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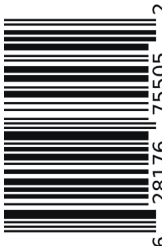
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Birch Island demands consult on nearby nuclear waste dumpsite



CARWASH FOR A CAUSE—The Gore Bay fire department held a very successful car wash and barbecue this past Saturday. The fundraising event was held to support Sadie Graham, a six-year-old girl from Evansville who is battling leukemia. The fire department received support from the Burpee and Mills fire department, staff and students of Charles C. McLean Public School, Deans Valu-Mart and the Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club. A total of \$2,500 was raised for Sadie and her family.

Premier Ford assures Island citizen he'll look into swing bridge concerns

Suggests quicker action on issue if Tory MPP had been elected

by Expositor Staff
MANITOULIN—The author of the 'Fund Bridge Replacement Now!' petition on Change.org has received almost 1,000 signatures and even had a call from Premier Doug Ford himself.

Bay Estates' resident Tony Ferro said he was fed up with the constant interruptions caused

Attorney General's office assures Island

delegates of sympathy towards POA woes

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—A Gore Bay town official says the Attorney General of Ontario, Doug Downey, recognizes the difficulties small Northern Ontario municipalities are having with the lack of revenues being derived by the Provincial Offences Act (POA). The Manitoulin POA has been in a deficit position every year since 2017.

"Attorney General Downey recognizes the capacity of the smaller municipalities is not the same as the big areas, and he recognizes for those in the North there is an issue," stated Harry Schlange, Gore Bay town manager after he and Bryan Barker, mayor of Billings Township, Danny Whalen, president of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and Mark Wilson, a Zone 9 Rural Ontario Municipal Association board director met with Mr. Downey at the Association of

by breakdowns of the Manitoulin swing bridge and decided to take personal action—launching the online petition and personally reaching out to Premier Doug Ford. To Mr. Ferro's surprise, the premier called him back on Saturday.

"I called him on his cell at first, but he doesn't answer un-

Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa last week.

"The town does the administrative work for the Island municipalities for POA," said Mr. Schlange. "When the province downloaded POA onto municipalities in 2000 one of the com-

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less the call is verified with a text," said Mr. Ferro. "So, I sent him a text."

A few days later Mr. Ferro answered his phone to discover Premier Ford on the other end.

While it is to be expected that the political leader of the nation's largest province would not necessarily be on top of the details of a small bridge in Northern Ontario, Mr. Ferro said that Premier Ford was open to listening to his concerns and that he would look into it.

"He told me the biggest issue is that we don't have a representative with the PC party," said Mr. Ferro. With 88 PC representatives at the table lobbying for their constituencies it is rea-

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Central budgets \$200,000 for arena assessments

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—The municipality of Central Manitoulin is once again having a study done of its arenas and recreation infrastructure, despite the concerns raised by one of its councillors.

"I have been on council over 20 years, and we have talked about what to do with our community centres and arenas many times over the years," stated Councillor Derek Stephens at a council meeting last week. "Now we are bringing in a consultant to do another study for almost \$200,000. We could have almost built a new arena 20 years ago for that."

"I look forward to the study being carried out,"

said Councillor Brian Mitchell. "We have been working and reworking the numbers and what we can do."

Mayor Richard Stephens said, "We all know we can't get things done for the same costs as 20 years ago. Hopefully, with this study we get something that is feasible and workable."

Council passed a motion "that report PROP-14-01 Results of RFPO 07-2024 Consulting Services: Recreation Infrastructure and Arenas Planning be received and further that the proposal submitted by 3rd Line Consulting and Perkins and Will

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Ontario Ministry of Mines plans to use Agnew Lake minesite as dumping ground

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

NORTH CHANNEL—The residents of Nairn and Hyman, a small township in Northern Ontario, were stunned to learn that Ontario plans to transport 40 tonnes of radioactive waste, including personal protection equipment (PPE), into their community. The waste, which has been stored for decades at an abandoned mill near Nipissing First Nation, is slated for disposal in the tailings facilities of the Agnew Lake Mine, an abandoned uranium minesite. The revelation has sparked outrage, fear, and a renewed focus on the dangers of contaminating watersheds with nuclear waste. It is being moved, in part, at the request of Nipissing First Nation.

The community discovered the plan only after noticing un-

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Agnew Lake's watershed connects with North Channel, and Lake Huron, waters.

photo courtesy Apple Maps

Ministry of Natural Resources confirms netting L. Manitou walleye

Fish collected for other lakes' stocking; none put back

by Tom Sasvari

SANDFIELD—Walleye are not stocked from the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station (BJCFCS) into Lake Manitou, despite the fish being taken out of the lake and stocked in other waters in Ontario, those in attendance at the Lake Manitou Area Association (LMAA) Information Night were told last week. While this could take place someday, it would be a decision based on an assessment by the Sudbury district office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR).

Audience member Ted Wil-

liamson asked if any stocking of walleye is carried out by the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station or MNR in Lake Manitou. "It appears from the numbers you have presented here tonight you are taking the fish out of the local waters, but not putting them back in."

Victoria Cranston and Shannon Gauthier of the fish culture station explained there are no walleye being stocked in Lake Manitou. The decision for stocking of any fish is made in the Sudbury district office of the MNR. "They make the decision on stocking of fish," said Ms. Gauthier. "There is a very high walleye population on Manitoulin Island, and there has been talk of stocking walleye in Lake Manitou over the years," she added, suggesting LMAA can reach out to the Sudbury district office. "There is the possibility in the future it may happen."

"I disagree that walleye haven't been stocked in Lake Manitou," stated Mr. Williamson. "Walleye have been in the lake for many years."

"This issue came up at our annual general meeting and we

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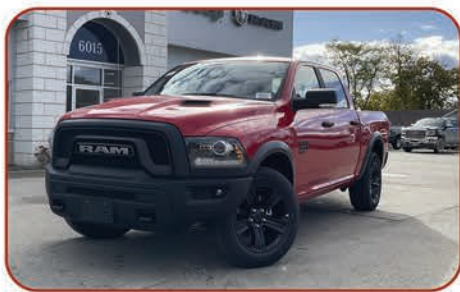


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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



The Great Lakes Waterfront Trail has expanded to include Manitoulin Island, as the Ministry of Transportation designated Highway 6 as part of the trail. In photo left Marlaine Koehler, executive director of Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Michael Stewart, community relations consultant of CAA south central Ontario right, present directional signs to Al Boyd, deputy mayor of the town of Northeastern Ontario and Maja Mielonen of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates.

Northeast Town now part of Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Adventure

by Tom Sasvari

NORTHEAST TOWN—For the first time in its 16-year history, those participating in the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Adventure (GWTA, hosted by the Waterfront Regeneration Trust [WRT] and Destination Northern Ontario) included Manitoulin Island, culminating in a dinner celebration at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current on August 19. About 110 enthusiastic cycling tourists aged 18 to 85 and travelling from three Canadian provinces and five US states took part in the ride from Chipewagan Falls to Little Current.

“I would like to congratulate all of you for an incredible week of cycling the North Shore and Lake Huron, and experiencing what the trail has to offer in terms of being welcoming and demanding,” said Marlaine Koehler, executive director, WRT. “This is an incredible legacy tour.”

“But we are celebrating the trail adventure be-

cause of the fact that the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail is celebrating the expansion of the trail on Manitoulin Island and including Georgian Bay Cycling Route,” Ms. Koehler. “Maja Mielonen is someone some of you met last night as you enjoyed a meal with her last night at her home in Mindemoya. She is the founder of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA), the Manitoulin Passage Ride, spearheaded the Georgian Bay Cycling Group and several other initiatives. She is a powerhouse, an energetic visionary and put Manitoulin Island on the cycling map. She and I have been working together since 2013 and it is through our visions coming together that this expansion has taken place.”

“We are presenting a trail directional sign to Maja for all her contributions to cycling,” said Ms. Koehler.

Ms. Koehler then presented a trail sign to Al

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Island honours its last WWII veteran on his 100th birthday

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
M'CHIGEENG — In a momentous celebration, Manitoulin Island's last surviving World War II veteran, Mr. Justin Roy, returned to his home community to mark his 100th birthday. The island came alive with gratitude and reverence, as friends, family, and fellow veterans gathered to honour a man whose life has been a testament to courage, resilience, and service.

The festivities began on Mon-



Justin Roy was gifted with an eagle feather at one of his 100th birthday parties, this one in M'Chigeeng.

day, August 19 at the Little Current Legion, Branch 177. The room was filled with the warm embrace of comradeship, as Mr. Roy was welcomed by veterans, sea cadets, and community members who came to pay tribute to a man who had stood on the front lines of history.

The following day, a more intimate gathering was held at the M'Chigeeng Elders' Residence, where Mr. Roy, now residing in Mesa, Arizona, was surrounded by loved ones. The atmosphere was filled with stories of the past, laughter, and the deep connection shared by those who understand the weight of service and sacrifice. Among those in attendance were members of the Canadian Forces, veterans, and local dignitaries who came to honour a hero whose legacy continues to inspire.

In a previous conversation with The Expositor in 2021, Mr. Roy reflected on his journey from the quiet shores of M'Chigeeng to the tumultuous beaches of Normandy. Born and raised in this small community, Mr. Roy left home at the tender age of 13 after the passing of his father. He worked in a lumber camp in Whitefish Falls and later found his way to Sault Ste.

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Gore Bay seeking 'vulnerable people' to add to new registry

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The town of Gore Bay will be accepting applications from those local residents who live independently without 24-hour care, who have a disability or condition which makes them at higher risk to be contacted during a widespread emergency.

“This is another way for the town to look after its vulnerable population,” stated Mike Addison, Gore Bay Fire Chief at a meeting with town council last week.

“This is a well overdue program,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane.

“I am here tonight to request council's authority to go ahead with this project, and for the town to sign a confidentiality agreement with Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre Acorn Information Solutions to put this vulnerable persons registry in place,” said Mr. Addison. He noted the vulnerable persons registry was initiated in Sault Ste. Marie in 2011. In 2019 the VPR expanded into parts of Man-

Foods Banks Canada data shows 35 percent feel worse off than they did three months ago as food banks brace for a tidal wave

Manitoulin Food Bank in agreement

MANITOULIN—Food Bank Canada (FBC) released bleak new polling data on August 22 that shows 35 percent of Canadians feel worse off financially than they did three months ago. And the increase in use of food banks is being seen by the Manitoulin Food Bank.

“The statistics and number of users of the food bank are up, but the donations of food and money are down,” said Vanessa Glasby, who manages the food security program at Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR). “I think a lot of those folks in middle class, for example, which used to have an extra \$20 to give to the food bank don't have the money to do this anymore.”

“Generally, we have seen a steady increase in use of the food bank, at least 35 percent throughout the year,” said Col-

leen Hill, executive director of MFR. “We are preparing for even more support and have noticed a definite increase in demand.”

Food Bank chief executive officer Kirstin Beardsley says the new findings, coupled with recent research from Statistics Canada, underscore the urgent need for action from all levels of government including the introduction of a Groceries and Essentials Benefit to stop Canada's growing hunger crisis and make sure that every person in Canada can afford their basic needs.

“If the newest StatsCan projections come true, the food bank system will not be able to support the tidal wave of people needing support,” shared Ms.

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Winds of Change in Wiikwemkoong

Tim Ominika takes the helm

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is on the brink of a new chapter as Tim Ominika steps into his role as chief, carrying forward a legacy deeply rooted in the community's history. His great-great-grandfather, Ominikamago, was one of the three chiefs who famously refused to cede Wiikwemkoong and its traditional territory, setting a powerful precedent of resistance and sovereignty. Now, Mr. Ominika is poised to lead with that same spirit of resilience.

Since the election results were announced, Chief Ominika has been inundated with calls and messages of support

from the community. “I've always been in a helping role, working closely with families, which has allowed me to build trust and relationships within our community,” he shared. “Sitting on council for 10 years gave me the experience I needed, but I was still surprised by the overwhelming support. You never know what will happen, but I felt a good vibe from the community.”

As he embarks on his journey as chief, Mr. Ominika's priorities are clear. “One of the first things on my agenda is to focus on the custom election code, moving away from the INAC process,” he said. “This will

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Ontario's decision to close 10 safe consumption sites sparks widespread outrage

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Ontario's Health Minister, Sylvia Jones, has announced the closure of 10 safe consumption sites across the province, igniting a wave of concern and sorrow among health-care professionals, advocates, and affected communities. This decision comes despite two government-commissioned reports strongly advising the continuation of these sites and increased funding to enhance safety and stabilize staffing.

The government's decision marks a dramatic shift from harm reduction to a treatment-focused model, with Health Minister Jones citing increased crime rates and concerns from local residents as the primary reasons. However, this rationale has been met with intense criticism from those who see the closure as

a step backward in the fight against the opioid crisis, which has claimed thousands of lives across Ontario.

Heidi Eisenhauer, executive director of Sudbury's Réseau ACCESS Network, whose organization does harm reduction outreach work on Manitoulin, expressed profound disappointment in the government's actions, emphasizing the critical role that harm reduction services play in saving lives. “It's really unfortunate that the government is moving away from evidence-based measures,” Ms. Eisenhauer stated. “The reports from Unity Health and other health experts were very clear—these sites are essential, and more sites should be opened, not closed.”

Ms. Eisenhauer, who has been working in harm reduction since 1992, spoke to the broader implications of the

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Two conflicting political approaches — which one is better for our times?

The will of the people is central to the concept of democracy—but the question is: Which of the two main approaches is best when trying to navigate through today's hypercomplex information overload. To quote that seminal 20th century Ron Davis anthem, "it ain't easy." (Most readers will be more familiar with the Long John Baldry or David Bowie covers.)

To review, the two main schools of thought on electing leaders are the Burkian and Rouseauian approaches.

In the approach of famed French philosopher Jean Jacques Rousseau, the "general will" of the people is the right approach to any issue by an elector charting their course in filling a ballot. This has a lot of popular appeal—especially among those who "do their own research" online, filtering misinformation and partisan spin to come to a conclusion when deciding who should win their vote. So, vote for the person whose policy proposals on the election trails most closely resemble your own opinion.

The approach of the English political philosopher and parliamentarian Edmund Burke points out the increasing complexity of finding solutions to the issues at hand and notes that the ordinary citizen is far too busy just trying to navigate their own personal household challenges to find the time to stay on top of all of the nuances incumbent in any issue facing the body politic. This school of thought dictates evaluating the personality of the leader who is seeking your vote—and vote for the one you think would be most likely to make the same decision you would if you had all the information at hand.

In truth, most electors tend toward loudly espousing the former but make their decision primarily on the latter. Understanding these two approaches goes a long way toward understanding the electoral approaches of election campaigns and is the main reason why personal character assassinations are ascendant in the current political environment.

Most people are too busy trying to navigate their everyday chal-

lenges to pay attention or assess issues. So, the smart politico eschews complicated policy discussions and focuses on repeating 30-second dog whistle sound bites aimed at defining their opponent's character and/or simplifying complex issues into sound bites that offer only critiques of the failures of the current administration to meet those challenges.

So, what is a poor elector to do?

Counter-intuitively, the best approach may be what most people do—ignore the entire gaggle of beggars until the election beacon heaves in sight. Unfortunately, that approach has an Achilles' heel. A third approach, the Goebbel's approach of flinging dirt and character assassinations at the opposition, plays strongly to an electorate only paying slight attention to the world of politics.

Over the course of the next year (provided the NDP don't believe they can gain a seat or two and pull the plug on the government a la Paul Martin) the governing Liberals have a massive hill to climb in the form of public perceptions of Justin Trudeau—some earned, some simply visceral reaction to the frustrations of the pandemic and issues that largely fall within the provincial bailiwick.

It will be interesting to see what happens should another year pass before the federal election writ is dropped—"a week is a lifetime in politics." For instance, should Kamala Harris win the US presidency, which mouse would be best placed to deal with the elephant in the bed?

In the meantime, electors should cast aside the political spin and decide who, when all is said and done, would most likely make the same decisions they would make themselves—if they had all the information to hand. That is, finding solutions to the issues facing Canadians nationally when action is required, in place of dog whistles.

Hopefully, we all will have a chance to see what November brings first.

letters

A spirited defence of a popular Island business

Small business owners put their hearts and souls into their operations

To the Expositor:

I've been visiting Manitoulin for 32 years. My friends are Daphne Campbell and her dear daughter, Lisa Campbell who has owned Campbell's Drive-In for six years now. It's always a treat to enjoy the food and friendship here. When I drive in to buy lunch and relax, there's always a happy line.

But the other day, this August, something happened. Lisa told me, "I went to do an ordinary clean in the afternoon and there was a box of partially leftover food with a nasty note written on a paper container that shocked me."

The note written in heavy black letters stated, "Your food sucks. Hope you go out of business and your family starves."

"Bonnie, I went into shock as I picked up the container with the writing. For almost 47 years our family has managed and enjoyed running our food business and appreciating our clients that come year to year. We have never, ever, experienced a remark from a client like this."

"After some debate, I simply had to do something and chose to post this on Facebook; as a public service announcement as to how to address a complaint properly," Lisa said. "We had her on camera and later could see how she sat in her truck and wrote this, and left it up on the tray rack in front of our restaurant."

"I simply want people to be aware what workers in the service industry deal with, and how hard we strive to provide excellent food and service, always," Lisa said.

When Lisa posted this on Facebook, she did not to expect receive 392 reactions and 261 comments!

"Wow, great!" I said to Lisa, enjoying the halibut for lunch, yes, that I paid for, sitting outside on the patio.

Lisa was so unhappy about the audacity of this woman on Man-

itoulin this beautiful summer. She asked, "Is this a lasting effect since COVID? It sure seems to have changed the way people treat each other. We've always had happy customers who come back, year after year to enjoy all that we serve..."

"I agree," I said, "For 32 years, I'm always trying something new, like the pizza, pub style battered halibut, your regular homemade juicy hamburgers. And I've almost tasted each of the 28 flavours of ice cream, with two types of cones!"

"What unexpectedly happened, Bonnie, is that I've received so many phone calls and private messages. As well, other business owners have driven in from Little Current and Providence Bay just to have lunch and show their support to us. This is what our dear Island's about, support, encouragement and uplifting us. Clearly that lady missed the mark on Manitoulin..."

As I finished lunch, Lisa asked me to write this, and it is my joy to do so.

"Please remember to respect us, working in the service industry, as we're human and we strive to create delicious dishes that everyone enjoys," Lisa paused. "We work tirelessly to create an atmosphere of welcome. We offer a patio where you can sit comfortably with family and friends and enjoy lunch, an afternoon vanilla float or a hearty dinner."

On this Island, and everywhere, small business owners put their hearts and souls into their businesses and Lisa want us to respect and appreciate their dedication, and embrace what the beautiful Manitoulin is all about: kindness, respect and community.

You bet.
 Respectfully,

Bonnie Kogos
 Campbell's Drive-in loyal customer

A suggestion to the MTO about truth in advertising

Signage to warn public about the possibility of breakdowns

To the Expositor:

From reading in The Expositor the past few months the problems with the Little Current Swing Bridge, I would suggest the MTO post signage on both ends of the bridge as a caution to the public.

"Notice. Expect delays. Due to frequent mechanical problems, re-

turn passage on this bridge is not guaranteed. Expect long delays. Alternate route is via Ferry from South Baymouth to Tobermory. For reservations call 1-800-265-3163."

William Olfert
 Espanola

The Owen Sound Transportation Company sends thanks

A salute to the South Baymouth Community Development Association and the Island

To the Expositor:

The Owen Sound Transportation Company extends many thanks and heartfelt gratitude to the South Baymouth Community Development Association for their ambition and dedication in making the 'Manitoulin Salutes the Chi-Cheemaun's 50th Anniversary,' on August 10, 2024, a huge and memorable success!

It was amazing to see the small community of South Baymouth unite and put on a celebration second to none. Those that attended and participated were proud to be part of such a fun-filled day, thanks to the warmth and welcoming nature of the organization. The enthusiasm was so incredible that even a few rainstorms couldn't dampen the spirit as people explored the variety of activities and events planned, including the all day barbecue, parade, antique car show, vendors, bake sales, Manitoulin Sea Cadets, pre-

sentations (with MPs, MPPs and the deputy mayor), kids' activities, mule wagon rides, music, firetruck water cannons, celebratory cake, and then capping off the day with a terrific dance party and a fantastic firework display!

Thank you to Captain John Greenway for hosting and MCing the presentations. We will deeply cherish these memories. All of us at Owen Sound Transportation Company salute South Baymouth Community Development Association and Manitoulin Island on a very successful day celebrating our beloved Chi-Cheemaun's 50th Anniversary!

Yours sincerely,

Kerry Adams, Director of Operations
 Owen Sound Transportation Company

Jo-Anne

Moreton Connery

These days, Jo-Anne makes her home in Waterdown, Ontario. She has fond memories of her time on Manitoulin and her ancestors' trials and accomplishments. "My maternal family line, the Schell family, were heroes of the American Revolution. Johan Christian Schell, my fifth great grandfather, was killed in a battle with the British and the Indigenous people. His 11-year-old twin sons were captured by the Iroquois. Their sister was scalped and abandoned but woke up, removed the scalpel, and walked home. The Iroquois brought the twins to Canada from America and the boys grew to adore their captors, absorb the culture and speak their language. The twins loved and welcomed their Indigenous family all their lives. All of this is included in Denissen's book on the descendants of the Schell family. Sadly, my grandmother's family were told to never talk about their German heritage, so this history was never known while they were alive."

"When the war ended, the twins returned to New York. They wanted to bring surviving family members back to Canada. They were granted land in Grimsby by the Nelles family, land that was previously granted by Joseph Brant. A few years later, they relocated to Markham, Ontario. The Schell family grew and when my great-grandmother Mar-



Jo-Anne on her first day of school.

garet Schell married Jacob 'Jake' Prentice, born in Collingwood, they moved to Manitoulin Island. Jake's great-great grandfather Oliver Prentice came to Ontario from Rensselaer County, New York in 1801 with his wife Lydia DeLong and two children, Dortha and Jacob. In August 1801, Oliver was granted 200 acres of land in Markham Township, York County. Jake and Margaret arrived at Meldrum Bay in 1897 to join Jake's parents, William and Joanna (O'Brien) Prentice. Joanna lived to be 97 and is buried in Robinson Township.

"Jacob and Margaret had 11 children, the oldest, Maggie, was my grandmother. Of the 11 children, there were six sons. None married, with no offspring to carry on the Prentice name. The five daughters had eight children among them, the oldest being my mother, Annie Doyle, born in 1922. My grandfather Jake's alcoholism and quietly disputed suicide (homicide?) in 1935 may have been the catalyst for the struggles and shame that plague the family name to this day. There are many happy recorded memories of the Prentice family before this tragedy.

"I was extremely close to my grandmother's brothers, Neil, Rob and Les Prentice. Neil, my godfather, was an amazing writer who logged and made railroad ties. As a young boy, when Neil's ties were first rejected in favour of his dad's ties, his

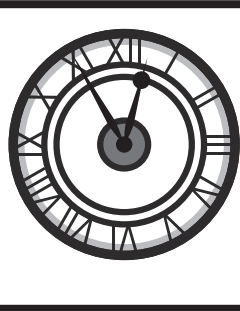


Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin

Mnaachtoong Maadsewin

By Petra Wall



Jo-Anne and Andrew at Meldrum Bay.

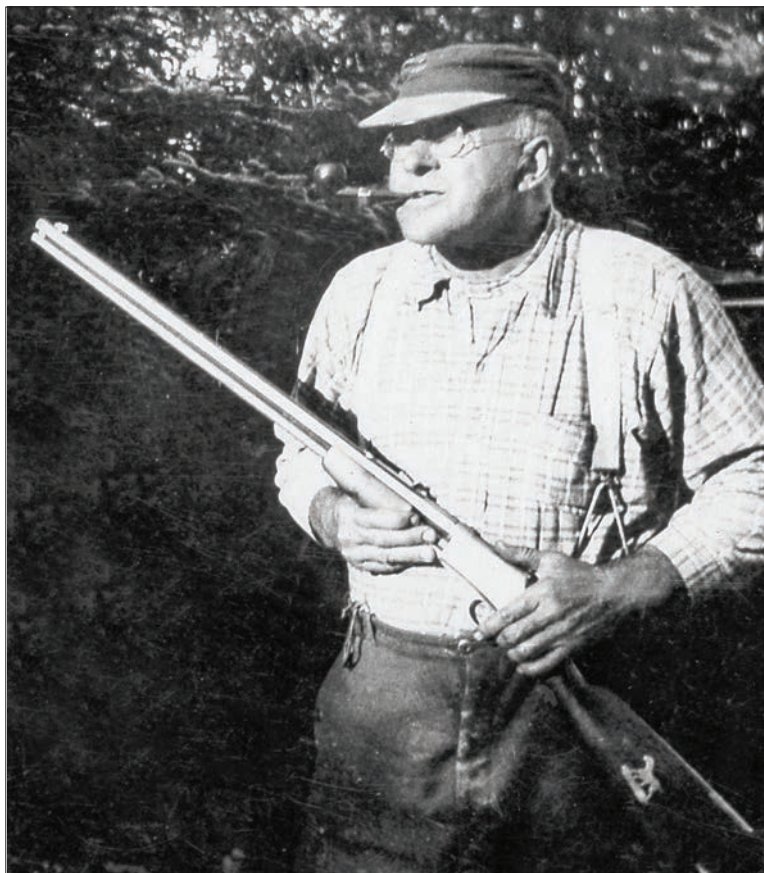
father said, 'take both or none at all.' 'The Boys,' as they were called, came to Hamilton during the war and spent years helping to raise my sister and I. Neil worked at Robert Jones Lumber until he was met by a padlocked gate, signaling the closure of the business and the end of our time together in Hamilton.

In the 1930s, Neil Prentice and Reginald Joyce owned the white house with the green roof in Meldrum Bay. It was a general store that also sold lumber. I inherited the log books they kept which told the story of the Depression and their kindness towards those who could not pay and needed credit.

In the back of one of these log books is a reference to the payment made to my grandfather, James Doyle, for the salvage of materials like the captain's table he dragged from the Turret Crown freighter, grounded on Meldrum Point in 1924. James discovered the wreck, a Canadian ship carrying rock from a local quarry to Michigan."

There's an interesting story of Meldrum Bay history that connects my grandfather James with La Salle's ship The Griffon. In 1930, Roy Fleming of Sheguiandah visited the Island to research the findings in Meldrum Bay. Mr. Fleming was taken to the site by locals, my grandfather among them, and James' recollections of finding the skull of a very large man (possibly the Captain of the Griffon?) is well documented in the book 'The Pilot of La Salle's Griffon.' We still have the letters between my grandfather and Roy Fleming.

"In 1914, Maggie married James Doyle, a much older man. James was born in Edinburgh Square in Caledonia, Ontario, where his father was a police chief." Jo-Anne continues, "I later toured the building where he lived. James lived upstairs in 700 sq. ft.; downstairs was the jail, where his father incarcerated many inebriated souls. James eventually moved to the Manitoulin Island in the early 1900s, settling in Meldrum Bay at the end of the 12th Concession. He spent many years as a foreman in one of the mills in



James Doyle...aka Papa.

Meldrum Bay.

"James and Maggie soon moved across the Concession into a log home built by Charlie Allen in 1877. They lived off the land—farming, hunting, fishing, logging—in a cabin that had no running water, no plumbing and no electricity. One dark, moonless night, James was perched in a blind, waiting to snag a bear. Suddenly, across the field came a local, swinging a lantern, scaring off any game and telling my frustrated grandfather that he thought, 'You'd be better off a light, Jim.' Maggie had five babies in that log cabin, with my mother, Annie Doyle, being the only survivor. Maggie, born of good stock, was my hero. Meldrum Bay chose to honour my grandmother by naming the 12th Concession Road, 'Maggie's Road,' after her."

"Annie had a solid upbringing, adored by her extended family. At 19, she left Meldrum Bay to train in health care at the Plummer Hospital in Sault St. Marie. When the United

States joined the war effort, she was urged by her uncles to join them in Hamilton. She reluctantly left the excitement of the influx of American soldiers crossing the border at the Soo and moved to Hamilton to support the war effort. She became 'Rosie the Riveter,' one of many with that title. She met my father Bill Moreton during that time. Years later, I found an old love letter from an Island beau, Doug Wright, in mother's cedar chest. In the letter, Doug implored her to wait for him. By then, she had already eloped with Bill. Doug never knew this because he was killed overseas in 1944 shortly after writing his letter. I still have that letter."

"My father's family, starting with great-great grandfather Jonathon Moreton, were from England. Jonathon, now a widower, travelled from England to the United States. He booked passage on the ill-fated steamship Saluda. After it exploded, killing many including his brother, he then took a wagon train across the country to

Utah. "My grandfather, Reginald Moreton, migrated to Trinidad where he met and married my grandmother Audrey (Mellville-Murray). Her father, Thomas, was the editor of the local paper, The Sentinel. Audrey's mother died at age 31, leaving five children, cared for by their aunt Lillian Barber. Audrey died at age 27 of a brain tumor and left her three boys in the care of Lillian. When I was born in 1948, and my father left, Lillian became my Godmother and was devastated when she had to leave my mother to return to Trinidad."

"William Dennis Moreton, son of Reginald, is my dad. He was born in Toronto after his family moved there from the Caribbean. He had his own taxi when he married our mother Annie Doyle in 1944. He spent five years in Europe during World War Two and returned to Hamilton in 1944. He married my mother in December 1944. My sister, Elsa Dawn, arrived in 1946. He left my mother when I was born on October 25, 1948, and his brother Bernard (Bunny) was by my mother's side. It was a privilege to get to know my Uncle Bunny and his family much later in life. I didn't get to know my grandfather because he had died six months after I was born in Hamilton. I grew up with my grandmother, mother and my sister Dawn."

"When my grandfather died in 1949 with no insurance, and a daughter with two babies to raise, Maggie was fortunate to take a position just off the Island near Birch Island at Hockens Mill. She worked as a cook for a mostly Indigenous work crew and forged a deep and lasting friendship with Alex, the chief's son. I have so many fond memories of our times at the mill; one of the highlights being the boatloads of blueberries that Maggie would turn into pies. We would shell peas behind the cookhouse and cool off in the clear waters of the bay."

"I never knew my father. I found his name in the Hamilton phone book, where there were only two Moretons—my mother, Annie, was listed first, followed by William. I never met him and he died in 1995." Jo-Anne continues, "Mother cleaned houses for a living when we were young. Our small rental only had two rooms—one was the bedroom for all of us, and the other held a kitchen, living area and a washroom shared with a family of nine. Early memories include being tied to a tree when I was four. I must have tormented my mother when I used to wander away on busy Victoria Avenue, looking for rabbits. Mom tied me to that tree to teach me a lesson. Sometimes I would use the rope to parachute myself off a branch. The other kids loved it and wanted to be tied to a tree as well. One time, I took some chocolate and hid it under the bed. My mother couldn't find me, so she called the police. It took a cookie reward to coax me from my hiding place. I had to endure a spanking afterwards."

"I went to so many schools between Grades 4 and 8. The last school was Lloyd George School. I remember walking there at age nine and hearing a train coming. I ran to beat the train, but my sister had to wait on the other side. I made it, and was walking backwards, sticking my tongue out and teasing my sister. Suddenly, I fell into a utility hole, right on top of a worker's head. The worker came up with me on top of him. I scraped my shin all the way down, going into that hole. It was now my sister's turn to tease me. I wound up going to

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Hello Prov! Alexia here with your post fair exhaustion fly! Just like that, August is closing the book and barn up for the fall season and we are getting in gear for the cold months! So, what does that mean for Providence Bay? It means everyone and their mother's-brother's-cousin's- sisters' dog is getting ready for fall fairs, winterizing, back to school and you guessed it, harvest time, hayrides, hockey and hunting season! Can you feel it? That chill and year-end countdown cross check?

Here's what 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.

Family Rec Nite continues Friday night 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.

Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Club Events: We are looking forward to our Golf Tournament and Fundraiser on Saturday, 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.

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.

Music Events: This Saturday marks the 10th annual Play Music on the Porch Day! A lot of our friends and neighbours will be jamming out on the porch, sure to be a fun-filled day, for more information check out playmusicontheporchday.com.

To participate just go outside and play music! Then share a video on any social media with #playmusicontheporchday. Follow the hashtag #playmusicontheporchday to see musicians from around the world participating!

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. Gisun plays on Friday, August 30 from 6:30 to 9 pm and Ian Reid plays Saturday, August 31 from 6:30 to 9 pm. 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. 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.

Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park continues to be busy with campers and visiting friends and neighbours. Be sure to get a selfie at the cool butterfly mural by Manitoulin artist Maxim and pop into the store, they carry great sundry and other camping necessities and are open to the public! 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 at 10:30 am, Sunday service at 11 am. Youth Group McNevein 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. Congratulations to all on a successful fair and show. Reach out to Katie SG on Facebook or Manitoulinhorseclub71@gmail.com for more information and upcoming events.

The Heavens: Perseid Meteor shower is active till September 1. We observed a big Blue Super Sturgeon moon on Monday, August 19. Next one is the Corn or Harvest moon on September 17. That power outage last week was an opportune time to sky gaze. Reminder: The DarkSky Preserve at Manitoulin Eco Park is a communal, wide-open space offering 360-degree sky viewing, perfect for stargazing. In fact, Manitoulin Eco Park was Canada's first RASC designated commercial Dark Sky Preserve and con-

tinues to provide exceptional dark skies showing 7.5+ magnitude stars. Beyond the preserve, the park extends into the hardwood forest and offers rustic, earth-friendly accommodations. Check for upcoming astronomy events and presentations. It is located at 18777 ON-6, Tehkummah.

School Crossings: The kids, teachers and bus drivers will be back at it again next week, make sure to keep your eyes on the road, bus stops and crosswalks, as there will be a lot of kids crossing streets and getting on and off of buses. Be safe and happy back to school countdown kids.

Mentions: Happy before and after birthday wishes to Carol P, Kat Young, Junior Young, Evelyn M and Auntie Sharon. Congratulations to all the fair ribbon and contest winners, to all the fair Ambassadors and to Bev Cress who took first place in the NEMI Butter Tart competition. Wishing everyone a wonderful long Labour Day weekend.

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think." - A. A. Milne, Winnie The Pooh

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Our faithful readers will know that here at Team Fergmeijer, we tend to see August as the Sunday of the summer. That might not be totally fair to Sundays in general. Sunday might be a little sad, but the day before Sunday is definitely a sadder day. And Sundays always start off great, but then just have a weekend. Although we'll never forget the time we took our car in for a service on a Sunday. It was such a tight squeeze getting it through the church doors. Regardless, even though we're almost through the Sunday of the summer, rest assured that whichever day you read our column, it's always Punday!

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.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club is hosting an end-of-the-summer tennis tournament on Saturday, August 31 at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Players can compete in singles or doubles. Everyone is welcome. Contact Chris at ctheijsmeijer@gmail.com for more information or to register.

We are sending many happy returns to Kagawongian Susan S and Kagawong-adjacent Amy H who are both turning 29 right around the time this will be printed. Team Fergmeijer stopped at a Mexican food truck before completing the column this week, and while it might be the chips and salsa talking, we hope you both have a birthday that is nacho average celebration. It's your big day, so get out there and guac and roll!

Summer in Canada can seem to go by in a flash. Make the most of the swiftly dwindling days by hitting the Wednesday market in Kagawong! 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.

The regular Wednesday markets are always fun, but the annual evening market put on last Saturday was a unique delight. In case you didn't know, the amazing Ethel Newburn volunteers her own time to organize the weekly Kagawong markets and the evening market as well. Thank you, Ethel, for the enormous amount of time and effort you put into it all. The markets have become a 'must-see' attraction to the town and we don't know what we would do without you keeping it all running smoothly!

You're almost out of time! 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 week. Check the township's website or Facebook page for more information.

We heard this week that the incomparable Tina B is moving on to new challenges. Thank you for all that you have done for the township and we wish you good luck on your new adventures! That does mean, however, that there is an opening at the township office for any interested parties. The township has posted an Administrative Assistant - Finance position and is accepting resumes via e-mail or snail mail to Véronique Dion, CAO/Clerk, Township of Billings, 15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong ON P0P 1J0 or cao@billingswp.ca. Friday, September 6 until 12 noon is the deadline for applications. Get full details on the township Facebook or web page.

Team Fergmeijer bought a second-hand time machine next Sunday. They don't make them like they're going to anymore! Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Last week a group of seven members of friendship force Toronto toured Manitoulin and visited at Carolyn Lane Rock's cottage. They enjoyed a trip to the west of the island and were greeted by Myra Duncanson who shared the story of the settlement of Silver Water. They enjoyed Queen Mom Park and Meldrum Bay. Stop 540 provided a great dinner. On Friday they visited Wiikwemkoong and other points to the east. Hank Mandamin gave an excellent presentation on life in Wiikwemkoong.

The group loved their stay on the Island and will recommend it to their friends.

On Sunday, August 18 Carolyn hosted her brother and sisters for an excellent dinner during the power outage. Who knew that corn could be boiled on the propane fireplace. The salmon on the barbecue and the salads were delicious. Gloria and Bruce Tuck from Toronto, Ted Lane and Lorraine Wayne from Mt. Bridges, Grace and Bryan Turner from the Sault, and Jeff Rock from Vancouver enjoyed the day with Carolyn.

Natalie and Roger Hayden were over on the weekend at their parents. Don and Betty Greenman from Innisfil visited Lance and Lillian Greenman last weekend and we went to the funeral for our cousin Mrs. Jacqueline Bryant (Jim) in Manitowaning on Tuesday.

Ashton and Nina Calback are happy to announce that their first great-grandchild Lexi Rose Atwood was born on August 17, 2024 at the hospital in Sudbury, her family are very happy.

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, August 16 the electricity went off in the afternoon and did not come back on for several hours. Euchre in Meldrum Bay was cancelled due to the outage.

On Saturday morning, Brenda Carter and I went to Norm Morrell's house to travel to the auction in Green Bay. It was a big crowd with lots of stuff for bid. We were home in 12 hours.

On Sunday the electricity was out for most of the day and was restored at 10:30 pm here.

Tuesday morning, Albert and I went to the Kits and Quilts meeting in the Meldrum Bay Community Hall. Janet Joyce had taken a load of items to the warehouse in New Hamburg recently and had some information about the process to get the productions from Canada to a warehouse in Rotterdam, Netherlands and then on to Ukraine and other countries in need. The next session in Meldrum Bay is on Tuesday, September 3 from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to come out and help.

There was fire practice at the fire hall on Tuesday evening.

Albert went to a fire practice on Thursday morning to test the pump with three others.

There were six tables of players out to euchre on Thursday night in Silver Water.

Gladys Duncanson and I went swimming several days last week. The water has cooled down a lot. We are hoping that the warmer temperatures in the forecast will help so we can keep swimming for another few weeks.

Our garden continues to produce lots of yellow beans, cucumbers and now tomatoes. I also picked a bunch of transparent apples which will be turned into pies this week.

There will be a market in our yard on Saturday, August 31 from 9 am to 12 noon. We have raised \$1,000 for the doctor recruitment fund which has been given to the Town of Gore Bay. We are now raising money for the food bank in Mindemoya. We would also collect any knitting for the Christmas food baskets if anyone wants to drop it here.

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

The next UCW meeting is Thursday, September 5 at St. Andrew's United Church Silver Water.

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

There will be a luncheon followed by a euchre tournament on Sunday, September 29 at the hall.

Condolences to the family of Rhea Woods.

...Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Adventure

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Boyd, deputy mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in celebration of the expansion of the trail onto the Island. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) had designated Highway 6 as part of the province-wide cycling network in 2018 and part of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail in 2019. The implementation of the signage plan along Highway 6 is to take place later this year.

Mr. Boyd welcomed everyone to NEMI. "Thank you very much, Marlaine, it is a real honour to be here and to celebrate these accomplishments and expansion for bicycling in Ontario and Manitoulin Island."

Mr. Boyd noted that NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin was unable to attend the dinner as he was attending the annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa. "Mayor Al called me a couple of weeks ago and asked me if I would be interested in attending here this evening. I said I would love to. Cycling is near and dear to my heart. On behalf of our mayor and council welcome to NEMI and Manitoulin Island."

"Manitoulin Island is one of the best kept secrets in Ontario," said Mr. Boyd. "It appears we have been discovered, which is wonderful." He listed many different sites, events, activities and communities the bicyclists could enjoy on a tour of Highway 6. "As I had mentioned cycling is near and dear to my heart," said Mr. Boyd who pointed out he is a retired officer with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), having served his whole career (starting in 1981), 35 years on Manitoulin Island. "I have to admit when I first got to the Island I thought, 'where have they sent me?' I learned quickly Manitoulin is one of the best kept secrets around. It is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family." "I hope all of you will return to our community in the future and we will welcome you with open arms," said Mr. Boyd. "And if there is anything we can do just ask us. The trail directional signs will be prominently displayed in the community."

Established in 2008, the annual GWTA cycling event showcases a different section of the 3,600 kilometres Great Lakes Waterfront Trail which includes the Quebec/Ontario border and takes in Ontario to Sault Ste.



David and Ruth Werezak, of Waterloo were among 110 enthusiastic cyclists from three Canadian provinces and five US states to complete the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail adventure last week from Sault Ste. Marie to Little Current.

Marie.

David MacLachlan, executive director of Destination Northern Ontario (DNO) said, "DNO is a long-term partner with WRT in the development and marketing of Northern Ontario provincial cycling trails. We are excited to be hosting the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail adventure in the north once again and will continue to work with WRT in the continued development and marketing of cycle tourism."

"Events like the GWTA encourage many to hop on their bikes to explore Ontario's waterfront in an enjoyable and safe way," said Michael Stewart, community relations consultant with CAA south Central Ontario. "As long-time supporters of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust, CAA is proud to see these impacts these efforts are having in connecting communities and supporting travelling by two wheels across the province. This includes the expansion of the Great Waterfront Trail along Lake Superior, and our team is excited to experience part of this route on this year's GWTA. I want to summer, vacation, and retire here on Manitoulin Island. It is incredible."

...data shows food banks brace for a tidal wave

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Beardsley. "The food banking network was never meant to be able to support a quarter of people in Canada. It is a frightening scenario laid out by StatsCan, for so many people struggling to make ends meet, one that needs urgent attention from governments across the country."

"People just don't have the money they had in the past to help support the food banks as they have," said Ms. Hill. "And we see an increase in people who have jobs using the food bank. Compensation (pay) has not kept up with inflation and the increased cost of food and everything else."

The newly released information from the Food Banks poll conducted by Pollara Strategic Insights confirms that more than a third of people in Canada (35 percent) feel worse off financially than they did three months ago. Among those

who report their financial well-being has worsened over the past three months, almost half (47 percent) of those include those with incomes below \$50,000 a year; 43 percent or people who identify as visible minorities and 42 percent of Millennials.

Together with its network of 5,100 food banks and community organizations, FBC is encouraging everyone in Canada to use their voice and get involved in the fight against hunger and poverty, as demand continues to soar at Canada's struggling food banks. Ms. Hill said as an example of the need for the local food bank, "historically we have not opened the food bank in the evening. Now we are open Wednesdays from 4-8 pm to accommodate people who work during the day. The food bank is also open Tuesday from 10 am to 2 pm and Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. We are seeing firsthand the huge in-

crease in need for food banks across Canada, while donations of food are down because people that normally donated food in the past are now needing that food themselves and for their families."

"Food banks and Canadians are bracing for a cruel fall," said Ms. Beardsley. "As more Canadians face unprecedented levels of financial hardship, food banks are desperately trying to keep up with skyrocketing demand. This is not sustainable. But that doesn't have to be Canada's future. Food banks alone are not the solution to addressing poverty in Canada. We need urgent intervention from all levels of government to help address and reverse the trend of increasing hunger and food insecurity in Canada. A brighter future is possible and we urge every Canadian to use their voice and join the call for changes."

...seeking 'vulnerable people' to add to new registry

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Manitoulin-Sudbury and Algoma regions. In 2020 the program was expanded into all parts of Manitoulin-Sudbury and Algoma."

The VPR is a free, confidential service for any person who lives independently without 24-hour care, who has severe difficulty with any of the following: mobility, vision hearing, developmental/intellectual, cognitive, mental health, difficulty with speech and language or use life-sustaining equipment that requires electricity. The VPR is used by emergency management coordinators during large scale emergencies to assist those most vulnerable.

"It's a free program," said Mr. Addison. Start-up funding had been received from the District of Sault Ste. Marie Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB). The VPR is part-

ly funded by the United Way of Ontario, the Sault Ste. Marie Accessibility Centre funding, and partially through DSSABs." Mr. Addison outlined who is considered vulnerable. No medical documentation is required and registration is considered on a case-by-case basis, however, generally anyone with mobility issues, vision or hearing impairment, cognitive or intellectual impairment, serious mental illness, or are reliant on electricity for life-sustaining equipment is eligible.

"Who is considered vulnerable is anyone with a disability or condition that makes them at higher risk," said Mr. Addison. "We had that power outage two years ago in the winter where the temperature dipped to -20 C. No one had hydro, and anyone who for instance was on oxygen equipment would have access to this assistance. People rely

on power for heat, and during the power outage we were without power for 12 hours. I heard from several people who said they had almost froze to death during this outage."

"When this program was presented in 2020, only two Island municipalities didn't sign up and we (Gore Bay) were one of them," said Mr. Addison. He explained the VPR is a confidential list that would indicate residents who need to be checked on during an emergency. "It would give us the ability to contact these persons and find out what they need," said Mr. Addison, who noted there is no liability to the town. He noted a representative of VPR is willing to come from the Sault to make a presentation on the program and set up the registry.

"I think it makes sense to have this program in place," said Mr. Addison.

"It is another thing to protect our citizens."

The VPR coordinator maintains the database and communications to emergency management personnel. The first of each month, the VPR coordinator contacts the emergency person in each area to remind them to upload the current data for the month. Partners must do so by the 15th of each month to ensure they

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...Island honours its last WWII veteran on his 100th birthday

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Marie, where he secured a job at the steel mill.

In 1943, at the age of 19, Mr. Roy felt the call to serve his country and traveled to Toronto to enlist with the Canadian Forces. He vividly recalled his time at the CNE's Horse Palace, where basic training was conducted during the war. Despite his desire to join the paratroopers or the air force, his lack of formal education led him to a role in the 3rd Division of the Allied Expeditionary Special Forces.

Mr. Roy's service took him to the front lines of one of history's most significant battles—D-Day. As part of the second wave on June 6, 1944, he stormed Juno Beach, facing unimaginable odds. "When you got off that ship, down that rope ladder, your life expectancy was 15 minutes," he recounted. The mission was perilous, with only 45 out of 200 soldiers in his unit surviving the assault.

...'vulnerable people' to add to new registry

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have the most accurate information. In Sault Ste. Marie and Elliot Lake, a shapefile is sent to fire services through GIS mapping. Each municipality is responsible for appointing a person to extract monthly data.

The VPR is staffed by one full-time employee who oversees managing the registry, ensuring it is update and accurate, marketing and promoting the program and presenting to potential registrants through community engagement sessions with service providers.

Registrants are contacted by the VPR coordinator every six months to ensure information is accurate.

"Again, we are just asking council to consider being part. This as another tool to provide safety to our residents," said Mr. Addison. "We have a couple of volunteers who said they would help with the registrants sign up."

Mayor Lane said, "I was surprised to hear we don't have this registry in place here. And I see why it is needed."

Council passed a motion to proceed with the VPR and for the mayor to sign the confidentiality agreement.



From left, M'Chigeeng Chief Morgan Hare, Alma Jean Migwans, Justin Roy and Ray Corbiere, Justin's nephew, at the 100th birthday celebration for Mr. Roy, M'Chigeeng's oldest resident. In photo, Ms. Migwans sings Mr. Roy an honour song.

The conversation during Mr. Roy's 100th birthday celebration was rich with emotion and reflection. M'Chigeeng Ojima Morgan Hare spoke of the significance of Mr. Roy's return to his home community to celebrate this milestone, highlighting his active life up until the age of 97. Carol Hughes, Member of Parliament, presented Mr. Roy with a certificate, acknowledging

his service and the enduring impact he has had on the community.

Jeanie Debassige, Mr. Roy's niece, shared stories of their family history, detailing the contributions of his mother and her siblings, many of whom also served in World War II. She spoke of the community's pride in Mr. Roy's legacy and the military tradition that runs deep in their family.

The celebration reached its emotional peak when Chief Morgan Hare presented Mr. Roy with an eagle feather—a symbol of great honor among First Nations people. This gesture, accompanied by Elder Alma Jean Migwans' prayer in Anishinaabemowin and an honour song, moved Mr. Roy to tears. Elder Migwans spoke in the language, recounting how her mother, Mr. Roy's aunt, sewed parachutes for the soldiers overseas and how the community prayed daily for their safe return.

As the gathering came to a close, there was a profound sense of gratitude and respect for Mr. Roy's life and contributions. His 100th birthday was not just a celebration of longevity, but a heartfelt tribute to a man whose life has been marked by bravery, service, and an unwavering connection to his roots on Manitoulin Island.



Members of the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps gather for a group photo with Justin Roy at his 100th birthday celebration in M'Chigeeng.



Jeanie Debassige shares a moment with Justin Roy at the WWII veteran's 100th birthday party.



From left, seated, Ted Corbiere, Alan Corbiere, Justin Roy, Wally Corbiere and, standing M'Chigeeng Ojima Morgan Hare and Bernard Andrews all there to celebrate Mr. Roy's birthday.

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...decision to close 10 safe consumption sites sparks widespread outrage

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 closures, particularly the impact on those who are newly abstinent or in recovery. “Who is helping those folks that have been abstinent for two weeks to a month? Who is ensuring that they are safe after they have withdrawn and are forced back to the streets, where they might

believe they still have the same tolerance? We are still losing people, and this decision only makes that worse.”

The decision follows a series of reviews initiated after the tragic shooting of Karolina Huebner-Makurat near a Toronto consumption site last year. While the government cites safety con-

cerns as justification, Ms. Eisenhower argues that the closure of these sites will result in more harm, not less. “Every life lost in this toxic drug crisis is preventable,” she said. “Harm reduction, including supervised consumption sites, saves lives. We should be offering more options, not fewer.”

Ms. Eisenhower also

criticized the government for neglecting the very evidence it commissioned. “Our applications were rejected, despite the fact that 10 of the 17 sites now earmarked for closure were in areas with historically high crime rates and close to schools. These sites were opened with government approval—whether Conserva-

tive or Liberal. And now, they’re being shut down with no regard for the consequences.”

The closure of these sites is seen by many as a devastating blow to harm reduction efforts in Ontario. Ms. Eisenhower and others in the field warn that without these services, the province could see a sharp increase in

preventable deaths, further deepening the opioid crisis. As communities brace for the impact, the future of those who depend on these life-saving services hangs in the balance, with many questioning the government’s commitment to protecting the most vulnerable.

FONOM calls for urgent legislative amendments to address addiction crisis

NORTH BAY—The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a dire call for legislative reform, urging the Ontario government to amend the Mental Health Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to formally recognize addiction as a substance use disorder. This move, FONOM argues, is critical to addressing the growing crisis of addiction in the region, which has overwhelmed local resources and left vulnerable individuals—referred to by FONOM as “lost souls”—

without adequate support.

In a statement released last week, FONOM emphasized the need for new legislation that would allow for the temporary detention of individuals found intoxicated by drugs or other substances without the need for criminal charges. This measure, according to FONOM, is essential to ensure the safety of both the individuals affected and the wider community.

The proposal comes after extensive consultations with stakeholders across

Northern Ontario, including police chiefs from the region’s largest cities, a police association, District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) chief administrative officers, community and wellbeing coordinators, healthcare professionals and community advocates.

“We do not make this recommendation lightly,” said Danny Whalen, president of FONOM. “Our communities are facing a crisis that is straining our hospitals, overburdening our police forces and pushing social services to the brink. The current system is failing both those in need and the broader public.”

As part of their broader strategy, FONOM has also called for the creation and funding of “Ontario Homes,” small, community-based psychiatric facilities staffed with psychiatrists and mental health specialists. These homes would replace the outdated, large and often isolated institutions that have long been the norm in mental health care.

The situation in Northern Ontario has reached a critical point, with emergency rooms overwhelmed by individuals repeatedly seeking help, only to return to the same dangerous patterns of behavior once discharged. The lack of effective intervention has led to frustration among healthcare workers, police, and community organizations, who are struggling to cope with the same individuals cycling through the system.

FONOM’s proposal has sparked concern among some who worry that the recommended legislative changes could infringe on individual rights. However, FONOM argues that similar measures are already in place, citing the role of the Public Guardian and Trustees in making decisions for adults deemed mentally incapable.

FONOM is urging Premier Doug Ford to convene a special Cabinet Committee to review the proposed amendments and to engage in a collaborative approach with municipal leaders, law enforcement, and health professionals to address the crisis.

In a follow-up letter to Premier Ford, FONOM expressed frustration at the lack of action since their initial communication in March, despite assurances that the issue would be addressed. The organization is now calling for immediate dialogue and decisive action, warning that the current approach is inadequate and that the situation is only getting worse.

The premier’s office has yet to respond to the latest plea from FONOM, but the growing public outcry suggests that this issue will not fade quietly into the background. As Northern Ontario’s communities continue to grapple with the devastating impact of addiction, all eyes are now on Queen’s Park to see if the government will take the bold steps necessary to stem the tide.

...Tim Ominika takes helm at Wiikwemkoong

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 give us the opportunity to become more familiar with and implement our portfolios. It’s been shelved for years, but we need to engage with the community and gather their feedback before the next election.”

Another key issue on Mr. Ominika’s radar is the long-standing Wiikwemkoong Islands Boundary Land Claim. “Finalizing this land claim settlement has been a priority since 2007,” he explained. “In a recent meeting in Ottawa, we made significant

progress, and we hope to resolve it soon, with an upcoming negotiating meeting.”

The land claim centres around Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory’s assertion that its rights to the islands under the Treaty of 1836 were not relinquished under the Treaty of 1862. Both Ontario and Wiikwemkoong agree that the best way to resolve the claim is through collaboration and finding common solutions.


Chief Ominika is also committed to addressing

critical issues within the community, such as the future of the local nursing home. “We were faced with the potential expiration of our licensing, so immediate action was necessary,” he said. “We looked for other sources of revenue and decided to fund it internally to avoid government deadlines. No one has been removed from their positions, and we considered the impact on the community. We will be dealing with this internally next week.”

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...Premier assures Island citizen he'll look into swing bridge

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sonable that their voices are louder the premier explained.

The Bay Estates' resident said he agrees with the premier on the inability of the current representative MPP Mike Mantha, currently sitting as an independent, to gain any traction for Algoma-Manitoulin. He expressed surprise that Mr. Mantha was still in the legislature.

Mr. Ferro took great pains to explain the vital role the bridge plays in maintaining a link to the mainland for medical and economic concerns. The Chi-Cheemaun ferry is a link to the southern part of the province, but that link only operates six months of the year.

Mr. Ferro said that the premier ended on a posi-

tive note, committing to "look into the file."

"I am glad we have a premier who will call you back," said Mr. Ferro. "We need a prime minister like that too."

The petition has been forwarded to federal Minister of Transport Pablo Rodriguez, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Vic Fedeli, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and MPP Michael Mantha.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) responded to this newspaper's queries on the swing bridge following the breakdowns earlier this month, including asking for a definitive timeline as to when Islanders could expect work to commence.

"The Little Current

Swing Bridge has served as a vital transportation link since 1913, connecting Manitoulin Island to the mainland," an emailed response from Tanya Blazina, senior media relations officer with the MTO stated. "It is a crucial infrastructure component for both residents and tourists, facilitating the movement of people and goods across the waterway."

"The Little Current Swing Bridge was closed for emergency repairs on August 15, 2024," she continued. "Our maintenance contractor worked quickly to repair the wedge system to allow traffic on the bridge deck, prior to swinging for marine traffic. The bridge was reopened to vehicular traffic on August 15, 2024, however remained closed

to marine traffic while additional repairs were completed. The Little Current Swing Bridge resumed swings for marine traffic on August 16, 2024."

"The MTO has completed the planning, preliminary design and environmental assessment for the replacement of the Little Current Swing Bridge," Ms. Blazina said. "The next stage of design pro-

urement is anticipated to begin later this year. In the interim, the ministry will continue to monitor and maintain the existing bridge to ensure it remains in safe operational condition."

Ms. Blazina then pointed to Transport Canada's Navigable Waters Bridges Regulations regarding the "dawn to dusk, every hour on the hour" bridge

swing. However, Ontario's other swing bridge at Wasauksing, which is also governed under Transport Canada, has timed swings from April to November which are not every hour on the hour from dawn until dusk. At its peak, June 15 to August 31, the Wasauksing swing bridge swings eight times a day.

...nearby nuclear waste dumpsite

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usual activity on back roads leading to the long-dormant Agnew Lake Mine. The site, which had seen little use since the Ministry of Mines took over in the 1990s when it became the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area, suddenly became the center of attention—and concern. "This project has been in the works for years. Why are we only finding out about it now?" demanded Belinda Ketchabaw, chief administrative officer of Nairn, during an emergency joint council meeting.

The lack of prior consultation or warning has left residents feeling betrayed. "They're telling us it's safe. Then why so much PPE? Why so many safety protocols?" Ms. Ketchabaw questioned, reflecting the community's growing mistrust.

Chief Rodney Nawegahbow of Whitefish River First Nation expressed deep concerns about the environmental risks, particularly the contamination of local watersheds. "As ogimaa of Whitefish River First Nation, I firmly object to the development in the municipality. The risks of contaminating our water sources are too great to ignore," he stated.

He elaborated on the potential impact, warning, "The material is being deposited at the highest point of land, adjacent to rivers and creeks that feed directly into Lake Agnew. This flows into the Spanish River and eventually into the North Channel of Lake Huron. We know from

history that once a watershed is contaminated with radioactive material, the effects can be devastating and long-lasting."

The chief's concerns are well-founded. Studies have shown that radioactive waste can persist in the environment for thousands of years, posing a significant threat to ecosystems and human health. When radioactive materials enter a watershed, they can contaminate soil, water, and aquatic life, leading to bioaccumulation of harmful substances in the food chain. In many cases, the effects of such contamination are irreversible, leading to long-term ecological damage and public health crises.

During the emergency meeting, Darren Stephenson, an MTO area manager, tried to reassure the community by explaining that the niobium material being transported is less radioactive than the waste currently stored at the Agnew Lake facility. He suggested it could act as a cap for the existing tailings before being covered with topsoil and revegetated. However, these assurances did little to quell the fears of the skeptical council members and residents.

Nairn Councillor Trevor McVey was particularly vocal in his opposition, stating, "It's like putting good garbage on bad garbage—we don't want your garbage." Mr. McVey, along with other councillors, expressed frustration over the province's

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MANITOULIN—On Sunday, August 18 at approximately 12:10 pm an outage occurred affecting over 16,500 customers in the Manitoulin-Sudbury region, including Killarney. This occurred because of localized storms accompanied by lightning and winds.

“Crews were dispatched to patrol the long power line in order to find the issue and make necessary repairs,” said Tiziana Baccega Rosa, media spokesperson for Hydro One. “As this was happening, we were able to restore customers in stages throughout the day and into the evening.”

“During the patrol, crews found a broken cross arm along with a damaged switch,” Ms. Baccega Rosa continued. “Once repairs were made, all remaining customers were restored by 3 am on August 19.”

The Expositor questioned where the broken cross arm was located, but Hydro One was unable to answer this questions,

saying they could only confirm that, “it is a very long power line that serves the region.”

“Being without power is challenging,” Ms. Baccega Rosa added. “We thank our customers for their patience as crews worked as quickly and as safely as possible to restore power.”

Ms. Baccega Rosa noted that Hydro One has “a number of helpful outage tools available to customers such as an outage map and app along with proactive outage alerts —text and/or email updates—customers can sign up for. These tools are up-dated every 10 minutes as information comes in from crews on the ground. Customers can also report their outage through the outage map or app or by texting 92887 (WATTS). For more information or to register for proactive outage alerts, visit www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety/outage-tools.”

...Central budgets \$200,000 for arena assessments

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in response to RFP 07-2024 be awarded the contract in the amount of \$146,190 plus HST for tendered scope of work.”

Later in the meeting council passed a motion to have the recreation infrastructure committee be dissolved, having fulfilled its function now that a consultant has been hired to guide the next phase of the project.

...Tim Ominika takes helm at Wiikwemkoong

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In addition to these pressing matters, Chief Ominika is working on a 90-day plan to ensure the continuity of previous projects. “I want to keep the momentum going, especially on mental health support for our large community,” he emphasized. “We need to be transparent and reach out to all our members, including those off-reserve and in urban centers, to ensure they have the support they need.”

Chief Ominika’s approach is grounded in communication and inclusivity. “Re-

gardless of who you voted for, we are all in this together,” he said. “I am honored and humbled to take on this role, and I promise to move forward as a community, without judgment. I walked into the band office and was met with congratulations from staff, and I want them to know they have my full support from day one.”

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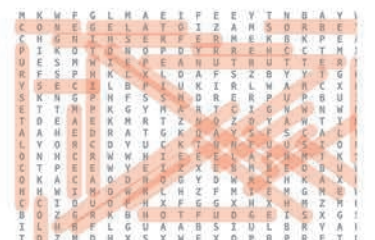
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Fun fact! Manitoulin bugs take naps to keep alert

by Joe D. Shorthouse
MANITOULIN—Have you ever wondered if insects such as bumblebees can fly from flower to flower all day without taking a break? Turns out they can't and indeed, like most other insects, they need to periodically take a nap.

But do insects sleep? The answer appears to be 'sort of.' It is known that insects alternate between periods of alertness and rest similar to humans and other animals, but it is not clear if they sleep the same way as humans and other animals.

Scientists study sleep in large animals by observing brain activity. This can't be done in the same way with insects because they are so small. However, it has been proven that insects need to periodically sleep. They just do it a little differently than humans.

Sleep is a fascinating behavioural state for which much remains to be learned. Different animals require varying amounts of sleep to meet their needs. Humans spend about one-third of their lives sleeping, whereas other animals such as bats, beavers and chipmunks spend half their lives sleeping. Short sleepers like horses, cattle and sheep have sleep periods of 3-5 hours over a 24-hour period.

Sleep is a state of rest which allows animals



A bumblebee taking a nap inside the blossom of a rose bush.

photos by J D Shorthouse

to alter various physiological processes to conserve energy, allow muscles to recuperate from exertion and undertake various physiological functions. Without sleep, reflexes become dull and decisions aren't as sharp.

It's not as easy to tell whether insects sleep the way we do as they don't have eyelids, so we can't see them close their eyes for a quick nap. Scientists haven't found a way to study brain activity in insects, as they have in other animals, but by most accounts, it appears that insects sleep, or at least take rests or naps.

They are then aroused by strong stimuli such as change in temperature, levels of light at dusk or dawn, or attack by a predator.

Sleeping is particularly important for insects such as bees as it is for us as it plays an important role in memory acquisition and retention.

I recently saw a bumblebee in our garden near Sheguiandah in mid afternoon with its head pressed into the base of petals in a rose flower. At first, I thought it was dead or damaged as it didn't move. I carefully removed the flower with the bee inside sat down with it so I could get a better look.

I gently stroked the back of the bee with my finger, and to my surprise, it slowly began to

move its antennae and legs and stretch similar to us when waking up in the morning. It even extended and contracted its mouth parts as if it was yawning.

The bee began vibrating its wing muscles, then after a few moments, it lifted into the air. It didn't immediately fly away but took a few tight turns around my head as if to check out the huge monster who had rudely awoken it from its nap.

Rest is necessary for insects to remain alert during their waking hours. The more sleep an insect gets, the longer it lives. Increased alertness helps insects avoid predators and search for food with better precision. Without rest, they do not forage as well and may lay eggs on the wrong plants.

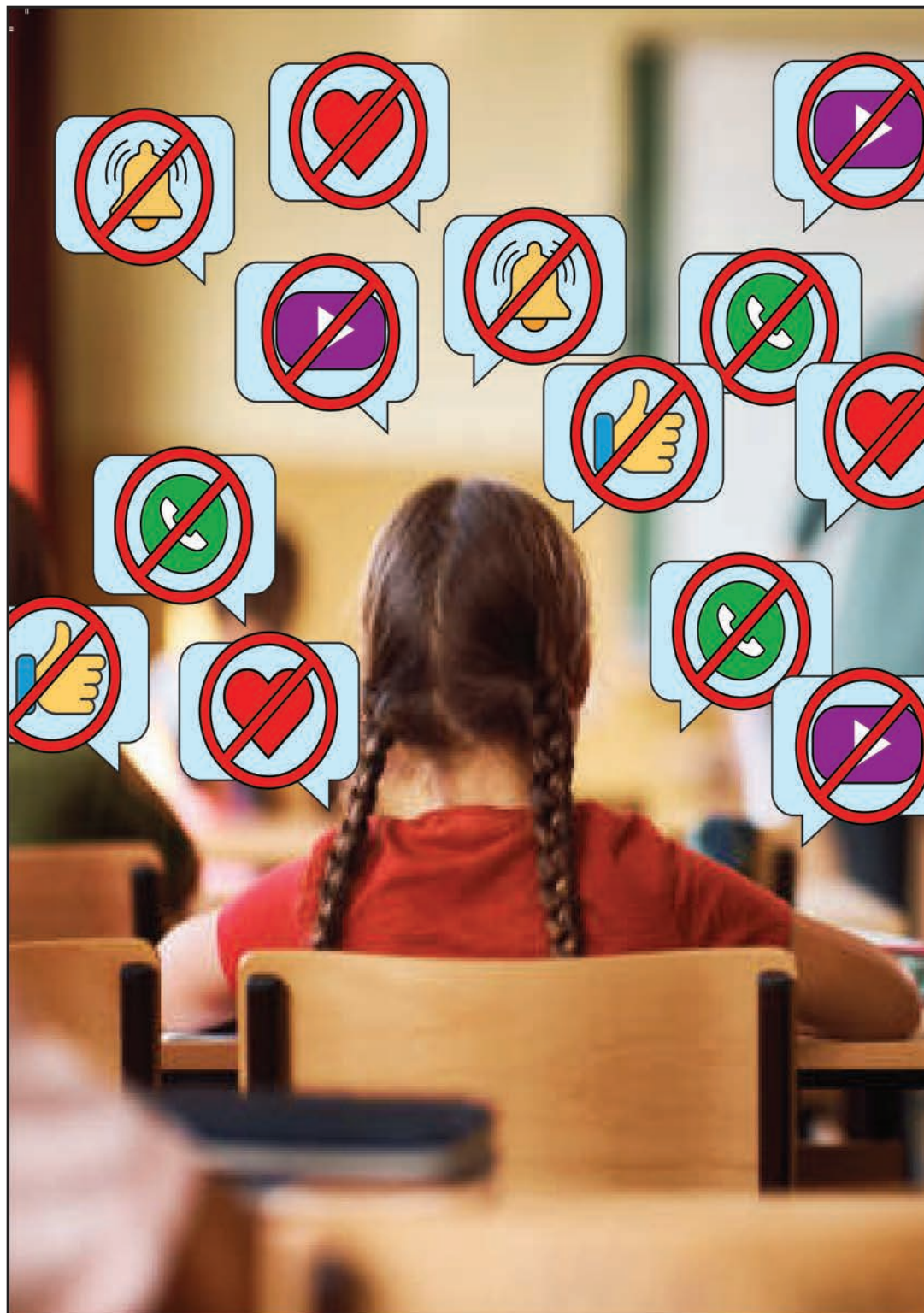
When insects and other animals enter a sleep state, they become partially disconnected from the external world, owing to reduced sensory activity. During sleep, animals cannot forage or take care of their young. Nor can they escape from life-threatening dangers such as predators.

While insects may not physically get some 'shut-eye,' since they do not have eyelids, they enter a state of metabolic rest called 'torpor' where they exhibit decreased physiological activity such as lower body temperature



Migrating monarch butterflies preparing to spend the night on a tree near South Baymouth where they enter a state of torpor, the insect version of sleep.

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We've banned cellphones in classrooms

As a new school year starts, we've made some changes, like banning cellphones in class and vapes in schools. These new rules will reduce distractions, so it's easier for students to focus on learning.

Ontario Library Association seeks support to save school libraries

by Tom Sasvari
 ONTARIO—The Ontario Library Association (OLA) is looking for support of its petition to make sure school libraries throughout the province continue to receive the funding it needs.



Changes to school funding could mean school libraries are in jeopardy. Shutterstock

“This past April, the Ministry of Education introduced a new funding model that eliminated protected funding for school libraries and library staff, as well as accountability measures that were implemented in 2021,” an OLA website states. “This new education funding model now adds additional pressure to already at-risk school-libraries and their staff. Without accountability, or enveloped funding, school boards will continue to cut school library funding in response to growing budgetary challenges province-wide.”

Esteban Dorado of OLA told The Expositor, “My understanding is that the province put in place a new funding model. Previously an amount the boards received for school libraries was specifically to be used for them (school libraries). However, with the changes made by the province using the funds in the school library envelope and using the funds

specifically for school libraries is no longer a requirement for school boards. There have already been issues where the funding is going, and now with the government changes there is no way to make sure school libraries are where the funds are going.”

Mr. Dorado stressed, “there are a lot of the vast majority of school administrators that care and make sure the funds provided to school board goes into the right place.”

“But school boards can, if they want, spend the funding for libraries on other things,” said Mr. Dorado. “Money for libraries and staffing can now be used on everything.”

“We are hearing stories of people working in school libraries feeling under resourced,” said Mr.

Dorado.

In a recent letter to the Minister of Education, Wendy Burch Jones, president of OLA wrote, “Protecting provincial funding allowed to school boards for school libraries and library staff is more critical than ever. Over the past two decades, due to school board-level decisions, hundreds of thousands of students across Ontario have lost access to school libraries and the critical resources and support they provide. In the past few years, this has accelerated as several of Ontario’s largest school boards have made dramatic reductions to school libraries and library staff, affecting hundreds of thousands of students. Other school boards in both urban and rural communities have eliminated them altogether.”

“In our petition we are basically calling for school boards to let school libraries keep the funding they have,” said Mr. Dorado.

In the OLA petition to the province they are asking the province to protect school libraries for Ontario students by reversing the core education funding model to fully protect funding for school library staff and resources, equivalent to the provincial funding formula; re-institute its policy requiring all school boards to report annually on the allocation and expenditure of funds specifically designated

for school libraries, mandate that these reports include information on the staffing of school libraries, ensuring that they are staffed by profes-

sional teacher-librarians to maximize the benefits for students, and mandate that these reports be made publicly accessible to hold school boards accountable

and allow parents, educators, and stakeholders to understand how funds are being utilized to support school library services.

...Manitoulin bugs take naps

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and a lower metabolic rate.

During torpor, insects may even assume a preferred sleeping position just like some people prefer to sleep on their sides and some dogs on their backs. While asleep, their eyes do not respond to moving images the way they would during the day when they are awake.

Where do insects rest when they are in a state of torpor? Resting spots can be just about anywhere they feel comfortable and safe from predators such as under dead leaves or rocks on the ground. Some bees spend the night on a plant stem, holding on with just their mouthparts.

Most insects are either active only during the day or at night. When they’re not active, they rest. Migrating monarch butterflies, for example, fly by day, but gather in large butterfly slumber parties in trees as night falls. These sleep aggregations keep individual butterflies still and safe from predators while resting from the long day’s travels.

However, scientists have established that these sleep-like states are also important for insect cognitive function. One of the most studied insects in this area is the common fruit fly – the small fly with red eyes one sees flitting around the fruit section at your grocery store.

Researchers have discovered that fruit flies alternate between sleep-like states lasting about three hours and periods of alertness. During these rest periods, fruit flies are relatively unresponsive to external stimuli and droop their antennae.

Fruit flies divide each day into periods of naps then sleep longer at night. Depriving them of rest causes cognitive problems such as learning certain tasks. Fruit flies deprived of rest for long periods will die.

Well-studied insects such as honeybees take naps during foraging excursions, as apparently did the bumblebee described in this article. When bees sleep, their antennae droop, their head and tail tuck in, and their wings rest on their bodies.

Honeybees sleep 5-8 hours a day, and like us, they sleep at night. Sleep deprived honeybees cannot effectively communicate with their hive and have trouble navigating.

Honeybees snuggle up at night and hold each other’s feet. This likely prevents them from falling within their hives. It also helps them share the heat of their bodies and provides social cohesion, protection and communication within the colony.

Although all bugs sleep it doesn’t mean they will go to bed for eight hours as does the average human. The sleep cycles of insects will also differ according to their needs. For example, caterpillars of monarch butterflies will have different sleeping patterns than the adults.

As to whether or not insects dream, and what they dream about, we can only guess. Perhaps butterflies dream about warm sunny days in fields full of flowers and plants on which to lay their eggs, while others may have nightmares about entomologists chasing them with a net!

Dr. Joe Shorthouse is a retired entomology professor at Laurentian University who spends his summers near Sheguandah.

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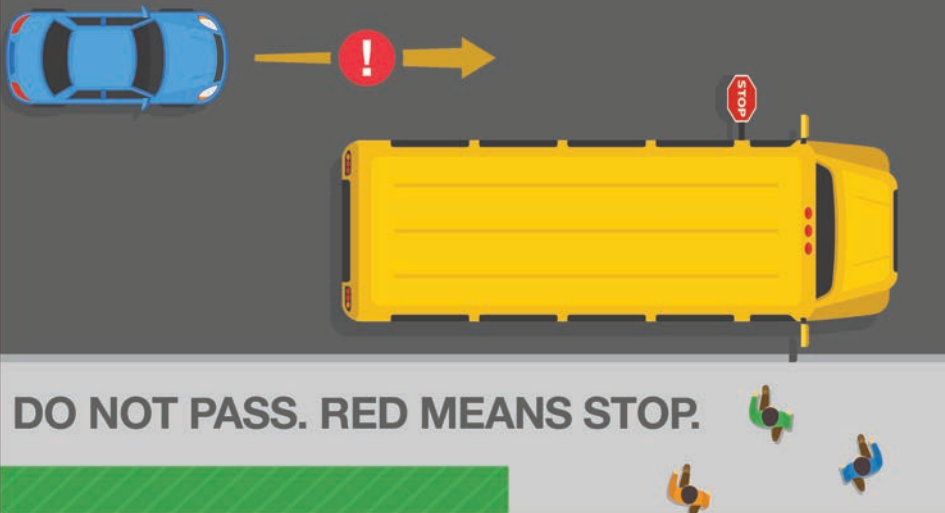
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Manitoulin Metal pens second book in robotics literacy series 'I is for Innovation'

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Metal, Manitoulin Secondary School's robotics team, not only builds robots they also publish books. The release of their first book in the team's literacy series came out in December of 2023 with their second book, 'I is for Innovation,' being released a few months later.

The author of 'I is for Innovation,' Alexis McVey, spent nine months piecing together an alphabet book in the hopes of getting younger audiences interested in robotics. The book features definitions for technical terms, tools, and aspects of robotics and lists them in alphabetical order with each word accompanied by an image or illustration. "Putting the book together was really easy," states Alexis, "I used Canva (an online media design tool) and then we got it published through Amazon."

Alexis, who has been a member of Manitoulin Metal for two years, is not just passionate about building robots, she is also dedicated in sharing that passion with others: "what inspired me to write this book is the team was working on our



Author Alexis McVey in her FIRST robotics hat.

first book, and I thought that an alphabet book would be a good choice for younger audiences."

The team's literacy series is part of a broader effort to expand their outreach within the community. Beyond their achievements in robotics competitions, Manitoulin Metal has been involved in educational initiatives, with things like their summer camp for younger students that wrapped up two weeks ago. The team believes that sparking an early interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) is important for the future, and 'I is for Innovation' is a step in that direction.

Alexis received her first copy of the book during the provincial robotics competition last March.

Seeing her project come to life was a pivotal moment for Alexis, "I felt so accomplished and really happy." Since then, Alexis has gone on to promote her book at various events around Manitoulin like the Providence Bay Fair, where she was also awarded the congeniality award in the Fair Ambassador competition.

'I is for Innovation' has now sold over one hundred copies and it is available on Amazon and in stores throughout Manitoulin Island. All funds raised from the book go towards more team initiatives. The team's lead mentor, Yana Bauer, says that "Parents, grandparents, and children who see the book are always impressed by the book's clever vocabulary, robotics-themed visuals, and interactive nature."

Looking ahead, Alexis and Manitoulin Metal are already in the process of making their next book. With the success of their first two publications, they're eager to continue combining their love for robotics with literacy. The team hopes to inspire even more young readers, proving that with a little innovation, the possibilities are endless.

Ontario increasing access to free menstrual products in schools

BRAMPTON—The Ontario government is breaking the stigma around period poverty by making sure schools across Ontario can offer free menstrual products to their students. On July 29, Todd Smith, minister of education, announced a new three-year agreement with Shoppers Drug Mart to expand the province's Menstrual Equity Initiative (MEI) and provide more than 23 million free menstrual products to students over the next three years.

"We know that when students can't access or afford menstrual products, it often results in them missing school, work or other activities, but we're changing that," said Minister Smith. "Access to products through Ontario's MEI is just one more way we are removing barriers for women and girls so they can reach their full potential and realize their dreams."

In addition to free menstrual pads and tampons, Shoppers Drug Mart will provide 1,380 dispensers in the first year to facilitate the delivery of these critical health products in schools. Along with the 23 million free menstrual products, an increase of three million compared to the previous agreement, this represents an in-kind commitment of more than \$8 million.

Free menstrual products will be available to all school boards and school authorities across Ontario, as well as the Consortium Centre Jules-Leger, which will distribute products to individual schools based on their local student needs.

"For too long, inequitable access to menstrual products has held millions back from reaching their full potential, every absent day of school or sick day at work is a missed opportunity to learn, grow and thrive," said Jeff Leger, president of Shoppers Drug Mart. "We're proud to continue this important partnership with the Ontario government to ensure more students have access to the menstrual products they need and deserve, helping to get more women and girls in school and keeping them in class, where they belong."

"The continuation of the MEI strengthens equality and inclusion in Ontario schools," said Charmaine Williams, associate minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity. "By providing essential products, we are not only supporting the physical and emotional health of students, but also enabling them to focus on their education and extra-curricular activities without financial barriers. This initiative underscores Ontario's commitment to fostering a supportive and healthy learning environment for every student across the province."

"At Promoting Education and Community Health (PEACH), we believe access to essential resources is key to student success," said Tiffany Ford, executive director of PEACH. "The Ontario government's commitment to providing free menstrual products in school removes the financial burden for many students and their families. We applaud the government and Shoppers Drug Mart for their actions."



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Prov/Spring Bay Lions to host fundraising golf tournament for Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY/SPRING BAY—The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions will be hosting a golf tournament next month in support of the Manitoulin 348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

“The way this all worked out is that we as a club decided that we want to continue to support our youth programs with this golf tournament,” said Lions Club president Chris Bryan. “Two of our members, Brian Mitchell and Annette Murphy, have grandkids in the local Sea Cadets. They suggested that this year’s golf tournament proceeds go toward the sea cadets, and this was pretty much unanimous among club members.”

“We are definitely grateful for this support,” stated Sylvain Boucher, commanding officer of the Sea Cadets. “It is an honour to be chosen for this support, especially since there are lot of deserving groups out there on the Island.”

Mr. Boucher noted, “The Manitoulin community as a whole is incredible in its support of our sea cadets. When we need help you can count on their support.”

The second annual Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club golf tournament will take place at Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya on September 21. The price for a (four person) team is \$500 or \$125 per person. “This includes the 18 holes of golf, two power carts and a steak dinner,” said Mr. Bryan. The tournament will include a men’s, ladies’ and a mixed division. A silent auction and

50/50 draw (\$5 per ticket) will take place during the day. There will also be contests held and prizes handed out.

“It’s really great to have the sea cadet program on the Island, being on the Great Lakes and kids learning how to sail and navigate waters,” said Mr. Bryan. “Having the program locally and providing the opportunity for young people on the Island is very important.” He explained, “I understand what they are hoping to do is to take the sea cadets troop on a trip to see and visit naval ships.”

“We are definitely hoping for donations of items for our silent auction,” said Mr. Bryan. “We are also looking for sponsors of each hole on the course (\$100 each).” The Lions Club received tremendous local community support for its golf tournament in 2023 in raising \$8,700 for the Manitoulin

Secondary School Robotics team (with the Lions Club topping this up to \$9,000).

“The sky is the limit on how much we raise, we hope to raise as much as possible for the sea cadets,” said Mr. Bryan, who pointed out the club is getting a good response from the public again this year for support.

The Lions Club has had a very busy summer again this year, hosting a successful yard sale in July and hosting a pancake breakfast at the Providence Bay Fall Fair. On the latter, “we had 236 people attend. It was a huge success, and we were able to raise over \$3,500 thanks to the tremendous support of the public.”





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Zhiibaahaasing Powwow celebrates 'Coming back home'

by Tom Sasvari
 ZHIIBA A H A A S I N G
 F I R S T N A T I O N—The theme of this year's Zhiibaahaasing First Nation powwow, 'Coming Back Home,' was appropriate as the community welcomed some band members back to the community.

"The band members we met at an Assembly of First Nations gathering in Ottawa are welcomed here today. They are part of the Wolf Clan," said Zhiibaahaasing Chief Irene Kells. "And there are probably about 14 band members from my family who live in Toronto who are here. And any other new members of the band are here this weekend. Welcome back to your community."



Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Councillor Kevin Mossip and Chief Irene Kells spoke at the opening of the community's 28th annual powwow held this past weekend.

photos by Tom Sasvari

"As I look around today, I see a beautiful sight with everyone standing here in their regalia," said Chief Kells. "Thank you everyone for being here today for our powwow. Our theme 'Coming Back Home' is very appropriate today. We have met about 18 people who are new band members



The shawl dance is a preferred favourite of young kwe with its lively and flowing dance moves.



Dancers of all ages were excited to take a turn in the dance arena. This young jingle dancer is ready to provide healing moves.

who have come home this weekend. We knew we had more band members and it is so nice to see everyone, welcome home and we are so happy to

have you in the community."

"Thank you to all the vendors here today, all the drums, dancers. And welcome to the flag carriers," said Chief Kells. "Thank you to everyone for being here today and have a great day."

Elder Bill Antoine told the gathering, "I brought home some of my family home, here this week. This is the first time everyone has been home together in a long time."

"It's all about family and friends sharing joy and some sadness together

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Back to School Safety

Reminders

It is that time of year again!

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...Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Powwow celebrates ‘Coming back home’ as several community members have returned

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er,” said Chief Kells. She noted that while on a trip to Toronto earlier this year, “our family was looking for a place to gather. One of the people we met whose home is here (Zhiibaahaasing) told us she owned a restaurant nearby. We had a great meal and a great time that evening. It is this kind of story that makes our theme for the powwow so appropriate. And it is going to continue to be our powwow theme.”

Zhiibaahaasing band councillor Kevin Mossip said, “it is no nice that so many people have come home this week and are family members. But I have to admit I didn’t know there were at least 25 people living in other communities whose home is here. It is so nice to have these community members come back home.”



Women’s Traditional Dancers move in a stately cadence in keeping with their dignified position in the community.



Zhiibaahaasing First Nation held its 28th annual powwow this past weekend, with a large number of dancers and attendees on hand. The theme of the powwow, which will now remain permanent is ‘Coming Back Home.’

“Up until 35 years ago there was no one here. When we restarted the Zhiibaahaasing community a that time there were no houses or running water,” said Mr. Mossip. He noted recently, “I was talking to a band member from Michigan, who at first had no idea Zhiibaahaasing was her home community. This person was asking

about voting options told her about the requirements. Then I asked her if knew about the Robinson Huron Treaty annuity payments. She said, ‘holy crap,’ when she found out she was entitled to her share of this.”

“This was such a neat experience to let this person know this,” said Mr. Mossip. “It was probably the best experience I’ve had since being a member of council.”

Glen Hare told the gathering, “Good afternoon, this is a great day. I have worked with our leadership on the Island for many years and have worked with Chief Kells since the first day she started as chief.”

“I can remember back 35 years ago when there were no homes here. Then when I got here today I had to ask, is there anywhere I can park my car,” quipped Mr. Hare. “The theme ‘Coming Back Home’ is a great thing.”

Mr. Hare said, “to the government I would like to say listen to our leadership, they know their community better than anyone else, and they want and need to be part of the decision making process. And when you talk about education, do not use the word school; it is a treaty word, and it is in these residential schools that our kids were taken away.”

Ontario reaches tentative agreement with principals and vice-principals

TORONTO—The province of Ontario has reached a tentative agreement with the associations representing school boards and the associations representing principals and vice-principals on the employment terms and conditions (for principals and vice-principals) in publicly funded schools.

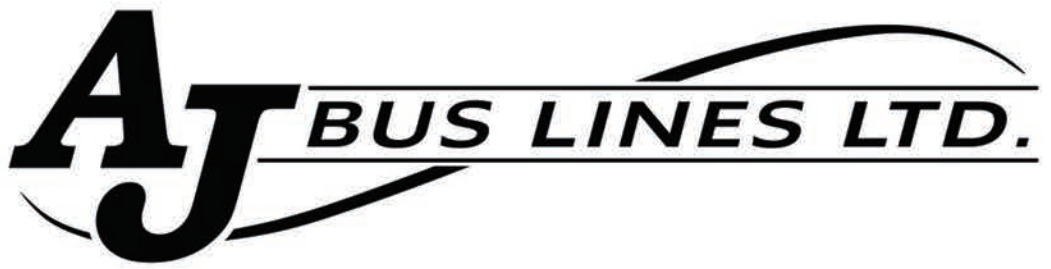
The memorandum of settlement is between the Ontario government, the associations representing principals and vice-principals (Ontario Principals Council, Catholic Principals Council of Ontario and Association des directions et direction adjointes des écoles franco-ontariennes) and the four associations representing school boards (Ontario Public School

Boards’ Association, Ontario Catholic School Trustees’ Association, Association franco-ontarienne des conseils scolaires catholiques and Association des conseils scolaires des écoles publiques de l’Ontario). The term of the agreement is four years, applying to 2023 to 2027.

There are approximately 8,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) principals and vice-principals across Ontario, and most are members of one of three voluntary associations.

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Over the next several weeks, all parties will be undergoing their separate approval processes with respect to the tentative settlement.



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formed a small committee that will be meeting with the MNRF to discuss this and other issues like this," said Sharon Cooper, secretary of LMAA.
"There is quite a difference in the number

of species of fish that are stocked in the lake from year to year," said one member of the audience.
Mr. Cranston explained that initially, stocking took place every year, but now it normally takes place on a two year on,

two years off cycle. "And some years it depends on the availability of fish we have."
"I don't understand why walleye are being taken from this lake to places as far as Mississauga?" said one audience member.

Ms. Gauthier noted the walleye in Lake Manitou are a unique genetic strain, and there are lakes that don't have any walleye. "And some of the lakes are experimental lakes. Lake Manitou is unique for its strain of walleye." She further explained that Blue Jay is one of the few fish culture stations that raises walleye.

The Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station is located in Tehkummah. It is a spring fed water indoor facility. There is also a substation in Sandfield that is lake water fed. The local fish culture station is one of nine in Ontario run by the MNRF.

"The Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station was officially opened in 1989," said Ms. Cranston. It contains a self-guided visitors' centre and trail and operates on a year-round basis.

Phases of early bass culture at the Sandfield fish culture station goes back

to the early 1900s, said Ms. Cranston. She explained Sandfield currently has six operational ponds and a new facility was constructed in 2023 for holding lake trout in the winter, as well as in the main station in Tehkummah.

Fish culture stations raise fish to stock Ontario lakes and rivers by collecting eggs and milt from fish, collecting fluids for genetic sampling, disinfecting the eggs and milt to prevent disease, continued Ms. Cranston. "As well we fertilize and hatch the eggs, and rear and release young fish."

The fish culture station in Tehkummah raises several fish including walleye, lake trout and rainbow trout. Ms. Cranston noted walleye egg collection occurs in the spring. The nets (12-foot trap nets) are set for a couple of weeks from April-May depending on weather. She showed photos of 18 of the locations that walleye eggs are provided in-

cluding those in Sudbury, Wawa, Parry Sound and several other locations.

"For Lake Manitou walleye egg collection takes place in the spring. The 12-foot trap nets are set for a couple of weeks any time between April-May depending on the weather. We handle a couple hundred walleye during the collection," said Ms. Gauthier. "Ripe fish are selected and spawned out." Bycatch in net is recorded and returned to the lake (400-600 other fish). Eggs are collected from an average of 30 females. Eggs per female depends on the size. Walleye have a larger number of eggs per female 240-000-300,000. Ovarian fluid and milt samples are sent off for fish health testing.

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failure to communicate with local governments and the community, a move they believe only fueled public fear and distrust.

Mayor Amy Mazey shared her community's apprehensions, noting, "We're hearing conflicting things. On the one hand, it's naturally occurring and low risk, yet the safety protocols seem intensive. It just leaves us with more questions."

Chief Nawegahbow called for greater accountability and a more thorough consultation process with local Indigenous communities. "Our voices must be heard," he urged. "This isn't just about one community; it's about protecting the environment and public health for everyone along the waterway. Once a watershed is contaminated, it can lead to widespread ecological destruction, affecting not just the immediate area but regions far downstream."

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mented. In many cases, the contamination leads to the poisoning of drinking water supplies, the destruction of aquatic habitats, and the exposure of communities to cancer-causing substances. The effects can last for generations, and the cleanup is often costly, difficult, and incomplete.

In a letter to Premier Doug Ford, Ms. Ketchabaw formally demanded an immediate halt to the project. The letter called for environmental and health impact assessments to be conducted by independent experts, with full transparency and community involvement. Ms. Ketchabaw also urged the province to engage in meaningful dialogue with local municipalities and First Nations.

A town hall meeting has been scheduled in the coming weeks to address the community's concerns, but the damage to public trust may already be done. As the residents of Nairn and Hyman prepare to fight for their future, they are united by a common cause: protecting their land, their water, and their lives from the dangers of radioactive contamination.

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for Blue Jay Creek,” the meeting was told. Once they hatch out, they go into the Sandfield ponds, the intensive walleye tanks at the station and out to community hatchery programs (1.9 million) and other districts.

“In the fall lake trout egg collection occurs. Twelve-foot trap nets are set for a couple of weeks, usually in October,” the meeting was told. Usually, 1,000-1,400 lake trout are handled. Ripe fish are spawned and returned to the lake. Bycatch in net is recorded and returned to the lake (200-400 other fish).

Eggs are collected from an average of 200-300 females. Eggs per female depends on the size. Lake trout have a smaller number of eggs per female at around 2,500. Ovarian fluid and milt samples are sent off for fish health testing. “Of these eggs the percentage that survive to eye up varies on fertilization but is usually around 75 percent,” said



The Lake Manitou and Area Association held its annual information/education night. Among the guest speakers were Victoria Cranston and Shannon Gauthier of the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station.

Ms. Gauthier. Some of the eggs are shipped out to other fish culture stations. Once hatched the fry are moved into the tanks at BJC to grow until the next season.

“Many locals claim to have caught walleye back in the 1940s,” said Ms. Gauthier. Exactly

when and how the introduction occurred is unknown. Anecdotal information would suggest that walleye have been present for over 30 years. “The first records of Blue Jay Creek catching walleye in Manitou are from fall nets in 1995 during lake trout egg collection,”

continued Ms. Gauthier. She noted the broad scale monitoring program began in 2008, with Lake Manitou being survey in 2011, 2016 and 2022.”

“You can help us,” said Ms. Cranston. “You can do so by going on Fish On-line which has a sur-

vey option for each lake. Filling out these surveys include information on when you fished, for how long, species and size caught. This information is used to determine angling pressures, species found in lakes etc.”

She further explained,

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school with a sore leg, and I never dared tell my mother."

"I attended three high schools, and by then my mother's disease—the disease of alcoholism—had progressed, contributing to a life of chaos. It was a challenging time. I spent much of it on my own, but I did go

to many school dances where I could pretend that life was different than it was. I was sick a lot back then and failed many classes. On the other hand, my studious sister wound up in the top 10 in her class."

"It seems that I had been an enabler for the people in my life, certainly for my mother. The silver lining in my life was the constant influence of my beloved grand-



The family gather in 2012.

mother. She would leave her country home on the Manitoulin and we'd meet her train at the Hamilton station, and life would be peaceful while she was with us."

Jo-Anne dropped out of school in Grade 12 and was married at age 20. "My first marriage lasted 20 years. We met in Grade 6; he was from Croatia and didn't speak English well. My grandmother, when asked 'Who did Jo-Anne marry?' responded, 'Oh, some foreigner.' We were blessed with two children, Nicholas and Leanne, and were coping until the disease of alcoholism again invaded my life. In 1988, precipitated by a very serious consequence of the disease, I left my marriage. Mom had encouraged me to join a support group for families of alcoholics, in 1979. My mother died in 2004 with 33 years of sobriety, and in January 2024 I celebrated 45 years in my program."

"The day mom died, she was dusting two by fours in her apartment and had just voted in the local election. We were planning lilac-picking and shopping on the weekend. We talked every day on the phone, and she died mid-sentence. I panicked because I was afraid that if she wasn't dead, she'd be mad at me for calling 911."

"In 1976, I helped start the first Catholic School Lunch Program in Hamilton, and also hired staff to take care of the children for working Catholics." Jo-Anne was very involved in volunteer activities in her community, and when a position opened up at Mohawk College, she applied for a public affairs position. In 1979, with only part of Grade 12, she was hired, and worked there for 30 years from 1979 to 2010. "There were 457 applications for that entry-level position, and thanks to prayer, I was one of three that were hired. It was a perfect fit and I remained in that position for 30 years."

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6 Foot Festival

Call out to Artists

15th Annual Six-Foot Festival (Land Art Food)
September 27-28, 2024

"Preservation Of Humanity"

Call out to Installation artists, performers, workshop facilitators, presenters for this year's 15th Annual 6 Foot Festival (Land, Art, Food). This year's theme is **Preservation Of Humanity**. What 6x6 foot piece of land can be explored and documented when you think of Preservation of Humanity?

Debajehmujig is looking for Artists to explore, document and present at this year's 6 foot festival. Are you a musician, painter, writer, sculpture, performer? This will be a great time to reconnect with a 6x6 foot piece of land to explore The Preservation of Humanity.

Submit your Idea and Bio and/or some creations you have done in your past work connecting back to the land. This is a great opportunity to get your creative juices flowing.

Artists will receive compensation for their art submission. Please submit to a.manitowabi@debaj.ca

Scan QR code to Submit

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- **improver class from 8:00 to 9:00 pm**

The cost will be \$10 weekly, with the option to attend one or more classes each night at no extra cost.

Please register in advance as space is limited.



For information and pre-registration, call/text Joe at 519-490-5586 or email joebeth.arnold@gmail.com

coming events

Boardwalk and coffee walk, Saturdays from 11 am to 2 pm. Start at Cenotaph Park, Little Current, then walk the boardwalk, then to Tim Hortons. Register at lahayef425@gmail.com.

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SCOTT WOODS, Champion fiddler, is coming back to Manitoulin by popular demand together with his "Yee Haw" show that features Canadian champion stepdancer Leo Stock, guitar virtuoso Steve Pitocco champion fiddler Kendra Norris and more. The show is Saturday, September 14 at 7 pm at the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 Highway 6 in Little Current. Tickets are \$45 and are available locally (cash only) at The Expositor Office in Little Current or by calling Gail at 705-368-2589. They can be purchased online, using a credit card at www.scottwoods.ca or by calling direct to 1-855-726-8896 (toll free).

12-17p

coming events

Barbecue at Julia Bay Beach, Barrie Island causeway. Bring a potluck dish, a chair and picnic ware and enjoy free hotdogs! Folk songs by Chris Walker on 12-string guitar. Come relax by the water. Friday, August 23 from 4 to 7 pm. An event of Gordon/Barrie Island municipality.

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Legion events

Little Current Legion, Branch 177, Wing Night from 5:30 to 10 pm on: Thursday, August 29; Thursday, September 12 and 26; Thursday, October 10 and 24. Call 705-368-2661 after 4 pm to place your order. Take-out is available. Serving wings and mozza sticks, six for \$9 or 12 for \$18; cheeseballs, 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. Choices of sauces are honey garlic, 1st, 2nd, 3rd degree, sweet chill heat, sweet and sour, parm and pepper, salt and pepper, barbecue and Frank's dry rub. Ranch or blue cheese sides.

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wanted

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

17tfn

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

12-15c

Collector wanting to buy comics, pre-1990s; sports cards, pre-1985; coins, pre-1967. Call Fred, 519-596-2822.

15-17c

rental

October 1 to May 1, waterfront two bedroom executive unit in Little Current. All inclusive with Starlink Internet, satellite TV and fully furnished. Call 705-368-6240 or email manitoulinrental@gmail.com for details and viewing appointment.

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14-16p



NEMI FARMERS' MARKET

Every Saturday 9 AM to NOON (plus extended hours)
Downtown, Little Current on the Waterfront at the Market Garden Pavilion

See you Saturday!

Gore Bay Street Market

Fridays in July and August
9am - 1pm
Visit us downtown (Meredith St.)

THE ISLAND SUMMER MARKET

LAST MARKET AUGUST 31ST, 2024, DON'T MISS IT!

Saturday 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the M'Chigeeng Arena, Hwy 551 south of Hwy 540

Invitation to the 35th Anniversary of the Manitoulin Legal Clinic on September 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. 12A Hillside Road Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation RSVP 705-368-3333 info@mlc.clcj.ca

notice

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

Tfn

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

Gore Bay Theatre invites anyone interested in working on or off stage for a fall/Christmas production of a play (murder mystery) to meet at 7 pm on Thursday, September 5 at the Gore Bay Community Hall. If you cannot attend, please call Walter at 705-282-8471 or Andrea at 705-282-7277.

15-16c

The winner! Friends of the Mindemoya Old School sends congratulations to Donna M. from Manitoulin who won \$3542.50 in the FOMOS 50/50 draw.

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Hand-peeled cedar posts and poles, any size, any length. Near Manitowaning, call 1-548-882-9478.

14-17c

Kitchen cupboards, 8' long, white, double ss sink and solid cast countertop, best offer; Radial arm saw, best offer; home gym machine, best offer. Call 416-526-9951 or 705-795-0693. In Manitowaning.

14-15c

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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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, bnannc@gmail.com.

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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.

Tfn

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.

Tfn

yard sale

Yard sale on Friday, August 30 and Saturday, August 31 from 9 am to 1 pm at 21 Quanja Lake Road, Wiikwemkoong. 30" stove, medium size fridge, sofa bed, and other goodies. Postponed if raining.

15c

notice

Last Market Café in Gore Bay will be hosted by All Saints Anglican Church on Friday, August 30 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Community Hall. Our Handmade Double Seater Cedar Bench draw will be made at 12 noon on Friday, August 30th. Come out and enjoy delicious homemade cakes and coffee/tea, good company and our gratitude. All proceeds from this event go to our Community Outreach Projects. Our sincere thanks to all who support our efforts.

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In Memoriam or Obituaries

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services

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

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

Tfn

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

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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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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

1256 Bay Estates Road South

TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **September 19, 2024** at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning amendment to Rural Zoning By-law No. 2018-41, as amended for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C. P. 13. to allow by a site specific amendment an oversized residential garage with a floor area of 125 m², made up of a current garage measuring 84 m² with an addition of 41 m².

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2024-08-28
Pam Myers, Clerk
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water Street East, P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
(705) 368-3500



...Now and Then: Jo-Anne Moreton Connery

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"I met my second husband, Andrew, a photographer, now instructional designer, working at Mohawk. He supported me as a friend during my marriage breakdown—it was very personal and private to me and only because we shared recovery did I feel safe. After a few years, we were wed on Christmas Eve 1990, and have been married for 33 years. Life has had its challenges, for

sure, including my stage four cancer diagnosis in 2012 and the multiple treatments and surgeries that followed. The first chemotherapy almost killed me but 12 years later I am cancer-free. I have had both hip and knee replacements. I now have three walkers, one for each floor."

"In 2021, I accidentally catapulted down 13 stairs and landed on my head. My husband found me two hours later and I spent



Sparky eat your heart out—this was Jo-Anne's gang back in the day.

three weeks recovering in the hospital. Andrew sat with me in the hospital,

every day. The incident reminded me of my ancestor, Eve Schell, who, after being scalped and left for dead, woke up and pulled the scalpel from her head and walked home. I had a recurring psychic dream about being scalped. I was clearly influenced by biased Hollywood B movies, but I inherited my toughness from Maggie.

"Son Nicholas has three children, Matthew, Jacqueline and Brooke-Lynn. Daughter Leanne

struggled to have a child with her endometriosis and was blessed at 36 with daughter Mya. I was there, I cut the cord," Jo-Anne adds proudly.

Favourite pets? "Only cats when I was growing up, but Andrew and I had a cocker spaniel-retriever mix named Abby."

Favourite season? "Fall, October, less heat. I can smell the fall season with my 'Gypsy' blood. Turtlenecks and sweaters ...continued on page 27

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Death Notices

RHEA HELEN WOODS

May 19, 1931 - August 14, 2024



It is with profound sadness that the family announces the passing of Rhea Helen Woods (nee Witty) on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya in her 94th year. "Rhea" as she was commonly known to all, was an avid gardener, curler, walker and most importantly, a friend to all

who knew her. She enjoyed visits with family and friends, tending to her flowers and yard work, many daily walks around town and helping others in need. Until recent years and health issues, she would be seen on the streets two or three times a day for her regular strolls, to which few could keep to her pace. Rhea worked alongside her husband, Marv, at the family restaurant and raised their three children at the same time. In 1970, along with her husband, she opened the well-known business, M&R Jewelry in Gore Bay which still operates today. Her most precious assets were her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She always looked forward to their visits and hearing of their activities and accomplishments. Rhea, known to many as Granny or GG Grunt was born on May 19, 1931, the youngest child of John (Ray) and Mary (Campbell) Witty of Mills Township and later the 7th Line in Gordon Township. Rhea moved to Gore Bay in the late 1940s and on September 12, 1950 she married Marvin Woods. In 1953 they moved to 31 Hall Street where she still lived until the day before entering the hospital. Rhea is survived by her son James (Jim) (Vanessa Jo) and their children Beverly (Trevor), Patti Jo (Christopher Molnar) and Deborah (Dennis McCurdy); Mary Lou Bock (Allan) and their daughters Melanie (Neil) Farrington, Michelle Bock (Justin Girardi) and Joann Woods (Bill predeceased) and their children Dustin (Jennifer), Devin (Missy) and Daylin (Travis) Orford. More than anything, Rhea adored her great-grandchildren Gabriel, Alex, Cody and Autumn, Landin and Parker, Kowan and Greyson, Seth, Stevy and Brantley. A big part in Rhea's life were her nieces and nephews, two of whom she considered daughters, Nancy Woestenek (John) and Margie Graham (Bruce). She was predeceased by her parents John and Mary Witty, siblings Jean (Burley) Morrell, Harry (Stella), Alex (Marg) and 26 brothers- and sisters-in-law. At Rhea's request, there was no funeral service. A graveside service took place at 11 am on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at the Gordon/Barrie Island Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Gore Bay United Church Robinson Hall. If so desired, donations in Rhea's memory can be made to the Manitoulin Health Centre Mindemoya Site, The Gore Bay Medical Centre, Gore Bay United Church (UCW) or charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay. The family would like to extend their gratitude for the care Mom received. Dr. McRae and Dr. Hamilton and their team from Gore Bay Medical Centre for their years of support and care. Dr. Reade and the health team at MHC Mindemoya, who provided care and compassion to both Mom and our family. Thank you to the PSW team, in particular Beth and Stacey for their care and kindness.



JACQUELINE GEORGENA BRYANT

(nee Johnston)

September 4, 1942 - August 13, 2024



In loving memory of Jacqueline Bryant who passed away peacefully at her home in Manitowaning on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at the age of 81. Jacqueline married her beloved husband James Bryant at Knox United Church 61 years ago. Loving mother of Michael Bryant (predeceased) and Catherine

Frantz (Warren). Sister of Naomi Morrison (predeceased) and Vernon Johnston (predeceased) (Pauline). Cherished grandmother of Meagan, Christena, Mallory and Rory. Proud great-grandmother of Wyatt. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Jacqueline was a part of many local organizations all over Assiginack Township. She was a strong-willed, resilient and kind person to everyone who knew her. You could smell her baking driving down the main road into Manitowaning. The family wishes to extend a thank you to the Assiginack Fire Department, Paramedics and to the OPP officers. Family and friends gathered at Knox United Church for visitation on Monday, August 19, 2024 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 11 am. Burial followed at Hilly Grove Cemetery. A luncheon was held after the burial in the Knox United Church Hall. If desired, monetary donations may be offered for a Little Free Library to be installed at a later date. Island Funeral Home can only accept cheques for all donations. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

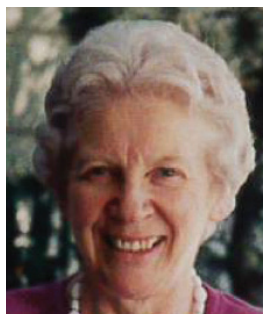


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LILLIAN "ALDEEN" CRATE

(nee Bell)

August 28, 1927 - August 20, 2024



In loving memory of Aldeen I Crate, who at the age of 96, passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Tuesday, August 20, 2024. She was born at home on Manitoulin Island on August 28, 1927. She was the only daughter of the late James and Maude (nee Bailey) Bell. Loving mother of Kevin

(Cindy) Crate; grandmother to Amanda (Dan) Degroote and Dale (Florrie) Crate; great-grandmother to Ryder Degroote; and dear sister of Reg Bell of Gore Bay. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers Delbert, Morris (Ellen) and Blaine (Jean). Family and friends will gather at Simpson Funeral Home in Gore Bay on Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 10 am. The service will be held at 11 am with the Rev. Janice Frame officiating. Interment will be private and will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Smith Falls, at a later date.



Celebration of Life

MICHAEL O. MACHUM

(Mike)

A Celebration of Life for Michael O. Machum (Mike) will be held at the NEMI Recreation Centre in the Curling Lounge on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 1 to 6 pm.

CAMERON SPEC

(Cam)



We invite you to join us as we celebrate the remarkable life of Cam Spec, who passed away on May 26, 2024. A Celebration of his Life will be hosted by his children between 12 noon and 3 pm on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at the Little Current Legion. Please join us in sharing stories, memories and laughter as

we honour Cam and a life well lived!

LORAINE MARTHA OTTLEY

(Stewart)



Family, friends and colleagues are invited to a Celebration of Life for Loraine Martha Ottley (Stewart), R.N., B.A. (Hons.), L.L.B. on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 2 to 4 pm at the Island Funeral Home, 36 Worthington Street (Highway 540), Little Current. Please join us in sharing stories, tears, laughter

and refreshments as we honour Loraine's many talents and her lasting legacy as wife, family member, friend and colleague.

JEFFREY CROWELL



Jeff's family invites you to the Celebration of his Life on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 2 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, 1553 Weller Street, Sudbury. Please join us as we honour his memory, cherish the shared moments and applaud his legacy. In the game of life, Jeff was our superstar player, always scoring points for

kindness, unlocking levels of creativity and reminding us that life is better when you are part of a team.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

...Now and Then: Jo-Anne Moreton Connery

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abound.”
Any favourite collections? “Pictures.”

Favourite family holiday? “We used to go to Meldrum Bay with mum.”

Recipe for happiness? “Hidden in the Serenity Prayer.”

Favourite television show? “Survivor, Alone and CNN.”



Maggie says “you have to be tough.”



Maggie's cabin on the 12th Concession was Annie's safe place.

What are your strengths? “Remembering history, being a nurturer for the family. I am the ‘GTO’— Grammy’s Take-Out service.”

“Also, my faith is strong in my heart. Jesus is my chosen father, and the only father I really have. Spirituality is a strength, much stronger than religion. I grew up with GOD: Good Orderly Direction and EGO: Edging God Out. They were reminders of staying true to the chosen path. My recovery friends pray for me and give me strength.”

What did you enjoy

vor with enough tenacity so I could be there for my family.” What are you most afraid of? “The dark side of humanity. Dying is not my biggest fear, it’s the vulnerability of dealing with effects of cancer and making decisions like asking for medical assistance in dying. I am more afraid of something tragic happening to my family than for me. I believe the number one tool of the

devil is discouragement. We have to stay positive in this life.”

Favourite verse? “Amazing Grace.”

“As I write this, Andrew is at Maggie’s in Meldrum Bay. There are always things to fix and replace and improve, and he is sharing his latest project with me. In 1990 my mother was wanting to sell the property before it fell into further disre-

pair, but I persuaded Andrew to help us keep it in the family. At first sighting, he likened the cabin to something from a Stephen King novel. Eventually the rain stopped, the sun came out and he was hooked. We hired the Cad-den brothers to help with the initial reconstruction, log replacements and a new steel roof.

“Meldrum Bay has been his destination of choice

for the last 34 years. We’ve worked to keep it simple. Our motive for keeping Maggie’s home was for the next generation. As we age, it’s up to them to embrace their heritage. I am grateful for Andrew’s tireless dedication that has helped keep my grandparents’ legacy alive. The Island is a beautiful, rare place that we love, and it will always hold a special place in our hearts.”

most as a parent? “The joy and the fun of interacting with our children. It would have been even more enjoyable if it had not been warped by circumstance. I loved the songs and the plays and seven years of music lessons they took. I recall the college closing and white-knuckling it home in a blinding snowstorm. I was finally at my door and my daughter was waiting there. ‘When are you taking us to the concert?’ I got back in the car and took them to the Corey Hart concert.”

Words to live by? “My mum always said, ‘Live one day at a time, plan your work and work your plan.’” Is there anything you would like to accomplish that has evaded you in the past? “No, God has masterminded everything, so all is as it should be.”


Anyone who inspired you? “God and Jesus.”

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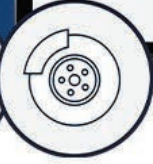
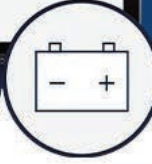

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...Attorney General's office assures Island delegates of sympathy towards POA woes

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mitments they made was that it would be a net revenue generator and would promote justice. But since 2017 our POA has seen deficits every year," which as pointed out is shared, as they were in years there were revenues, among all Island municipalities. "Small municipalities don't have the staff to prosecute POA cases and have to bring in third party lawyers (prosecutors) outside the corporation to carry out this work."

"The commitment that the province made that POA would be a net revenue generator is no longer meeting that commitment," said Mr. Schlange.

In the first year of the POA being set up, the operating revenues to Manitoulin POA was \$53,453.45 but since 2017 there has been a deficit in the operational costs including \$15,000 in 2023 and an estimated deficit of \$28,941 in 2024 for the Island POA. When the POA was first being downloaded to the

municipalities it was touted as a revenue source, but the revenue never lived up to that claim. In part, this was due to the rising tendencies for those facing traffic tickets opting to challenge the tickets. The cost associated with providing for those challenges usually outweighed the revenue from the ticket.

Added to the mix are a number of other financial challenges facing the POA. One is that the POA rarely receives any monetary award from a prosecuted offence such as those involving the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. This despite the huge costs associated in prosecuting those charges, which can often run to days of court time.

Another reason is that during COVID a number of additional costs were added to the operation of the courts, many specifically related to remote attendance with the POA covering these costs including courtroom renovations needed to protect

those attending court, the additional staff required due to operating the remote software and monitoring the remote attendees.

The delegation provided case studies for Temiskaming Shores POA, Espanola POA and Gore Bay POA. "The most recent example of one very costly part III special trial consisted an MNR matter before the court regarding a charge related to aggregate resources. This trial began in December 2022 and was completed in March 2024. There were 12 court dates and in the end the case was dismissed, and charges were withdrawn."

"The financial implications of this one trial resulted in \$11,000 in adjudication costs for the Justice of the Peace, alongside 45 person-days of our staff's time," the delegation continued, relating the case for Gore Bay. "Our office is very small and at the time of the trial we did not have additional court staff to assist with running the virtual portion that was necessary for the trial, so we needed to pull a member of the town staff from their duties to ensure the technology was running smoothly during the proceedings."

"Thankfully, Gore Bay is not part of the Part III pilot, which requires the municipal prosecutor to proceed with the prosecution rather than the Crown. In the example above there was an MNR prosecutor involved so

there were no costs associated with the prosecution. However, if this were a matter before the court that our municipal prosecutor was to be involved in the costs would have been exponentially higher. Not to mention even if we were paying for Crown prosecution, we only pay for their court time, not the time that is spent in the background preparing for the case and working with defendants."

The delegation continued, "The City of Temiskaming Shores and municipalities under the current agreement are concerned about the sustainability of operation at the termination date of the interim transfer agreement and therefore was on the ministry of the Attorney General to conduct an evaluation of the operations of provincial offences courts to ensure operations are fiscally sustainable and with fair access to justice service for a strong, reliable system."

When the transfer of responsibility took place over 25 years ago, it was on the basis of being cost recovery and revenue positive. Primary factors affecting revenues are: prosecution costs, court delays and backlog, charges and fines withdrawn.

The transfer of PART III and IX matters of the POA prosecuted by the criminal law division of the Ministry of the Attorney General to municipalities in 2022 led to a notable escalation in prosecution costs ris-

ing. This substantial increase can be attributed to the extended time spent by municipal prosecutors in processing these matters for resolution or trial. Despite these efforts, the resulting expenses were not adequately offset by fines collected.

"Small POA municipal service providers in the Northern region have indicated similar challenges in rising costs and deficits of operation, indicating they are not favourable to assuming the transfer of Part II and IX matters of the POA prosecuted by the Criminal Law Division of the Ministry of the Attorney General to municipalities."

The delegation noted, "Criminal courts continue to have priority over provincial offenses court

in scheduling judicial resources, resulting in backlog and an increase in withdrawn charges. Administration of the framework is done, with great difficulty of collecting fines or control over the outcome of the charges. We understand the provincial total of unpaid fines is estimated to be approximately \$1.7 billion."

Mr. Schlange added, "Our delegation requested a service review of the POA for municipalities in the North. Secondly, we are asking that the province fund the deficit. If there is a deficit in POA operation at the end of the year we want that to be funded. The real work starts now as we and the ministry will be following up on the issues that were raised."



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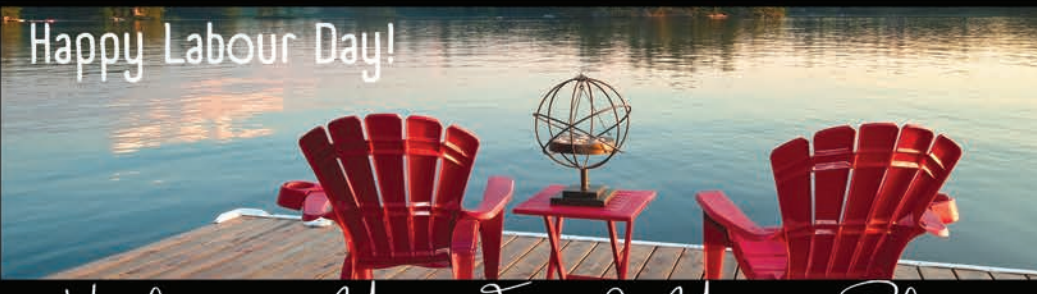


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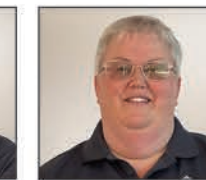
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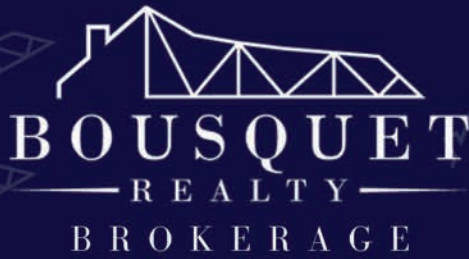


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by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—While a downpour of rain for a short period of time made for a more difficult ride, the annual Bay to Bay Ride hosted by the Gore Bay Rotary Club was a huge success.

Over 60 cyclists took part in the event held last Saturday, with eight riders taking part in the 200-kilometre ride, 38 participating in a 100-kilometre ride and 20 in the 50-kilometre ride.

"I would like to thank all of you so much for coming out and taking part in our fifth annual Bay to Bay Ride," stated Rotary club member Peter Carter, the main organizer of the event. "I'm astounded by the continuous support we receive from riders from Sudbury and from around Manitoulin Island."

"We couldn't do any of this without our sponsors, Manitoulin Transport, Split Rail Brewing, Breakaway Sports, and our new supporter this year, Noble Lumber," said Mr. Carter.

Once again, the annual ride will benefit the community with the majority of



From left in photo, Chris Henrickson of Sarnia (standing alongside Rotary Club member Peter Carter) was the cyclist who travelled the furthest to take part in the annual Gore Bay Rotary Club Bay to Bay Ride.



This group of cyclists was among a total of 66 who took part in one of the three routes at the annual Gore Bay Rotary Club Bay to Bay Ride. The majority of proceeds raised from the fundraiser will be going to the Lyons Memorial United Church food cupboard in Gore Bay.

photos by Tom Sasvari

the proceeds from the ride going to the Lyons Memorial United Church food cupboard. "Jeff Hietkamp is here on behalf of the church and food cupboard, where the majority of the proceeds raised from the ride will be going. They do a very good job of providing food sustainability for the community and area."

"Food sustainability has become a new reality here in the community and area," said Mr. Hietkamp. "We created the food cupboard program about 3-4 years ago, and we have seen an increase in the need for this. We are spending approximately \$2,000 a month on groceries for the food cupboard."

"The church is pretty pleased that the Rotary Club and everyone participating is doing this today," said Mr. Hietkamp. "We are very grateful for all of your support."

Dave Rogalsky, president of the Rotary Club, greeted the riders at the start of the ride. "We would like to thank all of you for coming out again to participate this year. It will be a great day for you," he said noting, "we can't do any of this without all of you, the riders who take

part every year."

This year's ride included a resident of Sarnia. Chris Henrickson rode his bicycle from Sarnia to Port Elgin on Thursday, a distance of about 223 kilometres. Then he and a friend drove to the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun ferry on Friday from Tobermory to South Baymouth. "I was here at the ride last year with my girlfriend," Mr. Henrickson explained. He previously met Peter Carter on the Seven Days in May Ride and was encouraged to participate in the Bay to Bay Ride. "I'm very happy to be here," he said, noting he is a member of the Husky Hustle Riding Club of Sarnia.

This year's ride on Western Manitoulin and the area around Gore Bay included different routes this year, such as one highlighting Barrie Island. "Enjoy the ride and take in the enjoyment and scenery of Barrie Island and what Manitoulin Island has to offer."

The Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club hosted a light dinner after the ride at the town of Gore Bay Harbour Pavilion.

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! At-taway 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 Slight 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 Monthill 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 Ontar-

io (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 base 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!

A good sport is good for sports

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Breeze the Bay Fun Run supports Gore Bay Fire Department

Proceeds from the very successful Breeze the Bay Fun Run held recently in Gore Bay, benefitted the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department. In photo from left Gore Bay fire chief Mike Addison was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$2,107.76 from event organizers Kelly Chaytor and Greg Bond.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Have you ever witnessed something so strange that it haunts your memory forever? From eerie encounters in a century-old home to a mysterious sighting in the still of the night to a premonition of a loved one's death, life is full of mystical phenomena. This month's column has more real-life stories by those who have shared their experiences with the inexplicable.

by Dorah L. Williams



My husband's co-worker wanted us to give him and his wife a tour. They lived in another town but hoped to move closer to family and were possibly interested in purchasing the house from us. We hadn't planned on selling it, especially after all our hard work to return it to its original state. However, the offer they said they'd consider was substantial, and we decided not to reject it immediately without a bit more consider-

ation. As my husband led them through the first and second floors, we could tell from their comments that they were pretty interested. Once he showed them the last room on the second level, only the attic remained to be seen.

As we walked toward the attic door, the couple explained that the third floor was actually their main focus because they wanted to turn the house

back into multiple units as an investment property for their upcoming retirement, with the attic as their living quarters and the main and second floor

as rental units. At first, we laughed, assuming they were kidding, knowing it had just taken us two years to restore it from that configuration. But

they were serious. Regardless of their generous offer, I did not want to sell after hearing that. From the expression on ...continued on page 3A

The Attic Door

"We purchased a large century home in the early 2000s. It was converted into a triplex in the 1960s, and we spent over two years restoring it back into a single-family home. It was beautiful when we finished, and we were very proud of it.

From the start, we experienced some strange events, though. Muffled voices could be heard in other rooms when alone in the large house. Items were often moved from logical to illogical locations and the scent of a strong perfume often wafted through a room as it was being restored.

The most memorable experience for me was once seeing the apparition of a very elderly lady dressed in a Victorian-era nightgown and nightcap, staring at me with obvious curiosity as I was removing layers of old wallpaper off of the master bedroom walls. (I'll describe that event in more detail in another submission.)

But one of the funniest experiences happened one day, not long after the restoration was completed and we finally moved in.

Help Wanted!



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

Manitoulin:

- (2) Case Aide
- Child Well Being Worker - Contract
- Education Liaison

Sudbury:

- (2) Case Aide - Contract
- After Hours - Contract
- Youth Cultural Outreach Worker

Sudbury or Manitoulin:

- Human Resources Administrative Assistant - Contract
- Property Officer – Contract
- Education Support Worker
- (4) Youth Cultural Support Worker
- (4) Youth Connection Worker
- Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

All postings close September 6, 2024 at 4 pm EST

To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at hr@kgcfs.org, ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at: www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

At KGCFs, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within 3 months of the application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.

Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.

Employment Opportunity

Providence Bay Park

Looking for a reliable individual to fill our cleaner position in Providence Bay.

Please email your resume to: providencebaypark@gmail.com or call: 705-377-4650



Mindemoya Home Hardware

Employment Opportunity

Part-time cashiers & DZ driver

Please email resumes to mindemoyahome@eastlink.ca or in person to Mindemoya Home Hardware.



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

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

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



GWEKWAADZIWIN MIIKAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

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

Salary: Starting at \$54,000/annual

Closing Date: Open until filled

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my husband's face when he glanced at me, I could tell he was thinking the same thing.

But since they were keen to see the attic, and we were right at the door leading up to it, my husband continued the tour. When he tried to open the door, though, the doorknob wouldn't budge.

He told me later it felt like someone was holding onto it on the other side of the door. We were both puzzled by this, as it had never happened before. His co-worker asked if it was locked. We kept the skeleton key in the keyhole because that was where it belonged, but the door was always just kept latched shut, never locked.

My husband tried the skeleton key, but that made no difference. Locking and unlocking the door did not affect the doorknob's sudden immobility. He got the large collection of keys we inherit-

ed when we purchased the property and found the one marked "attic." But it was identical to the one in the door's keyhole and didn't help the situation either. He tried everything he could think of, but nothing could get that knob to budge at all, so it was impossible to open the door.

We finally gave up and escorted them back down to the front door, bidding them goodbye after explaining we weren't ready to part with the house yet.

Because of the other unusual incidents during the restoration and our frequent discussions that the house must be haunted, after they left my husband called out, "Okay, they're gone, and we aren't selling them the house. Will you please let us open the attic door now?" And we laughed.

But as we went back upstairs to check the attic door, not only did the knob turn normally again, but the heavy door was

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Administrative Assistant – Finance

Full Time / Permanent

The Township of Billings is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the vacant position of Administrative Assistant – Finance.

Working under the direction of the CAO/Clerk, the Administrative Assistant – Finance is the first point of contact to the public when entering the Municipal Office and is primarily responsible in assisting in the administrative and financial operations of the Township, in accordance with the administrative and accounting policies and practices in the Township as well as the Municipal Act and other related legislation.

The ideal candidate will have a post-secondary education in office administration with excellent computer skills. The position involves working in a fast-paced, deadline-orientated environment while maintaining a high level of accuracy and confidentiality. The salary for this position is currently set at \$38,983 - \$48,628 with a comprehensive benefits package and pension through OMERS.

A more detailed job description is available by visiting the careers page on our website at www.billingstwp.ca or by contacting Véronique Dion, CAO/Clerk (705) 282-2611 cao@billingstwp.ca.

Resumes will be accepted via email or regular mail in confidence to Véronique Dion, CAO/Clerk, Township of Billings, 15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0 or cao@billingstwp.ca until 12:00 pm, Friday September 6th, 2024. Please indicate: Administrative Assistant – Finance in the subject line.

Township of Billings thanks all those candidates who submit an application; however, only those individuals identified for an interview will be contacted.

Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990. The Township of Billings is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free recruitment and selection process. If contacted for an employment opportunity, please advise if you require accommodation.

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Sheshegwaning First Nation

1079 A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
PHONE: (705) 283-3292 FAX: (705) 283-3481



Employment Opportunity

Education Director Full-Time Position

Sheshegwaning First Nation is seeking a self-directed and self-motivated individual to execute the work of the Sheshegwaning First Nation Education Committee and implement its policies. The incumbent reports to the Sheshegwaning First Nation Education Committee.

Qualifications:

- University Degree or College Diploma, preferably in Education and/or relevant working experience.
- Knowledge of First Nation needs and goals in the education of First Nation people and education delivery.
- Knowledge of current First Nations' position on education and training issues at community regional and national levels as it pertains to education and training programs.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proven supervisory skills.
- Ability to manage programs within a limited budget.
- Knowledge of the Anishinabek Education System (AES) and Kinooamaadziwin Education Body (KEB)
- The ability to speak Anishnaabemowin would be an asset.
- Proven computer skills in Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook.


Duties and Responsibilities:

- Prepare an annual operating budget for the Education Department, for the Sheshegwaning Education Committee. Monitor spending and keep budgets on track throughout the year.
- Ensure monthly financial statements are prepared for Sheshegwaning Education Committee meetings and interpret these for the Sheshegwaning Education Committee, as required.
- Ensure funding reports are completed and submitted, as required.
- In cooperation with School Leadership and administration, submit requests to the Sheshegwaning Education Committee for additional funds, when required.
- Work with AES/KEP staff and stay informed to be apprised of direction impacting Sheshegwaning First Nation.
- Ensure that educational policies, as specified by the Sheshegwaning Education Committee, are implemented. Support ongoing review and updates to policies, as required.
- Receive and process requests for funding, as per policy, for Post-Secondary students who are funded by Sheshegwaning First Nation.
- Provide support to secondary school students of Sheshegwaning First Nation who are supported by the Sheshegwaning Education Committee.
- Maintain dialogue with parents on and off reserve to provide advice and support wherever possible.

Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a cover letter and three references no later than: **August 30, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.**, marked confidential to the attention of:


Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
jessica@sheshegwaning.org
Fax: 705-283-3481

Preference will be given to qualified members of Sheshegwaning First Nation. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION

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



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

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or GED preferred
- B licence required
- Experience driving a school bus
- Clean driving record (drivers abstract must be provided)
- Successful candidate must provide clear Vulnerable Sector Check/CRC
- Ability to carry out assigned route on time
- Excellent communication skills
- 3+ years' working with children preferred

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Verify students on route ensure pick up and appropriate drop off
- Maintain a clean and mechanically-sound bus at all times
- Obey all traffic laws
- Perform inspections of the bus before and after each route
- Ensure safety of all students
- Maintain a safe and healthy environment
- Attend safety meetings
- Participate in Orientation and Health and Safety sessions

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

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

Or by FAX to: 705-368-3697

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

Senior champions crowned at Manitoulin Golf August 21 tournament

GORDON—Manitoulin Golf crowned its senior champions at a tournament held August 21. A total of 60 golfers took part in the 18-hole two-person format in four divisions, mixed, ladies' and men's under and over division.

In the mixed division, the team of Stewart Simpson and Sheila Bray took first place with an impressive two under par score of 70. Denis and Cheryl Audette were second with 71. The ladies' division saw Ellen and Martha Murray posting a score of 79 to edge out Rochell D. and Sandy B by one stroke.

In the men's under division, Jack Clark and Dan Smith posted a score of 70 to take first place with Barry Wall and Moray Watson second with a score of 75.

The men's over division saw Brian Bainborough and Jack Maskell with 70 in first place. Finishing in second place



Manitoulin Golf crowned its senior champions at a tournament held August 21. The first and second place winners, shown in photo, include Stewart Simpson and Sheila Bray, Denis and Cheryl Audette, Ellen and Martha Murray, Rochell D., Sandy B. Jack Clark, Dan Smith, Barry Wall, Moray Watson, Brian Bainborough, Jack Maskell, Ray Corbiere, Ron Odjig.

was the team of Ray Corbiere and Ron Odjig with a score of 73

"First of all, I would like to thank everyone for coming out to play today," said Cheryl Deeg, clubhouse manager. "It was busy, and things got a little backed up, thank you for your patience. I would like to thank all our staff for all the hard work they put in today. If it wasn't for them this would not have happened."

Special prizes were handed out, including the men's closest to the pin and longest drive which were both won by Warren Corbiere. Stewart Simpson earned a prize for the longest putt made of 54 feet. On the ladies' side Ellen or Martha Murray won the prize for drive closest to the pin, with the longest drive prize going to Sheila Bray. The longest putt prize went to Bev Abotossaway.

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now fully opened on its own accord! It was a shock to see, but life in that house was full of strange moments like that.

We happily remained there for many more years, and the attic door never once gave us any more trouble like it did on that day when the would-be buyers discussed turning the house back into apartments. I think "they" (the original owners, perhaps?) appreciated that their home was put back to its proper state and didn't want anyone to change that again."

What Was That?!

"About 15 years ago, I owned a duplex and lived in one of the units with a tenant in the apartment below me. One night, I was sitting outside on the front steps, waiting for some friends to arrive for a visit. It was in the late spring, about 10 pm, so it was dark out. But the front porch light was on and was bright enough to light up the small front yard and driveway.

As I sat there, something suddenly dropped down from under the tenant's parked car in the driveway. It fell with its back towards me, so I did not see the

front of it or its face. But I saw the strange figure fall from the car's underside to the ground below. I tried to figure out what it was as it lay still on the driveway for a moment.

Though I'd never seen any at night before, I thought, based on its size, it could be a sparrow because there were always so many darting around during the day. But it suddenly stood up from where it had landed, on unusually long and human-shaped legs! It definitely was not a sparrow! Then, without looking back, it ran across the road, right into the field of sweet grass and disappeared from my sight. I never saw it, or anything resembling it, ever again.

It was such a fleeting experience, but the memory of it remains locked in my mind as clearly as the night it happened all those years ago. I will never forget seeing that strange little creature."

Fire In The Mirror

"Some years ago, two weeks before Christmas, I was in a curling bonspiel, and while running down the ice, I tripped and broke my hip. While in the hospital, I met a delightful woman who had been in

the war years before. She had many stories to tell.

Her name was Maude, and she and her sister were from Ireland. They were both nursing at the same military hospital in England during the Second World War. For a night out, they would go to the canteen. This is where they socialized, playing cards, darts, dancing and drinking.

Maude's sister had an American boyfriend, who had made her promise to never, ever volunteer to serve on a troopship. She promised she would not.

On that night, the girls were getting ready to go out. Maude's sister was in the washroom when she let out a shriek. Maude ran in to see her sister staring intently at the mirror.

"Oh my God," she said. "As I was doing my hair, I saw Don's face in the mirror, and then the mirror suddenly burst into flames. He was screaming."

She knew something had happened to him and wanted to get down to the canteen to call him in Pearl Harbour. So, they went down and tried calling but could not get through.

The next day, on December 7, 1941, they heard the news that nineteen American

ships had been sunk or damaged. The cost in lives was over 2,400. Maude's sister was inconsolable.

After the confirmation of Don's death, she went down to volunteer as a troopship nurse. She was determined, and there was no stopping her. On her first tour of duty, the ship she was on was torpedoed.

She was rescued but died from her injuries soon after."

Unexplainable phenomena often stay with us, forever firmly embedded in our minds, because of the "flashbulb" memories they create. Experiences of this nature make such a lasting impression because the unexplained remains an enigma we want to understand.

Many thanks to those who shared their stories for this column of Mystical Manitoulin! Do you also have a tale to tell? Whether you've experienced a haunting, a mysterious cryptic sighting, or a brush with the inexplicable, please share it with Canadian author Dorah L. Williams at dorahlwilliams@gmail.com

Your story, too, could be featured in an upcoming column of Mystical Manitoulin!



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