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## Robinson Twp. fire chief dismayed at absence of fire ban



**JULY BLACK TAKES WIKWEMKOONG BY STORM**—Wikwemkoong was chock-a-block with arts and culture this weekend, including a performance by Canadian R&B legend, the award-winning July Black Friday night as part of the Wikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival (WAMF). For more from WAMF and the Cultural Festival, please see Page 14.

photo courtesy Wikwemikong Tourism

*Ministry of Natural Resources, Fire Marshal, have this responsibility in unorganized townships but declined Robinson's bid*

**by Tom Sasvari**  
WESTERN MANITOULIN—The fire chief for the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department, along with a municipal leader from a neighbouring community, are both perplexed as to why the province did not approve a request to extend a fire ban in Robinson when conditions are so dry.

"No" was the message we received, that they wouldn't support our application," stated Doug Wismer, Robinson Township fire chief. "We had a total fire ban in place from July 14 to 28. Usually, we receive a 10-day window for this sort of ban, and because it can sometimes take a little time to get approval we had applied a little before the end of the previous ban in place. But they simply refused this time and said they would not extend the fire ban."

Mr. Wismer explained that being designated as an unorganized township, "we deal with an advisor with the Ontario Fire Marshal office, but they get their heads together with the Ministry of Natural Resources and

Forestry (MNR) before a decision is made on a fire ban request."

"It is terribly dry here and everything is brown. It is really bad," stated Mr. Wismer. "We haven't received six inches of

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## Bush fires break out across Island

WESTERN MANITOULIN—If there was ever a reason to be in favour of a total fire ban with the continuation of dry conditions locally, a forest fire that took place this past Saturday in an area bordering Burpee and Mills and Campbell Township (in the municipality of Central Manitoulin) on Union Road and Scott Road should prove to be a good example. As well, a second forest fire near Birch Island was still under control as of press deadline

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## Onshore fish farming venture successful

*Manitowaning entrepreneur now shipping rainbow trout*

**by Michael Erskine**

ASSIGINACK—John Caselton is something of a modern renaissance man—accomplished musician, sometime snow plough operator and inveterate inventor, but his true passion is fish, or rather the efficient raising of same. His land-based aquaculture operation located off Highway 6, just outside

Manitowaning (behind/beside the Service Ontario office run by his wife Colleen), has attracted interest from a host of government agencies and educational institutions.

Mr. Caselton has been researching the land-based raising of fish—rainbow trout, bass, whitefish and walley—for over a decade

now, and he has discovered a great deal from his hands-on operation. It only takes a moment of conversation with the inventive aquacul-

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## AOK's Reggie Leach first person named to Hockey Indigenous board

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Reggie Leach is the first person named to the new board of directors of Hockey Indigenous.

"It is a great honour to be asked to be a member of the board of directors," Mr. Leach, a former star in the National Hockey League (NHL) told The Expositor last week. "They called me to ask me if I would be interested in being on the board. I thought about it and discussed it with Dawn (his wife) and we thought it would be a good thing to do."

"It will give me a chance to help more kids along the way as an advisor, ambassador, which is what I've always wanted to be," said Mr. Leach.

In a release, Hockey Indigenous wrote, "We would like to introduce Reggie Leach to the board of directors of Hockey Indigenous. This marks a significant milestone in the development of Hockey Indigenous. As a former professional hockey player and proudly supporting Indigenous communities, Mr. Leach brings invaluable expertise and a

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**RED CARPET READY**—The stars and starlets of Uncle Steve's Camp were headed to the Haw-Lywood Gala Awards during the annual Haweater Weekend parade held Sunday. For more Haw-Lywood glamour, see Page 13.



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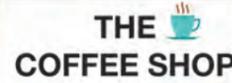
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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Steve Redmond of Mindemoya, who is a constable with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police stands on the podium after having won a silver medal in the triathlon at the World Police and Fire Games 2023.

## Manitoulin OPP Constable wins silver medal at World Police and Fire Games in Winnipeg

MINDEMOYA—Steve Redmond, a constable with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) won a silver medal in the triathlon, competing in the World Police and Fire Games 2023.

“I’m kind of regretting that I’ve never competed in these games before,” Mr. Redmond told The Expositor. “I’ve had such a great time over the past three days. I had friends that competed in the games around 1999-2000 in Australia and they had told me how great and how much fun they had. And I had people I met at these games saying they have been coming to the games for 16 years and have competed eight times.”

Mr. Redmond explained the World Police and Fire Games are normally held every two years but were delayed due to the pandemic. The last Games event was held in China in 2018. This year’s games were held in Winnipeg, Manitoba from July 28-August 6. The Olympic-style competition drew over 8,500 athletes from over 60 countries taking part in over 63 different sports.

“There were over 8,500 athletes take part from all over the world, places like Belgium, Spain, Rio de Janeiro,” said Mr. Redmond. He pointed out enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, customs officers, beach police and many more take part.

“I won a silver medal in my age group, 50-54, in the

Triathlon under Olympic rules. The Triathlon includes a 1.5-kilometre swim, 40-kilometre bicycle ride and 10-kilometre run,” said Mr. Redmond who acknowledged, “My legs are pretty tired after all that.”

“Swimming is my downfall,” said Mr. Redmond, who pointed out officials make sure every athlete follows the Olympic rules in competition. “If, for example, you don’t have your helmet on before you get on the bike to ride, you are penalized.”

Mr. Redmond was pleased, “my kids joined me on this venture and cheered me on. My sons Tom and Matthew with his girlfriend Alicia were on the trip with me.”

“The Games have a main committee that oversees everything at the games, and the venues, officials and the judges provide an Olympic type of experience,” said Mr. Redmond.

Mr. Redmond, who trains regularly for the triathlon, is already looking forward to competing in the games again. “I’m thinking about competing in Alabama in 2025. I might just be hooked by this year’s competition, and I train all the time. So, I’m thinking about it.”

In 2022 Mr. Redmond also won a gold medal in the triathlon at the Can-Am North American Games held in Windsor, Ontario.

## Ontario launching new Indian residential school community engagement fund

TORONTO—The Ontario government is continuing to take action to support Indigenous communities in the province by launching the \$7.1 million Indian Residential School Community Engagement Fund (IRSCEF). The new fund will enable additional communities and organizations to support survivors and their families impacted by ongoing burial investigations at former residential schools. Funding can be used for mental health and addictions supports, research and public education.

“Ontario has heard from indigenous partners and leadership that more support is needed for the broader network of communities and organizations involved in or impacted by investigations at Indian Residential School sites,” said Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs, in a release. “Our government is directly responding to Indigenous feedback and the IRSCEF will allow us to fund indigenous-led and survivor-centered programs and services that are flexible and respond to the needs of survivors and their families.”

Applications can be submitted through the Ontario government’s Transfer Payment Ontario website beginning until Tuesday, September 5 at 4 pm EDT. Eligible activities to receive funding include community engagement, mental health and addictions support, research activities, public education and awareness, staffing supports, commemoration initiatives.

Eligible applicants may receive up to \$150,000 for the 2023-24 fiscal year (April 1, 2023, to March 31, 2024). Funding is expected to be released beginning this fall.

The IRSCEF is part of the \$25.1 million announced in the 2023 budget to support investigations at former Indian Residential Schools (IRS) which includes \$10.1 million to support Indigenous communities with work related to planned and ongoing burial investigations and \$15 million to support Indigenous communities in responding to the mental health and addictions and trauma impacts of this difficult work.

## Major changes to operations of Kagawong Canada Post draws Billings Twp. council concerns

by Tom Sasvari  
KAGAWONG—The Canada Post Corporation has outlined several major changes to operations at the Kagawong Post Office, and while they have not indicated in their correspondence to Billings council any thought of this being a step towards closure, this is one of the concerns of members of council. Council also has concerns with one of the proposed community mailbox locations being looked at.

“My concern is that all of this is a step towards closing the post office,” stated Councillor Dave Hillyard.

“I agree,” stated Councillor Vince Grogan.

Councillor Hillyard explained that he lives on Pleasant Valley Road, which is the border end of the township in terms of Canada Post services in Billings. “My mailing address is actually for Gore Bay. We have had trouble getting parcels to our address, although the post office in Gore Bay does send them to our address.”

Mayor Bryan Barker says in the background information from Canada Post on the changes being made to services, it sounds like improvements are going to be made. “I think they came to the realization that the (Kagawong) post office is too small to handle all packages and sharing home with the post office services.”

As for the changes being made being a step towards closure, “they are not saying that here.”

“It is a good report, but it is concerning,” said Councillor Hillyard.

Mayor Barker read background information from Canada Post on the changes being looked at. Canada Post notified the township that they are planning to upgrade the post office boxes in the Kagawong post office and to

enhance service by doing away with old PO box addresses and enabling customers to use their residential or civic address for their mailings moving forward as of September 2023.

The Kagawong Post office has 170 post office boxes, which are completely claimed, explained Canada Post. Since all the post office boxes are occupied and there is no further space, this has led to 59 general delivery points

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## Little Current swing bridge is part of Canada’s ‘Living History’

Bridge featured in online video series by former Expositor writer

by Expositor staff  
LITTLE CURRENT—The swing bridge in Little Current is the featured subject in this week’s episode of Living History, an independent web series by former Expositor staffer Warren Schlote.

The video, which is only about 10 minutes long, talks about how the railway brought the bridge to town, the structure’s evolution through the years and its current state.

It premieres on Mr. Schlote’s YouTube channel, @Warren-TheReporter, tomorrow, Thursday, August 10 at noon.

“This was a cool subject to feature, especially since I drove across the swing bridge regularly back when I was living on Manitoulin,” he said.

Living History is a video series that explores “parts of Ontario’s history that are still relevant and

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## Rockin’ the Rock takes to Flatrock Entertainment grounds this weekend, August 11 and 12

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The hills will soon be alive with the sound of music, rock music that is, wailing guitars, pounding drums as some of the greatest legends of rock take to the Flatrock Entertainment grounds stage to perform August 11 and 12.

“I’m beyond excited,” said Rockin’ the Rock (RTR) promoter KT Timmermans, taking a short break from getting the Flatrock Entertainment grounds ready for the event (and the following Manitoulin Country Fest event). “I am absolutely thrilled we have been able to attract such a high calibre of musicians.”

Ms. Timmermans expressed gratitude to the acts who will be travelling to Manitoulin Island for the show. “We are not part of the mainstream,” she said. “Musicians have to have a vehicle just to get here. When you realize that 12-14 people from different parts of the world have to get here, it’s very challenging. We are so appreciative they include us on their radar.”

Those looking for camping are advised to email



Carole Pope and Rough Trade will take to the stage Friday night at Rockin’ the Rock.

info@rockntherock.ca, but tickets are only available at eventbright.ca.

This year’s RTR has an impressive lineup that includes Friday, August 11 headliners Haywire, preceded by SAGA, Carole Pope and Rough Trade, and Sudbury sensation Pop Machine.

Saturday, August 12, it’s Aldo Nova as headliners with a crowd warmed up by Railroad Steele, Toronto and The Stampeders.

Unfortunately, this year will likely not see fireworks due to the ongoing challenges of fire bans.

What is going ahead, however, is the August 10 Rockin’ the Rock Cruise 2023 aboard North Channel Cruise Lines’ Grand Heron. The popular tour boards at 6:30 pm and includes barbecue hamburgers and sausages served with side caesar salad. Meals must be pre-

ordered during the booking process. The bar aboard the Grand Heron accepts cash, debit and credit cards. Go online at northchannelcruises.com/online-bookings for tickets.

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opinion

## editorial

### A word about the impact of Bill C-18 on social media news

Dear Expositor friend,

By now you may have heard of Bill C-18, the Online News Act, and Google's and Meta's (Facebook and Instagram's parent company) response to it.

On August 1, Meta announced that all Canadian users, starting now and rolling out within the next few weeks, will no longer be able to view content created by Canadian news outlets, of which The Manitoulin Expositor is one. That means that the stories, photos, columns press releases and more that you would normally receive through Facebook will not be available to you, starting now. You will also not be able to share news stories in links to news items from Canadian media. Google has stated that when the law takes effect, it will remove links to Canadian news from its Search, News and Discover products in Canada and will discontinue offering Google News Showcase in Canada.

The Purpose of the Online News Act, as laid out by the federal government (and which received Royal Assent on June 22, 2023) is, "to regulate digital news intermediaries with a view to enhancing fairness in the Canadian digital news marketplace and contributing to its sustainability, including the sustainability of news businesses in Canada, in both the non-profit and for-profits sectors, including independent local ones."

It is the government's belief, and this newspaper's as well, that good, quality journalism created by trusted reporters and editors, such as the ones found in our newsroom, is paramount to a healthy democracy.

The lay of the land has changed for publications such as ours. The Expositor has the important job of being the keepers of Manitoulin Island history and we like to think we do a pretty good job of it, too. Our reporters cover the width and breadth of this Island, documenting the stories of the interesting people who make Manitoulin their home and the plethora of events that celebrate the land and its people.

Doing that costs money. To quote from the Online News Act again, "This enactment regulates digital news intermediaries to enhance fairness in the Canadian digi-

tal news marketplace and contribute to its sustainability. It establishes a framework through which digital news intermediary operators and news businesses may enter into agreements respecting news content that is made available by digital news intermediaries. The framework takes into account principles of freedom of expression and journalistic independence."

This means that giants like Meta and Google would have to contribute in some way towards our newsrooms, allowing us to keep up the good work for years to come. Because they don't agree with this line of thought, they are instead choosing to block our content from you, the reader.

We don't know what the future will bring in terms of our relationship with Meta and Google, but in the interim they will be blocking you from our content.

So, what can you do?

- Consider purchasing a subscription to The Expositor, either in print, online or both. (If you purchase a print subscription, you can also receive the paper online for free, as a value-added bonus);

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- Subscribe to our Friday newsletter, and expect to receive additional updates via email as important events unfold.

We truly appreciate your support over these 144 years. It's a privilege to serve this amazing community, and we hope to continue that tradition for many years to come.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me directly at editor@manitoulin.com.

Thank you, Miigwetch,

Alicia McCutcheon, publisher  
The Manitoulin Expositor

## letters

### A wake up call on herbicide spraying An ever-present concern about which we all need to speak up

To the Expositor:

In the last month, there has been the presence of two ads in The Expositor that have announced the growing and pervasive presence of toxic and concerning chemicals on our Manitoulin landscape. One was an ad looking for land for cash cropping and the other was an EMCON ad announcing herbicide spraying starting August 4 and continuing for two weeks on Highways 540 and 6.

Together they announce the cumulative and ever present use of herbicides in our environment. What is the total amount used? No one knows. The left hand doesn't talk to the right. But as I had recently asked a spray applicator for the crop fields here on the Island, there are "thousands of acres" being planted (and thus sprayed). As the expression goes "the dose makes the poison." Herbicides, the most common being glyphosate such as the trade name Roundup, are used by the EMCON (contracted by the MTO) on our provincial roads, Hydro One, modern agriculture (cash cropping employs the most usage by planting Roundup ready corn, soy, canola—and there is more of that happening here on our Island), agroforestry (killing off the deciduous trees in favour of the coniferous trees), phragmite control in certain locations, private landowners in search of that perfect green lawn, and not to mention the presence of glyphosate in our own foods as it is used as a desiccant for grains so that they don't spoil in storage. It has been estimated that a person will consume more glyphosate in a bowl of Cheerios than they do vitamin D (quoting Dr. Mark Hyman interviewing Robert F. Kennedy Jr in a 2021 interview, available to watch on YouTube).

How about the pet food industry? Just look at a label, you will not see 'organic corn or wheat' as there is no profit for a company to use organic grains in the production of that kibble, so you can guarantee our pets are receiving a daily dose of glyphosate with every bite. What about the water runoff into our streams or wells? There is glyphosate testing, however, it is expensive and the onus is entirely upon the homeowner or water conservation authorities.

What's the impact? The use of these chemicals not only are expensive and make record profit for these companies, but they are extremely damaging to the health of our environment and thus in extension, all

living creatures from aquatic to insect to avian to terrestrial. For those who say there's no alternative and there's no going back, there's always a plan B. For example, a green lawn—switch to growing alternatives that are only better for your soil and actually provide food for insects such as clover. For roadside maintenance, how about good old fashioned vinegar and salt, or consider the use of goat grazing which some states and provinces use for weed control? For modern agriculture, well, that's a whole new field and study revolving around regenerative agriculture. We humans do have a capacity to think outside the box.

Glyphosate, aka Roundup, has been banned in some European countries. North America is a different story. Originally used in the beginning as a chemical pipe cleaner, glyphosate is a chemical that the Pest Management Regulation Agency (Canada) and the Environmental Protection Agency (United States) would prefer to give their seal of approval to benefit the corporations such as Monsanto, and sacrifice the health of the less affluent population. The evidence of its harmful effects is overwhelming in the literature. It is known to disrupt metabolic pathways (the Shikimate pathway) not only in non GMO plants but bacteria, algae and fungi. In other words, it disrupts and kills the "biome." This explains why it is so damaging to soil and living organisms. We all need the 'biome' or bacteria in our soil and guts to remain healthy. Glyphosate has been attributed to causing neurological disease, autoimmune disease and cancers. In 2015, a public lawsuit against Monsanto whereby three separate United States law firms demonstrated Roundup's direct causation of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in a California groundskeeper who innocently had no idea how toxic it was as he sprayed school yards and public parks. Monsanto lost and paid millions, but this is just a drop in the hat for this company. This was eight years ago.

When will we wake up? I hope soon, because without bees and pollinators, farmers cannot continue to feed cities. We do have the right to demand healthier soil, air, and water, and as stewards for the land we live on, we need to speak up.

Janice Mitchell  
Tehkummah

### Trillium Foundation grant provides Assiginack track and fitness equipment

MANITOWANING—In the summer of 2023, the Township of Assiginack received a \$78,800 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for the township to acquire professional track and field and fitness equipment to support year-round programming, fitness training, and host Island-wide competitions for all ages.

"This professional grade equipment will definitely help increase local community fitness and support local athletes of all ages," stated Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs.

"This 100 percent OTF-funded initiative from the province will allow us to support our community at large in various track and field events to cross-fitness training while provid-

ing an array of athletic fitness training equipment for many other sports of interest," said Mr. Hobbs. "We purchased all the stuff at the beginning of the summer and much of it has already been used, for instance with the Island elementary school track and field championships."

# Op-ed

## Considered words on the dispersal of the Robinson Huron Annuities settlement

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Professor Karen J Pheasant-Neganigwane of Wiikwemkoong is a professor at the University of Alberta. She has offered her thoughts on the dispersal of funds from the Robinson Huron Annuities settlement.*

**B**oozhoo, Ahnii, greetings to my relatives of the Robinson Huron Treaty region,

On June 17, 2023, the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund leadership and representatives of the governments of Canada and Ontario announced a proposed out-of-court settlement in the outstanding litigation around the 1850 Robinson Huron Treaty. Negotiators for the parties reached a proposed settlement that includes \$5 billion from both Canada and Ontario, for a total settlement of \$10 billion for past losses. This is a major milestone in ongoing collaborative work to renew the Treaty relationship and honour a treaty promise that dates back to 1850.

Since this news release, communities and individuals have been expressing how the funds should be distributed. There exists a cause for concern, particularly among mothers, grandmothers and educators, with a concern for the future of our communities.

Let me introduce myself, as it may explain my background on the treaty settlement issue. Currently, I work away from my community, like my parents did, yet I am home often. Recently, I was an active member of the Wiikwemkoong Chief and Council Elders Council. I am the eldest daughter of Moses and Rosemary Lavallee. Maternal granddaughter of Alfred and Mary Jane Mishibinijima, as well my paternal grandparents were Sophie Ewewii and Mack (Michael) Lavallee/Dominic Wassegijig. I have a home in Wiikwemkoong, and grandchildren who attend Wiikwemkoong Board of Education schools today. All three of my children, parents of my eight grandchildren, attended Wikwemikong Schools. Having said that, this speaks to my vested interests to the future of our community.

My parents left Wiikwemkoong for work in the 1950s and never forgot their home roots, as both their families lived in Wiikwemkoong. Likewise, they raised their children to remain connected to our community. My brother contributed to the building of the high school, both my sister and I have been teachers within the school system, as my sister is to this day. In Cecil King's book, 'The Boy from Buzwah' (2022), he describes my dad, who was also from Buzwah, Moses Lavallee as a "skilled arbitrator" (p. 58). We have had, and remain to have astounding educators from our community, as Dr. Cecil King was. This communication I hope represents how Dr. Cecil King defined my late Dad, as an arbitrator. My understanding of an arbitrator is one that gathers and analyze relevant information, keep biases in check (will do my best) and follow a procedure to be just.

Currently, I am a university professor in Alberta, and when I retire, I will return home as my parents did. There are two views of thoughts on the Treaty litigation and settlement, based on conversations with family members, community members and diverse social media posts. There are those who are wanting all the settlement funds be dispersed to everyone. The other position of is to re-invest the funds back into the communities, such as the much-needed infrastructure development that needs to occur in the community. I am an educator that teaches from an Anishinaabe perspective, as opposed to a colonial position, which Dr. King describes where the intent was to "de-Indianize" Anishinaabek, with the education department curriculum. Wikwemikong was fortunate to always have Anishinaabe educators over the years. Dr. King states that these teachers were "role models that it was possible to teach in the English world and still be Anishinaabe" (p.50). I bring this topic to discussion, as our curriculum remains problematic and remains with a focus for individuals to be focused on the greater good for self, rather than the greater good for all.

There are pros and cons to each scenario, of whether the funds are disbursed only to individuals or towards infrastructure. At



Author, educator and long-time Anishinaabe activist Karen J. Pheasant has considered the dispersment of the settlement funds from the Robinson-Huron Annuities settlement. Ms. Pheasant is offering her considered opinion and reasoning behind her thoughts.

this point, please understand, I can only speak specifically to First Nations who are connected and have relationships to on-reserve. As my knowledge of '60s Scoop individuals, who were raised away from the reserve community is limited on my part. There have been expressions of concern that individuals want every dollar to come to them, as they have "bills to pay." Currently, I live and work in Alberta. When oil revenues were disbursed to individual band members in the '70s and '80s, I observed and witnessed the atrocities that happened in prairie province reserves. Historically, First Nations are amiss on financial literacy. In all honesty, my parents' generation, those born prior to the Indian Act changes in 1951, are the first generation to be introduced to financial gain, as they were the first to have off reserve jobs, mortgages, and education for some.

I will name a few situations that occur when a windfall of funds is placed on individuals. I invite you to have conversations with others, particularly those who have witnessed the atrocities when instant influx of cash is available to individuals.

Vehicle and big toys (quads, boats, RVs) purchases. Please understand that there is nothing wrong with these purchases, but the reality is that outside vendors, like vultures, will find their ways to our communities. Prices are increased to the unknowing buyer. Reality is communities could be getting bulk buy discounts pricing. Case in point, there has been a presence of vehicle sellers at powwows.

Drug and alcohol issues. Unfortunately, I see drug dealers awaiting at the reserve boundaries and close town sites to take advantage of cash influx—this is a reality. Numerous research reports share this information.

Seniors/elders being taken advantage of. This is an awkward, controversial topic to address and have conversations about. It happens where homes are broken into, or victim stories told to gain sympathy finances.

Some individuals not able to gain an appreciation and understanding of what financial literacy is. In brief, what is financial literacy, you ask? One definition of financial literacy put forth by Investopedia is "the ability to understand and effectively use various financial skills, including personal financial management, budgeting, and investing."

Another way to think about financial literacy is that it's kind of like reading literacy, but for finances. The stronger your literacy skills are, the easier it is to interpret financial documents or topics and understand what they mean.

For further explicit discussion on this topic is a book by Chief Clarence Louie, 'Rez Rules' (2021). He has a chapter on the topic of Per Capita, which refers to money that goes directly into your pocket without a job being involved. It is a huge issue in Indian Country, with loud voices on both sides of the (free) coin (p. 80).

As I post these bullet point notes, and there could be more, but I want to keep this note brief. Some of you will debate that you can manage your personal finances, which is great. I am speaking to the general population, not to the rare anomaly. I have worked at Rainbow Lodge in the '80s, have worked within our school system, from K-12 and now teach at the university level. It is these lived and learned experiences that guide me to question the idea of per capita windfall disbursements.

Speaking of schools, Wiikwemkoong schools, particularly the Junior and Pontiac school, have been in existence for decades and decades. The schools exist without current best practices. The plumbing, electrical systems, windows are all in dire need of repair. We have almost 1,000 students in our school system from preschool to secondary education. We always wave the banner, that our children are a priority, yet our actions are amiss of our rants.

Next is the banner of our elders. Everyone proclaims our elders are priority, yet

again, our actions are off the mark. The Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home remains in fundraising mode to build a new elder's home. Let our actions reflect our words.

Wiikwemkoong is the fourth largest reserve in Canada, both in land base and population base. We remain with extremely lengthy housing lists, several of its communities require water delivery and where cell service and wi-fi is limited or non-existent, whereas it is a standard in most small Ontario towns. We have sections of our reserve without basic services. I will conclude this section with words of Chief Leroy Wolf Collar (Niisitsipii) of the Siksika Nation/Alberta, in the book 'First Nations Self-Government: 17 Roadblocks to Self-Determination, and One Chief's Thoughts on Solutions' (2020):

"Per capita distributions take away independence and self-determination. First Nations need to invest their money on job creation, housing, education, and trust accountants for the future of their children and youth..." (p. 83).

Further to this thought, Chief Clarence Louie states that he "agree a community's wealth has to be used to touch every member, either as a wage or through programs and services" (p. 83). He further elaborates by stating that:

"per capita is a double-edged sword, in my opinion. There are positive and negatives to a community's leadership dipping into the community's bank account and handing out hundreds or thousands of dollars in a personal cheque. I'm not against per capita as long as the future generations are factored into the equation. We really need to think and seven generations ahead, as our real elders have always advised. We also need to respect past generations and their hopes and desires for their community. We need to think of our ancestors who suffered through the lean years and who passed away before any land claims settlement or multimillion-dollar pipeline deal. Any money settlement received also belongs to them, does it not? Any money made also belongs to those members who are buried. These members are usually the ones who started the community's businesses and land claims." (p. 84).

I could almost quote the whole chapter five of Chief Clarence Louie's book. I will leave it to you, but his call out on "rocking chair money" sounds like a valid point. It is "money they never had to work for" (p. 86). He also spoke about the drugs and gangs that moved in because of windfall funds being released.

There are many proactive solutions to the financial gain being provided to Robinson Huron members. I will offer an idea that is also in Chief Clarence Louie's book: A local government fund; a collage scholarship fund; a vocational education scholarship fund; a handicapped trust fund; an elder citizen's trust fund; and a nationhood/Anishinaabe academy/prep school trust fund.

The above was based on what the Navajo nation did when they received a settlement of \$217 million.

Reality is that due to colonialist policies and the 'Kill the Indian, Save the Man' oppressive mentality, there exists a knowledge base conundrum in our communities. In original Anishinaabe principles and philosophies we—particularly the grandparents—seriously consider seven generations ahead. We reflect, realize and appreciate what our ancestors lost for us as Anishinaabek to be here today.

This communication is from an Nookomisag (grandmother) perspective. The future of our people is a hugely important consideration. Do your own research, talk to one another about what happened to other First Nations communities when funds were freely handed out. Ask yourself, is that worth it? Have face to face, voice to voice discussion, not anonymous social media rants. Be engaged, be insightful and thoughtful.

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**Karen J Pheasant-Neganigwane  
Daughter of Rosemary and Moses  
Lavallee, mother of Sophie, Matthew  
and Jesse. Nokomis of Ezra, Kallie,  
Ezra, Francesca, Lilly, Mattelin, Olin  
and Jaxon.**

### Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service seeking public assistance in locating person charged with assault

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is actively investigating an assault incident that occurred at a residence in the main village on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

On Sunday, May 27 at approximately 9 am, the WTPS responded to an assault complaint that



Donovan Taibossigai is being sought by Wikwemkoong Tribal Police Service.



## Law & Order

occurred in Wiikwemkoong.

As a result of a confrontation between the suspect and complainant, the victim suffered a serious injury.

As a result of the investigation, a warrant was sought for the arrest of Donovan Taibossigai, 37, of Wiikwemkoong.

If anyone has any information on the whereabouts of Donovan Taibossigai they are asked to contact the WTPS at 705-859-3141, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, where a person may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

### Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service respond to attempted break and enter

WTPS responded to a

report of an attempted break-in in the community.

During the early morning hours of Saturday, July 29, WTPS received a call of an attempted break and enter of a residence on Amikook Street in the main village area on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

Officers responded to a call of persons attempting to enter the residence through a basement window of the residence. Entry was not gained and suspects fled the area. No description of the suspects was available at this time.

WTPS encourage residents to report any similar suspicious activity in their area to police at (705) 859-3141 or through the Ontario Provincial Police communications centre at 1-888-310-1122.

### Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service adds to officer complement

WTPS has added a couple of new members to its staff officer complement.

“Welcoming James (Jim) Hodder as our newest special constable/court officer (S/Cst.) for Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service,” a release states.

On July 31, Acting Staff Sergeant Chris Wesley presented special constable James Hodder with his badge. “S/Cst. Hodder joins WTPS as an experienced special constable from the Ontario Provincial Police OPP. S/Cst. Hodder looks forward to working with the staff at WTPS and the community members of Wiikwemkoong.”

“WTPS would like to welcome our newest member,

constable Lance Kitchikeg, who graduated from the Ontario Police College. He will soon be serving our community,” the WTPS release reads.



S/Cst. James (Jim) Hodder, left, is the newest special constable and court officer for Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is presented with his badge by Acting Staff Sergeant Chris Wesley.

“WTPS offers successful candidates the opportunity for a long and rewarding career in law enforcement with an opportunity for

advancement while receiving police training and performing a variety of functions within the service.”

For additional information or how to apply for a career in policing, please contact the WTPS at (705) 859-3141.



Wiikwemikong Tribal Police Service welcomes Constable Lance Kitchikeg as the newest addition to the service.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

As far as Team Fergmeijer is concerned, this time of year is all about renewal. Renewal of our driver's licence, our health card and our passports. Because of this, we headed to the Service Ontario office and ended up in line, stuck behind Satan for nearly an hour. We knew it was him, because the devil takes many forms.

Big news for those who use the post office in Kagawong. The post boxes are slated for upgrades, which means Canada Post will be reducing the total number of boxes available. This means some users may lose their post box. Those without a post box, as well as general delivery users, will be assigned to new community boxes that will be going in at an undecided location in the community. The changes are set for September this year. Canada Post will be sending notices to affected customers.

Pride Manitoulin is back! Mark your calendars for August 17-20 and stay tuned for more details on events.

You probably know that the Beverly Hills postal code is 90210. But did you know the Dawson's Creek postal code is 90108 (...for our lives to be over).

At time of writing, the fire ban has been partially lifted for Billings Township. Backyard campfires are permitted, however fireworks and burning brush/yard waste (any burning that requires a permit) is still prohibited. Check the township website at [billingswtp.ca](http://billingswtp.ca) for up-to-date information, and if burning, please exercise caution.

Happy birthday to Meg M who is turning 29 this year. Don't let the fact that you are getting older get you down. When you get to be your age, getting back up again can be difficult.

Tomorrow! History Night in Kagawong is back on Thursday, August 10. Explore some of the history of Manitoulin Island, as well as commemorate the 60th anniversary of the JFK assassination at the event. Admission is free to either session: a 3:30 pm matinée or 7:30 pm evening event, both at the Kagawong Park Centre. Donations are always welcome for the Old Mill Heritage Centre.

On Friday afternoon, 4elements Living Arts is excited to offer a free Mindful Music workshop with Georgia Hathaway and friends. The session will focus on mindful awareness, vocal discovery and improvisational play. The aim is to help you gain a deeper sense of attunement to the present moment as well as a connectedness with self and others through the voice, breath and body. Stop by the Riverbend Stage in Kagawong from 2 to 4 pm!

After an afternoon of musical zen, get those toes-a-tapping at the 4th installment of the 2023 Kagawong Concert Series! On Friday evening (7:30 pm), join Georgia Hathaway and Friends at the Old Church on the Hill for fantastic live music. Check out Kagawong Concert Series on Facebook for ticket information.

Anyone want to “have fun storming the castle” this weekend? On Saturday you can watch the family friendly cult classic, “The Princess Bride”, on the beach courtesy of the Billings Public Library! The show is byoc/byof (bring your own chair/floatie) and admission is by donation.

Our neighbour can't figure out why her dog Buster gets all riled up when the mail is delivered to the house each day. Especially since it's almost never for him.

Manitoulin Tennis Club has a couple of summer events coming up that tennis players of all levels won't want to miss! Tonight (Wednesday, August 9) is Ladies' Night at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Racquets available to borrow if needed, come by any time after 6:30 pm. Did we

mention there will be chocolate? Later in the month on Sunday, August 20, the club is having their annual summer tournament. All players welcome! Stay tuned for more details or check out the club on Facebook.

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

Local funny-man Jamie Ward has taken a job with Canada Post in order to pursue a new career in stand-up comedy: “I need to work on my delivery, yo!” Have a great week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Saturday involved a morning at Karen and Albert's Community Market. Josie Daniels was there from her market garden with a beautiful display of produce and artwork. I was very tempted by an owl picture. I resisted but if it's there next time I may capitulate and snap it up. The goodies were wonderful and I pigged out. I try to resist doing that but once I cave in it becomes a landslide of food indulgence.

Marty Rosen gave a concert at the waterfront. John Bonwick called it the Meldrum Bay Amphitheatre. We brought our own chairs and settled in for a good time. There were many people there. The music was really good. Thanks, Marty, for giving all of us a wonderful evening.

A friend of mine picked up a very good friend at the airport who is home for a visit. It was so good to see her as she's been away for a couple of years. She really misses being here and was glad to be visiting.

My brother and sister-in-law were over and went out picking chokecherries. She makes amazing chokecherry jam. They picked a huge quantity and there are still lots left. I hope I get a sample of the jam.

A small dog was lost this week and the whole community has been out and about looking for it. It has been spotted a few times but of course we are all strangers and it runs away. Hopefully this story has a happy ending.

Our cat went to the vet. We are so lucky here to have such good veterinarian service. Boris the cat survived his two needles and is good for another year.

There will be no cards this Saturday. It is the Beef Barbecue on Saturday and everyone is working hard to prepare for it. There will be no cards this Friday (August 4).

Last week at cards, July 28th, there were four full tables and one three-handed table. High lady was Brenda Carter with 72 points. High man was Donna K. McDonald with 69 points. Ladies' lone hands went to Phyllis V. with six and men's lone hands went to Larry Pfeiffer with four. Most euchres went to Steve with 13. Karen Noble brought home the juice. Once again the money jar is safe.

### Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

George and Carolyn Calback have their daughter Joyce and husband Rob Rogers from Burlington and their daughter Skylar and girls from London visiting this week.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Thank you,  
Karen Noble

Friday, July 28, I went to Gore Bay in the morning to the market café in the Gore Bay Community Hall. After I had a piece of the chocolate cake, I left to go to the Lyons Memorial United Church rummage sale. They still had a lot of stuff to sell after I left.

We travelled to euchre in Meldrum Bay on Friday night. Blake Duncanson spent the weekend with his parents, Murray and Gladys Duncanson.

Get well wishes to Julie Meredith who was stung multiple times by some type of ground nesting bees. The ambulance was called but Julie did not have to leave the cottage after being checked out by the paramedics.

Saturday morning, we had a market in our yard. Jose Daniels joined us with the first of her summer produce for sale. We had lots of people come out to shop. We always meet a few new neighbours every week. Thank you to John Jagt for volunteering to run the barbecue.

Ross and Lorna Hall and family were at the cottage. The property has been sold to their granddaughter. We wish Ross and Lorna well. Ross said they likely will not be back to Silver Water and we will miss visiting with them.

Saturday afternoon at Silver Lake, Gladys and I had company for the swim. We met Riley Harlton who is the great grandson of Riley Youngs who used to own a property on Silver Lake Road. Riley was vacationing with his wife, Tanima, and his triplet daughters, Nikki, Leah and Ela. The girls celebrated their 17th birthday on August 1. They currently live in Montreal and all have great plans regarding college and university. Murray Duncanson remembered the Youngs family and had some stories to tell this generation. This was the first set of triplets I had met and they were very interesting to talk to. They took some pictures at the lake before they left and we hope to see them at the lake again next year.

Lynn and Mike Tyler arrived at their cottage on Sunday. They are both looking well and are excited to finally get here for a vacation.

The young turkeys have arrived at John Jagt's house and are busy eating enough to grow into Thanksgiving dinner.

Monday morning, Albert and I met the new GFL garbage truck driver, Mark. Thanks to Mark and Kim at GFL in Blind River for helping us clear up a couple of concerns in the community.

Tuesday night there was fire practice at the fire hall. Albert said there was discussion of the current fire ban situation. Please contact the fire chief or visit the Fire Marshall's website for updates as they happen.

Wednesday, I travelled to Sudbury with Anne Boyd. The day was perfect. We were hoping for a lot of rain, but there was a downpour for about five minutes and the sun was back out. There were several areas under construction. We did not have long waits at any of them.

Thursday night, there were six full tables at euchre in the Silver Water Community Hall. The money jar continues to grow as no one gets a high enough score to win it.

Happy Birthday to Larissa Chevette who will be 21 on August 7th.

Condolences to the family of Dorothy Johnson.

# ...Major changes to operations of Kagawong Canada Post concerns council

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of call at the office, requiring these customers to retrieve their mail and parcels from the postal clerk, it was explained.

This project will reduce the number of post office boxes in the post office to 163, and the customers who will no longer have a post office box, as well as those previously receiving mail through general delivery, will have their mail and parcels delivered to community mailboxes installed at several locations in the community beginning in September 2023, council was informed.

Phil Rogers, media relations spokesperson for Canada Post told The Expositor after the meeting, "To better serve communities across Canada, our intent is always to make our postal services as efficient and accessible as possible. At this present time, there are not enough PO boxes at the Kagawong Post Office to serve every customer in the community. As a result, several customers are assigned general delivery as a mode of delivery, which means they must pick up their mail and parcels from the clerk at the post office's retail counter."

Mr. Rogers said, "to better serve Kagawong residents and optimize mail delivery, we are currently working on installing three community mailbox sites to serve customers that are furthest from the post office. The sites will be located on Main Street at the intersection of Manitou Lane, on Arda Road just south of Highway 540 and on Newburn Road near Highway 540."

"I can see accidents taking place at this (Arda Road) site," stated Councillor Hillyard at the council meeting. "It's across from our dumpsite, and I can see people leaving the dumpsite and going across the road to their mailbox and getting hit by vehicles going past (on both sides of the highway). I am not happy with this. Can we get feedback on that?"

Mr. Rogers explained civic address matching to The Expositor saying, "Canada Post assigns a mailing/postal address for the purposes of mail delivery. The addressing

authority (municipality, band, province, district etc.) assigns a civic (911) address, however in some areas, like Kagawong, it does not. Canada Post's civic addressing program is the matching of a physical address to its mailing address. This matching gives customers one consistent address to serve both purposes and helps Canada Post improve efficiency and accuracy of mail and parcel delivery."

"We are upgrading the PO boxes at the post office and reorganizing them into alpha-numeric order, making sorting and retrieving mail simpler," said Mr. Rogers. "As a result of these changes, all residents will be able to use their civic address as their mailing/postal address. For residents with PO boxes as their assigned mode of delivery, mail and parcels addressed with their civic address will be delivered to their postal boxes."

"Customers who will no longer be assigned a PO box will have their mail and parcels delivered to our community mailboxes," said Mr. Rogers. "This project will reduce the number of PO boxes in the post office from 170 to 163. Carded items will continue to be available for pick up at the Kagawong Post Office by providing a valid government issued photo identification."

"Customers that are assigned delivery to a community mailbox and who reside less than half a kilometre away from the site will now have parcel delivery to their doors," said Mr. Rogers.

"Will our current post office stay, or will all these packages and mail go to Gore Bay?" Councillor Vince Grogan.

"This is a very good point," Billings clerk/CAO Emily Dance said. "I did ask the question, and they (Canada Post) said they wouldn't be putting this type of money into upgrades if they were going to close the current post office."

"That is my only concern. We have people that have always supported the post office, and to get their Amazon packages now would they have to go the post office in Gore Bay to collect their packages?" asked Councillor

Grogan.

Councillor Hillyard added, "there is something special about going to the post office. I would hate to lose that part of our culture and heritage. We have a good post office and a great postmaster. It would be sad to lose any of these services."

Councillor Michael Hunt, who is the Kagawong Canada Post Office postmaster had declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in discussion on the issue.

Mr. Rogers said that "at least 30 days prior to the implementation, affected customers will receive a letter from Canada Post explaining these upcoming changes. The letter will specify the customer's civic mailing address, information on their newly assigned PO box or CMB. Customers will be asked to provide a valid government issued photo identification when pick up their CMB keys."

"We appreciate our customers' understanding as we work to improve service. Our local operations team is ready and available to address any mail delivery issue," said Mr. Rogers. He added, "if customers have questions regarding their mail delivery, they can contact Canada Post's customer service team online at canadapost.ca/support or by telephone at 1-866-607-6301 TTY: 1-800-267-2797) and their inquiries will be directed to our local team."

# ...swing bridge is part of Canada's 'Living History'

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have a physical presence in the modern day," according to Mr. Schlote's YouTube channel.

This is a true one-person operation, from generating the story ideas to filming, editing and promoting them. It's also fully self-funded. New episodes or bonus videos come out every Thursday and the series will run until the end of the year.

Mr. Schlote said that although the bridge itself is unique, its broader significance inspired him to feature its story.

"It's got a really interesting relationship with the community," he said.

Indeed, the pages of this newspaper in recent years have shown how important (and controversial) the swing bridge is among Islanders.

Based on several letters to the editor, many Islanders feel sentimental about the 110-year-old bridge and don't want to see it replaced, as the Ontario government has promised to do. For many, the bridge is a symbol of Manitoulin Island.

"I think part of the attachment is tied to the railway connection (of the bridge)," he said. "The railway was Manitoulin's first land link to the rest of Canada, at a time when boats were really the only way to get around. And it also promised to bring jobs and prosperity."

However, others on Manitoulin see the bridge as a nuisance, especially as it ages and breaks down more frequently. Those people would prefer to see a modern replacement that could carry more traffic and reduce wait times.

The Ontario government has said it plans to build a two-lane swing bridge immediately west of the current bridge. It will take many design cues from the current crossing, in an attempt to appease the most people.

Mr. Schlote's video is in two parts. The second, which will air on August 24, talks about Georgian Bay's other



Warren Schlote aboard the swing bridge for his latest episode of 'Living History.'

swing bridge, in Wasauksing First Nation near Parry Sound.

"I actually wrote a story back in my time at The Expositor that compared these two bridges," he said, referring to 'A Tale of Two Bridges' from the September 11, 2019 paper.

Despite its similarities, Wasauksing's bridge doesn't carry the same sentimentality, he said. The episode will explore some theories as to why that may be the case.

Mr. Schlote said the series has been challenging to produce, especially as a self-funded solo project alongside full-time work at CBC Sudbury.

"I'm definitely run off my feet a bit, but I'm just trying to push through to the end of the year on schedule," he said.

"It would really help a lot if people checked out the series, subscribed, left comments and shared the episodes around," Mr. Schlote said. "I've got a small but loyal following, and I'm hoping it grows so I can keep making things like this for as long as I can."

He expressed his thanks to Island historians, especially Sandy McGillivray and Bill Caesar, for documenting the bridge's history through words and photos, which were important as he prepared his script and made the video.

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# ...Bush fires break out across Island and area

## Manitoulin Pet Rescue



**Earl Grey & Bandit**

These two delightful male littermates are 4 months old. We are hoping that they are adopted before they become adults! If you would like to adopt one, or even both of these beautiful kittens, please contact Kathy Jewell at 705-377-4121. Adoption fees cover their neuter and vaccines.

**valu-mart** **Freshmart**

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"As the representative of the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) told me after he looked at the situation, he said everything here is extremely dry," stated Phil Gosse, Central Manitoulin fire chief. "That is the reason we are in a fire ban. Just from a little spark, three townships, over 20 firefighters and about 11 fire trucks had to be on hand to make sure this fire was put out properly. It was a small forest fire compared to what we have read and seen of firefighters in many other areas."

"It could have gotten out of control very easily," stated Mr. Gosse. "I know in our municipality we have had one day of rain a week that lasts maybe 10 minutes in total. It has been 11 weeks starting Sunday since we have had a proper rainfall."

Rick Graham, fire chief for Burpee and Mills said the fire took in an area of about one acre. "It was big enough that the potential could have been way worse. The fire was in the bush, in an area where it was thick with spruce and pine trees."

"I think we (fire departments) dumped about 40,000 gallons of water on the fire and barely got the ground wet," said Mr. Gra-



Employees with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry fire crew were on the scene of a forest fire on Scott Road off Union Road to assess the situation and help locate the exact location of the fire in the thick, dense forest.

ham. "I'm taking heat for us (Burpee and Mills) having a total fire ban, but this is why. It is just too dry." Mr. Gosse said the initial call of the fire was made to firefighters at 9:30 am on Saturday, August 5. "I had received a call from Rick (Graham) that they were going to investigate how bad the fire was, and I said we would be on standby. He called an hour later and said that help was needed."

Mr. Graham told The Expositor that when the Central Manitoulin volunteer firefighters arrived, he asked Mr. Gosse to take over the scene as incident commander. He had called the MNR for assistance as well and MNR members had flown over by helicopter to help locate the fire area and check out the scene.

"Ken Noland (reeve of Burpee and Mills) told Rick that he has a friend with a plane (Scott Runnalls) to help find the exact location of the fire and this was put into action," said Mr. Gosse.

When the location was found, what firefighters found was very thick forest and no path to get firefighters in or their firefighting equipment and truck.

"When we got to the site we investigated with Burpee and Mills firefighters, and Isaac my son (a firefighter) had a drone and we helped the guys, marking to locate where the fire was. We called Rob Cranston who came in with his backhoe and he cleared out a patch of eight feet wide so that we could set up all the equipment and we had access to



Firefighters with both the Central Manitoulin and Burpee and Mills fire departments work to put out a fire on Scott Road off Union Road on the border area of the two municipalities, this past Saturday.

the fire site. Fortunately, the fire was not moving fast," he said, noting it took quite a bit of time for the access to the site to be opened.

Mr. Graham called the MNR in Sudbury and they arrived in a helicopter about 20 minutes later. "Phil (Gosse) and his crew hadn't showed up by then, but when he got here, he set up incident command and I initiated mutual aid," said

Mr. Graham.

"With Central Manitoulin, our trucks and Robinson Township on hand, there were 11 fire trucks at the scene at one point," said Mr. Graham. He said the fire would follow the cracks in the limestone surface on the ground. "Everything went smoothly, and everyone worked very well together."

With mutual aid in place, Gore Bay Fire Department and other Island fire departments were on standby.

"When we got to the fire it was no problem putting it out," said Mr. Gosse. "But it takes time to get it out properly. After all this was done Rick took over as incident commander again and we headed back to Central. He said his firefighters would be doing checks later at night to make sure the fire hadn't sparked again."

"We believe the fire was caused by a lightning strike," said Mr. Gosse.

"We were just so lucky it wasn't windy," said Mr. Graham. "If the wind had picked up, things would have been much worse, because the wind would have fed the embers."

"We're watching the fire ...continued on page 18



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# “Butterflies and Bees” theme for annual Campbell Horticultural Society Flower Show

by Tom Sasvari  
 MINDEMOYA—The annual Campbell Horticultural Society (CHS) flower show and tea, with the title “Butterflies and Bees” brought

together a bevy of flowers, arrangements and participants again this year.

“I am a summer resident of Manitoulin Island,” said Camilla Yahnke, of Sud-

ties we have including the flower show,” she said, adding, “I’m one of the older members of the society.”

There were over 100 entries in the flower show, held at the Mindemoya Community Centre on Wednesday, August 2. There were houseplants, roses, corm plants, dahlias, perennials, tuberous, annuals, vegetables, photographs, specials, vegetables, outdoor and indoor potted plants and lots more.

The People’s Choice Award was won by Seija Bailey, for her Wayside Design, while the Judges’ Choice, Parallel Design was won by Ms. Yahnke. The latter won the President’s Choice Award for her Ikebana Queen Bee.

In the most points of show competition Ms. Yahnke took top spot with 83 points, followed by Seija Bailey with 66, Marie Kirk with 63 and Mary Scott with 44.

The award for best dahlia was won by Seija Bailey, while the best potted tuberous begonia was won by Mary Scott; the prize for best lily went to

Ms. Yahnke, with best ‘any other variety’ won by Marie Kirk.

The first-place prize for outdoor potted plant-strawberries, shamrocks and petunias was won by Melody Hore.

Wayne Bailey took top prize for best perennial hydrangea, best rose was won by Ms. Yahnke, best geranium Penny Palonen, best African violet Bernice Lewis, best house plant Diane Chmielak, best outdoor potted plant Marie Kirk, who also took the top prize for best collection. The best vegetable prize was won by Penny Palonen, and the best photo prize was won by Melody Hore.

After everyone in attendance had the opportunity to view all the flowers and plants on display, and the award winners were selected, everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the delicious

lunch of sandwiches and desserts as well as tea and soft drinks in the downstairs area of the community centre.



Camilla Yahnke won the judges choice and president’s choice awards for her entries in the annual Campbell Horticultural Society flower show, held August 2 at the Mindemoya Community Centre.



Wayne Bailey took top prize in the best perennial hydrangea category.

bury. “I have belonged to the CHS for at least 40 years. I enjoy being a member and all the summer activities we have including the flower show,” she said, adding, “I’m one of the older members of the society.”



Melody Hore won the first-place prize for her outdoor potted plant-strawberries, shamrocks and petunias entry.

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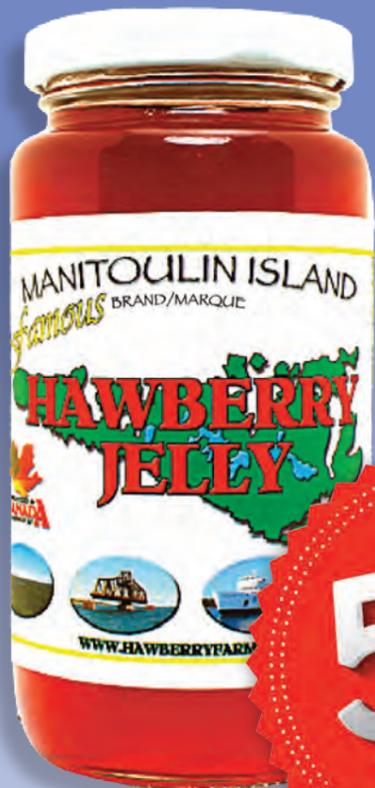
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**SUMMER**

# Debajehmujig summer mainstage follows ‘A Pipe Carrier’s Journey’

by Michael Erskine  
MANITOWANING—Debajehmujig Storytellers’ mainstage production ‘Pwaagaan Bemwenigoot: A Pipe Carrier’s Journey’ is

tribute to the resurrection of spirit following immense trauma. Based on the real-life travails and experiences of knowledge keeper Robert Pheasant, the pro-

duction reflects the indomitable spirit that is driving the current revitalization and resurgence of Anishinaabe culture, traditions and language.

The play follows the life of Daniel Recollet-Mejaki’s Billy, a man torn by the traumatic events of his youth and the circuitous path he takes in becoming a pipe-carrier, a knowledge keeper of his people.

Mr. Recollet-Mejaki is an Anishinaabe cultural arts animator with Debajehmujig who hails from Wiikwemkoong. Becoming part of the Debaj crew back in 2017, the young thespian is nonetheless a stage veteran, having taken part in several productions as well as workshops at the Centre for Indigenous Theatre and John Turner’s renowned Clown Bootcamp—it shows.

Tabitha Courtney Anne Peltier (Eniimit Mahiingan Kew/Dancing Wolf Woman) plays Autumn, Billy’s long-suffering and patient wife. Ms. Peltier is originally from Aundeck Omni Kaning but now resides in Wiikwemkoong. Ms. Peltier was one of the first graduates of the National Aboriginal Arts Animator program in 2007, and has performed in numerous Debaj mainstage productions, including ‘The Gulch’ and the internationally acclaimed ‘Global Savages.’

Ms. Peltier channels her own experiences and hard-won wisdom in bringing Autumn to life on stage.

Autumn’s calm and nurturing persona reflects the countless “aunties” whose tireless devotion holds communities and families together in the face of daunting challenges.

Kotnee Kaboni is another Wiikwemkoong veteran of the stage, having taken part in seven previous productions. An elder, grandmother of three, great grandmother of two, Ms. Kaboni brings her fluent Anishinabemowin (she has been a language teacher for many years) and a unique style to the stage as the wise Wistine.

Bruce Naokwegijig fills a number of roles in this production, first as co-director, but also as the elder Pitche, one of Billy’s early guides, and Whetung, a spirit-ish figure who acts counterpoint to Billy’s angst.

Samantha Lynn Brennan is the other co-director and Eagle Spirit, taking dance and movement to expressive heights in this multi-disciplined production. Ms. Brennan’s command of movement belies spoken words to bring messages from beyond the mortal coil to life.

Debaj student Tyler Pangowish of Wiikwemkoong joined the educational stream in 2021, and he brought Miichen to the stage with the passion of a writer and artist who loves what they are doing.

Musician and composer Marsha Coffey of Sudbury has been a Debaj stalwart for several years. The Dora Mavor Moore Award winning composer and three-time Dora nominee has written numerous scores for theatre, television and film. Her credits are simply too numerous to list in this article, but she has brought all her immense talent to bear in order to create the textured soundscapes backing the on-stage action.

The production team also included the technical expertise of David Sunny Osawabine and Richard Mauti. Mr. Osawabine also filled the role of stage manager and lent a hand with lighting along with Daniel Recollet-Mejaki. Production assistants were Charity Shigwadja and Richard Ashlee Manitowabi.

Support for the production was provided by Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council and the Government of Canada. The production takes place at the Larry E. Lewis Studio in the Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning. Admission is on a sliding scale of \$10 to \$50. Remaining shows take place on August 9, 10 and 11, with doors opening at 7 pm. For tickets call 705-859-1820.



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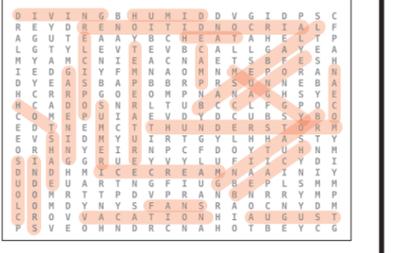
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A rose between? Co-MC Duke Peltier, left, and head veteran Wayne Pitwawakwat join Bonnie Kogos for a photo.



Hometown favourite blues lady Crystal Shawanda takes to the stage during the Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival held concurrent with the cultural festival.

photo by Wiikwemkoong Tourism



The last intertribal of the night saw a host of Anishinabe take part.  
photo by Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi

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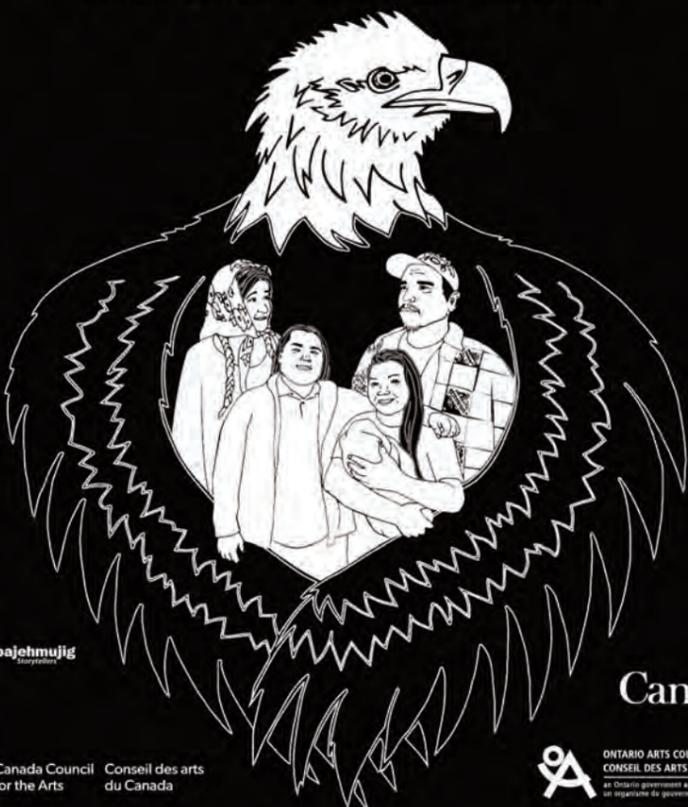
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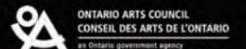
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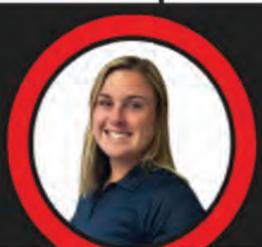


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Splashtown Manitoulin in Lake Mindemoya is a summer hotspot.

## Lake Mindemoya now sports water park

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—With the opening of Splashtown Manitoulin in Mindemoya this summer, Manitoulin Island is now home to two inflatable water parks. Splash N Go opened in Gore Bay last year and is in its second season, having proven to be very successful and popular among local residents and tourists.

“Our goal is to create an activity for children and families to enjoy without having to look at a screen of some sort,” said Derek Stonier, of Splashtown Manitoulin. “We want them to make memories instead of just sitting in front of a television or computer screen.”

Their first inflatable water park experience began in Niagara last year, explained Mr. Stonier, a water plant operator in Niagara Falls. “We were actually looking to get going there before COVID-19 but we couldn’t open because of the pandemic. We had to wait two years,” he said.

“Last year was our first year in Niagara (where he and his wife and some of their children live), and it was very well received. We used to go to water parks like ours and we really thought it was something we would like to do. As I said, the kids are off the phone and they have an opportunity for some physical activity and can spend time with their family. We talked all winter about how much fun we had visiting other water parks and we decided this was something we wanted to try.”

After their successful year in Niagara, Mindemoya rose to the top of the list for their second location, said Mr. Stonier.

“We opened in Mindemoya on June 30 and have been very well received by local

residents, tourists and parents,” he said. “Resorts, Airbnbs and camps, they were all really receptive and felt that it would draw more tourism in.”

Splashtown provided free passes to all these venues to hand out to their customers.

“We want to be a part of the community,” said Mr. Stonier. He will be staying in Mindemoya for some of this summer, as the family normally does. “We sponsored skating at the local (Mindemoya) arena, for skating for kids during the March break, and we had volunteers on hand at the Lions Club Ribfest celebrations. And we are going to sponsor a team in minor hockey.”

His son Peyton is managing the Mindemoya location this summer.

The actual inflatable water park in Mindemoya, “is a moderate-medium design,” Mr. Stonier said. “But it will be larger and much bigger next year. It looks as if we are going to change the whole design and it will be twice as big as it is this year.”

Splashtown has a five-year agreement with the Municipality of Central Manitoulin to have the inflatable water park located at Lake Mindemoya, off the Government Dock beach. Mr. Stonier commended Marcus Mohr, Central Manitoulin’s community development/outreach coordinator, for his work. “Marcus is like everyone’s best friend. He’s very genuine, helped with maintenance issues. Marcus has been great to us.”

Splashtown Manitoulin will run until August 27. For more information including rates, visit their website at splashtown.ca

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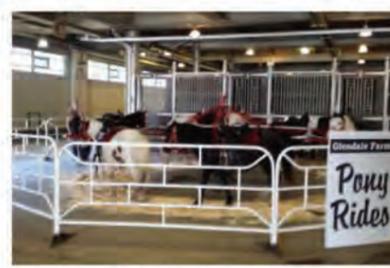
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# ...AOK's Reggie Leach first person named to Hockey Indigenous board

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unique perspective to the organization. Known as 'The Riverton Rifle' during his illustrious career, he has been an inspiring role model for indigenous athletes, encouraging them to pursue their dreams.



Reggie Leach

"His presence on the board will help shape the future of Indigenous hockey, fostering a more inclusive and empowering environment for athletes from all backgrounds. As a trailblazer for indigenous representation in hockey leadership, Reggie Leach's appointment paves the way

for a more inclusive and diverse future for the sport of hockey," said Hockey Indigenous.

"They had approached me to be the first member on the board. It is a great honour for me," said Mr. Leach. "This is a brand new

board of directors. At this point I don't know how many directors there will be. They will be forwarding me more information."

The Hockey Indigenous website has been the source for Indigenous hockey-related news for the past

few years.

Stephane Friday and Abigail Linklater, who both live in Timmins, are the co-founders of the website. They share information on Indigenous players, from minor hockey to professional leagues and players.

They began with a social media platform seven years ago and in 2020 incorporated to a non-profit organization. Mr. Leach was introduced on their website as the first person to Hockey Indigenous board of directors.

Having been born in Riverton, Manitoba and a member of Berens River First Nation in Manitoba, Mr. Leach is currently living in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation. He has been a long time role model

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## ...Robinson Twp. fire chief dismayed at absence of fire ban

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rainfall since April. We have had two little showers, one that there was a fairly good rainfall for about five minutes. We received about two and a quarter inches of rain but the ground is so dry it sucked up the moisture. Within a couple of days we were right back to where we were when the fire ban was on."

Mr. Wismer said during this year's fire season the first application made by Robinson was approved right away. "We used to have to demand the MNRF to put a fire ban on, but we received good cooperation the first application we made this year. Now for this application we received a flat-out no. You would think they would rely on the local group to tell them what the conditions are, but obviously they were not thinking that in this case."

"I'm worried because the winds around here are generally west. If we receive any type of a fire, we are in serious trouble," said Mr. Wismer. "For example, Silver Lake is exposed to west winds and on Little Lake Huron Road

there are many cottagers as well. In the case of Little Lake Huron Road there is only one road in and out, which is in poor condition to drive, and in the case of a fire it would be difficult enough just letting people know there was a fire. Not only could cottages be lost but so could lives."

"We are very unhappy with the performance of the OFM to protect our township and our residents in a case of fire," stated Mr. Wismer. "And I have received many calls from local residents asking me why the fire ban is off."

Ken Noland, reeve of neighbouring Burpee and Mills township said, "Silver Water hasn't even had the little rain we have had here in our township this summer, and it is extremely dry here. So, it makes absolutely no sense that the OMF cancelled the request for the total fire ban to be extended in Robinson, which is a neighbouring municipality to us. Especially when Robinson made this request. Someone needs a slap in the head for this decision."

## ...Bush fires break out across Manitoulin Island and area

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site," said Mr. Graham. Once the firefighters were on the scene it took about seven hours to put the fire out.

Firefighters from Burpee and Mills and Central Manitoulin went back Sunday morning to the scene of the fire and soaked everything down once again.

"The community is amazing," said Mr. Graham. "Local ladies prepared so much food for the firefighters. There was cooler after cooler brought in with sandwiches, water, Gatorade."

Amy Peltonen, an MNRF fire information officer told The Expositor on Monday, a forest fire occurred on McGregor Point on Lake Huron near Birch Island on August 5. Firefighters crews and water bombers were on the scene.

"The current status on the fire is that it is not under control," she said noting that as of the early morning hours of August 6 the fire had affected 2.4 hectares.

"There are two fire ranger crews on the ground working on the fire currently," said Ms. Peltonen on Monday. "The two fire crews are making good progress and it is expected there will be increased precipitation over the next few days that will help." She pointed out the cause for the fire is still under investigation. Work crews will continue to remain at the location until the fire is completely extinguished.

Ms. Peltonen pointed out, "we are reminding members of the public that using drones or any type of aircraft within nine kilometres of an active fire is illegal."

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turalist to discover that his is more of a passion than a vocation.

“How do you make a small fortune in aquaculture—you start out with large fortune,” he quips. Mr. Caselton has invested in his operation and some has come through various grants—and, of course, the sale of fish. He recently shipped 88,000 rainbow trout fingerlings.

The Expositor interviewed Mr. Caselton several years ago, when his operation was much smaller, the indoor tanks stainless steel tanks a fraction of the size of the massive plastic ones he utilizes today. Mr. Caselton generously welcomed the paper on a recent tour of his much-expanded operation—some of which can be seen from the highway. Unfortunately, the sheer volume of would-be kibitzers dropping in unannounced has forced him to chain the drive into his operation when the Service Ontario office is closed.

We start out in the closed-circuit hatchery, where water is pumped through large pipes from tank to tank, utilizing the science of water columns properties and micron-sized screens to remove sediments and fish excrement that eventually wind up in a churning tank where chemical reactions change ammonia and nitrous components into nitrates—essentially a valuable fertilizer that Mr. Caselton one day hopes will drive an agricultural component to his system.

He notes that an operation in a defunct brewery started out raising tilapia for local markets and added an offshoot raising salad greens. That offshoot proved so successful they stopped selling the tilapia and now just keep them to produce the fertilizer, he said. But that is well down the line. Mr. Caselton has plenty of other balls in the air occupying his time learning about the care and handling of fish—there is a lot yet to discover, he assures us.

In the meantime, his closed system indoor hatchery only loses about one percent of its input water during opera-



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photos by Michael Erskine

tions, with evaporation and the inevitable spray taking their tiny toll. The operation, which involves a tremendous amount of the pumping water between the closed-system inside hatchery tanks and between the outside ponds where the fish are raised to their saleable sizes, is surprisingly light on energy consumption—the result of Mr. Caselton’s detailed research and development.

By utilizing the science of aqua dynamics, for example employing pumps that utilize air pressure to lift, rather than pull water up, the energy required is reduced dramatically. It’s tremendously important to keep an eye on these details, as literally hundreds of thousands of gallons of water (180 gallons a minute) need to be on the move constantly in order to maintain a clean and healthy environment for the fish and to ensure the operations byproducts are converted efficiently into safer, and useable forms.

The axial flow pumps use propellers within the pipe shaft of the pump to move the water in the tank, providing high

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## ...Reggie Leach first person named to Hockey Indigenous board

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for Indigenous youth, and is still a highly-sought out speaker.

Mr. Leach played 12 seasons in the NHL, being a member of the 1975 Stanley Cup champion Philadelphia Flyers, has had his share of struggles during his life. He shared this in a book he had published eight years ago, ‘The Riverton Rifle: Straight Shooting on Hockey and Life.’

Since his retirement Mr. Leach has inspired others, notably Indigenous youth, to pursue their dreams and to strive towards their own accomplishments.

Hockey Indigenous is focused, “on promoting the participation and development of indigenous players and devel-

opment of indigenous players in the sport of hockey. We aim to provide opportunities for indigenous youth and communities to team and grow through hockey, while also preserving and celebrating indigenous culture and traditions.”

Mr. Leach, a Philadelphia Flyers legend, played almost 1,000 games in the National Hockey League, winning the Stanley Cup in 1975. A member of the Manitoba Hockey Hall of Fame and Philadelphia Flyers half of fame, he still holds the record for most goals in the playoffs with 19 including five goals in one game. He also won the Conn Smythe Trophy (MVP for the NHL playoffs) in 1976 and MVP in the 1980 NHL All-Star Game.

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# ...Onshore aquaculture venture successful for Manitowaning entrepreneur

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flow with low head pressure which, in turn, flows through a nozzle to create a clockwise current around the tank, creating centrifugal force that moves any excess food or effluent to the centre, where it is collected through a system, one he designed himself.

Water flows through different size pipes to maintain the proper velocity, traveling to a drum filter that separates the particles out, utilizing a radar sensor to indicate when the screen needs to be cleaned off by a spray nozzle. By the time it reaches the final tank, a biological filter, the solids have nearly all been removed.

“It’s mostly ammonia and other things toxic to fish—ammonia being the key,” said Mr. Caselton. “K1 media (no it’s not macaroni, although it does look a lot like it),” he said. That substrate is comprised of two types of bacteria, one that changes the ammonia into nitrites and then another that changes the nitrites into nitrates. “That’s the nitrogen cycle,” he said.

“Flow and temperature plays a role in how this works, the bacteria are called chemotrophic bacteria, so you are trying to breed those bacteria.” It is also important to remove the organic matter, otherwise the ammonia couldn’t be removed.

The water is cleaned by that point and is sent back to the beginning of the system. The operation is 99.97 percent recirculation—creating an almost completely closed system.

A lot of factors impact the operation. “Temperature barometric pressure, feeding rates, the lifecycle of the fish, are they one gram or 35 grams, the feed size is different, the fecal matter is different, it is all unique,” he said.

Mr. Caselton agrees this is where the future of aquaculture lies. “Guaranteed, it is inevitable,” he said. Given the impacts humanity are having on oceans and lakes, the clean system being utilized by operations like his ensure that everything going into the fish during its growth cycle is monitored. But the real impact comes from growth rates.

“The wild caught fish grow at a development of rate 10 to 12 percent compared to mine,” he said. “So, I can grow fish in one-tenth the time. I grew a 2.2-pound rainbow trout last year from eyed egg to 2.2 pounds in 14-and-a-half months.

“My point being, the fish that are grown quicker



Renaissance man John Caselton stands behind one of a number of large tanks of his own design. The tanks use a solid knowledge of hydrodynamics to filter out solids and send them on to a biofiltering process that returns clean water in the closed system operation.

don’t have exposure to toxins in the water column as long as fish grown in the wild do, like lead and plastics,” he said. That creates a fish that is safer to consume. The evidence of the impacts of zebra mussel die-offs on the food chain, causing massive deaths among birds and other consumers of wild fish.

Density is another factor. Mr. Caselton can raise fish at a high density, 65 grams to every litre.

Stepping outside, we travel to the outdoor ponds, the newest of which can be seen from Highway 6. Mr. Caselton does not pump water up from an aquifer, from wells or streams. His ponds are filled through rainfall—quite rapidly, in fact. “We get around 46 inches of precipitation a year here,” he said. “So if you lose a foot of water through evaporation it is replaced fairly quickly,” he said. His new pond filled quickly and provided him with a source of clean water to utilize in his system. The natural clay on his farm is perfect for creating impermeable barriers to hold the water in.

“The folks who owned this farm before had to haul water in,” he said. “All they really had to do was dig a large pond.”

The fishponds contain large net cages that would be familiar to any open-water aquaculture operation, in fact, the pontoons he uses come from Wiikwemkoong’s Buzwah Fisheries. Battered and damaged by ice and other hazards on the open waters of the Great Lakes, they have found new life in the shelter of Mr. Caselton’s land-based ponds. “Buzwah have been awesome,” he said. “We have really been able to work well together.”

Stepping off the gangways of the cages suspended in the ponds, there is no

discernible movement, unlike his custom-built capture net he uses to haul growing bass out of the ponds. Yes, bass, Mr. Caselton is also growing small-mouth bass, thousands of them. A slight dip of a net into the tank pulls up literally hundreds of tiny baby bass—60,000 in this one tank alone.

Much of Mr. Caselton’s time is spent learning about the habits and lifecycles of various types of fish. A camera at the bottom of the floating raceway keeps track of his fish, livestreamed right into his living room. Those cameras have provided plenty of important discoveries.

One such is the ability of the fish to go into a torpor, a kind of suspended animation or hibernation,

that reduces their growth (and food consumption) over a remarkable amount of time. “A rainbow trout

had flopped over on its side right in front of the camera lens in one of the tanks,” he recalled. “I thought ‘great, now I get to watch it decompose over the next few months.’” Instead, after a significant period of time, the fish’s tail began twitch, it flipped back up and swam away.”

This provides a remarkable ability to “hold” the fish over until temperatures rise and production can resume. A significant commercial advantage.

Mr. Caselton has also discovered that he can train some fish to eat from the bottom of the tank. He demonstrates by tossing a scoopful of feed out into the tank. Instead of a boiling surface that occurs in large lake aquaculture cages at feeding time, there is barely

a ripple on the surface. “When I come to the ponds, the larger fish can be seen swimming towards me,” he laughs. “They know me.” Still, the reason for so many cameras is that Mr. Caselton needs to keep his interactions down with the fish he is studying in order to capture more natural reactions and actions from the fish.

While nets protect the pond cages from avian depredations, the ponds containing the larger bass do not. Apparently, bass are quite fond of swimming birds and will happily drag them down for a hearty meal.

If you would like to see more photos and videos of the fish in action, drop by online to caselton-aquaculture.business.site.



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# Stone Ridge Lavender gives a sneak peak at what's to come

by Margery Frisch

**GREEN BUSH**—Google 'Lavender' and you will find numerous health benefits associated with the plant. Spend time wandering the rows and rows of lavender in Stone Ridge Lavender's fields, and you will easily discover everything you need to know. The scent—sweet, but not too sweet—will calm you, stress will drain away, energy will be restored, all from taking time to breathe deeply, immersed in the distinctive fragrance of lavender.

Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30, Stone Ridge Farm offered a pick-your-own lavender event. The response was more than gratifying for the Dedman family. Carloads came down the long Green Bush Road to enjoy an experience like no other. The unique and satisfying visual effect a field of lavender brings, along with the heady scent, the buzzing of hundreds of bees. "We wanted to create an experience for the people of Manitoulin, something different," Devon Dedman explained. And they certainly have done that, but they intend to do more.

"Eventually," Randy Dedman added, "we will have sunset dinners, because the sun sets right there," he indicated just beyond a lavender row. "It's just beautiful."



Randy, Devon, Morgan and Mason Dedman are Manitoulin's newest lavender farmers.



"We've had this property for about 15 years," Devon said, "and we tried various plants and crops. We had garlic and hops growing, then we decided to do some lavender plants to see what they would do up here, and they thrived."

"It's hard work," Mr. Dedman admitted, "it's all hand

work. It's planted by hand, the ground cloth is laid by hand, the trimming is all by hand and we cover it with frost cloth for the wintertime, every row gets covered."

People were instructed on how exactly to cut their bunches of lavender, and how to hang them upside down for a few weeks, in the dark, in smaller bunches to dry them properly and enjoy the fragrance of the flowers for months to come. In addition to the lavender, the family was selling their maple syrup; lavender

infused maple syrup; honey; lavender essential oils and various other lavender products. It's a family affair, with their daughter Morgan, 14, and their son, Mason, 10, working right along side their parents.

"This is a start," Ms. Dedman said. "We're just having a small opening this year. Next year we'll have this field over here for parking and we'll be open full time." Something to look forward to next summer.



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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.

**Wanted:**  
Farm land to rent to cash crop in 2024. Long Term rental. Would need to burn grass and plow in August/Sept 2023.  
Contact Lyle or Johannes Tehkummah  
519-274-9452 or 519 274-1087

**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!

**for sale**

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

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

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

**rentals**

**Studio and two-bedroom** rentals available September 30 until May 1. Quiet waterfront location close to downtown Little Current and park. Fully furnished with large flatscreen TV, full cable and Starlink internet. Call 705-368-6240 for viewing and details. 19tfn

**Friends of the Mindemoya Old School**

**SUMMER CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

Help FOMOS celebrate the 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the Mindemoya Old School.

Join us at the Mindemoya arena from 11am - 3pm on Saturday, August 12 for our annual Birthday Bash.

A fun-filled day awaits you!!  
Vendors, silent auction, online art auction, BBQ, kids games, 50/50 draw, live music, prize bingo, yummy treats and more!!!

This is a great way to show support for our revitalization project and reconnect with old friends. Online art auction and 50/50 ticket sales will end at noon so don't miss out. COME EARLY!

**For more details**  
**Contact:** [mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com](mailto:mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com) or  
**Check out our website:** [www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca](http://www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca).

**Gore Bay Street Market**

Every Friday in July & August (including June 30th & Sept 1st)  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
PLUS Café in the Community Hall

**THE ISLAND SUMMER MARKET**

Every Saturday 9 am to 1:30 pm at the M'Chigeeng Arena  
Hwy 551 south of Hwy 540  
Baking, Produce, Music, Arts & Crafts

**marine**

**O'day 16'9 daysailer**, asking \$1,100 OBO. Located near Lake Kagawong/Spring Bay. Good sails, cover, rebuilt 10 years ago. No leaks, new stays, rebuilt centreboard/rudder; includes trailer, needs fresh paint. Call 519-494-5014. 11-12c

**Low "Roughneck" 16'** factory Mossy Oak and spray liner, Mercury 25 ELHPTO, deluxe galvanized trailer, two fish finders, bow mount, camo seats and Power-Pole anchor Super condition, firm \$12,800. Call 705-690-3691. 12p

**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

**services**

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

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

**yard sale**

**Multi-family yard sale**, Saturday, August 12 from 8 am to 12 noon at 181 Limberlost Lane, Mindemoya. Something for everyone! 12c

**Yard sale**, August 12, at 66 Green Street, #7, South Baymouth. Wood working tools, furniture, storage bins, construction heaters, garden tools and much more. Will be cancelled for rain! 12c

**MISSING DOG**  
**LAST SEEN IN MELDRUM BAY**



BJ was a victim of a dog attack on Saturday, July 29th by two unleashed dogs. If anyone has seen this beautiful little dog please call  
**Marylin - 705 368 9900**  
**Dave - 705 368 6671**  
**Vicki - 705 862 2875**

**HELP BRING BJ HOME**

**Old Mill Heritage Centre Presents**  
**History Day in Kagawong**

(PART 1)  
Historian Jib Turner shares family stories about the birth of railway transportation to Manitoulin and early telegraph communication on the Island.

INTERMISSION

(PART 2)  
Commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the JFK Assassination. Rare home movies and photographs and exclusive interviews with the witnesses who were *there*.




Jib Turner                      JFK Assassination

**Location: Kagawong Park Centre**  
**Date: Thursday, August 10**  
**Time: 3:30 pm Matinee or 7:30 pm Evening**

Admission is free but donations to the *Old Mill Heritage Centre* are appreciated.

For further info contact [oldmillheritage@billingstwp.ca](mailto:oldmillheritage@billingstwp.ca) or 705-282-1442

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LAKE MANITOU AREA ASSOCIATION

**LAKE MANITOU AND AREA ASSOCIATION INFORMATION NIGHT**

**Sandfield School House**  
**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**  
**7:00 PM**

**Speakers:**  
**Dr. Dennis Higgs** - *"Fish in Relation to Bio Acoustics and Sensory Ecology"*  
**Dr. Christina Semeniuk** - *"The Cumulative Effects of Multiple Stressors on the Adaptive Decisions of Wildlife"*  
**Seija Deschenes, Manitoulin Streams** - *"Project Updates"*

Free admission – Everyone welcome  
Come mingle and enjoy door prizes and refreshments

**Café Woods**  
in the

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



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

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 7:30 PM**  
2619 Hwy 540, Little Current.

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

**notices**

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

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**Please note,** Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is currently closed until August 16.

8-12p

**coming events**

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

6-15p

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

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**Knox United Church** Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will reopen on Wednesday, August 16. Open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

12p

**Legion Events**

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

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## Check out The Expositor's Lifestyles section.



**NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF GORE BAY WATERWORKS SYSTEM**

**INTERRUPTION OF WATER SERVICE**

All residents using the Gore Bay Waterworks system may experience water pressure and/or dirty water on the following dates:

**August 14 to August 25, 2023**

**PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.**

Ontario Clean Water Agency will be doing their annual valve/hydrant maintenance and watermain flushing.

If you experience dirty water, let your tap run until it runs clear.

Your co-operation is appreciated. If you have any questions, please call 705-282-2420 x 1



**MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK**

**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 ONTARIO REGULATION 181/03 MUNICIPAL TAX SALES RULES**

**MANITOWANING THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK**

**TAKE NOTICE THAT tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at the Township of Assiginack, P.O. Box 238, 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0.**

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 7:00 p.m. at Township of Assiginack Municipal Office at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, Ontario.

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S):**

PIN 47134-0087 (LT); Lot 16, Con 4, Sheguiandah Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 004 00900 0000; File No. A-19-01

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$67,000

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,328.97**

PIN 47134-0084 (R); Lot 15, Con 4, Sheguiandah Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 004 01000 0000; File No. A-19-02

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$70,000

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,431.19**

PIN 47134-0084 (R); Lot 14, Con 4, Sheguiandah Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 004 01100 0000; File No. A-19-03

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$67,000

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,344.38**

PIN 47134-0084 (R); Lot 13, Con 4, Sheguiandah Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 004 01200 0000; File No. A-19-04

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$67,000

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,344.38**

PIN 47133-0249 (LT); Part Lot 41, Con 1 Assiginack Being Part 1, Plan 31R-981 Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 005 05501 0000; File No. A-19-06

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$18,800

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,200.43**

PIN 47133-0331 (LT); Part Lot 33, Con 6 Assiginack As in T116 save and except therein Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 007 10900 0000; File No. A-19-09

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$55,000

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$13,384.18**

PIN 47133-0343 (LT); Part Lot 32, Con 6 as in T907; Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 007 12200 0000; File No. A-19-10

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$85,000

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$19,632.75**

PIN 47132-0208 (LT); Pt. Lot 27, Con 9 as in T9002 Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 009 10500 0000; File No. A-19-12

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$45,000

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$11,754.99**

PIN 47133-0475(LT); Lots 8 N/S Nelson Street Plan Manitowaning, s/t beneficiaries and life interests in T16576 Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin

Roll No. 5111 000 011 09200 0000; File No. A-19-14

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$10,600

**Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,541.40**

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

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

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

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

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser. The land does not include mobile homes situated on the land.

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

**For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:**

**Deb MacDonald, Treasurer  
Township of Assiginack, P.O. Box 238, 156 Arthur Street  
Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0  
(705) 859-3196 ext 203**



**Sheshegwaning First Nation**  
1079A, SHESHEGWANING, ONTARIO POP 1X0  
PHONE: (705) 283-3292 FAX: (705) 283-3481

**Call for Tenders - Open to Certified Electoral Officers**

**Descriptions:** Conduct the 2023 Sheshegwaning First Nation election for one (1) Chief and four (4) Councillors on or about November 21, 2023.

**Deadline:** Sealed bid envelopes must be forwarded to Sheshegwaning First Nation Estates and Membership Clerk no later than Friday, August 18, 2023.

**Submit by Mail:** C/O Angela McLeod  
1079A Sheshegwaning Rd.  
Sheshegwaning First Nation  
POP 1X0

**Submit by Email:** angela@sheshegwaning.org

**Specifics:**

- Develop a voting event checklist pursuant to the Indian Band Election Regulations;
- Supervise VOTE operations;
- Monitor compliance;
- Schedule and oversee the nomination meeting;
- Manage and oversee the regular POLL;
- Prepare, post and mail notices of VOTE and mail-in ballots to all members;
- Manage and oversee all necessary facilities including supports staff, ballot boxes, equipment, privacy, security and voters' assistance in accordance with the Indian Band Election Regulations;
- Manage and certify eligible voters list and voters;
- Supervise ballot counting and certification of VOTE results;
- Oversee the vote process with professionalism and ethical standards, ensuring complete transparency and executing best practices in fairness and democratic processes;
- Prepare and post all necessary document and notices;
- Supply toll free number and all other communication resources and options for voters;
- Collect and safeguard all ballots to protect the sanctity of the VOTE;
- Prepare final report (bound and in triplicate) and other prescribed certified documents;
- Be fully versed in the details and content of the VOTE and RULES and answer any inquiries from staff and electorate (members) relating to the voting event and its processes.

## Manitoulin Quilts Galore! 2023 Quilt Show

Thank you to all the people who contributed to our very successful quilt show!

- The Assinack Curling Club & Dan;
- Our sponsors & our donors;
- The vendors who participated all weekend;
- The Committee members and husbands who stored, delivered, put together and took apart the frames and stands;
- The volunteers who worked diligently all weekend;
- The Quilters who loaned their quilts that we put on display;
- And... All of you who visited the show!

Thanks, Miigwetch, Merci.

## Gone Fishin'



The family of Bill Hayden would like to congratulate him on his retirement. Proudly acknowledging his 56 years of dedicated service!

Enjoy, You've earned it!

Lots of love,  
The Whole Family



### Herbicide Spraying

Emcon Services Inc. will be conducting our annual herbicide spraying program. We are targeting invasive Phragmites, as well as invasive Hog Weed.

These actions are controlled and governed by the Weed Control and Pesticide Act of Ontario.

Our technician is licenced and registered with the Ministry of the Environment.

We do NOT spray in high wind or standing water areas. Notices will be placed at all locations via small ground mounted signs. The signs will be removed 2-7 days after spraying.

Emcon does NOT spray any private property, all spraying is done on the MTO right of way.

We will be starting Friday, August 4 on Manitoulin Island. The campaign will last approximately 2-3 weeks total, weather depending.

The following highways will be sprayed in select locations indicated by ground mounted signs:

Hwy 540  
Hwy 6

## Death Notices

### MIGUEL ANGEL RODRIGUEZ CORDERO

July 5, 1947 - July 5, 2023



Miguel Angel Rodriguez Cordero was a caring husband, father, brother, uncle and friend. He quietly passed away in Little Current on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at the age of 76. Miguel was born to parents Maria and Damaso on July 5, 1947, in Leon, Spain, where he lived happily with his sister Ana and brother Damaso. It was there that Miguel met and married Clara with whom he shared their daughter Sonia. In his early years, Miguel was in the Spanish Military and was assigned to Africa. He often spoke of his time spent there. In later years Miguel, while living in Malaga, Spain, he met Laura Kernohan and eventually they moved to Canada. Miguel and Laura were married in Toronto where they shared a home for many years. In the summers, Laura and Miguel would return to Laura's childhood home on Manitoulin Island, and eventually they took up residence in Providence Bay. He was a true jack of all trades, forever making, building and fixing. He loved driving, fishing and cooking. Miguel was also an avid gardener and outdoorsman. He touched the lives of many and will be remembered for his infectious laugh, kind heart and generous spirit by his family and friends. His humour will be remembered by his friends and family for a long time. Miguel was preceded by his late wife Laura, and survived by his daughter Sonia, brother Damaso, by his niece Becky and her family, Tracy, Morgan, Zachary, his nephew Dan and his family, Nat, Dana and Matt. Miguel will be honoured with a private remembrance. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations to the Providence Bay Library can be made on his behalf.

### DONNA SHIRLEY BACH October 5, 1936 - July 29, 2023



With great sadness, we announce the loss of our beloved mother and Oma, Donna Bach (86). She was Klaus' cherished wife and partner for over 52 years; beloved mother of Andreas (Lianne) and Stefanie (Lewis), and special Oma to Markus (Derica), Rebecca (Pietro) and Georgia. Donna was born in New Brunswick and later moved to Toronto, where she met and married Klaus. She embraced his heritage, learning German and speaking it fluently to his family. Together they raised two children and lived an entrepreneurial life; opening the first waterbed store in Toronto, Here and Now Environments and later moving to Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island, where they built their own passive solar house and opened the first International Health and Bulk Food store in Northern Ontario, The Island Pantry. Donna and Klaus also travelled frequently visiting family in New Brunswick and Germany, as well as Canada, Europe, USA, and New Zealand, making many dear long-time friends along the way. Donna held all her family close to her heart, often sharing fond stories of her life growing up in Moncton, New Brunswick and later in Toronto. Each story often centred on her family; her sisters Janice and Judith, having fun together singing or at the ocean, or perhaps the story was of her brothers, Jack and Darryl, usually being cheeky. She also admired her mother Eva who raised all five of them on her own after her husband Maurice passed away at a young age. Donna had a huge heart and was a foster mother for newborns for 20 years, giving many babies a loving start in life. She was proud of her talents and often won awards. Over the years she was a quilter, sewer, crocheter, a potter with her own wheel and kiln, a dried flower arranger making many weddings and brides more beautiful, and a candle maker producing stunning multi-layered candles. Besides being a great cook, she was often baking with over a dozen varieties of cookies presented at Christmas, and there were always some peanut butter cookies in the freezer for emergency treats for kids of all ages. She took everyone exactly as they were and welcomed you with open arms into her home, telling stories of her and Klaus' life, sharing one of the many beautiful poems she wrote, and if you were lucky, she played music with you on her Autoharp or tambourine and sang so wonderfully, especially harmonizing with her sisters when the opportunity presented itself. We have no doubt she is now welcomed by Klaus, Jack and all who went before her, and she is surrounded by love and laughter. Family and friends will gather at a later date to tell our own stories and to celebrate Donna's life. In lieu of flowers, donations are appreciated for Hospice Wellington: <https://www.hospicewellington.org/>

### IRENE MONTGOMERY

January 13, 1928 - August 1, 2023



In loving memory of Irene Montgomery who passed away peacefully on August 1, 2023 after a short illness. Daughter of the late Earle and Agnes Nevills of Mindemoya. Irene was predeceased by her husband, Bill Montgomery, in 2001. Loving mother of Randy (Sandy predeceased), Ruth (Terry Sagle), Paul, Bill (Lee predeceased) and Mary (Mario De Paolis). Proud grandmother of Patricia (Mike Picard), Joshua (predeceased), Mitchell (Jessica), Kenley (Tyler Lampman) and Marina. Loving great-grandmother to Belle, Anna and Carver. Irene is survived by her brother Charlie (Faye) Nevills and predeceased by siblings, Harry (Jean), Jim (Donna), Helen MacLean (Rod), Bob (Lois), Florence Callaghan (Keith) and Ronnie. She will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Irene was an avid card player and enjoyed playing cards and board games with her family, especially her grandkids. She was well respected in the card playing community and played euchre and cribbage until very recently. Christmas was always at Grandma's house, no matter the grandkids' age. Family was most important to her. Irene spent many hours quilting and knitting, keeping her family in socks, mittens and quilts. She also donated many knitted and crocheted items to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Irene was a member of the Big Lake Women's Institute for many years. The family would like to thank the home care team, Dr. O'Connor and all of the staff at the Mindemoya Hospital for the excellent care of our mom. In memory of Irene, donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Visitation was held at Simpson Funeral Home on Thursday, August 3, 2023 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral was on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 11 am, burial followed at Grimesthorpe Cemetery.



### WALTER DAVID KOROLEWICH



Walter David Korolewicz, 81, of Mindemoya, Ontario, passed away peacefully on July 31, 2023. Wally is survived by his wife Darlene and daughter Melinda Bagnall (Peter), along with his granddaughters Alyssa and Lauren. Wally grew up in Sundown, Manitoba and spent his early years on his uncle's farm until he was 17. There he learned how to fix machinery, which became a primary passion of his life. After graduating high school he moved to Winnipeg and began his career working in a bank. He quickly realized that office work wasn't for him so he moved to Sudbury, Ontario to search out new opportunities. That is where he met the love of his life, Darlene (nee Corbiere). With their pioneer spirit, Wally and Darlene moved out west and got married on February 1, 1967 in Calgary, Alberta. They pursued their dreams and created a beautiful life together with their daughter, Melinda. Wally was a man of many talents but he clearly had an incredible skill for fixing anything mechanical which led him to a long career as an Industrial Mechanic Millwright. He also thoroughly enjoyed the great sport of hunting and was an avid outdoorsman. They spent most of their weekends off-roading, camping together and simply enjoying everything nature had to offer. One of his favourite places to be was deep in the forest where he could take it all in. Eventually Wally and Darlene retired near Sundre, Alberta on their country acreage in a little place called Coal Camp. After spending over 54 years as true Albertans, Wally and Darlene moved to Manitoulin Island, where Darlene was born and raised. They made this move to be closer to family, their daughter, and the grandchildren. Wally was known as a man of few words and an excellent listener. The words he spoke were insightful, caring and profound. He was a gentle soul with a sense of humour that always came out at the just the right time. He will be missed dearly be all that came to know and love him over the years. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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.

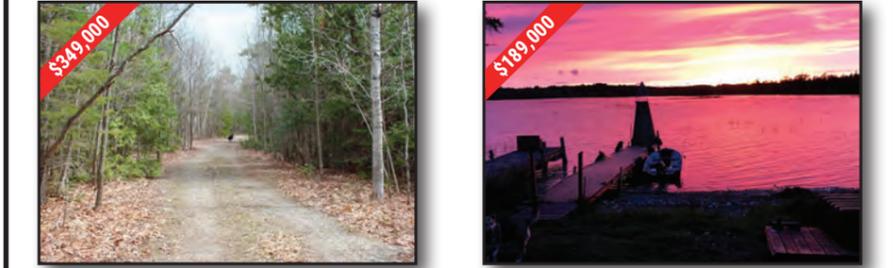
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## Emcon Services undertakes herbicide spraying targeting invasive phragmites

MANITOULIN—Emcon Services has begun its annual herbicide spraying program on Manitoulin Island, targeting invasive phragmites as well as invasive hog weed.

“We carry out spraying at about 155 locations (on and off-Island),” said Scott Wheeler, operations manager of Emcon, last week. “This falls under the pesticides control act for phragmites and governed by the Weed Control Act of Ontario.”

Mr. Wheeler explained “notice will be placed at all locations via small ground mounted signs,” with “the signs then being removed 48 hours after spraying.”

Emcon is using Credit Xtreme Herbicide for the spraying. “Emcon does not spray any private property, all spraying is done on the MTO right of ways,” said Mr. Wheeler. “We do not spray in high wind or

standing water areas.”

Emcon began its spraying campaign on July 24 on Manitoulin Island and the area, with the campaign to last approximately three to four weeks in total, weather depending.

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# Fourth annual Bay to Bay Bicycle ride to benefit community

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The fourth annual Bay to Bay Bicycle Ride fundraiser for Manitoulin Island food banks and other causes is expected to grow in ridership again this year.

“This year marks our fourth annual Bay to Bay Ride, and I think we have raised about \$50,000 over the years, and every dollar has gone back into the community,” stated Peter Carter, a member of the Gore Bay Rotary Club. He pointed out the main benefactor of the funds raised are food banks and food cupboards on Manitoulin Island. Along with food sustainability, Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Youth Mental Health and Addiction program has also benefited.

“This year we are splitting the funds raised from the ride toward, again, food sustainability on the Island and to the Gore Bay Fire Department toward equipment such as helmets, boots and firefighter suits. It costs \$3,300 per firefighter to get them properly equipped,” said Mr. Carter.

Mr. Carter said one of the biggest reasons the annual ride is a huge success is the sponsorship the Rotary

receives each year, which includes support from Manitoulin Transport, RE/MAX The Island Real Estate Brokerage, Pat Noble Lumber, Split Rail Brewing Company and Breakaway Sports.

“We are fortunate the ride continues to grow each year in terms of participants,” said Mr. Carter. “In the first year of the ride 25 people took part, while last year drew a total of 75 riders. This year we are hoping to get 100 riders to take part.”

There are three cycling routes to choose from. The century ride, 200 kilometres in length, takes riders from Gore Bay to Ice Lake, Spring Bay, Poplar, Barrie Island, Evansville, Burpee and Mills, and back to Gore Bay. There is a half century 100-kilometre loop ride and a family fun/children’s ride of six kilometres from Gore Bay to the Janet Head Lighthouse and back.

“We continue to get lots of off-Island riders who are excited to come to Manitoulin Island,” continued Mr. Carter. “All the repeat riders like the fundraising cause, the lunches that are provided and the many hydration stations

set up along the ride.”

“We will have a bunch of riders from the Rotary Club in Sudbury, and there will probably be another 12 riders from other parts of Ontario taking part. This will include the Sessions Clowns who will be front and centre in the main ride. They are pretty dedicated riders.”

The Bay to Bay Ride will take place on Saturday, August 12, with the century ride to begin between 7 and 7:30 am, and the 100 kilometre ride to begin shortly thereafter.

“This year, when the riders have completed their ride at Split Rail Brewing, participants will have an opportunity to mingle with fellow riders and answer any questions pertaining to bicycling on Manitoulin from members of the general public,” continued Mr. Carter.

Mr. Carter added, “we couldn’t do all of this without the tremendous support we receive from the community. We look forward to continuing to grow the ride, and we will have something special in place for the fifth annual ride in 2024.”



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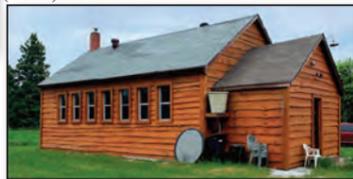
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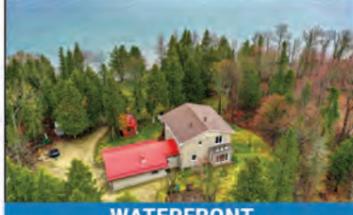
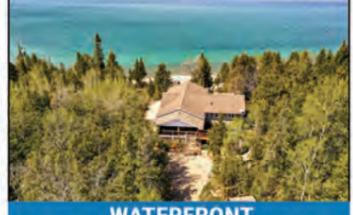
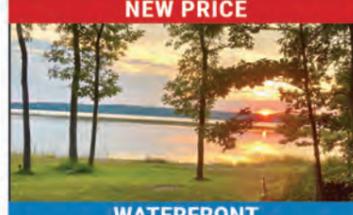


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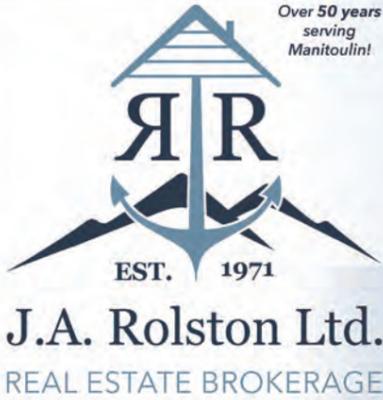
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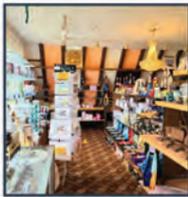
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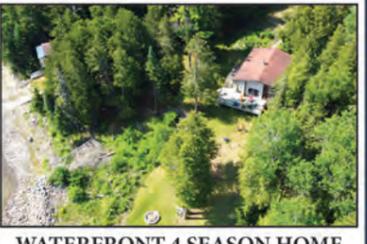
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## Ferguson family proud of young Taekwondo champ

by Michael Erskine  
SHEGUIANDAH—Olivia Ciciarella may be only nine years old, but she has the heart of a true champion. Olivia is the granddaughter of Ed and Connie Ferguson of Sheguiandah (Green Bay) and was up visiting the family cottage when The Expositor caught wind of her story.

Olivia began studying taekwondo at the start of the pandemic. That meant most of her classes were by Zoom, but luckily Olivia's father holds a black belt in karate and was very encouraging of both her and her younger sister. She is now not only able to attend classes but she can compete—and compete she does, bringing home gold among the many medals she scored at an international meet in South Africa.

Olivia competes in the Tatami events in taekwondo martial arts and she is coached by Kwan Na Jim



Olivia Ciciarella, 9, is the granddaughter of Ed and Connie Ferguson. Olivia recently competed at a taekwondo international event in South Africa, bringing home a pile of metal ranging from bronze to gold as well as a very impressive trophy.

photo by Michael Erskine

events were in Oudtshoorn and the second two events were in Cape Town. In Oudtshoorn, I won bronze for weapons (nunchucks) and silver for forms in the open tournament." While in the championship she won gold.

At Capetown, Olivia won gold for point sparring in the open tournament and silver in point sparring and gold in weapons in the championship round.

Olivia is no stranger to gold, having competed in the Ontario Winter Games in Pembroke at age eight,

time goes on that will become less of a challenge.

In the meantime, Olivia is staying focussed on the guiding principles of taekwondo. She rhymes them off without pause: "courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit."

Oh, and being a kid.

Olivia brought home a lot more than medals from her trip to South Africa. Her memories will include riding (and being hugged) by elephants and getting an ostrich massage.

"That's where you hold a



Olivia, third from left, holds up one end of the Canadian flag during the taekwondo tournament in South Africa. South Africa's flag is to the left.

where she won gold. It was after that competition that Olivia got a phone call from her instructor inviting her to participate in the WAKO National Team for Canada.

The biggest challenge for Olivia right now is her age. "I don't have very many to compete with," she said. As

bag of corn and the ostriches lean over your shoulders to eat the corn," she explains. "The massage part is from their soft necks."

Experiences that will remain cherished memories to last a lifetime.



Olivia in South Africa with her nun chucks.

Veronica Desantos, the first woman inducted into the National Martial Arts Hall of Fame and, most recently, inducted into the Canadian Karate Hall of Fame.

"Desantos Martial Arts is a part the World Association of Kick Boxing Organizations—WAKO—which is the on the doorstep to be in the Olympics," shared Olivia's mother, Stephanie (Ferguson) Ciciarella.

Olivia qualified at the age of eight for the Intercontinental Championship—South Africa versus Canada, despite actually being too young when registration opened, although she was of age once the competitions began.

"We were in South Africa for 14 days where I competed in four events," said Olivia. "The first two

## Manitoulin Sporting Life

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#### The Haw Runneth!

The annual Haw Run (1k, 5k and 10km fun runs) took place over the long weekend as part of the Little Current Lions Club's Haweater Weekend! A great turnout of 91 runners took to the roads of Little Current.

In the 5k – 3 mile run the first U16 female was **Mila Odjig**, second, **Mya Balfe** and **Rachel Quackenbush**, third. In the male under-16 division first was **Isaac Quackenbush**, then **Boston Abotossaway** and **David Joyce**.

The fastest 5k clocking was by **Alan Wilkin** (Male 16 – 49) in 18:47, followed by **Gordie Chown** and **Tom Chown**. The (16 – 49) top female was **Blaise Gravelle** then **Shannon McGale** and **Annie Balfe** third.

In the masters female division was **Joey-Lynn France** was first and **Karen Sheppard** second. **Steve Fessenden** was the first Mens' Master.

Congratulations to all the other participants: **Matthew Wilkin**, **Matthew Leale**, **Andrew Ault**, **Riley Findlater**, **Andrew Rose**, **Tim Verlaan**, **Patrick Marcotte**, **Dylan Walsh**, **Tate Abotossaway**, **Vince Riemer**, **Dan Castaldo**, **Oliver Hall**, **Neil Dixon**, **Keara Cavero**, **Severin Gravelle**, **Pascal Gravelle**, **Lyndsay Charbon-**

**Jessica Orr**, **Megean Madore**, **Brenna Madore**, **Hanna Gravelle**, **Melissa Gravelle** and **Jordan Schweyer!**

In the 10km event the first Under 16 female was **Lily Simon** then **Brooke Simon**. In the U16 male **Lucas Trottier** was first, with brother **Blake Trottier** in for second.

The fastest 10km time overall was **Lindsay Moreau-Verlaan** with great time of 43 minutes. **Hannah Brown** and **Jessica Stere** finished second and third, respectively.

Tops in the male 16 - 49 was **Kyle Gordon**, second was **Iain McGale**, **Sean O'Hare** in third and **Bill Slaght** fourth. In the Masters (50 plus!) **Robert McCallum** was the only brave master!

Of course a very special thanks to our volunteers, **Cath Hall**, **Nathan Quackenbush**, **Sarah Hall**, **Sam Aelick** and **Holly Scott** for keeping everyone moving in the right direction. Organizer **Ben Quackenbush** also sends out extra special thanks to **Nelson Wood** for his knowledge and expertise as a long-time facilitator of the Haw Run. The next Breakaway Race series event is the un-race-like The Mclean's 6 hour relay. It is a fun mountain bike race



The 5K Haw Run runners set out from the starting line outside the NEMI Public Library.

photo by Michael Erskine



The 1k crew line up for Haw Run.

photo by Bruce O'Hare

**neau**, **Marshall Odjig**, **Madison Charbonneau**, **Simon Fessenden**, **Cody Leeson**, **Alexis Smith**, **Avery Charbonneau**, **Carolyn Crang**, **Emily Deegan**, **Jess Sheppard-Baxter** (who deserves extra kudos for stopping to help a runner in need!), **Adrian Ramparsad**, **Jason Marcotte**, **Jacqueline Craig**, **Joelle Lachance Artindale**, **Stephanie VanHerk**, **Jessica Aelick**, **Sarah Odjig**, **Amber Gaudrault**, **Kimberly Knobel**,

accessible to everyone. Great for the serious competitor, the recreational weekend warrior or the entire family!

The format is for teams trying to complete as many laps of the course as they can over the six hours. You can ride it solo or in teams of two, three or four! Awards for top finishers as well as draw prizes and post-race BBQ. It is set for September 2 and registration can be completed on the Breakaway Sports website.

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

# Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics team holds free coding workshop

GORE BAY—On Thursday, August 3 the Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team, Manitoulin Metal, hosted a free coding work-

shop in Gore Bay.

This event was targeted towards kids in Grades 1 to 9. The workshop's curriculum was tailored to differ-

ent age groups and skill levels with the day being divided up into two sessions: one for the younger group and one for the older. Mani-

their faces, ready to learn more.

The evening session included kids from Grades 5 to 9. Using Manitoulin Metal's FIRST Tech bots and the programs VRS and OnBot.

Participants learned about Java, a popular coding language, and its many applications before beginning. Using a more advanced coding program than the earlier session, skills like how to turn, move forwards and backwards for different amounts of time, spinning, and making an arch were shown to participants. All of this was demonstrated with virtual robots that VRS generated to show the students how the robots would move based on their code. Using OnBot the group was able to transfer their new knowledge to program the FIRST Tech bots. After a little while there were robots zooming around the floors of the Gore Bay Community Hall.

This coding workshop



Students learning how to use the OnBot program with the help of a 6865 mentor.

Manitoulin Metal offered interactive activities, demonstrations and challenges to engage every child effectively throughout the workshop. Members of the robotics team served as guides, helping participants grasp coding concepts through hands-on activities.

During the morning session participants used the LEGO Education program and LEGO Spike Prime robots. Using a program on



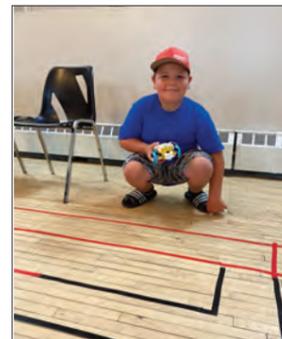
FIRST Tech challenge robot.

members from Manitoulin Metal told participants. "Code is like translating a recipe for a robot." The session closed after the children had designed their own mazes and coded their robots to go through them. They left with big smiles on



Robyn-Ashley helps a young student code.

the provided computers, kids were able to discover how to program the robot to move certain distances, turn, adjust speed and stop. "We can't talk to robots like we do our human friends. There's a special language they understand...code!"



A Grade 4 student with his maze and programmed robot.



A young female student works on troubleshooting her robot.

was one of many put on by Manitoulin Metal across the Island. The World Champion Finalists want to equip Manitoulin's children with essential coding skills and foster a passion for robotics. Manitoulin Metal wants to sow the seeds for a brighter and more innovative future, starting with Manitoulin's youth.

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

### Position Summary

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

### Qualifications

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

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

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

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Manitoulin Hotel  
Conference Centre

## Job Posting

**Experienced Kitchen Line Cook: Full-Time x 2**

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

**Work Setting**  
Hotel Restaurant

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

**Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.)**  
Safe Food Handlers

**Security and Safety**  
Bondable

**Essential Skills**  
Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

**Education**  
Completion of high school

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

## SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION PART-TIME JOB POSTING Bus Driver



### JOB PURPOSE:

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

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

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

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

Please submit applications marked "CONFIDENTIAL" via email, fax or in person to:

**Attn: Kevin Mishibinjima, O&M Manager**  
Sheguiandah First Nation  
142 Ogemah Miikan  
Sheguiandah, ON  
POP 1W0  
Or fax to: 705-368-3697

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

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

## News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

July 2023

### Claire's Picks

**Whispers At Dusk**  
by Heather Graham

**Cross Down**  
by James Patterson

**Inside Threat**  
by Matthew Quirk

**Rogue Justice**  
by Stacey Abrams

**The 9th Man**  
by Steve Berry

Whispers At Dusk – This is the start of a new series The Blackbird Trilogy

by an author I usually enjoy reading. She also wrote the series Krewe of Hunters which is another one of her series that I would recommend. So Whispers at Dark is an offshoot of the Krewe of Hunters. Enjoy

Cross Down – Alex Cross is gravely injured, only his partner and friend John Sampson can keep him safe and get him justice. For the first time Detective John Sampson is on his own without his partner Detective Alex Cross. It has always been Alex makes his own rules and John

enforces them. When military-style attacks erupt, brutally sidelining Cross, Sampson is sent reeling. The patterns are too random and don't trust anyone was the last statement Cross told Sampson. As a shadow force advances on the nation's capital, Sampson alone must protect the Cross family, his own young daughter and every American including the president. A good and fast read.

Inside Threat – This kept me reading far into the night, I enjoyed it. An attack on the White House sends the president and his closest aides to take shelter in a top secret government facility buried deep underground - but they soon discovered the threat is locked with them.

Rogue Justice – A riveting and intricately plotted thriller in which a blackmailed federal judge, a secret court, and a brazen murder may lead to an unprecedented national crisis. Drawing from today's headlines and weaving in her unique insider perspective, this novel combines twisting plot lines, wry wit, and clever puzzles to create another immensely enter-

taining suspense novel.

The 9th Man – This was very interesting and made me really wonder what happened in the President Kennedy assassinations and yes they are still writing books about this tragedy that happen many years ago. This is a fiction novel but so much truth in the story that it kept me reading and reading. Luke Daniels in is London between assignments with the Magellan Billet, when he receives a frantic call from an old friend. Jillian Stein is in trouble. She made a mistake and now her life may be in danger. Racing to Belgium he finds a shadow team of highly trained operatives is there on the hunt. Intervening he finds himself embroiled in a war between two determined sides – one seeking the truth, the other trying to escape the past – a war that has already claimed one life and is about to claim more.

Mindemoya library is having an "Meet the Authors Event" Saturday August 19 1 pm to 4 pm five different authors will be here at your library ready to meet you. They will be reading excerpts from their

books, answer any questions that you may have and will even have their books available to purchase. Please come and support these amazing authors and have a very enjoyable and sociable time, no admission charge.

Mahjong is still going every Wednesday morning 10 to 12 in the summer and Crocheting & Knitting Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 3pm and Spinning (not for beginners) Friday afternoons 1pm.

Lots of new books, DVDs

and talking books in your library as well as our book store is overflowing with books for sale 50cents each!

Hope you are all enjoying the summer, see you at your library.

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#### MFN GROCERY STORE INC. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSISTANT STORE MANAGER

**Salary:** Based on qualifications and experience  
**Position Status:** Full-Time Regular (32-40 hours per week)  
**Benefits:** Benefit Package and Pension Plan

#### Position Summary:

This position's objective is to assist the Grocery Store Manager in all aspects of the daily Grocery Store operations; managing and supervising employees to ensure optimal customer service; implement policy and procedures with an end goal of grocery store patrons receiving prompt, courteous, knowledgeable and friendly service while attaining profitable results.

**Reports to:** Grocery Store Manager

#### Qualifications and Requirements

##### Preferred:

- Degree/Diploma in Business Management or related field of study
- At least 2 years' retail purchasing or merchandise experience in a grocery store
- Have knowledge and/or experience with Anishnabek culture, history and customs

##### Minimum:

- Must have OSSD or equivalent
- At least 2 years' retail supervisor/assistant supervisor experience

##### Essential Functions:

- Assist the Store Manager with all aspects of running the grocery store
- Ensure, through proper supervision, that each department is ready daily
- Ensure that all merchandise and shelf tags have the correct price
- Supervise the grocery store floor, departments and employees
- Other:**
- Provide leadership in emergency situations
- Maintain a clean and orderly condition of the store floor and storage areas to meet the health and safety standards
- Commitment to providing superior customer service and ability to work closely and cooperatively with others
- Develop and implement marketing strategies for the grocery store
- Must have access to a reliable vehicle
- Must have Valid G licence

#### The successful candidate will be required to submit the following upon hire:

- Current thirty (30) day Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC)

#### Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

c/o Sean Gray, MFN Grocery Store Manager  
404 HWY 551, M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0  
OR email resumes to gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

Incomplete applications will not be considered and only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For a complete job description, please contact Sean Gray at gsmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

## Tickets now on sale for 2024 men's, ladies' provincial championship

*Little Current Curling Club hosting major event*

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—As members of the Little Current Curling Club (LCCC) gear up to host the 2024 Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) men's and women's provincial curling championship, a great indication the event isn't that far off is that

tickets went on sale for the event this past Saturday.

"Ticket sales will start to go on sale this Saturday," said Joe Cooper, chair of the organizing committee, last week. "Early

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### FULL- AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY RN, RPN and PSW Manitoulin Centennial Manor

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

#### Responsibilities include:

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

#### Qualifications:

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

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

#### Compensation includes

Competitive wages, health and benefit package and pension.

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

For more information or to submit your resume, contact:

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



### KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

#### FULL-TIME positions:

##### Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:

Finance Clerk: Closes August 18, 2023

#### CONTRACT positions:

##### Manitoulin:

Youth in Transition Worker: Closes August 18, 2023

Education Support Worker: August 18, 2023

##### Sudbury:

Youth in Transition Casual Cook: August 18, 2023

After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes August 18, 2023

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

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

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

# ...Tickets now on sale for 2024 men's, ladies' provincial championship

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 bird tickets are available for \$85 until the end of October, and \$100 after that." There will also be one day tickets available, all online through Ticket Spice.  
 "We have retained the services of Maple

Leaf Ice Consulting and Tom Leonard, from Sudbury," said Mr. Cooper. Mr. Leonard oversaw the ice the last time the Little Current Curling Club hosted a major event like this. In 2018 the men's provincials were also held in Little Current.

Mr. Leonard, "will be bringing in an additional icemaker from Thunder Bay to help out as well. We will have good ice." "We are getting some sponsors on board," said Mr. Cooper. "Manitoulin Transport will be a platinum sponsor (\$10,000), with

this being an NOCA event." The NOCA men's and women's provincial curling championship will take place January 23-28. For more information go on to the Little Current Curling Club Facebook page.

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**RECRUITING EMPLOYEES?**  
 Our online job board and the 'Life' section of the Expositor is waiting to advertise your employment opportunities!  
 Contact us at: [sales@manitoulin.com](mailto:sales@manitoulin.com)  
 or by phone: (705) 368-2744




**Director of Finance and Treasurer**

The Township of Billings is recruiting a new Director of Finance and Treasurer.

In this role you will perform the statutory duties of the municipal treasurer and manage the administration of financial accounting in the areas of budgeting, accounting, investment fund management, tax revenue, risk management, purchasing and asset management. Option to work virtually or work on-site.

For more information, please visit [www.billingstwp.ca](http://www.billingstwp.ca) or contact:  
**Amy Oliveira**  
 416-214-9299 x4, [amyoliveira@waterhousesearch.net](mailto:amyoliveira@waterhousesearch.net)  
 or  
**Jon Stungevicius**  
 416-214-9299 x1, [jon@waterhousesearch.net](mailto:jon@waterhousesearch.net)



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications for the position of

**PROVINCIAL OFFENCES MANAGER**

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

Please submit your application to the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m. August 25, 2023

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

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

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

**COOK and DIETARY AIDE**  
**Manitoulin Centennial Manor**

Looking for an enthusiastic energetic person to join our team of dietary professionals at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility, located in Little Current, ON

\$22.00 per hour plus benefits and pension or 17% in lieu of benefits.

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

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

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS, WE WILL ALSO TRAIN THE RIGHT PERSON.**

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

**Interested applicants may forward their resume to the attention of:**

Kim McFarlane: [kimcfarlane@extendicare.com](mailto:kimcfarlane@extendicare.com)  
 OR  
 Don Cook: [dcook@extendicare.com](mailto:dcook@extendicare.com)




**Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS)**  
**Employment Opportunity:**  
**Special Projects Officer**

**Reporting to: ASETA Manager**

**Primary Function:** This position will assist Enaadmaagehjik in the development areas of Light Manufacturing, Energy, Agriculture/Aquaculture, and with the administration of budgets over-and-above current WLMS funding.

Salary Range: 40K to 44K per annum, commensurate with experience (2 year contract)

**Key Job Functions/Major Responsibilities:**

1. Liaise with employers, on/off reserve and other federal/provincial employment and training agencies, Ministry of Labour, Skills Development and Training and post-secondary institutes;
2. Write proposals to secure funds to support targeted or specialized training;
3. Participate with and provide recommendations to the Enaadmaagehjik Board of Directors regarding specific labour market issues;
4. Coordinate, facilitate and/or participate in labour market presentations to explain the priorities and objectives of the Enaadmaagehjik and WLMS Programs to potential partners.
5. Assist with event coordination.

**Key Job Functions/Major Responsibilities:**

- Post-secondary graduate in general office administration or human resources
- Previous experience in a human resource service
- Experience with budgeting/bookkeeping/reporting
- Excellent problem-solving, communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to "think outside of the box"
- Experience with on-reserve and off-reserve deliverables
- Comfort with providing public presentations
- Possession of a valid Class G Driver's Licence required and access to a vehicle
- Work flexible hours (evening and weekend included)
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage
- Teamwork/Leadership skills
- Selected candidate will be required to submit a CPIC

**Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.**  
**Deadline: August 16, 2023**

Please submit a covering letter, resume and 3 recent work reference letters to:  
**Applications: Special Projects Officer**  
 Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS  
 2102 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0

**For information and/or job description, please contact:**  
 Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans at 705-859-3001



**Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS)**  
**Employment Opportunity:**  
**Intake Worker**

**Reporting to: Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS Operations Supervisor**

**Description:** The Intake Worker will work in a professional manner and will operate within quality assurance standards to ensure the employment and training services meet the expectations of clients. This is achieved by providing services in a timely and efficient manner to clients, and by assisting the Employment and Training Officers.

Salary Range: 40K to 44K

**Duties:**

- Ensure proper initial client intake and referral processes take place with prospective recipients of WLMS program funding;
- Ensure proper recipient documentation and registration;
- Explain priorities and objectives of WLMS programs to potential applicants;
- Assist with the statistical information gathering process and upload to ESDC;
- Assist clients with Employment Insurance applications, reporting, queries;
- Ensure ongoing file data management processes and data entry is maintained and completed for each recipient;
- Assist clients with occupation research, career action plans, job search activities and job maintenance issues using resources, internet, labour market information;
- Assist clients with preparation of applications for WLMS program applications;
- Maintaining current Job Board information;
- Promote the mission and vision of Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS;

**Qualifications:**

- Post-Secondary graduate in human services or office administration
- Previous employment/career facilitation experience
- Two years experience in general office administration or human services
- Interest in Career Development and Job Searching Techniques
- Class "G" driver's licence and access to a vehicle
- Ability to work flexible hours (evenings and weekends) when need arises
- Ability to respond to criticisms and complaints from clients, community
- Ability to inform and explain rejections, contract compliance with recipients

Please submit cover letter, resume, copies of diploma/degree/pertinent certificates and 3 most-recent work-related references. Post interview, the successful applicant must submit a criminal reference check, to be followed by ESDC Security screening.

**Closing date: August 16, 2023**

**Please submit application to: Manager, Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS**  
 2102 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0

*Please note "Intake Worker" and "Confidential" on the outside of your envelope. We thank all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. There will be no return of submissions.*