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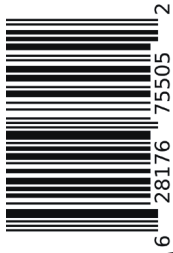
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JULY SNOWSTORM?—Kids were all smiles as they took part in the foam party, one of the many activities held during the annual M'Chigeeng First Nation Family Fun Weekend. Among the many other events held included a movie night, pancake breakfast, Amaze n Fun (rock wall, inflatables, axe throwing, mini paddle boats, train ride, painting, face painting, horse shoe toss) and many other fun activities for all members of the family to enjoy!

photo by Tom Sasvari

Heavy rainfall hinders Island farmers

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO—Farmers in the region are contending with the challenges posed by an unusually wet season as excessive rainfall impacts agricultural operations across the board. Providence Bay farmer Lyle Dewar reported a staggering 23.5 inches of rainfall since the spring

thaw, significantly higher than the region's average of 527.3 mm (20.75 inches). This deluge has created a series of obstacles for farmers trying to maintain their crops and livestock.

On Monday, July 15, Environment Canada issued heavy rainfall warnings for Greater Sudbury and North Bay, predicting up to 100 mm of rain in
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Sandfield bait shop owner concerned about Lake Manitou dam management

by Tom Sasvari
SANDFIELD—The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is willing to meet with a bait fishing business owner in Sandfield on concerns Peter Hutchinson raised on how the dam is operated and with fisheries management in Lake Manitou.

ing to Lake Kagawong and other areas in Northern Ontario.

"The fish don't belong to the MNR but the province. They owe us an update every year on what they are doing with the dam and the fishery. They need

to be available to be asked some questions. We need to request they come to the table so we can ask these questions."

"It's the same with walleye. For 20 years they have been tak-

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Big new stage at Prov Fairgrounds Facility will help draw major talent

by Michael Erskine
PROVIDENCE BAY—Country music fans on Manitoulin have been reeling since the announcement of the cancellation of Manitoulin Country Fest, but great news is on the way. Thanks to the Providence Bay Agricultural Society as well as the championing and design work of committee member Wayne Legge, a new venue with the potential to



A 40' x 50' stage has just been erected at the Providence Bay Fairgrounds.

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Wikwemikong Tribal Police rescue family in house fire

WIKWEMKOONG—Two Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) officers are being praised for their actions by the chief of the Wikwemikong Volunteer Fire Department for their courageous actions in getting four residents and a pet safely out of their home that was on fire.

"It was the courage of the WTPS officers that came through to have this positive outcome," said Bernie Brant, Wikwemkoong fire chief. "The loss of property can be replaced but not human life," he said,

noting four tenants in the home and a dog were escorted safely out of the home by an WTPS officer

In the early morning hours of Saturday, July 13, officers with the WTPS, Constable Gabriel DiSalvo and Sergeant Darrell Mandamin were on patrol in the main village area of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

At approximately 3 am, officers observed a fire at the rear of a residence situated on Willow Street in the main village

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Gore Bay mayor seeks help in finding vandalism culprits, hopes for appropriate charges

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Over the past few weeks there have been several incidents of vandalism carried out in Gore Bay. The Manitoulin OPP is investigating the incidents and hopes to find the individuals involved, while Mayor Ron Lane says once the culprit(s) are found they should be charged for their actions.

"Unfortunately we have had

several incidents of vandalism in the town recently," said Mayor Ron Lane. "And this past weekend (July 13-14) the damage has been the most severe thus far."

Mayor Lane explained, "someone cut down both nets at the tennis courts with a wire cutter, used a blow torch to burn them and then threw them in the creek. We have also had solar lights down by the creek smashed. At the splash pad we have hockey nets that were set

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The town's tennis court nets were cut then set on fire.

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To view the paintings of Ivan Wheale currently on exhibition in the Gore Bay Museum's spacious galleries is to take a virtual tour of the incomparable panoramas of the near North.

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Ivan Wheale on the 'magic light' and his art of the real at Gore Bay Museum exhibit

by Isobel Harry

GORE BAY—This summer, Manitoulin Island's most widely-acclaimed painter, the artist Ivan Wheale, is being celebrated in an exhibition spanning the two large galleries of the Gore Bay Museum.

The show, composed of 39 framed works, mainly of his most beloved subjects—the Canadian Shield's two billion-year-old Precambrian rockscapes—also includes close-up studies of sculptural bleached driftwood, a water-smoothed pile of mesmerizing beach stones and an abandoned beaver pond where you can almost hear the buzz of insects in the still air.

Born in England in 1934, one of Mr. Wheale's fondest memories as a young airman in the Royal Air Force was standing in ranks as a member of the honour guard on the route to Westminster Abbey for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in

1953.

He first picked up a paintbrush at age 14 to depict old farm buildings and abstractions, he says, but once he had moved to Canada in 1957 Mr. Wheale began to paint professionally; he has lived on Manitoulin Island since 1975. The artist's long career as a painter of Canadian landscapes has seen him travel to the Atlantic provinces, Newfoundland and the Northwest Territories and his work exhibited in solo, touring and retrospective shows across the breadth and width of Ontario, without a doubt his spiritual home. Close to a hundred public and corporate collections hold his art, including the Queen's and Dean's Collections in Windsor Castle, the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, and the collection of the Government of Ontario, Queen's Park.

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Former Anishinabek Nation chief Reg Niganobe throws hat into Liberal ring

by Michael Erskine

ALGOMA-MANITOULIN—Former Mississauga First Nation chief and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe has announced his intention to seek the provincial Liberal nomination in Algoma-Manitoulin.

"After much thought, consideration and conversation with family, friends, colleagues, mentors and other trusted leaders, I am delighted to announce that I am seeking the nomination bid for Member of Provincial Parliament for Algoma-Manitoulin with the Provincial Liberal Party," said Mr. Niganobe. "For those who have supported me in the past, I seek your continued support and confidence. As I seek the nomination bid and complete the required paperwork and processes, I will update everyone on the outcome of my application later. Thank you all for your time, and wish me luck!"

Mr. Niganobe is a Mississauga #8 First Nation member from along the North Shore of Lake Huron. He has served in a leadership capacity since 2009, when he became a councillor for his First Nation. He then held the chief of Mississauga First Nation position from 2011 to 2021 and as the Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief from 2021 to 2024. He also served as the chair of the North Shore Tribal Council for six years and has a Public Policy and Govern-



Reg Niganobe

nance Diploma from Toronto Metropolitan University. Graduating from the program with distinction he was also nominated for a Premier's Award in 2018.

A strong advocate for developing partnerships and growing communities along the North Shore, as Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation, Mr. Niganobe served 39 First Nations and their elected leadership.

According to a bio released with his candidacy announcement, during his political career Mr. Niganobe has advocated for and achieved change in both policy and legislation at the highest levels of government. He has achieved change at the United Nations, House of Commons, Canadian Senate,

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Gore Bay's Harbour Days marks 11th annual celebration

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The annual Gore Bay Harbour Days celebrations take place July 26-28 and will no doubt provide a fun filled weekend for the whole family.

"Oh yes, big time we are looking forward to it," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. "This is our 11th annual Harbour Days weekend, and along with some popular repeat activities taking place, we have several new events, including the 'Breeze Around the Bay Fun Run/Walk' being organized by Councillor Kelly Chaytor and the Gore Bay Spirit and Events Committee."

"There will be something fun for everyone in the family to attend and take part in from Friday afternoon until Sunday," stated Mayor Lane.

The Breeze Around the Bay Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, July 28 with registration

from 8:30-9:30 am at the harbour centre. The 5K run will begin at 10 am, with the 1K race starting at 11:15 am.

"It's a new event for this year's Harbour Days weekend," Councillor Chaytor told The Expositor. "So far we only have 16 people signed up, and we are hoping that once word of mouth gets around we will have a lot more people take part, and it might be that people might just show up on that date to take part."

"All the money raised from the run/walk will be going to the Gore Bay Fire Department," said Councillor Chaytor.

The 1K run will begin at the Harbour Centre to the water treatment plant and return, while the 5K run/walk will begin at the Noble Lookout

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Manitoulin Transport 2024 nabs safety award

GORE BAY—Manitoulin Transport is honoured to have received the prestigious 2024 Transportation Safety Award from Northbridge Insurance. "This recognition is a testament to Manitoulin Transport's unwavering commitment to safety excellence in the transportation industry," a press release from Northbridge Insurance states.

"The winning carrier is benchmarked against hundreds of other fleets for its industry-leading safety practices. The national winner must have an exceptional track record in crash trends, collisions per million miles, proactive industry involvement, and a company-wide commitment to safety."

"At Manitoulin Transport, safety is paramount in everything we do," said Jeff King, president of Manitoulin Transport. "Receiving the 2024 Transportation Safety Award reaffirms our commitment to maintaining the highest safety standards across all facets of our operations. This could not have been possible without the efforts and commitment of drivers and staff."

"Manitoulin Transport's

comprehensive safety initiatives, including advanced training programs, rigorous compliance protocols, state-of-the-art technology integration and proactive risk management strategies, are not just measures. They are initiatives that mitigate potential hazards and foster a culture of accountability and responsibility at every level of the organization," said Mario Da Silva, corporate fleet safety and risk manager at Manitoulin Transport.

"We are thrilled to honour Manitoulin Transport with the 2024 Transportation Safety Award," said Brian Mather, vice-president of national transportation and logistics at Northbridge Insurance. "Their dedication to implementing best-in-class safety practices sets a benchmark for the industry and their unwavering commitment to safety is commendable."

As a recipient of this award Manitoulin Transport further solidifies its position as a leader in the transportation sector. This prestigious accolade

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History Day in Kagawong themed 'Tragedy and Triumph on Lake Huron'

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—History Day in Kagawong this year will feature a double feature and aptly fits the theme of 'Tragedy and Triumph on Lake Huron.' One part will have speaker Richard Thomas talking about his book celebrating the 50th anniversary of the MS Chi-Cheemaun plus stories of other ships that served the Turkey Trail of Manitoulin Island and the North Channel. Part two will see Mike Strobel telling the story of the ill-fated journey of the 24-foot cabin cruiser boat The Rhu that broke up in a squall with loss of four lives (including two children) at the mouth of Mudge Bay.

"History Day in Kagawong will take place on Thursday, August 8," said Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Centre. "It will be a double feature and the theme is 'Tragedy and Triumph on Lake Huron.' Mr. Nelson explained, "On

August 23, 1965, six people (including two children) from Sudbury left Little Current in the Rhu, hoping to cross the North Channel over to Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island. They never made it. They were forced to abandon ship in a squall and over the next several hours four of the six passengers were dead including the two children."

"Journalist Mike Strobel of the Toronto Sun has researched this story, including interviewing the last survivor of the Rhu. He will present his findings and conclusions during History Day in Kagawong," said Mr. Nelson.

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Robin Malley elected to vacant Sheshegwaning council seat

SHESEGWANING FIRST NATION—Robin Malley has been elected to fill the vacant councillor seat on the Sheshegwaning First Nation band council.

Ms. Malley was elected from among six candidates in the running for the councillor seat in a by-election that was held in the community this past Saturday, July 20. Ms. Malley received 29 votes to be elected for the councillor position. Kaeley Genereux-McLean received 22 votes, Christopher Endanawas with 20, Deanna Sampson with 16, Joey Laford Jr. with five votes and Joe Shinos receiving four votes.

As had been reported previously, Jennifer Sampson had resigned from her position on council earlier this year.

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An internet alternative is needed as the world teeters

Not since the taught-nerfed days of the Cold War has the world been closer to another confrontation between the globe's major powers, yet never has our civilization (East, West and in-between) been so vulnerable to the existential disruption such a conflict would present.

Unlike previous globe-spanning conflicts, the vast expanses of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans will not provide safe barriers to our shores; the advent of missiles and aircraft that can leap those bounds in barely a blink of the eye has assured us of that disturbing fact.

But perhaps the greatest danger humanity faces today lies not in the threat of nuclear conflagration, although that unthinkable possibility is being increasingly banded about by those with access to the red buttons—most notably Russia's mad czar Vladimir Putin, but rather in the world's ever-growing dependence on a remarkably fragile internet.

The internet was originally designed as a failsafe communications network, ARPNET, which linked military and civilian centres through a network of connections that could withstand attacks that would destroy key centres. That ARPNET was something of a con job perpetrated against the military industrial complex by the scientific community is somewhat irrelevant in the 21st Century. The tentacles of the internet have grown to become inextricably linked to every facet of our lives here in the West.

Entertainment, communications and, most critically, the logistics (and by extension economies) of our modern world all depend critically on those bits and bites moving uninterrupted between terminals. Without the internet, we would lose access to our money (who among us has a plethora of bills, coins and gold bars on hand?), be cut off from our friends and relatives (who still has a land line, and even if they do, that system is now just as internet-dependent as Facebook messenger) but most importantly, the distribution networks that supply us with food, drink and medicines would come to a crashing halt.

The recent example of the failure of just a tiny portion of the communications systems that our modern world depends on, the CrowdStrike update fiasco, has provided the world with a harbinger of what would happen should the net itself ever be brought down in a serious way. In this more benign of events, travellers were stranded in foreign lands, shoppers were unable to access

their debit or credit cards, businesses were unable to find where in the chain their merchandise is stored.

Just about every industry on the planet is run on a "just in time" agenda. Materials, supplies and tools appear at the head of the assembly line at the moment they are needed, and not a day before. Grocery stores do not have any significant storage space, not even the mega-stores such as the Costcos and Walmarts of our world, to meet any sustained demand. What you see on the shelves is basically what the store has for sale. If the trucks do not come in to re-supply the shelves, those shelves are soon emptied—not in months, weeks or even days—it will happen in a matter of hours or would happen if people could access their money in the event of a collapse of the internet.

In days of old, mining families would keep a massive pantry stocked with non-perishables in the event of a labour disruption and the vagaries of the market. Who does that anymore? If those stores shelves are suddenly empty, what will we feed our children?

This is not at all an unthinkable possibility. Although the internet was originally conceived and built to withstand such a threat, the all-too-hidden truth is that corporate economic priorities, tech laziness and poor planning have resulted in a much more vulnerable system, just as the world has become utterly dependant upon its robustness.

In a global conflict, the internet will be among the first targets the West's enemies will target. And we are doing far too little about it. In fact, what little backup we had in place, notably the copper lines of the near-impervious North American telegraph system were pulled down from their poles just a couple of decades ago.

The shortwave radios of the amateur HAM radio operators, although vital to emergency services in a local region outage, would not prove to be anywhere near up to the task of replacing the vast number of communications necessary to even keep the bare necessities of life flowing to our communities.

As our nation looks toward climbing up to the two percent NATO defence commitment so concerning to the nation's premiers, putting in place a robust communications alternative to the internet and alternate plans to ensure critical supplies can be delivered to communities should be one of the focusses of that spending. It's a prudent thing to do.

First Nations across Canada are challenging carbon pricing inequities

TORONTO—First Nations from across Canada are standing with the Chiefs of Ontario (COO), passing a resolution calling on the Government of Canada to stop what it feels is discriminatory treatment of First Nations from this government's carbon pricing regime.

The resolution was passed at the 45th Assembly of First Nation's (AFN) annual general assembly and comes after COO filed a court case against the federal government late last year for imposing what is considered a discriminatory tax on First Nations in the province. The carbon charge hits First Nations harder than others and cannot incentivize them switching them to greener energy options because for many, no such choices are available, COO said in the release.

"Conservative Opposition leader Pierre Poilievre also spoke at the assembly, expressing support for COO's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (GGPPA) court case saying he will 'axe the tax' if his party forms the government following the next federal election. However, that is not what the legal case is about," the release notes.

First Nations in Ontario are looking for fair treatment that considers First Nations' unique jurisdictional status in Canada, protects the environment and recognizes the special circumstances they face as a result of centuries of colonialism.

"We are looking for the government to come to the table and work with us to ensure their carbon tax does not harm First Nations in Ontario," said Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) Abram Benedict. "We have been making this ask for years."

"It is an unfortunate situation

that this must play out in the courts because our message has been clear and consistent. First Nations are already dealing with climate change, crumbling infrastructure, food insecurity and economic stability. The carbon tax's implementation only serves to accelerate the crises First Nations are already facing," continued Regional Chief Benedict.

The court case demands Canada either figures out a way to make the carbon tax fair to First Nations or exempt First Nations from the tax. It also calls for equitable disbursement of the carbon tax rebate and alternative methods of disbursement other than through the Canada Revenue Agency.

The government says the tax is revenue neutral, but First Nations people face substantial barriers to accessing the Climate Action Incentive Payments tax rebate that every other Canadian automatically receives by filing their taxes.

First Nations are the original people of this land and consistently support initiatives aimed at protecting the animals, lands,

and waters they have lived on since time immemorial. Yet they are the most affected by climate change in Canada, said COO.

"We did not cause climate change. Like us, our lands, animals, waters, and air have endured centuries of abuse due to industrialization and resource extraction," said ORC Benedict. "We did not oppose the spirit of the carbon tax in principle. But the burden of addressing climate change has fallen on First Nations. This is a backwards, unjust solution to centuries of injustice."

Canada has failed to honour its commitment to returning two per cent of the collected carbon tax to "Indigenous Nations" in Ontario, the COO release continued.

Returns for First Nations in Ontario have been complicated by Canada's insistence that money for rights-holding First Nations must be split with Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) a corporate organization founded in 1993. COO and some Metis governments contend the MNO is not a legitimate representa-

tive of Indigenous rights holders. Most people claiming Metis identity in Ontario do not face the same barriers to accessing personal returns or changing carbon-emitting behaviours as First Nation citizens.

"Our mandate from First Nations leadership in Ontario is clear: push the Crown to honour its Treaty nation-to-nation relationships, respect our lands and stop it from pushing our Nations into carbon poverty," said Ontario Regional Chief Benedict.

The COO release adds, "First Nations are standing up to this environmental racism and are calling on the minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Infrastructure Canada, Finance, and other departments to provide adequate financial support for First Nations to minimize the impacts of carbon pricing, explore the implications of carbon pricing on their territories, as well as opportunities for their participation in resource-revenue sharing and the clean energy economy."

Provincial highway speed increases include Highway 69

SUDBURY—The province has announced a speed limit increase on Highway 69, just south of Sudbury.

As of July 12, the speed limit was raised from 100 kilometres per hour to 110 kilometres per hour, extending along a 60 kilometre stretch from Sudbury to French River.

The Sudbury to French River stretch has been expanded to four lanes over the past few years, part of an ongoing effort by the provincial government to widen Highway 69.

In April, the Ontario government announced the change for 10 additional sections of provincial highways in Northern and Southern Ontario.

The province permanently increased the speed limit to 110 km/h on six sections of provincial

highways in 2022 after several successful pilot programs that were first initiated five years ago.

The provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan have a maximum speed limit of 110 km/h, while in British Columbia, the maximum speed limit is 120 km/h.

When the change was announced in April, Ontario Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria reiterated the importance of the safety aspect. "These evidence-based increases are a common-sense change to make life more convenient for Ontario drivers while bringing our highway speed limits in line with other Canadian provinces," he said.

2024 Manitoulin Art Tour showcases the best in Island talent

A sampling of art and artisans from across the Island



Artist Dani Lynn Redgrift is a prolific photographer and her works were on display at the Welcome Centre in Little Current. **photo by Michael Erskine**



Manitoulin Art Tour organizer Judy Boyd and four-foot buddy Cruiser join artist Donna Kanerva for a photo in her studio at home. **photo by Michael Erskine**



Knitter Dorette Carter has a studio at the Gore Bay Harbour Centre. **photo by Tom Sasvari**



Gwendlynn Gaudet's jewellery was a big hit with visitors to the Welcome Centre in Little Current. **photo by Michael Erskine**



Painter Pam Jackson works with portraits. **photo by Sharon Jackson**



Peter J. Barnett displays his photography at his studio in the Gore Bay Harbour Centre. **photo by Tom Sasvari**



Artist Debbie Whatling at her 'Art Shed' studio at Wee Point Resort in Bidwell on Lake Manitou. A lifetime drawer, Ms Whatling began painting fairly recently and this year discovered the technique, demonstrated in this artwork, that begins with acrylic paints and whose units are primarily circular. This one is a work-in-progress.



Artist Petra Wall does watercolours and photography. **photo by Betty Bardswich**



Sophie Edwards set up her typewriter, yes a typewriter, on a small table and created poems on demand for visitors as far away as Sault Ste. Marie who came to Manitoulin specifically to attend the art tour. **photo by Sharon Jackson**



Brenda Pakkala holds a doll she created along with two quilts. Ms. Pakkala's work is on display at the Aus Hunt marina along with several other talented artists. **photo by Sharon Jackson**



Wayne Malleau has been a bonsai aficionado for 30-plus years. His love of this plant shines through. Beautiful mugs, platters and bonsai were on display at the Kagawong Park Centre for the Manitoulin Art Tour. **photo by Sharon Jackson**



Artist Debra Lynn Ireland was holding court in the gallery upstairs at Turners of Little Current. Ms. Ireland's work is usually on display in the gallery as she finds it more accessible for her followers than her cabin in the hinterland. **photo by Michael Erskine**



Barbara Edwards is a woman of many talents. Her gorgeous fused glass jewelry is a must see. Earrings, necklaces and rings are displayed in their studio in downtown Kagawong. Edwards Art Studio is a family affair where watercolours and paintings are on display created by Richard Edwards and Morgan Edwards. **photo by Sharon Jackson**

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay
Alexia Hannigan

Hello my Cicadas! Alexia here with your friendly Fly! I am always pleasantly surprised by the small Universe. The chaos of the cosmos holds great method and yet the questions surrounding the impossible, infinite madness of her expanse remain as infinite and impossible as the lessons of everyday life. As we marvel at the beauty of summer skies and Perseid meteors showers we project our thoughts and wishes upon stars of bygone eras and are reminded of the concept and chaos of time. How everything is always "hurry up and wait." How the best times, memories and minutes seem to disappear in only a few glimmers and glints. Summertime is just that, glimmers and glints in time witnessing the pure joy of a dog jumping in the waves or the gift of children carving magnificent castles in the sand. Time to reflect, relax, recharge, rediscover ourselves and the wonders of the world around us. For us local folks, Providence Bay is at her peak, this is our busiest time of the year. Whatever your plans, we welcome all vacationing and visiting friends and neighbours. You are in the best place on the big blue dot, right here, right now. So put your phone down, sit back, take a look at the beauty that is all around you. Enjoy and revel in it, take a 'Toulin time-out and breathe!

Here's what's happening: Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds. Summer fun preregistered 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, foodies 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 Thursday evenings behind the Lions Pavilion from 6 to 7 pm July through August.

Mindemoya Pioneer Museum upcoming crafting socials is Wednesday, July 31 from 11 am to 2 pm.

Plein Air Workshop at the Mindemoya Old School, for registration and information email cmhsmuseum@gmail.com.

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.

Providence Bay Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: Sunset Music Series continues this weekend on Friday, July 26 is Ricardo Chavez from 6:30 to 7 pm and The Lofty Pines from 7 to 8 pm; Saturday, Charlie Gammon and The Good Time Jammers 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. And drop by 10:30 am to 12 noon for fun July events! Today Wednesday, July 24 is the Sandcastle Competition! Wednesday, July 31 is all about erosion!

The Discovery Centre is located at 24 Mutchmor St., Providence Bay. For more information go to discovery@eastlink.ca.

Huron Island Time is busier than ever! Be sure to ask Lance and crew about their awesome new ice cream flavours, sweet and savory food! Lance has a great lunch and dinner menu and carries a bevy of beach toys and sporting accessories to keep the kids busy at the beach. Enjoy the beautiful warm waters of Lake Huron or simply stroll along the beach and boardwalk. Make memories, snap selfies and enjoy the beautiful scenery, music and views! Be sure to visit The Mutchmor Peace Cafe and Gallery, take a selfie by the bear and owl mural. Say Hello to Catherine, Obayaa, Liz and the crew and be sure to stop into the brand new and beautiful Sandalwood Market. Ben and Carli proudly showcase organic, hand-crafted goods and wares curated from small scale producers in India. You will meet a lot of locals here and there and perhaps meet some local artists as well. If you fancy a bite to eat before sundown visit Huron Sands for a quick pizza to go or Matt and crew at Huron Fish and Chips and Co. for some good eats, great inspiration and good company.

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 large pieces of driftwood, please place them near or under the boardwalk or at least out of harm's way if possible.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Sunday town meeting at 10:30 am, Sunday Mass at 11 am. Youth Group McNevin meet-up is Wednesdays at 10:30 am to 12 noon (meetings subject to change and weather permitting).

Next meet-up is Wednesday, July 24, making mandalas.

Wednesday, July 31, beachcombing and driftwood art The Horses: August 3 is the Haweater horse show, Lit-

tle Current. 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: One of the best meteor showers of the year

is underway, offering a chance to see shooting stars in the summer night sky. This year's annual Perseid meteor shower will peak the night of August 12 into early morning on August 13. The Perseid meteor shower produces shooting stars at a high hourly rate. The Perseids occur when dust particles and leftover debris from a comet known as 109P/Swift-Tuttle burn up in the Earth's atmosphere. The next full moon is the Sturgeon Moon of August 19.

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. Ceilidh and I rescued two wayward painted turtles recently and both times we found them crossing the street at a very busy time of day. 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 always be very alert with eyes on the road! If you see an injured turtle contact Turtle Pond at 705-691-0433.

Keep your eyes open for the Great Canadian Superhighway Crossings, a moose was spotted swimming across Lake Mindemoya last week, and there are gagles of geese and goslings crossing at various roadways in both Mindemoya and Providence Bay. So keep your cameras poised and ready!

Mentions: Happy 80th to our Carol Gilmore, happy birthday to my dad, Brian Hannigan and my stepmom, Claudine.

Welcome to Providence Bay Patrick and Jenny and happy new beginnings MJ and Alex. We wish you all the best!

"There is no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal kindly and compassionately with one another and to preserve and cherish the pale blue dot, the only home we've ever known."

Carl Sagan, The Pale Blue Dot, 1994

Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer is well known for its love of getting out in nature - hiking, canoeing, camping, etc. (maybe one of us more than the other but whatever). This love of the great outdoors has us looking to one of our favourite philosophers of nature - the US National Park Service - for our words of wisdom this week. Their social media posts have helped us learn and grow in really important ways with advice like "Believe in yourself like park visitors who believe they can pet bison" and "If you drink a lot of water, you won't have time for other people's drama because you'll be too busy looking for a bathroom." They also have our safety at heart with cautionary warnings such as "Your chances of getting hunted by a turkey is low, but never zero." Their advice tends to be both practical and profound at the same time: "One does not simply become a master of karate. First, you must accidentally walk into a spider web" and helps us navigate tricky social situations: "If you come across a bear while hiking, never push a slower friend down...even if you feel the friendship has run its course."

The township is looking for naming suggestions for the covered rink area, because although we will forever know it as the PickleDome, it would appear some people weren't happy with that option. Name suggestions for the Kagawong covered rink are being accepted at the town office until the end of August. Check their Facebook page for more information.

And don't forget Team Fergmeijer's completely informal, not-affiliated-with-the-township and unlikely to get approval, naming competition for the town's recently acquired new tractor. So far, we have a good start with some new submissions including Attract Her, Sir-Chugs-A-Lot (or Lady Chugs-A-Lot) and Muddy Buddy. Email fergmeijer@gmail.com and let us know your pick!

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.

We have another big group of folks celebrating birthdays this week. Many happy returns go out to Jen C, Meredith C-N, Mike C, Dawn N-M, and Beth G. We hope that just like our puns, you never get old!

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped to make the library book sale another wonderful success. Many books found new loving homes and the funds raised all go to support the public library!

The annual History Day in Kagawong is coming up on August 8 at the Park Centre in Kagawong. In both the matinée (3:30 pm) and evening (7:30 pm) sessions, author and journalist Mike Strobel will speak about the North Channel "Rhu" tragedy, and author and journalist Richard Thomas will celebrate the Chi-Cheemaun with 50th anniversary sailing stories. Don't miss out! Follow the Old Mill Heritage Centre on Facebook (facebook.com/KagawongMuseum) for more information.

The township is hosting a public consultation session

and an open house tomorrow (July 25) at the Park Centre. From 2 to 4 pm you can head to the second floor to learn about Oakville Enterprises Corporation and the power generation that happens on the Kagawong river. From 2 to 6 pm you can stop in downstairs to voice your thoughts on how the township should use the 'Graham's Hill' property. Seniors' housing, municipal garage, recreational trails... let the ideas flow. The more input, the better!

One last bit of National Park Service wisdom to wrap up this week's column: There's nothing wrong with following your heart, but it never hurts to check the map, too. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay
Elaine Bradley

At cards on Friday night, July 12, there were four tables. High lady was Irene Kelly with 67; high man was Donna Kay McDonald with 64; ladies' lone hands went to Natasha with three; men's lone hands went to Bob Benedict with six; most euchres was won by Rose Van Every with 10; Donna Kay McDonald brought home the juice; the money jar is safe.

Saturday morning Pat picked Rose and myself up and we were off to Karen Noble's yard sale in Silver Water. We drank coffee and visited. I bought some jam from Josie Daniel who had a table there. It was a good time.

On Monday night the UCW had an ice cream party in Silver Water. I saw Diane pick up Rose and although I did not go, I checked with Rose how it went. She said it was fantastic. There were two homemade cakes, many varieties of ice cream and the ladies each brought their choice of topping to share with everyone else. I am told it was hard not to overindulge because everything tasted so good.

This Sunday there is going to be a Strawberry Shortcake get-together at the hall followed by an evening service at the church with lots of singing. This Tuesday will be Kits and Quilts again at the hall.

It is fun to see all the tents and trailers at the Meldrum Bay campground and the boats at the marina. Today we were talking to a couple of boaters returning home from a race on Lake Michigan. They came in third. Congratulations to them!

Have a great week everyone.

Barrie Island
Lillian Greenman

Lorne and Dawn Calback and boys from Sudbury spent last week with his parents George and Carolyn Calback.

Silver Water
Karen Noble

Murray, Gladys and Craig Duncanson attended the funeral of Chalid Brockelbank in Ottawa on Friday, July 12. They drove home late in the day. On Saturday, they left home early to pick up Erwin Thompson. The three of them attended Kathy Robbie's funeral in Onaping.

On Friday morning Albert Meijer and I went to Gore Bay to the market and the café. Our local UCW was serving the treats and coffee. They did very well and did not have many leftovers. Their next turn is July 26.

On Monday night the UCW held their ice cream party at the Silver Water Community Hall. The results of the picnic were discussed. The day was a big success. The theme for next year's picnic was chosen and it is "In the Garden". I am picturing giant worms and ladybugs.

Albert spent the week on stove wood. The woodshed is filling up more every day and the log pile is shrinking.

Albert and I picked up our Enclave from Jewell's Collision on Wednesday afternoon. After three weeks and a lot of work, the car is back to new for now. We took Larissa, Colton and Jackson Chevette out to supper at Purvis Fish and Chips afterwards.

Jack and Alice Addison have arrived at their cottage.

I had a visit from Jean Brodie and her sister on Thursday afternoon. After they left, I went to Silver Lake for a swim with Gladys. The water was the perfect temperature.

Thursday evening there were six and a half tables of euchre players at the Silver Water Hall.

Janet Joyce packed up a large number of hygiene kits and quilts to go to the warehouse in New Hamburg. TJ Murray loaded them up on Thursday afternoon and will deliver them when he gets home on Friday night. The group's goal will be to have another load ready in a month. Anyone willing to come out to volunteer is welcome. The next dates are July 23, August 6 and August 20. People willing to sew up the bags for the hygiene kits are needed now.

There will be a committal service for Bonnie Henry at the Silver Lake Cemetery on Saturday, July 27 at 11 am with lunch after at the community hall.

The euchre tournament in Tehkummah has been moved to Sunday, July 28 at 1:30 pm to avoid the busy long weekend.

...Ivan Wheale on the ‘magic light’ and his art of the real

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Mr. Wheale has been represented by the Perivale Gallery on Manitoulin since 1981 and is honored with their opening exhibition each year in May. He is a founding member of the annual juried La Cloche Art Show and is its Artist Emeritus; he has taught, written and hosted a television series about art while often supporting charitable causes with donations of his work.

To view the paintings of Mr. Wheale currently on exhibition in the Gore Bay Museum’s spacious, beautifully lit and temperature-controlled galleries is to take a virtual tour of the incomparable panoramas of the near North.

Nicole Weppeler, director of the Gore Bay Museum says, “This is a very inspirational show. Ivan is inspired by the terrain we have here; each rock is individual, no two rocks are alike. You see in his poetic expression that the love of one element can be interpreted in so many ways.”

“On Manitoulin I bought a boat and started to explore,” recalls the artist from his home on the North Channel. “From McGregor Bay to the French River and the small islands on the way,” he says, “I painted what I saw.”

According to Mr. Wheale, he creates his own version of what he sees, transforming the scene with his artistic vision. He adds or leaves out elements, “depending on the mood and feeling. God



Lone Pine by Ivan Wheale: “You see in his poetic expression that the love of one element can be interpreted in so many ways.” Gore Bay Museum director Nicole Weppeler.

has already done all the work, after all, what I see is where I begin my creative process.” He calls his high-realism style “Whealism.”

“I’d lay down cedar boughs and sleep on an island at night; up at 4 a.m. when the sun goes up, paint until noon and back out in the boat when the sun goes down. That’s when you get the magic light.”

The massive rounded quartzite and granite rocks formed billions of years ago “are like a family,” says the artist. “The big ones are the parents and the small ones the children. I am very moved by these rocks, and can get quite emotional. I can cry over a blade of grass, over a small detail of the

whole of which it is part. It’s the contrast between the blades of grass and the strength of the rock that attracts me the most.

“I always traveled by myself, I’m a bit of a loner, and I felt there was also an aloneness about the rocks.”

From small sketches on canvas or from photos, Mr. Wheale takes a week to finish a 24 x 36 painting. He uses watercolours “for delicacy,” he says, and “oils for a more dramatic punch.” The largest painting he’s made is 18 ft by 65 ft in the headquarters of a corporation in Alberta, and the smallest are tiny watercolours measuring 1.5 by 3 inches.

Mr. Wheale continues to put brush to canvas every day, still rising at 4 a.m.

and painting “mostly from memory” in his home. “When I begin to create, I go right back to where I saw the subject,” he explains. “Things become reality again, I even remember the smells. I have to be receptive to it. I look at the trees, all the leaves are beautiful, all different. I’m observing all the time. Every time you blink, you’re taking a photo in the mind.”

The studio on the shore of the North Channel near Little Current that was built of logs by his son-in-law is where Mr. Wheale stretches his canvases and makes the frames for his finished works. In his home nearby, the bedroom of his beloved wife Jean, who passed away in 2014, is now his studio.

photo by Isobel Harry

...Reg Niganobe throws hat into provincial Liberal ring

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Ontario Legislature and at various municipal levels.

Those policy changes within various provincial organizations included improvements in education, health, economy, environment and infrastructure.

Mr. Niganobe’s personal life stands testament to his unwavering dedication to his community. A loving father to two children, Harrison and Genevieve, he is also a devoted partner to his spouse Juels.

Mr. Niganobe’s formative years were spent in the Algoma-Manitoulin District, with the exception of his pursuit of a post-secondary education. After his educational pursuits, he returned home to start a family—a decision that reflects his deep-rooted connection to his

community. He continues to pursue this commitment while striving to bring prosperity and abundance to the Algoma-Manitoulin Districts for the benefit of all.

Ed Pearce, chair of the Ontario Liberal Party riding association for Algoma-Manitoulin said that he is working diligently toward setting up a nomination meeting to decide the candidate for the riding. He noted that the party is currently setting up nomination meetings for sitting members of the legislature but that he anticipates a nomination taking place “sooner rather than later.” No other Liberal nomination candidates have announced their intentions to The Expositor as of press time Monday.

...History Day: ‘Tragedy and Triumph on Lake Huron’

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“It’s a really heartbreaking, gut-wrenching story,” stated Mr. Strobel, from his home on Maple Point last week. “I’m talking about The Rhu, which was a cabin cruiser that hit a reef off my shore in 1965. I can see the reef from the shore, and the bow of the boat is now the pulpit at the St. John’s Anglican’s Church in Kagawong.”

“About 12 years ago, I talked to one of the survivors of the wreck, Jim Huffman, about what happened on those waters,” said Mr. Strobel. The 24-foot cabin cruiser ran aground on the reef and within two days, four people were dead including the two little girls. Jim (Huffman) called me one day when I was still working at the Toronto Sun and said he wanted to talk about it. I had written about the ‘Blessing of the Boats’ ceremony the church in Kagawong



Kagawong resident Mike Strobel will be telling the story of the ill-fated journey of the 24-foot cabin cruiser The Rue, that resulted in the loss of four lives, at the mouth of Mudge Bay, at History Day in Kagawong. The boat’s bow is part of the chancel at St. John’s Anglican Church in Kagawong.

holds every year and I had referred to shipwrecks in the area, one being The Rhu. This was about 50 years after the incident and Jim was dying from Parkinson’s disease and was a resident in a long-term care nursing home in Toronto.”

Mr. Huffman watched his family and his best friend Wyn Rhydwen die one by one, shipwrecked and adrift in the North

Channel. “Karen Hoffman was 2, and big sister Catherine was four. Jim’s wife Shirley, 31, cried through the night when their girls, so sweet and tiny and blonde, succumbed. Bonnie Rhydwen (Wyn’s wife) survived the ordeal.

“Jim and I sat for about two hours together as he told me the story,” said Mr. Strobel. “It was one of the most incredible stories of heartbreak I’ve

heard in all my time in the newspaper business (close to 40 years).”

“It was a beautiful night, and everyone settled in for the night and they felt that a boat would surely come along the next day. The boat slept four and they had put in two new bunks for the young girls, with name signs on them,” said Mr. Strobel.

“But by the morning, the storm had come up and (by later in the day)

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“I don’t paint on the spot any more,” he says. I have to be more careful these days, I use a cane. I’ll be 90 in November.”

His love of Manitoulin Island is undimmed. “I’ve been made an Honorary Haweater. The peace you acquire as you cross the bridge is so important in my life.”

When pressed, Mr. Wheale says he’d like to be remembered for his paintings. “And people say I have quite a sense of hu-

mour. I see a lot of funny things in this world.”

“I’m not about to stop painting,” he adds with a chuckle. “When you’re hot you’re hot!”

The Gore Bay Museum, 12 Dawson Street, Gore Bay, is open Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children. The exhibit runs until September 15.

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trails and back and along the boardwalk and end at the breakwall.

On Friday, July 26, the Gore Bay vendors' market will take place downtown from 9 am to 1 pm.

'The Ben Show' features a circus arts performer who will dazzle the audience with his skills and quick wit takes place from 3:30 to 4 pm. At 4:30 kids' games will take place in the kid zone.

Friday evening will serve up live music with the Manitoulin Swing Band performing from 7 to 8:30 pm, followed by Jamie Mohamed from 9 pm to 1 am, with free admission. The Western Manitoulin Lions Club will be hosting a beer gardens from 7 pm to 1 am. There is free admission with a designated driver available.

The Gore Bay Theatre will be hitting the stage with the comedic drama 'Painting Churches' at 7:30 pm at the community hall.

Also Friday night, the movie 'Wonka' will take place by the splash pad at 9 pm.

To get everyone ready for a day truly filled with events, on Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10 am the Gore Bay Rotary Club will be putting on a pancake breakfast at the Ron McQuarrie Memorial gazebo. From 10 am to 2 pm, face painting by Chantel is free for all ages, followed by the Ben Show from 10 am to 1 pm, with the circus performer strolling around and entertaining children with his circus tricks.

From 10 am until 4 pm, Amaze N Fun for the kids will take place. There will be bouncies, a waterslide, giant maze race, foam party, axe throwing and more.

The Western Manitoulin Lions Club will be hosting a beef on a bun lunch from 11 am to 2 pm. And from 2 to 4 pm they will be serving hot dogs and beverages at the Harbour View Pavilion.

A classic auto show, sponsored by Jewell's Collision Centre, will take place on Meredith Street from 12 to 4 pm.

The always popular cardboard boat regatta will take place south of the marina service dock at 1 pm. Life-jackets are mandatory to take part. There will be three categories for participants, youth 12 and under, family and an open category (any age), sponsored by Bousquet Realty. There will be prizes handed out in each category.

From 2 to 3 pm the river tube and inflatable dinghy races will take place.

The Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island volunteer fire department will have a fire truck on hand from 1 to 3 pm. Children will have an opportunity to climb behind the wheel of the fire truck.

From 1 to 3 pm a swimming pool fishing will take place in the kids' zone, sponsored by the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club.

The Gore Bay Rotary Club fish fry will take place from 5 to 7 pm at the Ron McQuarrie Memorial Gazebo.

During the day there will be lots of live music. From 12 to 12:30 pm Ellie Maxwell will take to the stage, followed by Bluetooth Music from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. From 2:30 to 3:00 pm the Ben Show will take place, and from 3:30 to 5 pm Chicks with Picks will take the stage, followed by Double Barrel from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

The Lions Club will be hosting a beer gardens from 11:30 am to 1 am.

On Saturday evening from 9 pm to 1 am the Harbour Days Dance will be held, sponsored by the Western Manitoulin Lions Club. Live music will feature the band Sweet Steeler Duo from 9 to 10 pm, followed by Sugarboom from 10:15 pm to 1 pm. Admission is by cash donation, with a dd available.

On Sunday morning a non-denominational church service will take place at 11 am. Everyone is welcome. And from 11 am to 12 noon a family teddy bear picnic will take place near the splash pad. Bring your blanket and food basket.

And of course, the Breeze Around the Bay Gore Bay Fun Run gets underway Sunday too.

All events during the weekend will take place at the waterfront park/harbour view pavilion unless otherwise specified.

For more details and information about Harbour Days please see the ad on Page 15 or visit the town website at www.gorebay.ca/events/event.harbour-days/

...History Day in Kagawong themed 'Tragedy and Triumph on Lake Huron'

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the storm had battered the roof, the porthole and a windshield and the water had reached the stove in the boat and the girls bunks."

"The only survivors were Jim (Huffman) and Bonnie, who drifted across the Mudge Bay

for 16 hours," said Mr. Strobel. The current had washed them onto a sandy beach on tiny Gooseberry Island.

"Understandably with the horrible ordeal they had gone through it affected Jim deeply," said Mr. Strobel. Eventually Mr. Huffman dug himself out of the pain, guilt and heartbreak to become

renowned as a guidance teacher and a grief counsellor. "I hope people get the words and the message that it is not just about the numbers of people who have perished in boating accidents, it is about the real human drama and tragedy that all these people went through. It is tragic."

Richard Thomas, of

Owen Sound will tell the history of the Chi-Cheemaun plus the ferry service and ships that covered other parts of the Island and beyond along the Turkey Trail.

"I started writing about history in the area in 1995 as a television news reporter for CKCO in Kitchener," Mr. Thomas told The Expositor. "In 1999 CKCO stopped covering the Owen Sound area. So, I started my own video production company, and the Owen Sound Transportation Company was one of my first clients. I

make the safety videos everyone hears when they are on the ship."

"While I was doing all of this, I was writing local history as well," said Mr. Thomas. "Last fall Kerry Adams, who had been the captain on the Chi-Cheemaun for 25 years and is now the operational director, said the ship was coming up on its 50th anniversary and he wondered if I had any ideas. I said, 'let's make a book!'"

From there Mr. Thomas wrote 'The Jewel of Georgian Bay: 50 years of the Chi-Cheemaun.' "It is

the day-to-day history of the company and the Chi-Cheemaun with film footage of the ship, the Norisle and many other ships along with stories on those people who have worked on the Chi-Cheemaun."

"I love doing this type of stuff," added Mr. Thomas.

History Day in Kagawong will take place at the Kagawong Park Centre on Thursday, August 8 with a matinee at 3:30 pm and an evening session at 7:30 pm. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

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...Heavy rainfall hinders Manitoulin Island farmers' crops

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certain areas. The storm left a trail of damage, washing out roads and creating sinkholes in the North Bay region.

Manitoulin Island also experienced unusually high rainfall, recording 0.30 inches compared to the historic average of 0.10 inches.

For many farmers, the persistent wet conditions have made hay production particularly difficult. "The fields are damp, and it's hard to dry the hay," explained one farmer. "If you grab it too soon, it will mildew. It needs to be really dry." This has forced some farmers to adjust their hay handling practices, waiting until fields are dry enough to run their hay bailers and spending extra time drying.

Mr. Dewar noted that while the pastures are lush, managing hay qual-



A wetter-than-normal summer has played havoc for hay and food crops.

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ity remains a challenge. "Last year was so dry I was feeding the hay in September instead of November. It cuts into your feed growing season," he remarked.

Eric Blondin of Three Forks Farm provided insight into the broader impact on crop management.

"The season's going fairly well, but whether it's really dry or really wet,

each comes with its own set of challenges," he said. "With a wet season, our irrigation pond levels are good, and we're not having to irrigate a lot, which is great. However, we're seeing a lot more aphids and increased disease pressure due to the humidity."

Aphids, typically a fall problem, have become prolific, significantly reducing the quality and yield of some crops. "Some crops, where we usually get two

or three weeks of harvest, we only got one before the aphids took over," Mr. Blondin explained. "We had to work everything else into the soil because the quality was so poor."

Additionally, the combination of heat and moisture has led to an explosion of weeds. "The weeds are growing double time, and it's not as gradual as usual. We're struggling to keep up with our weeding," he added.

To cope with these demands, Three Forks Farm has temporarily halted their market activities to focus on their fall crops, including carrots, beets, parsnips, winter squash, onions and garlic. "We need more hours to ensure our fall crops are properly tended to so we can keep our store open as long as possible into the winter," Mr. Blondin said.

The rainy season in Northeastern Ontario underscores the delicate

balance farmers must maintain. While water availability has improved, the associated challenges of pest management, crop

quality, and weed control require significant adjustments and continuous effort from the agricultural community.

...WTPS rescue family

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area of Wiikwemkoong. Officers immediately attended the residence and made attempts to wake the tenants at the residence.

The officers immediately contacted the Wiikwemkoong Fire Department and utilized force to gain entry into the residence. There were four tenants inside, and all were escorted out to safety.

The Wikwemikong Fire Department attended and extinguished the blaze. "We were notified of the fire at 3:08 am. And our responders assembled in an orderly fashion and put the fire out." The residence sustained substantial damage but thankfully there were no injuries.

"What I explained is that they (WTPS) were patrolling the community area and saw the flames behind the back of the residence extending over the roof," said Fire Chief Brant. The officer immediately tried knocking on the door but when there was no answer, they forcibly gained entry into the home and were able to safely escort the residents outside of the burning residence.

Fire Chief Brant said the firefighters were on the scene of the fire until about 5 pm, but the fire had been doused by about 3:45 am. He said the cause

...safety award

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demonstrates the company's ongoing efforts to prioritize safety as a core value.

Manitoulin Transport had been selected as one of the Northbridge Insurance regional winners this past spring. "Selected by a panel of Northbridge representatives from across Canada, the four regional winners and 14 finalists have shown a proactive commitment to industry-leading safety management practices and demonstrated their dedication to navigating risks both on and off the road."

of the fire was accidental.

The WTPS would like to thank the responding officers for their quick response and the Wikwemikong Fire Department who put out the fire.

Roxanne Recollet has initiated a fundraising campaign for the family. Donations can be made to roxanne_recollet@yahoo.ca

...vandalism culprits

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up and someone burned the twine in one of them." "The town has done a lot of work on the new washrooms (by the new pavilion) and someone punched out the screens for the windows," continued Mayor Lane. "We have also had people knock down signs." Culprit(s) have also pushed over several port-a-potties. "The OPP have a few leads, and hopefully there will be charges laid. As far as I am concerned this type of stuff cannot be tolerated," stated Mayor Lane.

If you see any suspicious activity or persons, you are being asked to call the OPP non-emergency line 24/7 at 1-888-310-1122 or the town public works after hours emergency number 705-282-7206 or the town office at 7050-282-2420.



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...Big new stage at Providence Bay Fairgrounds

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and all of the usual Providence Bay Agricultural Fair events that people have come to expect from the fair will be there along with some new things as well.

"We really wanted to support local," he said.

Providence Bay Agricultural Society committee member Mr. Legge, the champion and designer of the new venue, is someone who usually prefers to remain in the background—but no good deed goes unpunished—so The Expositor has dragged him into the limelight to talk about all the things that have been going on. "I designed and orchestrated the whole build," he admitted. That new build at the Prov Fair is



The new stage will welcome Nate Haller and Jade Eagleson on Saturday, August 17.

no small undertaking, being ostensibly able to host audiences up to the 20,000 range, along with a stage/food prep/green room combination building.

"The loss of Manitoulin

Country Fest (MCF) has left a big hole in the Island entertainment scene," Mr. Legge said. When he learned of the loss of the venerable country music festival this year, the own-

er of Manitoulin Chrysler and a perennial supporter of MCF set about building something new to replace it. The Providence Bay Fair seemed the perfect opportunity, especially

given that there is more than enough land available at the fairgrounds to make it a possibility.

"The new concrete structure is 64' by 50' with a 40' by 50' stage, a food prep area and two dressing rooms for the musicians," explained Mr. Legge. "It is very large."

The property itself could host as many as 20,000 audience members, being located where the former motocross track was, but there will not be on-site camping this year. "Hopefully, we will be able to have up to 200 camping spaces," said Mr. Legge.

He stressed that all of the usual Prov Fair events and attractions will be in place, including the Midway and a host of vendors.

That is one of the beauties of setting the new musical event as part of the fair. "We will be able to leverage all of the food and other vendors that are at the fair during the day," said Mr. Legge.

"We have had wonderful support from local businesses that have all come on-site, it's been amazingly helpful," he said.

Tickets will be available at the market in Providence Bay each Thursday and can be purchased online either by scanning the QR code in the ad on Page 13 in this week's edition of The Expositor or by visiting events.frontdoor.plus/event/633.

...bait shop owner concerned about Lake Manitou dam management

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ing spawn out of the lake, and not one has been put back in the water," said Mr. Hutchinson.

Mr. Hutchinson explained, "I run a bait shop on the lake, and I deal with the ministry through a minnow license I have. I pay \$400 per year for my licence. During the

first week of June they dropped the water at the dam, without any notification. They put in four logs which dropped the water level on the lake by 16 inches. Because of this I lost three dozen (three boxes) of minnows to sell to my customers. I talked to one of their employees who had been involved in this and I told them what

had just happened. He told me 'We are sorry. We should have called you.' They have told me in the past that they would call when they were going to carry out this type of work. I told them in the future I would appreciate a call when they are coming over from Sudbury."

Mr. Hutchinson also said, "I know about 10-12

years ago the ministry took hundreds of adult perch and put them in tanks to transport to Lake Kagawong. It was over 100 adult walleye. But before they got to Kagawong all the fish died in the tanks. What else are they doing that we don't know about?"

William Foy, regional outreach specialist with the MNRF in reply to Mr. Hutchinson's concerns told The Expositor in an email, "The MNRF manages fish and wildlife in Ontario, ensuring sustainable populations in sampled lakes through monitoring and research

programs and the best available science."

"The ministry collects 500,000 to 800,000 lake trout eggs annually from Lake Manitou and has gathered 2 to 7 million walleye eggs annually since 2005. Each mature female walleye produces over 300,000 eggs, reared at the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station. Many hatchlings are used to support additional angling opportunities in other lakes across the Northeast region," said Mr. Foy.

Mr. Foy explained, "we are not aware of any transfer of adult perch form Lake Manitou to

Lake Kagawong and the Sudbury district is currently reviewing the potential stocking of walleye into Lake Manitou." "Regarding dam management, the ministry follows established operational guideline and has maintained lake levels within these standards throughout the 2024 season," wrote Mr. Foy. "The MNR is willing to meet with a committee formed by the Lake Manitou Area Association to discuss its work on the lake and has already committed to meeting with members of the association this summer."



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

Our Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday and Thursday of the month.

For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at:
www.townofnemi.on.ca

Tender Opportunities

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is issuing a tender for the construction of a permanent, seasonal washroom, including two gender neutral washrooms and a mechanical room. All engineered drawings and tender requirements available on our website:
www.townofnemi.on.ca

Tenders must be received at the NEMI Municipal Office, located at 14 Water Street East in Little Current by August 14th at 12:00 (NOON). Late tender submissions will not be accepted. The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.



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Sunday, August 11th, 10 am - 3 pm

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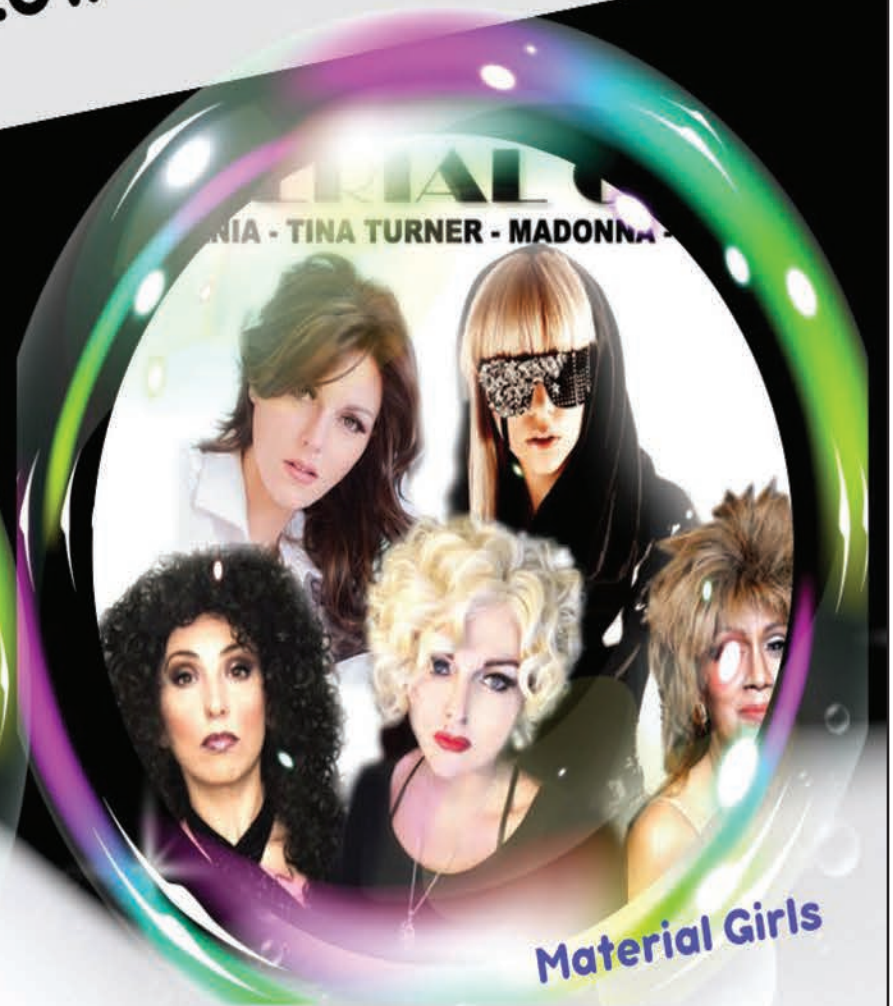
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M'Chigeeng First Nation Welcomes the Hayfield Patrol 860: A New Era for UCCM Police Marine Program

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative reporter
M'CHIGEENG—This spring, the UCCM Police took possession of the Hayfield Patrol 860, marking a significant step in their marine program. While the UCCM Police are not mandated to patrol the waters, the new boat is seen as a tool for community engagement and recruitment.



New recruit Brian Stapleton and Staff Sgt. Brad Mack smile for the camera while aboard the UCCM Police's newest fleet acquisition.

photo by Jacqueline St. Pierre2

Staff Sgt. Brad Mack shared the history and vision behind this initiative. "We previously had a smaller vessel, a 21-foot Croft aluminum inboard outboard, bought in 1997. It wasn't utilized enough, so we sold it about seven or eight years ago. But now, with our growing police force—we have 26 officers and more recruits on the way—we can start branching out and allowing officers to get hours on the boat."

Staff Sgt. Mack emphasized that enforcement is not the primary focus. "Our vision is to use this boat for community engagement. It's about bridging the gap between the police and the community. We aim to build strong relationships and enhance police legitimacy through positive interactions."

One of the first initiatives is a youth camp in Birch Island this August, where the boat will be used to connect with young people. "We're hoping to break down barriers and show that police officers are approachable and human. Engaging with youth today can shape the adults of tomorrow," Staff Sgt. Mack said.

The new boat is also seen as a recruitment tool. "For those with marine experience, this boat adds an attractive element to joining the force. It's an opportunity for new recruits to look forward to," Staff Sgt. Mack added.

The boat's utility extends to emergen-

cy situations as well. While not mandated to police the waters, the UCCM Police are ready to assist in rescues when called upon by their partners. "Our previous boat allowed us to respond quickly to emergencies. With the new Hayfield Patrol 860, we can do even better."

Training is a critical component of the program. New recruit Brian Stapleton highlighted the value of recent training sessions with the Toronto Police marine unit. "In just a few hours, I learned more about marine operations than I had in the last 15 years of boating. Their expertise and willingness to teach were invaluable."

Looking ahead, the UCCM Police plan to collaborate with other agencies like the OPP, Canada Border Services, and the Ministry of Natural Resources for joint training and operations. "Building these partnerships strengthens our overall capability and ensures we can effectively serve our community," Staff

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Sea cadet sails on tall ship to Newfoundland

by Tom Sasvari

SHEGUIANDAH—A member of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps just experienced a memorable trip, having been part of a group of youth to have sailed Newfoundland on a tall ship.

“It was the trip of a lifetime,” stated Laszlo Vernarsky. “I started sailing last year and fell in love with the sport.”

After receiving financial support to be able to go on the trip through a GoFund-Me fundraiser his mother Viktoria had posted, Laszlo departed the Toronto airport on June 30 and arrived at St. John’s Newfoundland the same day. He started his sailing journey from St. John’s harbour on July 1. His sailing trip lasted 10 days along Newfoundland shores. The trip was organized by Tall Ship Expedition Canada-Brigantine a Kingston based charitable youth organization which provides expeditions for youth between 15-25, with 8-to-30-day voyages.

“We sailed on St. Lawrence 2 (ship), up the coast of Newfoundland,” said Laszlo. He explained a typical day, if not having been on night shift the previous evening, would mean getting up at 7:45 am, with breakfast at 8 am. “The usual shift would be from 8-12, with a break between 12-2, and 10 back on from 2-6 and six to eight.”

“If you were to work below deck, after each meal a group had to make sure everything was cleaned to perfection,” continued Laszlo. “If you were posted on deck, you were on standby and would help the ship crew. You could be outside for 14 hours a day.”

“It was very tiring,” said Laszlo, who noted one day, “we had to deal with unfavourable weather with 50 kilometre winds and 100 millimetres of rain.”

“Definitely I would do this again, as much as I might complain I loved every minute of the trip,” said Laszlo.

“I would like to thank all the people who supported me and the Tallship youth program. Your support means a lot to me and for the youth that are able to attend this wonderful opportunity,” continued Laszlo who was one of 21 students on the trip, ranging in age between



Laszlo Vernarsky of Manitoulin (in foreground), recently experienced the trip of a lifetime being part of a group of youth to have sailed Newfoundland on a tall ship.

14-22 from across Canada and the US. “Although we had never met before we developed a strong relationship with everyone on board the ship. We had to trust each other, work together and help each other at all times,” Laszlo continued. “It felt like we were like one big family.” He explained the trip lasted 10 days sailing the coast of Newfoundland with stops at inhabited islands, small towns and fisheries.

“Our final destination was Lewisport where we switched with another group, so they could experience and get training in sailing,” Laszlo said.

“My favourite part of the trip was getting to see the wildlife, like puffins, sharks, whales and dolphins. The landscape was stunning. The weather at times was challenging but the crew made it memorable.”

Along with ship staff, there were 26 people on board the 68-foot ship during the trip.

“The hardest part of the trip was saying goodbye to the people on the ship, and the friends we had just made,” Laszlo said. “I would also like to thank the Tall Ship organization for providing this wonderful program for youth across North America. I consider myself lucky to be able to attend and gain lifelong memories.”

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Pride Manitoulin & Mnaamodzawin Health Services Host Colour Run/Walk/Wheel

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT— Saturday, July 20 was a perfect day to be outside and taking part in Pride Manitoulin's Colour Run/Walk/Wheel. Each participant was given a t-shirt, a pair of sunglasses and an opportunity to get wet—essential for getting one's pride colours to stick.

The 5K participants gathered at the NEMI Public Library, with a sprinkler system set up and music to get the adrenalin pumping. 1k participants met at Low Island, taking advantage of the splash pad to do the trick. Once wet, and on the move, volunteers were on hand



Runners, walkers and wheelers of all shapes and sizes get ready for the annual Pride Colour Run hosted by Mnaamodzawin Health Services and Pride Manitoulin.

we didn't have any food waste, because we do have a barbecue at the end we rescheduled for today.

"We had approximately 60 register and then 20 showed up on top of that," Ms. Tipper added. This is a free and inclusive event.

people." Ms. Tipper said.

A barbecue was set up, waiting for the runners, walkers and wheelers to complete the course and enjoy hamburgers, hot-dogs, cold beverages and fruit. The course ended on Water Street in Little Cur-



ABOVE and BELOW: There was plenty of coloured powder to go around for participants of all ages.

photos by Margery Frisch



Pride Colour Run is a no-barrier event.

No fee to enter, no prizes won, but a lot of joy at the end of the course. "Just making the Pride event accessible for all who can attend. By making this a walk, run or wheel we're making sure that the population can participate," she said.

to dash colour on the runners and walkers, with fine, colourful powders in various hues.

Though Pride month is in June, the planned run/walk had to be cancelled due to weather at that time. "We did have this scheduled for June, for Pride Month," said Leslie Tipper, "but it happened to be a day of thunderstorms and for the safety of everybody and just so

The 5K Colour Run for Pride began in 2017, under Pride Manitoulin's organization. Mnaamodzawin Health Services took over the event in 2023, because they have the resources and the manpower, with a great volunteer base, which includes many Pride Manitoulin members. "We separated it from the other big week-end events, and we were able to bring in a lot more



rent, amidst the Farmer's Market, the sellers and the buyers. It was crowded on a beautiful summer Saturday, but the participants were easily spotted in the crowd, wearing their dark shades and their Pride Manitoulin t-shirts with bright Pride colours still clinging to their now dried attire. All the smiles and cheers spelled success.



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Sgt. Charles A Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team shoots in Gore Bay

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—The Sgt. Charles A. Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team has become a familiar sight at Island Remembrance commemorations and celebrations of Island veterans, but much of their work is undertaken largely out of sight at Manitoulin's cemeteries. The rifle team has undertaken to shoot an honorary 21-gun salute over the grave of every veteran buried on the Island.

On Monday, July 15, the Sgt Charles A. Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team preformed an honour salute for the following veterans in memory of their service to their country: Marvin Woods (navy), Fred Woods (navy), Stanley (Pete) Woods (army), Roy Baxter (navy), Grant Williams (merchant marines), William (Bill) Porter (army) and Ronald McQuarrie (air force).

The rifle team also preformed a salute for David Park-



Sgt. Charles A. Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team gets ready to fire a 21-gun salute in honour of Gore Bay veterans.

er (British army), a Gore Bay resident who was most recently a resident of Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

Wayne Golden, founder of the rifle team, lays out an

Island players selected for Canada's excellence summer camps

CANADA—Three of the 163 young hockey players invited to Canada's Program of Excellence summer camps are from or have ties to Manitoulin Island. Kohyn Eshkawkogan, Carter George and Jack Nesbitt have all been invited to the Hockey Canada camps.

"When I first found out I had been selected I was really excited and told my parents right away," Kohyn, of Manitoulin, a defenceman with North York of the Greater Toronto Hockey League (who was recently drafted by the Ottawa 67's of the Ontario Hockey League) told The Expositor on Wednesday of last week. He has been selected for the Canada National Under-17 team development camp roster.

Kohyn was to take place in the camp July 18-24. "I think my chances are pretty good to make the team."

Hockey Canada has in-

ited 163 players to participate in its Program of Excellence summer camps, Canada's National Junior Team Summer Showcase, Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team selection camp and Canada's national under 17 development camp.

Carter George, a goaltender for the Owen Sound Attack of the OHL, was recently drafted by the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League. He stated in a post on the Owen Sound Attack, "I am honoured and excited to be able to have the opportunity to represent my country at the Summer Showcase. I look forward to meeting new teammates and playing along side them in a Canadian uniform."

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to host summer camps across our Program of Excellence this year and gain valuable insights into the development of our up-and-com-

ing athletes," said Hockey Canada's senior vice-president of high performance and hockey operations, Scott Salmond. "The athletes will gain experience in the operations of our program ahead of the 2024 U17 World Challenge, the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup and the highly anticipated IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa."

Forty-two players, four goaltenders including Carter George, who calls Thunder Bay his hometown and plays with the Owen Sound Attack of the OHL, 13 defencemen and 25 forwards have been invited to Canada's National Junior Team Summer Showcase, July 28 to August 3 at the WFCU Centre in Windsor, and south of the border in Plymouth, Michigan. Carter's father Mike and grandparents are from Little Current.

As part of Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team selection camp, 41 players—four

goaltenders, 12 defencemen and 25 forwards—have been invited to compete to represent Canada at the 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, scheduled for August 5-10 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Those players selected to try out include Jack Nesbitt, of Sarnia who plays for the Windsor Spitfires in the OHL, and is a band member of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Eighty players including eight goaltenders, 24 defencemen and 48 forwards will take to the ice at Joshua's Creek Arena in Oakville, as part of Canada's national under-17 development camp, set to take place July 18-24.

"We will find out October 1 if we made the team," Kohyn explained. "The Ottawa 67's training camp will begin August 26."

invitation to any family on Manitoulin whose relative is buried here and who has served his country (any country) in a military capacity, to get in touch with the team and arrange for an honour salute to be fired over their graves. Contact either the Gore Bay or Little Current branches of the Royal Canadian Legion or any member of the Manitoulin North Shore ANAVETS to connect with the team.

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4:30 PM – Kids' Games: Located in the "Kid Zone".

7 PM – 1 AM – Beer Gardens: All proceeds to the Western Manitoulin Lions Club (Live Music).

7 PM – 8:30 PM – Manitoulin Swing Band

9 PM – 1 AM – Jamie Mohamed: FREE ADMISSION/DD Available.

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7:30 PM – Gore Bay Theatre: Painting Churches - Comedic Drama Gore Bay Community Hall, 52 Meredith Street: Advance Tickets \$20 available at Gore Bay Municipal Office. Call 1-705-282-2420 or \$25 cash only at door. Doors open at 7 PM.

SATURDAY, JULY 27th

8:30 AM – 10 AM – Gore Bay Rotary Club: Pancake Breakfast. Located at the Ron McQuarrie Memorial Gazebo. Adults \$10; Children 12 and under \$5.

10 AM – 2 PM – Face Painting by Chantel: Free for all ages.

10 AM – 1 PM – The Ben Show: Ben the circus performer will stroll around and entertain with his circus tricks.

10 AM – 4 PM – Amaze N Fun: Bouncies, waterslide, giant maze race, foam party axe throwing, and more. Fun for the whole family. Bring a bathing suit.

11 AM – 2 PM – Beef on a Bun and Beverages: Beef \$10; Pop/Water \$2. All proceeds to the Western Manitoulin Lions Club.

11:30 AM – 1 AM – Beer Gardens: All proceeds to the Western Manitoulin Lions Club. DD Available.

12 PM – 4 PM – Classic Auto Show: Sponsored by Jewell's Collision Centre, Downtown Meredith Street.

12 PM – 12:30 PM – Ellie Maxwell

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM – Bluetooth Music

1 PM – 11th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta: South of Marina Service Dock. LIFE JACKETS MANDATORY. Bring your own.

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2 PM – 3 PM – River Tube & Inflatable Dinghy Races: South of Marina Service Dock. Tubes and Dinghies provided. LIFEJACKETS ARE MANDATORY. Bring your own.

2 PM – 4 PM – Hot Dogs & Beverages: Available at the Harbour View Pavilion. Proceeds to the Gore Bay Western Lions Club.

2:30 PM – 3 PM – The Ben Show, Circus Artist

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5 PM – 7 PM – Gore Bay Rotary Club Fish Fry: Located at Ron McQuarrie Memorial Gazebo. \$25 per person. Children 12 & under \$10. All proceeds to the Gore Bay Rotary Club.

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM – Double Barrel

9 PM – 1 AM – Harbour Days Dance

9 PM – 10 PM – Sweet Steeler Duo

10:15 PM – 1 AM – Sugarboom, Admission by Donation. DD Available. Sponsored by Western Manitoulin Lions Club.

SUNDAY, JULY 28th

8:30 AM – Breeze Around the Bay Fun Run Registration

10 AM – 5 km start

11:15 AM – 1 km start

11 AM – Church Service: Non-Denominational, everyone is welcome!

11 AM – 12 PM – Family Teddy Bear Picnic: Bring your blanket and food basket. Rain or shine, located by the Splash Pad.

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Swing bridge work will be taking place this week

LITTLE CURRENT—The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has advised the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) of work being carried out on the Swing Bridge this week.

In a notice to the town the MTO explained, "Notification of welding work taking place on the swing bridge, deck, steel plates this week beginning tomorrow evening (July 23) and anticipated to conclude at 6 am this Saturday morning (July 27). Work will take place during the evening beginning at 6 pm and concluding at 6 am."

"Once work commences, blocker ve-

hicles will be put in place and the barricade arm lowered. When traffic is allowed to cross, the barricade arm will be lifted and traffic will be allowed to flow normally, as required, or until clear long enough to again facilitate work. If an emergency vehicle arrives and requires emergent crossing, clear the bridge for traffic, crews will still require the same removal time, approximately 20 minutes to clear equipment, equipment vehicles, blocker vehicles, barricade arm and persons. OPP and EMS have been notified as well of this process."

...New Era for the UCCM Police Marine Program

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Sgt. Mack concluded.

The acquisition of the Hayfield Patrol 860 represents a forward-thinking approach by the UCCM Police, focusing on community wellness and innovative engagement strategies. As they embark on this new journey, the emphasis remains on fostering trust, building relationships, and creating a safer, more connected community.

This initiative aligns with broader principles of community policing, which involves partnering with communities to identify and solve local problems. This approach emphasizes building relationships between police and citizens, rather than simply enforcing the law. Research has shown that community policing can increase trust in the police and reduce rates of crime.

Mack noted, "We want the community to feel that

their values are respected and protected by us." This sentiment is crucial in bridging the gap between police and community members, prioritizing dialogue and collaboration with groups that may have historical reasons not to trust police.

Research shows two main types of policing culture, the "warrior" culture views policing as being locked in combat and battling a dangerous enemy, while a "guardian" mindset emphasizes the importance of protecting and supporting citizens through community relationships. Research has found that police officers adopt different role orientations towards their duties.

This shift has implications for training and recruitment. "Prioritizing recruits that indicate a preference for service to the community can foster public trust and confidence," Staff Sgt. Mack

explained. However, he also highlighted the reality of the dangerous and distressing conditions police officers face daily. "It's important to balance these principles with the necessity of dealing with violent offenders and organized crime."

In a world filled with ever-changing threats to personal safety, the police are called upon to keep the community safe. "It's right there in our mission statement," Staff Sgt. Mack concluded, "The UCCM Anishnaabe Police is a partner in community wellness by providing proactive, culturally sensitive, and innovative service while respecting existing laws, customs, and traditions."

Members of the UCCM Police marine unit include Staff Sgt. Mack, Sgt. Joe Naokwegijig, Sgt. Dave Mack and Sgt. James Panamick.

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Southeast Manitoulin Lions' Summerfest boasts record Saturday crowds



The theme of this year's Summerfest parade was '50 Years of the Chi-Cheemaun.'



A truck pull was added to the roster of Summerfest events this year.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Nicole Turner, the sole female driver in the smash-up derby, waves to the crowd.



Bradley Stapleton, centre, driving on behalf of E. Corbiere and Sons, won the smash-up derby. He is flanked by Lion President Lisa Hallaert, left, and pit crew Dawson Campbell.



The Lions Pavilion provided live entertainment all Summerfest long.



New this year to the smash-up derby was a minivan class.



Turf was flying at the annual smash-up derby.



The crew of No. 9 show off their derby car in the Summerfest parade.



Summerfesters wave to the crowd during the Saturday morning parade.



Action gets underway at the Jim Case Memorial ball tournament. The team Ice Cold Pitchers won the tournament.



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Twenty-one foot Triton Lowe SS 210XL 2015 with 115 Mercury, low hours. Complete with full enclosure and privacy enclosure, mooring cover, vinyl floor, stereo and Karavan tandem trailer. \$40,000 firm. Call 705-665-0060 or 705-859-1289. **7-11p**

Used Laser Pico sailboat for sale. Located in Espanola. Very good condition, good choice for youngsters or adults learning to sail. The hull is tough ABS plastic, virtually no maintenance. Asking \$1,200. Call or text 519-427-6073. **9-10c**

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services

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

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**

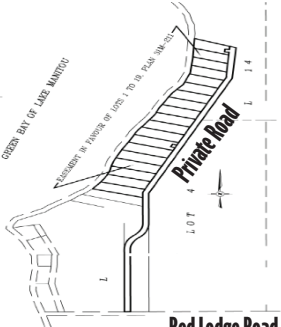
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Suffolk Punch, a custom 34 steel motorsailer, built in 1978. Comfortable liveboard with handcrafted interior. Shoal draft 2'6" depth. Has travelled to Florida. Has four anchors (full chain rode), diesel motor, universal atomic 5416, 16 HP. Asking \$10,000. Located at Boyle Marine, Little Current. Viewing at the Marina by appointment, call 705-368-2239. Contact Al at 416-249-5517.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024 AT 7:00 PM NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING APPLICATION FOR CONSENT BIDWELL TOWNSHIP — DAVIS & MCLAY SUBDIVISION

File No.: Con 2024-09
 Applicant: McLay & Davis Development Limited
 Legal Description: Bidwell Township — Block 21 & 22
 Official Plan: Rural Area
 Zoning: Rural



PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
 This is a request for a Right of Way - the landowner has created a subdivision on a private road and requires a Right of Way to be created over the whole of the blocks for legal access to each lot created.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
 The request is being made for an easement for a distance of 1470m with a width of 20.1m to provide legal access for subdivision lots.

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


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

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

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

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


Dated: July 24, 2024
 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0



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New Holland 310 Baler, excellent condition\$1,900
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 Sprayer 3-pt hitch.....\$1,000

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SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

Take notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3 pm local time on August 21, 2024 at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

- Roll No. 51 19 040 002 07000 0000; 121 GAIDA'S SIDEROAD, LITTLE CURRENT; PIN 47120-0459 (LT); File No. 23-02.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,891.36.
- Roll No. 51 19 030 001 12400 0000; LITTLE CURRENT; PIN 47121-0199 (LT); File No. 23-12.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$8,903.42.
- Roll No. 51 19 040 002 12000 0000; LITTLE CURRENT; PIN 47120-0189 (LT); File No. 23-13.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,770.91.
- Roll No. 51 19 030 001 40300 0000; 330 WHITE'S POINT RD., LITTLE CURRENT; PIN 47123-0161 (LT); File No. 23-14.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,327.90.
- Roll No. 51 19 040 001 09600 0000; LITTLE CURRENT; PIN 47124-0086 (LT); File No. 23-17.
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,094.04.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at www.townofnemi.on.ca or you may contact:

Melanie Aelick, Taxes and Utilities
The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands
 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0
 Phone: (705) 368-3500 Ext. 225
 Email: maelick@townofnemi.on.ca

NOTICE OF PASSING CONCERNING A PROPOSED NEW ZONING BY-LAW
TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGNACK

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

The Corporation of the Township of Assignack prepared a new Zoning By-law in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*.

The Zoning By-law is a tool used to regulate the use of land, buildings, and structures; and the placement of buildings and structures within the Municipality.

Council authorized the passing of By-law # 2024-10 being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law on July 16, 2024 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13 as amended.

The Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 applies to all lands within the Township of Assignack, as a result, no key map has been provided. The Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 repeals By-law # 80-20 and all amendments thereto and By-law # 80-21 and all amendments thereto of the Township of Assignack.

A Public Open House was previously held on March 27, 2024 to review the first draft of the new Zoning By-law. A Public Meeting was held on June 25, 2024. Revisions were incorporated into the Comprehensive Zoning By-law based on the comments provided throughout the process by the Public, Staff, District of Manitoulin Planning Board and Council. Council in making its decision on this matter took into consideration all written and oral comments received on the Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

Purpose and Effect:

The purpose and effect of Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 is to regulate the use of land and the use and location of buildings and structures on lots within the Municipality.

Appeal:

Only a specified person, a public body or the registered owner of any land to which the by-law would apply that, before the by-law was passed, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of By-law # 2024-10 by filing with the Clerk of the Township of Assignack a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal no later than August 6, 2024.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Additional Information:

Additional information relating to Comprehensive Zoning By-law # 2024-10 is available for inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. The proposed Zoning By-law is also available for inspection on the Municipality's website by visiting: <https://www.assignack.ca/homepage/2024-draft-zoning-by-law-update/>

Mrs. Heidi Ferguson, Municipal Clerk
 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON
 705-859-3196 email: hferguson@assignack.ca

Dated at the Township of Assignack this 17th day of July 2024.

Billings Township council rejects lowering speed motion

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A motion that would have led to speed reductions on roads where farm equipment and operations are prevalent and where visibility is reduced has been defeated by Billings Township council. Instead, the township is going to have a review of all roads in the township.

"I am not opposed to speed reductions, but not for the sake of just reducing speed," said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker at a council meeting last week. "I would rather have staff do a study and come up with other alternatives as well. I would rather see us do a deep dive as

to why any road (in the township) is dangerous, where and research on what can be done to make it safer."

Mayor Barker noted that through the Manitoulin Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands' (NEMI) used a speed indicator box to gain evidence into perceived speeding on Highway 6. Based on about 1,000 vehicles having gone past the speed reduction signs, it was found that there was some speeding going on—on average about 5-10 kilometres per hour above speed limits. "Rather than jump into a motion, I think it would be better if we had staff do a little more research on the

roads that have been identified and other roads in the township," said Mayor Barker.

Deputy Mayor David Hillyard had brought forward a motion that the township direct staff to draft a bylaw for the speed reduction on the following roads: Pleasant Valley Road, 8th Concession, 10th Concession, Fraser Road and Newburn Road from an unposted speed limit of 80 km per hour to a posted speed reduction of 50 km per hour and secondly that the roads department supervisor be directed to have staff install new posted

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Death Notices

LYNDON PELTIER (Migizi Shkaabewis)

Sunrise September 9, 1980 - Sunset June 26, 2024



It is with great sadness that the family of Lyndon Peltier announce his passing into the Spirit World on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, in Aundeck Omni Kaning at the age of 43 years. He was a loving son, husband, father, brother, uncle, godfather and friend to all who knew and loved him. Dear son of Sandra Peltier and Ross Manitowabi ba as well as

by mamma Annie Peltier ba. Loving husband of Kendra Madahbee-Peltier. Lyndon will be missed and lovingly remembered by his children Lynndra and Kennlyn. Grandson of Annie ba and Norman Peltier ba, also Andrew ba and Josephine Manitowabi ba. Survived by his siblings, Duke (Nicole), Rosalind, as well as Bonita (John), Joseph (Sherryl), Monica (Jarid), Bobbi (Derek), Billie (Mike) and KC (Colin). Son-in-law of Ken and Ingrid Madahbee. He will also be missed by many aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as by his many nieces and nephews. Also left to mourn are his godchildren Landon, Lyric and Callista, as well as by auntie May (Tut) and his special aunt, Erin Morrison. Godparents, Sharon Manitowabi and Lester Manitowabi ba, Junior ba, Jeanette Assinewai, Sherry Blakey-Smith and Gordie Odjig. Also survived by his fur-friend, Biscuit. A Celebration of Life was held at the Wiikwemkoong Arena, 2338 Wikwemikong Way on Friday, June 28, 2024, after 1 pm. On Saturday, June 29, 2024 friends called after 2 pm at the 4 Directions Complex, Aundeck Omni Kaning. The final ceremony of remembrance was held Sunday, June 30, 2024 at 2 pm at the 4 Directions Complex, Aundeck Omni Kaning. Funeral and cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

Burial Notice

BONNIE ELIZABETH HENRY (nee Pickard)

The family of the late Bonnie Elizabeth Henry (nee Pickard) would like to invite friends and family to help lay Bonnie to rest at the Silver Water Cemetery on July 27, 2024 at 11 am. A luncheon will follow at the Silver Water Community Hall immediately after the service.

Celebration of Life

JAMES WILLIAM SLOSS



Family, friends and former students are invited to share in a memorial service for Jim Sloss on Friday, July 26, 2024 at 11 am at the Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay. A visitation will begin at 10 am and will precede the service. The service will be followed immediately by a light luncheon at the Robinson Hall.

PATRICIA MCFARLANE

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life for Patricia McFarlane on Saturday, July 27, 2024 in Providence Bay. A burial service will be held at the cemetery at 2 pm followed by a light lunch at the Providence Bay Hall.

LORAINE MARTHA OTTLEY October 17, 1950 - July 15, 2024



In loving memory of Loraine Ottley, who passed peacefully at home on July 15, 2024 in her 74th year. Ms. Ottley was born in Paisley, Scotland and immigrated to Canada with her family in 1952. Beloved wife for 36 years of Chris Stewart; daughter of Jane and Robert Ottley; daughter-in-law of Cecil and Martha Stewart (predeceased). Dear

sister of Robert Jr. (predeceased) and sister-in-law Joan Cambray, Donna (Olaf Heinzl) and Jim (Maureen). Loraine will be missed by her nephews and nieces, cousins, especially Wilma and Bill Hall, and by her many friends and colleagues. After graduating with a Nursing diploma from Mack School of Nursing in St. Catharines in 1972, Loraine attended Brock University to complete an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in English while working as a nurse to finance her education. A year after graduating from Brock, Ms. Ottley was accepted into law school at the University of Toronto and was called to the bar in 1983. Immediately after being called to the bar, Ms. Ottley worked as Counsel to the Director of Crown Attorneys at the Ministry of the Attorney-General's office in Toronto, where she remained for five years. She then moved to Sudbury with her husband where she held the position of Assistant Crown Attorney for 10 years. She was selected in 1999 as the Crown Attorney for the District of Manitoulin where she was proud to serve for 12 years, officially retiring in 2011. Then in 2013, Ms. Ottley took on the position of part-time Prosecutor of Provincial Offences until 2022. Loraine took great delight living and working on Manitoulin and appreciated Island life and its people. This was her home and she was proud of it until her passing. There will be a Celebration of Loraine Ottley's Life at a to-be-announced future date.

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CHESTER WAYNE WITTY March 4, 1947 - July 15, 2024

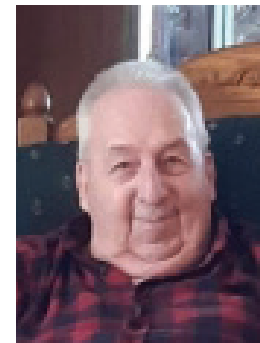


In loving memory of Chester Wayne Witty, 77 years, who passed away on Monday, July 15, 2024 at Health Sciences North, Sudbury. Beloved husband of Donna Witty, the love of his life, who have been married for 54 years. Loving father of Derek Witty (Melissa) and Trevor Witty (Lorie). Cherished grandfather of Kaleb and Jordan Witty

who he adored and loved spending time with. Dear son of Grant and Adeline Witty (both predeceased). Dear brother of Cliff Witty (predeceased) (Lori), Bruce Witty (Linda) (both predeceased) and his younger brother Peter Witty who was by his side. He's now at peace out reeling in the big catch of the day. He also loved his granddogs. Chester retired from INCO after 34 years as a welder. He spent many years setting up the Gore Bay Fish Hatchery and putting on and organizing the Kids' Derby on Lake Wolsley for countless years. He loved to do good things for the kids. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and hunting, and just sitting out with Donna listening to the birds and taking in the Manitoulin beauty. He was extremely close with his brothers and sisters-in-law, loving them so much and enjoying every minute spent with them. He loved visiting and shooting the breeze with his buddies at Tim Hortons and the Hatchery. He is deeply loved and will be sadly missed. As for his wishes, there will be no service. A gravesite service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Gore Bay Fish Hatchery or the Kidney Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Services.

JULIAN CHISHOLM

August 19, 1933 - July 13, 2024



In loving memory of Julian Chisholm, who passed peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre on July 13, 2024 with the knowledge he would be reunited with his wife Doris (nee Howard), friend Margaret Honess, daughter Ruth Mohammed, brothers Dick Chisholm and James Chisholm, and daughter-in-law Brenda Chisholm. He

will be fondly remembered by his sister Barbara, sister-in-law Jean (Chisholm), brother-in-law Tom (Howard) and sisters-in-law Jane (Howard) and Ilene (Howard). "Grandpa June" will be missed by many including his Son Brock Chisholm, grandson Stephen Chisholm (Becky), granddaughters Stacey Heins (Jason) and Rafeena Mohammed, great-grandson Cole Chisholm (Brooke), and great-granddaughters Abbie Heins and Samantha Chisholm. We will all take pleasure in passing on our memories to great-great-grandson Myles Chisholm. He will also be missed by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Junior will be remembered for his kind heart, calm nature and endless patience. He was a soft spoken, quiet man, except when he was whistling a tune. He lived a long, full life and while he will be missed, we take solice in knowing that he was ready to say goodbye. Please join us on Monday, August 19, 2024 for a Celebration of Life at the Rockville Hall from 2 to 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Manitoulin Centennial Manor Memorial Fund are welcome. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

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...Billings Township council rejects lowering speed motion

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speed signs of 50/km an hour as soon as possible. The motion also calls for, “the new speed reduction on agricultural roads be advertised in the local newspaper and on all social media platforms to show our support of our agriculture community in support of safer roads as identified last July 2023 by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) slow moving vehicle campaign.”

A letter from the Manitoulin/North Shore Federation of Agriculture was received in support of speed limit reduction where farm equipment and operations are prevalent and where visibility is reduced. “I agree with the recommended motion I have put forward,” said Councillor Hillyard. “In 2021 township staff had been looking at all of this. This is not a new topic. We already identified the roads that are concerning to the OFA, and this is the next step, in reducing the speeds.”

“We have already done research and identified the roads that are dangerous for farmers with large equipment vehicles,” said Councillor Hillyard. He

pointed out the provincial government recently increased speed limits on a series of 400 highways. Speeding is taking place on highways and side roads, he said. He also noted last year there were two serious accidents on the Island involving motor vehicles and two local farmers.

“There are two components to the motion,” said Councillor Hillyard. “Educating the public about farm equipment and having vehicles that come upon them reducing speeds from 80 to 60-50 km/hour to hopefully slow people down and prevent accidents.”

“I support the motion completely,” stated Councillor Vince Grogan. “The farming community has concerns with safety and a lack of respect from other vehicle drivers in speeding to get past slow moving vehicles and the danger this can pose.”

Councillor Ian Anderson said in the case of Newburn Road, there is very little agriculture activity on the road, but due to hills on the road at the north end it poses a safety factor with some people travelling in the middle of the road up the hills and the concerns with meeting oncoming traffic. He

noted there is an increase in population on the road at this time of the year and many people do not have full knowledge of the hills.

“There are things we can do as a municipality to increase road safety. I don’t necessarily feel speed limits are the answer, or the only one,” said Councillor Anderson. “With the increase in traffic on the road at this time of the year road signage at the top and bottom of the hill is needed. I agree with the speed limit policy and the need to look at road signage where safety is a question.”

“I support the motion in principle, but I just feel more research needs to be done and to take more time before a final decision is made,” said Mayor Barker.

“We are not taking the proposed motion off the table. No member of council is opposed to speed reductions,” said Mayor Barker, “but for staff to do more research on speed limits and signage on roads and sections of roads where safety measures need to be in place.”

Councillors Anderson and Mike Hunt along with Mayor Barker voted against Councillor Hill-

yard’s proposed motion, which received support from Councillor Grogan.

A second motion was considered, put forward by Councillor Hillyard seconded by Councillor Grogan, “That the township of Billings council hereby directs staff to complete a review of all roads in the township of Billings in line with OFA, community safety and the strategic plan.”

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**

Harbour Days annual Ecumenical Church Service, under the tent at the Gore Bay Harbour on Sunday, July 28 at 11 am. Followed by a potluck lunch and fellowship. Everyone is welcome. **9-10p**

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted. **Tfn**

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

Are you concerned about someone’s drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups. **Tfn**

in memoriam



KOROLEWICH—In loving memory of Wally Korolewicz, July 31, 2024 marks one year since you’ve been gone. As days and months go by, only I know how hard it’s been, how sad and lost I’ve been not having you by my side. Tears roll down my cheeks each time I think of you. I struggle many times on everyday things we used to help each other with. Then there is the empty chair in the living room, you are not sitting across the table from me, even going out for a drive leaves a huge emptiness in my heart and home. If only I could hold your hand just to say thank you for being a wonderful kind-hearted loving husband and father that you were. I will cherish our memories forever and ever. I was so blessed and proud to say I had over 56 wonderful years of married life with you. Words can’t describe my feelings, it’s what’s in my heart. Missing you so much as these days and months go by. Love, your wife, Darlene. Since Wally loved to get outdoors, we will be celebrating Wally’s life with a private ATV ride with close family and friends on Saturday, July 27, 2024. Afterwards, a meal will follow and the invitation is extended to those who would like to share in the memories. If you would like to join us for the meal, please RSVP to melinda.bagnall@gmail.com.

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<p>Deluxe camping on Little Lake Huron Tiny Town log buildings & contents MLS 2114758, \$199,000 - (1620)</p>	<p>South Baymouth Marina home, house, garage/workshop, bunkie MLS #2117361, \$399,000 - (1632)</p>	<p>99 acres fronting Hwy 542, between White Church Road & Spring Bay MLS #2116749, \$219,000 - (1630)</p>	<p>Family forest cottage or deluxe hunt camp, 100 acres, 1,552 Sq. ft. living & sauna MLS #2116092, \$375,000 - (1623)</p>
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Steve Redmond riding for Boots on the Ground

by Tom Sasvari
 MINDEMOYA — Minde-moya cycling enthusiast Steve Redmond is taking part in the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Anniversary Ride in celebration of the 115th anniversary of the provincial policing group. “The OPP Anniversary ride is a 12-day, 2,100-kilometre cycle across Ontario to raise money for Boots on the Ground, an anonymous peer support for first responders, by first responders,” explained Mr. Redmond, who recently re-

tired from the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP. He explained members of the OPP Cycling Team will begin the ride on July 23 in Kenora and ending on August 3 in Hawkesbury. The team, led by OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique, will travel the route stopping at each OPP detachment. “The OPP is celebrating its 115th anniversary this year in Ontario,” said Mr. Redmond. “There will be eight of us taking part in this ride. We will begin at 5

am next Tuesday (July 23). For our team the goal is to raise \$5,000 on the ride.” “On each day of the ride we will travel on average between 124-200 kilometres. Our longest ride will be 243 kilometres, from Greenstone at Hearst to Geraldton,” said Mr. Redmond. “I’m definitely looking forward to the ride,” said Mr. Redmond. “In some of the places we will be travelling there are no places to get something to eat, so we have to bring dry goods.” “The main thing is what we raise on the ride will be going toward a great cause,” added Mr. Redmond.

Boots on the Ground is an anonymous helpline providing confidential and anonymous peer support to first responders across the province, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is a charitable organization completely run and staffed by volunteers.



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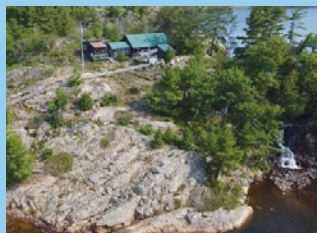
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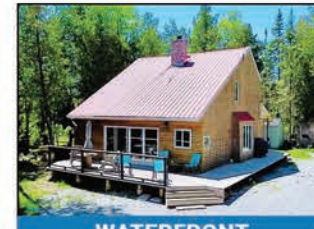
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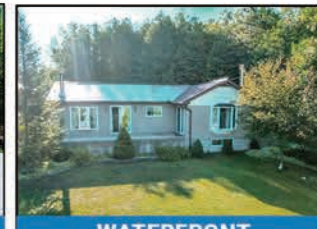
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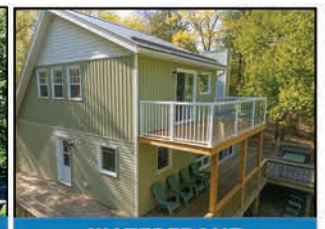
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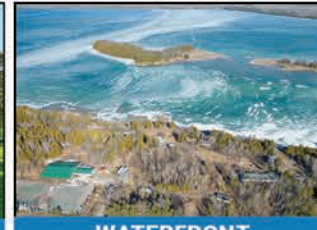
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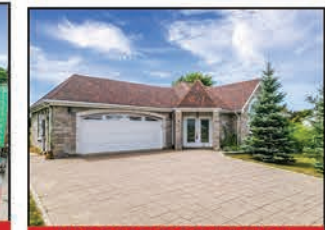
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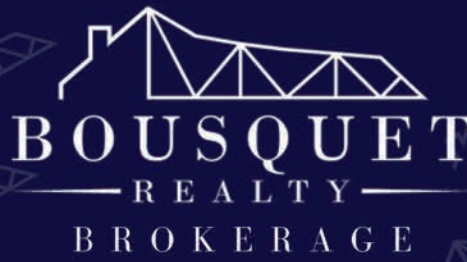
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Wiikwemkoong elder visits ancestor's bust at the Smithsonian

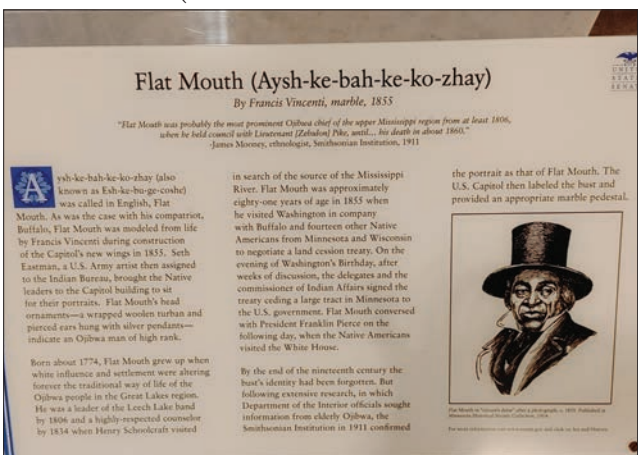
by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—It was while listening to a talk being given by Anishinaabe historian Dr. Alan Corbiere who was then working at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation that Marie Eshkibok-Trudeau discovered she had a famous relative whose marble bust sits outside the US Senate chambers in Washington, DC.

"I was completely amazed," admitted Ms. Eshkibok-Trudeau, a Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory member and practicing Mediwiwin Lodge member, a group dedicated since its inception over two centuries ago to protect and preserve Indigenous traditions and spirituality in the face of a near-overwhelming colonial influence.

In Dr. Corbiere's lecture, Ms. Eshkibok-Trudeau discovered that her maiden name, Eshkibok (descended



Ojibwe Cultural Foundation assistant curator Naomi Recollet, left, and Marie Eshkibok-Trudeau stand by the bust of Ms. Eshkibok-Trudeau's ancestor outside the US Senate Chambers.



The story of Esh-ke-bug-e-coshe (with earlier spelling interpretation) was on display by the bust.

from Esh-ke-bug-e-coshe), was the name of a famous Indigenous chief and warrior known to the English-speaking world as "Flat Mouth."

Dr. Corbiere, citing notes from previous Anishinaabe historians, had pointed out that there is "no way" that Eshkibok would translate to 'flat mouth.' "The morphemes do not match up," he said Basil Johnson had pointed out. "Neither 'doon,' morpheme for mouth, or 'nabag' (for 'it is flat') are present. The real etymology of the name is actually Esh-ke-bug-e-coshe, would better translate to 'flat duck bill.' Flat Mouth, it seems, was actually a nickname given by French traders.

In any event, Esh-ke-bug-e-coshe, a chief of the Pillager band of Chippewa located in Minnesota, was invited back in the 1850s to come to Washington, DC as part of a delegation for the signing of a treaty that turned over a million acres of land to the US government. During his visit to the national capital, Esh-ke-bug-e-coshe sat for a portrait bust by the artist Francis Vincenti. That bust now stands on a pedestal outside the US Senate Chambers.

There is also a great deal of information to be found on Esh-ke-bug-e-coshe and his times at the United States' premiere historical and cultural museum The Smithsonian.

Ms. Eshkibok found herself enthralled by the story of her ancestor and determined to learn more about him and her roots.

"When I learned that Naomi Recollet, assistant curator of the OCF, was heading down to the Smithsonian for a talk, I decided I wanted to go too," she said. "I had mentioned to Naomi that I would like to see the bust of my lineage. When she told me she was going, that's when I decided to go."

At first she planned to take a plane down, but since she did not have a current Canadian passport, Ms. Eshkibok decided to drive the considerable distance to the venue (nearly 1,500 miles and at least a 14-hour drive; Ms. Eshkibok-Trudeau wisely took the trip in two stages).

"Driving down I can cross the border with my status card," she explained. According to the provisions of the Jay Treaty, Indigenous persons can cross the border without a passport (something even most US citizens can't do). She crossed at Buffalo after having stopped for the night in Buffalo, New York.

Arriving at the US capital, Ms. Eshkibok was ea...continued on page 2A

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Local invited to National Camp!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan, a first round draft pick by the OHL's Ottawa 67's, has been recognized again as player of the future. He got the prestigious invite to the Hockey Canada's U-17 Development Camp. Kohyn is now getting noticed by scouts on a national level and will allow him an easier path into the Hockey Canada junior programs!

Only 80 players got the call including eight goaltenders, 48 forwards and he was one of just 24 defencemen! Kohyn will take to the ice at Joshua's Creek Arenas in Oakville as part of Canada's national under-17 development camp, set to take place this week.

All 80 players have been drafted by Canadian Hockey League teams (39 from the OHL, 23 from the WHL and 18 from the QMJHL). Way to go, Kohyn!

the 4 x 100m relay and she won the gold medal! Next up for the never-stop-Nova is the Ontario Summer Games Aug 1-4th, with a few other Manitoulin athletes.

Wiikwemkoong Wolf Pack Win!

There were a lot of Manitoulin people in the Ottawa/Gatineau region for the Every Child Matters hockey and broomball gathering a couple of weeks ago. The U-11 Wolf Pack won gold in their overtime win! Congratulations to players: **Treilyn Gonawabi, Jake Mark-Stewart, Tauno Saikkonen, Tavin Shawana, Ty Neshkiwe, Zayden McGregor, Connor Pheasant, Bristol Recollet, Jace Gonawabi, Hudson Gray, Jacen Simon, Bray Wassegijig, Taisto Saikkonen, and Camden Goulais. Hats off to their staff: Coach, Ruby Trudeau, Trainer/Asst Coach, Jay Shawana,**



The Wiikwemkoong Wolf Pack celebrate gold.

Dedicated athlete posts track PBs!

M'Chigeeng's **Nova Debassige** really put in some great results in her school track meet, even setting a Manitoulin record but she kept working out and she has not stopped yet! This past weekend down in Markham she competed at the MTA (Minor Track Association)-hosted Outdoor Championships meet with close to 1,000 total athletes competing from various clubs across Ontario.

Nova posted some great results competing for her club (Airblastoff) in the "Senior" division (13 and 14-year olds) including a couple of personal bests in the 100m, a 13.30 (overall placed 10th out of 54 runners) and a new time in the 200m of 27.87 (overall placed 12th out of 64 runners). Nova was then tapped to run up a division with the intermediate team in

Manager **Dawn Wemigwans** and assistant coaches **Shannon Gonawabi** and **Ralph Gonawabi**.

Apologies! I mangled a name on the Wolverines roster last week. They won the Women's Competitive division. Sorry, **Lyric Pitawanakwat-Peltier!**

Central activities!

Central Manitoulin has a lot to offer this summer with its two arenas and three community halls. Today and all summer, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, there will be 'gentle' yoga classes at the Spring Hall. On Tuesday afternoons from 2 to 3 pm and then 6:15 to 7:15 pm, Wednesday evenings. On the 30th and 31st there will be craft and painting instruction as well. You can check out all activities on their website: events.centralmanitoulin.ca.

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Aurel conquers XTERRA Crater

Aurel Fox-Recollet of Wiikwemkoong (Sudbury) finished in first place in the 10 km XTERRA Conquer the Crater race event held on Sunday July 21 at the Kivi Park in Sudbury. Aurel's time was 40 minutes and 35 seconds out of 42 runners! The most important and distinguishing feature about XTERRA Conquer the Crater is that 100% of all proceeds raised by the event support the Northern Cancer Foundation's Miles Against Cancer Fund, dedicated to improving the survival rate and quality of life of children and their families impacted by paediatric cancer in Northeastern Ontario.

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ger to see the bust of her ancestor, but there was a catch. The US Senate Chambers are not accessible to the public when the Senate is sitting and Ms. Eshkibok feared she would not be able to see the marble effigy of her ancestor.

"I don't really know how she did it, but Naomi managed to get us in to see the bust," said Ms. Eshkibok. When she first beheld the visage of the man from whom her name descends, she said she was hit with a wave of emotion.

"I felt something in my heart," she said. "It hit me emotionally, I wasn't really expecting that. I wish my father Robert Eshkibok could have seen it." Her father passed in February 2000.

Ms. Eshkibok said that being Mediwiwin, she is acutely aware of the influences that the settler culture has impacted upon Anishinaabe ways of being.

"In the old days, warriors were not afraid to cry," she noted. "It was not seen as a sign of weakness, but of strength and healing. We were colonized into thinking it is a sign of weakness."

Ms. Eshkibok's next plan on the bucket list is to search out Anishinaabe historian and language activist Anton Truer of Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota, the band descended from

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- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of:

**Mrs. Megan Wickett, Operations Manager
Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152**

Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0

Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com

Or by fax to 705-377-7175

For more information regarding
Community Living Manitoulin please
visit www.clmanitoulin.com.



Police Services Board Members Needed

The Manitoulin Police Services Board is currently looking for two community representatives and two provincial representatives to sit on the board. Members should be active members of their community and have a general knowledge of Ontario Provincial Police Detachment board duties and community safety issues.

The appointment of members to the board is on a four-year term, in line with the term of municipal council. Manitoulin Police Services Board 1 meetings will be held at a minimum of four times per year.

The key responsibilities of the board include:

- Consult with the Commissioner regarding the selection of a detachment commander and otherwise participate in accordance with the regulations in the selection of the Detachment Commander
- Determine objectives and priorities for the detachment
- Advise the Detachment Commander with respect to policing provided
- Monitor the performance of the Detachment Commander
- Review reports from the Detachment Commander regarding policing provided by the detachment
- On or before June 30 in each year, provide an annual report to the municipalities regarding the policing provided by the detachment in their municipalities.

Anyone wishing to submit their name as a candidate to sit on the board as a **municipal representative** are welcomed to do so at their respective municipal office.

The deadline for submissions is August 14, 2024.

Anyone wishing to submit their name as a candidate to sit on the board as a **provincial representative** are welcomed to do so by going to the provincial appointment website at <https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/>. There are currently two vacant positions; once the positions are advertised, apply by following the steps outlined.



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BOARD VACANCY OFF-RESERVE REPRESENTATIVE

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks an application to fill a Board vacancy specific to First Nation members living off-reserve.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated and on and off-site services that include: Traditional Healing and Cultural Support Services, Primary and Clinical Care Services, Mental Health and Addictions Services and Health and Wellness Programs and Services to the seven First Nations and off-reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District, Espanola and area.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking one (1) board member that is interested in making a difference for Indigenous health; specifically, applicants must live off-reserve within the Manitoulin Island District and Espanola area. The off-reserve applicant will have familiarity with board governance, strategic organizational planning, funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets is an asset.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings, and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15 meetings per year.

For more information about the organization, please visit the website at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

- Cover letter (outlining reasons for your interest and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check
- Must be able to provide proof of Status

Send "Confidential" to:

**Attn: Board Chair c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 235, Fax: 705-368-3922
Or email: debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca**

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

Miigwech/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.
Only those under consideration will be contacted.



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.).

Help Wanted!

The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team is recruiting a Registered Practical Nurse Part-time with benefits starting as soon as possible

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- A current College of Nurses of Ontario Certificate of Competence
- Experience in a primary health care setting or hospital, preferably in a medical office
- Current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Current CPR and First Aid
- Experience working with babies and young children
- Experience immunizing patients
- Excellent assessment, problem solving, analytical, interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong computer skills, familiarity with Office 365 and electronic medical records
- Work independently on programs and health services

In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to:

- Create a positive teaching and learning environment for patients and students
- Function as an effective team member

Applications for the above position, including resume and references, will be accepted until
Friday, August 2, 2024

Only applicants selected for an interview will be notified.

Apply To:
Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team
Attention: Judy Miller
P.O. Box 549
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
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Email: jmiller@nemfht.ca

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Box 160, Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
email to: rclbr514@eastlink.ca or drop off at the branch. Mark attention 'Bar Manager.'**

Only applicants considered will be contacted.

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Do you have a passion for working with youth? Are you innovative when it comes to collaborating, planning activities, workshops and training? Do you have a background in youth guidance and coaching, life skills mentorship, outdoors training, youth leadership, coaching, tutoring, etc.?

If so, Whitefish River First Nation invites applications for a Youth Support Worker position. The successful candidate should possess skills and direct work experience working with youth and also be positive role models in their daily habits and outlook.

Responsibilities:

- Assess the needs of the youth by planning, linking and delivering programs related to areas such as life skills development, health and fitness, education, employment services, healthy relationships, etc.
- Mentor, coach and support youth to facilitate personal, social and educational growth by encouraging greater social inclusion.
- Build positive relationships/rapport with the youth to encourage healthy lifestyle alternatives.
- Reinforce conflict resolution, positive communication and household respect through positive reinforcement, role modelling and supportive listening.

Relationship and Team Building:

- To work collaboratively and cooperatively at all levels to support the use of a family-centred, strength-based, child-focused practice while assisting families in building their capacity to provide safe and nurturing environments for the Youth.

Internal Participation:

- Actively participate in internal, external, or local committees or youth groups in support of coordinating programs and services to the community.

Administration and Reporting:

- To complete administrative functions and reports and adhere to agency policies, procedures and relevant practices.
- All other duties as assigned.

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

Qualifications:

- Native Child and Family Worker Diploma, Child and Youth Worker Diploma or related field.
- At least two years of related experience working with youth, preferably in an Indigenous Community or Indigenous organization.
- Valid Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR, Mental Health First Aid and A.S.I.S.T Certification.
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).
- Valid G Licence with access to own vehicle.

Skills:

- Knowledge of Health and Safety and Child and Family Services Legislation.
- Excellent communication and effective solution-based techniques.
- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with youth and other service providers or First Nations in the area.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to travel and to work flexible hours according to the needs of youth.
- Efficient time management skills include maintaining your schedule and competing priorities.
- Demonstrate proficiency in word processing and electronic data management systems.

**Must provide an up-to-date Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.*

Applications must be submitted by July 26, 2024 at 12 pm

Interested applicants must submit an updated resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:
Confidential: Youth Support Worker

Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, PO Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532
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WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EVENTS AND COORDINATOR

Full-time permanent position • Salary: \$49,036 - \$59,800 • 40 hours/week
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The Events and Bingo Coordinator is responsible for booking, organizing, planning and implementing events and bingos at the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) Community Centre, including conducting rental client tours and initial meetings, conducting event intakes, creating event sheets, quotes and contracts, organizing event plans and schedules, developing room layouts, maintaining and updating event paperwork, receiving payments, communicating with clients and overseeing a client relations strategy. The Events and Bingo Coordinator is also responsible for ensuring that all bingo activities and community events are accurately and efficiently carried out per the established policies and procedures. The Events and Bingo Coordinator will supervise the bingo and event staff.

Events Key Responsibilities:

- Coordinate a booking system and respond to booking requests.
- Coordinate all significant events, such as carnival, Earth Day, powwow, etc.
- Create budgets for each event and coordinate a planning committee.
- Complete a final financial and summary report after each event.
- Respond and manage the events email.
- Conduct rental client tours, meetings and intakes.
- Provide information about and enforce understanding of rental pricing and room capacities, WRFN policies and procedures, event schedule timing, and other event-related policies or information.

Bingo Responsibilities:

- Manage, plan, supervise and conduct bingo sessions while safeguarding all paper supplies issued.
- Organize and oversee the bingo start-up and ensure that staff requirements are met.
- Ensures all bingo equipment is maintained and ready, securing the facility and setting alarms.
- Selling bingo cards and receiving and registering cash.
- Reconciling sale sessions by verifying float and cash slips, printing cash register sales and delivering and safeguarding all cash, receipts and sales reports to the finance department at the end of each session.
- Maintaining a clean, safe and friendly working environment for personnel, customers and the community.

Qualifications:

- Completed education in event planning, business administration or a related field and at least two (2) years of related experience (an equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered).
- Strong PC software skills, including experience with Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, SharePoint, Teams and Excel).
- A strong accounting/budgeting background is an asset.
- Strong project management and organizational skills with the ability to multi-task.
- Good analytical and critical thinking skills; able to respond and adapt to external factors.

Interested applicants are requested to submit an updated resume, cover letter, two (2) professional references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:

Confidential: Events and Bingo Coordinator
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, PO Box 188
Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca

Application Deadline: July 26, 2024 at 12 pm

**For a detailed job description, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca
Miigwetch to all who apply; however,
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Lion President Bruce Burnett addresses the crowd during Haweater Weekend opening ceremonies.

Fifty-five years of Haweater Weekend is no small feat

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Throwing Manitoulin's "biggest bash" year after year is no easy feat and it takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to pull off an event like Haweater Weekend and one dedicated leader. In the case of the Little Current Lions Club, that's Lion President Bruce Burnett, Haweater Weekend co-chair. Lion Bruce's fellow Haweater co-chair is Lion Lori Draper.

Lion Bruce has been the keeper of the "Haweater bible" for decades now, a task he inherited from the late Frank Reynolds. Some Haweat-

ers will recall the days of Lion Frank driving around Little Current in his red Jimmy with bullhorn in hand, announcing the Haweater events that were coming up. It's safe to say that the Haweater Weekend chair must be enthusiastic.

A group of (equally enthusiastic) Lions form the Haweater committee and they meet diligently all year long, coming up with ideas for the big weekend, putting together grant requests with the help of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and

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Thank You, Lions

From the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands



Mayor MacNevin and Council would like to say thanks to the Little Current Lions Club for their dedication to our community through the vast number of contributions they make.

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Haweater Weekend is a weekend of family, fun and community, so get out and enjoy!

...Fifty-five years of Haweater

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the Islands, writing letters, coming up with a new theme (this year it's Alo-Haw with the design created by Emerson Brewer-Case) and making sure all the i's are dotted and t's crossed. In fact, in case anyone wondered, the Lions were so on the ball this year that they ordered and picked up the Haweater liquor order in advance of the strike. So regardless of what happens on the LCBO picket lines, ball players and Hawefesters will be able to imbibe in a tipple of their choice, if they so choose.

Lion Bruce was able to get away for a little pre-Haw vacation with his grandchildren in Alberta, so he's coming home refreshed and ready to tackle the Civic Holiday Weekend with all that Alo-Haw spirit.

"I can't wait to share what we've got lined up for our 55th annual Haweater Weekend," Lion Bruce shared with The Expositor.

The Carver Kings just can't get enough of Little Current it seems, and they're making a return to the former fire hall parking lot on the corner of Meredith and Worthington streets all Haweater long, from Wednesday, July 31 to the holiday Monday.

Haweater Weekend is all about giving back, and the Lions encourage visitors and Haweaters alike to spend as much as they can in the community this weekend and that means supporting great events like the Royal Canadian Legion wing night on Thursday, August 1 or their famous steak dinner the following day, Friday, August 2.

"Little Current's downtown will be closed from Friday morning un-



Don't forget to check out the parade on Sunday at noon!

til Sunday night following the fireworks and street dance which gives everyone a great opportunity to shop locally," said Lion President Bruce Burnett. Stores and eateries will be having special Haweater deals, so be sure to take advantage of the sales and specials.

Lion Bruce encourages everyone to check out the events listing as there are plenty of other things to see and do downtown too like a visit to the Psychic Chantel, face painting for the kids, music at the cenotaph, yoga, the farmers' market and plenty of opportunities to dance!

"For the kids we've got lots of great things lined up, such as the soapbox derby on Saturday morning, inflatables and rock climbing at Low Island, the 19th annual cardboard boat races, a children's show on Saturday at Expositor Square, 'slime time' at the library and kids' games at Low Island on Sunday," Lion Bruce

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Happy Haweater Weekend!

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A 20-minute Haweater Weekend fireworks display requires 10 hours of setup.

Expositor file photo

Fireworks display is one of Haweater's trademark events

by Alicia McCutcheon

GOAT ISLAND—There are few things more synonymous with Haweater Weekend than the Sunday night fireworks display, 'Thunder Over the Channel,' and there's a lot that goes into them.

The Expositor caught up with Geoff Worthington, general manager of Capital Pyrotechnics. Geoff has been the mastermind behind the Haweater Weekend fireworks for the past 10 years and he learned from the best—his predecessor was the chief Haw pyrotechnic for decades before that.

"It's nice that the Haweater fireworks are so widely and well-received," Geoff said modestly when reached at his southern Ontario home. "Goat Island is an ideal spot," he shared, thanking the municipality and the firefighters for all their work in helping to make the setup a success year after year. "Seeing the whole shore fill up with people and the big party boats coming up the channel, I always love going to Little Current. It's certainly one of our biggest displays."

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Book on Haweater coin history now for sale

by Michael Erskine
 TORONTO—The venerable Haweater Coin may be gone, but it is far from forgotten. As the world's longest running trade token, the coin served as a precious memento of Haweater Weekends down through the years. Thanks to the book 'Haw-Eater Coins of Manitoulin' by John Joseph Romanovich the coins will not only be remembered for posterity, but the tome will also continue the tradition of raising funds for the Little Current Lions Club's good works.

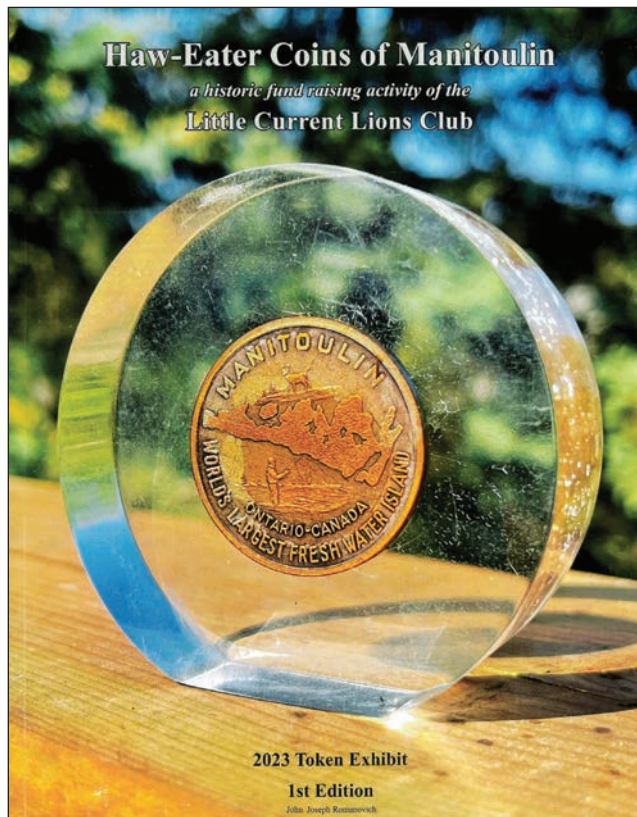
When Mr. Romanovich was gifted with his father Larry's coin collection, amassed during his father's time working in Birch Island in the 1980s, it sparked a passion that culminated in a 240-page book that illuminates the history of Manitoulin, the Little Current Lions Club and, of course, the story of the coin.

The original Haweater Dollar coin is officially classified as a trade token and originally envisioned by the late Doug Tracy and was a fundraiser for the Little Current Lions Club until it went out production in 2008 after 40 years.

But 'Haw-Eater Coins of Manitoulin' covers far more than just the Little Current Lions

Club's Haweater Dollar, going on to include trade dollars issued by Island businesses over the years.

The now-avid collector was captivated by the imagery and history depicted in the coins,



The book 'Haw-Eater Coins of Manitoulin' is now available for purchase.

its sides featuring iconic Manitoulin Island scenes such as Bridal Veil Falls, the Chicheemaun Ferry, the Little Current Swing Bridge, Batman's Mill and a host of others.

Mr. Romanovich said the imagery depicted on the coins appealed to him and his love of nature, reminding him of time spent at his fam-

ily cottage on Manitoulin.

A decade ago, Mr. Romanovich decided to start seeking out Haweater dollars online, searching sites like eBay and Kijiji where he found "lim-

late Roly Racicot and was able to purchase a number of coins for his collection directly

from the Little Current Lions. Then, in 2020, he placed an ad in The Expositor: "Haweater

Coins Wanted, Dead or Alive."

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**Have a great Haweater Weekend!
 Bon week-end de Haweater!**

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shares.

If you're feeling a little sporty there's always the annual mixed slo-pitch tournament (Lion Bruce's pride and joy), yoga on the docks, the 5K Haw Run or beach volleyball.

Anglers will be happy to learn that Little Current is again a stop on the Huron Bass Tour with a special one-day Haweater Weekend bass tournament from 8 am to 4 pm. For full details see the events listing on Page 7.

New to Haweater Weekend this year is a silent auction being held at Little Current United Church on 5 Robinson Street, close to downtown on both Friday and Saturday. It promises to have some amazing finds.

"The two-dance floor Hawfest is back this year by popular demand," Lion Bruce adds, noting that the Lions will be taking over both the arena and curling club floors for not one but two Hawfest dances. "Both sides are licenced so Hawfesters can wander back and forth between the two venues."

"We couldn't do this without the generosity of our many sponsors," Lion Bruce states. "Haweater Weekend is truly a community effort. If it weren't for the sponsors, the help of the municipality and the many people who support us, we couldn't make it happen."

"We also thank the people who support us all year long, be it by buying Catch the Ace tickets or attending Winterfest—thank you, miigwetch—this weekend is truly for you."

"Have a safe and Happy Haweater," Lion Bruce adds. "Alo-Haw!"

Happy Haweater!

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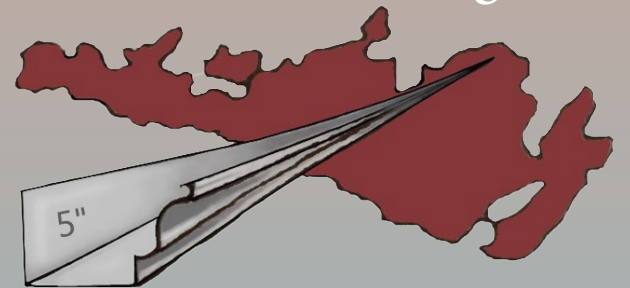


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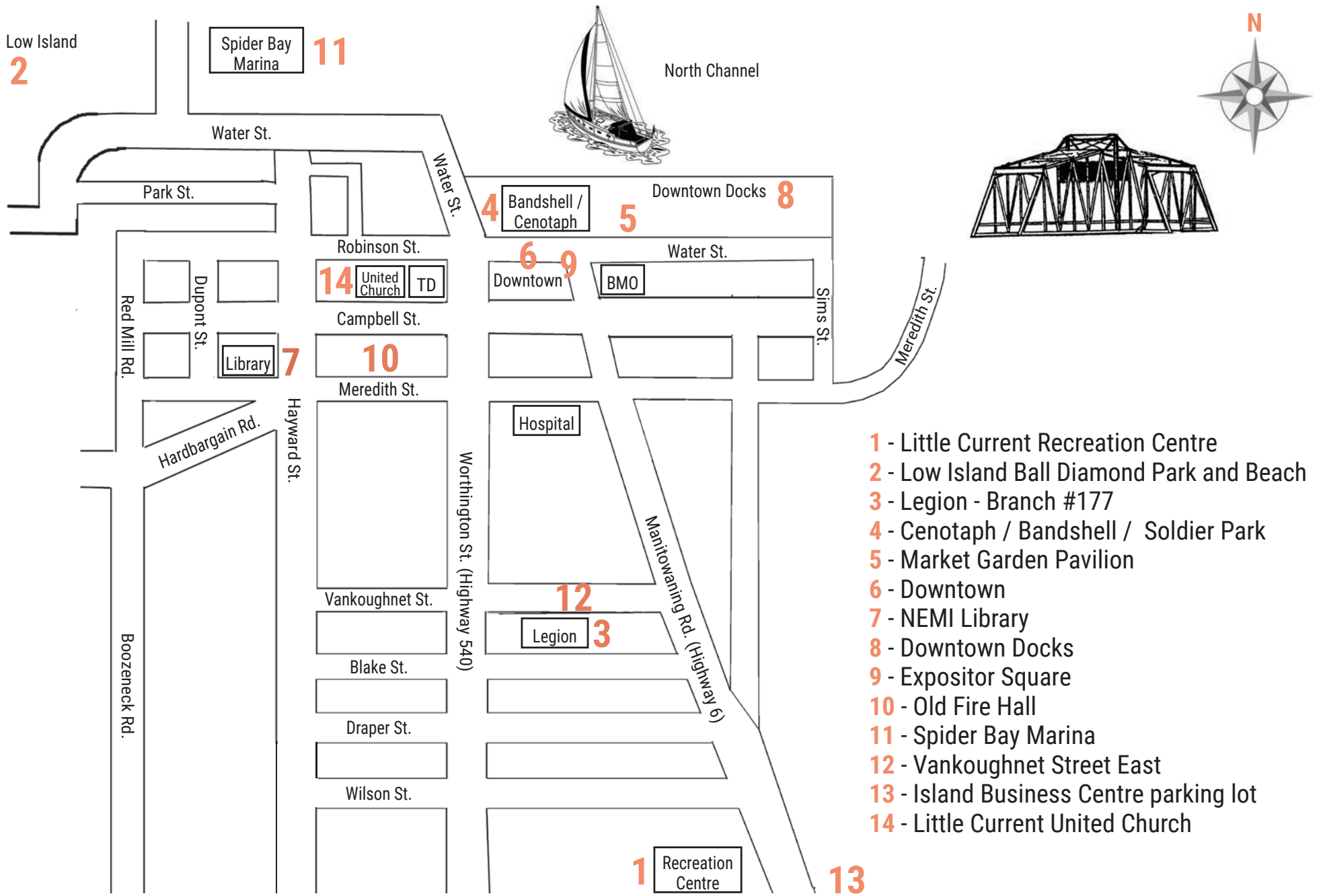


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- 1 - Little Current Recreation Centre
- 2 - Low Island Ball Diamond Park and Beach
- 3 - Legion - Branch #177
- 4 - Cenotaph / Bandshell / Soldier Park
- 5 - Market Garden Pavilion
- 6 - Downtown
- 7 - NEMI Library
- 8 - Downtown Docks
- 9 - Expositor Square
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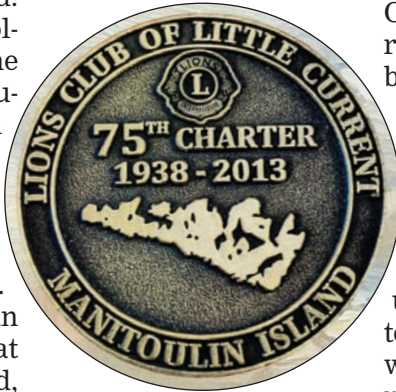
"The response was great," said Mr. Romanovich. "At first there was a flood of calls. I did buy from a lot of people, and a lot of people wanted to help." He said he was so moved by people's stories he found he often couldn't say no, even though he was purchasing duplicates. "It began to feel sentimental, especially when families were giving me their entire collections," he continued.

With one of the collections purchased, the seller included a beautifully handwritten note with a little story of how the collection came to be. That struck a deep chord for Mr. Romanovich. "The coins didn't mean as much without that bit of history, I found, so I went back and called the families that I had purchased from and asked them to write me a little something. After that, I almost made it a stipulation of purchase. I didn't mind buying duplicates, I liked the stories."

So moved was Mr. Romanovich by the stories he was now collecting that he created a book as a gift to those families who helped him in his quest for a complete Haweater dollar set. "A thank you for entrusting me with their collections," he said. The Expositor was gifted with a copy

of the book for our assistance in his numismatic odyssey.

Mr. Romanovich admits to having two favourite coins, the 1971 Bridal Veils Falls dollar and the 1988 hawberry dollar. He recalls working a job with his father that brought them to Manitoulin. The mindset of his father was always 'time is money,' he recalls, so having his father take a detour with him to Kagawong to watch the



salmon make the heroic run to the falls on a fall day sticks with him to the present day.

But favourites falls quite a bit short of the real story. "I love them all," he says.

"It's definitely been fun," Mr. Romanovich said, "and it's brought joy between my father and I. It is beautiful. I still keep in connection with many of the families I met."

Mr. Romanovich's quest is nearly complete—he is only missing one crucial and very rare edition—the pure silver 1968 medallion.

The 1968 medallion was a precursor to the Haweater dollar and was designed by the late Doug Tracy. Mr. Romanovich explains there were four versions of the medallion, which had Little Current, the Lions Club International logo and "Haw-Eater July 1st Week-End 1968 Low Island Park Project" on the front. On the reverse, "World's Largest Fresh Water Island" runs the circumference of the medallion with Ontario - Canada, a raised Island and hawberries in the centre.

The coins were not always without some controversy—and Mr. Tracy was quick-witted in settling one that ran up against Lions International protocols with the original 1968 medallion. The Little Current Lions Club had failed to receive Lions International permission before running the international logo. Undaunted, Mr. Tracy soldered a pin over the logo and, utilizing appropriately coloured nail polish, he painted hawberries on each for an added touch. The Little Current Lions did make amends with Lions International and by 1972 the club began using the Lions International logo again—but with permission this time.

Mr. Romanovich has actually sourced one surviving example of

the silver medallion, but the family of a founding Little Current Lions Club member are not willing to part with it.

As for Mr. Romanovich's book, it is now being made available online with proceeds going to the Little Current Lions Club's proj-

ects. The book can be ordered at www.blurb.ca/b/11714470-haw-eater-coins-of-manitoulin.

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...Fireworks a Haw trademark

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Geoff admits to having a lot of pressure when it comes to having to top themselves year after year. "Haw is nice," he says. "It's very generous so that gives us a lot of fireworks to work with."

He says that Haweater's claim to fame is "fast and furious," which he says make for the best displays. Some clients want their displays long and drawn out, but with that comes people glancing at their phones and wondering "how much longer?"

Not so with Haweater. "It's fast, intense—everyone stops and is in awe."

Geoff says Haweater gives his company the flexibility to get different kinds of fireworks from their many suppliers.

When it comes to planning the display, Geoff says he starts designing the next year's display almost immediately following the grand finale, which is always the most important part of the show. "You want to finish with an exclamation point."

Fireworks displays are made up of

two key elements: shells (the ones that look like puffballs or dandelions and can get 1,000 feet high) and kegs (a series of fuses lit together that can cover a range of space). Combined, these make a tableau.

When it comes to individual bursts, Geoff says there are well over one-thousand in Haweater's 15- to 20-minute display. "We bring a lot of firepower."

The Goat Island setup starts in the morning, takes five or six people and lasts approximately 10 hours for a show that may be 20 minutes long. The fireworks are installed into mortars which are then wired into a firing panel.

"It's certainly one of our biggest shows of the year and it's always been one of my favourite times of the year—it's a beautiful area," Geoff says. "I love hearing the crowd cheering and carrying on, it makes it all worthwhile."

The Lions' Thunder Over the Channel fireworks display takes place over the North Channel in downtown Little Current on Sunday, August 4 at dusk.



The Lions' famous 'Thunder Over the Channel' fireworks display.

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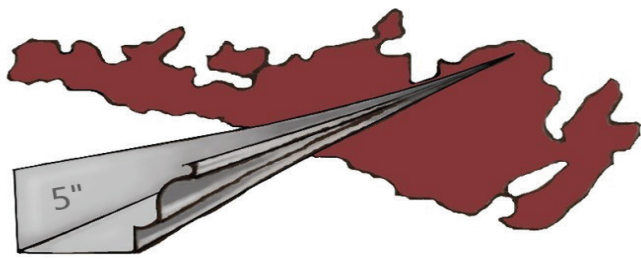
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