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Cross-Island carnival fun



A log sawing competition was only one of the many fun activities held as part of the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation annual winter carnival.



Jackie Bowerman is all smiles as she whips up a big batch of scones for Shtaa Taa Haa Days on Sheguiandah First Nation.



Tamia with her beautiful flower bouquet courtesy of the Whitefish River First Nation Winter Carnival.

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Poetry in motion: A generous re-gifting in spirit of Valentine's Day

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—Expositor Poetry Contest winner Ashley Whyte enjoys writing and says that her poetry, while largely stream of consciousness, tends to come out naturally in rhyme. When asked which restaurant Ms. White would like to have her romantic dinner for two paid at, she responded that she would pre-

fer to decline the prize and have The Expositor donate a comparable amount to Manitowaning's Fixing Our Felines program.

"My partner Dylan and I have been blessed with wonderful animal companions," she said. "We originally were going to have the prize money donated to

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Wiikwemkoong athlete perishes from gunshot, 18-year-old M'Chigeeng youth charged with murder

WIKWEMKOONG—While an arrest has been made in connection to a shooting death on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, the community is dealing with the loss of a well-known member.

"The community is very sad and hurting. The next couple of days, weeks and months will be very difficult," stated Rachel Manitowabi, ogimaa-kwe of Wiikwemkoong. "This is something that the community is shocked by, but we're trying to pull together."

On Sunday, February 19, shortly before 1:40 am, members of the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Sagamok detachment of the Anishinabek Police Service responded to a shooting at a residence on Hill's Trail in Wiikwemkoong village.

Upon arrival, police learned that one person had been shot and that the suspect had fled the scene.



The late Brandon Pheasant

Brandon Trudeau Pheasant, 25, from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, died as a result of his injuries. A "shelter in place of safety" order was temporarily initiated by the police until the arrest was made. The provincial operations centre issued a stay at home directive and this was removed early on Sunday morn-

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Prov man finds debris possibly connected to recent object downed over lake

by Tom Sasvari

LAKE HURON—While a search for debris from an unidentified high-altitude object that had been shot down by the United States over Lake Huron last Sunday, February 12 has been suspended by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and American partners, a Providence Bay resident says he saw what could possibly be some of the debris on power wires in the Grimsthorpe area south of Providence Bay and has photos of debris that he feels could quite possibly be some of the material that Canadian and US partners had been searching for. Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden said that the objects shot down over North America in the past 10 days appear to not be part of China's spy balloon operation.

Local resident Daniel Dragisic told The Expositor on Thursday, "I saw and took pictures of what could be some of the crap that was shot down. The stuff I was able to get a picture of looks like a junk piece of rigging, with hooks and connectors (and was located at the two bridges on Beaver Road about two kilometres east of Grimsthorpe Road. It certainly didn't get there itself. The first piece I found on early morning Monday, massive white wire cable stuff was on power lines on Grimsthorpe Road. It was a big piece of material."

"The big piece of debris that was caught up on the wires on

Grimsthorpe Road had been removed by the time I returned Monday afternoon with my camera," said Mr. Dragisic. "But the other one I found on Beaver Road is still there, that I know of, and I took a photo of it on the power lines."

Mr. Dragisic explained "I know several boats were out looking for debris from the (unidentified high-altitude object). Yes, I had

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Municipalities to raise concerns with ministry in case of possible bridge failure

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) has agreed to meet with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) in person to discuss its concerns with the newly-revised Little Current Swing Bridge emergency plan. Members voiced concerns at a meeting last week that the plan only addresses a short-term emergency should the bridge become inoperable, not a long-term shutdown. The MMA would also like the emergency

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Centennial Manor receives Employer Stellar Award from Workforce Planning for Sudbury, Island

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Centennial Manor received an Employer Stellar Award from Workforce Planning for Sudbury and Manitoulin. The long-term care residence was nominated for the award by Kenjgewin Teg, the M'Chigeeng-based educational institute, a number of whose graduates have gone on to work for the Manor following work placements.

"It is quite nice," said Manor administrator Don Cook, who noted that much of the credit for the award goes to Sylvie Clarke, director of care at the Manor, for her hard work and dedication in ensuring Kenjgewin Teg students were well matched and supported during their placements at the Manor.

"The focus for the award was to showcase and acknowledge trailblazing businesses and organizations who value sharing their expertise, knowledge and time to train future members of the workforce," noted Kenjgewin Teg in announcing the award. "We would like to congratulate you, as well as express our gratitude with assisting in student success with Kenjgewin Teg and your commitment to our students, and more often hiring those who you've trained."

The citation notes that, "for the

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Manitoulin Centennial Manor administrator Don Cook and director of care Sylvie Clarke pose with the Employer Stellar Award the long-term care residence received from Workforce Planning for Sudbury & Manitoulin. The award recognized the efforts made by the Manor in supporting personal support worker students during their placements.

photo by Michael Erskine

Federal NDP MPs oppose disappearance of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding

by Tom Sasvari
ALGOMA-MANITOULIN-KAPUSKASING—Federal NDP members of parliament in Northern Ontario will be opposing the Ontario Federal Electoral Boundary Commission's final report on electoral boundaries that proposes Northeastern Ontario would lose one member of parliament. The Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding would effectively disappear with its southeastern portion joining

a larger Nickel Belt riding, to be renamed Manitoulin-Nickel Belt. "We are opposing it, and hopefully the commission will see their way to changing their minds," stated Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing after an NDP caucus meeting last week. "We will be requesting that we be able to make a presentation to the House of Commons procedure committee and from there that committee makes a recommendation to

the electoral boundary commission on possible changes."

MP Hughes pointed out at this time, "I talked to federal Liberal MPs yesterday and their chair of the Northern Ontario caucus who indicated not all their MPs were there for the meeting. There is a 30-day period after the proposal was tabled, to submit opposition. I'm assuming they will. At this point the one Conservative MP in Northern Ontario (Kenora-Rainy River) is happy with the changes made in the boundary commission report."

MP Hughes explained, "it's not about remaining status quo, but keeping the 10 seats in Northern Ontario and seeing where they can fit in another seat in Northern Ontario in the proposed base."

"I've asked the party to look at what the commission has proposed and make adjustments to keep 10 seats in the North," continued MP Hughes. "We will also be ramping up our campaign to have municipalities send letters of opposition to the electoral boundary commission. We know NEMI council wrote a letter previously opposing the changes being proposed, and we have received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce in Kapuskasing that are against the changes. We have also been receiving feedback from individuals in opposition to the changes."

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Manitoulin Secondary School returns to the stage with 'Something Rotten'

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—The stage at Manitoulin Secondary School was filled with motion and song as student thespians were taken through their paces by director Chris Theijsmeijer after school on Wednesday, February 15. Although opening night still remains a few weeks off, the students were exhibiting a confidence and poise that belies their youth.

Of course, MSS students are known for their excellent executions of the musical genre and, judging by the rehearsal observed by The Expositor on Wednesday, this year's performance of the Broadway adaptation

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The student cast of 'Something Rotten' during a recent rehearsal, under the direction of teacher Chris Theijsmeijer.

MSS student Jocelyn Kuntsi shortlisted for prestigious Loran Award scholarship

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—Jocelyn Kuntsi of Manitowaning, who is a Grade 12 student at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) is one of 90 students across Canada who has been selected as a 2023 Loran Award finalist. The Loran Award is a four-year leadership enrichment program consisting of summer work experiences, mentorship, scholar gatherings, an annual living stipend and a tuition waiver at one of 25 university partners.

"Yes, it is crazy, I certainly wasn't expecting to get this far," Ms. Kuntsi told The Expositor. "I heard about the program from my program director at SHAD this past summer." The SHAD enrichment program is named after Shad Creek in Southern Ontario for high achieving high school students in Canada and held every summer.

"The Loran Scholars Foundation is delighted to share that Jocelyn Kuntsi, Manitowaning (Manitoulin Secondary School) has been selected as a 2023 Loran



Grade 12 student Jocelyn Kuntsi, of Manitowaning, has been shortlisted for the prestigious national Loran Award.

finalist and is within the top 1.9 percent of applicants," a release reads.

"To be in the top 1.9 percent of all applicants is amazing," said Meghan Moore, chief executive

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Central Manitoulin is hopeful ministry will cover UMIT costs

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Following conversations between Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens, CAO Denise Laforge and officials at the Ministry of Transportation (MTO), Mayor Stephens expressed confidence that the ministry will cover the overspend by United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) during the municipality's Finance and Economic Development committee meeting on February 16.

The public transit pilot was being funded through the municipality until recently. Following the withdrawal of the municipality from the project, it was discovered that UMIT had spent well over \$100,000 more than was allocated. "UMIT had dipped into our kitty," Mayor Stephens characterized the issue and said that he and the CAO questioned the ministry on "how that was allowed to happen."

The mayor said that the ministry only paid those invoices which it had received. "They indicated that they were willing to pay more," Mayor Stephens informed council.

Since UMIT quit operations before all of the allocated funding had been spent, Mayor Stephens indicated that funding remained and the municipality would be submitting invoices for the overspend by UMIT.

Mayor Stephens strongly criticized the management of the public transit pilot program during his briefing of council, noting that the resignation of high-profile members of the community from its board was an early warning that things were not as they should be.

Councillor Derek Stephens asked if the tally could go over the originally allocated \$500,000. Mayor Stephens responded that there was

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Eight noms for M'Chigeeng First Nation chief in upcoming March 27 election

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—There are eight candidates in the running for chief and 72 candidates have been nominated to fill the 10 seats on the M'Chigeeng council in the upcoming band chief and council elections. The nomination meeting was held Monday, February 13.

The eight candidates who have been nominated for the position of chief include incumbent Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige. Other candidates include Wayne Trudeau, Alan Corbiere, Marlene Debassige, Floyd Ense, Clyde Migwans, Thomas Hare and Renee Corbiere.

Those nominated for a seat on band council include Chelsea H. Cameron, Marko Debassige, Samantha Corbiere, Earl L. Debassige, Ryan Glen Corbiere, incumbent Dennis W. Corbiere, Jason McLeod, Pierre Debassige, Steven Debassige, Debbie Debassige, Wayne Trudeau, Allan Corbiere, Jade Peltier, incumbent Charles J. Beaudin, incumbent Tom Hare, Robert Beaudin, Travis Corbiere, Jared Ense, Andrew Debassige, incumbent Daughness Migwans, Sally Hare, Shanna Hare, George Corbiere, Albert Beaudin, Thomas Ense, Perry Bebamash, Marko Debassige, Neda Toeg, Lisa Corbiere Aronson, Howard Debassige, Mark Debassige, Ray Corbiere, Alayna Cranston, Melissa Kisnich, Dominic Bebonang, Diane Louise Bebonang, Tim Debassige, Nancy Debassige, Nate Corbiere, Martin Panimick, Henry Migwans, Terry Debassige, Lynn Migwans, Sheldon Migwans, Joanne Panamick, Joseph Panamick, Keith Debassige, Kevin Josh Eshkawkogan, Mielo Debassige, Derek Debassige, Joseph Clyde Migwans, incumbent Henry Panamick sr., Brenda Debassige, Andrea Panamick, Joe Hare, Steve Debassige, incumbent Sam Debassige, James B Panamick sr., incum-

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Vindication for Trudeau government does not extend to Ford

The report of Justice Paul Rouleau's inquiry into the federal government's invocation of the Emergencies Act a year ago has resulted in vindication for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the federal Liberals, but provides a scathing assessment of the actions, or rather inactions, of Ontario Premier Doug Ford and his Progressive Conservative government.

Premier Ford managed to bypass much of the angst aimed at the prime minister and his government over mandates resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, even while many of those mandates being protested originated at the provincial level—but did not manage to bypass Justice Rouleau's assessment.

The five-volume, 2,000 page report's penultimate finding was that the invocation of the Emergencies Act was justified, this after six weeks of testimony that included an almost unprecedented appearance of the prime minister, numerous ministers and the release of cabinet documents—but not Premier Ford or his solicitor general Sylvia Jones, who both dodged the questions on their responses to the Freedom Convoy by citing parliamentary privilege.

That is not to say that the federal government completely dodged any flak from the situation, Prime Minister Trudeau's "fringe minor-

ity" comment "served to energize the protesters, hardening their resolve and further embittering them toward government authorities," noted the report.

Justice Rouleau cited a "failure of federalism" in his report that placed much of the blame at the provincial level. Justice Rouleau said Canada's system demands that "governments at all levels, and those who lead them ... rise above politics and collaborate for the common good. This did not always happen." The justice went on to assert that "more should have been done on all sides" to work together to resolve the issues.

Justice Rouleau provided 56 recommendations in his report, but if there is one thing that is clear from the debacle that was all governments' responses to the Freedom Convoy occupation of downtown Ottawa and blockages of busy border crossings, it is that our leaders must stop playing politics with crises such as these and start governing as they were elected to do. Egos, so essential to running and winning elections, need to be checked at the door.

There is a clear need for reform of the way security is provided at our nation's capital—getting the ball rolling on that might just be a good place to start.

Ten-year-old Wiikwemkoong kwe a rising star in film and commercials

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—Ten-year-old Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat has filmed her first commercial and has since landed a role in a major commercial of the Joy Smith Foundation in the past few months.

"Emilee Ann signed with Vancouver-based Midnight Artisans in November 2021 and has been auditioning for movies and commercials," said Sara Pitawanakwat of her daughter Emilee Ann. The Pitawanakwats are from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. The senior Ms. Pitawanakwat was born in Little Current and raised in Wiikwemkoong. Emilee Ann was born in Toronto but knows the community of Wiikwemkoong very well.

"One thing that happened last year is she auditioned for a part in



Ten year-old Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat has filmed her first commercial and has landed a role in a major commercial of the Joy Smith Foundation.



Ten year-old Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat demonstrates her finesse as a hoop dancer. Emilee displays a focus and work ethic that belies her youth.

the drama series Sweet Tooth on Netflix. After she auditioned Emilee Ann got a call back for a

second audition, one of five candidates in North America for the role," said Sara.

While Emilee Ann did not get the part, "it was amazing how she handled it," said Sara. "She didn't get discouraged at all. It was just after that she filmed her first commercial with the Dairy Farmers of Canada, in July. This was a huge thing for her." The commercial focuses on the importance of milk for young people to help them stay active and healthy.

"Then just before Christmas Emilee Ann auditioned for (and got a role) in a public service (internet and print) commercial released by the Joy Smith Foundation," said Sara. She explained, "they are about educating people about the increasing problem of human trafficking and 'know the signs' for young people who are being targeted. It is a heavy topic especially when you consider she

is only 10 and in Grade 5."

"This was her first lead in a commercial," said Sara, who pointed out her daughter, "has been on a film set before. She was one of four actors, the others being 17 and 18 years old."

"I was very proud that she landed this role especially on such an important topic," said Sara. "And it opened up communication between her and I on the subject of human trafficking, so she understands for instance why I tell her to call me when she is leaving school and on her way home."

Sara said her daughter was involved in an incident directly involving an inappropriate act just before filming the commercial. "I remember we were in the mall one day before the filming in this role. I told her I wanted to go into a store, and she asked if she could sit on a bench in the main

concourse of the mall. I kept my eye on her from the store. When I went to the cash register to pay for the items I was buying, Emilee Ann came in and stood beside me. She told me she had remembered talking about human trafficking and how predators bait their victims. She told me she had been sitting on the bench and an older man sitting at the end of the bench slid over and put his arm over the armrest around her. Em walked away immediately because she is aware of having her space. I was so proud of her."

"I talked to the Joy Smith Foundation and they are going to be launching the commercial on internet and in print on February 22. We are both pretty excited about that, especially because the commercial focuses on such an important topic," said Sara.

In late January the 'Kids Helpline' contacted the family about booking Emilee Ann for a commercial, but since they will be taking holidays at that time, she had to decline the offer.

"On September 29 the Truth and Reconciliation Centre hosted and filmed a concert in Mississauga," said Sara. The live show included many well-known musical artists including Susan Aglukark, Mimi O'Bonsawin, Neon Dreams and more.

Sara and Emilee Ann met with Joy Smith. "It was really nice, and I think a beautiful friendship is blossoming with her. We will be working with the foundation in the future."

"I'm in awe of everything that Em does," said Sara. "I will just say to her your agent called and wants to know if you want to audition for a commercial, film, dance and she almost always says yes. The only time she said no was a week after the Truth and Reconciliation concert recording, when she said her legs were tired from all the dancing she had done. She works really hard for a little girl."

Island agri-service business receives \$200,000 in NOHFC funding

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island business Martin Agri-Services of Gordon/Barrie Island is among 10 agri-food projects in Northern Ontario being supported by more than \$1.8 million in funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC).

\$200,000 is being provided to Martin Agri-Services to provide leading-edge equipment and field services currently unavailable on Manitoulin Island and improve on-farm production, efficiency and crop yield while reduc-

ing the carbon footprint of the local agricultural sector.

"The agri-food industry continues to have a crucial role in supporting the health and prosperity of our northern communities," said Greg Rickford, minister of Northern Development, who made the announcement on February 15 in Sudbury. "Our government is committed to expanding access to fresh, locally produced food and we are proud to help agri-food businesses become a cornerstone of the

Northern Ontario economy."

The NOHFC promotes economic prosperity across Northern Ontario by providing financial assistance to projects, big and small, rural and urban, that stimulate growth, job creation and skills development. Since June 2018, the NOHFC has invested more than \$608 million in 5,070 projects in Northern Ontario, leveraging more than \$1.93 billion in investment and creating or sustaining over 8,100 jobs.

Pat Best

Pat Best is well-known for the formidable project of researching and writing several historical epics that help immortalize the early pioneer stories of Western Manitoulin. She is a true Haweater with several generations of ancestors on the Island since settlement began. The 'History of Mills Township' was finished in 2005, and four other similar projects followed, taking a total of eight years for all five. Pat's early career of teaching began after attending Teacher's College in Toronto. She taught in Sudbury, the Cambridge area, and Manitoulin Island. Pat also served on Gordon Township council and was the reeve for two terms. After the children started school, Pat became a bookkeeper for H & R Noble Construction for many years. Following this, she learned to do upholstery, running 'Best Upholstery' from her home, and created many beautiful quilts. These days, Pat makes her home in the Millsite Apartments in Gore Bay.

Paternal great-grandparents are Marshall John Orford, born in 1840, and Sarah (McKay) Orford. They arrived in Mills Township in 1881, with some of their adult children and registered their land in 1886 on Orford Road, off Poplar Road. Paternal grandparents are Martha Baker and Donald Orford. They had three children including John, Pat's father and two girls (both of whom died with cancer in the 1930s). Grandfather Donald died from a heart attack in his fifties. "John, my father, was planning a career in banking but when his father died, he came home to run the farm. In 1936, he married Mary Granger, the daughter of William and Alice (Stevens) Granger, of Gordon Township. It was not long before a second tragedy, a chimney fire, claimed the family home and most of their possessions. Grandmother Martha continued to live with our family in the new house, built with community help. Dad was the only family she had left since her daughters had passed away."

Pat was born on March 2, 1939, to John and Mary Orford. Doctor Strain was attending another birth, but he finished, went home, got a new team of horses and then drove out over the snowbanks to see Mary. The birth went smoothly. Pat had an older brother Jack and would have six more siblings, Don, Lois, Floyd, Murray, Marian and Doug. "Because Dad stayed home to farm, he luckily missed going to war. Grandmother taught me to read with the Grade 1 reader which featured Mary, John and Peter and cost four cents at the local drug store. Once school started, we had access to lots of wonderful books like Anne of Green Gables, The Bobbsey Twins, the Hardy Boys and the Zane Grey books."

"On the farm, a much larger barn was raised in 1941, again with the help of the community. Dad was one of the first farmers in Mills to get a tractor." The new house had only four rooms, two upstairs and two downstairs. Grandmother had two rooms and the family had the other two rooms which had to accommodate Mary, John and four children at the time. "Luckily, Grandmother allowed me to sleep with her. We did a lot of things together, including her teaching me to read, sew and knit."

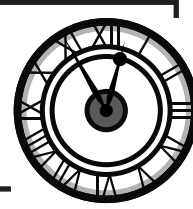
"When my older brother Jack turned seven, I started school and we both walked over two miles there and back. There were no neighbours to accompany us. In the winter, the way home was dark. I remember being afraid that a bear or a wolf would appear but we were lucky and always made it back with no 'wild' encounter. I liked schoolwork, and concerts were especially fun."

"In 1946, while still in Grade 1,



Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
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John, Floyd, Lois, Don, Pat and Jack Orford on logs in 1949.



Pat poses with her first car in September 1962.

we bought a new farm, south of Poplar corner, closer to the school, and with neighbours nearby. One of my best early memories happened in 1951 when hydro came into our area. I was 12, had always been nearsighted and now I was amazed at how bright my world became. Before hydro, dad would take the gas lantern to the barn for the milking and leave us with just a dim coal oil light. Now we had lights everywhere. In preparation for that wonderful event, we had already purchased our electric refrigerator from Dad's cousin, Charlie Robertson. This was a great replacement for the old icebox in the shed that had tried to keep food cool in the summer. It wasn't long before an electric washing machine replaced the scrub board and the hand cranked machine that itself had been a great replacement in its day. By the mid-fifties, Doug was born. Our house had grown too, with a big addition."

"At home, my main interest was sewing. We had two Singer, treadle sewing machines, one with white thread and one with black for mom to keep up with needed repairs for her large family. I loved all fabric, the way it looked, and the feel of the texture. It would be ordered from the Eaton's catalogue and local stores. Knitting was important too. Cooking and cleaning were never my favourite tasks but as the oldest girl, I was responsible for specific chores and looking after the younger children. One chore I disliked was collecting eggs. The

hens would peck at my hands."

"For high school, our parents took turns driving us, until about 1955 when a bus was hired. After finishing high school, all the boys left home for further education or work. They got jobs at INCO, or in construction-related jobs in Sudbury and beyond. Once they accumulated some money, they all bought land on the Island and eventually all became successful farmers on Manitoulin with good skills in building and fixing. Jack owned a cattle truck and that activity led to the establishment of the well-used Little Current Sales Barn. Marian travelled extensively but settled in the mountains of British Columbia where she and husband Ian, a skilled carpenter, still ski and enjoy outdoor life. Lois and her family also spent 30 years in British Columbia before she returned to Manitoulin in her senior years."

Pat left home at 17 to study teaching. "In 1956, I took the train from McKerrow to Toronto where I studied at the Teacher's College for a year. My grandmother had always insisted that I would become a teacher. At that time, the two main jobs held by women were nursing and teaching." Her new talents were first used for the Grade 6 class at the Lansdowne Public School in Sudbury. "I liked this work. Two of us taught the Grade 6 classes. There had been no sports previously at this school so we both decided to take on this challenge. Without a gym, all the activities had to be outside: soft-

ball, volleyball, track and field. The big stack at INCO had not gone up yet, so on certain days, smog made it hard to see across the schoolyard. You could taste the acid in the air."

After three years in Sudbury, Pat took a teaching position in a new rural school, outside of Galt, now Cambridge. About 30 students were distributed in eight grades in one room. There was a modern oil furnace, and the lessons had to be highly organized. After one year, buses had been



Patricia Orford in front of the school house in 1949.

brought in for all the schools so that each location had only one or two grades. Pat taught for three years for this school board and made a lifelong friend.

Pat recalls her summer trip west with three other teachers. "We left in an old Vauxhall with a tarp covering our tent, pots and sleeping bags on the roof. We camped most of the summer in the Canadian west and in the United States. We enjoyed new sights and campfire sing songs with Jane and her ukelele. The following year, another group of us went east and saw much of that coast but we didn't get to Newfoundland."

In 1963, Pat felt it was time to move home. "Mother was not well and needed help. I bought a good sewing machine that I still use and I taught at the old Union School, where the Burpee Mills Complex is now. It was a tiny one-room school with about 25 students. To keep classes productive, I would combine some of the classes and let other classes do assignments. We had two recesses, and the students brought their lunches so all of us stayed at the school. We had a caretaker to light the stove each morning and ensure the wood supply was replenished. As part of the recreational component, our school played baseball and other sports with neighboring schools and staged a popular Christmas concert. At recess, baseball and 'auntie-I-over the woodshed,' throwing a ball over the shed, were popular."

It wasn't long before Pat was dating Edward Best whom she had known for several years. He had a sister, Marianne, and he farmed with his dad, Irwin Best, in Gordon Township, producing many potatoes. His mother, Edith (Brockelbank) loved flowers, especially African violets, which covered her dining room table. Edward was a happy-go-lucky guy, fun to be with and known for his contagious laughter. He worked part-time at his Uncle Orval Brockelbank's electrical business

and for The Gordon Telephone Company, doing installations and repairs. About 1964, Edward and his dad bought the McArthur farm across the road."

"We married on July 24, 1965, at the Gore Bay United Church. Timing was good; first haying was finished, and the new grain was not ripe yet. I had sewn my dress and those for the three bridesmaids. Our church hall supper and reception were attended by family, friends and neighbours. After our trip to the Thousand Islands, we set up our home in the farmhouse with the McArthurs. We used the living room and the upstairs. We got along well, and this arrangement lasted almost six years."

"I left teaching at Christmas 1966 before the birth of our daughter, Heather. Sons Brent and Darren joined Heather to complete the family. For a while, we had three in cribs to save space. Darren's crib was in the hall closet. I was always taking in sewing from clients. When the new high school in Gore Bay opened in 1969, I started teaching sewing two nights a week there. Soon, Cambrian College set up courses on Manitoulin and I was the registrar for all their courses, ranging from wood-working to electrical as well as sewing."

"In 1971 the McArthurs moved to town and we had the whole house to ourselves. In 1974, we built an addition to the back of the house, allowing us to add a basement and a furnace. In 1980, we took a family camping trip in an old Chevy with a big trunk that carried all our stuff. I did all the cooking and the driving. The kids set up camp each night. Our destination was the west coast, specifically the homes of my two sisters, one living on Vancouver Island. Edward flew out to meet us after the haying to accompany us home. Lots of good memories remain."

When the kids were all in school, Pat began to work for Randy Noble who was establishing H & R Noble Construction after working with his dad. At first, Pat worked with his mother, Rennie, a well-known educator who had helped to set up the Flower of Hope School and later, the Hope Farm. Pat loved her bookkeeping role and stayed for many years.

"Our daughter Heather attended Wilfred Laurier and later became a very busy chartered accountant. Her husband Dave Hall is an electrician and they have two children, Parker, and Ally. Brent is single. He attended Sheridan College for technical training. After Edward's sudden death in 2000, from a hospital infection, Brent came home to run the farm. Darren works in 'IT' technology near Toronto. He attended Ryerson University and he is married to Heatherlee. Their daughter Chiara is still in school."

Starting in 1985, Pat served on the Gordon Township Council. She was Reeve for two terms and ended her political life in 2006. "It was the time that 911 system came to Manitoulin and roads were named. I met leaders from all over the Island."

Throughout her years on the farm, Pat was very active in the Gordon Women's Institute, a valuable organization that taught rural women and girls the skills they needed. One of their objectives was to preserve rural family histories, called "Tweedsmuir Histories." Pat was instrumental in continuing the work of Jean Wismer in getting quite a few stories and pictures into scrapbooks. This work was one of the inspirations that got her started writing in 2004. She used the same format of telling the story of each 100-acre surveyed farm when she began writing 'The History of Mills Township,' naming each one after its inhabitants in the 1950s,

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Plate check leads to multiple charges

A Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory man has been charged with multiple offences, including impaired driving after an investigation by the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on an improperly plated vehicle.

On February 15 at approximately 12 am, members of the Manitoulin (Espanola) detachment of the OPP were utilizing the automatic licence plate recognition (ALPR) system.

A vehicle was stopped for not being properly plated

and the driver was found to be driving impaired.

As a result of the investigation Kyle Trudeau, 31, from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was arrested and charged with: possession of a schedule 1 substance, heroin, possession of a schedule 1 substance, cocaine, operation while impaired by alcohol and drugs, driving while under suspension, operate unsafe vehicle and use plate not authorized for vehicle.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on March 13.



Law & Order

OPP reports collisions up across the province

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) data shows that there was an increase in the number of motor vehicle collisions and fatalities on Ontario roads between 2021 and 2022.

"The increase in fatalities noted in the data should not be viewed or accepted as an inevitable outcome of more people out on roads," an OPP news

release states.

"By any measure, a life lost in a preventable collision or other traffic incident is one too many. The most important takeaway from the data is the need for every driver and passenger to eliminate all manner of risks, as this remains the most critical factor in preventing the senseless loss of life," the OPP reports.

The OPP provided detailed data that applies to all OPP jurisdictions. Motor-vehicle fatalities were 359 in 2022 and 315 in 2021; total number of collisions included 74,173 in 2022 and 60,599 in 2021.

The lead contributing factor (in the number of people killed in these collisions): speed-related, 85 in 2022 and 81 in 2021; inattentive related, 61 in 2022 and 60 in 2021. There were 64 alcohol-drug related deaths in vehicles in 2022 and 32 in 2021.

The number of people killed in seatbelt related included 61 in 2022 and 47 in

MP Hughes calls for increased funding for First Nations police

OTTAWA—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, called on the government to provide stable, consistent funding for First Nations police services in the House of Commons last week.

"We all have a shared commitment to public safety but when it comes to Indigenous policing, services are chronically underfunded," said MP Hughes. "Indigenous police forces such as those within my riding—the UCCM Anishnaabe Police, Wikwemikong Police Services, Anishinabek Police Service and the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service—do great work in serving First Nations communities. However, there is an urgent need to ensure that current negotiations to renew agreements include a healthy increase in core funding."

"Often, only two officers are on duty per shift and when officers respond to a call in one community, it regularly leaves them unable to respond to calls from other First Nations communities," said MP Hughes. "Through the First Nations and Inuit Policing

Program (FNIPP), policing services are funded through tripartite policing agreements between federal, provincial or territorial governments, and First Nation or Inuit communities. The federal government has a duty to ensure that First Nations policing is adequately funded to

ensure safety within their own communities."

"First Nations police services need more funding to hire more officers and dedicated funding for crime units to better respond to public safety issues so that no community is left unprotected."

Drug alert: animal tranquilizer xylazine found circulating in region

SUDBURY—The Community Drug Strategy for the City of Greater Sudbury has received confirmation that the tranquilizer 'xylazine' has been found locally in Sudbury and districts. A person may be exposed to xylazine when using other substances.

Xylazine is an animal tranquilizer. It is not intended for human use and when consumed in combination with other drugs, increases the risk of overdose, Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) reports. Xylazine can lower heart rate, blood pressure, and breathing. Repeated exposure may lead to severe abscesses or wounds in areas other than injection sites; both opioids and stimulants can be 'cut' or contaminated with xylazine; as a non-opioid, naloxone will not work to reverse the effects of xylazine. However, if you suspect an overdose it is recommended that you administer naloxone as it will combat the effects of any opioid consumed; Fentanyl test strips will not detect the presence of xylazine; and combining xylazine with opioids, benzos (benzodiazepines) or alcohol can depress vital functions, increasing the

risk of overdose and death.

"When the body is unable to handle the effects of substances, an overdose may occur and can be fatal," the PHSD release states. "A person might pass out or stop breathing. Do not use substances alone to ensure an immediate response in the event of an emergency."

"Prevent overdoses to save lives," said the release. "Avoid mixing drugs, including prescribed, over the counter, and illegal drugs; avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs; use caution when using substances, start with a lower dose than you usually would; if you have not used in a while, start with a lower dose. Your tolerance may be reduced; and when using substances, consider the following options: have a trusted person with you who can provide support as needed. Visit an overdose prevention site such as The Spot (Reseau ACCESS Network) in Greater Sudbury; connect with the National Overdose Response Service (NORS) at 1-888-688-6677 (NORS line). Download the Brave App. Avoid using drugs when you are alone. Carry a naloxone kit. Know how to use it (PDF). Call 911

if you suspect an overdose."

"Overdose systems include: the person can't be woken up, choking, gurgling or snoring sounds, slow, weak, or no breathing; drowsiness or difficulty staying awake. A slow heart rate, irregular heart rate, or no heartbeat," continues the press release.

In responding to an overdose, "call 911 to get medical help and keep monitoring breathing. Give Naloxone. It will do no harm and will work to temporarily reverse opioid poisoning if opioids are present. If not breathing, give rescue breaths. Give chest compressions. Push hard, push fast. If the person is breathing on their own, place them on their side. Stay until help arrives. Overdose symptoms may come back.

These steps are especially important as xylazine decreases breathing and the effects can last for 8 to 72 hours.

For a free naloxone kit, contact your local hospital or pharmacy. Or visit ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free.

Be cautious if using drugs and please distribute this information widely to help save lives.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

With Family Day long weekend looming, we decided it was time to stop putting off the various home repairs that have needed doing for some time now. We hired a local handyman and gave him a list. By the time he left that day, he had only done numbers 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 on the list. Turns out he only does odd jobs.

Monday's Family Day Skate was a fantastic success! Plenty of kids of all ages came out to play, skate and slide at the refreshed rink. Thank you to the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee and all the volunteers who made the day happen.

Mark your calendars! Western Manitoulin Volunteer Fairs are happening in April. Stop in to meet the many organizations that work to make our communities so special. Learn about their efforts and events, and you are sure to find a comfortable fit for you. Gordon/Barrie Island & Burpee-Mills is April 12th at the Gordon Community Centre. Gore Bay will hold theirs April 19th at the community hall, and Billings' is April 26th at the Park Centre. All Volunteer fair days run from 2-8pm and include refreshments as well as prizes to be won. If you are a volunteer organization interested in taking part in the fairs, contact Annett (westman@lambac.org) by February 20th to reserve your spot.

Mary B had a friendly visit from her favourite veterinarian (and family) last week. Mary, Neil, Megan, Simon and Sebastian all enjoyed a weekend of laughs, stories, and equalizing the Snormalizer.

Manitoulin Secondary School's musical theatre program is back in action this year with the hilariously ridiculous Broadway show, *Something Rotten!* Set in 1595, it's the story of two brothers desperate to write a hit play, but who are constantly outshined by the rock-star playwright,

William Shakespeare. A local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre will involve singing, dancing, AND acting, all at the same time! The brothers then decide to write a (wait for it) MUSICAL! The world's very first musical! Come out to experience the MSS stage on March 3rd and 4th at 7pm, or for the March 5th matinee at 2pm. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased at the door or in advance at Guardian pharmacies in Mindemoya, Little Current, and Manitowaning, as well as the Gore Bay IDA and Betty's Convenience. For more information contact Yana Bauer (bauery@rainbowschools.ca).

A very happy birthday wish goes out to Ruth F on her 29th birthday this week. Happy anniversary of another trip around the sun, and congratulations on not getting lost along the way!

Reminder that the fire hall is still off-limits for safety reasons. Please utilize the water at the public works garage at 34 Carter Crescent. Please be mindful of the bay doors, and do not leave your vehicle unattended. NOTE: Please bring your own hose. Thankfully, a new bulk water system will be installed at the Water Treatment Plant by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) in the next few weeks.

We are sending positive vibes to Bill S who has racked up some frequent flyer miles recently. There must be easier ways to fly the friendly skies!

Now that township committees are up and running, be sure to check the township website for meetings dates and times if you would like to attend as a member of the public.

It's time for more Short Poems for a Short Month! Submit your haiku, rhyming couplet, limerick, or sonnet to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we will add them to the column! This week's poem was submitted by C. P. Chatterbox and is an ode to Manitoulin:

Manitoulin Island, oh how grand,
The largest freshwater isle in all the land.
Surrounded by water, with beaches so fine,
A paradise of nature, simply divine.
The air is so fresh, the forests so green,

A breathtaking view, like nowhere else you've seen.

A place to unwind, and escape from the rush,
Manitoulin Island, a beauty you can't hush.

And finally, we know times can be tough, but just remember; 3027 years from now, life will either be really good, or really bad. It's 5050...Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Anne Boyd had her niece and nephew-in-law arrive on Sunday to stay for a few days.

On Monday the recycle bins were open and we had lots of people out.

Monday, February 13 we had 37 people out to a potluck supper to raise funds for the Angel Bus. Sandy Cook talked about the purpose of the Angel Bus and how to book it. The new bus is to arrive soon. A lot of questions were asked and answered. Thanks to the people who helped decorate the hall, set up for the supper, clean up afterwards and undecorate.

Tuesday morning, we attended Joan Van Every's funeral in Gore Bay. There was a big crowd and a wonderful luncheon afterwards. It was nice to see all the Duncanson and Van Every relatives.

Albert and I took the car to Keith Jewell at the collision repair shop. He took some more pictures and found a few more parts to order from the deer hitting the car in October. He told us he has several other vehicles all waiting for parts ahead of us.

The annual meeting was held at St Andrew's United Church on Thursday afternoon.

Thursday night, we had four full tables at euchre at the Silver Water community hall. Congratulations to Helen Black who won the money jar.

Condolences to the family of Ted Brown.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips Manitoulin Sporting Life



Off their Rock, hockey!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan and his U15 AAA Mississauga Reps is poised to be in the playoffs this spring. Kohyn has really been tightening down his defence and games that has been frustrating to the upper echelon of Triple-A hockey in Ontario. For instance, they have once again taken a game off the top-two Junior Canadiens. Their 3 - 1 win off the JRC has them now solidly in the 7th place in the GTHL playoff race. Great job, Kohyn!

March Break skating opportunities!

If you are thinking about more things to do during the upcoming March Break here is another source of free skating. The Rainbow Teachers' Local has sponsored three consecutive days of skating, so you could take in four hours of skating if you moved between the three rinks.

The first opportunity is in Manitowaning on March 15 for a 1 - 2 pm free skate, then at the NEMI (Little Current) rec centre the day after on Thursday for an hour and a half from 2 to 3:30 pm. Finally, the road trip continues to Gore Bay Bruins' lair for a 4:30 to 6 pm session. Take advantage everyone if you can!

Caught being active!

M'Chigeeng's ageless wonder, **Adam Debassige**, is still playing sportsmen hockey at the energetic age of 75. He is also an unstoppable fan of his kids and all of their offspring and can be found in the stands cheering in rinks all across the province. My Dad fondly remembers Adam as his captain of the Manitowaning based Federals back in the '70s extinct Manitoulin Sportsmen League. Dad says he was this calm and gentle force that quietly lead by example. Keep going, Adam!

Tragic loss of a great sportsman

It is with a heavy heart that I learned of a congenial guy who played every sport he could and was sent on his final journey too soon. **Brandon Pheasant** was well known as a great teammate and was involved in all local sports especially fastball, hockey and volleyball. Many tributes have been posted since and a couple of his close connections posted such as the following from **Gerard Baibomcowai**, who coached Brandon, as he pitched for the Sons of Pitches winning fastball squad.

"I remember him coming into the last game of the NSFL, ball, ball, ball, ball, like he walked three in a row...then strike, strike, strike to win the league. That's the guy I remember...I'm glad we had a talk last night."

Andrew (Snooze) Corbiere, himself a sports fanatic and most often a goaltender, recalls him most vividly, "Playing hockey against you, with you, and you getting a hat trick against me winning the game last night for your team, is how I want to remember you, a great hockey player and a friend, Baamaapii, Brandon."

A good sport is good for sports.
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Dave McDermid rink wins Mindemoya mixed curling bonspiel

MINDEMOYA—The Dave McDermid rink has won the annual Mindemoya mixed curling bonspiel held this past weekend. Mr. McDermid's rink also included Bev McDermid, Doug King and Cathy King. Runner-up in the first event was the Rueben Allen rink which included Joanne Mellan, Rob Mellan and Sharon Allen.



The second event saw the Jack White rink defeat the Eric Ruediger rink in the final. The White rink included Ellen Holroyd, Angus and Pat MacDonald. Mr. Ruediger's rink included Muriel and Barry Wall and Susan Flynn.

The Oliver Koski rink which included Laurie Beaudin, Adrien Patoine and Darlene Korolewich was first in the third event. The runner-up was the Jeff Gilmore

rink which included Lee Anne Wiseman, Chris Lewis and Cynthia Lewis.

The annual mixed bonspiel included 16 rinks. Live music was provided Friday and Saturday, with Larry Karn and Jeff Gilmore.

MSS alpine ski team wins school's first ever North Shore secondary school championship

by **Tom Sasvari**
M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs team won the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) alpine ski championship earlier this month.

"This is the first alpine ski banner the school has ever won," stated Lara Pennie, Mustangs ski coach. "We put Manitoulin on the map, sweeping it clear. All of our competitors ended up placing within the top four in their divisions."

The Mustangs took part in the NSSSAA championship at the Mount Dufour Ski Hill in Elliot Lake earlier this month.

Grace Pennie and Jack Pennie were the top female and male in the slalom category.

In the individual female slalom category, Addie Gray finished second, while the Mustang boys took not only first place but claimed second to fourth places as well. Finishing second was Alan Wilkin, TJ Green and Marcus Otasquiab.

In the giant slalom division, Grace Pennie again took top spot with Addie Gray second in the female division. On the boys' side, the MSS team took all four top spots with Jack Pennie first, Alan Wilkin second, TJ Green third and Marcus Otasquiab in fourth place.

Mustang athletes also did very well in the snowboarding division. Xavi Mara took second place with Tobi Madrigal in fifth.

"We got the (alpine ski) program started last year and took part in one race just to get our feet wet," said Ms. Pennie.

The Mustangs took part in the Northern Ontario (NOSSA) championships this past Friday, again in Elliott Lake. The Mustangs boys team placed fourth overall. Jack Pennie was second in the slalom first, run and third in the giant slalom. He placed third overall.

Grace Pennie, on the MSS girls



team finished fourth overall, individually.

The MSS girls team finished in fourth place. Individually, Grace Pennie was fifth in the slalom and fourth in the giant slalom.

For the first time in school history the Mustangs team won the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) alpine ski championship earlier this month. The team include Grace Pennie, Jack Pennie, Addy Gray, Alan Wilkin, TJ Green, Marcus Otasquiab, snowboarders Xavi Mara and Tobi Madrigal and coaches Lara Pennie and volunteer coach Paul Stewart.



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Manitoulin Panthers wins prestigious tournament for only second time in history

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Panthers Under 13 (U13) hockey team won the Soo Pee Wee Extravaganza tournament earlier this month in Sault Ste. Marie.

“We sure did; this was our team’s third tournament gold medal this season,” stated Scott Stephens, head coach of the Panthers team. He pointed out this is only the second time a Panthers team has won this tournament.

Mr. Stephens explained the Panthers won six straight games on their way to the championship. After defeating LBMX Storm Wolves (the top ranked team in the tournament) 3-1 they defeated Floreani Orthodontics and Reyco Predators in the next two games with identical 2-1 scores. After shutting out Bobcat Trail 3-0, the Panthers crushed the Reyco Panthers in the semi-final by a 12-1 score. “We were very disciplined in this game, while the other team had about 20-24 minutes in penalties. We scored on



The Manitoulin Panthers Under 13 (U13) hockey team won the Soo Pee Wee Extravaganza tournament earlier this month in Sault Ste. Marie. Members of the Panthers team includes head coach Scott Stephens, assistant coaches Nelson Deschenes, Clayton Best, Troy Chatwell, manager Dana Rancourt and trainers Krista McNeil and Roxanne Romaniuk. Goalies are Liam Stephens and Brynn Best while players include Roen Deschenes, Ryan Carter, Spencer Cortes, Trinity Cheechoo, Memphis Shawanda, Jaxsin Chatwell, Alex Bourcier, Max King, Lincoln Rancourt, Cohen Rajotte, Sean Simon, Bryden Romaniuk, Kobe Meyers and Carter Morrell.

every power play we had in this game.”

In the finals, Manitoulin defeated Floreani Orthodontics in a 1-0 shutout.

Mr. Stephens noted the team’s goaltending has been outstanding all season and was again in this tournament. Brynn Best and Liam Stephens split the

goaltending assignments, each playing three games. “Brynn and Liam combined for a tournament-leading four goals against and two shutouts in six games played.”

“Our defence continually shut down any offence created by the other teams,” said Mr. Stephens.

Mr. Stephens pointed out Sean Simon scored his first hat-trick and earned a most valuable player award in one of the games. “Sean played really well this weekend.”

“Alex Bourcier came up clutch with two goals and an assist in the 3-0 shutout over the Bobcat Trail

team,” said Mr. Stephens. “This team showed extreme discipline and was rewarded with plenty of power-play opportunities,” continued Mr. Stephens. “Scoring came from multiple players on the team, with our offence generating 23 goals to help us remain undefeated throughout the tournament.”

Bryden Romaniuk scored the game-winner in the championship 1-0 game.

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Rancourt and trainers Krista McNeil and Roxanne Romaniuk. Goalies are Liam Stephens and Brynn Best while players include Roen Deschenes, Ryan Carter, Spencer Cortes, Trinity Cheechoo, Memphis Shawanda, Jaxsin Chatwell, Alex Bourcier, Max King, Lincoln Rancourt, Cohen Rajotte, Sean Simon, Bryden Romaniuk, Kobe Meyers and Carter Morrell.

The Panthers have won 27 games in the regular season, with seven losses and two ties. The team will be taking part in a playoff tournament March 3-5 in Sudbury.

Wiikwemkoong High School Warriors rebrand logo

by Michael Erskine

WIKWKMOONG—The Wiikwemkoong Warriors athletic teams will be sporting a new logo in the coming years as Wiikwemkoong High School retired its former teams logo following a request by former education director Mick Staruck to make the change out of respect “and to be culturally sensitive to our neighbouring nations here on Turtle Island.”

A release emailed on Friday, February 17 announced that, “Effective today, we are formally retiring the logo with the chief’s head/headress on it that is not representative of our people here in Wiikwemkoong of the Three Fires Confederacy.”

“This decision was not



made lightly,” noted the release. “We are at a point in time where we must understand the need to remove peoples of any background from the branding of athletic sports teams. In an effort to show our mnaadendemowin (respect) for our neighbor-

ing nations, Dwayne Animikwan (Wiikwemkoong Board of Education communications director) has revised our previous logo to reflect a modern approach to continuing with the WHS Warrior legacy.”

In a missive to Wiik-

wemkoong educational and sports communities, the request was made to, “Please make the necessary changes to social media platforms, email signatures, or any other digital branding you utilize to continue with the new logo as of today. Any new spiritwear orders will also reflect this change.”

MHC Auxiliary hosting a Rock-a-Thon fundraiser this Saturday, February 25

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Members of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Little Current Auxiliary are spreading out across the land with pledge forms in hand for an innovative fundraiser aimed at improving patient services.

“MHC Little Current Auxiliary is having a Rock-a-Thon,” said Auxiliary member Carole Labelle. “Our members will be rocking February 25 from 10 am until 3 pm at the United Church Hall in Little Current.”

Bev McDermid rink wins annual Providence Bay ladies’ bonspiel

PROVIDENCE BAY—The Bev McDermid rink has won the Providence Bay Curling club annual ladies bonspiel, held this past weekend.

The Bev McDermid rink defeated the Shirley Dewar rink in the final of the first event. The Bev McDermid rink also included her daughters Pamela McDermid and Angela Johnston, along with Amanda Bennett. The Shirley Dewar rink included Cathy Carriere, Brenda Webber and Kathy James.

In the second event, the Heather Gain rink defeated the Deanna Smith rink in the final, while the third event saw the Kyra Lanktree rink defeat the Gaynor Orford rink in the final.

A total of 14 rinks took part in the bonspiel.

But it isn’t Bon Jovi or the Rolling Stones that will be hanging out at the hall. Participants will be rocking the day away in... rocking chairs. “I’m not sure how I will make out,” laughed Northeast Town Councillor Dawn Orr as she canvassed her fellow council members for pledges. “That’s a lot of rocking.”

All proceeds from the Rock-a-Thon will be going to Patient Services at MHC.

Readers can support the Little Current Auxiliary’s efforts by pledging to any member of the MHC Auxiliary, or by sending an electronic money transfer to manddhore@hotmail.ca. Tax receipts will be provided for donations of \$20 or more.

Island residents are invited to come to the United Church and cheer the participants on. The auxiliary will have a donation box at the Little Current United Church Hall on Water Street in Little Current as well. So come on out and help these dedicated volunteers get their rock on.



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...athlete perishes from gunshot, 18-year-old charged with murder

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ing through Twitter for Wiikwemkoong residents.

Tyran Armstrong, 18, of M'Chigeeng First Nation, was arrested and charged with first degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the criminal code and remanded into custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on February 21.

The OPP Manitoulin Crime Unit, OPP Northeast Region Emergency Response team, OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit, OPP Northeast Region Forensic Identification Services and the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service are continuing an investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.

Although she was not related to the victim, Wiikwemkoong resident Audrey Wemigwans noted Sunday, "Brandon is my grandson's second cousin. He was a very nice young man, and very athletic. Some say he was the best pitcher the Kaboni Tigers had, and he was a good hockey player. He was playing in the tournament in the community this weekend. And he used to play for the Manitoulin Panthers."

Sources told The Expositor that the incident took place at the victim's home. Earlier that evening Mr. Pheasant had scored a hat-trick in a hockey game in which he had played during a hometown tournament. Apparently, some teammates were celebrating their victory at the Hill's Trail residence and the victim and the accused allegedly got into an argument and the accused was asked to leave. Sources say

the accused person came back armed and shot Mr. Pheasant.

Delroy Prescott said on social media Mr. Pheasant "was a fine young man, father, son, brother and sportsperson. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends at this difficult time." Mr. Prescott knew the victim through the Manitoulin Men's Fastball League.

Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi said, "I knew him to see him. Brandon was a very recognized person in the community. He was known for his sports ability." She explained everyone in attendance at an annual seniors' hockey tournament this past Sunday evening, "had a moment of silence at the hockey game for Brandon."

"Our hearts go out to his family, partner Amber and their two young children," said Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi. "It is a very tough thing to lose a community member in this way. There was a large circle of support around Amber and the family at the hockey game. And you can tell by all the nice things said about Brandon on social media that he is very much remembered for his friendship and presence in golf, hockey and baseball."

"When a person who is that well-known, so well thought of and befriended and who is that gifted in sports or other areas, the loss affects the entire community," continued Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi. "He had a very large network of friends."

Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi said, "This was an incident in this community in which a young man was taken, but the

young man from M'Chigeeng, who is a suspect, is also very young. It is very sad to see the lives of these two young men change so abruptly, and for their family and friends to be affected this way. Everyone is affected by this."

"Wouldn't it be wonderful if on the Island, the province, country and the world, if we could live in peace and not have to endure these type of things," observed Ogimaa-kwe Manitowabi. "Fortunately, together we have the strength to mourn and be there for each other and help the family get over this together. But I am heavy hearted for Amber and her two children and the rest of the family."

The OPP is appealing to anyone who may have observed suspicious activity related to this case to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or submit information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

...raise concerns with ministry in case of possible bridge failure

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plan tied in with all of Manitoulin Island and the municipalities' own community emergency plans.

"There needs to be a long-term plan in place. A lot of what is here is based on a short-term shutdown of the bridge, but what if the bridge is down for two or three months?" asked MMA chair Ken Noland.

Both Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) and Richard Stephens, mayor of the municipality of Central Manitoulin, agreed.

"All of our municipalities have emergency management plans in place," Mr. Noland said. "Wouldn't this plan be part of an overview, and couldn't we coordinate the plans (MTO and municipal emergency plans)?"

Mr. Noland noted the MMA had asked the MTO about the emergency plan and what was happening with the studies being carried out on the future of a new bridge.

The class environmental assessment study has been completed, it was pointed out. The plan includes the replacement of the Little Current Swing Bridge with a new, through-truss swing bridge situated on a new alignment located approximately 80 metres west of the existing bridge. The new bridge will consist of two vehicular travel lanes (one lane in each direction), and a 1.5-metre-wide sidewalk on the west side, for pedestrians/cyclists. A plan to appropriately commemorate the existing bridge will also be confirmed.

"The comment portion of this report is due soon," said Mayor MacNevin. "But they (MTO) have not provided any timelines for design build or a request for proposals on the new bridge. We asked the minister to meet with us on this. They are willing to talk about their emergency plan, but not the new bridge at this point."

Mayor MacNevin said the emergency plan is "pretty onerous for us



There is still no word on when the new swing bridge will be built, or even tendered.

(NEMI) as there is a whole page of stuff we have to do if the bridge is closed in an emergency. I'm listed as a contact if there is a problem and the bridge is closed, but we want them to contact our duty manager in these cases. This should all be part of one alert."

When the bridge is shut down it affects boaters and traffic on and coming to the Island. The coast guard needs to be involved in helping to alert boaters who are on one side of the bridge or the other as to what to do. For instance, boats coming from Gore Bay will need to go to the marina here," said Mayor MacNevin. He said the

M.S. Chi-Cheemaun is part of the MTO plan for service in an emergency to help transport people off the Island in case of a bridge shutdown.

"The MTO should be talking to the people of the Island and municipalities on the plan, but they haven't," said Mayor MacNevin.

Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden said he did not see anything in the MTO emergency plan that indicates in an emergency that notification would be given to all Manitoulin Island municipalities.

Under section one of the plan, it states the purpose of the emergency plan is to serve as a guide to assist

agencies responding to a major emergency.

"Maybe the plan could be incorporated with the municipalities' emergency plans into an Island-wide emergency plan," said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker.

"This plan is for short term emergencies," said Mr. Noland "What happens if the bridge collapses and there is a long-term shutdown?"

"They need a plan for all of Manitoulin Island," said Gore Bay councillor Dan Osborne.

"If there was an emergency in our municipality and we have to evacuate, we would go with our emergency plan," said Mayor Stephens.

Currently, the swing bridge which is owned by the MTO is operated and maintained by Emcon Services Inc.

Should an emergency situation force the closure of the Little Current Swing Bridge to vehicular traffic for an extended period of time, with the assistance of NEMI and MTO, through its maintenance coordinator, steps to secure an alternate means of transportation to and from the mainland may be initiated. Alternatives may include: re-routing traffic to South Baymouth to board the ferry to Tober-

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...Federal NDP MPs oppose disappearance of riding

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“We will also be initiating petitions raising awareness on what is being proposed and requesting support on our opposition to the changes,” said MP Hughes.

Al MacNevin, mayor of

the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands told The Expositor, “Yes, council is against the proposed changes. We sent a letter (September 28, 2022) to MP Hughes opposing the electoral boundary commission proposed to

remove one of the electoral ridings for Northern Ontario. In our motion and letter we encouraged all municipalities to file their concerns.” He said when commission hearings were held, with only one meeting in this area, in Timmins, NEMI attended virtually.

“At the minimum we would lose our current riding and MP. We would end up in the Nickel Belt riding. MP Marc Serre has already quoted as saying it would take another three hours to travel through the riding with Manitoulin and area being included,” said Mayor MacNevin. “Certainly we would not be impressed with losing a voice in the North,” stated Ken Noland, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island. “I don’t see any positives for this area with the loss of our MP and there are certainly lots of concerns.”

Dan Osborne, deputy mayor for the Town of Gore Bay said, “I don’t agree with the changes being proposed. I understand the population

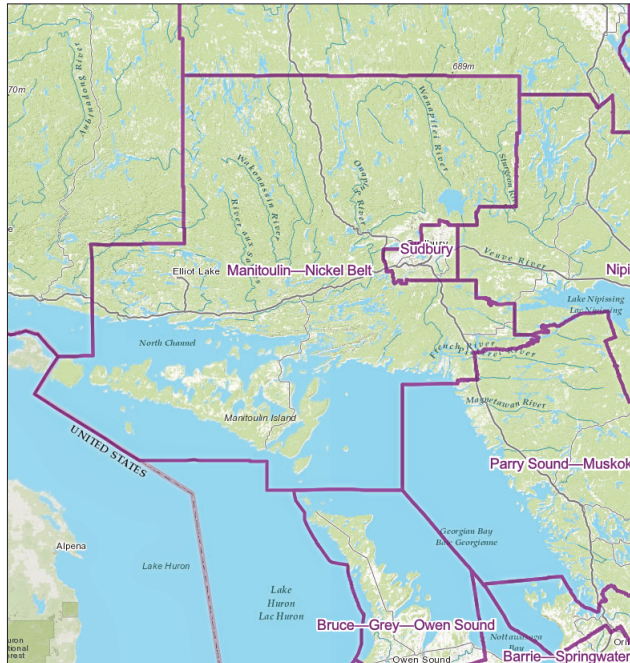
growth in our riding has not kept up to what southern Ontario is seeing and is leading these changes. Is it good for us? No.”

...M’Chigeeng March 27 election

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bent Martin Debassige, Brenda Roy, Basil Panamick, Debbie E.A. Ense, Melvina Hazel Recollet, Cassandra Bisson, Andrew Bisson, Andrew Corbiere, Norma Ense, Stewart Roy, Mike Wassegijig, Chris Bebonang, Marshall Migwans and Peter Debassige.

Cynthia Behm, electoral officer told The Expositor, “A nominee may accept a nomination meeting or by signed written notice delivered to the electoral officer within seven days of the nomination meeting. All those who have been nominated for chief or council have seven days from the date of the nomination meeting to accept or decline the nomination.”

The election will take place March 27 with an advanced poll to take place March 22.



The proposed new riding of Manitoulin-Nickel Belt is not sitting well with MP Carol Hughes, whose riding would be lost in the changes.

...Manor receives Employer Stellar Award

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past six years MCM has gone over and above to organize and support placements for Kenjgewin Teg Personal Support Workers. Their commitment to students was evident when unforeseen accommodations were required. Their commitment to ensuring each student was paired with an exemplary PSW staff member was clear in the student’s success during clinical and consolidation placements. Students met, or exceeded, all course requirements.”

The citation goes on to note that many of the students completing their placement at the Manor went on to accept positions there. “This speaks volumes about their dedication and commitment to providing a positive experience for our students.”

The citation goes on to anticipate the Kenjgewin Teg collaboration with the Manor continuing to flourish as practical nursing students from the educational institute begin placements there.

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To be held on Tuesday, March 21st, 2023 at 7:00pm

File No. : Con 2023-02
Applicant: Albert and Wendy Lalonde
Legal Description: Sheguiandah, Concession 12, Lot 22 except 31R1164 and 31R1215
Civic Address: 2615 E Bay Estates Road North
Official Plan: Rural and Shoreline
Zoning: Rural and Shoreline Residential

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
This is a request to sever three building lots for sale and family

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
The request is being made to create three new building lots

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

Dated: February 22, 2023

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March 8th - Staying Social
March 15th - Staying Engaged in your community as you age
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Please remember to Pre-Register by calling Lisa at 705-282-2538 or email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca

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...Jocelyn Kuntsi shortlisted for prestigious Loran Award

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officer of the Loran Scholars Foundation. “Even getting this far is amazing. All of the finalists possess strength of character, care about their community and about uplifting others in their community. And although they are young and might not be full-fledged leaders in their community yet, we hope that through this program they can blossom into these type of leaders in the future.”

“Out of a pool of nearly 4,800 applicants, the 90 graduating high school students selected as Loran finalists for the class of 2023 have demonstrated their drive to step up in the face of challenges and positively impact their communities across the country,” a release states. “One finalist taught himself coding in order to develop an electronic medical record system for volunteers at a hospital in Haiti; another finalist and swim instructor advocated for the addition of French-language swim classes at her YMCA after recognizing the importance of preserving the French language in Manitoba, and another one established ‘Culinary Culture,’ a culinary class for BIPOC to foster meaningful community gatherings in a post-COVID world.”

“The Loran Scholars Foundation identifies students with character; those who believe in pushing bound-

aries by questioning the status quo, while showing compassion and a commitment to service, seeing a need and making positive change in their own communities. These young people view the world through a lens of curiosity and have leadership qualities they may not even fully realize themselves.”

“Loran’s reflective and thorough selection process, carried out through the work of hundreds of volunteer assessors and interviewers, is designed to uncover the promise and leadership potential in students from the smallest towns to the largest cities across Canada. We look for qualities that grades alone cannot show: a breadth of interest, and deep commitment to service, the courage to make difficult decisions, and the determination to work towards long-term goals.”

Roxy Rae, community engagement and communications officer for Loran told the Expositor, “Jocelyn is captain of the Manitoulin Metal Robotics, leading the environmental movement in the FIRST Robotics community. She serves as Rainbow District School Board student trustee, student senate chair, and works as a lead astronomer at an eco-park. She also continues to make time for music and theatre. Jocelyn is proud to be a Shad alumni, beekeeper and Haweater.”

“We know that such promising

young people have the power to change the future for the better; they just need a launchpad and opportunities to grow. This is precisely what we offer Loran Scholars as an enrichment program of leadership development and diverse learning experiences that equip them to create positive change over the course of their lifetimes.”

“Applications for the program opened in September and we had just over 4,700 students apply,” said Ms. Rae.

Ms. Kuntsi explained, “applications were open to everyone in Canada. The application included quite a few questions, and I sent it in, in October. I’ve been through three rounds of the program thus far, the written application, on video when they send a series of questions that we had to answer, and then the semi-finals, where we spent the day taking part in online virtual interviews. We also got to meet some of the other semi-finalists which was great.”

“I will be going to Toronto (this) weekend for two days of in person interviews and to meet other finalists,” Ms. Kuntsi told The Expositor. “Even if I don’t get selected as one of the Loran Scholars, I will be eligible to receive \$5,000 for post-secondary studies. Engineering is my program choice for post-secondary school. I know for sure what I want to study, but at this point I don’t know where.”

“Students will be travelling from homes (across Canada) when we welcome them at Loran’s National interview in Toronto on February 24-26, 2023. After national selections, we will grant up to 36 Loran Awards (valued at over \$100,000 each). If not selected as Loran Scholars, the students will each be eligible to receive a \$5,000 Loran Finalist Award,” a release indicated.

...hopeful ministry will cover UMIT costs

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\$250,000 that was to be allocated over the next two years of the project. “Because we closed operations down mid-term, there was supposedly \$750,000 there for this project,” he said. “As long as we show we spent that, the municipality will be reimbursed.”

Mayor Stephens went on to say that

the municipality would therefore not be on the hook for the deficit they first feared.

Councillor Stephens alleged that “it was a poorly administered program with no accountability,” given the massive overspending that was allowed to occur. Councillor Stephens went on to note that he could not blame those board members who resigned from UMIT.

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...Prov man finds debris possibly connected to recent object downed over lake

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heard a big bang on Sunday that came out of the sky, but no I didn't see anything."

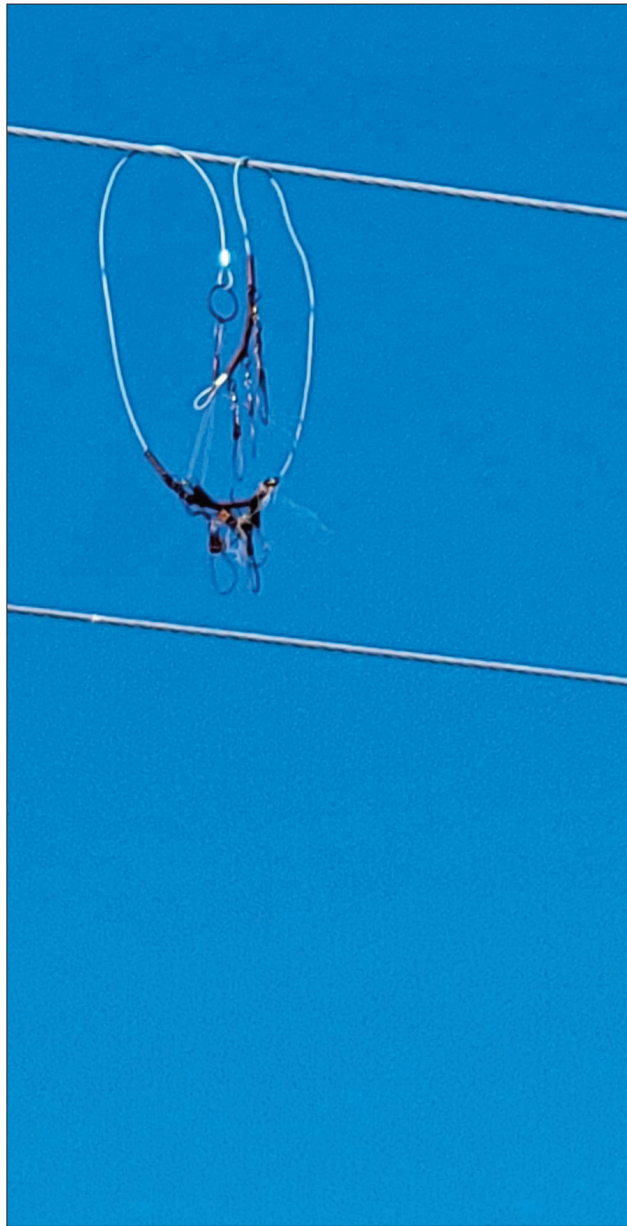
On February 16 the Royal Canadian Mounted Police released a statement, "recent air incidents in Yukon and Lake Huron emphasized the importance of collaborative work between Canadian and American partners. The RCMP is dedicated to finding answers in order to assist both national investigations."

"After conducting an extensive search in the Lake Huron area with the assistance of the Canadian Coast Guard and other domestic and international partners, a decision was reached to suspend the search due to several factors including deteriorating weather and the low probability of recovery," the RCMP explained.

Bayshore Broadcasting reported on Tuesday, February 14 that two Canadian Coast Guard helicopters flew patterns over the waters of Lake Huron near Bruce County that day.

Online flight trackers showed a Canadian Coast Guard Bell 429 Global-Ranger helicopter was weaving from the shoreline and out to the waters of Lake Huron, slowly progressing northbound and southbound in an area between Sauble Beach and Kincardine.

Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian



While a search for debris from an unidentified high-altitude object shot down by the United States over Lake Huron on Sunday, February 12 has been suspended by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and American partners, a Providence Bay resident took a picture of what he saw and feels could be some of the debris on power wires (shown in photo) in the area.

Coast Guard Joyce Murray told a brief press conference in Ottawa on February 14, "we have the Canadian Coast Guard Ship the Griffon that is in the search zone area. The (CCGS) Samuel Risley is on the way as well, and the Samuel Risley has underwater equipment that can assist with the search when debris is found."

The CCGS Griffon could be seen in online marine trackers, traversing the area in a similar pattern to the helicopters Tuesday.

Ms. Murray said, "Two helicopters have also been aiding in the search and they've done three flyovers and at this point we have not located the debris."

US president Joe Biden said last Thursday that the United States has no indication that the three objects shot down in North American airspace recently are tied to China's spy balloon program and are likely from private entities.

President Biden told CNN News, "we don't yet know exactly what these three objects were but nothing right now suggests they were related to China's spy balloon program or that they were surveillance vehicles from any other country. The intelligence community's current assessment is that these three objects were most likely balloons tied to private companies, recreation or research institutions studying

weather or conducting other scientific research."

Last week, Canadian officials were candid about the difficult task of recovering debris from high-altitude objects shot down

over Canada and the US, admitting it could still take days or weeks and there is no guarantee the debris will be found.



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 mory; transporting people with medical emergencies to the mainland by boat from Harbor Vue Marina; scheduling bus transportation from the mainland at Little Current to Espanola; and arranging a barge to transport fuel, food and other necessities of life to the Island.

MTO states it will provide daily progress updates regarding the repairs of the Little Current Swing Bridge to the following agencies: Ontario Provincial Police, Provincial Communications Centre, North Bay; Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada, Town of NEMI, MMA, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and media.

Should the emergency situation with the bridge be anticipated to restrict the movement of vehicular traffic, the OPP will be notified. The implementation of an emergency road closure plan will be at the direction of the OPP. The MTO maintenance coordinator and the ministry contractor shall co-ordinate and ensure the repairs are carried out as expeditiously as possible.

Should the emergency situation with the bridge be anticipated to restrict the movement of vehicular traffic for an extended period of time exceeding several hours in duration, the Little Current detachment of the OPP, through the officer in charge, will have sole responsibility to implement an emergency closure of Highway 6 at the Little Current Swing Bridge. This decision will be based on existing information on hand, or that is received from other agencies, where a serious occurrence has or

may take place.

In the event the ministry declares an emergency situation at the Swing Bridge, Emcon shall make available such material, labour and equipment that is available in the work area. If warranted, the OPP shall contact the mayor of NEMI to request the establishment of a relief centre at the Howland recreation centre. The OPP shall patrol and inform stranded motorists on the island of the relief stations to be set up in the town of NEMI. Espanola OPP officers will be dispatched to assist stranded motorists on the north side of the Swing Bridge.

Canadian Coast Guard, upon notification by the MTO of an imminent alteration to the regular bridge schedule, shall immediately notify marine traffic by issuing the appropriate notice to shipping. And will for an extended period time have sole responsibility for informing, restricting and directing marine traffic.

Upon receiving notification from NEMI of an emergency closure of the Swing Bridge to vehicular traffic, the Manitoulin Health Centre and Espanola General Hospital shall notify medical facilities and personnel on Manitoulin Island and in Espanola of the bridge closure, and if there is the establishment of an alternate means of access to and from the mainland for emergency emergencies.

NEMI, upon notification by the OPP of the closure of Highway 6 due to the failure of the bridge, shall gather its control group together in the event they are required to put their community emergency plan into effect to ensure sufficient relief centres are established; upon notification by the OPP of the closure of the highway, NEMI shall notify medical facilities in Espanola and Manitoulin and ambulance services. The relief centres will be established to support and provide rest areas for stranded

motorists; public works staff shall immediately begin identifying and providing alternate parking locations for motorists stranded at the bridge; the town shall notify the MHC, EGH and ambulance services of an alternate means of transporting medical emergencies from Manitoulin Island to the mainland once it has been

secured.

Mayor Barker said the MTO emergency plan could go hand in hand with the Island municipalities' emergency plans.

The MTO has offered several dates in March and April to meet with the MMA.

The MMA agreed to pass a motion to send a letter on behalf of the MM that out-

lines its concerns: that the MTO emergency plan tie in with Island municipalities emergency plans, and the MTO outline plans in case there is a long term break in service of the Swing Bridge. They will be bringing these concerns at the upcoming meeting.

Rainbow Board, CUPE reach tentative local agreement

RAINBOW DISTRICT—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) and the union representing its cleaners, custodians and trades employees in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island have reached a tentative agreement at the local level.

The tentative deal will be presented to members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 895 for ratification, and, subsequently, to the board of trustees for approval.

The new deal, if ratified by both parties, will be in effect from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2026, aligning with the provincial settlement for this employee group at the central bargaining table, a release explains.

"Our CUPE staff plays a critical role in our schools, keeping them clean and safe," said RDSB chair Bob Clement. "They not

only maintain quality facilities for teaching and learning, they also contribute to school-based sustainability efforts."

Mr. Clement said, "we commend the bargaining team from the board and the union for working diligently to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion."

"On behalf of CUPE Local 895, I would like to thank the (RDSB) on reaching a tentative agreement locally for custodial and maintenance employees," said Rob Lisi, president of CUPE Local 895. "We will continue to provide a clean and safe workplace and learning facility for all staff and students."

This is the first employee group within the school board to achieve a new collective agreement centrally and locally. Contracts with all employee groups expired on August 31, 2022.


...MSS musical

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 of 'Something Rotten' seems destined to continue that tradition. 'Something Rotten' is a musical comedy based on a book by John O'Farrell and Karey Kirkpatrick with music and lyrics by Karey and Wayne Kirkpatrick. Set in 1595, the story follows the Bottom brothers, Nick and Nigel, who are struggling to find success in the theatrical world as they compete with the wild popularity of their contemporary William Shakespeare. Hilarity ensues.

Mustangs in leading roles are Jocelyn Kuntsi as Nick Bottom, Jordan Goddard as Nigel Bottom and Zack Hill as Will Shakespeare.

'Something Rotten' is coming to the MSS stage on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 at 7 pm, with a matinee performance taking place on Sunday, March 5 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$20 and available at Little Current, Mide-moya and Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacies, as well as the IDA and Betty's Convenience Store in Gore Bay.

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Assiginack now looks to replace aging Canada Post, BMO building

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—Assiginack council has given its blessing for an engineering report to be undertaken to provide definitive costs on rehabilitating or replacing the building that currently houses both Canada Post and the Bank of Montreal in Manitowaning.

Alton Hobbs, CAO/deputy clerk was instructed by council at a meeting in January to investigate a cost estimate for modular buildings to house both corporations while repairs were taking place at their current location, 115 Arthur Street.

"I received a rough estimate from a company that does modular buildings, a very quick quote, based on the same exact square footage of the existing building, putting the modu-

lars in the same place, somewhere else or renovating the basement," said Mr. Hobbs. The estimate was for \$475,000 for modulars as an alternative to restoring the building (which has been estimated previously at \$703,000).

Councillor Jennifer Hooper said that she is not in favour of renovating the basement of the present building and having a new building constructed on top of this structure. She pointed out a large portion of the costs of restoring the building is due to the condition of the foundation of the building.

One of the suggestions that came out of council's discussion was putting either the post office or bank in the existing library and looking at other options to house the other

tenant. Another suggestion was that it might be cheaper to have a new building constructed for the library and turning the existing library into space for both the post office and the bank.

"We can't make a decision until an engineering study is done," said Councillor Rob Maguire, who pointed out that Manitoulin Streams is currently housed in the basement of the library building. "I like the idea of rehabilitating the current building (at 115 Arthur Street) as long as it is cost effective"

It was further pointed out the township would have to spend about \$35,000 for an engineering study to be carried out.

"We definitely need full information on the condition of the foundation (at

the bank and post office building), and the end-to-end costs to fix the building," said Councillor Janice Bowerman. "But I would still like us to review our asset list of the buildings and lot that we have."

Mayor Reid said, "if we are talking about a new building, when? We cannot take on the costs of building another building without grants."

"I think more concrete

costing is needed," said Councillor Maguire. "They (bank and post office) have been in the same building for a number of years now, and I would like them to remain in the same building providing that it is cost effective."

Councillor Dwayne Elliott said, "we still don't have the final costs. I don't have enough information at this time to make a final decision." He said a full

report on the report should take place, noting an engineers' report carried out in 2021 indicated the work needed would cost \$703,000, including a lot of cosmetic repairs.

After further discussion of council, it was decided the township is seeking a report on the updated costs on the options of restoring the existing building and the costs of a new building.



The cast and crew of 'Death by Candlelight' pose for a photo before the show.

Legion hosts successful murder mystery dinner

by Expositor staff
LITTLE CURRENT—Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 and Espanola Little Theatre partnered on writer Michael Erskine's 'Death by Candlelight,' a

murder mystery dinner theatre fundraiser on February 10 and 11. The sold-out event raised funds for the Legion, the Manitoulin Food Bank and the community theatre group's pro-

duction fund.

Members of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps joined Legion volunteers in serving up a multi-course meal to the dining sleuths and the nautically-attired youths also joined in sifting through the murder suspects during their free moments.

The task was challenging, with only three teams out of the 64 guests each night managing to put the clues together to finger the culprit.

...A generous re-gifting

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Manitoulin Pet Rescue, Kathy Jewell does so much for the community, but when we realized that they had just had such a successful gala fundraiser, we were happy to support Fixing Our Felines instead."

"I write poetry to express feelings I find difficult to express otherwise," said Ms. Whyte. "Just about everything I do is in rhyme, I might have written a haiku, but most of it is stream of consciousness writing. I don't start out with a preconceived idea."

Although she has submitted her work to contests previously, Ms. Whyte said this was the first time she has won.

The Whytes do not currently have a pet cat. Ms. Whyte's cat allergy has increased in recent years, but she relayed a story that illustrates her connection with creatures feline.

"About a year and a half ago, we encountered a calico," she said. "We assumed it must belong to someone, it was in too good a shape, its fur was sleek and clean."

After a cautious introduction and some hand sniffing took place, the couple proceeded home, followed by the stray calico. "We saw it again that night, but then didn't see it again for about six weeks," she recalled. Then it reappeared. After some investigation, the couple discovered that the cat had originally been a feral born in a woodpile in Mindemoya before being captured by Manitoulin Pet Rescue and then adopted by an elderly man in Gore Bay.

That man had recently passed away, leaving the cat orphaned and wandering the streets.

"She is a very bright, bright little thing," said Ms. Whyte. "I would talk to her, and she would talk back. We made arrangements to bring her to Mindemoya. We were not sure how it would go since it had been a long time since she was in a carrier. But on the 40-minute ride to Mindemoya she was just super."

The by now around five-year-old calico was soon officially adopted out once more.

Ms. Whyte said she and her husband are more than happy to donate to an organization dedicated to assisting animals. "We felt the best way to celebrate Valentine's Day would be to spread a little love towards animals in need than to sit down to a fancy meal in a restaurant," she said.

The Expositor topped up the amount donated to Fixing Our Felines to an even \$200.



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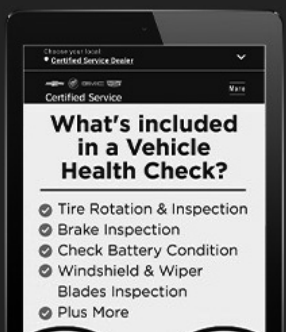
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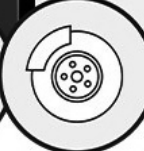
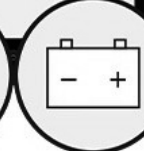

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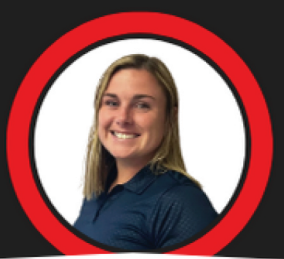
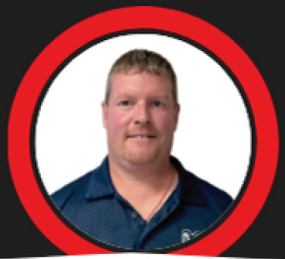


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Island winter fun chases the February blues away



Bubbles! Warming up inside was ever so much fun when the bubbles came out at the Whitefish River First Nation Winter Carnival.
photo by Michael Erskine



Cutting wood is still a vital skill for many Island homes that heat with wood. The log sawing contest allowed for Whitefish River residents to strut their log sawing stuff.
photo by Michael Erskine



Pikachu wasn't about to miss out on the fun last weekend as the popular animated character played a game of community hide and seek during the Whitefish River Winter Carnival.
photo by Michale Erskine



Shtaa Taa Haa Days are back in Sheguiandah First Nation. The indoor cup golf games were a great way to warm up after some fun outside.
photo by Michael Erskine



This little miss was all smiles as she showed off her colourful fingernail creations at the craft table during Shtaa Taa Haa days.
photo by Michael Erskine



The contestants stand by their creative, colourful and for the most part sturdy cardboard race vehicles prior to the races Sunday afternoon at the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation winter carnival. Awards were handed out for best construction-1st Jeep, 2nd Spider Girl, 3rd Cruiser (Miller and Abbi); Best in show 1-Hockey, Spider Girl 2nd and Jeep in 3rd place; best aesthetic 1st Duck, 2nd Spider Girl and 3rd hockey entry; best spirit-1st Jeep, 2nd Spider Girl and 3rd Hockey; Original 1st Jeep, 2nd hockey and 3rd Spider Girl. In the speed category Green Lightning was 1st with a speed of 40 kilometres per hour, 2nd was the Hockey cardboard race entry with a speed of 36 kph and 3rd went to Jeep with a speed of 34 kph.
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A road hockey tournament was held as part of the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation annual winter carnival held this past weekend.
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Mike Downie guides Wellness Conference on ‘Secret Path’

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The annual Mnaamodzawin Health Services Wellness Conference is always well-attended, but this year's return to in-person attendance saw a bumper crop of filled chairs for 'Rekindling Our Spirit.' The daylong Wellness Conference 2023 took place at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current on February 15.

Keynote speaker for the conference, Mike Downie, was the co-founder of the Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund and the brother of the popular late frontman of the Tragically Hip. Mr. Downie is an award-winning documentary filmmaker, writer, director and producer whose works include 'Invasion of the Brain Snatchers,' 'The Hockey Nomad,' 'One Ocean' and, most importantly in this context, 'Secret Path.' He is also a consummate oral storyteller.

'Secret Path' is an animated short based on a graphic novel of the same name which tells the story of Chanie Wenjack, a young Anishinaabe boy who fled the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in late fall of 1966 and perished in the frigid wilderness while following the railroad tracks, attempting to walk the 600 kilometres (400 miles) to his home in Ogoki Post First Nation in Marten Falls in Northern Ontario.

An engaging and animated speaker, Mr. Downie



Mike Downie is flanked by Rebecca Milne, right, and master of ceremonies Bob Goulais during the Mnaamodzawin Health Services Wellness Conference. Mr. Downie, brother of the late Gord Downie, was the keynote speaker at the conference.

guided his audience along the journey from when he first learned of Chanie's story in Ian Adam's McLean's Magazine article to the completion of the graphic novel and animated film several years later.

Mr. Downie explained that one of the key elements in the drive to bring Chanie's story to the forefront is that 150,000 children pulled from their homes and placed in residential school is a number hard for people to grasp, but the story of one tragic outcome is something that people can internalize and comprehend.

It was a story that Mr. Downie said "changed me and my brother" and played a significant role in his brother's last two years of

life. Mr. Downie shared how his family was still reeling from the death of their father when Gord Downie suffered a seizure while walking down a Kingston street. The diagnosis that came was devastating. As the disease progressed, it impacted Gord Downie's memory to the point where he could not remember the lyrics to the songs he had written and made famous through his records and performances. The epic final tour of the Tragically Hip featured eight monitors displaying the lyrics to the song his brother was singing.

Despite his memory challenges, Mr. Downie's impassioned charge to Canada (and aimed directly to

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who was in the audience that final show in Mr. Downie's Hometown of Kingston) during that concert was for our nation to redress the harm that had been done by the residential school system and to follow a path of true reconciliation—and it was delivered without notes or monitor prompts direct from the singer's heart.

Mr. Downie spoke of the

ing," laughed Mr. Downie.

The brothers had approached graphic artist Jeff Lemire in 2014 in an attempt to commission him to produce a graphic novel, but the artist informed them he would not be able to do the work in the timeframe envisioned as he had two years' projects already lined up.

But upon returning to his studio, Mr. Lemire set pen to paper and began sketching.



Mike Downie, far right, was seated at the Mnaamodzawin Health Services drum as an honoured guest.

photos by Michael Erskine

many challenges that came up along the creation journey of 'Secret Path.'

Both he and his brother travelled to meet Chanie's family and learned more about the young man from the people who knew him.

Mr. Downie relayed the amusing story of his first phone call with Chanie's sister, who had been dreaming of how to get the young man's story out to the world. She was a big fan of Oprah Winfrey and sent a note to her asking to profile his story on her television show.

"The long pause that followed my introduction was apparently disappointment that it wasn't Oprah call-

Shortly after, the brothers received the first drawing—which incredibly turned out to be a remarkable likeness to Chanie. "He had never seen a photograph of Chanie," shared Mr. Downie. Chanie's story captured the artist and as it turned out they would not have to wait.

To the many amazing interactions that have taken place in the production of 'Secret Path' can be added the introduction of Mr. Downie to Elaine Nahwegahbow of Anudeck Omni Kaning, who was in the audience. Ms. Nahwegahbow is one of Chanie's cousins.

The Secret Path is an animated film adaptation of Gord Downie's album and Jeff Lemire's graphic novel where Mr. Lemire has created a powerful visual representation of the life of Chanie Wenjack. The film is divided into 10 chapters, each featuring a song from Mr. Downie's musical retelling of Chanie's story—from his escape from the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School to his subsequent and heartbreaking death from hunger and exposure to the harsh weather. The final product is described as "a uniquely immersive emotional experience - an insight into the life of a little boy who, as Gord has said, he never knew, 'but will always love'."

Proceeds from the sale of 'Secret Path' go to the Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Fund and have supported initiatives such as The Gord Downie Secret Path Fund for Truth and Reconciliation via The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at The University of Manitoba.

"The Secret Path" was broadcast by CBC in an hour-long commercial-free television special on Sunday, October 23. 'The Secret Path' and Road to Reconciliation panel discussion can be watched at cbc.ca/secret-path.

More information on 'Secret Path' can be found at www.downiewenjack.ca where it is also possible to donate to the fund.

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...Now and Then: Pat Best

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which seems to have been the last years that one such parcel would allow a farmer to earn a living. Following the successful completion, four more histories were written, namely Burpee, Gordon, Ice Lake and Silver Water, completed in 2013. Luckily these are still available and sold in their respective township offices.

"One of the first influential settlers in Mills was my Great-Grandfather John B. Baker who had 12 children, the first three boys who helped 'open up' the land in Mills. John established a sailboat business starting with the 'Northern Belle,' brought up on the rear deck of a ship. The Northern Belle would transport people and packages from Gore Bay to the Lake Wolsey area near their home. The smaller boats could get through the Barrie Island Causeway, but the bigger boats had to take the longer route around Barrie Island. In 1877, for his first winter on Manitoulin, John had only hazelnuts and the wildlife they could trap or fish, to sustain his family. The new settlers learned much from the local Anishinaabe folk who traditionally traversed these areas."

Each year, John would head back to Meaford to pick up an ox or a sailboat. "I remember the cow story. John was taking two cows to be bred at another farm. There were no bulls in Mills Township. He had to secure them on a raft to cross the water. The cows were successfully bred and put back on the raft to go home. Part way back, one cow panicked and jumped over the rail, breaking her neck. John had lost half his herd in one day."

Any special memories you recall? "In 1949, dad bought a second farm with a bush lot. He spent one year taking out logs and sold these and bought snowsuits from the Eaton's catalogue for all four of us, our first purchased clothing."

Favourite season? "Spring, when everything comes to life in those beautiful soft green colours. The weather is warmer, flowers are emerging and the days are getting longer."

Favourite book? "When I was young, 'Anne of Green Gables' opened up my world."

Favourite collections? "Fabrics of all kinds. I love to visit fabric stores and feel those textures."

Favourite trip? "The family trip to British Columbia."

Television shows you like? "Game shows, news, and documentaries like W-5."

Favourite holidays? "Summertime barbecues and gatherings with friends and family."

What are you most proud of? "My family and my books which help preserve the history of the Island." What are you most afraid of? "Falling and losing my independence."

Anything that surprised you along life's journey? "I was surprised that I could just leave my home on Manitoulin long ago and successfully teach 35 kids at age 18."

Anything special you want to add about your passion for quilting? "I have made many quilts throughout the years, all hand-quilted or machine quilted in a method called 'Quilt as you Go.' I loved designing my own quilts, with help from other quilters, magazines and the internet. Some have been given to family and well-used or even worn out and four have been donated to the Angel Bus Organization. Last summer, a quilt earned them \$6,200 in ticket sales. A few have won ribbons at quilt shows. Quilt-



Pat and Edward at their Gordon home.

making continues to be a passion to this day, with a couple currently on the go."

Awards? "The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal was given to me by the Gordon Township Council for many years of service in 2012."

What are your strengths? "Numbers, quilting, organization." It seems that Pat is also talented in writing history.

Something you still want to do? "Travelling was never a strong urge. I have lived my life the best way I could in the time I've had. "Now," she smiles, "I would just like to find a pair of pants long enough for me."

Going back in time, is there anything you would change? "Not really. I might have started my accounting work earlier."

Hope for the future? "That people will learn to get along. Also, we really need less 'junk,' too much of it is produced, is wasted, and clutters our landfill areas. I am against too much consumerism."

Recipe for happiness? "Be content with what you have. Try new things. Have fun. Use your time wisely to benefit your family and others. Try not to waste time. Try to be useful into your old age." Pat still loves to cut lots of grass out on the farm on her John Deere riding lawn mower.

"Manitoulin is my home from start to finish. I am happy. The children did well on the Island and they either live here or return here. I lived away briefly but my heart was always here and I knew I would come back home again soon. Knowing the folks here has always been important to me. We have such gorgeous sunsets. Lastly, I feel empathy for all the early settlers that carved out a living on our 'Rock' and helped to make the Island a unique and special place to live. I've tried to preserve their history for future generations."

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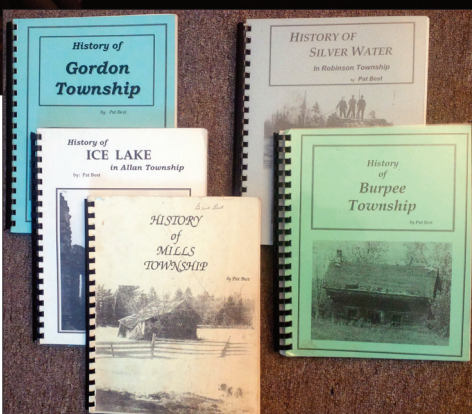
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For more information contact:

VON North East District:

- Laura Bennett (laura.bennett@von.ca)
- Darren Fabiilli (darren.fabiilli@von.ca)



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**Children's Community Network
Réseau communautaire pour enfants**

is currently seeking a **bilingual
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Consultant**
for the Sudbury office Hybrid Work Arrangement
Full-time permanent, bilingual, 35 hours/week
Salary range: \$26.93 to \$40.48 per hour

The FASD Consultant will deliver family-centred service to children and youth with FASD and/or suspected FASD and their families by leading the development of a strengths-based support plan for children and youth with FASD or suspected FASD. The FASD Consultant will work with the family, service providers and educators to build capacity for supporting the child/youth and identify service options to meet the specific needs of the child/youth and family based on the best available evidence of FASD supports. The FASD Consultant will be knowledgeable about FASD and will complement the current efforts of service providers within the community to provide collaboration and system navigation across multiple sectors, such as health, education, youth justice, community and social services, post-secondary, and employment and training. The FASD Consultant will connect children and youth with FASD, their families and service providers to interventions and supports including those developed through the other components of the FASD Strategy.

The successful candidate will be committed to strength-based principles of child, youth and family centredness, demonstrate the ability to build and maintain relationships with diverse stakeholders, have experience in data collection and analysis, have the ability to work independently and contribute to a team, and show strong organizational and time management skills.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention.

He/She will possess a BSW or equivalent degree in one of the social sciences or helping professions, have a minimum of three years' work or equivalent experience with vulnerable or at-risk populations including special needs, have experience working with children/youth with FASD and their families, be fluent in both official languages, and have strong presentation and interpersonal skills. As travel throughout the assigned area is expected, candidates must have a valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and provide a Motor Vehicle Abstract.

The successful candidate will be expected to work from home at this time.

Those interested in this position should send their current resumes in confidence to:

Mary Katherine Howe – Executive Director
Children's Community Network, 319 Lasalle Boulevard, Unit 2, Sudbury, ON P3A 1W7
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547
Fax: (705) 521-7376
Email: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca

We would like to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



**Municipality of Central Manitoulin
Employment Opportunity
Treasurer/CFO**

The Municipality is seeking an experienced and ambitious leader to fill the position of Treasurer/CFO. The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is located in the “heart” of Manitoulin Island with an abundance of lakes, rivers and beaches. The Municipality includes the villages and hamlets of Mindemoya, Providence Bay, Spring Bay, Sandfield and Big Lake. We offer diverse attractions and unique landmarks such as our sandy beach in Providence Bay or access to Lake Manitou, the largest lake on the island. It has a population of 2,084 and is fast growing and progressive.

Reporting to the CAO/Clerk, the Treasurer/CFO will be an integral member of the management team and will be responsible for fulfilling the statutory duties required under the Municipal Act, 2001. The Treasurer/CFO provides financial leadership and advice to Council and staff to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the Municipality.

The ideal candidate will possess a combination of experience and relevant education in municipal government. A CPA, CGA or CMA designation would be considered an asset. Strong communication skills, combined with a solid understanding of municipal finance are a necessity. A detailed job description is available on the Municipal website. The salary range of \$60,000.00 - \$80,000.00, is complemented by an excellent benefit package.

Posting will remain open until suitable candidate found.

Please reply with a cover letter and detailed resume to:
Denise Deforge CAO/Clerk
6020 Highway 542, Box 420
Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
(P) 705-377-5726 (F) 705-377-5585
centralm@amtelecom.net

We thank all who apply. Only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted.



**TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH
DEPUTY TREASURER**

Successful candidate(s) will be responsible for all aspects of Township finances and tax collection and statutory duties as defined in the Municipal Act and other Acts or Legislation.

QUALIFICATIONS (preferred)

- Extensive knowledge of financial planning and accounting principles;
- Recognized College or University diploma/degree in Accounting or Finance
- AMCTO Municipal finance and administrative courses;
- Municipal experience with a minimum of 3 to 5 years experience in accounting and financial management;
- Proficiency in SAGE accounting, The Managed Municipality tax program (preferred), Word and Excel programs;
- Proven ability to multi-task, handle large volume of work and set priorities;
- Demonstrated team and leadership skills.

Job Description available at www.tehkummah.ca.

References and current criminal record check are required for interview.

Applications to be submitted by Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

MAIL or DELIVER TO: Township of Tehkummah
456 Hwy 542A, PO Box 24
Tehkummah, ON
P0P 2C0

EMAIL: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

FAX: 705-859-2605

All applicants are thanked for their interest but only those persons who are selected for an interview will be contacted.



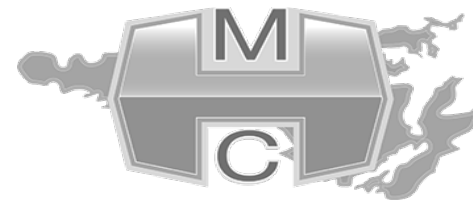
**Employment Opportunity
Maintenance Worker**

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of Maintenance Worker

Further information including a job description is available on our website at www.centralmanitoulin.ca

Resumes will be received until Friday, February 24, 2023 at NOON at the office below.

Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
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P.O. Box 420
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SUMMER STUDENTS

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires the following summer students at its Little Current and Mindemoya sites:

- Registered Nursing Students**
- Physiotherapy Student (pending funding)**

Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID - 19 vaccine status.
Please email a cover letter and resume to: recruitment@mhc.on.ca
Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

“Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous/Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.”



**Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island
Summer Student
Employment Opportunity**

The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is accepting applications for the following summer student positions for the 2023 season.

- Public Works Assistant**
- Park Attendant/Office Student**

The duration of the contract is 8 weeks, pending successful candidate availability. Applicants must be planning to return to school full-time in the fall and be eligible to work in Canada. A valid driver's licence is also required.

Please apply in person with your resume no later than March 6th, 2023 to:
29 Noble Side Road Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0

Please note that only candidates meeting funding criteria including age/student status will be selected for an interview.



**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
REQUEST FOR TENDER**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is accepting quotes for material and labour of roof shingle replacement at the Noojmowin Teg lower shed located at 48 Hillside Rd, Aundeck Omni Kaning.

We are inviting experienced and interested parties to submit a tender for the following work:

- Removal of existing roofing material
- Installation of new roofing paper, waterproof membrane and shingles across approximately 1,310 sq. ft.
- Replacement of vents (if necessary)
- Disposal of old roofing material and clean-up of worksite

Please submit tenders in a sealed envelope to the following:

**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Rd, Aundeck Omni Kaning FN
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0**

Or by email to: debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline for tender submission is February 23, 2023 at 12:00 pm



Rainbow District School Board, with schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, is accepting applications from qualified teachers for the following long-term occasional teaching assignment for the 2022/2023 school year:

Charles C. McLean Public School

Posting #182-F 1.0 Junior/Intermediate Core French, Prep
Effective February 27, 2023 to June 30, 2023

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, proof of qualifications, recent performance evaluations and/or practice teaching reports, the names of three professional references by **3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23, 2023.**

Human Resources
Rainbow District School Board
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2
email: HRT@rainbowschools.ca

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted. The candidate selected for the position will be required to provide a criminal record check.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for employee recruitment purposes. Questions should be directed to the above.

Rainbow District School Board complies with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require accommodation for a disability during any stage of the recruitment process, please contact the HR Manager at 705-674-3171.

The Rainbow District School Board is an equal opportunity employer.



Board Certified Behavioural Analyst (1 Year Contract)

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Board Certified Behavioural Analyst (1 Year Contract).**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Thursday March 2, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
 District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
 Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
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<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

Finance Summer Student
Temporary Full-Time
 Competition #2023-02-AD
 Closing date: March 14, 2023

Integrated Human Services Summer Student
Temporary Full-Time
 Competition #2023-01-IHS
 Closing Date: March 14, 2023

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Are you a leader, an education visionary, and a professional who fosters growth and exceptional opportunities for students that you serve?



Then this EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY is for you: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Classification/Level: Senior Management - Education
 Salary Range: \$78,000 - \$135,200 (Depending on Education and Experience) + Pension and Group Benefits
 Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Director of Education must be a visionary who is a well-respected educational leader with a proven record. They must be results-oriented, and can strategically foster growth, development and opportunities for band membership and members of the M'Chigeeng educational system. They will build strong relationships to develop a 'system'; and will work in collaboration with Chief & Council, the Education Staff, the M'Chigeeng community, external affiliates and government officials. This position requires an education professional who has worked with First Nations and is aware of First Nations issues. The Director of Education will be responsible for the total organization, management and administration of the M'Chigeeng educational system.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Reporting to the Enaagdenjged, areas of responsibility will include:

System Leadership and Planning

- Demonstrates positive and proactive system leadership
- Organizes/facilitates a review of the education system's mission and vision and values, inclusive of education department and community consultation

Educational Leadership

- Provides advice, leadership and recommendations not limited to the Enaagdenjged, Committees and Chief and Council on all educational matters
- Demonstrates a positive relationship with all staff, band membership and external partners

Student Achievement & Well-Being

- Takes the necessary steps to provide a safe, caring learning environment
- Provides advice and leadership in setting goals for student achievement and well-being, and in promoting the vision of inspiring success for all students in collaboration with the Daycare Supervisor, Lakeview School Principal, High School Navigator and Post-Secondary Navigator
- Ensures that all M'Chigeeng students have the opportunity to meet the standards of education set out in the Strategic Plan ("System Growth Plan")

Fiscal Responsibility

- Works in conjunction with the Enaagdenjged, Finance Manager, Education Finance Clerk to ensure that the fiscal management of the educational system is in accordance with the funding model, and other applicable legislation

Personnel Management

- Immediate Supervisor of Lakeview School Principal, Daycare Supervisor, High School Navigator, Post-Secondary Navigator, Office Manager, Education Administrative Assistant and Education Finance Clerk
- Ensures effective processes are in place of the supervision and performance reviews of all staff

Communications & Community Relations

- Establishes effective communication strategies
- Coordinates regular Education Advisory Group meetings and prepares agendas with the Enaagdenjged
- Keeps the school and larger MFN community informed of key monitoring reports, student and staff achievements, education events, etc.

Personal Professional Development

- Participates in ongoing professional development
- Keeps abreast of current trends in education, i.e. First Nations education, changes in legislation, curriculum, etc., and informs the Enaagdenjged, Education Advisory Group and Chief & Council (if requested to do so by the Enaagdenjged)

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS:

- Master's Degree in Education
- Principal 1 and 2 would be an asset
- A minimum of five (5) years' related work-experience, which includes leading First Nation services, program and/or policy development and/or education and community development
- Proven successful educational leadership experience (either at the school level or central administration)
- Excellent planning, administrative, organizational, project management and budget management skills
- Ability to plan strategically, initiate action and achieve desired outcomes for multiple initiatives in both political as well as culturally sensitive environments
- Ability to communicate sensitive and complex information to a wide variety of audiences
- Knowledge of current key issues in First Nations education

OTHER:

- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills – be a visible, inclusive and collaborative leader with a demonstrated track record of success, building effective relationships and partnerships at all levels of the organization, as well as with key education, community, provincial and federal partners
- Be courageous, results-oriented, have integrity and energy to champion student success and contribute to building an equitable and inclusive community together
- Strong interest in the education of First Nation children, youth and learners coupled with a sincere concern for their well-being
- Strong knowledge of internal and external challenges (First Nation issues, government changes, labour market, education trends, funding changes, etc.)
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinabek
- Fluency of the Ojibwe language is a strong asset or must have a willingness to learn
- CRC/VSS requirement must be thirty (30) days current, original or certified copy

Closing Date: February 24th, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current professional reference contacts (two work-related and one character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

c/o Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
 M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0

Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

For a detailed job description, please email: andream@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Death Notices

**RONALD ROLAND RICHARD
TAIBOSSIGAI**
"Rocky"
Gimaa
Adik dodem

November 7, 1953 - February 12, 2023



Ronald Roland Richard Taibossigai, "Rocky", a resident of M'Chigeeng, died at Mindemoya Hospital surrounded by family at the age of 69 years old. He was born in Mindemoya, son of the late Wilfred Taibossigai and Violet (nee Halsey). He was so very proud and loved his sons. Super Dad to Clinton (Velvet), Falcon, Talon and Lance (predeceased) (Nikki). Special uncle to Dane (Gloria). He is survived by his siblings Ivan (Christy), Grant (Sandra), Audrey, Tammy (Edward) Jason, Kirk, Kelly (Peter), Laura and Vicky-Lynn. Predeceased by siblings Francis Migwans, Betty Debassige (Bruno) and Lee Earl. Mishomis to Treena, Brayden, Noodin, Sheild, Skyland, Ryder, Jasper and Nookaa. Predeceased Chrysalis. He will be missed by nieces and nephews too numerous to mention. Special friend to Taylor Debassige, Alma Jean Migwans and his baker Bonita Bebamash. He will forever be missed by his best supporter Isadora. Rocky was a man of exceptional skills, working with his hands as a journeyman carpenter, he was a community builder. He helped construct many buildings across Mnidoo Mnising during his years of work. Constructing buildings from the ground up, fine cabinet work to delicate carvings. Rocky enjoyed throwing horseshoes and fishing, was an avid reader, and loved crossword puzzles. Some of his fondest memories were setting the net with his Mishomis, spending time with his father and many happy times with his siblings and friends growing up in the community. His favourite place to be was at camp next to the water. There will be no services, to be cremated were his wishes.

thank you

The Manitoulin North Shore Branch #176 of the Army Navy Air Force Veteran Association (ANAVET) would like to thank Mr. Andrew Orr of Orr's Valumart in Little Current for his ongoing support of our fundraising efforts. These funds go to support veterans and other programs in the Manitoulin/North Shore communities. Signed, James Kiviaho, President 40p

We would like to thank all our family and friends for the phone calls, cards and condolences on the recent passing of our son, Neil Ballantyne. Special thank you to the doctors and nursing staff at Health Sciences North and Manitoulin Health Centre for their caring and compassion during his illness. A special thanks to Ryan and Becky Stewart for helping us through these trying times. Thank you all again. Ray and Dorothy Stewart and family 40c

notice

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

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in memoriam

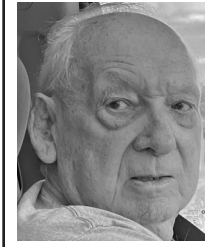
BONIFACE—In memory of Harry, my fishing buddy, brother-in-law and best friend, who passed away February 1, 2005 after a long fight with cancer. My memory book has sadly turned another page. Think about you often, Harry 40c

ROWLAND—In memory of Charles L. Rowland. It's been one year, near the last of this month, that you told the Lord that you were ready to take the long journey back home. May mom and dad be there to greet you when you arrive at the end of your journey, as well as the ones who went before you. Now all that's left is the old memories of days of yester years which we hold in our hearts close and dear. Will say adios amigo until we meet again. Will be able to take that journey to the rim of the moon to see if that blanket was still lying as it once was. Now all we can do is walk beside one another till we meet again. With love, Sheila, Lily, nieces, nephews, Clarence and family 40p

MCQUARRIE—In memory of John/Jack McQuarrie who died March 1, 2022. May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Our love forever and forever, Arlene and family 40c

Death Notices

JAMES CHISHOLM
August 5, 1939 - February 4, 2023



Mr. James Chisholm, age 83 years, resident of Terrace Bay, Ontario, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2023 at McCausland Hospital. James was born August 5, 1939 in the small community of Mindemoya, Ontario located on the Manitoulin Island. James had many jobs over the years from working construction on the highways, driving the milk truck and working on the crew that built the Mospport Raceway in Bowmanville. James also worked as a police officer, starting his career in Chapleau which led him to Copper Cliff and then to Espanola where he received his Sergeants badge. In 1977 he took a small break from policing to manage Pilons Hardware but not long after returned to the job and ended up in Terrace Bay. In, 1979 James saw an ad to manage a tourist operation for fly-in fishing. Naturally, James and the love of his life Helen, went for it. Throughout this time James had the opportunity to utilize his private pilot licence. James and Helen remained in the tourism business for 27 years. After retiring in 2006 James had even more time to enjoy his most favourite pastime, buying vehicles. James was a man of great character and will be deeply missed. James is survived by his daughter Bonnie (Richard) of Terrace Bay, son-in-law Michael Bourcier of Espanola, grandchildren Mitchell (Elena) and Erik (Jesse), all of Espanola, James (Emiley) of Terrace Bay, Alex-Andrya of Halifax, great-grandchildren Avery, Wyatt, Emmett, Scarlett, Dawson, Cruz and Ryker. His is also survived by his brother Junior of Little Current, sister Barbara of Sault Ste. Marie, sisters-in-law Brenda (Brock) of Rockville, Jean, Lois (Gerry) and brothers-in-law Russell and Bob of Little Current, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. James is predeceased by his wife Helen; daughter Kimberley; parents Julian and Edith; in-laws Alex and Pearl (King); brother Dick and sister-in-law Phyllis. Cremation has taken place and the interment will be held in the spring at the Cold Springs family plot. If friends so desire, in lieu of flowers, donations made to Northern Cancer Foundation would be greatly appreciated. Condolences may be made through www.nwfainc.com

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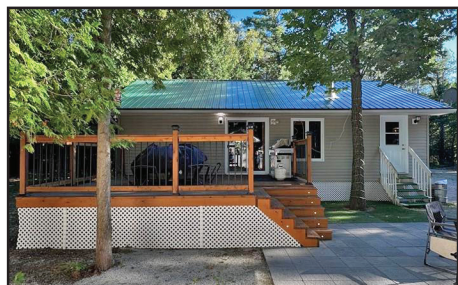
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WATERFRONT

39 Moody Lane
 MLS®#: 2104841, \$945,000



12205A HWY 540 Gore Bay
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48 Bay Street, Honora Bay
 MLS®#: 2109469, \$319,000



Lot 8 River Road, Providence Bay
 \$319,000



VACANT LAND

N/A Walnut Lane
 MLS®#: 2107098, \$139,500



PRICE REDUCTION

209 Tucker Road
 MLS®#: 2105708, \$225,000



344 North Channel Drive
 MLS®#: 2109537 \$499,000

Agent Spotlight



Corey McCutcheon
 Sales Representative



The team is growing again! The Lewis Team extends a very warm welcome to their newest agent, Corey McCutcheon.

Corey is an agent that is driven to serve his clients needs! He prides himself on providing thorough, well informed and professional service. Corey is highly informed on Manitoulin as he has lived here nearly his entire life. Corey is married to his beautiful wife, Lucie, with their three young children and is excited to help more families find their forever homes on Manitoulin Island. Corey is an avid outdoorsman, taking any opportunity to go fishing, hunting, camping, or just walks in the forest. Having such a love for the outdoors he would love to assist you in buying or selling any of your recreational properties.

✉ coreymccutcheon@royallepage.ca
 📍 Sudbury - Manitoulin
 📞 705-562-3496 cell

The Lewis Team

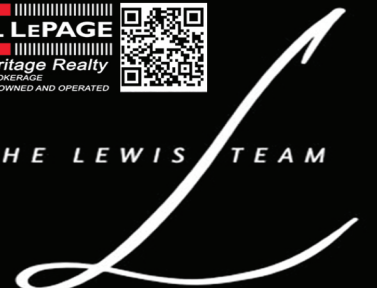
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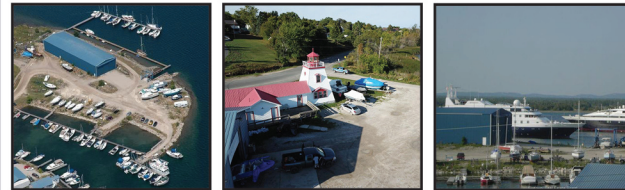
OPPORTUNITY ABOUNDS

In this 2-bedroom bungalow on an oversized lot in the heart of Little Current. Interesting building design at the front of this home really sets it apart from the rest! The diamond-in-the-rough basement with three-piece bath offers a great opportunity for potential in law suite. All new flooring upstairs. This home would be a great starter home, or a home to downsize to. Call Jennifer Hooper – Sales Person, for details 705-862-1002.

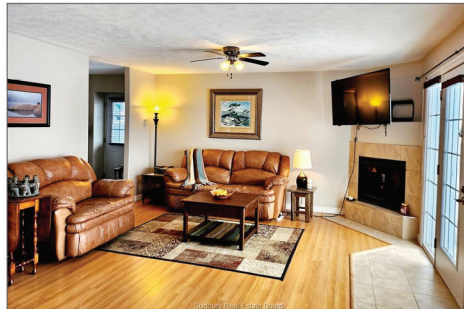


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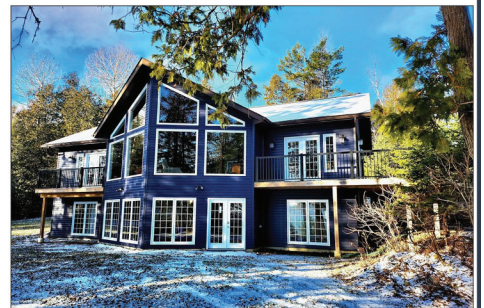
COMMERCIAL SPACE
Little Current \$180,000
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1,000 sq. ft.
Downtown Little Current



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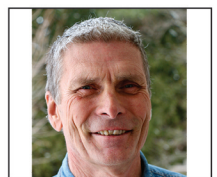
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27 ACRES WITH 420 FT OF FRONTAGE ON SILVER LAKE ROAD
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3 BED, 2 BATH WATERFRONT HOME, 2 ACRES, ON MAPLE POINT
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100-ACRES WITH 2 BED RENOVATED OFF-GRID HUNT CAMP
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3 BED, 2 BATH WATERFRONT UPDATED HOME ON SOUTH BAY
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RENOVATED 4 BED, 3 BATH HOME WATERFRONT LITTLE CURRENT
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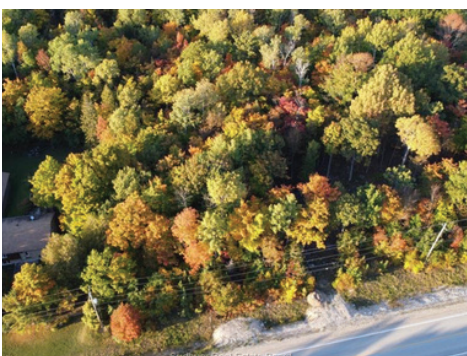
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2 BED, 2 BATH WATERFRONT HOME IN SILVER WATER
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LARGE PREMIUM WATERFRONT LOT IN NEW SANDY POINT AREA
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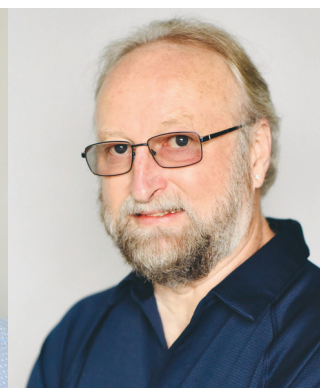
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