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Illinois inks pact to keep invasive carp from Great Lakes



NOW YOU SEE HER...Sheguiandah First Nation Junior Chief Xoe Roy (who is also The Expositor's production manager) braved the frigid waters of the dunk tank during a Thursday afternoon fundraiser for the youth of the community. Balls were \$5 each and some hearty souls, like Ms. Roy, sacrificed themselves for the greater good. The dunk tank fundraiser netted \$279.

photos by Michael Erskine

*Joins Michigan
in massive defence
against giant carp*

by Tom Sasvari
CHICAGO, Ill.—The news that the state of Illinois has signed an agreement that will see construction taking place to combat the movement of invasive carp as a measure to keep them out of the Great Lakes has been met positively by officials in the US and Ontario.

"We won. Invasive carp controls will be put up in Brandon Road," stated Molly Flanagan, of The Alliance for The Great Lakes. "This is a really exciting time, and it is great news for the Great Lakes."

"It has taken years, probably decades," said Mary Muter of the Georgian Bay Great Lakes Foundation. "It is definitely good news. This project will now move forward after several decades of so many people pressing for these type of controls."

"It will stop the invasion of silver and grass carp and other species from getting into the Great Lakes," said Ms. Muter. "Absolutely, this decision does

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**Integrity commissioner
dismisses citizen complaint
against Burpee-Mills reeve**

by Tom Sasvari
EVANSVILLE—An integrity commissioner has dismissed two complaints filed by two members of the public against Burpee and Mills Reeve Ken Noland on code of conduct issues including abuse and intimidation.

In a letter to Burpee and Mills Township council dated June 26, integrity commissioner Harold Elston of Barriston Law wrote, "I have been delegated to act as the township's integrity commissioner regarding two complaints filed against reeve (Ken Noland) (one on August 4, 2023 and one on August 15, 2023). I have now concluded my inquiries and wish to report the results of my investigations, to you."

Mr. Elston explained, "in the course of my investigation I interviewed the two complainants, Reeve Noland and another witness. There was no video recording available. The complaints did not specify which part or parts of the Code of Conduct were allegedly contravened. I have applied sections 7.1 and 7.2: Conduct Re-

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Weengushk celebrates residential school warriors' resilience

Non-Indigenous citizens encouraged to attend Star Blanket workshops

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—On the morning of Thursday, July 11, a group of 50 residential school survivors will be crossing the swing bridge at Little Current around 9 am. The symbolic crossing will be the culmination of a star

blanket ceremony that will see the survivors gifted with a star blanket.

The star blanket holds special meaning amongst Indigenous peoples. It is used to "honour, protect and celebrate the individual." Receiving a star blan-

ket brings good dreams, prosperity and protection and, in this case, celebrates the resilience of those who were ripped from the bosoms of their family, culture and traditions by a colonial government set on literally conquering their souls.

Shirley Cheechoo, one of Canada's most acclaimed Indigenous filmmakers and the founder of Weengushk International Film Festival, says she eschews the term survivor in favour of "warrior" as their resilience is a more accurate trait that any suggestion of victimhood.

The two-day intro to the Weengushk International Film Festival is themed as "Blanket of Stars: A Tribute to Resilience" and the 50 residential school warriors who will gather on Goat Island to prepare for a profound and symbolic procession across the swing bridge "represents their long jour-

ney and serves as a welcoming home. This bridge, which physically connects communities, will metaphorically represent the bridging of past and present, acknowledging the long road these survivors have travelled."

"This poignant procession will be a public tribute to the resilience of these remarkable men and women," noted Ms. Cheechoo. "As they walk, the warriors will be enveloped not only by the physical landscape of Manitoulin Island but also by the collective embrace of the communities and attendees present to honour their strength and survival."

The day is exclusively set aside to celebrate and reflect upon the unyielding spirit of these survivors, she said. "It will be a moment to stand in solidarity with them, to learn from their experiences and to commit to the ongoing process of

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Central lakeshore subdivision developer asked to provide L. Mindemoya capacity study in draft list of requirements

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Central Manitoulin council drafted a set of conditions for Split Crow Partners Ltd.—the developer of a 39-lot "year-round residential" Tracy Road subdivision on the shores of Lake Mindemoya—during council's June 24 meeting, forwarding those conditions on to the Manitoulin Planning Board. The planning board deferred making a decision on the proposed plan of subdivision as the representatives of Split Crow Partners said they had not been apprised of the draft conditions in time to fully review them.

If the approval were to go forward the conditions would be valid for three years from the date they were approved—a standard clause for such approvals.

Most of the draft conditions are those normally applied to plans of subdivision (referred to

in documents as an 'M-Plan').

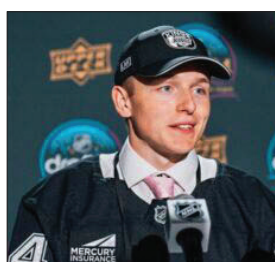
Councillor Derek Stephens expressed concerns that a number of the provisions in the draft regulations impose restrictions that would not normally apply to a land owner and foists the completion of a lake capacity study

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Carter George drafted by LA Kings

Goalie with Island roots top N. American netminder drafted

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT AND BARRIE—While the family of Carter George, including his father and grandparents, who are all from Little Current are excited, no one is as excited as the young Owen Sound Attack goalie who was not only selected 57th overall (second round) in the National Hockey League entry draft but will, in future, be able



Carter George in his LA Kings swag.

to ply his trade with his favourite hockey team.

"Everybody is very excited for Carter," stated Lianne Masson of Little Current, his grandmother. "But I don't think anyone is as excited as Carter is. He is absolutely thrilled. In his journey to reach this point, as a child, about 12 years old he had the opportunity to play in the Los Angeles Kings." ...continued on page 15

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LCBO employees picketed the busy Little Current intersection of Manitowaning Road and Meredith Street Friday morning, July 5, day one of the two-week walkout. At issue is the Ford government rollout of the sale of liquor and spirits to more grocery store and convenience stores in the coming months.

photo by Michael Erskine

LCBO strike hits Ontario amidst controversial alcohol sale expansion

Spirits available for purchase at Island's five 'convenience outlets'

by Jacqueline St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ONTARIO—LCBO workers took to the picket lines last Friday igniting a province-wide strike that has rattled Ontario. Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) president JP Hornick declared, "This is our line in the sand and we are making history," at a fiery news conference and rally attended by around 80 supporters at the corner of Bay and Bloor Streets in Toronto.

The strike, involving over 9,000 LCBO employees, began at midnight on Friday following a breakdown in contract negotiations. The workers are demanding job security in response to Premier Doug Ford's controversial expansion plans for alcohol sales. Ford announced last year that by 2026, convenience stores and all grocers in the province would be allowed to sell beer, wine, cider, and ready-to-drink cocktails, starting this

September.

This unprecedented strike marks the first in the LCBO's over 100-year history. Mr. Hornick accused the Ford government of attempting to "reduce the meaningfulness of the LCBO and the work that we do," claiming it jeopardizes public safety. The rally crowd applauded his statements fervently.

In its 2023 annual report, the LCBO stated that the retailer generated \$2.58 billion in revenue from alcohol sales, which supported critical services such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure. Additionally, the LCBO made charitable donations totaling over \$14.6 million to support the health and well-being of Ontario's diverse communities.

Critics of Doug Ford's decision to privatize al-

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Central Lions welcome over 6,000 visitors to Ribfest

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Central Manitoulin Lions Club Annual Homecoming and Ribfest Weekend just keeps getting better and bigger in terms of events and attendance each year.

"We had a very good weekend with just over 6,000 in attendance for the weekend, which is up from last year," stated Dale Scott, president of the Lions Club. "Saturday (June 29) we had the largest number of people going through and it was also the wettest day of the weekend, which just provides an example of how well things went."

"The parade was huge, bigger than it has ever has been," said Mr. Scott. The parade was dedicated to lifelong volunteers and proud Lions, the late Lew and Joanne Lanktree.

Lions Club vice president Alison Sloss said, "What an unforgettable weekend. The Central Manitoulin Lions Club and Manitoulin Ribfest are beyond grateful for the outpouring of support from our community. We thank each and every one of our sponsors, volunteers, vendors, and performers for their invaluable contributions. With their help, we were able to make this event a truly memorable experience for the 6,000 people who joined us! We look

forward to seeing you again next year!"

"All the musicians were great," said Mr. Scott. He pointed out the AC/DC tribute band, 21 Gun Salute, drew about 800 people out for their Saturday evening performance, despite the heavy rains. Everyone was under tents.

Local businessperson Wayne Legge let the Lions use his property for the fantastic fireworks, said Mr. Scott. "We had many in-kind donations made

and lots of volunteers helped pull everything together. It was so nice to see the community pull together and proceeds from the event of course will go back into the community."

There were many events and activities taking place from Friday right through the Monday Canada Day celebrations. "We had 57 kids take part in the soap box derby on Monday," said Mr. Scott. "Steve

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Doug Wismer recognized for 44 years of service to Robinson Fire Department

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—The Robinson Township community and area packed the Silver Water community hall this past Saturday to recognize the efforts of local fire chief Doug Wismer on his retirement after 44 years of service, the past nine as fire chief.

"Doug Wismer, what all fire chiefs should aspire to emulate," stated Tim Mackinlay, deputy fire chief for Robinson and host at the retirement and awards presentation in Mr. Wis-



Joe Addison, left, son of the late Arthur Addison former fire chief of the Robinson Township Fire Department, presents a statue of a firefighter, to Doug Wismer at a party held for the latter's retirement from the fire department after 44 years.

mer's honour. "Happy, resourceful and always ready to give practical advice and lend a helping hand, be it for fixing something, coming out with his tractor to do some digging, snowblowing, grass cutting or just drinking coffee with chit chat."

"Thank you, Doug, for all your years of service, mentorship and teaching, and making this fire department function," said Mr. McKinlay. "And a special thank you to

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Island Ph.D student awarded prestigious Vanier Scholarship

Little Current's Alexandria Cosby

by Tom Sasvari

GUELPH—Alexandria Cosby, a PhD student in integrative biology at the University of Guelph who is currently undertaking a 'little brown bat' study on Manitoulin Island, has been selected for the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, (one of 166 in Canada).

"Congratulations to the 2024 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships and Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships recipients!" said the Honourable Francois-Philippe Champagne, federal minister of innovation, science and industry. "Their dedication to advancing knowledge for the benefit of all is truly impressive and their hard

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Twenty-one candidates nominated for chief in August 17 election

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—A total of 21 candidates have been nominated for the position of chief of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory in the band council and chief election. There are 88 candidates in the running for the nine councillor seats. The band council and chief election will take place August 17.

In the election for chief, those nominated as candidates at a nomination meeting held last Saturday include incumbent chief Rachel Manitowabi, Samuel Manitowabi Sr., Joni Roy, Tim Ominika, Frances Mandamin, Herman Wemigwans, Joseph Wabegijig, Genevieve Eshkibok, Jonathan Peltier, Marcello (Danny) Roy, Darcy Solomon, John Dube, David Lavalley Jr., Steve Jerome George, Arthur Jacko Jr., Michael J. Eskawkogon, Duke N. Peltier, Thomas Atchitawens, Berna-

dine Francis, Robert Corbiere and Angela G. Wemigwans.

Incumbent councillors Lorraine Fox, Gladys Wakegijig, Ralph Gonawabi, Lyle Peltier, Marcia Trudeau-Bomberry, Joe Wabegijig, Francis Mandamin, Irvin Oshkabewisens and Tim Ominika are among the 88 candidates nominated for council. Also nominated are Amanda Wasegijig-Trudeau, Larry M. Kimewon, Gerrilynn Victoria Manitowabi, Mary Jo Wabano,

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Burpee and Mills blames loss of tax base for 6% increase to 2024 taxes

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—Citing the increase in fixed external costs, the township of Burpee and Mills has no control over, a loss of tax base due to provincially mandated programs, legal fees having gone up, and the loss of revenue due to a shrinking tax base as more township property is converted to conservation area, Burpee and Mills council recently passed its budget for this year which will see a significant increase to taxpayers.

"We are looking at a six percent tax increase," said Ken Noland, reeve of Burpee and Mills. "The tax bills are going out to township taxpayers with a six percent increase in taxes for this year. The increase is due in part to the loss in our

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Pent up anger and frustration are casting a pox on all houses

Recent elections in Europe have not been kind to incumbents, with the Conservatives in Britain being tossed out in a landslide after 14 years in power and the French election, while narrowly avoiding the election of a hard-right government, still led to the resignation of centrist French Prime Minister Gabriel Attal (although French President Emmanuel Macron has refused to accept the resignation, at least for now).

The election results in those two countries, although clearly a repudiation of incumbents, resulted in vastly different outcomes. In Britain, which boasts a first-past-the-post system in which a candidate must only outrun the others in the race to win the seat, Labour secured a massive majority win over its rivals. In France, which saw the far-right take a lead in the first of two rounds, the result was nowhere nearly as clear. France also uses a first past the post system, but complicates matters with a two-round system which winnows the field down to those who secure more than 12.5 percent vote, based on the number registered to vote in the first round. This usually results in two candidates facing off and one of those must secure a majority of the votes cast in the second round. Occasionally there are three who succeed in meeting the threshold—which can make things very challenging. Right now, the French parliament is looking to be in a challenging split given the parties that won during the final tally.

Across the globe, incumbent governments are finding their populations are fed up and not going to take it any more—with only tenuous connections to any tangible reasons behind their frustration. It seems to be more a pox on all their houses.

In Britain, the government facing that public ire are the Conservatives, who have ruled from the right of the centre spectrum for 14 years. In France, it is the centrists who found themselves in the crosshairs—dependant on the left to shore up their flanks. It seems fear of the more extreme notions of the right played a big role in stopping right-wing Marine Le Pen from taking the lead—and by most media accounts most of Europe also heaved a sigh of relief when the right did not prevail.

Ms. Le Pen has spent much of the past several years after taking over the reins of her father's right wing party, National Rally, distancing her and her party from the more extreme platform planks of her father—with some considerable success, judging from the first-round results.

In Canada, the current state of federal affairs (at least) seems to indicate the governing Liberals are facing the same electoral firing squad as the British Tories in the next election (although in the case of the Canadian federal Liberals, it seems the angst is aimed

more squarely on the prime minister than the party itself. This can be traced more to a steady barrage of personal attacks on Justin Trudeau than necessarily most of the Liberals' policies.

Prime Minister Trudeau's biggest issue is a perception among the electorate of inauthenticity that he has garnered since first being elected. His trademark policy promise to "do politics differently" came a cropper when it met up with the realities of governing and the need for party discipline.

This makes it far easier to blame the current federal government, in the personification of the prime minister of the day, for the housing crisis (quite clearly a provincial responsibility), for inflation (which has gripped the entire globe since the pandemic and remains considerably worse south of the border), for Canada not meeting the notional two percent level of defence spending (which no government has pulled off outside of major wartime expenditures in living memory—Stephen Harper's Conservatives brought the percentage down to its lowest ever at .97 percent) and for (insert your personal pet peeve here).

The invocation of anger and angst are the defining elements of how social media have impacted democracies—and anger seems the driving force behind the Canadian Conservatives' climb in recent polls in a clear refutation of "sunny ways." But is it really? Most of the flagship policies of the current government are actually applauded by the majority of the electorate—if polls are to be believed.

Fear is a powerful motivator, and the French politicians in the centre and on the right leveraged that emotion to stem the tide of right-wing electoral success. Fear isn't a great reason to elect a government, but neither are anger and angst.

Over the next couple of years, until the federal election slated for 2026, Canadians will be able to assess how unleashing anger and angst are working out for our neighbouring democracies.

It is often said, and usually proven true, that governments are fired, rather than elected. But when contemplating hiring a replacement, it makes a lot of sense to take a hard look at the resume of potential candidates in the lists and to take a peek behind the curtain of their policies. If you can't find those policies there—or the stage manager won't let you look—then perhaps caution might be called for.

Over the next several months, as decision time draws nearer, Canadians need to pay greater attention to the political menu and assess why, and what kind of change they want. Let's not choose a path blindly.

letter

Expositor article on traumatic Spider Bay rescue incomplete

Having to relive the experience is very troubling

To The Expositor:

On June 26 an article was released in respect to a gentleman who suffered a heart attack at Spider Bay on June 18 /24. I was the person who called 911. My friend was the man who suffered the heart attack. He was passing me stuff while I was inside my boat preparing for a day of fishing . When I looked to the side where he was standing I heard a noise and noticed him on the ground, I jumped out of the boat. I thought he had tripped and injured himself. When I rolled him over I noticed he had lost his bodily fluids, and was unresponsive. I called 911 and started CPR, I told the dispatch that I could hear the siren, and they asked if I was across from McBane's. I said yes, and they asked me to go and flag them down. I left Huey and ran to the front of the marina office, and as they had seen me, I returned back to the boat to continue CPR. I continued to give CPR until the woman paramedic prepared the AED and shocked him.

I backed away to give a statement to the police when a gentleman from the marina took over from the EMS worker to give CPR until they shocked him again and established a pulse. We all lifted him onto a stretcher and he was taken to little current hospital. I was very thankful the paramedics and the police officer stayed with me at the hospital for a bit. He was sent to HSN were he stayed on life support until Thursday, he received surgery and is now home

regaining his strength. I received a newspaper with your article, which really troubled me; this was a very traumatic event for me that I am still trying to come to terms with. When people read this article, they don't see the facts. It raises doubt and is damaging to my credibility because of what really took place. Having to relive this incident by explaining to people what happened was very insensitive to me regarding the events I had to deal with. Me and my wife drove from Garson to the Island to thank the employee from the marina and I left a message with one of his coworkers, because I did not know his name. This is very overwhelming for me. In the future, before publishing an article, think about the residual effects on the people involved and gather the facts before hitting the publish button. I have to face people daily in the community, people can be negative to discredit others which is very damaging. It took a lot out of me to help my friend and drive back home alone in the truck, spending almost a week in ICU looking at him on life support.

I hope you never have to go through what I did.

Kind regards,

**Mike Morrow
Garson**

Tehkummah audited statements are slated to arrive soon

News welcome as provincial funding was under threat

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—Tehkummah Township Mayor John Deforge had the opportunity to provide some positive news concerning its long awaited financial audited statements for 2021 and 2022 from an accounting firm in Sudbury.

"I now have it in writing from MNP (the accounting firm) that we will be receiving our 2021 audited financial statements by Monday (of this week) and the 2022 statements by Friday (of this week), so we are on our way," stated Mayor Deforge last Friday.

Mayor Deforge told The Expositor earlier that the government had indicated they would be cutting some of the township funding if they didn't receive the completed audited statements.

However, as long as the township receives the completed audited statements, the government will continue all funding normally provided to the township.

Mayor Deforge had told this newspaper previously that MNP had two people in the township office mid-year (in 2023) to finish and

complete the returns (for 2021 and 2022). MNP auditors were there for two weeks and the township had expected the statements soon afterward, but it did not take place. He noted as well there is nothing wrong with the township finances, they (MNP) have said there are no discrepancies or problems with the township finances.

He also said the township had already paid a substantial amount to MNP for the audited statements so they could not change accounting companies.

Mayor Deforge said council had put off its council meeting for July (usually the first Tuesday of the month) until July 16 to have everything hopefully in place. At its most recent meeting, council had passed a motion to set its budget this year with a six percent increase.

Council passed a motion directing the deputy-clerk administrator to prepare the necessary documentation in order to have the proposed budget adopted at the next council meeting.

Wiikwemkoong High School graduation marks rite of passage for students

by Alicia McCutcheon
WIJKWEMKOONG—An impressive 18 graduates donned their caps and gowns and crossed the floor of Wikwemikong High School (WHS) on Thursday, June 27, marking the next step on their journey into adulthood.

Long-time WHS guidance counsellor Jillian Peltier welcomed everyone to the graduation in her role as master of ceremonies, introducing Principal Harold Fox.

“Congratulations, guys, we can finally put the year behind us,” Principal Fox began. “It was quite the year, but we came out on top. Congrats. We wish you the best,” he said, encouraging the grads to drop the

school a line to share the news of their happenings. “Nahow?” he asked them. They nodded in agreement.

Dylan MacDonnell, Wikwemikong Board of Education (WBE) superintendent, noted that many of the graduates being celebrated that afternoon were in his very first class as a teacher. “It’s awe-inspiring to see them now,” he shared.

“Today is a monumental day,” Mr. MacDonnell continued. “It’s the culmination of years of hard work ... you’re resilient, resourceful and ready to take on the world. Remember, the journey is just as important as the finish.”

“It’s rapidly changing world that needs you,” the superinten-



Class of 2024 valedictorian Isabella Manitowabi delivers her words of inspiration to her classmates.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

dent added. “Your unique talents and perspectives are what the world needs now more than ever.”

This year’s 2024 convocation welcomed special guest Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services Constable Raven Manitowabi, herself a WHS alum from the class of 2016.

Constable Manitowabi is a product of the WBE system, attending all four schools in Wiikwemkoong, and is a proud mother of four. She attended Laurentian University to study biomedical chemistry with a minor in Indigenous healing. Constable Manitowabi told the graduates she loved “the rez life,” and knew she would always return home. She shared

how she had every intention of going to medical school, but COVID and a stint with the crisis response team changed her plans. Constable Manitowabi said she felt compelled to work with the police in her home community following that experience and graduated from police college alongside her younger sister.

“I know it seems repetitive, but the only competitor is yourself,” she added. “Follow through with your goals. I failed calculus twice, but I didn’t give up and I eventually passed.”

She told the graduates that it’s okay to feel lost and confused at times—it’s part of the process—but encouraged them to always dream big. “Be proud

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Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services Constable Raven Manitowabi, herself a WHS alum from the class of 2016, delivers a keynote speech.



Wiikwemkoong High School vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and principal Harold Fox flank graduate Arianna Recollet-Johnston during the graduation ceremonies.



Graduate Isabella Manitowabi is presented with the Outstanding Contribution Award by Vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry.

of who you are, your identity and culture.”

Awards were presented to several students for their good works throughout the year: Outstanding Contribution to the School Award, Isabella Manitowabi; Outstanding Attendance Award, Jayden Anwhatin-Wabanosse; Earle Trades and Technology Bursary, Daniel Trudeau; Cambrian College Entrance Bursary, Isabella Manitowabi.

Isabella Manitowabi was then welcomed to the podium as the Class of 2024 valedictorian. Her speech follows here:

“Aanii, good afternoon graduates, parents, friends, family, faculty, and staff. Welcome everyone, my name is Isabella Manitowabi and it is an honor to have the opportunity to speak to you today. I was told that I needed to make

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay

Alexia Hannigan

Hello my Jiminy Crickets and June Bugs! Alexia here with your friendly Fly.

Our little township saw a lot of visitors last long weekend with the Lions' homecoming parade, Rib Fest, graduation and Canada Day celebrations. The rain certainly did not deter any of us. The hills were alive with the sound of music, fireworks and fun. Mindemoya Homecoming parade was a wonderful success, Ribfest was well organized and everyone had tons of food and fun.

Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions had a busy, blustery yard sale. Everyone was in good form. Our fundraising spirits held high and steadfast despite the wind and the rain. Well done everyone and congratulations to the draw winners! I had some wonderful reunions with good friends, old and new. Always such a joy to see the happiness and peace in people hearts when they visit our beloved and beautiful Island, we are indeed very lucky and blessed to be here and call this place home. Community spirit is alive and very well indeed. Each and every one of us play a very important part. This takes dedication and a tremendous amount of hard work. It is important however that while we keep the momentum and mountain tops polished and well groomed, we also remember the importance of self-care, coming up for air and spending time with the ones we love. The work will always be there. Friends and family are here today, gone tomorrow. So be good to one another and take a minute to be happy like an overstretched cat in a sunbeam.

Here's what's happening:

Providence Bay arena and fairgrounds, summer fun pre-registered programs daily Monday to Friday, July through August from 8 am to 4 pm. Remember to save your spot via centralmanitoulin.ca.

Friday Family Rec Nite continues 7 to 9 pm. Drop in and play pickleball, badminton, basketball, cornhole, ping-pong and air hockey with friends, family and neighbours. All ages welcome.

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

Providence Bay Hall: Central Manitoulin Beachside Market

featuring local bakers, food and fun continues Thursdays, July through August from 11 am to 3 pm. Contact Central Manitoulin for vendor information and details.

Mindemoya: Manitoulin Zumba continues Tuesday evenings behind the Lions Pavilion from 7 to 9 pm.

Taekwon-do continues July through August. Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 pm at the Mindemoya Community Hall. Drop-in classes available for vacationers and summer residents.

Central Manitoulin Community (multiple household) yard sale is on Saturday, July 13 beginning at 9 am! Visit: <https://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/> for details.

Providence Bay Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: Discovery Centre had an incredible opening weekend last week. The Sunset Music Series rocked hard with Saving Grace. Music continues this weekend on Friday, July 12 with Daniel Mourreale from 6:30 to 7 pm. Then Chris Walker from 7 to 9 pm and Saturday, July 13 with Moskito Bar from 6:30 to 9 pm. Check the Huron Island Time Facebook page or Sunset Music Series online for the full musical lineup. Be sure to bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the shows!

The Discovery centre is filled with all the wonders and teachings of elders and locally trained experts, drop by to learn about the incredible biodiversity of our Island ecosystem. Huron Island Time is busier than ever! Be sure to ask Lance and crew about their awesome new ice cream flavours and sweet and savory food! Stroll along the beach and boardwalk, take a dip or a wade in the warm waters of Lake Huron or the Mindemoya River. Make memories, snap selfies and enjoy the beautiful scenery, music and views! Be sure to visit The Mutchmor Peace Café and Huron Island Time and go for some good eats, great inspiration and good company. You will meet a lot of locals here and there and perhaps meet some local artists as well.

Dear beachcombers, visitors, friends and neighbours, please keep our beaches clean and safe by using the blue bins all along the boardwalk. If you see debris or refuse on the beach please safely place it out of harm's way if you can. Let's work together to keep our beaches and waterways clean and safe!

Providence Bay Curling Club fundraiser: Youth Curling Club Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday, July 13 from 8 to 11 am at 84 Munro Street. The food is always delicious and it's fantastic to get fed for a great cause! Providence Bay Curling Club is also participating in the Central Manitoulin community yard sale and will have a Providence Bay yard sale from 8 am to 1 pm at the corner of Munro and Mira Streets.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church is all redecorated and wearing her Sunday best for summertime!

Sunday town meeting at 10:30 am, Sunday mass at 11 am.

The Horses: Saturday, August 3 is the Haweater horse show.

Sunday, August 18 from 9 am to 1 pm is the Providence Bay Fair horse show. Please reach out to Katie SG on Facebook or Manitoulinhorseclub71@gmail.com for more information.

The Heavens: This is the best time to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. The next full moon is on

Sunday, July 21. This moon is also known as the Buck Moon, Thunder Moon and Hay Moon. Happy stargazing and camping!

Toulin Turtles: Turtles are nesting all over the roadways and waterways now so please watch closely for them and watch your speed. If you see a turtle you can try to safely relocate it to the curb in the direction it was headed. Note: There are a lot of bunnies, foxes and other critters out there, including the Kamikaze birds that will jump out in front of your car so be very alert with eyes on the road at all times! If you see an injured turtle contact Turtle Pond at 705-691-0433.

That's all for this week folks! Thanks for all the feedback and compliments everyone! Miigwetch. Make sure all you cool cats enjoy the dog days of Summer, settle in and stay awhile.

"When a cat falls out of a tree, it lets go of itself. The cat becomes completely relaxed, and lands lightly on the ground. But if a cat were about to fall out of a tree and suddenly make up its mind that it didn't want to fall, it would become tense and rigid, and would be just a bag of broken bones upon landing. In the same way, it is the philosophy of the Tao that we are all falling off a tree at every moment of our lives. As a matter of fact, the moment we were born, we were kicked off a precipice, we are falling and there is nothing that can stop it. So instead of living in a state of chronic tension and clinging to all sorts of things that are actually falling with us because the whole world is impermanent, be like a cat."

Alan Watts

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

If you haven't heard already, the township has put out a call for name suggestions for the covered rink area. The township will choose their top three options of those submitted and Kagawongians will then vote on their favourite of those choices. Team Fergmeijer has already submitted their suggestion - with the new lines painted, we thought the 'PickleDome' has a nice ring to it. If you have a name idea that tickled your fancy, submit it! The process isn't a jarring experience; it's not cumbersome at all. You don't have to wait in a queue-cumber or anything - you can submit an entry any time. We are sure we'll be delighted with the final decision and Team Fergmeijer will relish the opportunity to announce it to you when the time comes.

The Kagawong market continues to impress! The largest weekly market on Manitoulin offers so many opportunities to pick up some great finds and to support local artisans and bakers. There is so much to explore with vendors in the covered rink, in the colourful cabanas, and in pop-up stores in the parking lot, as well as the many local shops in the village.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club meets twice a week, and welcomes players of all abilities to come out and play on Sunday mornings at 10 am and/or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, both at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts.

Happiest of happy birthday wishes go out to Mary N and Laura H this week as they celebrate their 29th birthdays. It's weird to be at an age when your back goes out more than you do.

Normally, yours truly would have spent a good portion of the weekend fangirling over Steve Paikin at the Jabbawong storytelling festival, but this year he had some competition with Waubgeshig Rice on the lineup. Congratulations to all the organizers and volunteers for a great weekend event!

This weekend! Come out to the Kagawong Show and Shine car show on Saturday, July 13. The cars will be at Dig and Doug's Cedar Furniture on Main Street from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be lots of great vehicles on display for all to admire.

That same evening, Saturday, July 13, come out to the main beach to see a movie with a car that is automatic. It's system-matic. It's hyyyyhydro-matic. Why, it's greased lightning! Bring your own chair or floaty to see Grease, beginning at 9 pm that evening. Did we mention it's a sing-along? This will be a great time out for the whole family! Check out the library Facebook page ([fb.com/Kagawonglibrary](https://www.facebook.com/Kagawonglibrary)) for more details.

Next weekend, things really take off! On July 20, the Billings Library is hosting their annual book sale and a local author showcase on Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. Local authors interested in participating can reach out to the library (billingsreads@gmail.com) to be included. Also, that weekend, the Manitoulin Art Tour will spotlight a number of Billings artists in the region over the course of the entire weekend.

And don't forget about the Island-Wide Household Hazardous Waste Day, also on July 20! Not as summer-y, we know. But an important part of helping the environment by keeping hazardous things out of our community landfill. Save up your batteries, old electronics, paints, and chemicals. Residents of Billings can drop off items at the Mindemoya Roads Building that Saturday from 1 to 4 pm.

Tip of the week: don't ever let anyone make you feel like you aren't a big dill. Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Jim and Margaret Blanchard from Tucson, Arizona are here for the summer at their cottage.

Natalie and Roger Hayden from Lively as well as LilyAnn Hayden and Scott Morrier from Ottawa visited Lance and Lillian Greenman on Saturday.

Daphne McDermid and Tyr Home from Elliot Lake and her relatives. Nancy and Gerry Sponagl, also of Elliot Lake, arrived at Darlene Orford's home with a surprise lunch on Thursday. Ashton and Nina were invited along with their daughter Tania Atwood and her husband. We had yummy hot dogs and salads and three pies for dessert. Darlene also showed us all the beautiful quilts that she has made. We had a great time and enjoyed lots of conversation and laughs.

Silver Water

Karen Noble

On Friday, June 21 we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay. Congratulations to Brenda Carter who won the money jar.

Colleen and Eric Julseth went to Southern Ontario to do some visiting. Colleen and her sister Shirley Anne and sister-in-law flew to the Netherlands for a week. They were attending her nephew's graduation from the university in Delft.

Eric travelled to Quebec to spend the time with his brother-in-law Robin LeSage.

On Saturday, June 22 there was a roast beef dinner and dance at the Burpee Mills Complex. We fed 70 people. Thanks to Alber Meijer, Diane Jones and Brenda Carter for helping me serve the meal. Thank you to the crew in Evansville for doing most of the work. It was a well-organized fundraiser for them. We hope to do another one later in the year.

On Monday, June 24, Albert Meijer and I went to Massey to Emiry's to pick strawberries. They were fantastic this year. We picked 13 baskets and then bought five more pre-picked ones. We dropped some of them off at the neighbours before going home to get them into the freezer.

On Monday evening we went to G.G's in Evansville to play euchre.

On Tuesday, June 25 there was fire practice. Thursday night there were a lot of euchre players out to the Silver Water Community Hall. Sara-Lyn Arnot is retiring from running euchre. We thank her for all the work and the donation of loaves of bread as prizes each week. DonnaKay McDonald will run it starting in July.

On Friday, June 28 it was the first street market in Gore Bay. The Anglican Church ladies provided the coffee and treats. We went for lunch at the Waters Edge with the Elizabeth Bay Church crowd.

Friday evening was euchre in Meldrum Bay.

On Saturday, June 29 the Canada Day celebrations were held at the Silver Water Community Hall. There was a lot of pies for sale, three kinds of ice cream, coffee, fishpond items for the children and there was a silent sale in the basement of the hall. For lunch, there were barbecued hot dogs and sausages. The parade was the best we have ever had with lots of entries that were a lot of work to get ready. There was a huge crowd to watch the event. The rain poured down, but it did not stop the fun. Thank you to everyone for the work, it took a lot of people to organize.

Sunday afternoon, Paul and Dianne McCallum and their family played ball in the field at the hall. The games were rained out on Saturday afternoon. We heard lots of laughter from our yard.

On Monday, July 1, Albert and I attended the pancake breakfast in Gore Bay. We watched their parade and then went to the waterfront where they were handing out free hotdogs and drinks for lunch. There were lots of children's games happening and everyone had a lot of fun. We checked out the new ice cream store in the bottom of the pavilion before we left town.

Monday evening, we went to euchre at G.G's. There were six tables of players.

Thursday evening, there were eight tables of euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall. Lori Mastelko is at her cottage and was out to play euchre with her parents.

Gladys Duncanson and I have been swimming every day that there is no rain.

Shelley Cull is at her cottage. Iain McDonald and Lois Miller were here for a visit and stayed at the Kling's cottage. They have returned to Nova Scotia now. Jim and Patsy Kling arrived at the cottage before Iain and Lois left to have a visit with them. They got to see lots of people at the picnic and church.

We have a lovely deer that has been spending time every day in our yard. She ate off the hostas, hollyhocks, flox and even got through the garden fence to eat off the potatoes. The garden is doing well despite the wildlife. We ate the first raspberries and strawberries this week. The white currants are ready for picking. The asparagus is almost finished.

The ladies are invited to the ice cream party in the Silver Water Community Hall on Monday, July 15 at 7 pm. Bring a topping for the dessert. The theme for the 2025 picnic will be decided.

Happy 60th wedding anniversary to Ron and Marj Bailey.

Condolences to the family of Chalid Brockelbank.
Condolences to the family of Denis Lamothe.
Condolences to the family of Pearl McCallum.
Condolences to the family of Bonnie Henry.
Condolences to the family of Jacqueline Harley.

...Island Ph.D student awarded prestigious Vanier Scholarship

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work will help find solutions that have the potential to make the world a better place and drive Canadian prosperity.”

“It’s amazing to be selected; this is life and career changing,” Ms. Cosby told The Expositor. “Those in academia know about the Vanier scholarship, and it will open doors for opportunities in the future and it allows me to focus on my research.”

Ms. Cosby explained, “A significant part of the Vanier application process is demonstrating your leadership potential and dedication to community improvement. Growing up on Manitoulin, I was surrounded by a strong sense of community that made getting involved easy.”

“Education and animal welfare are close to my heart and are major components of my career goals,” said Ms. Cosby. “I volunteered with Little Current Public School and Manitoulin Pet Rescue throughout high school and have tried my best to stay involved during university and whenever I’m home. My parents set this example for me, always willing to lend a hand. They instilled in me a work ethic that has been invaluable throughout my education, and they are a major reason why I was fortunate enough to receive this scholarship.”

Ms. Cosby, who is in her first year of a PhD program at the University of Guelph in Ecology, said under the Vanier Scholarship through the federal government she will receive \$50,000 per year for three years.

“It is meant to be a graduate stipend for me over the next three years,” said Ms. Cosby, who pointed out she had applied for this grant about a year ago.

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), in a release May 29, 2024, indicated the government of Canada has announced the recipients of the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships and the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships.

“Doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers are the future leaders of innovation and research excellence in Canada. Tackling some of the world’s biggest challenges, their discoveries will strengthen the economy of the future, boost productivity, and enhance the health and quality of life of Canadians,” a release notes.

“Today (May 29) the Honourable Francois-Phillippe Champagne, minister of innovation, science and industry, and the Honourable Mark Holland, minister of health, announced the recipients of 166 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships and 70 Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships. These talented doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers are part of Canada’s next generation of research leaders, spanning the health sciences, natural sciences and engineering, and social sciences and humanities.

“Canada is a world-leader in research and innova-

tion, and the individuals we are recognizing today are a testament to that,” said Minister Holland. “Their research holds tremendous promise for making our lives better and healthier in a variety of ways.”

Dr. Tammy Clifford, acting president, CIHR said, “On behalf of Canada’s granting agencies, I congratulate these top-tier researchers. The Vanier and Banting awards recognize outstanding scholars whose research has the potential to drive meaningful change. I wish you luck as you pursue your careers and thank you for your commitment to advancing research.”

As has been previously reported, Ms. Cosby is in the first year of her PhD studies at the University of Guelph and is conducting research on Manitoulin this summer toward her PhD, studying little brown bats and the types of habitats they need to forage. “There is very little information available about bats on Manitoulin, and bat research heavily relies on having relationships with communities. I felt the Island would be the perfect place for my study given my roots here.” “My PhD is in ecology,” Ms. Cosby shared. “I’m studying communities of animals and how they interact with each other. My PhD will take about four years to complete.”

Ms. Cosby is a Haweater, born and raised on Manitoulin Island and lived in Little Current. “I graduated from Manitoulin Secondary School in 2016.”

“I study little brown bats, which have seen significant population declines and are now endangered in Ontario due to white-nose syndrome,” said Ms. Cosby. She explained during years one to four she aims to identify five maternity roosts on Manitoulin Island. “My findings will contribute to the development of informed conservation strategies, identifying spring and summer critical habitat and important prey species for little brown bats. Further, delving into how heightened energy demands during reproduction influences predator-prey dynamics and responses to environmental variation will contribute to our broader understanding of the complex interplay between species and their habitats, thereby advising our comprehension of optimal foraging.”

Ms. Cosby is being assisted by two other students at the University of Guelph, consisting of Genevieve Kleefisch (MSc student) and Owen Tapia Daly (BSc student) who have been invaluable to the project.

The Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship program helps Canadian institutions attract highly qualified doctoral students who demonstrate academic excellence, research potential and leadership potential and demonstrated ability.

Funded through the three federal granting councils: the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), CIHR and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the Vanier

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tax base on provincially mandated programs like managed forest and farmland program, an increase in legal costs and in losses of taxes from properties purchased by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, which both receive tax exempt status. This all results

in a loss of taxes over \$200,000 every year and represents over one-fifth of our revenues.”

“I would like to know what the city of Toronto would say if they were in the same situation and if they lost one-fifth of their tax revenues,” continued Reeve Noland. “And we are continuing to lose land purchased by NCC.”

“I don’t know why municipalities

like ours continue to be hurt by tax exemptions being granted on these properties when conservancy land benefits all of Ontario and Canada,” said Reeve Noland.

There has also been an increase in the township’s fixed expenditures such as policing, health, DSB, and others that go up every year, added Reeve Noland.

...LCBO strike hits Ontario amidst alcohol sale expansion

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cohol sales argue that the LCBO already provides convenient shopping options through its 685 retail stores, as well as 449 grocery stores and 389 LCBO Convenience Outlets that they supply. They believe that privatization will negatively impact consumers and primarily benefit individuals such as the billionaire Weston family, raising concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

The contentious expansion is set to begin in less than a month, with grocery stores able to sell

ready-to-drink cocktails starting in August, and convenience stores following on September 5. The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario has already issued 2,813 convenience store licenses. OPSEU is also pushing for wage increases and more full-time positions, noting that 70 percent of their members currently hold part-time and casual roles.

The LCBO countered by stating that half of casual workers are guaranteed at least 1,000 working hours a year and that their most recent proposal addressed many of

the workers’ demands. However, the union did not make a counter-offer. “We remain hopeful that we can quickly reach an agreement that is fair to our employees while enabling the LCBO’s continued success in a changing marketplace,” the LCBO said in an emailed statement.

Mr. Hornick urged Ontarians to purchase alcohol exclusively from LCBO outlets to support good jobs in their communities. “For every drink that you buy outside of an LCBO, you are reducing good jobs in your communities,” he asserted.

The rally, which began at 12:45 pm, was briefly interrupted by a downpour of rain, but the strikers’ resolve remained unshaken. Ontarians are

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...Illinois inks pact to keep invasive carp from Great Lakes

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affect Ontario. Carp have been found in Lake Erie. They are large fish that swim basically wherever they want. And one of their favourite places is wetlands where they can decimate native fish populations. This is great news for all of the Great Lakes."

Officials announced last week that the state of Illinois has signed a partnership agreement that will allow construction of the \$1.15 billion Brandon Road Interbasin project to begin with significant US federal funding.

The effort, decades in the making, will become the last, multi-pronged line of defence to stop in-

vasive silver and bighead carp from making it into Lake Michigan, where they pose a threat to Great Lakes ecosystems and billion-dollar fishing and boating industries.

The announcement comes after weeks of experts and advocates urging Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker to adhere to a June 30 deadline so that \$274 million in US federal funds wouldn't be lost, and construction workers could take advantage of an upcoming scheduled closure of the lock and dam in Joliet, Illinois. The Chicago Tribune reports.

Further delays may have resulted in irreversible disaster if carp continued upstream in Illinois waterways and breached past electric barriers in Romeoville, Illinois. As well, if the agreement was not signed, the US Army Corps of Engineers, which will oversee the project, wouldn't have been able to continue allocating resources to pre-construction engineering and design.

"Protecting the Great Lakes has always been and will always be a priority for the State of Illinois and after many years of this project eluding mul-

iple administrations, I am thrilled to see it move forward," Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker said in a news release July 1.

"Protecting the Great Lakes is not an undertaking that any one state or city can tackle alone, and I'm thrilled that we were able to forge a path that protects both the Great Lakes and ensures Illinois taxpayers do not shoulder a disproportionate share of the burden," said Gov. Pritzker.

"It is great for all of the Great Lakes," said Ms. Flanagan. "For sure invasive carp would affect Ontario waters. They outcompete other fish for food sources and can decimate native fish populations."

Ms. Flanagan said, "we had heard really positive momentum had come from USACE and Illinois and Michigan, and we were really hopeful this announcement would be made. This was the very last barrier to construction starting on the dam to keep carp out of the Lakes. This construction work will likely begin in January."

"It protects a \$7 billion fishing and boating industry in the Great Lakes," continued Ms. Flanagan. "I know project costs a lot of money, but this amount wouldn't be as much as it would if invasive carp got into the Great Lakes."

The project has been awaiting approval from Illinois for a year, after

the Michigan legislature authorized \$64 million in June 2023 to help finance it. Those funds, plus \$50 million from Illinois will account for the projects required \$114 million non-federal cost share.

"Complex agreements like this don't happen in a vacuum, nor do they happen quickly," Natalie Phelps Finnie, director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, told the Tribune. "A tremendous amount of effort over many months went into hammering out the details of this agreement. I'm thrilled this consequential project will now be able to move forward."

An innovative, multi-pronged plan to install a gantlet or layered system at a critical pinch point in the Des Plaines River emerged from several years of collaboration among scientists, engineers and partners from numerous US, Canadian and tribal agencies surrounding the Great Lakes.

With the construction project, when silver and bighead carp approach the lock and dam in Joliet, they will encounter an acoustic deterrent and an air bubble curtain. The bubbles will serve as a physical barrier and also remove small fish trapped under barges or carried in their wake.

From there fish that get through this curtain will then encounter an engineered channel that will extend the length of the

current lock, at the end of which persistent carp will be faced with an electric barrier. After that will be a series of acoustic deterrents that will keep the carp at bay by creating painful sound waves. On the other side, a flushing lock will send any remaining larval fish and eggs back downstream, the Chicago Tribune reports.

"Today's agreement will help us get shovels in the ground as soon as possible on the critical Brandon Road project," said Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, in a release. "The Great Lakes are the beating heart of Michigan's economy, and Brandon Road will help us protect local communities and key industries, including fish and boating, that support tens of thousands of good paying jobs."

The Alliance for the Great Lakes said the agreement is a milestone. "The signing of the Brandon Road project is historic and will help protect our fishery, our economy and quality of life," said Marc Smith, with the National Wildlife Federation. "Keeping invasive carp out of the Great Lakes is a national priority."

Ms. Flanagan told The Expositor, "The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) had started scoping out this project in 2014. It was a decade in the making."

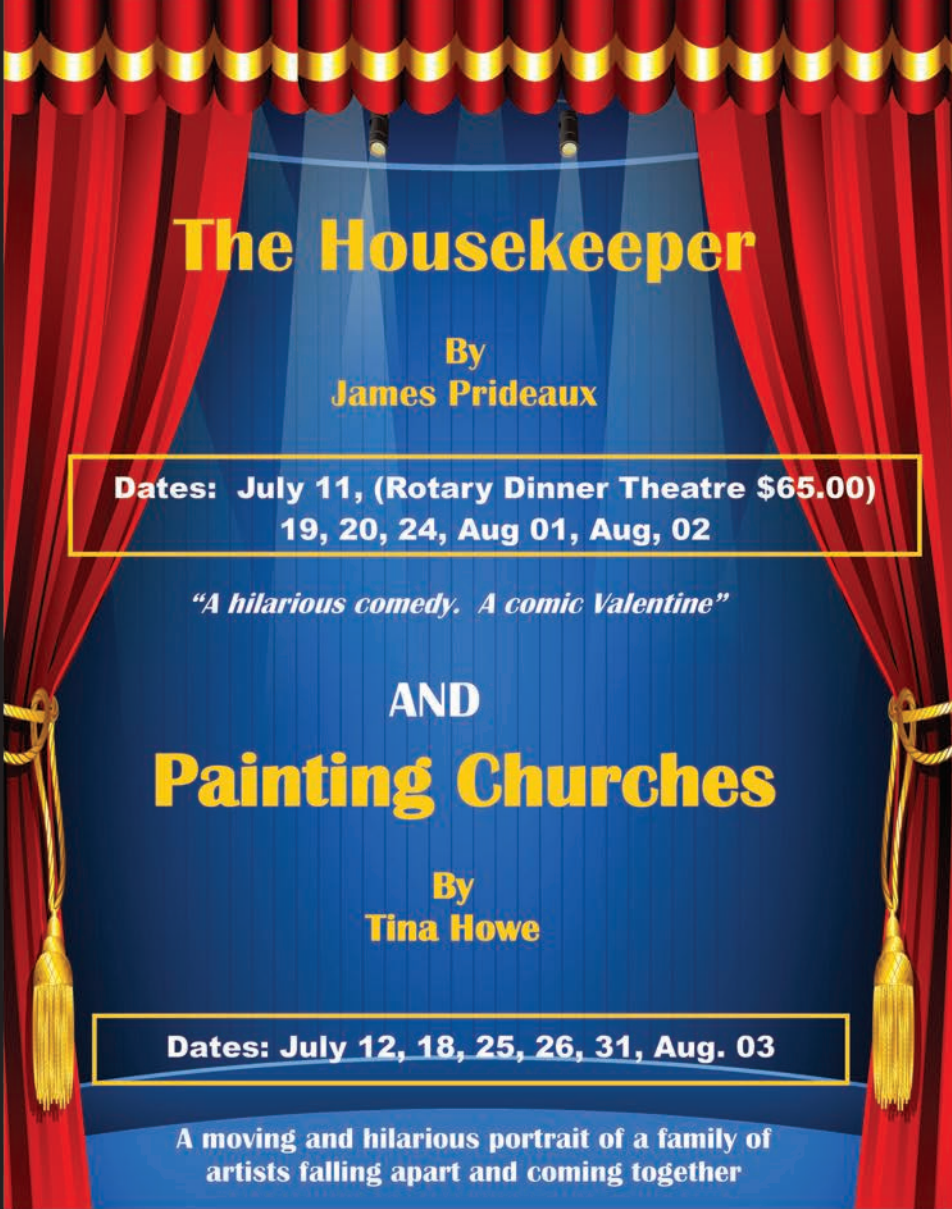
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...Central Lions welcome over 6,000 visitors to Manitoulin Ribfest

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Orford of Spring Bay provided the hay for barriers along the race route. This is the third year he has done this, and it is a big help. We had people on hand volunteering to put up tents, and we even had people come with trucks to help out as we had to have the entire ballfield area cleaned up by Tuesday night."

"We had adult volunteers from the town and surrounding area help out and kids from elementary school public and high school kids help out. There must have been 10-12 who helped pitch in," said Mr. Scott. "Who knows, maybe they

will be Lions members or members of other service groups in the future."

Among the many events was the Ribfest, with an amateur rib cookoff held with Darren Moxam having been selected by judges as having the best ribs. He was presented with a trophy and a cash prize of \$300 for his efforts. The winner of the 2024 Manitoulin Ribfest People's Choice award for Best Ribs when to Jack the Ribber, who received 54 percent of votes cast. Other winners in the professional ribbers event saw Go Gonzalez win the trophy for best overall, while Jack the Ribber won the award for best ribs and best chicken.

The prize for best sauce and best pulled pork went to Go Gonzalez while the organizers choice went to Made in America.

Joanna Pheasant of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory won the Lions Club fundraiser, called the Jake's Ultimate Backyard package, valued at \$6,000. The prize included a Broil King Signet 390 barbecue, a Broil King keg smoker and Ashley pub style fire table with four chairs.

The Lions 50/50 draw saw Marilyn Proulx of Mindemoya winning \$192 on June 28, Perry Keller of Mindemoya won \$501 on Saturday and donated half of the cash prize back to the Lions. On



The 'Mindy Indy' is always a popular Homecoming Weekend event.

Sunday Mike Mantha won \$399 and he donated it all back to the Lions.

On July 1 Sean Elvy of Parry Sound won \$97.50. "We couldn't have

done it without all of the volunteers, not just the Lions but community volunteers," said Marcus Mohr, secretary of the Lions Club. "Matthew Hallett, Karlene Scott, Adam Smith and Erin Smith, Wayne Legge, Randy Campbell, Andrew McCauley, Leslie McDermid who all provided a huge amount of help. Thank you to all our sponsors, especially platinum sponsors Jake's Home Centre and E. Corbiere and Sons Contracting, and gold sponsors Manitoulin Transport, JJ Pole Line Construction and the municipality of Central Manitoulin. We had a lot of help, and it is truly appreciated."



Celebrating a special birthday

Residents of Manitoulin Centennial Manor, Maddie Becks, Marguerite Hore and Marie Tann, have a bubbly good time during Canada Day as visitors enjoyed plenty of great barbecue treats and perused the annual yard sale and listened to the musical stylings of The Islanders. "We had a successful day with lots of people visiting residents and making purchases from all three areas," said Manor Administrator Don Cook. "I would like to thank the community for all their support, with over \$2,400 raised. As we are continuing this Canada tradition, with the gathering of everyone that comes by, the barbecue, bake sake, yard sale and live music, it all makes for a lovely event that the residents really enjoy. The fact that we are able to raise some much-needed funds is a bonus."

photo by Julie Omnet

...LCBO strike

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bracing for significant disruptions to their weekend plans as nearly 10,000 LCBO workers continue their strike.

Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy's office expressed disappointment over the failed negotiations, urging OPSEU to return to the table and prioritize Ontario consumers and producers. The LCBO accused the union of focusing solely on the expansion of alcohol sales, calling for resumed talks. However, the strike, a bold challenge to Ford's government, appears set to persist, with OPSEU determined to hold their ground.

While the LCBO outlets are closed, the agency stores, now called 'convenience outlets,' remain open for business. On Manitoulin these include Ward's Store in Tehkumamah, Island Foodland in Mindemoya, Buie's in Spring Bay, Bridal Veil Variety in Kagawong and the Meldrum Bay General Store. The Island's two craft breweries, Split Rail and Manitoulin Brewing Co., and the Beer Store outlet are also open to customers.



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...Weengushk celebrates residential school warriors' resilience

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reconciliation. This event will provide a space for healing, recognition and respect, paying homage to the resilience of these

brave individuals who have endured and continue to inspire.”
The walk across the bridge will begin a day that will include ceremonies, story sharing, work-

shops on the impact of the residential school system with Shirley Horn and completion with a Warrior's Dinner at 5 pm at the hotel and an evening of reflection and commu-

nity as we honour the resilience and stories of the warriors. The workshops, which take place at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, will continue through Friday, July 12. (Details and updates at blanketofstars.ca.) Keynote speaker at the Warrior's Dinner will be Matthew Coon Come, OC, who was Grand Chief of the Crees (1987-99, 2009-17), National Chief of Assembly of First Nations (2000-03); activist and environmentalist, Mr. Coon Come was Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees for 20 years and served one term as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. He achieved national and international fame through his successful opposition to the James Bay hydroelectric project in the 1990s, his assertion of Cree self-determination, and his advocacy for Indigenous self-determination across the world. Mr Coon Come is also a residential school survivor/warrior.

festival experience. 'Sugarcane' is a 2024 documentary film directed by Julian Brave NoiseCat and Emmy Award winner Emily Kassie. It follows an investigation into the Canadian Indian residential school system, igniting a reckoning in the lives of survivors and descendants. Ms. Kassie will be on hand for a question

On July 13, from 1 pm a special presentation of 'Bones of Crows' will take place at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre at 66 Meredith Street East in Little Current. "This is really a highlight if the festival," noted Ms. Ellis. Marie Clements will be attending the screening. 'Bones of Crows' "is a psychological drama told through the eyes of Cree Matriarch, Aline Spears, as she survives Canada's residential school system to continue her family's generational fight in the face of systemic starvation, racism and sexual abuse."

July 13, at 3:30 pm, 'Hey, Viktor!', the multi-award winning film by Cody Lightning, will screen. This tale is a wildly funny debut mockumentary focused on "a struggling Indigenous actor who tries to rejuvenate his career by getting a sequel made to the beloved film 'Smoke Signals.'"

'Twice Colonized,' which screens at 10 am at the Manitoulin Hotel on July 13, tells the story of renowned Inuit lawyer Aaju Peter, a person who has "led a lifelong fight for the rights of her people. When her youngest son unexpectedly passes away, Aaju embarks on a personal journey to bring her colonizers in both Canada and Denmark to justice."

'WaaPaKe (Tomorrow)' screens at 10:30 am at the

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August 20

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Meeting # **489 313 1974** or call **1-587-328-1099**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual NEMI Community Picnic at Low Island
Sunday, July 14 from 11 am to 3 pm
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and answer session following dinner.
At 9 pm, the musical offerings of Ayasanabee, first Indigenous artist to win the prestigious Songwriter of the Year Award at the JUNOs.
"This is a curated film festival this year," said Weengushk executive director Phyliss Ellis. "These are the very best of Indigenous films from across the world."
On July 13, from 12 pm, 'Tautuktavuk (What We See),' will be screened at the FourDirections Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning and is "an evocative, drawn-from-life tale from directors Carol Kunnuk and Lucy Tulugarjuk about two siblings' attempts to heal and overcome trauma during the pandemic.'



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35th Sheguiandah First Nation jiingtamok welcomes dancers from across Turtle Island



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A two-steppin' good time! Sheguiandah First Nation powwow head dancers, bottom right, lead the arena in a two-step, 'ladies' choice.' Whatever the head dancers did the rest had to follow, leading to smiles and laughs all around. Above, dancers form a bridge during the two-step.

photos by
Alicia McCutcheon



An intertribal dance had everyone up and dancing at the powwow, hosted this year by the Sheguiandah Health Centre.



A jingle dress dancer moves with poise and grace at the Sheguiandah First Nation traditional jiingtamok.



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...Doug Wismer recognized for 44 years of service to Robinson Fire Dept.

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Jane (Mr. Wismer's wife) for helping with all the secretarial duties over that last nine years, helping to run all the behind the scenes work of running the fire department."

"Welcome to everyone here today, family, friends, inhabitants, fellow fire fighters and everyone else to celebrate and acknowledge fire chief Douglas Wismer's 44 years of firefighting service for the township of Robinson, the past nine years as fire chief," said Mr. Mackinlay.

Mr. Mackinlay then read a letter from Michael

Addison, fire chief of the Gore Bay Fire Department. "Well, Doug, I think you were the one who told me that fire chiefs never get to retire early, and if I recall correctly, the average age of retirement for fire chiefs in Robinson Township is 80. You still have a way to go my friend."

"I'm sorry I am not able to be there in person to celebrate your retirement as fire chief of the place where I grew up and still call home," wrote Mr. Addison. "I am going to miss your surprise visits to check on my smoke alarms at camp within five minutes of me arriv-



Jane Wismer was presented with an Ontario Fire Marshal Maltese Cross for her efforts with the Robinson Township Fire Department, at a celebration held in honour of her husband Doug Wismer, for his 44 years of service to the fire department. In photo from left is Jane Wismer, Doug Wismer and Tim Mackinlay, deputy fire chief.

and pass the keys on to someone else who will lead the Robinson Fire Department into the future. All the best in your retirement Doug," wrote Mr. Addison.

Mr. Mackinlay noted, "When we first moved to Silver Water it was not long before the name Wismer popped up. The name Wismer seemed to be from an old saying that loosely translates to 'Can fix anything.' So, the day I pinched the chainsaw trying to drop a massive red oak everyone said, 'Call Doug.' That was the day, roughly some six years ago, that I first met Doug. When we met for the first time he seemed like a friendly, resourceful, and cunning kind of guy. I use the word cunning because one week later he asked me to fire practice to begin my apprenticeship!"

"Did I tell you about the time Doug got wet? It was at fire practice where we test pumpers to find out what might go wrong before an actual call out," said Mr. Mackinlay. "I think I was on the pumper that day, Colin (Frame) was nearby, and Doug was, as the chief, directing traffic. We were filling the pumper truck. All of a sudden water was shooting upwards and cascading down over us at 100 gallons a minute. And a proper soaking it was, like a really good hurricane on the east coast. We were dressed in bunker gear. For some reason Doug got the worst of it. I mean he really got a good soaking. Probably blamed me as the new guy. It turned out that the fill pipe, made of cheap plastic, had blown off due to a faulty design and age. So, back at headquarters to assess the damage Doug said, 'I can fix that.'"

"Well, Doug engineered a new steel pipe and fittings the way it should have been done from the factory," said Mr. Mackinlay. "Couple of hours later, better than new. And all without the Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) suspecting that we fixed their truck!"

"Doug the farmer. The calling that gives one so many skill sets," said Mr. Mackinlay. "And speaking of skill sets, Doug helped to build the new

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ing first thing in the spring. I'm not sure if you treat all the summer visitors that well or if I was special as a fellow chief."

"I'm not going to say I'll miss our marathon phone calls discussing all things fire because I'm sure we will still share those thoughts and memories long after your duties as fire chief are over," continued Mr. Addison. "I'm sure Jane and Laurie (Mr. Addison's wife) thought we were like two crazy kids talking about fires and trucks and oh yes mandatory certification."

"I think only another fire chief can truly appreciate and understand the time and dedication that you have given to your community," wrote Mr. Addison. "The countless hours of training to prepare for and manage a fire or accident scene and the stress of being responsible for the health and safety of your team of firefighters as they perform one of the most dangerous jobs out there."

"And then there is the paperwork," continued Mr. Addison. "The training records, the monthly reports and all the documentation that is required by a host of government agencies that have no idea what it means to be a volunteer fire chief."

"As much as I will miss you at the fire chief's meetings, I know that you have done your part and you deserve a chance to step down



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Austin Pickard, a vintage car enthusiast and wood craftsman, displays his creation for 2024, that was one of the many items up for auction as part of the event. **photos by Sharon Jackson**

...residential school survivors' resilience

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Manitoulin Hotel. "For generations, the suffering of residential school survivors has radiated outward, impacting Indigenous families and communities."

'Lakota Nation vs. United States' screens on July 13 from 2 pm. The Black Hills are "the most sacred place on earth, the birthplace of the Lakota that has shaped thought, identity and philosophy for the O étí Šakówi since time immemorial—the life-giving land known as the Black Hills."

Beginning at 8:30 am on July 13, also at the Manitoulin Hotel the Weengushk

Film Institute Student Films Showcase takes place, bringing the works of Dexter Bowerman, Paul MacIntyre, Presley Measige and Vanessa Ominika to the screen and the Short Film Program 1 screenings also take place on July 13, starting at 9 am, featuring 'Mary Two Axe Earley: I Am Indian Again,' 'The Alexander Ball' and "NIGIQTUQ (The South Wind)."

On Sunday, July 14 the red carpet gala takes place with some of the leading lights in Canadian Indigenous films in attendance. The night will be capped with a performance of 'The Poets,' a Tragically Hip tribute band.

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Little Current Yacht Club announces student instructor course bursaries

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT— Thanks to generous legacy donations from longtime club members, the Little Current Yacht Club (LCYC) announced the establishment of a bursary program for youth who might want to take the instructor course to enable them to become instructors in the club's youth sailing program.

"We have funds gifted to our club from two boaters who visited the Port of Little Current for many years that have passed on," said LCYC Commodore Bruce O'Hare. "Both their estates gifted the LCYC funds specifically to help teach young people how to sail. The first funds came from Fred and Eliane Burger. Fred was an active member of the LCYC and was very involved in our Youth Sailing Program. Dave Laux and his wife Donna also boated in the North Channel for many years."

Commodore O'Hare explained that the LCYC has operated its Youth Sailing Program for approximately 19 years—first established in 2005. "Over that time, we have taught hundreds of young people to sail, a skill that people carry forward for a lifetime," he said. "This year we are offering two weeks of classes in both Wiikwemkoong and Gore Bay and three weeks in Little Current, plus one week helping out the Algoma Sailing Club in Sault Ste. Marie. In total approximately 100 students will



From left are Little Current Yacht Club members O.H. Rogers, Rob Norris, a random young tourist, Mayra, Roy Eaton, Ailish, Commodore Bruce O'Hare, Noah Deforge and Youth Sailing head instructor Bryce Mastelko during a Canada Day event in downtown Little Current.

learn to sail this upcoming season. Teaching young people to learn boating skills has always been the most important thing the LCYC has focused on over the years."

"Fred and Elaine Burger, from Michigan, came to Little Current for many years," noted LCYC director Roy Eaton, who operates the popular Cruisers' Net radio program for boaters in the North Channel. "The Youth Sailing Program was Fred's passion. Together with a man named Chuck Spense, they ran the program."

"Dave and Elaine Laux, from Delaware, sailed these waters for maybe 30 years," continued Mr. Eaton. "The motto of the Cruisers' Net is 'Boaters Helping Boaters' and no one exemplified that motto more than Dave. Super knowledgeable, always ready to assist boaters, he wasn't involved in the Youth Sailing program directly but both Dave and Donna, with their dona-

tion, wanted to ensure that young people on Manitoulin learned to sail and enjoy the waters as much as they did."

LCYC is reaching out to the community to help identify youth who would enjoy the club's sailing school, but whose parents may have difficulty in paying the \$220 fee.

"Please send us a confidential email to commodore@lcy.ca and nominate someone you feel could be helped out by the bursary, generously funded by the families in memory of our boating friends," said Commodore O'Hare. "This will be an annual bursary program and will be open to anyone in need across Manitoulin Island. The Little Current weeks of the sailing school runs for three consecutive weeks starting August 5. More information is available on our website www.lcy.ca or our Facebook page LCYC CANSail.

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geses Kings practice facility as a member of the Thunder Bay Kings. He has always followed (goaltender) Jonathan Quick, who was his idol. He always wanted to play for Los Angeles.”

“Carter has been an LA Kings team fan from the time he was a kid,” said Mike George, who is originally from Little Current and now lives in Barrie with his wife, their daughter Mykaila and Carter. “Oh yes, we are very proud of him. It is pretty amazing to go through and see all of this taking place. Carter has worked very hard for everything he has accomplished so far.”

Ms. Masson pointed out Carter was the first North American goalie drafted.

The TB Newswatch.com quoted the 18-year-old netminder on June 29 as saying “It was a pretty cool experience. To hear your name called, especially by a great organization, it’s pretty surreal.”

George admitted that there may have been a few tears shed after he was picked by the Kings, who were his favourite team growing up. “This was a dream of mine since I was a little kid,” Carter said. “It just means the world to me.”

A Hockey News story headline read, ‘Los An-



geles May Have Found a Future No. 1 Goaltender in Carter George. Owen Sound Attacks’ Carter George is the third goaltender selected in the 2024 NHL Entry Draft. The Thunder Bay native is now a member of the Los Angeles Kings. He becomes the highest drafted goalie from Owen Sound. The Attack organization has produced a Stanley Cup winning goaltender in Jordan Binnington, who was drafted 88th overall in 2011.”

Carter, who had been projected to be drafted in the second or third round by several scouting services, was the first Canadian goaltender to be selected in the draft.

In his first full campaign with the Attack this season, George posted a 23-21-6 record with a 3.30 goals against average, a .907 save percent-

age and four shutouts. He also won gold medals with Canada at the 2023 Hlinka Gretzky Cup and the 2024 IIHF World Under-18 Hockey Championship.

Michael Ostrower of The Hockey Writers, in grading the Los Angeles Kings 2024 draft picks wrote, in part, “Carter George, Goaltender, B. The Kings acquired the 57th pick when they moved back in the first round with (a trade with) the Montreal Canadiens, and they should be thrilled with the results. Not only would they have likely taken Liam Greentree at pick 21, but they now get Carter George, the top-ranked goaltender, according to NHL Central Scouting (North American goalies). George is on the smaller side, standing just 6-foot-1, but it is a nice contrast to current Kings goaltending pros-

pect, Erk Portillo, who stands 6-foot-6. George plays for the Owen Sound Attack of the Ontario Hockey League and has decent numbers. The scoresheet does not do him justice since the OHL is an historically high-scoring league. George is best at cutting down angles and moving side to side. He is likely four seasons away from reaching the NHL, maybe five or six.”

The Hockey News reported that no goaltender faced more shots in the regular season than the Owen Sound netminder. George faced 1,923 shots and finished with the league’s second-best save percentage (.907 percent). He played 56 games going 23-21-6-3 and tied for the most shutouts with four.

Ms. Masson said, “Owen Sound was not a strong team this year, although individually they were. Carter faced the most shots of any goalie in the league. But as Carter says, ‘I am just trying to give my team a chance to win.’”

The Attack was swept in the first round of the playoffs against Saginaw, ending Carter’s OHL year, but allowing him to once again put on the Canadian jersey and play at the U18s World Championship. Canada won the gold medal game against the US and Carter was named

the tournament’s best goaltender, posting a flawless 6-0 record with a 2.33 goals-against average, and a .915 save percentage.

The Hockey News reported, “The 6’1” 194-pound goalie is con-

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traffic are terrific. He plays with that level of poise that allows his teammates to play calmer in front of him and

trust that he's always in position to make the save."
"It is pretty exciting, it was his dream, although he was expecting to not get picked by

the Kings but had hoped they would," said Ms. Masson. "The Kings had a first-round pick, but when they didn't pick him, and they originally did not have a pick

in the second round he didn't expect he would be going to L.A. But they traded picks to get the 57th pick in the draft."

Mr. George's proud grandmother pointed out he was at the Kings development training camp last week, with seven goaltenders attending, those previously drafted and invitees. He did very well, he played in a game on Tuesday, and he and the other team's goalie both got one of the three stars of the game."

"Mike was born and raised in Little Current and his wife Tara's maiden name is Coulterman. She was a curler and played in the Scotties," said Ms. Masson. "Tara and Mike were both living in Thun-

der Bay when they met. They both curled and got married and started a family." The family now lives in Barrie.

"Mike (a former goaltender himself) put a lot of effort into Carter's training as a youngster," said Ms. Masson noting the family moved to Southern Ontario to allow Carter to play in the OHL. "Mike and Tara also have a daughter (Mykaila) who is two years older than Carter and who was a goalie as well."

"Carter has worked very hard for everything he has achieved," said Mike George. "We moved to southern Ontario two years ago, after he had been drafted by Owen Sound. Mykaila is attending the Uni-

versity of Waterloo in a five-year program in Chemical Engineering. So, with Carter in the OHL and Mykaila in university we felt it would be the best thing to do was move the family to southern Ontario to provide the best resources for both of them and provide every opportunity for both to reach their goals and have success in life."

"Carter is doing well at the Kings development camp," said Mike George. "And then he will come back and continue to work, working out in the gym here and he works with two goalie coaches in the Cambridge-London area."

Elite Prospects said of Carter George, "The immediate thing that will jump out to anyone that watches George is his puck handling ability. He is as confident as they come and will consistently send his team on breakouts with stretch passes. He doesn't panic when pressured, and makes smart, quick plays when his options are limited. This isn't a skill that is going to make or break his value as a prospect, but it's a nice one to have on top of an already very exciting goaltender. It can't be understated how good he is. He would be one of the better puck handling goaltenders in the NHL if he was plunked into a lineup today. He's that good."

During the 2023-2024 season Carter was on the Hlinka Gretzky Cup gold medal team, made the OHL first all-rookie team, was OHL Scholastic Player of the Year (Bobby Smith trophy), made the OHL third all-star team, was OHL Top Academic high school player (Ivan Tennant Award) was on the U18 J.C. all-star team, U18 WJC best goaltender, won the gold and was named a top three player on the team.

"Carter will play in Owen Sound this year, after the Kings rookie camp in September, and then will have to go through a few more years of development in the Kings farm system," said Mike George. "When he was young, I put him in net and I saw really good things in him even when he was really young. Every time we put him in net he kept getting better. He has a good head on his shoulders and has a very calm demeanor. He works very hard and knows what he wants."

While Carter had been hoping to get drafted by L.A. his father was hoping he would instead be selected by the Toronto Maple Leafs, his favourite team. "The next pick in the draft (58) was the Leafs pick. I told him if L.A. didn't select him he could get picked by the Leafs. But Carter got his wish. I'm used to losing, being a Leafs fan," he quipped.

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New takeout restaurant opens in 2025

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—
 Business partners Braeden Macaluso and Jordan Stephens are pretty pumped about their latest project that includes creating a new (renamed) restaurant on the site of the icon Edgewater located on the Little Current waterfront. Plans include a takeout restaurant with partially covered outdoor seating on a greatly expanded deck overlooking the North Channel, a two-bedroom Airbnb with large windows also overlooking the channel and a small real estate office for Mr. Stephen's business.



Developers Braeden Macaluso and Jordan Stephens stand in front of the old Edgewater building they are renovating.

Plans to open the restaurant this year hit a few delays, including details of a lease from the municipality for the expanded deck, but the partners were philosophical about holding off opening until next season. The restaurant is planned as a seasonal business and would not operate during the winter.

The restaurant is envisioned as an upscale takeout. "There are a lot of places where you can get a burger and fries," noted Mr. Stephens, adding he is personally looking forward to having oysters on the menu, something he must currently travel to Killarney to obtain.

Contrary to some rumours circulating in the community, the kitchen portion of the operation will not be in the basement of the building, but will be located adjacent to

the decks with large bar-style open windows providing a connection to the customers being served.

Inside the building considerable renovations are taking place, with new walls separating the various components of the development and several large windows being installed for the rental unit.

"We realize that there is a need for more rental housing," noted Mr. Macaluso, but both partners were adamant that they were not interested in dealing with the challenges that come with long-term rentals. The duo recently built a new motel in Little Current, located beside the Tim Hortons on Highway 6 (which they noted has been mostly booked steady since its opening) and have been very active in building new housing developments in Little Current—something the developers to do. "We have a couple of projects in mind," said

Mr. Stephens.

By holding off the opening of the restaurant, Mr. Stephens said they are looking to avoid developing the business in a rush. "We want to get it right," agreed Mr. Macaluso.

In addition to an upscale menu, the plans are to have a licenced venue with light acoustic entertainment on some evenings during the summer.

As an eatery with only outdoor seating available to customers the new restaurant will be limited to seasonal operations for obvious reasons.

While some may be dismayed over the end of the Edgewater name at the location, the pair said that they felt the name change to Dockside was a good brand decision. "It was successful for many years, a long time ago," noted Mr. Stephens, "but in recent years it wasn't and we felt it was time for a fresh start."

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that he believes should be the responsibility of the municipality itself. He expressed concerns that imposing unreasonable restrictions on the developer risks the municipality "losing" the 39-lot development. These draft requirements include the developer having responsibility to undertake a study of the capacity of the lake to tolerate this many new potential builds.

Following considerable debate amongst the council members, it was suggested that the developer has the option of contesting the draft conditions

with its own recommendations.

"This is not the end of the process," noted Mayor Richard Stephens.

The draft conditions being proposed by the municipality are considerable, and include: that prior to the registration of the M-Plan, the road within the subdivision be named to the satisfaction of the municipality; the owner agrees to provide the lot frontage, area and site-specific information as necessary to ensure that all lots and blocks conform to the zoning by-law; the owner agrees that land uses proposed within the plan of subdivision

shall conform to the zoning bylaw; the municipal road shown in the plan of subdivision designated as a municipal road be designed and constructed in accordance with current municipal standards established in bylaw 2014-05 and otherwise satisfactory to the municipality (this includes the requirement for a cul-de-sac at the terminus of the road); the developer demonstrates through a traffic impact study/report from the developer's consulting engineer that the municipal road, known as Tracy Road, will support the additional development of 39 new lots as proposed, satis-



A bird's eye view of the Lake Mindemoya shoreline of the proposed 39-lot subdivision.

photo courtesy Google Earth

factory to the municipality and Manitoulin Planning Board; the developer shall provide confirmation that municipal garbage collection and/or waste disposal services are available to support the additional development of 39 new lots as proposed; that the subdivision agreement contains such provisions as reasonably necessary to implement the draft plan conditions and construct the road, electrical supply and comply with drainage requirements for the proposed 39-lot Plan of Sub-

division including terms that satisfy the financial, servicing and other requirements of the municipality and Planning Board; that no development, site alternation or works shall occur within the land subject to the plan of subdivision unless otherwise stated in writing, until the developer has entered into a subdivision agreement with the municipality as approved by the Planning Board; that prior to registration, the developer shall provide to the municipality, for its review

and approval, engineering drawings for and to construct to the specifications of and satisfaction of the municipality planned road works, drainage works and installation of the electrical utility satisfactory to the municipality and Planning Board; that immediately following the registration of an M-Plan, the developer shall convey to the municipality, up to five percent of the land included in the plan for park or public recreational purposes and that the frontage and area of the parcel that comprises the parkland dedication shall satisfy the minimum lot frontage and area requirements of the appropriate municipal zoning by-law (alternatively, the municipality may require cash-in-lieu of all, or a portion of the park dedication requirement based on five percent of the appraised value of the land included in the draft plan of subdivision at the value immediately before draft approval; the developer shall provide a report from a qualified engineer or other water resource

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...44 years of service to Robinson FD

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United Church, maintain the community hall, cut all the trees and milled them into lumber for the addition to the fire hall."

"Doug's dedication to the fire department is unsurpassed" stated Mr. Mackinlay. "He really was chief, cook and bottle washer. From planning training evenings twice a month, to the vast amount of paperwork, to ordering parts and supplies to run a very good fire department that punched above its weight; a fire department that was safe to work in. In addition, he had to train new recruits every other week until they were ready to be issued a radio and bunker gear and blended into regular training nights."

Mr. Wismer's son, Chris, then addressed the gathering. "Both dad and mom have been cornerstones of the community for the last 40 years and have helped to keep the community running. Both have done a lot for the community. This is a

very well-deserved celebration today."

"Dad has done so much for the community," said Chris Wismer. "He has been a cornerstone of the community and is very deserving to be able to retire. He has done so much to help make this a great, wonderful place."

Joe Addison, whose father Arthur had been the Robinson fire chief for many years, presented Mr. Wismer something that was very special to his father that he felt should go to Mr. Wismer as fire chief, a statue of a firefighter. "And maybe on the next fire chief's retirement, he can hand it off to that person. Like the Stanley Cup."

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing presented Mr. Wismer with a federal government exemplary service medal for his 44 years of service to Robinson township. "I am very pleased to be here today to help mark this milestone."

MP Hughes also presented Mr. Wismer with a certificate of congratulations. "Forty-four years of service to the community is unbelievable," she stated. "I would also like to thank Jane and his family for sharing him with the community. It is not easy at times being a member of the family of a firefighter, police officer or politician as you can't always be at home with your loved ones at all special occasions. But with the attitude you have, Doug, I know you have made firefighting a lot of fun as well."

Mr. Mackinlay said behind every fire chief is a spouse who has worked very hard as well. He pointed out there are not usually awards for the spouse but in this case the OFM made an exception, as he presented her with the OFM Maltese Cross.

Mr. Wismer said, "no one knows how much pa-

perwork flows to a fire department. My deputy fire chief Tim said he was looking at his email the other day, there were 1,000 emails. In most cases he and I would pass them back and forth, all of them have to be responded to. This is just one of the roles of a deputy fire chief. When the fire chief is out of town, the deputy fire chief has to take over. The only difference in our jobs is that I get to tell him what to do," he quipped.

"The work done by the spouse of a fire chief is very important, especially one that can run a computer well," said Mr. Wismer. "Without Jane no one of this would have happened."

Mr. Mackinlay presented a plaque to Mr. Wismer on behalf of the Ontario government and the OFM from Jon Pegg, in recognition of his tremendous involvement in the fire service over the past 44 years, to fire and life safety and the leader he has been in the community.

Mr. Wismer was also presented with his 30-, 35- and 40-year service bars from the province.

Service bars were presented to Myra Duncan, on behalf of Ken Duncan, who has also been a member of the Robinson fire department for the past 44 years.

Mr. Wismer thanked Mr. Mackinlay for organizing the retirement party, the Silver Water community hall board for preparing the lunch, the members of his family in attendance, the representative of the Tehkummah Fire Department, and friends and members of the community. "It is so great to see all of you. The job of a firefighter and fire chief is not all work. We have a lot of fun as well." He asked each of the current firefighters and past firefighters to stand up to be recognized.

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professional that each of the lots in the plan of subdivision may be serviced by a drinking water supply from Lake Mindemoya or a drilled well; the developer to provide a report from a civil engineer which demonstrates lots in the subdivision may be serviced by a septic system which will not have any negative impact upon the Lake Mindemoya water quality and does not exceed Provincial Water Quality Objectives for phosphorus and will include recommendations for the location and type of systems and further that the requirement for a septic system on each lot; that the developer shall provide a storm water management plan prepared by a professional engineer; the developer shall carry out an Environmental Impact Study (EIS) of the entire land area included in the plan of subdivision which demonstrates there are no material adverse effects on natural heritage features including Lake Mindemoya, Species at Risk (if any), fish habitat etc., and that

the report shall also provide recommendations for minimizing the impact of development along the shoreline, including protection of existing vegetation and trees and providing recommendations for the development of the lots within the yard abutting the water; the owner/developer shall carry out a stage three archaeological assessment by a licenced archaeologist as recommended by the stage two archaeological assessment report and mitigate through preservation or resource removal and documentation adverse impacts to any significant archaeological resources found.

A request for extension must be made at least 60 days before the approval lapses. The request shall include the reasons why an extension is needed and be accompanied by a resolution from the municipality in support of the extension.

Following the submission of the draft plan of conditions, opponents of the subdivision expressed some satisfaction with the provisions being put forward.

...Integrity commissioner dismisses citizen complaint

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specting Others.”

“Those sections read as follows: 7.1 Every member has the duty and responsibility to treat members of the public, one another, and staff appropriately and without abuse, bullying or intimidation and to ensure that the municipal work environment is free from discrimination and harassment. The member shall be familiar with, and comply with the municipality’s workplace anti-violence, harassment and sexual harassment policy. 7.2: A member shall not use indecent, abusive, or insulting words, tone or expressions toward another member, any municipal staff or any member of the public.”

“After careful consideration of the testimony I heard, I have determined that Reeve Noland did not treat the complainants abusively or attempt to bully or intimidate them. I also find that he did not use indecent, abusive or insulting words, tone or expression. Accordingly, I have

dismissed the complaints,” wrote Mr. Elston.

Art Hayden, deputy-reeve for Burpee and Mills, told The Expositor after a council meeting last week where the letter was brought forward (with Reeve Noland not part of the discussion due to conflict of interest), “There are legal costs attached to this but we can’t specify how much they are or who the complainants are. We as council are satisfied with the judgment and appropriate findings discovered by the integrity commissioner.”

“Yes, we as a township do have the option to take legal action to recover the legal costs due to the actions taken by the complainants,” said Councillor Hayden, who wouldn’t say what the decision is at this point.

“Our legal costs for the township have been impacted, significantly, by this type of thing taking place, which causes an extra burden to our taxpayers,” added Councillor Hayden.

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...Wiikwemkoong High School graduation marks rite of passage for students

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people laugh at least once during my speech today, but to tell the truth, I am not really a funny person and was not sure how to do that, so I would like to speak the way I know how

we made memories, and friendships that will last a lifetime, and we grew into who we are today, but it is important to remember how we got here, the challenges we faced, mistakes we made, the extreme highs and remarkable lows, the people who supported us and all the accomplishments we have made along the way.

“As we close this chap-



Wiikwemkoong High School vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and principal Harold Fox flank graduate Arianna Recollet-Johnston.



Wiikwemkoong High School vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and principal Harold Fox flank graduate Daniel Trudeau.



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Wiikwemkoong High School vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and principal Harold Fox flank graduate Meeshen Akiwenzie.



Wiikwemkoong High School vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and principal Harold Fox flank graduate Haley Manitowabi-Trudeau.

ter of our lives and look towards the future. We must remember the lessons we have learned in and outside of school and the values that have been



The traditional tossing of the caps is always a popular moment in high school graduation ceremonies.



Wiikwemkoong High School vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and principal Harold Fox flank graduate Isabella Manitowabi.



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instilled in us by our families, our communities and our culture.

“Graduation is not the end goal itself; it is instead a part of the larger journey of life. Wherever your future takes you, whether that may be to post-secondary, the work force, or straight into being an active community member, let it take you somewhere. But let us not forget the responsibility that comes with our education. Let us use our knowledge and skills to not only achieve personal success but also to uplift those around us and effect positive change in society. We are the ar-

chitects of our future, tasked with helping to shape the world.

“I was given advice that I would like to share with you all today and that is, “don’t be afraid to fail” and I believe those words are true because with failure comes remarkable success, and opportunity, to learn, grow, build, evolve and discover what our future holds in store for us.

“Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has helped us get here, we could not have done it without support and encouragement and to my fellow graduates I would

like to urge you all to seize this moment, strive for your goals and celebrate how far each one of us has come and how far we have left to go.

“Congratulations! WHS Class of 2024 let us all go out and start the next chapter of our story and leave our mark on the world. Miigwech.”

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! notice

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

church services

King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229. **30tfn**

KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc.manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome. **4tfn**

thank you

We want to send a thank you to everyone who came out to help us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary. A big thank you to our sons and daughters-in-law and grandgirls who served us all a super dinner later in the day. Murray and Gladys Duncan-son **8c**

coming events

Trinity Manitoulin United Church is having a part theatrical and part kitchen party event on Friday, July 19 at 7 pm, 6070 King St, Mindemoya. 2024 is officially proclaimed, The Year Lucy Maud Montgomery turns 150! She wrote Anne of Green Gables. The first half of the show is called "This is Anne - Older & Wiser" where Maya Bannerman as Anne and Rusty McCarthy accompanying, look back at Anne's life. Then a short intermission where refreshments will be available. The second half of the show is called "Kitchen Party Cabaret" with original songs by Maja Bannerman and Rusty McCarthy. After about 30 minutes they will open it up to become a real kitchen party, so folks are welcome to bring their own instruments and join in! PG 13, admission is \$25. For more information, please phone 705-545-0872. **7-9p**

Assiginack Horticultural Society is having its 69th annual flower show and luncheon on Wednesday, July 31 from 12 noon to 2 pm at the Knox United Church, Manitowaning. Admission is \$8. Door prize is two walk-on tickets to the MS Chi-Cheemaun. There is also a penny table. **7-10c**

Indoor Bake sale and book sale at St. Francis Anglican Church, 6201 Hwy 542 West, Mindemoya on Saturday, July 20 from 9 am to 12 noon. **7-9p**

BINGO, Sunday, July 21 with a \$500 jackpot at the Tehkumamah Seniors' Hall starting at 1:30 pm. \$20 entry, \$1 per card for specials, 50/50 draw. Prizes: \$20 regular games, \$50 special, \$500 jackpot. Canteen open with light lunches. Licence #873603. **8-9c**

services

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give or receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: No meeting in July; Sunday, August 25 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie, 705-507-0433, tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531, bnann@gmail.com. **tfn**

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

coming events

Pancake Breakfast at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Saturday, July 20 from 9 am to 12 noon. Adults, \$10; 6 to 12 years, \$5; 5 and under, free. Also outside yard sale from 9 am to 2 pm. **8-9p**

Hot Turkey Dinner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Wednesday, July 24. First sitting, 4 pm; second sitting, 6 pm. Take-out pickup at 4 pm. Adults, \$25; 6 to 12 years, \$12; 5 and under, free. Reservations only. For dine-in and take-out call Donna at 705-859-2746 or Ann at 705-859-3540 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Last date to order is Monday, July 22. **8-9p**

Knox United Church rummage sale in Manitowaning will be having "Bag Days" from Wednesday, July 10 to Saturday, July 13. Fill a large bag for \$5 or a small bag for \$3. Open 10 am to 3 pm. After July 13, the rummage sale will be closed and will reopen on Wednesday, August 14 at 10 am. **8p**

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services

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yard sale

FOMOS (Friends of the Mindemoya Old School) annual yard/trunk sale with exciting draws, bake table, antiques and chili lunch at the Lions Pavilion, behind the old school, on Saturday, July 13 from 9 am to 1 pm. All proceeds go to renovations. More information at www.mindemoyoldschool.ca, Facebook, Friends of the Mindemoya Old School or email mindemoyoldschool@gmail.com. **7-8c**

Huge yard sale every weekend until everything is gone, rain or shine, 806 Cape Smith Road, Wiikwemkoong. Antiques, household, electronics, clothing, crafts, auto and running 2008 Ford Escape. Something for everyone, everything must go. **8-9p**

Yard sale, rain or shine, Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21 at 192 Cranston Road, Providence Bay from 9 am to 2 pm. Household items, small appliances, children's toys and furniture. **8-9c**



services

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- Activities Presentation
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8p

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February 16, 1939 - December 25, 2023



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Life of Kathleen Robbie on
Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 1
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served. Kathleen Robbie passed
away December 25, 2023 at the
age of 84, she was a resident of
Silver Water.

PATRICIA "CIANN" STRICKLAND

July 17, 1933 - February 29, 2024



Please join us at the
Kagawong Park Centre at
39 Henry Drive, Kagawong on
July 18, 2024 from 6:30 to 8:30
pm (doors open at 6 pm) for a
Celebration of Life for Patricia
"Ciann" Strickland. Light
refreshments will be served and
there will be drumming, singing and circle dancing, so
bring your drum if you have one!



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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT 1420 Bay Estates Road South

TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **August 6, 2024 at 7 pm.**

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning amendment to Rural Zoning By-law No. 2018-41, as amended for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C. P. 13. to allow by a site specific amendment an oversized residential garage with a floor area of 134 m², made up of a garage measuring 89m² with a roof extending 45 m² for a total of 134 m².

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

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

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

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

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

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

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2024-07-10

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Brookwood Brae celebrates 60 years of great golf

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The venerable Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and course superintendent John Seabrook (who previously owned the course which was originally opened by his father Jack), says the course should be ready to go for the next 60 years.

“Golf courses can last forever, as long as people are still playing golf,” said Mr. Seabrook. “This year marks the 60th anniversary of the golf course (the oldest golf course on Manitoulin Island). I’m sure it will go for another 60 years at least.”

And there are some big changes being made to the course this year, said Logan Middleton, who is the nephew of John and Cheryl Seabrook, and who bought the course and adjoining Pirate’s Cove Cottages on May 1, 2022.

“It’s the 60th anniversary of the golf course and my third year here,” Mr. Middleton told The Expositor. “I have learned a lot from John and Cheryl. The biggest change to the course, and something John has had on his mind for a long time, is making the eighth hole an Island green. They got the green cut out last fall, and it might be ready by the end of this season.”

“Everyone wants a water green at their course,” stated Mr. Middleton. “Just look at the popu-



An aerial view of the Brookwood Brae Golf Course from many years ago, showing Lake Mindemoya in the background. The golf course is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

larity of water green at (Professional Golfers Association) Players Championship. We already have a couple of signature holes, and this one will be as well. One of the interesting things about golf courses is that even courses like Augusta National (home of the annual Masters tournament) have been redesigned over the years. I can appreciate John’s close to 50 years’ experience and vision. Brookwood Brae is fortunate to have great land and elevation, and where we have had holes in the past that were relatively easy, he has made small changes to make them a little more difficult.”

The property the course is located on used to be a farm in the Hodgson family, before Jack Seabrook turned it into a golf

course. The golf course was later purchased and taken over by the senior Seabrook son, John. The course was sold to Mr. Middleton, keeping the course in the family. Mr. Middleton is the son of the late Brad Middleton and Deborah Seabrook.

“I forget the name of the guy that came in to lay out the course,” said Mr. Seabrook noting, “in those days it was an eight-hole course, and you played the first hole twice.”

“The original clubhouse was a box of a box from a dump truck with a wood roof on top of it,” said Mr. Seabrook. “When it first opened there were



John Seabrook, left, and his father Jack. Jack Seabrook originally opened the Brookwood Brae Golf Course, with his son John taking over about 34 years ago. The golf course is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year.

a big group of guys from Gore Bay, Manitowaning and Wiikwemkoong who came here to play. And there were people who signed up as members but didn’t play golf. When dad opened the course there were maybe 40-50 members, guys like Duff Brown, Cy Williamson, Charlie Cadieux, Andy Watson and many tourists.”

“The course has come a long way in terms of the quality compared to what it was,” said Mr. Seabrook.

Jack and Marian Seabrook built Brookwood Brae in 1964. “Dad sold Massey Harris tractors and was a machin-

ist,” said John. “He would get trade-ins for his work all the time, like sheep, and he would keep the animals on the farm until the fall.”

The farm had belonged to Ben Becks, Mr. Seabrook said. “He was married to my aunt Priscilla, my grandfather Joe Hodgson’s sister. Eventually, my grandfather inherited the farm and my dad bought Pirate’s Cove Cottages, which were built in the 1950s.”

“The joke was always that Brookwood Brae was built as a golf course because my dad didn’t think there would be much work to it,” Mr. Seabrook said. “My dad had a bad back and no one knew anything about golf.”

Originally the course had about six golf carts. And in the original clubhouse, “The fridge was in the middle of the clubhouse and for 25 cents, you could buy a chocolate bar and a pop,” said Mr. Seabrook. That clubhouse was located in the middle



Logan Middleton, the nephew of John and Cheryl Seabrook, bought the Brookwood Brae Golf Course three years ago.

of the existing parking lot. “Then dad built the old clubhouse, and I built the first part of the new clubhouse in 1983,” he said. There have been a couple of additions since then. In 1992, he tore down the old building and rebuilt it, and purchased Pirates Cove Cottages.

In 1993, Mr. Seabrook who took ownership of the golf course at the age of 21, moved the barn behind the first green and built both bridges. All of the greens on the current course were originally in different locations and the golf course only had eight holes initially.

In those early days, green fees were two dollars. “We couldn’t go to three bucks or we would have no one to play. Dad had maybe 50 members when he opened the course. I remember the first-year membership fees were \$50 for the year.”

Pirates Cove Cottages ownership came to John Seabrook’s great uncle

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Death Notices

JACQUELINE CATHERINE HARLEY (nee Noon)

September 25, 1939 - June 29, 2024



In loving memory of Jacqueline Catherine Harley (nee Noon), who passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, June 29, 2024. Predeceased by her parents Fred and Maisie (nee O’Shell) Noon. Beloved partner of the late Ralph Lorenz. Loving mother of Cathy Harley

and step-mother of Samantha Sloan and Ralph Lorenz. Survived by her grandson Joshua and step-granddaughter Sarah. Cherished sister of Joanne (predeceased) (Don) and Jim (Carol Ann). Godmother of Kailynne Offord. Aunt of Laura Lee, Shawn, P.J., Robbie, Rhonda, Robb, Tracy and Paul. Will be missed by many great-nieces and nephews and many friends. Jackie worked passionately as a nurse for 55 years at many places including the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital, the London Psychiatric Hospital, the Manitoulin Health Centre, the Manitoulin Centennial Manor and Wikwemikong Long Term Care. She enjoyed working in her yard, reading, baking and feeding people in general. She loved her family very much and enjoyed spending time with them all. She even homeschooled her grandson. Jackie will be missed by everyone she knew. Family and friends gathered for visitation at Island Funeral Home, Little Current on Thursday, July 4, 2024 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral mass was at St. Gabriel Lalemant Church, Birch Island on Friday, July 5, 2024 at 11 am. Cremation to follow. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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Death Notices

SUSAN LAFRENIERE



Susan Lafreniere, beloved wife to her husband of 47 years and best friend James (Skip), passed away peacefully on June 30, 2024, following a courageous battle with leukemia. Susan, as was her way, put everyone in her family ahead of herself, making sure we were all aware and at peace with her and James’ wishes.

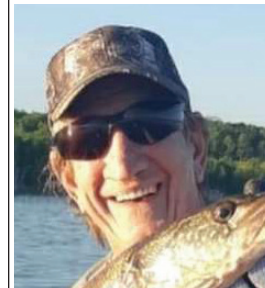
The family will never forget her strength and dignity, we will love her forever. Susan is predeceased by her mother Cecylia Bukala and her father Stanislaw Bukala. Susan’s parents bravely immigrated to Canada from Poland following WW2. Susan is survived by her brother Ed Bukala (wife Deborah) and her brother Tad Bukala. Also survived and cherished by her children Kyle Lafreniere (wife Toni), Melynda Hounslow (husband Owen) and Denise Lafreniere; brothers and sisters-in-law Bob Lafreniere (wife Vivian), Gary Lafreniere (wife Georgie, predeceased), Barbara Johnston (husband Bill, predeceased); eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild; nephews, children of brother Ed, Jason Bukala (wife Michelle) and Paul Bukala; niece Diane Lafrenier (Gilles). Susan is also survived by several extended members of the family, cousins and their children. Susan was a lifetime member of MHC Hospital Auxiliary and former of the MHC board of directors. Susan especially wanted to thank all her exceptional caregivers who supported her every step of the way in her courageous battle at 4 North Tower HSN. Susan wanted to send a special thank you to Dr. Ben Quackenbush, nurses and medical staff at Manitoulin Health Centre during her final days. Susan’s family also wanted to thank all her medical caregivers for their unwavering support and compassion during this difficult time. They are truly special. Susan would like any donations in her memory made to MHC Auxiliary. In keeping with Susan’s wishes, there will be a private family ceremony. Interment will be in our family plot in London Ontario.

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Death Notices

STEPHEN GEORGE DAVIES
May 4, 1956 - June 21, 2024



Stephen George Davies, 68, of Little Current, passed away in his home with his family lovingly by his side on Friday, June 21, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. Stephen was born on May 4, 1956 to the late Donald Davies and Amy Duncan. Stephen is survived

by his spouse Megan Ferguson; siblings Donna Davies, Sharon Woolley and Kevin Duncan; children Stephanie Davies (Mike), Brandon Davies (Julie) and Corrina Davies (Danny); grandchildren Evan, Laura, Amber, Danica, Briella and Johnathan. Prior to retirement, Stephen worked for Glen Gary and Fisher Wavy as a truck and transport driver. Stephen had an enthusiasm for life and loved his family, fishing, hockey, scratch tickets and games/cards. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

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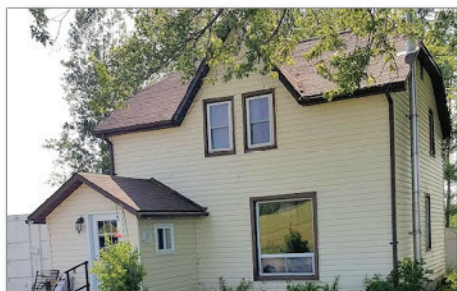
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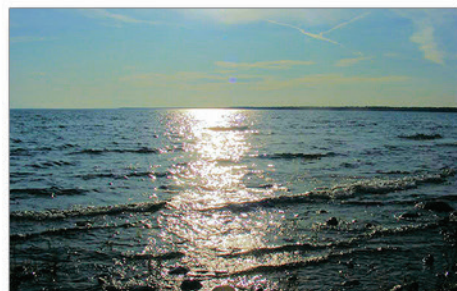
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Anishinabek Nation and Ministry of Natural Resources sign MOU

ANISHINABEK NATION TERRITORY—The Anishinabek Nation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) are committed to work together in a positive, solutions-based approach to resolve issues of concern in natural resource management through the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU).

“The goal of our relationship and partnership is to improve communication, dialogue and relations between the 39 Anishinabek member First Nations and the MNRF,” stated Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige in a release. “Our shared goal

is to preserve and protect land and resources for future generations and promote opportunities for the social, political, economic and cultural well-being of our communities and the Anishinabek Nation and MNR.”

The Anishinabek Ontario Resource Management Council (AORMC), an advisory body created by the Anishinabek Nation and Ontario, is renewing its commitment to a partnership through a leadership forum to discuss and set priorities by signing a letter of commitment, as well as through the signing of the MOU, to explore opportunities for policy collaboration and partnerships between the Anishinabek Nation

and the MNRF.

The leadership forum was a meeting of the Anishinabek leadership, as represented by Grand Council Chief, Deputy Grand Council Chief, the four regional chiefs and MNRF as represented by the Honourable Graydon Smith, minister of natural resources and forestry, to strengthen the relationship with the MNRF.

“My ministry values our long-standing relationship with the Anishinabek Nation as we share interests and priorities in managing natural resources in Ontario,” said Minister Smith. “I’m pleased to be renewing this letter of commitment and memorandum of understanding to continue building on these positive and productive working relationships.”

The leadership forum

will meet annually to discuss and set priorities for the resolution of emerging issues, and to monitor progress on identified priorities.

In addition to the MOU signing, emerging issues to be discussed during this leadership forum include AORMC capacity building, Anishinabek Nation moose symposium, conservation officer cross-cultural awareness gathering and commercial fishing on the Great Lakes.

“Natural resource management holds significant importance for both the Anishinabek Nation and the MNRF,” explained Deputy Grand Council Chief Chris Plain. “Our joint efforts will focus on fostering an honest and cooperative relationship involving bridging traditional knowledge and modern

science to address land and resource challenges.”

The AORMC was originally established in 1999 and continues to be a successful partnership between the Anishinabek Nation and the MNR. The goal of the AORMC is to improve communication, dialogue and relationships between the Anishinabek Nation and its 39 member First Nations and the MNRF. The purpose of the AORMC is to provide opportunities for the Anishinabek First Nation and the MNRF to discuss resource management issues, exchange information, facilitate a common understanding and collaborate on the resolution of policy-level issues. A letter of commitment was also signed to identify and set priorities.



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and aunt, Alma and the late Allan Tustian, and eventually John Seabrook purchased it from them, restoring the entire original farm back to single ownership.

“John has kept the course in great shape for so long,” Mr. Middleton said. “He has done a fantastic job with the course.”

Earlier this spring Mr. Middleton said a representative of Golf Ontario was at Brookwood Brae to take measurements and provide a rating of the course. “For diehard golfers, they will love this because the course will be officially rat-

ed, and they will be able to get official handicaps. When members are finished their round they will be able to post their score to get their handicap. And the course rating will be posted on the Golf Canada website.”

“Being rated is a prestigious thing,” said Mr. Middleton, “and it can open us open to holding Ontario level tournaments. I don’t know if we will do that, we’ll see about this in the future.”

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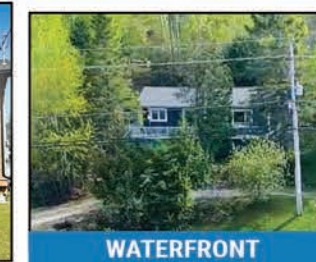
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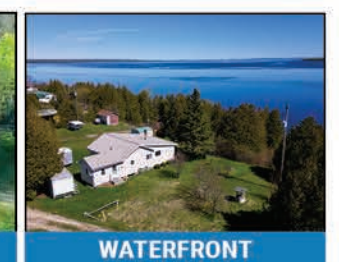
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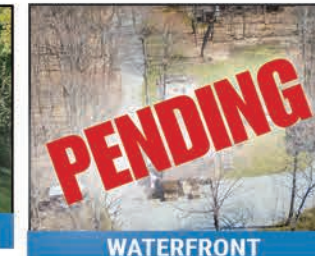
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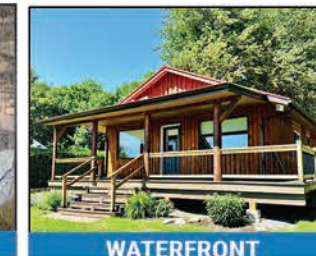
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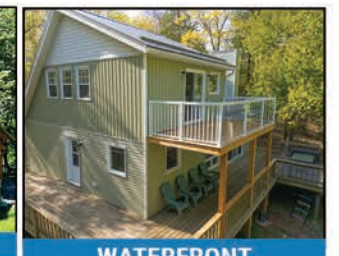
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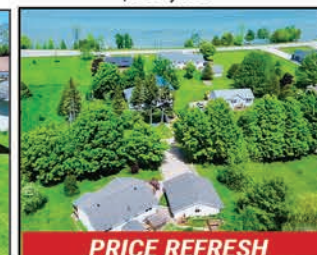
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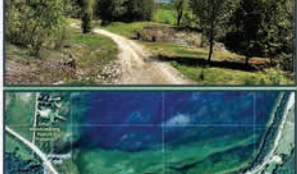
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MSO athletes dominate district track and field

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) athletes dominated a district track and field athletic competition.

“Our athletes did very well,” said MSO coach and coordinator Janet Anning of the event held in North Bay on June 22. “Our 11 athletes brought home 22 first place finishes, nine seconds and five thirds. It was a great day with everyone performing their personal bests.”

“The athletes work hard all season, and even during the rainy season this spring when it was hard to train outside,

first place and two second place finishes. He was first in both the mini-javelin, and softball throw, and second in both the 100-metre run and long jump.

Allan Francis placed first place in the mini javelin thrown in his age division, shot put, finished third in the 100-metre run and was fourth in both the 200 and 400 metre runs.

David Gagne placed first in the softball throw and was second in both the 50-metre run and mini javelin.

William Leclair finished first in both the long jump and mini javelin. He was third in the 100-metre run and shot put.



The Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) track and field team dominated a district competition held recently. The 11 MSO athletes brought home 22 first place finishes, nine second and five thirds. The MSO athletes and volunteers who took part include from left Natalie Rayner, Kelsey Mellan, Dylan Danville, Sandra Graham, Matthew Bedard, William Leclair, Bruce Vanhorn, Dallas Fox, Michael Cormiere, Allan Francis, David Gagne, Norman Daoust, Janet Anning, Joanne Mellan. Missing from photo are volunteers Herve Leclair, Rylee Mayer, Kathy Nickol and Julie Deshamps.

photo by Tom Sasvari

they trained inside instead,” said Ms. Anning. “That is all we ask them to do, do their best.”

About 200 Special Olympic athletes from across Northern Ontario took part in the district track and field meet.

The MSO Striders team was led by Bruce Vanhorn who placed first in four different events. He was first in his age division in the 100 and 200 metre runs and mini-javelin 400 throw and softball throw.

Matthew Bedard was first in three events in his age category. He took first in the 3,000, 5,000 and 800 metre runs.

Kelsey Mellan brought home two first place and two second place finishes in the four events she took part in her division. She was first in the 100 and 200 metre runs, and second in both the mini javelin throw and shot put.

Aaron Nickol also brought home two

Michael Cormier took first place in the mini javelin in his age category. He finished second in the 100-metre run, third in the long jump, fourth in the shot put and sixth in the 200-metre run.

Norman Daoust was first in two events. He took top spot in both the 100-metre run and mini javelin and placed second in the softball throw.

Dylan Danville finished first in both the 800-metre run and shot put in his division, second in the mini javelin, third in the 400-metre run and fourth in the 100-metre run.

Dallas Fox was first in the softball throw.

“This was a district competition and a provincial qualifier so we will have to wait and see if any of our athletes qualified for the provincials,” added Ms. Anning.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Canada Day 5K

Breakaway Sports brought their third event of their series, the Canada Day 5K on the first. **Adam Ferguson** was first to cross the line in 18:40, just edging high schooler **Alan Wilkin** then **Maxime Mermillod-Blondin** was third, that also rounded out the Open Male division. Winning the Open Female category was **Heather Ferguson**, just ahead of teen **Ava Corbiere** and **Alexandria Cosby** in third. Winning the U-16 Female accolades were **Fiona McGill**, **Brooke Simon** and **Rachel Quackenbush**. In the U-16 guys it was a close race right to the line with the top-5 crossing in less than 50 seconds! In first was **Romeo Zappia**, **David Joyce**, second and **Lucas Trotter**, third. Hats off as well to the lone Masters' runner, **Mary Rodgers!**

By the way, there are still three events to go on Breakaway's event page. First is their Youth Mountain Bike Program starting next week in Assinack's McLean's Park. The Haw Run will be on the August long weekend and finally the 6-Hour Relay to end August.

Active Assinack!

There will be some lucky people in Assinack with all kinds of fun this summer. They just had their inaugural duck race as a trial run for Canada Day just to see if it would work, and it was a blast! Check the video on Assinack's Facebook page. The township's organizer extraordinaire, **Jackie White** quipped, “As we don't have a river to do it in, we ran a tarp down the hill and the fire department shot the water down for us!” A huge shout-out to **Chris Mara** and **Bob White** who spent four hours setting it up in the hot sun.

Still to come! Roller blade hockey is starting Monday nights from 6-7 pm for kids. They have their youth ball tourna-

ment Aug. 9-11 with the Assinack Public School Grade 7/8s doing the barbecue as a fundraiser for their trip.

There is room left in the craft and cooking activity groups (check out their Facebook page).

Also, there is yet swim lessons run Aug 12-23, archery camp Aug 20-23 and dance camp Aug. 6-9th.

Powerlifter easily picks up medal!

Transplanted Islander **Rachel Hoffman** is in Alberta now working as a fitness trainer. Already fit, she recently started powerlifting. A meet combines the three heavy lifts: squat, deadlift and bench press for a cumulative total. Rachel modestly reported that her recent victory didn't really count because it was just a small one with little competition. I would challenge her on this. First, you are out there doing something to improve yourself, then, you set two new personal bests and finally, I wonder how second place feels? Keep up all the good work, Rachel!



Power lifter Rachel Hoffman setting a personal best in Alberta.

A good sport is good for sports

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Farmers' Market largesse goes to Island organizations

Laila Kiviaho, NEMI Farmers' Market treasurer, Don Cook, Manor administrator and Ray Bernstien market president gather for a photo with market vendors to donate \$1,500 to Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

photos by Michael Erskine



Farmers' Market treasurer Laila Kiviaho and Manitoulin Family Resources executive director Coleen Hill and Farmers' Market president Ray Bernstien gather with market vendors to present a cheque for \$1,500 to Manitoulin Family Resources.



Fancy faces celebrate

Kids of all ages got their faces painted as part of the many Canada Day activities held in Providence Bay.

photo by Lex Hannigan

RDSB seeks input on mobile device use in schools

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) is seeking feedback on cell phone/mobile device use in schools from students, parents/guardians, staff, school visitors, partners and the public. The feedback will be reviewed as part of the creation of an administrative procedure on cell phone/mobile device use in schools that will apply to the entire school community this fall.

The survey will remain open until July 12. All responses will be anonymous. The survey can be completed at the following link: bit.ly/rdsb_cell_mobile_survey.

The administrative procedure is a requirement

under the Ministry of Education Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 128: The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct issued on April 28, 2024.

In accordance with PPM 128, members of the school community must

not use personal mobile devices during instructional time except under the following circumstances: for education purposes, as directed by an educator, for health and medical purposes or to support special educa-
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AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND MANAGER

The Band Manager is responsible for the overall efficient and effective administrative and financial management of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Band government, its infrastructure, program areas and services and for keeping Chief and Council informed on all matters relating to the business of the First Nation.

JOB DUTIES:

- Provide leadership, supervision and direction to all Program Coordinators for the effective and efficient administration of the programs and services of the First Nation, ensuring achievement of annual goals and objectives and compliance with program budgets.
- Maintain direct verbal and written contact with Chief and Council. Provide monthly written reports and financial statements to Chief and Council on Band operations, programs and services.
- Communicate effectively with Chief and Council, Program Coordinators, Council Committees and community members to identify, plan and provide for the current and future needs of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.
- Ensure that adequate financial controls, policies and procedures are in place and followed to enable reliable and accurate financial reporting and effective and secure management of Band funds and resources.
- Oversee and direct the infrastructure resources and systems of the First Nation. Ensure the annual preparation of a five-year capital plan and budget for review and approval by Chief and Council.
- Be informed and able to communicate regarding the First Nation's programs and services, government policies and regulations.
- Implement Council decisions and policy; ensure Council motions, directions and resolutions are carried out in a timely, efficient and professional manner. Provide follow-up reports to Council.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree or college diploma in public administration, business administration or a related field.
- Minimum of five (5) years' work experience in administration at a senior management level with leadership experience.
- Experience working for a First Nation government or organization.

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

1. Cover letter with contact information.
2. Resumé listing education and work experience.
3. At least two (2) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
c/o Chief Patsy Corbiere
13 Hill Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Complete job description is available at the Band Office reception desk.

Deadline for applications is Friday, July 26, 2024 at 12 NOON.

The successful candidate must provide an acceptable Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.).



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Full-time
OFFICE SUPERVISOR: Health Centre Manager
SALARY: Salary is dependent upon experience and qualifications

The Sheguiandah First Nation (SFN) Executive Council is seeking a Healthy Lifestyles Coordinator. Sheguiandah First Nation provides services to the citizens of Sheguiandah. These services include health, social, administrative, membership, public works, lands and education. It is essential that these services are provided in a way that supports the Sheguiandah's Maamwe Aabziis-Widaa Gamig vision statement and the 7 Grandfather teachings of humility, honesty, bravery, wisdom, truth, respect and love.

Position summary:

The Healthy Lifestyles Worker reports directly to the Health and Social Services Manager and is responsible for planning and delivering education, prevention and awareness programs and activities that promote addictions awareness to the citizenship of Sheguiandah First Nation.

Responsibilities:

- Seeking out new programs and funding to expand Sheguiandah's programs in the areas of substance abuse, addiction and lifestyle.
- Develop new programs and implement new and existing programs and events.
- Provide transportation to support client needs, as per policies.
- Providing peer support, referrals and case management.
- Implement culturally appropriate services/activities/lands based programming.
- Attend meetings and training sessions as required and to benefit the incumbent, clients and program.
- Liaise with external stake holders and referral agencies.

Experience and Education requirements:

- Post-Secondary Diploma in Social Services Worker, Mental Health and Addiction Worker or another relevant diploma.
- A minimum of two years' relevant experience, or a combination of education, training or work-experience which Sheguiandah First Nation may deem to be equivalent.
- Must provide a clear CPIC and vulnerable sector check.
- Must possess a valid First Aid and CPR certification.
- Food Handler's Certification is an asset. Must be willing to obtain certification.
- Valid Driver's Licence and own vehicle.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the Sheguiandah First Nation Executive Council Office or email resume to: reception@sheguiandahfn.ca and use 'HEALTHY LIFESTYLES COORDINATOR' in the subject line of the email. For a full job description, please request via the same email.

Thank you to all who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Housing Manager
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Full-time, permanent
SALARY: Salary is dependent upon experience and qualifications
TENTATIVE START DATE: ASAP

The Sheguiandah First Nation (SFN) Executive Council is seeking a Housing Manager. The Housing Manager will report directly to the Director of Operations and is responsible for assisting in the development and administration of the On-Reserve Housing Management Program for Sheguiandah First Nation.

General Responsibilities:

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Housing Coordinator will perform all duties and responsibilities in accordance with Sheguiandah First Nation approved policies, plans, standards and procedures.

- Maintains the Housing Policy and any related policies and procedures as directed by the Executive Director.
- Monitors the administration of, and compliance to, the Housing Policy, National Building Code of Canada and Safety Standards and Procedures on behalf of the Executive Director.
- Sourcing and Management of Funding, Housing Program Administration .
- Tracks and reconciles approved budgets.
- Assist with plan and implement of new housing and rental construction, including coordination of applications, permits and other related documentation.
- Coordinate and oversee the development and maintain the inventory of all on-reserve housing capital assets.

Knowledge, skills and abilities:

- Knowledge of ISC and CMHC Housing Programs.
- Strong analytical and decision-making skills, including the ability to organize, prioritize and manage workload and work independently with minimal supervision.
- Effective written and oral communications skills to effectively deal with staff, membership and service providers and community members.
- High proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook) and Adobe Acrobat.

Experience and Education requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent, and related Post-Secondary Diploma or Certificate(s) in Administration, Property Management and Building Property Maintenance is preferred.
- A minimum of two years of directly related employment experience in housing administration or building management programs will be considered an asset.
- Experience working with ISC, CMHC, and other related Provincial and Federal Agencies is considered an asset.
- Experience working with First Nations, preferably with responsibilities in a housing management role.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the Sheguiandah First Nation Executive Council Office or email resume to: reception@sheguiandahfn.ca and use 'HOUSING MANAGER' in the subject line of the email. For a full job description, please request via the same email.

Thank you to all who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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tion needs. Survey respondents are being asked to consider the following factors when providing their input: the age of the student, maximizing classroom instructional time, prioritizing mental health and well-being, fostering engaging teaching and learning environments and focusing on student success and achievement.

In addition to the survey feedback, the Administrative Procedure will consider legislative requirements, government policy directives and the board's operational requirements as well as concerns about the inordinate amount of time spent on cell phones and social media and the growing research on their negative impact on student well-being.

RDSB is committed to developing a cell phone/mobile device use administrative procedure that supports teaching and learning in a safe, caring and productive environment. This procedure will align with the board's strategic priorities in student success and achievement, literacy and numeracy and mental health and well-being.

HELP WANTED
for Summer and Fall Yard Work

Yard work includes cutting grass using riding lawnmower and push mower (provided, or bring own), trimming brush, trimming tree branches. Steady part-time. Required 2 to 3 hours per week.

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We are looking for a forward-thinking person with experience in the business or a recent graduate of a restaurant/hospitality program.

You should be able to supervise staff of up to 30 young individuals, work independently and be able to make basic business decisions while following company policies.

You will report to the General Manager.

The salary shown is solely based on experience and is subject to review with the right candidate.

If you are interested in working on Manitoulin Island, please send your resumé to pantry3cow@hotmail.com to be considered for an interview.

If you wish to find out more, you can also call 705-282-7753.

Annual Salary:

\$45,000 - \$60,000 (based on experience).



WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

FAMILY WELL-BEING TEAM

TERM: Full-time Hours: 35 hours a week

The Family Well-Being Team, a unique early intervention team, is committed to providing essential support to families. Their primary focus is reducing the identified risk of involvement in child welfare, de-escalating protection concerns and aiding the reunification of families with children in out-of-home placements. This team's work is pivotal in helping families achieve sustainable outcomes by delivering culturally appropriate support and interventions. These efforts assist families in developing effective skills and strategies for independence, resiliency and crisis diversion. The Family Well-Being Team's work is deeply ingrained in traditional Anishinabek values, which are evident in all program deliverables, underscoring the significance and impact of their work.

For future planning, the following employment opportunities are open for applications:

CULTURAL COORDINATOR

The Cultural Coordinator, a pivotal role, will provide mentorship, personal consultation and an Indigenous perspective to the children and the families they serve. They will play a crucial part in connecting children-in-care with their traditions, ceremonies, kin networks and land through land-based teachings and gatherings. At WRFN, we are dedicated to ensuring that all services provided to our children and youth are culturally appropriate and foster their identity and belonging. To this end, the Cultural Coordinator will provide mentorship, personal consultation and an Indigenous perspective to the Family Well-Being staff, the children and the families they serve, profoundly impacting their well-being and cultural connection.

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Social work or equivalent combination of education, training and experience.
- At least two years of work experience working with families, youth and children.
- Experience in group and process facilitation, community development and presentation with above-average verbal and written communication.
- A deep respect for and sensitivity toward Anishinabek culture, traditions, the Seven Grandfather Teachings and a commitment to living by these teachings are not just a requirement but a valued aspect of this role. We recognize the importance of your cultural background and its contribution to the well-being of our community.
- Effective interpersonal skills include working cooperatively and collaboratively with internal and external resources.
- Knowledge of traditional practices, ceremonies and teachings.
- Awareness of First Nations culture and issues affecting First Nations families.
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification.
- A valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle are required.

FAMILY RESOURCE WORKER

The Family Resource Worker works collaboratively with families with school-aged child(ren) up to 18 years old to identify their strengths and needs by creating an Individual Family Service Plan. The Family Resource Worker facilitates and builds on support so families can achieve their goals and assist families on their healing journey. The Family Resource Worker will also help coordinate and advocate for families and children of Whitefish River First Nation alongside the Band Representatives and Family Well-Being Team.

Qualifications:

- BSW or B.A. Degree in Social Services, Native Child and Family Worker, or Child and Youth Worker Diploma.
- Aware of Health and Safety and Child and Family Services legislation.
- Knowledge of typical and atypical Indigenous child development.
- Knowledge of Indigenous family systems theory and an understanding of family functioning.
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills and effectively maintaining solution-focused dialogue.
- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with families, service providers, stakeholders and the broader community.
- Effective interpersonal skills include working cooperatively and collaboratively with internal and external resources.
- Ability to support self-advocacy with families.
- Strong time management skills and the ability to work effectively under the pressure of tight timelines, competing priorities and emergent issues.
- A valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle are required.

KINSHIP CASE SUPPORT WORKER

The role of the Kinship Case Support Worker is to recruit, engage, identified families for emotional, customary and legal permanency options for WRFN children and youth. The Kinship Case Support Worker will connect children and youth with their families. Under the supervision of the Case Supervisor, the Kinship Case Support Worker is responsible for supporting Kinship Care homes, Prevention Focused Customary Care program and working collaboratively with families.

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Social work or equivalent combination of education, training and experience.
- At least two years of work experience working with families, youth and children.
- An understanding of Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) and Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education (PRIDE).
- Knowledge of Kinship Standards, Foster Care Standards, Adoption Standards and Ontario Looking After Children (ONLAC).
- Experience and understanding of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) and case conferencing.
- Sound knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of Child Protection Workers and Child in Care Workers and court processes.
- Working knowledge of inter-agency Kinship partnership agreements.
- Familiarity or willingness to become familiar with Jordan's Principle application process to assist families.
- Effective interpersonal skills include working cooperatively and collaboratively with internal and external resources.
- Strong ability to assess caregiver capacity to provide care and meet the safety and developmental needs of children/youth.
- Strong time management skills and the ability to work effectively under the pressure of tight timelines, competing priorities and emergent issues.
- A valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle are required.

For a detailed job description of each position, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca.

Applications must be submitted by July 19, 2024 at 12 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a current resumé, cover letter, two (2) personal references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:

CONFIDENTIAL: *Indicate position of interest

Whitefish River First Nation c/o Human Resources

17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

***All positions must submit a Police Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.**

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



WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FULL-TIME TEACHER AT SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of Teacher, commencing August 26, 2024. Shawanosowe School is an indigenous school governed under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. This community-centred school focuses on academic achievement while providing a grounding in culture and identity and nurturing children's gifts. WRFN is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that embraces diversity and enriches learning opportunities for students and staff at Shawanosowe School.

*The student ratio per classroom is 8-12 students.

The successful candidate will:

- Have demonstrated an understanding of the significant role that Anishinaabe Aadziwin plays in a First Nations school. Your appreciation for these elements will help foster a sense of identity and belonging among our students.
- Have achieved academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents.
- Ensure all students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Have achieved academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents.
- Develop lesson plans and manages learning experiences, curricular and extra-curricular to ensure that the needs of the class and individual students are met.
- Identify, select and modify instructional resources to meet the needs of students with varying backgrounds, learning styles and high needs.

For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

Candidates must hold an Ontario Teaching Certificate with an active licence with the Ontario College of Teachers, along with:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education.
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior Intermediate.
- Additional qualifications in Special education would be considered an asset.
- At least 3+ years of teaching experience.
- Must have excellent planning and organizational skills.
- Strong computer skills in various software and programs.
- Up-to-date First Aid and CPR.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities would be considered an asset.
- Knowledge of First Nation culture, traditions and language would be an asset (or the willingness to learn).
- Strong computer skills in various software and programs relevant to the position.

Candidates are requested to submit an application that will include an updated cover letter and resume detailing education and qualifications, including contact information for two (2) professional references and one (1) character reference to:

Confidential: Teacher

c/o Human Resources, Whitefish River First Nation

17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: JULY 17, 2024 AT 12 PM

Miigwetch (thank you) to all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Help Wanted!



Northland Agromart in Gore Bay is seeking a **full-time customer service representative.**

Full job description available on our website sprucedale.com. Health, dental and pension plan.

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Joe's poker paddle event a huge success despite weather

Proceeds from event will go to Mindemoya Hospital

MELDRUM BAY—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is going to be receiving a substantial donation from the organizers of the very successful, fourth annual Joe's Poker Paddle 2024, held on Lily Lake in Meldrum Bay on June 22.

"Atrocious weather on Saturday (June 22) brought a record turnout for this year's event. Even the non-stop rain didn't put anyone off!" said main organizer Joe Weston. Grabbing their watercraft, participants set off to collect their tokens for their poker hand. Some were quite competitive; others were much more leisurely.

Mr. Weston kept a keen eye on proceedings and was stunned by the large turnout. "Thanks to our sponsors (Seven2One



The fourth annual Joe's Poker Paddle 2024, held on Lily Lake in Meldrum Bay on June 22 was a huge success! A total of 59 participants (37 took to the water).

Studio, 540 Ends General Store and Island Knife and Forage) we attracted another bumper crowd. They all seem to be having a fun time." He pointed out there were a total of 59 participants (37 who took to the water) and others buying poker hands but not venturing out on the water (entry fee was \$20 per person).

Top prize of the day was won by Rose Van Every of Meldrum Bay. Dave Daniel was second with Brent Hoskins third. Participants from as far as Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) took part in

the event.

Between personalized gift vouchers, personalized glassware, clothing and other special prizes, all winners went home very happy.

Through the event organizers will be making a donation of \$1,000 to the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC).

Mr. Weston confirmed that the day's fund has managed to raise \$1,000 for the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Mindemoya hospital. He added, "everyone is already excited about next years event."

This event started as a group of friends who go together for a fun day out. Due to many requests Mr. Weston opened it up to anyone who wanted to have some fun on Lily Lake. Any type of water vehicle was encouraged from kayak, canoe to stand up paddle board but personal floating devices were mandatory for all participants. Each player



This youngster was all about the flag.

collects a poker chip from each of seven stations on the lake. Each chip was then exchanged for a playing card, with the person with the best poker hand winning, as well as many other prizes.



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Lands Manager
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
OFFICE SUPERVISOR: Director of Operations
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Full-time, permanent
SALARY: Salary is dependent upon experience and qualifications
This position will remain open until filled.

The Sheguiandah First Nation (SFN) Executive Council is seeking a Lands Manager permanent position. The Lands Manager is responsible for the comprehensive management of the Sheguiandah First Nation Lands Office and Land Registry relating to reserve lands for Sheguiandah First Nation. Reporting to the Director of Operations, the Lands Manager shall manage all aspects of the Lands Office including supervising lands staff and the development of the annual departmental budget, work plans and policies and procedures.

- Must have a Post-Secondary degree or certificate program in administration, community planning, environmental studies, lands and resource management or related disciplines and at least three years' experience managing reserve lands; or an equivalent combination of skills, knowledge and experience;
- Completion of the Lands Management Certificate Program would be considered an asset;
- Minimum of two years of managerial or supervisory experience;
- Knowledge of land registration and land administration principles and procedures would be an asset.

Required skills:

- Exhibits a high degree of initiative and self-direction; good analytical, organizational, verbal and written communication skills;
- Must have the ability to interpret policies and standard practices and deal with information that is sensitive or confidential;
- Ability to use tact and good judgment in dealing with sensitive and complex issues;
- Ability to maintain strict confidentiality; and
- Must have strong supervisory, teamwork and management skills to ensure proper operation of the Lands Department.

Duties:

- Participate in the creation of the Sheguiandah First Nation Land Code, related laws, policies and procedures to regulate land use and to obtain the highest benefit of land use for Sheguiandah First Nation;
- Ensure administrative measures and controls are developed to meet the requirements of Sheguiandah First Nation and clients by monitoring and evaluating the efficiency of services;
- Develop and review land interest agreements, leases, right-of-ways and permits, notify interest holders of potential expiration and changes, and ensure terms of interest agreements are met;
- Ensure that historical and current land record information are gathered and maintained into various systems database systems.

Experience:

- Minimum five years' experience in accounting, preferably with a First Nation government;
- Minimum two years of supervisory experience;
- Familiarity with Payroll and Accounting software is an asset;
- Experience dealing with Federal and Provincial/Territorial government funding and training agencies and authorities.

Sheguiandah First Nation – Lands Manager

- Provide statistical reports on land use activities;
- Ensure registration of interests in the Sheguiandah First Nation Land Registry and the First Nation Land Registry System;
- Deliver presentations to senior management, colleagues, clients/stakeholders, Sheguiandah First Nation members and Council on strategic issues;
- Act as the lead individual in the development of the Community Land Use plan, Matrimonial Real Property Law, Environmental Assessment and Protection Law and all other laws and policies related to lands, waters, natural resource use, etc.;
- Assist and provide technical assistance to other Sheguiandah First Nation committees;
- Prepare budgets for inclusion into the departmental budget;
- Ensure timeliness, accuracy and usefulness of financial and management reporting to internal and external funding partners;
- Ensure communication with lessees on land and land use issues, and with trustees, executors and solicitors on land disposition;
- Assist and provide information to Chief and Council on land and land use issues;
- Monitor compliance with contractual terms, including construction, environmental requirements, rent collection, default and cancellation of leases;
- Facilitate rent reviews for leases and permits First Nation lands;
- Research, verify and compile land status reports on reserve lands for distribution to Natural Resources Canada, land surveyors, membership, clients and interested parties in order for them to determine land tenure, accessibility and feasibility of a land transaction;
- Develop and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, the Lands Committee and agencies;
- Supervise staff, identify training and developmental needs, and ensure health and safety of the work area;
- Performs all other duties as assigned.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the Sheguiandah First Nation Executive Council Office or email resume to: reception@sheguiandahfn.ca and use 'LANDS MANAGER' in the subject line of the email. For a full job description, please request via the same email. The position will remain open until filled.

Thank you to all who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Help Wanted!



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

POSITION: Human Resources Manager
LOCATION: Sheguiandah First Nation
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Full-time, permanent
OFFICE SUPERVISOR: Director of Operations
SALARY: Salary is dependent upon experience and qualifications
TENTATIVE START DATE: ASAP

The Sheguiandah First Nation (SFN) Executive Council is seeking a permanent Human Resource Manager position. The Human Resource Manager will be responsible for the efficient and effective oversight and coordination of the daily human resources activities of SFN and will ensure all operations are in accordance with applicable legislation, regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Policy and Program Development:

- Assists with the development of SFN Human Resource policies, procedures and standards.
- Assists with the development of the human resource component of proposals.
- Report on the adequacy of personnel policies, procedures and standards in relation to operational issues.

Program Management and Administration Responsibility:

- Ensure SFN Human Resource policies and procedures are implemented, followed and reporting is complete.
- Address any Human Resource issues that may arise swiftly.
- Serve as a member of committees with regard to Human Resource matters.
- Assist with the development of a division of labour and organization structure for SFN.
- Participate in monthly management meetings.

Human Resource Management:

- Assist in the development of a standardized approach to recruitment and selection and retention strategies of employees (job postings, screening, job offers, contract administration, etc.)
- Act as an internal consultant on issues of recruitment and retention.
- Develop a system to assist management to promote the efficient and effective allocation of human resources.
- Responsible for staff Personnel File Management, maintaining employee time sheets/records and attendance logs.
- Assist in the development and maintenance of job classifications.
- Assist in facilitating the staff complaint and grievance procedures.
- Demonstrate advanced communication skills (verbal, listening and written).

Knowledge Requirements:

- Be thoroughly familiar with SFN Personnel Policies, Human Resource and Financial Management Policies and be prepared to strictly follow all SFN policies.
- Have a sound knowledge of current HR trends, issues, techniques and practices.
- Have knowledge and understanding of Native culture, traditions, teachings, community dynamics a definite asset.

Mandatory Qualifications Education:

- A post-secondary degree or diploma in human resources, specifically the Certified Human Resource Professional (CHRP) or be currently pursuing designation.
- A Valid Class 'G' driver's licence and access to reliable transportation would be required.
- Provide a current Criminal Reference Check (CPI) and Vulnerable Sector Search (VSS) if offered the position.

To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume to the Sheguiandah First Nation Executive Council Office or email resume to: reception@sheguiandahfn.ca and use 'HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER' in the subject line of the email. For a full job description, please request via the same email.

Thank you to all who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.