him to the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) food bank to help replenish and enhance their stock of food and water for the winter.

“We got everything signed off and the ride is going to take place on August 31,” said Joseph Caulfield, who moved to Manitowaning in May with his wife Katharine. “I will be riding my bicycle from Manitowaning to Mindemoya to the Manitoulin Food Bank in Mindemoya.”

Mr. Caulfield, who owns a bicycle company on the Island, “Bike Whizzards” which provides sales, repairs, service and guided tours, grew up in London, England. When the couple moved into their home in Manitowaning, they found that the previous owners had left many good items like kayaks and food, that they donated to the food bank.

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opinion

editorial

Bridge replacement timelines silence is unconscionable

The growing outrage over the constant breakdowns of the swing bridge at Little Current, that remains the Island's only full season access, has engendered recent online petitions calling on the replacement of the bridge to be moved forward. What do we want, we want a bridge, when do we want it? We want it now!

For a party that is eying up expansion in the North, Doug Ford's Progressive Conservatives, it is puzzling that they are continuing to hold Manitoulin electors in contempt. That is a perception that is growing across the Island, as commuters seeking off-Island medical appointments and other goods and services that they cannot source in their home communities, are stymied by sudden and unpredicted closures.

Certainly, as reported in the pages of this newspaper earlier this year, the replacement of the Manitoulin swing bridge was mentioned in the recent provincial budget—but that was essentially all the information Doug Ford's government has provided a travel-weary public.

This is a disgraceful lack of transparency, placed against the assurances provided to The Expositor by Premier Ford when he was seeking his first mandate, that his government would 'cut through the red tape' and just "build the thing." Assurances of swift and decisive action comparable to his promise to build a road to the Ring of Fire "if I have to get on the bulldozer myself" and assurances that his government would "end hallway medicine."

That first election in 2018 secured Mr. Ford a majority mandate, thereby placing under his hand the near total power conferred by our parliamentary system to such victors. This electoral victory cleared away any significant obstacles that might be strewn in his path by Ontario's opposition parties. A second election in 2022 did the same.

Since then, Premier Ford has throughout spent literally billions of dollars on building superhighways through Greenbelt lands, while offering up the dubious opportunity for underage youth to access alcohol through the thousands of corner stores and groceries across the province. But of our earnestly promised expedited bridge—it's

been crickets in the halls of power.

Therein, as they say, lies the rub.

That is not to say there has been no progress. To be fair, the "red tape" studies so reviled by the then Mr. Ford have been completed. Lands have been expropriated (or are close to being so) for the entry and egress of the new bridge. We have been assured the detailed design phase for the new swing bridge is underway.

So, why the silence? There is little doubt that timelines are in play. The government bureaucracies know roughly when the new bridge is anticipated to be in place.

In fairness, a two-lane swing bridge does not get built in a day. It takes time, a lot of time, to ensure that the new structure is safe, secure and ready to serve for a century like its predecessor. But it is the silence that is so very frustrating for Island residents.

Oh, to be sure, travelling across the Island to arrive at a swing bridge that is stuck in mid-swing is annoying (and potentially life-threatening), but the contempt inherent in the silence of the Tories is helping to fuel an anger that will do little to encourage Manitoulin Island electors to vote blue. Perhaps we can anticipate some new and exciting promises when Premier Ford drops his highly anticipated early writ and plunges us all into an unnecessary election cycle—just to be able to leverage the personal unpopularity of the current federal prime minister. Who knows? Certainly, Islanders don't.

In the meantime, Manitoulin Island residents, many of them elderly and vulnerable, are left having to decide if they should travel to their off-Island appointments a day early to ensure they might arrive on time. Getting those appointments was a challenge in the first place thanks to the provincial government dropping the ball on healthcare.

Premier Doug Ford owes Manitoulin a clear answer as to when actual construction on the new bridge will begin and when it will be completed, an answer at least as clear and assertive as his promise of six years ago. Otherwise, perhaps Hydro One should look into harnessing the abundant hot air emanating from our current premier.

letter

The irony of the official embracing of a carcinogen

Does eradication of phragmites merit use of glysohate?

To the Expositor:

Honesty is difficult if you are afraid to offend, or something like that. Fact: on January 29, 2024 a jury awarded \$2.25 billion to a man who contracted cancer from glyphosate aka Roundup.

Fact: flora and fauna have been migrating across continents for millennia. Starlings, sparrows, brown trout etc etc are some of hundreds of examples. Within one or two previous generations, we too have migrated to this marvelous island. We are all phragmites, no?

So now big business and government have colluded to attack these plants, which I cannot even find, with a proven cancer causing carcinogen.

We all know that these thoughts will not be printed. Government narratives are always gospel, no matter the facts. Although I sincerely hope that you will not put babies in ovens because the government told you.

**Tommy Lough
Tehkummah**

Lake Kagawong stocked with over 6,000 walleye fingerlings

LAKE KAGAWONG—Thanks to the efforts of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC) and its many supporters, Lake Kagawong received 6,154 healthy walleye fingerlings on August 15.

Once again, this year, club volunteers, over the past 52 consecutive days nurtured tiny 0.2 gram summer pond fingerlings to a 7.02 gram average weight (or 3-4 inch length).

"These much larger young



The Gore Bay Fish and Game Club stocked 6,154 healthy walleye fingerlings in Lake Kagawong last week.



walleye will virtually guarantee a better chance of survival for these fish so they can reach maturity," said GBFGC club secretary Ian Anderson.

Mr. Anderson explained, "expansion of this fishery is our long-term goal. It has taken a lot of help from many to reach this successful stock-

ing day in 2024."

The volunteers who, over the summer months took time to daily monitor and feed the fish, along with cleaning equipment so the fish stayed healthy and grew, included: Randy German, Paul Leclair, Paul Soucie, Doug Knechtel, Doug Weddle, Pat Leveille, Gordon Brown and Barry Wall.

The GBFGC would also like to acknowledge the Blue Jay Hatchery staff and manager for supplying the initial fish to rear and for their ongoing advice and the Sudbury Ministry of Natural Resources and Fisheries (MNR) office for their stocking approval as well as the townships of Billings and Gordon/Barrie Island which made financial contributions to the program. The town of Gore Bay had previously donated their hatchery building to the GBFGC and have provided ongoing long-term administration support.

"Our club alone could not do this without all of their help," said Mr. Anderson.

History Day in Kagawong hears tragic recounting of ill-fated Rhu

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—While it is one of the most gut-wrenching stories Mike Strobel has ever heard in his over 40 years as a journalist, columnist and editor, the story of the tragic *The Rhu* (in which four people from two families lost their lives) through the words of one of the survivors, Jim Huffman, lived through is also about courage and redemption.

"I'm here to do present the tragedy part of the theme 'Tragedy and Triumph on Lake Huron,' said Mr. Strobel in a presentation he made at the annual History Day in Kagawong event August 8.

"About 12 years ago, I wrote a column in the *Toronto Sun* about getting my leaky old canoe blessed at the little white church just down the road from here (Park Centre) and I made reference to the long history of shipwrecks in these waters, and I mentioned the *Rhu*. Just a couple of lines in passing," said Mr. Strobel. "I knew very little about the wreck, really. Just that it happened in 1965 off my shore at Maple Point, about 10 kilometres from where we are now and that four passengers on the cabin cruised died, including two little girls and their mom."

"One of the people who read that column, in Toronto, was Jim Huffman, the dad of those two little girls and the husband of their mom, a man who survived the wreck, but who lost his whole family in the process."

"Jim got in touch and wanted to talk about, after all these years, nearly half a century at that point. He had a new family with two grown kids and even they knew precious little about what had happened all those years ago in the North Channel," said Mr. Strobel.

"So, a (*Toronto Sun*) photograph and I went up to the long-term care centre on Christie Street in Toronto where Jim was in the later stages of Parkinson's disease," said Mr. Strobel. "We talked for more than one hour. You could barely hear him, but, believe me, we hung on every word. I think it's one of the great tragedies of Manitoulin Island even of the North, something Shakespeare might have written. It has all the elements, including mystery, awful choices, bad luck, struggle, sorrow, and guilt. Lots of guilt, then finally, some redemption."

Mr. Strobel explained that in August 1965, so almost 60 years ago, the *Rhu* with her six passengers was en route from Little Current to Gore Bay on a weekend outing when she ran aground on Middle Bank, which is a shoal just west of Mudge Bay. Carolyn (Mr. Strobel's wife) and I can see that shoal from our place on McQuarrie Road. "Onboard, all from Sudbury, were Jim and Shirley Huffman, 30 and 31 years of age respectively, their daughters Catherine, four, and Karen, 2, and their friends Wynn and Bonnie Rhydwen, 50 and 43 years old. Over the next two days, a storm blew up and they roped themselves together and abandoned ship, four of the six died, both of the little girls and Shirley and Wyn. Jim and Bonnie, exhausted and heart-sick finally washed up on a tiny island after 16 hours in the water."

"So, there you have the headline news version of the *Rhu* story. Now, let's get into more details. First, let me introduce the characters in this great tragedy, starting with the boat itself," said Mr. Strobel.



Mike Strobel of Kagawong told the tragic story of the *Rhu*, in which four of six people in two families lost their lives in August 1965.

Mr. Strobel showed a photo of the *Rhu*, as the *Arno*. The previous owners found the *Arno* too difficult to manoeuvre through the shallows around their cottage, so they sold the *Arno* to the Rhydwns and Huffmans early in 1965 and she became the *Rhu*.

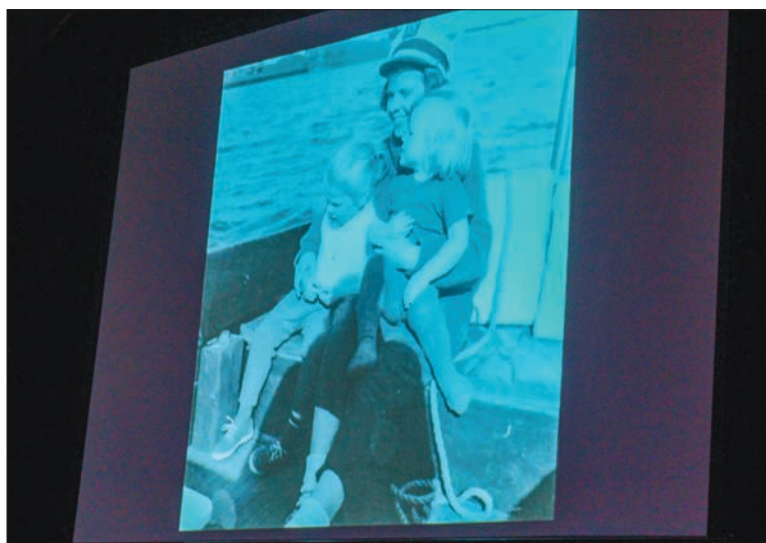
He showed a video of a sister boat of the *Rhu*, another *Chris-Craft Cruiser Deluxe* which had been constructed a few years earlier. "She's a beautiful boat, 26 feet long. All gleaming mahogany from the Philippines. Normally, she slept four, though the *Rhu* had two extra little bunks for the girls."

"An odd detail was that the draft on the earlier boat was 20 inches, but by the time production got to the *Rhu*, the bow had been slightly rounded, and the draft was 22 inches," said Mr. Strobel. "God only knows if those two inches would have made a difference given the fate that awaited the *Rhu* and her crew."

He then presented a slide photo of the six people on board the *Rhu* for her final voyage. "Of the two families, I now the most about the Huffmans," Mr. Strobel said in showing a photo Jim Huffman and Shirley Colling at their wedding at Lowville, Ontario, now part of Burlington, in 1957. "This is her as a bride, with little sister Pauline as maid of honour. I had a nice long talk with Pauline, who now lives in Maryland. She's in her 80's. She told me how Shirley excelled at piano, and won high school awards in physics, music, and art. After all these years, it's pretty clear the two sisters were exceptionally close, and Shirley remains a big influence in Pauline's life."

Mr. Strobel said, "Pauline told me, 'She liked having me around, and that's not always the case with a big sister and little sister. She was someone I wanted to be. I looked up to here. She was an ideal, and she had naturally curly hair and I didn't.' Shirley had a Manitoulin connection long before the *Rhu* having a summer job as a teen at Treasure Island, the resort you probably know on Lake Mindemoya."

"Shirley and Jim met at the University of Toronto," said Mr. Strobel. "Jim was from Leamington. They were a bit of an odd couple, sort of Mutt and Jeff. Jim was this burly teddy bear of a guy and Shirley this beautiful blue-eyed and very popular girl. Pauline says Jim was the husky, protective type of man and Shirley like that. They also bonded over shared



Shirley Huffman and daughters Catherine and Karen just days before they would all be part of the tragedy of the *Rhu* in August 1965.

interest in music, and also in the north. Shirley had summer jobs at northern resorts. Jim was a boater and outdoorsman. And they both became teachers. Jim at high schools, Shirley with younger kids. Eventually, Jim landed as a music teacher at Lockerby high school in Sudbury. They lived not far from Lake Ramsay. And, as often happened in the 50's and 60's, their own kids soon arrived. Catherine, then Karen.

"In Sudbury, Jim and Shirley joined the Canadian Power Squadron, which as you may know is an organization that instructs boaters in safety and navigation, where they befriended Wyn and Bonnie Rhydwen."

"I've been able to find much less about the Rhydwns," said Mr. Strobel. "I found their marriage certificate from wartime Halifax. They wed in June 1943. Bonnie Carmichael was a local Haligonian girl, 21. Believe it or not she was classified as a 'spinster' on the marriage certificate. I don't think that would happen today. Wynn was 28, an engineering officer in the Navy, eventually making lieutenant. He won a heroism medal in 1947 for saving a swimmer in the Atlantic off Nova Scotia, a bit of irony, given his fate."

Wyn and Bonnie had a son, Brian. "After the war, Wyn joined Canadian Press and also worked for the old Halifax Mail and in public relations with the fisheries ministry. Before enlisting in the Navy, he had been a cub reporter for the *Globe and Mail* in Toronto, in Toronto, where his dad, Caradog Rhydwen, had been suburban editor and also the author of the definitive history book about Scarborough. Eventually, he moved his little family

back to Toronto from Halifax."

"In November 1963, son Brian, 19, was walking home in Scarborough along Old Kingston road, near my old neighbourhood, when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver, an off-duty postman," said Mr. Strobel. "You could say it was a prelude to the even greater tragedy that lay just a few months ahead. Perhaps to escape their grief, the Rhydwns moved to Sudbury in 1964, Wyn as financial editor of the *Sudbury Star* and Bonnie as a cashier at the newspaper. They joined forces with their new friends the Huffmans to buy a boat, the *Rhu*."

"So, now that you know the main characters in this Shakespearean tragedy, let's turn to what happened to them, back in August 1965. They Huffmans had spent a week or so cruising up the east coast of Georgian Bay in their new boat from Midland to Pointe au Baril to Killarney. It was the *Rhu*'s first full trip as the *Rhu*, other than a couple of weekend outings earlier that summer. The weather was perfect. The *Rhu* left Beaverstone Bay east of Killarney on August 21 to pick up the Rhydwns in Little Current for a weekend of cruising the North Channel."

"With their two families now on board, the cabin cruiser departed Little Current for Gore Bay. A beautiful, calm late summer afternoon. As they rounded Maple Point at the west side of Mudge Bay around 6 pm, they were headed directly into the blinding sun. Of the four adults, Bonnie had by far the least boating experience. But she was at the wheel. There was a reason for that. The others regularly got her to steer to keep her occupied. They were trying to pull her out of the dark and angry place she had

been in since her son was killed by that drunk driver. So, it was Bonnie who piloted the boat around Maple Point. Jim and Wyn had done the chart work and they knew about Middle Bank. They spent a lot of time peering through binoculars for the shoals' red marker and finally spotted it, but it wasn't where it was supposed to be, apparently torn free by an earlier storm."

Mr. Strobel showed pictures where the incident occurred. "Jim Huffman told me the *Rhu* hit Middle Bank like a flat skipping stone, then lurched to a stop. Wyn went below to check damage. Jim climbed out and pushed with Bonnie still at the wheel and they actually managed to move the boat a couple of times, but Middle Bank is an acre or more and they kept grounding out. The last time, the inboard engine tore loose from the stern. So, they were stuck. It was a beautiful night. They discussed whether one of them should swim to shore for help, but instead they waited out the night and to hail a passing boat in the morning."

"Surely, there would be one. Even in 1965, you'd expect boats on a Sunday in August. So, they bedded down, Catherine and Karen in their bunks with the little hand-drawn name tags. The next morning, there were no boats, just a furious storm with driving rain and a big west wind that roared steadily at around 40 km/h and gusted to near 60."

"The held on all that Sunday, rocked by two-to three-metre breakers pounding off the reef like geysers. The water broke the windshield and reached the stove, then the little girls' bunks, so about 5 pm the two families decided to abandon ship. By the, the rain had stopped, but the wind and waves were ferocious. And another night, a much worse night than the first, loomed."

Mr. Strobel explained, "They did not thin the *Rhu* would survive it. So, they strung rope through their lifejackets and stepped off the battered cruiser. They hoped to make it to what is now my shore. But Jim told me he knew they were doomed as soon as they entered the water. 'It was very clear what was going to happen,' he told me. Karen drowned within an hour without a sound, in her mother's arms. The waves were just too big. Jim told me, 'She was so young and so small, and she couldn't resist it at all.' Big sister Catherine died in her dad's arms in the second hour. At age four, going on five, she was more aware of what was happening, Jim told me. When I asked him what he meant, he said, 'I really don't know what to tell you about that.' With both daughters gone, Shirley was overcome with grief, struggling against the rope holding the living and the dead all together, screaming in the wind, 'they were too good to be true, they were too good to be true,' Jim told me."

Wyn was in trouble, too. He had cramped up almost as soon as they entered the water. Jim told me he thought later that Wyn might have had a heart attack. 'I asked him you okay' and he just shook his head."

"So, there you have it. As night fell, Bonnie clung to Wyn. Jim held the distraught Shirley. They drifted across the mouth of Mudge Bay. Wyn died next. Later, Bonnie would tell their newspaper, the *Star*, 'He couldn't talk. He sensed he was going. He held me close. I tied

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly fly! Just like that, the fair has come and gone and as we pack away our rosettas and rodeo gear, eat our pickled beets and dust the dried mud off of our cowboy boots and cleats, we wonder how did summer go so fast? The horses, hens and chickens gave us their best in show, the fair ambassadors and organizers are already getting down to what will surely be an epic fair to follow this year's! With September and the silly season around the corner, it's time now to take an inventory on ourselves and our accomplishments, our epic fails and our victories and make way for the celebrations of harvest time and hunkering down for another dare I say it so soon, winter? Yikes! I'm not ready yet. While we enjoy the last lazy lazy days of summer's bounty and beauty, let's remember that every last one of us has a season under the sun, moon and stars. So instead of counting the days, make'em count!

Here's what's happening: Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: Summer fun continues through August from 8 am to 4 pm, remember max of 15 kids and you need to register at 4 pm sharp the day prior via the Central Manitoulin site at www.centralmanitoulin.ca.

Youth Rec Nite continues Friday, August 23, five more evenings to go from 7 to 9 pm.

Drop-in and join the fun! Drop-in to play pickleball, badminton, basketball, cornhole, ping pong and air hockey with friends, family and neighbours.

Providence Bay Curling Club Youth Curling Club TBD.

Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Club events: Thanks for another successful pancake breakfast and fair! We are looking forward to our golf tournament and fundraiser on September 21, if you are interested in registering your golf team and sponsoring this event please contact Chris Bryan by August 31, chris_bryan84@outlook.com.

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

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

Tai Chi Open House: Saturday, August 24 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Providence Bay Hall: An invitation from the Canadian Tai Chi Academy to an Open House. A short break will be taken one hour into the session, during which time light refreshments will be served. Tai Chi practice will continue for a further half hour. No entry fee. This event is an opportunity to observe and participate in Tai Chi moves. The event is also an opportunity to interact and socialize with the established group. Open to Academy members and non-members. The session will be co-hosted by two instructors, Nicoletta Rogers representing Parry Sound location and Jean Pearce representing the Manitoulin Island location.

Spring Bay: Yoga continues at the Spring Bay Hall on Tuesdays from 2 to 3 pm and Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 pm.

Providence Bay Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: Always great activities and fun for the little and big kids. Sunset Music Series continues this weekend.

Check the Huron Island time Facebook page or Sunset Music Series online for the full musical lineup. Teilhard Frost play Friday, August 23 from 6:30 to 9 pm and Robbie Shawana plays Saturday, August 24 from 6:30 to 9 pm. Be sure to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the shows!

The Discovery Centre is filled with all the wonders and teachings of elders and locally trained experts, drop by to learn about the incredible biodiversity of our Island ecosystem. Today the Discovery Centre is hosting Fun Beach Games from 10 am to 12 noon. Huron Island Time is busier than ever! Be sure to ask Lance and crew about their awesome ice cream flavours and sweet and savory food! Stroll along the beach and boardwalk, take a dip or a wade in the warm waters of Lake Huron or the Mindemoya River. Make memories, snap selfies and enjoy the beautiful scenery, music and views! Be sure to visit our local eateries and cafés for some good eats, great inspiration and good company.

Dear beachcombers, visitors, friends and neighbours, please keep our beaches and waterways clean and safe for our kids and pets!

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Sunday meeting is at 10:30 am; Sunday Service is at 11 am.

Youth Group McNevin Street meet-up, pop by the Providence Bay Community of Christ Church weekly on Wednesdays at 6 pm for cool activities, community outreach, mentoring and more!

The Horses: The fair horse show was a success, thanks to all the trainers and volunteers! Reach out to Katie SG on Facebook or manitoulinhorseclub71@gmail.com for more information and upcoming events.

The Heavens: Perseids and Auroras gave us quite a light show last week. The meteor shower is active till September 1 and reached its peak last week. We observed a big blue supermoon on Monday, August 19, this is also known as the sturgeon moon. North American fishing tribes called August's full moon the sturgeon moon since the species appeared in number

during this month. It's also been called the green corn moon, the grain moon and the red moon for the reddish hue it often takes on in the summer haze. Next one is the corn or harvest moon of September 17.

Summertime is a cacophony of colours and songs that stir and conjure emotions and memories with all our senses heightened, triggered and tantalized. Rainbow and sunset swirls, a myriad of water colours, with top notes of perfumed lilies, fireweeds and lapping lakes.

From fireworks to ice cream flavours, yard sale memorabilia of bygone eras, faint sounds of children at play and dogs barking, calming coos of mourning doves and erie echoing tremolos of loons feeding in the morning mist. These are the turns and tide pools of our core, our lessons, our friendships, our tight grip and hopeful cast for one more season under the sun.

I'm here to have a good time
I ain't got no time to waste
I know that it could all be over any day
So I do it anyway
'Do it anyway' - Jade Eagleson
Thank you for coming to Providence Bay.
Happy Birthday Sophia and Judy.

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We were at the bookstore the other day and people were throwing around Stephen King books. We couldn't figure out what was going on, and then IT hit us. Which reminds us, did you know that Stephen King has a son named Joe? We're not Joe-King, but he is.

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

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

Quick animal fact: octopus twins are itenticle.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club is hosting an end-of-the-summer tennis tournament on Saturday, August 24 at the Manitoulin Secondary courts. Players can compete in singles or doubles. Everyone is welcome. Contact Chris at ctheijsmeijer@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Days are getting shorter; nights are getting cooler and that's right - back to school sales are starting up again! The annual Grade 9 barbecue at Manitoulin Secondary is just around the corner: on Wednesday, August 28, Grade 9 students are welcome to spend the day at MSS to get their schedule, learn about high school, find their classrooms, and even meet some of their teachers. The day starts at 10 am with a barbecue lunch and includes bussing back to home communities at the end of the day. Parents are also welcome to attend! For more information, contact the office at Manitoulin Secondary School.

Happy 29th birthday wishes go out to the Kagawongians Meg M and Andrew T. Also turning 29 is Kagawong-adjacent Mike Z and extended Kagawongian family members Tijs T and Emma T. We hope they all have a fantastic birthday, but a word to the wise for their friends and family, keep an eye on this crew on their big days. Everyone knows if you let them shenanigan, they will only shenanigan.

Quick animal fact: most bobcats are not named Bob.

For students (and teachers), August can seem like the Sunday-of-the-summer, but look on the bright side, there are still plenty of Wednesday markets left! Come down into the village and make your way to the rink area Wednesday from 10 am until 3 pm to check out the over 70 regular vendors at the Kagawong Market.

And if Wednesday afternoon markets aren't doable for you, check out the special evening market this weekend! Saturday, August 24, stop by the covered rink at the Park Centre in Kagawong from 4 to 9 pm and enjoy some after-hours shopping.

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

A local restaurant has invented a brand new style of creamy dessert, but they haven't come up with a name for it yet. One might say it is anonymouse. Likewise, the township has a surprising number of things that need naming (the covered rink, the new tractor, the market/picnic pavilion, the new bridge across the river, this naming contest). In an effort to celebrate all new structures in Kagawong, we are still taking suggestions for our completely informal, not-affiliated-with-the-township, and unlikely to get approval, naming competition. Email fergmeijer@gmail.com and let us know your ideas for any of the nameless entities!

If you have a condition that leaves you with the urge to steal library books, you should really get that checked out. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

On Friday night, August 9 at cards there were four full tables plus a three-handed table. High lady was Mildred Kelly with 71; high man was Lois Wismer with 71; Lynda Rumley won for ladies' lone hands with 6; Doug Carter won for men's lone hands with four; most euchres was won by Yvonne with nine; Rose Van Every brought home the juice; the money jar is intact; the door prize went to Myra Duncanson.

We had our cat Monday to the vet's in Mindemoya for a shot for arthritis in his hip. It works amazingly. Although expensive, it allows him to be so much more mobile. We think it's worth it. We wish they had something that worked that well for people.

Pat had a large number of family members out to church on Sunday and it was nice visiting with everyone.

Monday night we had a community gathering and two of the campers joined us. He had roots in Silver Water and we had a great time visiting with him and his wife.

On Thursday night we had a great time at a good friend's place playing scrabble.

My niece, her husband and their six month old were up visiting Jamie and Norma. Jessica made us a lovely dinner and we sat around till quite late telling stories and having a great time visiting.

We hope you have a great week.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Dave and Theresa Carlisle had their daughter Stephanie home last week for a visit.

Paul Calback flew from Toronto to Sudbury and then travelled by car to Barrie Island on Saturday to visit his parents Ashton and Nina for a few days. Then he flew home on Tuesday morning.

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, we went to Gore Bay to the market and café. There are a lot of vendors with items for sale. The market will continue for another few weeks. The last café is Friday, August 23.

While we were in town, SLM recycling dropped a large bin for metal recycling at our house. Thank you to everyone who added their scrap metal to the bin. The proceeds will go to the food bank in Mindemoya.

On Friday night there was euchre in Meldrum Bay with a good number of players.

On Saturday, we held the vendor market in our yard. The rain fell on and off during the morning. We had six vendors inside the garage and under the tents outside. Thank you to the customers who came out to shop. The next market will be Saturday, August 31. We will continue the markets weekly in September.

On Sunday there was a luncheon at the community hall with a euchre tournament in the afternoon.

Sunday evening there was a spaghetti dinner at the legion in Gore Bay with lots of silent auction items for bid. I heard the fundraising raised over \$11,000 for the Graham family.

Shawn Noble took Larissa Chevrette to Little Current on Monday for her to take her G2 driver's test. Congratulations to her on passing.

On Monday we dealt with a lot of garden produce. The beans and cucumbers keep us busy.

On Monday afternoon the recycle bins were open for the residents. We had a lot of pop cans and liquor containers donated towards the food bank fundraising.

On Monday evening there was euchre at G.G.'s diner in Evansville.

On Tuesday our car got an oil change at McQuarrie's. The noise we have been hearing is ware on the tires so four new ones got ordered.

We went to Little Current with a load of beer cans and liquor bottles after that. We had lunch at the Watersedge and had my niece Larissa Chevrette as our waitress. It was very busy.

On Tuesday evening there was an auction at Stella Campbell's house with many bidders.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson went to Sudbury on Wednesday.

On Thursday we spent the day with garden produce again. It is a good thing we love the smell of pickles.

On Thursday night there was a large group of euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall. Congratulations to Brenda Swank who won the money jar.

We had a doe and twin fawns in the backyard last week.

There will be a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Silver Water Community Hall on Saturday, August 31 starting at 3 pm with a lasagna dinner following.

The UCW is hosting a fashion show on Saturday, September 21 in the afternoon.

...Manitowaning man cycling for Manitoulin Food Bank

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“We feel it is important to give back to the community,” stated Mr. Caulfield, noting that the Manitoulin Food Bank spends about \$15,000 a month to buy food items for the facility. “This ride is taking place at the end of the summer, so they can use the non-perishable cans of food that we are hoping to collect, so that the food bank can stock up for the winter.”

“The bicycle route I will be taking is from Highway 6 from Manitowaning to Highway 542 into Mindemoya,” said Mr. Caulfield. He explained food bins are located at the Home Hardware, Guardian Pharmacy and Canada Post Office buildings in both Manitowaning and Mindemoya for people to donate cans of food for the food bank. “The Home Hardware has donated all the bins for this.” The bins will be in

place at all six locations on a 24-hour-a day basis until the ride takes place.

“We know there are a lot of people who are at camp, and will be cleaning out their camps soon and leaving for the season,” said Mr. Caulfield. “We are hoping they will take tin cans they have with food at the back of their cupboards and put them in one of the bins to give to the food bank.”

“Or they can leave the canned food tins by their mailbox on the day of my ride, and we will pick them up on my ride past,” said Mr. Caulfield. He pointed out, “I will be riding by myself with a



Manitowaning resident Joseph Caulfield will be riding his bicycle from Manitowaning to Mindemoya later this month and is encouraging local residents to put non-perishable cans of food in three locations along the route. All the food donations will be given to the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) food bank.



collection vehicle behind me to pick up the canned food items in the bins. And I have a sign on each of the bins asking people to please make a donation of canned food items to donate to the food bank.”

Mr. Caulfield also indicated he will be donating two children’s bikes to the food bank as well.

“This ride will be an annual event,” said Mr. Caulfield. “We are leaving the Island on September 11 back to the United Kingdom for the winter. And we will be closing

our local business for the summer. “Breakaway Sports in Little Current has helped with parts for our bicycles and customers bicycles this season.”

“We are fortunate that we can give back to help others and we are appreciative of the support we have received from Home Hardware, Guardian Pharmacy and Canada Post,” said Mr. Caulfield.

Mr. Caulfield who is 41, said his ride will commence at 9 am on August 31 from Manitowaning.

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what it is, mechanical systems can fail in any building. We are willing to accept the risk. We satisfied ourselves and had the roof inspection carried out. And instead of putting the insurance through our blanket policy we connected with Jarlette to obtain insurance.”

In a report to council from Town Manager Harry Schlange it explained in part, in a nutshell there are risks in the town assuming a 100-year-old building which was identified in the roof report and by the inspection. There are no major structural concerns with the building but there are unknowns with the mechanical system.

“A sprinkler system is going to be installed in the building,” said Mr. Schlange, who noted that Jarlette Health Services has sourced a contractor to install this

system. This is required, to be in compliance with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and must be operational by December 31, 2024. The insurance company has agreed to insure the property and the building as long as this work is included.

“The installation of the sprinklers in the lodge has to be completed by December 31. A bid was accepted, and they will be on site this month,” said Mayor Lane. The MOH provided supplementary funding for this, and the town has partnered with Jarlette (the latter which obtained a grant for a portion of the costs to contribute to this) and we have the funds in our budget.

“All of this is very good news, the current nursing home has to keep operating for another two or three years while the new building is constructed,” said Mayor Lane. “We’re moving in the right direction.”

...TEK Elders launch billboard campaign

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diseases.”

Ms. Recollet described the devastating impact of glyphosate on forest ecosystems, contrasting the resilience of natural forests with the sterile, industrial landscapes created by plantations. “Native plants, important fungi, and bacteria are forever harmed from the poison sprayed on them and the soils, leaving a grey wasteland,” she explained. “This practice forever affects the ability of our First Nations communities to harvest the land as our ancestors did before us.”

The launch event in Sagamok First Nation was attended by several TEK Elders, including Grace Manitowabi of Sagamok, Joe Jones of Garden River, Evelyn Roy of M’Chigeeng, Martha Toulouse of Sagamok, and Mary Wemigwans of Nimkii Azhibikoong. They were joined by Sam Manitowabi from the Robinson

Huron Waawiindimaagewin (RHW), Sagamok Councillor Nelson Toulouse and artist Christie Belcourt.

Sam Manitowabi expressed RHW’s support for the TEK Elders’ campaign, acknowledging the spiritual and environmental significance of their efforts. “Put our Semaa (tobacco) down and ask for our good intentions... there is going to come a time when Mother Earth is going to fight back,” he warned.

Elder Raymond Owl, speaking in both Anishinaabemowin and English, reinforced the urgency of taking action. “The time for meetings has come and gone,” he said. “Action is required to protect the forest for future generations.”

The TEK Elders’ campaign underscores the critical need to protect Indigenous lands from harmful forestry practices and to uphold the rights and knowledge of First Nations communities in managing their traditional territories.

More action required to protect lives during opioid crisis, says MP Hughes

ESPANOLA—Espanola City Council recently proclaimed August Drug Awareness Month, and at a flag raising event to bring awareness to the issue, Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK), spoke about the importance of dealing with the opioid crisis with understanding and compassion.

“I am grateful to Espanola Mayor Doug Gervais and council’s recommendations to declare August Drug Awareness Month ahead of Overdose Awareness Day on August 31,” said MP Hughes in a release.

“The opioid crisis has hit Northern Ontario harder than other parts of the country. In 2022, the six public health units that reported the highest per capita opioid-related deaths were all in Northern Ontario. We can no longer turn a blind eye to the crisis and need to take a health-based approach to ensure we are saving lives and getting people the help they need.”

In recent months, public health organizations have been sounding the alarm about increased opioid-related overdoses. The Porcupine Health Unit had mo-

bilized a red alert last month due to increases in suspected opioid-related overdoses. Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) have issued warnings about increases in the number of drug poisonings (overdoses). Many health units are calling for better access to supervised consumption sites to reduce overdose deaths. “Opioid addiction affects each and every one of us,” said MP Hughes. “Criminalizing addicts hasn’t stopped the crisis from spreading. We need to take a more compassionate approach and listen to those organi-

zations who are on the front lines of the crisis to guide us. It’s a national problem that need a national strategy.”

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...CUPE declares Ontario healthcare now in crisis mode

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ing both the well-being of healthcare workers and the quality of patient care.

The study, published in 'New Solutions: A Journal of Environmental and Occupational Health Policy,' was co-authored by Dr. Margaret Keith and Dr. James Brophy, who have previously conducted extensive research on working conditions in Ontario's healthcare sector. Dr. Craig Slatin, a US health researcher, also contributed to the study.

"Health care workers are warning us about the future of our public system," said Dr. Keith. "They expressed a profound sense of dissatisfaction, despair, sorrow, an-

ger, and frustration about their working conditions and the quality of patient care. There was an overarching sense of being unsupported, overworked, and disrespected, which is being driven by chronic underfunding and understaffing."

According to the study, Ontario ranks at or near the bottom of the country in key healthcare funding measures and has the lowest per-person hospital spending of any province. The province employs 18 percent fewer hospital staff compared to the rest of Canada, Dr. Keith noted.

While staffing concerns predate the COVID-19 pandemic, the study found that conditions have

worsened significantly since 2020. As patient volumes surged, staffing levels failed to keep pace, leading to widespread exhaustion and burn-out among workers. The study quotes one worker who described the relentless pressure to cover shifts: "Our phones never stop ringing being asked if we can come in and cover a shift. You can be leaving work and get a call

two, sometimes three or four, because the operating rooms get so clogged. And when that individual gets to us they're so filthy, they reek of their own feces. The beds haven't been changed or the individual has not been properly turned and positioned. They're getting pressure ulcers, which a patient should never get in the hospital."

The research, conduct-

"The sharp decline in their working conditions is harming their mental and physical well-being. But what is particularly jarring is the feeling of being abandoned by the government and often their own employers. It's like your house is on fire, and everyone can see it, but no one's coming to help. It makes you lose faith in the system."

The study paints a grim

tients and their families, and these problems will only get worse if they remain unaddressed. You'd think that the government would be acting on a war footing and taking bold steps to ramp up recruitment and retention. That they would legislate nurse-to-patient ratios to protect morale and give nurses confidence that they can provide quality care."



before you even get to the parking lot asking, 'Can you stay?' You can do that once in a while, but it's literally every day."

The staffing shortages have also led to unprecedented emergency room closures, long wait times, and an increase in the number of patients per staff member. One operating room nurse described the deteriorating conditions: "We see individuals who have been sitting in their beds for a day or

ed in collaboration with the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions-Canadian Union of Public Employees (OCHU-CUPE), involved extensive interviews with 26 hospital workers, including nurses, personal support workers, housekeepers, and clerical staff. The findings were complemented by recent polling of 775 OCHU-CUPE members, which revealed that 62 percent of respondents were dealing with exhaustion and high stress levels, 41 percent dreaded going to work, and 44 percent had trouble sleeping.

Dr. James Brophy, one of the study's co-authors, highlighted the psychological toll on workers:

picture of the current state of Ontario's healthcare system, with numerous quotes from workers describing a sense of hopelessness and despair. A trauma department nurse shared her experience: "You think it can't get any worse—and it just got worse. I was going through increasing panic attacks before work, crying before I got out of the car. I loved going to work when I first started. Now I dread it."

Michael Hurley, co-author of the study and president of OCHU-CUPE, criticized the government's response to the crisis: "The impact of the staffing shortages is felt every day by hospital pa-

Dr. Maurianne Reade, an associate professor at NOSM University and a family physician with the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team, emphasized the importance of addressing the staffing crisis for the sake of patient care: "To provide the best patient care possible for our rural patients, we need healthy, well-supported teams in our hospitals and clinics. The chronic understaffing takes a toll on the workforce and on our patients."

Dr. Reade also noted the rejection of the 'Patient-to-Nurse Ratios for Hospitals Act, 2024' as a missed opportunity: "One of the

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Fibre artist Judy Martin has just wrapped up a solo exhibition at the NEC in Birmingham, England. Here she speaks with Jo Hall, director of the artist's galleries at the festival.

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allowed viewers to see both sides. "Usually, quilts are hung against the wall," she said. "He created four pieces that acted as walls but where you could look through and see both sides. They were practically floating. My work has never been so well displayed."

Ms. Martin said that while some fibre artists who work with quilts tend toward something more akin to a painting, she wants her work to evoke the practical origins of quilting. "Originally, it was to keep you warm at night." That is what led her to the title her show 'Softer and Dreamier.'

The exhibition took place in the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, affectionately called the NEC.

The Birmingham show is now behind her, but Ms. Martin has no chance to rest. She recently won a prestigious award that includes a one-year exhibition at the Gladstone Hotel galleries in Toronto and a modest cash prize. She is currently showing in World of Threads, and she also has a show coming up in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

Ms. Martin is fast becoming one of those 'overnight sensations' that has been labouring in the trenches for nigh onto 50 years. Ms. Martin says that we have great reason to be proud of the Canadian art scene.

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...Ontario healthcare in crisis mode *Fire razes vacant house in M'Chigeeng*

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key recommendations in the Necessary Action for a Just Health Care System section was for appropriate Nurse to Patient Ratios. Unfortunately, the act was rejected by our government in June. We need another version of such a bill, but with a further provision that would support patient-to-nurse ratios for emergency departments.”

Dr. Reade urged those concerned about the state of Ontario’s healthcare system to read the ‘Running on Empty’ study, describing it as “a critically important look at the challenges faced by healthcare providers in Ontario.”

As the staffing crisis deepens, the study serves as a stark warning about the future of healthcare in Ontario, calling for immediate and decisive action from the provincial government.



Dr. Maurianne Reade

M’CHIGEENG—A fire destroyed a vacant house in the M’Chigeeng First Nation.

Andrew Corbiere, M’Chigeeng fire chief explained the fire took place on the morning of Wednesday, August 14. “It was an older abandoned vacant home.”

Fire Chief Mr. Corbiere said the fire department had received a call of the fire at 4:40 am at a house at 217 Hill Street in the community. “No definitive cause for the fire has been determined and there were no injuries reported. We conducted



M’Chigeeng Fire Department responded to a blaze August 14. Fire destroyed a vacant home.

a search along with the UCCM Police Service and everything was clean. The investigation is ongoing.”

The fire was extinguished at approximately 6:30 am on August 14 by firefighters.

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“The current messaging we are getting is that the government is planning on funding the second part of the year, however a reconciliation process must first be completed by all hospitals. This is similar to the process from last November,” said Mr. Theriault. As of last November, the majority of union arbitrations were completed, however a few remained in negotiations. Those unions were not included in the reconciliation process.

“The government has requested hospitals complete their reconciliation process in August,” said Mr. Theriault. “What this means for hospitals is that we have to ensure all the data is current and of the highest quality.” It is assumed that this is the rationale being used by the province for not funding the arbitration awards in full at this point.


“The last time our hospital received 85 percent of our actual costs (some hospitals received even less, in some cases only 70 percent),” said Mr. Theriault.

“There are still a couple of areas of po-

tential funding that we will be applying to that could make our hospital relatively whole if this funding comes to fruition,” said Mr. Theriault. “At this point we are not at a balanced position.” He explained late last fiscal year ‘pressures funding’ was provided to some hospitals, including MHC to reduce deficits.

“We still have financial challenges, but there is some commitment from the government to provide additional funding. There have been numerous back and forths with the government and health-care advocacy leaders,” said Mr. Theriault. “At this point we are still looking at an overall deficit for the current fiscal year and have limited knowledge on future commitment of funding from the province. They have asked hospitals to resubmit their budgets to the province. It’s all a little grey at this point.”

“We are appreciative of the additional funding thus far and are optimistic everything that they have said in terms of funding being provided will come to fruition. We are currently showing a deficit, however not nearly as much as the previous fiscal year,” said Mr. Theriault.



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The petition goes on to site “key concerns” such as safety risks, the impact on vehicles and boat traffic, economic impact, the fact that Manitoulin is home to six First Nation communities and the financial limitations.

“The situation has reached an emergency status that demands immediate attention,” the petition concludes. “We

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every ONDP gathering,” read an ONDP Riding Association release submitted by the riding association president Lynn Dee Eason on August 16.

“While upon conclusion of the investigation Mantha’s removal from the ONDP Caucus was made permanent, the allegations against him remained confidential, until now. With the release of a staff grievance award on Friday, August 9, 2024 (as detailed in the August 14, 2024 edition of the Expositor), details of the investigation were made public for the first time,” the ONDP said.

“Arbitrator Jasbir Parmar reviewed the independent investigator report based on submitted material, from both parties, including witness testimony, email, texts, and video, which concluded, “that allegations of workplace harassment, sexual harassment, discrimination on the basis of sex, abuse of authority and creation of a toxic workplace, had all been substantiated,” continued the ONDP release.

“Despite this, Mantha seems intent on serving out his term and running as an independent candidate in the next provincial election. On August 12, 2024, he issued a statement stating that “it is time to move past this matter,” and that he “disagrees with some of the characterizations made,” the ONDP continued. “However, there does not seem to be any dispute that he engaged in grossly inappropriate behaviour toward an employee in contravention of not only our ONDPs anti-harassment policy,

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MPP Michael Mantha

respectfully ask that you take swift action to ensure that Manitoulin Island remains safe and accessible for its residents, including the six Anishinaabe First Nations communities and its tourists.”

As of press time Monday, the petition had garnered almost 700 signatures.

Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, expressed his dismay at the municipality being left in the dark by the MTO for the second day in a row. The municipality was also not informed by the MTO about the bridge breakdown on Thursday morning, August 15. He said they received a call from the MTO’s maintenance contractor, Emcon, at 11 am Friday morning.

The mayor said he realizes the bridge being closed to marine traffic was reported on Ontario 511, “but boats don’t mon-



A swing bridge mechanical issue last Thursday saw traffic backed up for almost an hour.

itor 511.”

Roy Eaton, host of the popular Cruisers’ Net VHF radio broadcast, agrees with the mayor. He told The Expositor that there was a great deal of confusion in the boating community about what

was happening.

“Having to go all the way around the Island was a major concern,” he said. “Unless you have a really big boat, and with the winds that were forecast...the boaters were really concerned about

what they were going to do.”

Mr. Eaton commended Jill Ferguson of Harbor Vue Marina for her efforts offering their services to boaters stranded on the east side of the bridge by offering pum-

pouts, gas and even rides to Little Current should they need to tie up for provisions.

Boats could be seen anchored in the bay near Harbor Vue Friday night and a large flotilla had been congregating at Heywood Island, according to Mike Cooney who runs the popular Boating Little Current Area Facebook group. About 20 boats held a ‘broken bridge party’ at the popular anchorage.

“There were two camps: those who were concerned and those who just took it all in stride,” Mr. Eaton said.

“The lack of information was the biggest issue,” he added.

He advised boaters to keep their radios tuned to VHF channel 16. The bridge, which monitors channel 14, will give a notice to boaters on 16 when the bridge will be ready to swing should this occur again.



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A student's Shad experience at Dalhousie University in her own voice

by **Alexandra Wilson-Zegil**

Ten months ago, I got an email stating that applications have opened for the Shad program. Eagerly, I opened it and began the intense process of getting reference letters and answering several short essay questions.

Back then, when asked what I was applying for I recited what was on the website, "Shad is a month-long STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) and entrepreneurship program hosted at differ-

ent universities across Canada." Though in all honesty, I could tell people what Shad was but I hadn't a clue what I was getting myself into. After finally clicking the submit button on my application I anxiously awaited an acceptance (or rejection) letter.

For two months, I waited. My time was spent daydreaming about what it would be like if I got in, what my summer would look like, the new people I would meet. Then finally on Monday, February 5, I got my answer"

"Dear Alex, Congratulations! On behalf of Shad Canada, we would like to offer you a spot in our 2024 ShadOnCampus program."

I was ecstatic about the offer! In another email, I found out I was placed at the Dalhousie University campus in Halifax, Nova Scotia. My friend, fellow Manitoulin Islander and robotics teammate, Xavier Mara, who had also been accepted into Shad was placed at the McMaster University Campus in Hamilton. In the follow-

ing weeks we packed our bags, made arrangements to get to our respective campuses and prepared to leave for the next month.

Finally, it was Sunday, June 29 and before I knew it I was saying goodbye to Manitoulin Island and getting on a plane to the East Coast. Up until this point, I had been nothing but excited, but sitting on the plane, I felt scared. My family and friends were in a completely different province! What did I sign up for??"

Week 1

Typical to Nova Scotia, it was raining when I got there. I had never been to a Maritime province before but this was exactly like I imagined it.

After unpacking the contents of my suitcase into my dorm room, I made my way to the common area where I met the people with whom I would spend the next

month. The following couple of hours were full of shy introductions to 53 other STEAM-minded students. With a week of icebreakers lined up, the first friendships began to form.

The next morning we took a walk down to Point Pleasant Park in the pouring rain. Here we learned about marine shore wildlife through a scavenger hunt around the walking trail. A wildlife expert joined us on our walk and showed us the small differences between different kinds of crustaceans, the best places to find salamanders, and told us about where we could see seals.

Later that day, we got put into our house groups. House groups are very important at all Shad campuses because this is the team students will work with for the next month to complete a design challenge. At the end of each month the design challenge is presented to a group of experts and judged. This year our challenge was to find a solution to distribute green energy to communities across Canada, Xavier, along with every Shad participant across the country got the same message. To complete the challenge we had to start with a "how might we" statement. This narrowed down which

communities we would be helping and how. My group's statement was "how might we provide reliable green energy to rural, agricultural communities?" Surprisingly, Xavier's statement ended up being similar, despite us working at different campuses. For the next three weeks we



Image of Shad Dalhousie participants walking at Point Pleasant Park.

created a solution, business plan, prototype, and mock-company to address our "how might we" statement.

Of course, that's not the only thing I did! In the first week I attended lectures about leadership and team-building, went to Dalhousie's engineering building, exploring how different gear mechanisms worked and spent a whole day exploring downtown Halifax. This field trip included Citadel Hill, where an old fort is located, and Pier 21, the



Image of my house group at the beach.



All the Shad Dalhousie participants on the PEI shore.

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IT'S TIME FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

..REMEMBER TO SLOW DOWN AND STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES

A Back-to-School safety message from: **Manitoulin OPP**

1. Walk your bike through intersections
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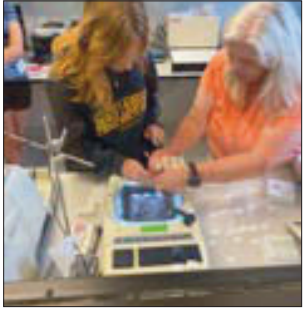
...A student's Shad experience at Dalhousie University in her own voice

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Immigration Museum. Meanwhile, Xavier was rafting and learning about sales and business strategy.

Week 2

By the second week, I had settled into my routine. Balancing living in a dorm, eating at a meal hall, getting myself to lectures and activi-



Putting samples on slides in a fluorescence microscopy lab.

ties, doing laundry, and spending time with my new-found friends.

One of the highlights from this week was the dentistry workshop. We spoke to several different dentists, dentistry students, and dental researchers. After, we got to practice filling a fake tooth, and making moulds of our thumbs using the materials they use to make moulds for mouths.

On Wednesday, July 10, all the participants got onto a bus and trav-

eled to Dalhousie's Agricultural campus. Seeing the fusion between a farm and a university was quite interesting. In the morning, we learned about sustainable farming and food practices. We then had half an hour to come up with our own food sustainability solution and give a short presentation on it. After lunch, we broke into groups and did several different workshops from shark physiology, farm engineering and animal ultrasounding. My favourite workshop was the last one because they took us to see the facility's calves after learning about ultrasounds.

Another highlight of that week was learning about neonatal ICU procedures. This means emergency operations on newborn babies. In this specific workshop we learned about a condition where the lungs of premature babies can have an air leak, restricting breathing. We were shown a medical procedure to solve this issue and were able to practice on a grocery-store chicken.

Week 3

Halfway through the Shad program, we visited one of the National Research Centre Of

Canada's buildings as well as COVE, a marine biology research facility in Dartmouth. We also visited the CORES (Centralized Operation of Research Equipment & Supports) building. A lot



Me filling a fake tooth using resin.

of the workshops we did here included medical research. From seeing live cancer cells under a microscope, to genetic research on fish, to learning how dye is used for microscopic research (fluorescence microscopy). While we were at the CORES building we visited the Maritime Brain Tissue Bank. Here, I got to see and hold a dolphin



My friends and I dressed up at one of Pier 21's exhibits.

brain, a spinal cord and a human brain. The realization that this small mass once contained an entire person's consciousness was humbling and inspiring. This was also something that Xavier did at the McMaster campus, and we both agreed it was an indescribable experience.

That weekend, we traveled to Prince Edward Island to go camping. PEI was full of beautiful beaches and stunning views that reminded me a great deal of Manitoulin Island. We even visited a farm while we were there, so I felt right at home.

It wouldn't be a trip to the East Coast if I didn't eat any lobster! This was my first time eating lobster and to be honest, I am not used to my food still having eyes.

Week 4

After what seemed like no time at all, it was the final week of Shad and it was time to present the

design projects we were introduced to in Week 1. Xavier at McMaster, along with all the other Shad campuses, were presenting their project at the same time.

My house group and I spent several hours piecing together a presentation to display our solution and it was finally time to be judged. My hands were shaking when I had to present in front of all of my peers and the experts. I shouldn't have been nervous, though, because



Order up! The lobster I ate in PEI.


I knew the people I had spent the last four weeks making memories with were all there to support me, not criticize me. After the projects were done, the last few days we spent at different chemistry, physics, and marine biology labs.

On the last day, parents were invited to see


the work we had put into the program. We had displays of the engineering challenges we worked on, prototypes from our house groups, and pictures taken throughout the month. At the end of the night, there was a talent show. With the confidence I had built throughout the program I sang in my first public performance!

The Shad program was far more than either Xavier or myself had ever imagined; it challenged us, provided us with opportunities to learn, and helped us form unforgettable connections with people all across Canada. From the nerves of stepping onto a plane by myself to the tearful goodbyes with the friends I had made, the Shad program fostered personal growth in ways we never anticipated and left us with memories and skills that will shape who we are for years to come.

The Shad program is open to applicants in Grades 10 and 11. More information can be found at www.shad.ca.



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Back pack program seeks donations

SPRING BAY—With an ever bigger need this year, the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church is spearheading an Island wide church effort to raise enough funds to purchase 362 backpacks to be given out to students in schools across Manitoulin this fall. As of last Wednesday, half of the \$6,000 needed has been raised thus far.

“At the end of the 2023 school year, we called all the Island schools to gauge the needs of students in all schools for backpacks,” stated Pastor Jamie Greenwood of Spring Bay Pentecostal Church. “We were able to raise a little over \$4,000 in providing 160 students

with backpacks as well as educational supplies.” He said a lot of the funds were raised at a concert pastored around Manitoulin put on last summer.

“We were not able to get everyone together to do a concert this year,” said Pastor Greenwood.

“This year we have set a goal of providing 362 backpacks and we need to raise \$6,000,” said Pastor Greenwood. As for why the need is so much greater this year he said, “I think it is a combination of a lot of things. Everything, including food and prices for things are more expensive, so families are finding it more difficult.”

“At this point we are halfway to our goal of raising enough for 362 backpacks,” said Pastor Greenwood. He pointed out, “our main goal is to provide students with backpacks and lunch box-

es.” He said those interested can also make physical donations of such things as pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, folders, binders, rulers, USBs, calculators and math tools.

“If someone wants to pledge money or send a cheque we would welcome that,” he said noting the church is hoping to purchase the backpacks within a week toward providing them for the students as they begin school in early September. Those wishing to make a monetary donation can do so by sending a cheque to Spring Bay Pentecostal Church, e-transfers to springbaychurch@gmail.com debit or credit card spschurch.ca or for more information or to drop off physical donations call 705-377-5060.

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Back to School Safety

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Flashing amber lights mean that the bus is slowing down to stop. *Failing to stop for a school bus can result.*



Marlene Moore, is shown sitting beside several backpacks that have been donated toward the Island wide church effort to raise enough to provide 362 backpacks to be given out to students in schools across Manitoulin.



SLOW DOWN! Speed limit is reduced for a reason in a school zone, keep your eyes out for children, especially if there's no sidewalk, before and when school is over when the traffic is heavy.

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Manitoulin Metal Robotics camp reaches out to elementary pupils

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team members received nothing but high praise from parents and youngsters for the summer camp they held for grade 1-4 and grade 5-8 students from across Manitoulin and beyond August 6-9.

“I liked it because of all the technology, it was pretty fun programming and building parts for our robots,” stated eight-year-old Gabe Hillyard of Kagawong.

“On our breaks, we got to build stuff out of cardboard (the students had special challenges during breaks), and then we got to do obstacles with our robots,” said six-year-old Gil Hillyard.

Stephanie Hillyard said of her two sons taking the summer camp, “Gabe is an engineering type, he is always building something, and Gil is interested as well, but what they learned at the summer camp is fairly new to all of us. It was super cool for me to watch the final day of the camp and what they had learned. I learned too.”

“I was able to watch them program, code and build capacity for their robots,” said Ms. Hillyard. “It was so amazing to see what they learned and how all the students worked together and would help each other and you could see the determination in the kids to do something and fix any problems they were having with their robot.”

“It was great how the teams of two would work together as teams and with other teams in trouble shooting,” said Ms. Hillyard.

“I had three grandchildren in the summer camp! Nico Long 11, Lucie Long 8, and Odessa Long 6, two in the younger primary grade level and one in the afternoon session,” said Joan Cass. “It was great and wonderful for them and the other students to experience something like this. It was terrific, the Manitoulin Metal team leaders were terrific, and the kids responded so well to them. They made it fun.”

“My grandkids had some experience coding, and

“The entire program was run by members of our (MSS) robotics team and adult volunteers,” said Ms. Bauer. They included students Dylan Kuntsi, Ryan Kuntsi, Jacob Jones, Xavi Mara, Xander Thompson, Nevaeh Harper, Samuel Pennings, Alex Wilson-Zegil, Amara Wilson-Zegil, Robyn Ashley, Ruben Scholman, Tanner Leblanc and volunteers Barbara Pennings, Drew Thompson, Caroline Black and Yana Bauer.

This was the first time Manitoulin Metal had held a summer camp, although in the past workshops had been held. “The students decided the workshops were not enough for the younger students to immerse themselves in the robotics program, so they decided to hold a four-day camp.”

“The students fabricated, programmed and strategized, learning the aspects of robotics and teamwork,” said Ms. Bauer. “We even had a competition day on the last day of the camp, with parents and grandparents having the opportunity to see what the students had accomplished.”

“Enrolment in the summer camp was full, even before we advertised it on social media,” stated Ms. Bauer. “We had a waiting list.” Students registering made donations toward being part of the summer camp. “Our kids felt it was important that we not have any type of barriers for families that wanted their children to take part in the summer camp.” All the monies MSS received

in donations went towards rental of room space in the community centre.

“First Canada had provided us with robotics kits and computers so we could accommodate everyone,” continued Ms. Bauer.

The program was planned by the MSS student leaders with Ryan Kuntsi planning for lessons. “And all our kids had to take time away from their summer jobs,” said Ms. Bauer.

“Our team leaders were amazed at what and how quickly the young students learned things during the summer camp, and how skilled they became,” said Ms. Bauer.

“Robotics is hard, but kids are not afraid of it. They may fail at first but then they work and figure things out and celebrate like they had just won the Olympics because they get the robot to do something they couldn’t get it to do five minutes earlier. It is amazing to watch,” continued Ms. Bauer. She explained a ‘Masterpiece Challenge’ was presented to the grade 1-4 students, with a ‘Go For the Gold’ Challenge for the grade 5-8 students. “Parents were blown away by what the students accomplished,” she said.



A total of 40 kids from across Manitoulin took part in the MSS Manitoulin Metal Robotics robotics summer camp.



A total of 40 students in grade 1-4 and grade 5-8 from around Manitoulin took part in the MSS Metal Robotics summer camp August 6-9.



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they all have experience in Lego building, and remote control from coding to identifying a problem, to solve programs. Work with team and fall, add on what do school,” said Ms. Cass. “They will be able to use what they learned at the summer camp in other aspects of their lives,” she said, noting that she lives at Stanley Park in Spring Bay in the summer and her grandchildren live with their parents in Spring Bay.

“Our students helped to inspire the next generation of science and technology students,” said Yana Bauer, a mentor with the MSS Robotics team. “One of the parents said their child is still talking about the summer camp and they can’t wait to get to MSS to be on the robotics team.”

“Some of the kids had done Lego before,” said Ms. Bauer. From the response to the summer camp, “our team committed to run two age 6-10 First Canada Lego Robotics teams from September to December. We registered to start two teams (of students from around Manitoulin) while running the camp.”

“The summer camp was a huge success,” said Ms. Bauer. The camp was held in the M’Chigeeng First Nation complex with 20 students in each of the grade 1-5 and grade 5-8 programs.



The students worked together to solve problems at the summer camp.

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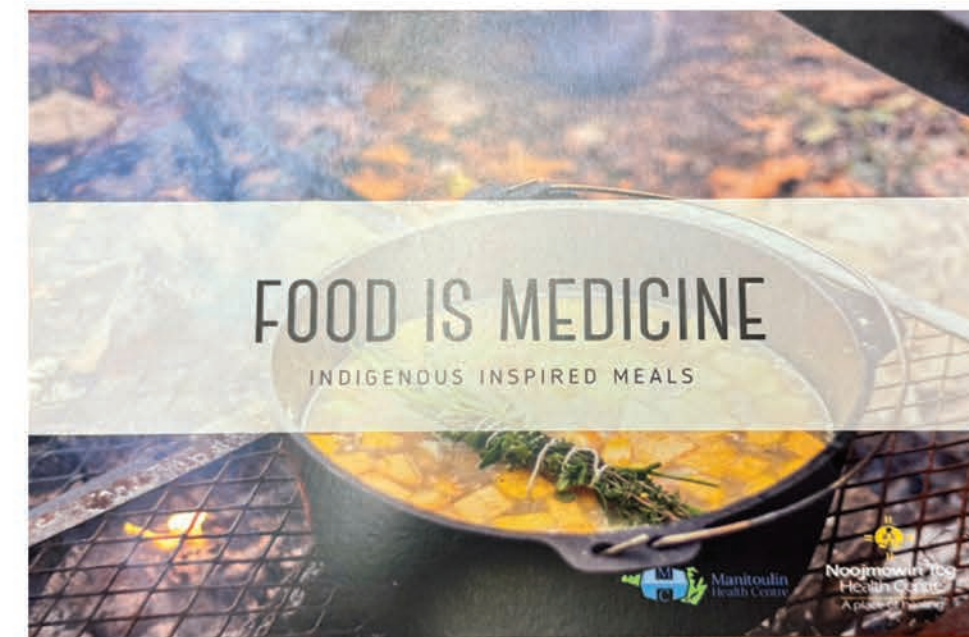
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The team at MHC showcased exceptional leadership and team capacity during our Health Information System transitions. A special thank you to all our Champions and Super Users who made this project a success! **RPT!**

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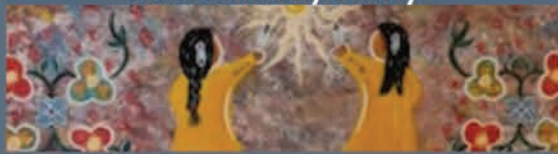
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Prov Bay Fair pays homage to its agricultural roots in grand style

by Tom Sasvari
 PROVIDENCE BAY—The Providence Bay Fall Fairs' 141st edition continued its tradition of providing many traditional events and activities for all members of the family to enjoy, and also providing something a little new, although little would not be the word for it. The Lone Pine Stage with seating available for 5,000, was front and centre this past weekend, and has received very high praise from a member of The Studebaker Props.

"We felt very privileged to be the first band to play on the stage," said John Tustian. "It is an amazing venue. We felt very privileged. The sponsors and the people who were involved in getting it done should be very proud."

"There is no doubt it is going to be a great attraction for sure," stated Mr. Tustian. "I've played at many venues and festival stages over the years and this one is right up there with the best. Providence Bay is a great town and this will add to and benefit the community, in fact for all of Manitoulin Island. All the people who were involved in this project need to be commended."

"Yes, I'm definitely hoping to be asked to return to this stage. It is fantastic," said Mr. Tustian.

In welcoming everyone to the fair, Jack White, president of the Providence Bay Fall Fair committee Agricultural Society said, "I would like to welcome everyone to the 141st Providence Bay Fair.

What a year it has been," he said, praising Norm Morrell, who acted as master of ceremonies for the opening of the fair (again this year) last Friday evening. "This year we not only had a fair to get ready



Wayne Legge and his father Owen stand in front of the new Lone Pine Stage.



These high steppin' dancers participated in the parade.



The heavy draft horse pull on Saturday drew crowds from across the Island and beyond.



Angela Johnston, left, presents Ruby Gilchrist and hen 'Big Bird' with the first place prize in the 'Manitoulin's Next Top Chicken' competition.



The Studebaker Props were the first band to perform at the Lone Pine Stage, on Friday evening.



The Glendale Pony Rides and Petting Zoo were a popular place to be at the fair.

and run, but there was the project in our backyard (new stage). I would like to thank all our directors, volunteers and members and volunteers. It is such an honour to be associated with all these people, all you have to do is ask and they will help."

Mr. White then said, "back in May, I offered a guy here this evening a Providence Bay Fall Fair hat, but so far he hasn't taken it. He stepped up and helped out tremendously with the construction of the new building in our backyard. I would like to offer this hat and recognition to Owen Legge who went above and beyond the call of duty (in spearheading and leading the construction of the new stage)."

"The new Lone Pine Stage is here to stay. We hope it will be in use forever and be an asset to the community," said Mr. White. "It's a community stage that can and hopefully will be used by the community for all types of events in the future."

Wayne Legge, a committee member with PBAS, had designed the 40x50 foot stage and work has been carried out by contractors and many volunteers in the community over the past few months.

"A most hearty welcome to everyone to the Providence Bay Fall Fair. This is the 141st consecutive running fall fair which was held even during the days of COVID. This has to be one of the great events in Ontario."

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she will be retiring as of the next federal election, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes told the large crowd, "It has been an honour joining you at the fall fair over many years. This event showcases the tremendous talent of so many individuals. And I commend the four young ladies who have put their names forward for the Fair Ambassador competition.

"Most importantly I hope everyone has a lot of fun this weekend," stated MP Hughes.

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens, said, "141 years is a big number. I would like to thank all the volunteers, with special appreciation to Jack White and his group of men and women who have dedicated so much of their time and effort to putting on this fair."

As part of the evening's festivities, the Junior Ambassador winners were announced by Angela Johnston. Receiving the highest number of points for entries in the exhibit hall display, first place went to Tucker Young in the six and under age category, Bella Ferguson Vanhorn age 7-10 division and Silva Verboom in the age 11-15 category.

Ms. Johnston then announced the winners in the 'Manitoulin's Next Top Chicken' competition. "This is an online contest with 20 chickens' names being submitted with pictures and a story about their chickens and a vote was taken on social media," she explained. Ruby Gilchrist and her hen 'Big Bird' took the hen category while the top rooster owned by Brooklyn Valad is 'Samuel L.L. Chicken.'

The Fair Feud competition, hosted by Carolyn Glasby, has now been won by the Orford Family two years in a row.

Of course, one of the highlights of any fall fair is the Fair Ambassa-



Put your hands up if your having fun! Rides on the midway were one of the most popular activities to take part in at the fair.



Lyle Dewar, errrrr, Father Christmas made a trip to the Saturday parade.



The Orford family including Allison, Charlie, Jon and Sarah have now won the Fair Feud challenge in consecutive years.



Grit and glitter trick rider Alyssa Remenda displays her skills at the fair.



This beautiful quilt took top honours at the fair.



The soap box derby drew in well over 20 participants.



The kids' obstacle course drew all kinds of participants.



Jade Eagleson brought the house down at the Lone Pine Stage Saturday night.

dor competition, hosted by Karlene Scott. This year, four young ladies took part. Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, 17 of Gore Bay who was sponsored by Betty's Convenience, Lexi Young, 17 of Spring Bay who was sponsored by Lonely Creek Farms, Alexis McVey, 17 of Evansville who was sponsored by Buoy's Grocery, and Hannah McDonald, 16 of Little Current who was sponsored by Nicklasson Construction.

Each of the contestants gave a speech on several topics that had been provided, with judges present.

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil was selected as Providence Bay Fair Ambassador, with first runner-up Hannah McDonald and Miss Congeniality Alexis McVey.

Ms. Wilson-Zegil's presentation focussed on the six degrees of separation theory, and how this applies to living on Manitoulin. "No matter where I go, I meet someone who is connected to Manitoulin Island." She also focussed how important the hard work of farmers has been and the importance of preserving our environment.

The Studebaker Props concluded Friday's events with a concert at the Lone Pine Stage.

Among the highlights Saturday's events included was the fantastic parade, a pancake breakfast hosted by the Providence Bay-Spring Bay Lions, the heavy draft horse pull, judging of livestock, a soap box derby, 4-H showmanship, the 'kids zone' grit and glitter trick rider Alyssa Remenda, children's races and games, Manitoulin's Got Talent, the midway (of course) and the Saturday night musical entertainment which featured Sidecar Willy and the Mojo Kings, Nate Haller, and the Canadian Country Music Association entertainer of the year Jade Eagleson, all in concert at the Lone Pine Stage.

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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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Wanted: Tile drained land on Manitoulin Island for crop production. Call 519-274-9452.

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marine

25' 1984 Aura Columbia sailboat for sale that is spacious, sturdy and stable, cruise equipped, chart plotter, galley. Professionally maintained Yanmar diesel. 2023 Marine Survey. Includes seasonal 2024 Gore Bay slip, selling due to health. Asking \$10,000. Call 850-737-0889.

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church services

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

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KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc.manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome.

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GRADE 9 BARBEQUE **Wednesday, August 28, 2024 10 am - 2 pm**
Join us for lunch, a crash course in high school skills, and a simulated school day!
Tours, Activities, Timetables, Locker combination practice
Parents are welcome to attend for morning information session and lunch. Morning transportation is **NOT** provided. Afternoon buses leave MSS at 2 pm to: *East-AOK, LCPS, Sheguiandah, APS *West-CMPS, Kagawong, C.C. McLean
Call Manitoulin Secondary School at: (705) 368-7000 if you have any questions. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions.

AUCTION SALE
KAGAWONG
Saturday, August 27, 9 am until 2 pm 179 Yonge Street, Hwy 540
INCLUDING:
Couch, TV and stand, nice French provincial chair, oak cabinet with shelving, wicker coffee table, selection of large book cabinets, library of books, nice oak china cabinet, complete computer/printer/desk, beautiful oak bedroom suite/dresser/chest of drawers, single bed, large hall mirror, wash stand, washing machine, two nice wicker chairs, two canoes, ladders, chain, etc.
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...History Day in Kagawong hears tragic recounting of ill-fated Rhu

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him closer to me, clung hard to his hand and talked to him, held his head, and said all the things that were in my heart.

Then Shirley died. “There’s not much I can tell you about that, either,” Jim told me. Now, there were two left of the six, still roped to the bodies of their loved ones. It was a cool night, with air temperature at the Gore Bay weather station around 12 degrees, much cooler in the middle of the Channel of course, and the water was still choppy, but mercifully, the winds died down and the sky completely cleared.”

Bonnie and Jim could see the Kagawong light-

house and the twinkling lights of town, but they might as well have been on another planet, said Mr. Strobel. “Sometime in the night, Jim’s feet dragged on the bottom, probably near one of the reefs and islands south of Clapperton. Possibly Little Island, which is east of the Dodge Lodge beach. Jim told Bonnie that he thought maybe their struggles were nearly over, but the current dragged them off. ‘We kind of gave up after that,’ Jim told me. But for the rest of the night they called out to each other, again and again, ‘You okay?’”

“Dawn was beautiful,” said Mr. Strobel. “Crystal clear, a breath of wet wind, the air temperature 16 degrees and climbing. A beautiful Monday. And they could see an island close by. Gooseberry Island on the east side of Mudge Bay. So, they decided to turn loose the four bodies, and you can imagine that decision and that moment, and make for the island. It took forever to untie the knots, their hands were so numb. Jim said he and Bonnie rolled ashore like logs, around 9 am. But fate was not done with them yet. Gooseberry Island was infested with horseflies so bad the two exhausted survivors had to cover themselves with brush. After awhile, they saw a small boat approaching. Two berry pickers from West Bay,



History Day in Kagawong saw a full house for both the matinee and evening presentations.

now M’Chigeeng, took them to nearby Hideaway Lodge. The Sudbury Star sent a plane to pick them up and take them to hospital.”

Karen’s body washed up on the rocky shore near Honora the next day. A police boat was en route to pick her up when it came across the three others still roped together in Honora Bay. Finally, after two horrendous days, one ordeal was over. Other ordeals of a different kind, even worse in their way, were just beginning.

There was an inquest in Gore Bay that fall, and a coroner’s jury recommended installing improved markers at the Middle Bank (which was carried out). There was

testimony about the life jackets, which bore the department of transportation stamp of approval, but had been useless in keeping the little girls’ heads above water.

“The mahogany carcass of the Rhu hunkered on Middle Bank for a week, until another storm blew it to the Manitoulin shore,” said Mr. Strobel. “Which of course, raises a heart-breaking question. So, the Rhu stayed on the shoal for a week. It didn’t completely break up as they’d feared it would. If they had hung on, might they have all survived? Easy to ask in hindsight, of course. It’s just one of many ‘what ifs’ to the wreck of the Rhu. What if they had flares? What if they had a dinghy? What if the Rhu had been a slightly earlier model of the Chris-Craft Cruiser Deluxe, when the draft was two inches less? Would that have made a difference on Middle Bank? What if Bonnie hadn’t been at the wheel? Would Jim or Wyn, who

were boating instructors, have fared better? Pauline told me her sister had vivid premonitions of the fate awaiting her family and the Rhu. What if she had heeded them? Who knows?

“The Rhu rotted on that beach for two years. Then the Anglican Church was looking around for a new pulpit and somebody remembered the wreck. Locals like Aus Hunt and his boys and Harry Tracy salvaged the remains of the Rhu and the bow is the pulpit in the church to this day, with a little plaque honouring Shirley and her girls, and Wyn.”

“The guilt lasted a lifetime,” said Mr. Strobel. “Jim Huffman, a man who lost his whole family told me, ‘it was my job to protect them. I didn’t do that. I don’t forgive my guilt. Why even take a boat out there when you know it can be dangerous? Why didn’t I do this or do that? They’re not questions I can answer. There are no answers.’

Jim lost touch with Bonnie soon after the tragedy and I know very little about what became of her, said Mr. Strobel. Jim thought she’d moved to the UK. I’ve checked the cemetery in Toronto where Wyn and their son Brian are buried. There’s

a place there for Bonnie, but it’s unclaimed. If she’s alive, she would be 103, but she just seems to have disappeared,” said Mr. Strobel.

He explained, “After the Rhu, Jim was also in a very dark place, as you can imagine. He took a year off teaching. He thought of suicide. He had a newfound loathing of seagulls. To us they are just birds. To Jim, they were like horrors in a Hitchcock movie. Why? Because seagulls are scavengers and he and Bonnie had to fight them off as they drifted, roped to their dead loved ones, in the Channel.”

“Jim credits a Sudbury church minister with backing him off the brink,” said Mr. Strobel. And he rebuilt his life. With his second family, he had a cottage and a boat. His new wife told me Jim didn’t like deep water, but he didn’t avoid it either. And whatever his imagined debt of guilt, he paid it off. Once a high school music teacher, he became a renowned and ground breaking guidance counsellor, leader of their provincial organization, he trained other teachers in suicide intervention and introduced crisis support teams. He won many awards for these things. And he volunteered for a group called Bereaved Families of Ontario. One of the many people he counselled there, a man who also had lost his children, gave him a carved wooden bird, it’s wings spread for takeoff. It bore an inscription as if written by the spirits of the man’s dead kids. “Thank you for helping our dad,” it read.

“Which goes to show you something, I guess. As impossible as it seems, there is consolation, real and important consolation in this story,” said Mr. Strobel. “The sheer tragedy of the Rhu eventually evolved into a story of recovery and redemption, if not triumph, at least for Jim Huffman. Thank goodness for that.”

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

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

12-19p

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 AT 7:00 PM NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

File No.: Con 2024-10
 Applicant: Kark Ward Campbell and Cassandra Laird-Campbell
 Legal Description: Bidwell Township, Concession 1, Lot 28, RP 31R3412 Part 1
 Civic Address: 4197 Hwy 540
 Official Plan: Rural Area
 Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
 This is a request for two consents and one retained lot for future development.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 The request is being made for two consents and one retained lot. All of which will be accessed from Hwy 540 and meet the lot size requirements of the zoning by-law.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: August 21, 2024
 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0

services

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.

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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. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4AI-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.

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services

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.

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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.

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Overeaters Anonymous-Do you have an eating disorder? Is food a problem for you in any way? We can help. Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Anchor Inn in the basement, 1 Water St. E, Little Current. Knock loudly.

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services

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give or receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Sunday, August 25 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie, 705-507-0433, tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531, bnann@gmail.com.

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but even the most basic anti-harassment policy of any workplace."

Mr. Mantha, when asked by the Expositor this past Saturday, said he would not comment further, beyond his previous statement on the arbitrator's decision. His full statement reads, "The last two years have been very challenging, but it is time to move past this matter. While I disagree with some of the characterizations made, on the advice of my legal counsel I will not be commenting further at this time. It is my honour to represent the people of Algoma-Manitoulin. I will fulfill my role as MPP for the remainder of this term and leave the decision on my future in the hands of voters in Algoma-Manitoulin."

Ms. Eason told the Expositor in an email to a

question that MPP Mantha has never provided a detailed explanation to ONDP on what he has said is disagreement with some of the characterizations made in the arbitrator's decision.

Ms. Eason said the call for MPP Mantha's resignation was made by the ONDP elected riding association executive.

"The Algoma-Manitoulin ONDP Riding Association expresses our profound disappointment in Mr. Mantha's unethical personal and professional behaviour," states the release. "Algoma-Manitoulin deserves the integrity we voted for. Mantha, who claims he respects

us, has not shown this for the survivor of his harassment, nor the constituents who elected him, and has stonewalled his way through this investigation. For two years, he has taken no accountability for his actions, claiming to be 'baffled' by the allegations."

"We call on Mr. Mantha to take full responsibility for his actions and resign immediately from the position of member of Provincial Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin," the ONDP riding association release continues, adding, "Our thoughts remain with the survivor."



Happy Birthday, Richard!

Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin, was recently feted by the community in honour of his 80th birthday. The family managed to keep it a surprise from Mr. Stephens. He's seen above, left, with his wife, children and grandchildren.



WILSON—In loving memory of Catharine (Kate) Ica Wilson (nee McDermid), June 3, 1957 to August 22, 2020. Jesus said, "I am the light. I am the love that keeps us together." Our love for you, Kate, gives us peace and will never end. Forever loved, forever missed, John, Jessica, Dianna, Finlay, Mom (Blanche) and Dad (Duncan predeceased 1997), Ernie and Michelle (both predeceased 2018 and 2010), Fran, Linda and Barry, Ed and Sheila, Karen and families

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BOWERMAN—In loving memory of our dear mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Doris Bowerman, who passed away August 23, 2004. We miss you in so many ways, We miss the things you used to say, And when old times we do recall, It's then we miss you most of all. Always loved and remembered by daughter Marilyn, son-in-law Jim, grandchildren Marilee, Mallory and Mitchell, and great-grandchildren Landen and Hailee

Death Notices

CHARLES ROYCE BLACKWOOD



In loving memory of Charles Royce Blackwood who passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at age 92. Born in Stellarton, Nova Scotia, he moved to Ontario in 1952 and met his beloved wife Elaine (Cooper) of 70 years. Predeceased by his parents, Robert and Florence (Rowe) Blackwood; siblings Bert, Art, Dodie and Mildred; cherished father of Bill (Louise), Mike (Anne), Rob (Kate) and Kathy Leroux (Pete); loving grandfather to Craig, Keith, Brent, Ashley, Jason, Jeffrey, Sarah and Lindsey (predeceased); and 10 great-grandchildren. As a young man of 25, while working for Inco driving transport for Cooper and Smith during strikes, Royce built his home in Walden with the knowledge his brother and uncle imparted him, learning plumbing and electrical as he continued on. Later, with the help of his three young sons, he built the family cottage on Lake Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, where he and his family enjoyed many happy, fulfilling years making unforgettable memories. He retired in 1989 and in 1992 Royce and Elaine moved to the Island after renovating their cottage as a permanent home. They then travelled east and west, wintered in Florida for many years where life-long friendships were made. Royce had the ability to connect with family, friends and anyone he met. There was always a story that he could relate to people and share experiences with his wisdom and his humour. He was a competitor in cards, golfing and curling. His woodworking skills, building furniture such as tables, cedar chests, rocking horses, etc., brought him much joy which he generously shared with family and friends. Royce was also involved in erecting and maintaining the barns at the Mindemoya Historical Museum. He loved the outdoors; hunting, fishing and making maple syrup with his sister-in-law. He truly loved his wife and family. His eyes would sparkle and he would have the biggest smile when we were all together. Royce was a hardworking man who took on many challenges to provide a very rewarding and fulfilling life for both he and his family. He leaves behind a huge hole in our hearts that we will fill with cherished memories. Please join us for a Celebration of Life at the Mindemoya Curling Club on Saturday, August 31, 2024 from 1 to 4 pm. Any donations would be appreciated by the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

ETHEL IRENE BURROWS

(Nee Duxbury)
1927 - 2024

We are saddened to announce the passing of our mother and grandmother on Sunday, August 11, 2024 at Southbridge London in her 97th year. She passed away with her family by her side. Predeceased by her husband Bill (2016). Ethel leaves behind children Linda, Larry and Jennifer, as well as grandchildren Tyler and Leah. She is also survived by brother Winston (Mireille) and sister Helena. She is predeceased by her parents Mary-Ellen (Brown) and Wesley Duxbury of Tehkummah and by sisters Christina, Leona, Emily and Isabel and brother Jim. A special thank you to Southbridge staff on Pine for the care you gave Mom, especially in the last few days. Mom will return to Manitoulin Island where a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date and where she will be placed to rest next to her family. In Ethel's memory, donations may be made to the London Humane Society or a charity of your choice.

KENNETH "KEN" JAMES RAMSAY



It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden and unexpected passing of Kenneth "Ken" James Ramsay at his home on Lake Manitou on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. He will be forever missed and fondly remembered by his loving companion Claire; sister Gail of Montreal; stepson Steven (wife Elizabeth); grandchildren Robert, Jonathan, Janet, Owen and Avery; great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, countless friends, neighbours, fellow golfers and curlers. Ken is predeceased by his father Robert James, mother Phyllis Ellen, brother William, wife Margaret (Peggy) Rose, brother-in law Bob, stepsons Alan and Ronald. Cremation has taken place, a Celebration of Ken's Life will be held at a later date, which is to be determined. Donations to the Arthritis Society Canada would be appreciated. Ken's family would like to give a very special thank you to Ian, Brian and Kevin for their efforts and care for Ken in his final moments. Record your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

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Burial Notice

CHESTER WITTY



Friends and family are invited to attend a graveside service for Chester Witty on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 11 am at the Burpee Mills Cemetery. Lunch will be served at the Burpee Mills Community Hall following the service.

The Sunshine of Our Lives

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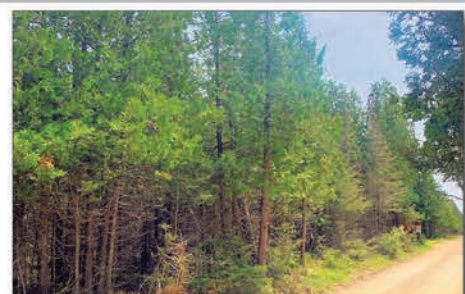
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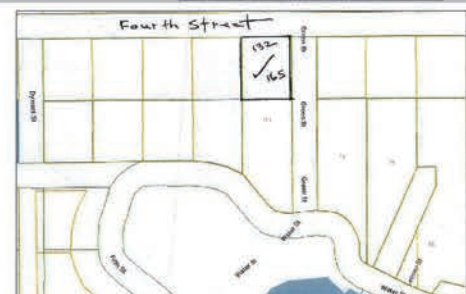
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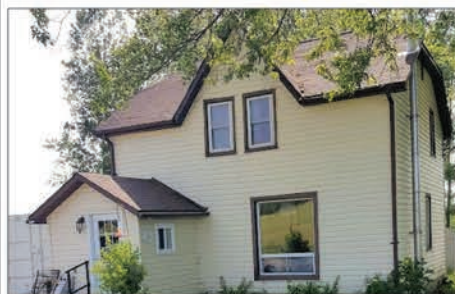
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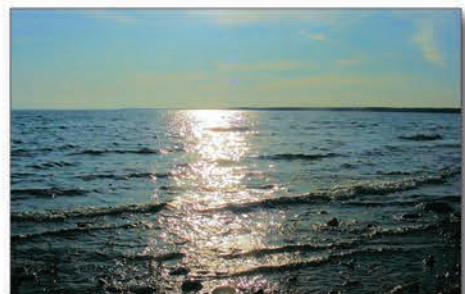
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In photo are two Manitowaning teams who entered in the 12 and under division at the third annual Assiginack youth ball tournament.

Photo provided.



The third annual 'Old Guys versus Young Guys' ballgame took place in Assiginack earlier this month. Old and young are on display above

Photo provided.

Third annual Assiginack youth baseball tournament

MANITOWANING—The third annual Assiginack youth ball tournament was a success with 12 teams and three divisions bringing in 140 kids, coaches and fans. The teams all played with great sportsmanship and skill and the fans were so positive with their cheering. Among the teams, Manitowaning entered two teams in the 12 and under division. They were there to ensure the kids had fun playing ball. They shared coaches. So, when it came time to play each other, there was constant cheering for every player.

In the 12 and under division Wiky took first place with the Giants team second, while the Bat Attitudes took first place in the 13-15 division with Pitch Please second. In the age 16-18 division, Fatal Flamingos took first with Sons of Pitches second. The tournament took place the second weekend in August.

A huge shout out to the umpires who worked all weekend long starting Thursday night, including Reuben Allen, Murray Gammie, Ryan Stewart, Bud Spry

and Larry Harasym. Assiginack Public School was also there volunteering by selling food and drinks to raise money for future grade eight trips.

Earlier in the week, on August 7, the third annual 'old guys versus young guys' third annual ball game took place. Once again, the annual game took place under the lights and it was the young ballplayers, in their 20s and 30s, against the senior ballplayers.

Ryan Stewart was not messing around this year—he had pulled out a scoresheet so the scores/rosters would be accurate as the senior men were determined to win after losing the past two years.

As is customary a moment of silence was held for those who have been involved in Assiginack baseball over the years, who we have lost in the past year. Brian Lockyer and Lori Case were remembered.

In a shocking turn of events, the senior team won by two runs, 16-14.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Lacrosse sisters, bronzed!

Congratulations to sisters, **Mackenzie** and **Reese Shigwadja** who both represented the U-22 Team Ontario in Box Lacrosse National Championships last week out west in Regina! Reese, also playing on the U-19's won the bronze! Attaway baggataway!

Manitoulin MTB represents!

A few of our competitive mountain bikers have been training and racing hard. At the Provincial Mountain Bike Championships in Milton's Kelso Trails, **Nathan Quackenbush** went down hard in the first lap but still got back up and fought hard to finish 18th in the U15 division! **Bradley Slaght** then took first in the U19 Sport division!

Alex Anstice, who helps coach the pair was off on his own for an event this weekend and continues to amaze. He rode the three day, Crank the Shield race in Sault Ste Marie this past weekend. Crank the Shield is a gruelling three day race on primarily singletrack mountain bike trails. This year's event covered over 150km and 2500m of elevation over the three-day event. Alex won the second stage of the race and, after 8 hours and 52 minutes of riding, he took second place in the 30-44 year old division as well as having the fourth fastest time overall!

Great golfing reps!

Tony Manitowabi and **Billy Biedermann** were representing Rainbow Ridge Golf Course at the Indigenous Ontario Championship hosted by the Six Nations of Grand River and the Monhill Club. **Billy Biederman** made the cut of the 54 Hole tournament, finishing 37th. Tony was close behind, just missing the cut. Way to go, guys!

Local baseball player caps great season!

Another season with the Sudbury Voyageurs has come to end for Mindemoya's **Chase Taylor**. The team plays in the Premier Baseball League of Ontario (PLBO) and began their season way back on May 4th which took them across Ontario on weekends making stops in Ottawa, Ajax, London, Kitchener and playing at 'home' in Sudbury at Terry Fox Field.

The Vees had an up and down season with a good mix of return players and players who were new to the program. They, once again, travelled to Toledo, OH to participate in the PBR Midwest Classic over the Fourth of July weekend where Chase left the tournament with an impressive .667 Average and .714 OBP. The team played hard against some strong competition South of the border and really enjoyed their experience.

After a busy few months, Chase and his team ended their season on Sunday July 21st winning a silver medal at the PBLO playoffs in Kitchener. The team entered the playoff tournament in last place and then went undefeated in round robin play putting them in first place going into the finals on Sunday morning. They battled hard but ended up with the silver, being defeated by the hometown, Midwest Bearcats. Chase spent the season splitting his time at both First and Third bases ending with an incredible .435 Average, .587 OBP and 22 RBI's!

Once the season ended it was time to focus on the Ontario Summer Games. Chase represented Northern Ontario as a member of Team North which was made up of players from Sudbury, Thunder Bay and Sault Ste Marie. The team got off to a slow start but had some great games against some tough southern teams. The team made it all the way to Sunday, unfortunately not for a medal, but was able to play at the historic Labatt Memorial Park for their final game and ended the tournament taking 5th place in the province out of 12 teams with a big final win making the North very proud.

Chase will now take a couple short weeks off and prepare for the upcoming 2025 season tryouts for the Voyageurs taking place at the end of August. Good job, Chase and here's hoping for another great 2025 season in the PBLO!

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Kevin Eshkawkogan on GTHL board

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—M'Chigeeng First Nation band member Kevin Eshkawkogan has become the first Indigenous citizen elected to the Greater Toronto Hockey League board of directors.

"I've been around the game of hockey a lot in my life and feel it is important to give back to the game," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. Mr. Eshkawkogan had previously served a two-year term with the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) board (2019-2021) as a director with district seven which takes in the area of Manitoulin Island, some of the North Shore, and contributed to the Hockey Quality initiative.

Mr. Eshkawkogan was elected for a three-year term at the GTHL annual meeting in July.

He is also the president and chief executive officer of Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO). Mr. Eshkawkogan has two residences, one in Little Current and a home in Vaughan.

The GTHL is the world's largest amateur hockey league, having about 10,000 registered players every season.

The GTHL also has dozens of committees, and Mr. Eshkawkogan will serve on four, the diversity, equity and inclusion committee, the GTHL summit task team, the risk management committee and legacy fund committee.

Mr. Eshkawkogan has also previously served as president of the Manitoulin Panthers, and as president of the Manitoulin Islanders for two years. Last season he was the manager of his son Kohyn's hockey team, (North York Rangers Under-16 AAA team). He has also been involved in the Little Native Hockey League tournament, as head coach, assistant coach, manager and trainer for several participating teams over the years.

"It's important to give back to the game of hockey," added Mr. Eshkawkogan.

Youth Leadership Camp empowers at-risk Indigenous youth at Birch Island

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

BIRCH ISLAND—The UCCM Anishinaabe Youth Leadership Camp, held at the Rainbow Lodge At Sunshine Alley, has become a beacon of hope and transformation for at-risk Indigenous youth aged 13 to 17. Over the course of six days, participants engage in a unique blend of leadership development, cultural teachings and mentorship, all aimed at building self-worth and confidence.

Staff Sgt. Carrie Spry, representing the UCCM Police, highlighted the importance of such initiatives, emphasizing the critical role they play in fostering relationships and self-esteem within Indigenous communities. “This camp is not just about outdoor adventures; it’s about creating a safe and supportive environment where our youth can develop confidence and a deep respect for nature and wildlife,” said Staff Sgt. Spry.

The camp, which has been running since 2019, is a collaborative effort involving various agencies, including First Nations communities, the UCCM Police, and First Nations Health Centres. The program offers a wide range of activities, from traditional teachings by Elders to leadership training and problem-solving exercises, all designed to engage and inspire the youth.

“We also have our front desk lady, Anne Ziegler, and she cooks the whole week for us. Oh, and we have different officers come in and serve the kids as well. And so, it’s not like we’re not above

you, we’re beside you. So, we serve you. We sit and eat with you. We do all the challenges with the kids,” said Staff Sgt. Spry.

“Building rapport with local youth through regular interactions and mentorship programs is at the core of what we do,” Staff Sgt. Spry continued. “Our approach is collaborative, focusing on re-education and community engagement. The Lighting the Fire Within program, for instance, has been a great success, winning grants that have made these vital community supports possible.”

Staff Sgt. Spry went on to tell The Expositor that it’s the UCCM Police’s focus to “build rapport with our youth, so that these kids, if they encounter something, they have very close bonds with police officers. Now we have officers who attend regularly in uniform. It just normalizes the uniform.”

The camp also serves as a platform for personal growth, with many participants returning year after year, eventually transitioning from campers to mentors. Staff Sgt. Spry shared stories of youth overcoming challenges, describing how, by the third day, campers who struggled initially began to take ownership of tasks and support one another, regardless of their background.

Mental health support

is another cornerstone of the camp, with counsellors like Sarah Seabrook offering free counselling services and helping youth connect with additional resources. This support fosters lasting bonds that extend beyond the camp, contributing to the ongoing development of these young individuals.

“Every year, we see remarkable progress in our campers,” said Staff Sgt. Spry. “They arrive unsure of themselves, but by the end of the week, they’re not only more confident but also more connected to their culture and community.”

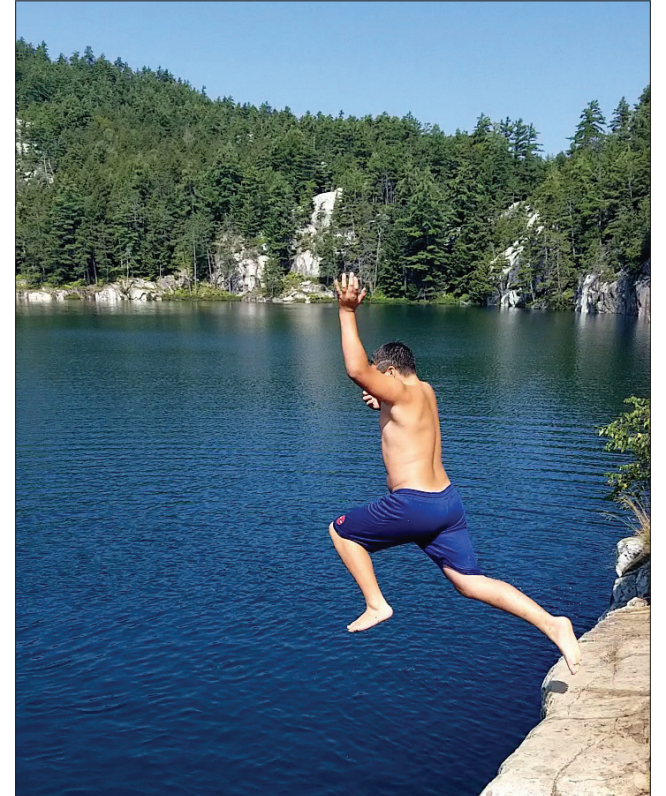
The camp’s success is evident in the strong bonds formed among participants and the positive changes observed in their behaviour and attitudes. Staff Sgt. Spry and other organizers are committed to continuous improvement, regularly gathering feedback from the youth to enhance future camps. Plans are already underway to split the hikes into two days and provide more resources to further develop youth leadership.

As the camp concluded, the sense of community and shared purpose was palpable. “We are beside these kids every step of

the way,” Staff Sgt. Spry said. “We eat with them, face challenges together, and ultimately, show them what life can be like in a stable, supportive environment.”

The UCCM Youth Leadership Camp is a powerful example of community, culture and compassion in shaping the futures of

Indigenous youth. As Bonnie Pichoski, the camp’s founder, envisioned in 2019, this initiative continues to inspire and create positive change in the lives of young people, proving that with the right support, every child can thrive.



A camper jumps off a cliff with encouragement from his new friends.



Campers use teamwork to raise a teepee.

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Team Douglas takes on the Northern Motorcross series

by Alexia Hannigan

Not many 9-year-olds can catch big air and ride motocross like a champ, but Parker Douglas can. This past weekend, he made AMO proud by securing second place in the Northern Motocross (MX) series with two third-place finishes and a second-place finish, often racing against kids as old as 11. This marks his third win in his racing career to date. Parker and his mother Felicity took some time out of their busy racing schedule to share their routine and the journey their racing has taken them on.

It all started when he was three and a half. Parker asked his father if he could learn to ride the family's quad. His father showed him the ropes, and he quickly got the hang of it. His coach and mentor, OPP Officer Ronald Alexander, is a former motocross champion whom Parker aspires to be like. "It takes a lot of time, training, money, and commitment. When I'm not working, I'm travelling with Parker to the AMO competitions and races. The circuit has 11 races across Ontario, with one of the last four races taking place in September in Auburn, down south," said his mom.

Parker's father, Dwayne Douglas, acts as the mechanic, his grandmother Bridget takes charge of the administrative and registration work, while his mother Felicity organizes the calendar, making sure he gets to the starting gate on time. Everyone in the family has a role in keeping Parker on the track. When asked about the type of bike he rides, he told the Expositor that he pre-

fers the KTM CC65 SX, saying it can handle the hard-packed and mixed tracks well. When asked about his favourite part of racing, he confidently beamed, saying "The jumps!"

"He is fearless and very focused when he rides," his mom boasted. The circuit and races involve a lot of organizing and travel. "It can be exhausting, but we all love it — we're a racing family now. Parker's cousins, Deacon, aged 7, and Deklen, aged 3, also race competitively. Deklen recently placed 3rd at the last AMO race in Sault Ste. Marie.

"That's the best part," Mrs. Douglas said. "There is a real sense of community and family. There is no unhealthy competition or rivalry — everyone just loves the sport and the thrill of the race."

She also emphasized that the team and the association take safety very seriously, adding that wearing the proper gear helps ensure a long career in racing. "We remind everyone — kids and adults alike — to take safety seriously."

Parker looks forward to competing in the final four AMO races in September and hopes to go pro someday. The young Douglas boys proudly represent Manitoulin Island and are seeking sponsors for Team Douglas to help with their cross-border training in the winter season. Ride on Parker, Deacon, and Deklen! Your community is rooting for you!



Parker, Deacon and Deklen Douglas.



Parker Douglas gets ready for a race.

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Attention: Human Resources

Leigh Cranston, owner and florist of Friendleigh's gives a "friendleigh-ish" smile.

New florist shop opens in Little Current

by Michael Erskine
 LITTLE CURRENT—Errant husbands rejoice! There's a new florist in town and she means business.

Leigh Cranston has opened Friendleigh's Flowers and Gifts on Water Street, just a door down from The Expositor office in the former The Collective location.

The shop is a full range florist, or will be once the artificial flowers arrive, then Ms. Cranston will hold a grand opening.

"As soon as it arrives, I'm going to do a grand opening," she said. "I have everything here." There are still a few pieces of furniture to arrive.

But the flower arrangements are already flowing out the door. Ms. Cranston, deftly arranges a flower in a vase as she speaks. "It's been busy the last couple of weeks," she said.

The florist is no stranger to creating flower arrangements in Little Current. She worked for the late Steve Nunn and his wife Cathy when they ran Island Florists.

"I've always loved doing floral work," she said. Most recently, she worked at E's Flower's and Gift Baskets in Mindemoya.

There are a host of details that need to be corralled when starting up any new business and a florist and gift shop is no exception. One of those details is being registered globally for people to order

flowers.

As soon as she is connected to the internet, Ms. Cranston will be receiving orders from Bloom Nation. "Then, I can actually receive my orders through Bloom Nation," she said. As the name suggests, Friendleigh's Flowers and Gifts does much more than just flower arrangements. In addition to an accompanying gift shop, the store sells Northwest Fudge, Manitoulin Jams and Jellies and, come the fall, Ms. Cranston plans to be making her own candles and soap. Which will work out really well with her gift basket selection. She has been creating gift baskets from home for family and friends for several years now. "I've had lots of requests already for the homemade candles," said Ms. Cranston, "so, I'll be getting that started as soon as I can, once everything's set up and I have time."

Ms. Cranston offers a monthly draw for a \$50 store credit gift certificate that customers who make a purchase can enter. "They can decide how they want to spend it, be it fresh flowers or a gift basket," she said.

Orders can currently be placed by calling 705-662-3930. Ms. Cranston will also be getting a local number and, with the internet, ordering online will become possible. Emails also work at friendleighsfandg@gmail.com.



GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Aftercare Support Worker (Multiple casual positions available)

Position Description:
 A part-time position; responsible for the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring participant wellness, monitoring the facility, cleaning the facility, program laundry and other duties as required.

Responsibilities and Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Requirements:

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

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

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

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

Responsibilities and Duties:

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

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a degree in social services, nursing, or other related human service diploma with mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Proven experience with office administration and electronic medical records
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Experience working in the Withdrawal Management sector and knowledge of best practices
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
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Salary: Starting at \$54,000/annual
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