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Great Lakes sea lamprey numbers soar

by Tom Sasvari

MICHIGAN—While sea lamprey populations have made a significant comeback in the Great Lakes during the COVID-19 pandemic, a Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) representative is optimistic their numbers will once again be controlled in the next few years.

"I am cautiously optimistic that, even with the spike in their population during the COVID-19 pandemic, we can drive the numbers back down in a few years," said Mark Gaden. "We are now once again very well positioned to hit them hard in terms of control measures."

Mr. Gaden noted with sea lamprey, "the bottom line is that sea lamprey are here to stay based on the abundance of spawning and food supply available to them. Since 1958, the US and Canada have been working through a joint working partnership, undertaking a sea lamprey control program that has been very successful. No where else in the world has this program been as successful, and we have been able to reduce the populations between 90-95 percent from before the time control measures were first put in place."

Mr. Gaden said this has been done via two techniques: "One is the installation of dams and barriers, something we have had nothing to do with, but it prevents adult sea lamprey from getting to their spawning areas."

The second technique, "the workhorse method, is to use lampicide applied in streams where lamprey larvae are that kills them before they get to adulthood and can go out and kill fish species," said Mr. Gaden.

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Well-known Island angler Dave Patterson recently had a lamprey bycatch while fishing in Lake Huron, near South Baymouth.



TOWERING ABOVE GORE BAY—Kids and adults of all age took the challenge of the rock climbing wall, put on by Amaze 'N Fun, at the Gore Bay Harbour Days celebration. FOR MORE PHOTOS, SEE PAGE 16.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Two Manitoulin youths win Bartleman Awards

Writing honours for Indigenous young people

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Awards commemorate the legacy of Ontario's 27th Lieutenant Governor by recognizing up to six Indigenous students for their creative writing talent. In addition to the recognition afforded by the award, each recipient receives \$2,500.

On Saturday, July 15 two Island youth, Rowyn Kasunich of M'Chigeeng and Mackenzie Simon of Sheguiandah First Nation, travelled to Thunder Bay to receive the honour from the hands of the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and Michael Ford, minister of Citi-

zenship and Multiculturalism. There are three geographic categories for the award: fly-in community, on reserve and off reserve (do not live in a fly-in

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New federal riding boundaries would pair Manitoulin, Nickel Belt in new, smaller footprint

Recommendation of federal boundary commission would see North losing one riding

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Northern Ontario will lose a seat in Parliament, going from 10 to nine seats, if the redistribution report from the federal boundary commission is confirmed by the House of Commons. Under the plan, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) will be divvied up amongst surrounding electoral districts (commonly called "ridings").

Both the governing Liberals and the NDP objected to the loss, while the Conservatives supported the report (much of the redistribution in other regions of the country tend to favour the Conservatives).

"We fought hard, made our voices heard at public hearings and in committee, and yet the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission refused to maintain 10 electoral districts in the North," said Carol Hughes, MP for AMK reacting to the commission report. "The unfortunate reality is that this new electoral map will mean less representation for Northern Ontarians, more challenges for MPs to represent their riding and a reduced voice in Parliament. It's disappointing that we didn't have unanimity in opposing this cut from all parties." Pieces of AMK will be going to

Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt, Sault Ste. Marie-Algoma and Kapuskasing-Timmins-Mushkegowuk. But it is important to note that the commission

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Military aircraft in Island skies NOT hostile force

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON-BARRIE ISLAND—Facebook has been very active in the past week or so with rumours regarding military aircraft sighted in several areas around Manitoulin Island, including Ice Lake. However, there is no truth to the rumours, according to the manager of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport.

"The military loves the Gore Bay-Manitoulin airport and uses it for training flights and practice," said Robby Colwell, manager of the airport. This came after a report by a local resident last week that a CF-130 military aircraft was circling the air over Ice Lake. And a few days earlier everyone on Manitoulin, it

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Come, see where Island pioneers lived, worked

Michael's Bay Society plans townsite community picnic

by Tom Sasvari

MICHAEL'S BAY—The Michaels Bay Historical Society (MBHS) is planning an old-fashioned picnic and tour of the Michael's Bay townsite in late August.

"We are planning to have what we hope will be the first of many annual weekend get togethers at the

site," said MBHS president Ben Lentir. A picnic and tour will take place on August 26th. "It will be an open house picnic open to the general public and will allow people to see what is taking place, the work we have done and get a guided tour of the townsite. The idea is for people to see the site, bring their own pic-

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Gordon Apolloni of Top Glove Boxing, far right, instructs a student on how to throw a jab correctly at the Olympic-style boxing training session held in M'Chigeeng last Friday.

Olympic-style boxing program developed for Indigenous youth on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Top Glove Boxing, in conjunction with the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCM), have started a new Olympic-style boxing course for indigenous youth on Manitoulin Island.

"Youth will learn how to box, and that there is more to life than just sitting in front of a television or a computer," said Gordon Apolloni, facilitator of the program and a highly successful former boxer, Canadian national coach, former Ontario coach and head coach of Top Glove Boxing Academy in Sudbury.

"This will provide a vehicle for kids to get out and get active," he said. "And there are a lot of benefits to this. The youngsters will learn boxing, develop self-esteem, learn about nutrition and weight management, and develop fitness. We teach life skills, how to set a goal and achieve it. The government understands that when they put support into a program like this, it provides a great activity for youth, reduces the cause of depression and cuts down on

kids possibly getting into trouble with not enough to do."

Christian Kaiser-Fox of the UCCM Indigenous youth prevention and intervention program told The Expositor, "We are organizing this Olympic style boxing training for indigenous youth on the Island. This is the first step to beginning this boxing program on Manitoulin Island." He explained Cause Effect Fitness has been on Manitoulin for several years and is very well run under instructor Jonathan Edralin. Along with boxing classes, the latter program provides fitness classes to help people of all age become active and healthy, and learn some self defence as well.

"Gord (Apolloni) and I have been talking about this program for months," said Mr. Kaiser-Fox. "He has wanted to start a program like this on Manitoulin Island for a long time. Top Glove will be hosting this program on Manitoulin for Indigenous youth between the ages of 10-18."

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Lions Club to hold fundraising golf tournament for Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics team

PROVIDENCE BAY/SPRING BAY—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal robotics team is extremely grateful to the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club for a golf tournament they are hosting this fall that will support the MSS robotics team.

"We're really eager to help the MSS robotics team in this way. They were in a real tough spot this spring in trying to raise funds to get to the World Championships in Houston, Texas," said Chris Bryan, president of the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club. "This is a great chance to get the ball rolling in terms of fundraising for the team."

"Manitoulin Metal is grateful and excited about the golf tournament the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club is holding in September," said Yana Bauer, an MSS robotics team mentor. "This event will jumpstart our fundraising for the 2024 Robotics World Championships, including upgrading our drive-base equip-

ment. The whole team is excited to support the event and arrived en masse to the July Lions Club meeting," said Ms. Bauer. "The Lions are so supportive and impressed by the young people and their accomplishments and are very optimistic about the success of the event."

The first annual Lions Golf tournament will take place at Brookwood Brae Golf Course in

Mindemoya on Saturday, September 16.

"As a club, we had a transition session in the spring to look at new fundraising ideas," said Mr. Bryan who took over as club president last November. "We wanted to bring new ideas in the club and I brought up to the group that a golf tournament would be a win-win. You can't lose holding a golf

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Crystal Shawanda collaborates with Sultans of String on new single "The Rez"

by Tom Sasvari

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE—Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) music superstar Crystal Shawanda has released a new single, "The Rez," collaborating with the award-winning band Sultans of String, to have a single included on their latest album.

"I wrote the song previously that will be on the Sultans of String's upcoming album," said Ms. Shawanda. "I've known them for quite awhile now and worked with them on a Christmas song, 'The Human Carol.' They asked me if I wanted to work with them on their new album. They are wonderful people and musicians and I told them I would love to collaborate with them."

"They are doing an album featuring Indigenous musicians."

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Former Expositor editor pens McLean's entré piece on MAID

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Former Expositor editor Diane Sims is nearing the end of her life, but that is nothing new for this most remarkable of women—she has been palliative for over two years, currently, and was given her first end date as a teenager when she was first diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). Her two-word reaction pretty much sums up her response to any of life's insurmountable challenges.

The journey, and her chosen outcome, were commissioned by McLean's Magazine for its website and the story will be published in the August 10 issue of the national magazine.

The first inkling of what was to come in her life came when, at age 14, she lost the sight in one eye—fearing eye cancer, which had recently claimed a cousin, an emergency flight to Toronto to see specialists failed to discover the cause and the issue "mostly" disappeared. Fast forward three years to age 17 and "I woke one morning unable to walk, with a freaky tingly sensation from my thighs to my toes," she recalled. "I screamed, 'Mom!' Ten days in the Sault hospital followed, full of X-rays, bloodwork and electrical prods testing nerve impulses."

It wasn't until she had a spinal tap at Toronto's Sunnybrook Hos-

pital that she was faced with the devastating news. "You have multiple sclerosis," Ms. Sims recalls the doctor telling her. "You'll soon be permanently in a wheelchair, bedridden by 27 and dead by 35."

Ms. Sim's reaction was swift. "A good Baptist, I turned from the window and spit two words: 'Fuck you.'" Still, anxiety and doubts filled her mind. She described MS as a shadow that loomed in the corner of her eye, but never obscured her path forward.

"I chose instead to live in the light," she said. "I graduated high school not only with awards, but with that boyfriend I feared I'd never have. I went on to finish two bachelor's degrees and a Master of Journalism by age 30."

That was just the beginning of a life that would be filled with accomplishments, despite dealing with constant pain, countless doctor appointments, ovarian cancer (requiring the removal of a 10-pound ovarian tumour), and a host of other ailments that would stop a lesser person dead in their tracks.

Despite the MS fatigue that was growing more significant, she persevered. "It's not normal exhaustion," she notes, "but a weariness that completely knocks the stuffing out of you." Still, although she

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Nine nominated for M'Chigeeng First Nation chief, 87 for council

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Nominations in the September 2 election for M'Chigeeng First Nation chief and council took place at the M'Chigeeng council chambers on Saturday, July 22. Nine candidates were put forward for chief and 87 for the nine council seats. Nominated candidates have until noon on Saturday, July 29 to contact the electoral officer to confirm their willingness to stand. If they have not contacted the electoral officer by that time and date, they will have been considered to have not accepted the nomination and their name will not appear on the ballot.

The M'Chigeeng election was to be held this past spring, however issues surrounding the nomination process meant the election was postponed to Labour Day weekend.

Candidates who have accepted their nomination must submit a criminal record check (CRC) to the electoral officer no later than noon on Thursday, August 3. That CRC must be dated July 22 or later to be accepted.

The nine nominees for chief include: Andrew Bisson, Renee A. Corbiere, Brent Debassige, Linda L. Debassige (incumbent), J.P. Terry Debassige, Floyd J. Ense, Morgan F. Hare, Thomas D. Hare and C. J. Wayne Trudeau.

Candidates for council are: Kimberly Aelick (Searle), Laura Jean Anwhatin, Joeline C. Armstrong, Ross Armstrong, Tanya Armstrong, Albert Beaudin, Charles J. Beaudin (inc.), Robert Beaudin, Roger C. Beaudin, Christopher Lee Beboning, Diane N. Bebamash, T. Gene Bebamash, Dawn Bebonang, Diane L. Bebonang, Patrick T. Bebonang, Andrew Bisson, Chelsea Cameron, Andrew M. L. J. Corbiere, Dennis W. Corbiere (inc.), E. Samantha Corbiere, Jonathan M. Corbiere, Ronald Ray Corbiere, Ryan Corbiere, Yvonne E. Corbiere, Amy R. Debassige,

Andrew Debassige, Brent Debassige, Caroline Debassige, Deborah A. Debassige, Derek L. Debassige, Deidre Debassige, Dustin Debassige, Earl Debassige, Georgia Debassige, Gerald Debassige, Howard Debassige (inc.), Jeanine (Jean) Debassige (inc.), Justine U. Debassige, Keith Debassige, Kimberly A. Debassige, Mark Debassige, Marko M. Debassige, Martin G. Debassige (inc.), M. Yvonne

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Federal court to hold settlement approval hearing on Indian Boarding Program compensation

M'CHIGEENG—This fall, the federal court will hold a settlement approval hearing to consider whether a proposed settlement will be approved that would see those First Nations persons who were placed in the Indian Boarding Home Program will receive compensation.

"On July 24, 2018, a proceeding was brought to federal court for class action certification by Reginald Percival, Allan Medrick McKay, Iona Teena McKay and Lorna Watts (Percival)," wrote M'Chigeeng First Nation Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige in an online M'Chigeeng message to local residents. "On June 28, 2019, Madam Justice Strickland certificated the class proceeding. On December 7, 2022, the parties entered into an agreement in principle with respect to the settlement of Percival."

"The Indian Boarding Home Program was an educational program in which the government of Canada placed children from

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editorial

Loss of a Northern seat emblematic of southern apathy

Northern Ontario has long been accustomed to the roller coaster effect in place when it comes to attention from Queen's Park and Ottawa. While an election is underway candidates promise faithfully to change the paradigm and focus more attention on the needs of the North, needs that in many instances have long surpassed the bar set for determining that need has reached crisis levels. But when governing, competing interests and the rising populations in southern regions of the province dull the earlier enthusiasm.

Plain and simple, there are more votes and seats to be had in the south; more fundraising opportunities and a deeper well of potential political contributions from which to draw. It's just plain mathematics and any politician espousing different is voicing an expedient creed.

This mathematical reality is largely the result of a self-fulfilling prophecy. Northern population numbers facilitate ignoring the North when it comes to designing policies, ignoring the North exacerbates population declines, those decline encourage further inattention—wash, rinse, repeat.

The nation is currently experiencing a long-anticipated decline in working population. For nigh onto 30 years various consultants and economic pundits have sounded the alarm when it comes to the impact retiring boomers have on the economy. Those impacts were ameliorated, slightly, with the removal of mandatory retirement—allowing those sitting at the top of the employment food chain to remain in place far longer than in previous generations. The new cry? Freedom 75 baby!

But the pandemic readjusted the workforce paradigm yet again, and many boomers decided staying at their desks was no longer worth the powder, providing something of a double whammy to a recovering market and the economy overall. Labour shortages equate to supply chain challenges and drops in productivity—can you say inflation? Inflation is when demand outstrips supply.

There are those who will claim, for ideological reasons or out of just plain habit, that the problem is that nobody wants to work anymore. They will cite long gone pandemic subsidies as the cause. In a word—nonsense. Those who did not want to work before COVID still don't want to work; they were never part of the equation. Those subsidies are long, long gone.

The solution to the problem has been pegged at increasing immigration, while at the same time enhancing subsidies to companies

mechanizing their production lines to improve overall productivity.

Productivity has long been a low-hanging fruit for Canadian business, which has been largely shielded from the need to enhance per/worker output by lower wages than those of our cousins to the south (forget minimum wage and compare comparable skilled workforce stipends). We can make great gains here, but the bulk will be in the south where most of the manufacturing is located.

When it comes to immigration Canada is taking the bull by the horns and tail, upping quotas dramatically to rates unseen since the great westward expansion. But again, most of those new Canadians will choose to settle in large urban regions in the south where they can find established communities of expatriates. Thankfully, the government has seen fit to implement a program that aims to encourage immigrants to settle in Northern regions.

Unfortunately, that program is limited to larger urban centres in the North, continuing the population drain from smaller rural regions such as those on Manitoulin Island. The Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot is a community-driven program. It's designed to spread the benefits of economic immigration to smaller communities by creating a path to permanent residence for skilled foreign workers who want to work and live in one of the participating communities.

Those communities include both Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. When it comes to inclusion and the regional provision of services, Sudbury is quite willing to embrace Manitoulin and its people into the calculations—but so far not Manitoulin when it comes to the Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot.

The Island has businesses that are desperate for workers, both skilled and otherwise—but we are locked out of that program which could help lessen some of the strain of a declining rural workforce. It is past time for that program to be expanded to include the "feeder" communities that surround the larger urban centres.

Of course, the workforce issue is many-faceted and rural Northern communities, like urban centres across the province, are also in desperate need of affordable housing in which to put those workers. Programs to encourage and enhance the housing stock need to keep small rural regions in their sights.

Without this double-barrel approach to solving the matter, Northern Ontario will continue to decline in population, at least relative to the south, and politicians, however well-meaning, will continue to focus where the votes are.

letters

Gordon Lightfoot's widow responds to Island Singers' tribute

A touching rendition of Gordon Lightfoot anthem 'Sundown' completed Speakers' Night

EDITOR'S NOTE: On Thursday, July 13, the Old Mill Heritage Centre hosted 'Speakers Night in Kagawong,' a fundraising event at the Park Centre with TVO's Steve Paikin. During Speakers' Night in Kagawong, the career of Gordon Lightfoot was celebrated. To compliment the life of this legendary Canadian icon, the local musical talent of Chris Theijsmeijer, Mike McCormick and members of The Island Singers performed a wonderful rendition of his song 'Sundown.' Mr. Paikin's wife Francesca recorded the performance and forwarded the video to her friend Kim, Gordon Lightfoot's widow. Less than 24 hours later, Ms. Lightfoot responded, and permission has been granted to share her correspondence. That letter follows:

Oh Francesca and Steve,

Yesterday I got a Condolence Motion from the Deputy Mayor and Orillia Members of Council over Gordon. And flowers from Murray McLaughlan and his wife Denise Donlon.

And today I get the video from the Island. It made me happy. You all stayed true to Gordon's rendition with a little twist with the female vocals solo in the one part, which was creative and beautiful. I know, Gordon would have loved your arrangement. He liked quartets, choruses and choirs. And he would have loved the generations on stage. You all rocked it! I am glad you loved him like me.

I think there are all kinds of families in life. His fans are a family and I am a fan; that is how I met him. We are a family of love for his music and Gordon himself. Thank you for making my weekend special. I wish Gordon could hear you. Maybe from heaven, he did! Looks like you all had a fun night!

I loved their voices! Thank you for sharing. So great to hear people interpret his music. Know he is smiling! God bless.

Love Kim and Gordon in spirit (and he had a grand spirit).

Kim Hasse Lightfoot



ABOVE: Members of the Island Singers perform a special tribute to Steve Paikin's friend, the late Gordon Lightfoot, during this season's Speaker's Night in Kagawong.

photo by Rick Nelson



LEFT: Scanning the QR code at left will take you to the audio recording of the tribute by The Island Singers.

Long-time subscriber challenged by crossword puzzle

First letter of complaint in 45 years

To the Expositor:

My spouse and I have been subscribers to The Manitoulin Expositor for over 45 years and this is possibly the first time I have ever written a letter of complaint. Unlike Manitoulin Island, we, at Judy's cottage in Quebec, have had significant rainfalls in each month since our arrival, which means our entertainments are often restricted to the porch. We have taken up cooperatively doing crossword puzzles but encountered several problems from the puzzle found in one of your January 2000 issues that we had here.

Firstly, it was too difficult and we made almost no progress finding a solution despite over 35 years of formal education and soon to be 45

years of married life. Maybe people were smarter in 2000.

To add insult to injury, the headline for the puzzle was 'Fun To Do.' Headlines should help and not mislead. Lucky for me the sun is coming out and I can put the puzzle down for a while.

We continue to look forward to getting the paper edition of the newspaper in the forwarded mail and soon, the digital edition for more timely news.

Terry Land
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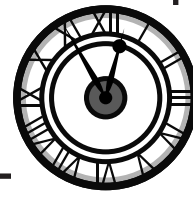
Railroad Memories

Next month, August, in the Old Mill Heritage Center, curator Rick Nelson will be featuring a presentation about our early railroad years. We are introducing the railroad theme with a bit of history, featuring the memories of a few Island residents and their connections with those early Canadian and Manitoulin railway years.

When Greg and Rick Niven, both living on Manitoulin Island, headed west in their 'sleeper' cabin, on the scenic Canadian National (CN) Railway, they were bringing their father Paul's ashes to the final resting place in Victoria. Paul had been a land developer and his wife a stenographer in the Victoria, Vancouver Island court system and later she worked for Litton Systems, the 'high-tech' company that built the 'Canada Arm' for the space program. Greg and Rick's siblings, Nancy of Parry Sound, and Jennifer, of St. Thomas were happy with this final tribute. This trip would be the fulfillment of a last wish by their dad to return to the place that he grew up and loved. After a few of his ashes would be scattered in the Pacific Ocean, he would be laid to rest beside his



Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Jiggs Marquis in earlier years.

left and came back a few minutes later. "There is a retired gentleman on this train, someone who remembers your grandfather, 'Jiggs' Marquis! Greg and Rick were brought to the ex-Canadian National Railway worker, and

age, 16. He claimed to be 18," grandson Rick Niven shares. "He stayed for 57 years, starting out as a call-boy, sleeping in the railway terminal. He progressed to yard worker, then to brakeman, fireman and finally, conductor. His



Jiggs Marquis was well-known and respected among his peers.



Liquor permit book owned by Jiggs Marquis and a souvenir of the time of controlled alcohol sales.

bers of his peer group."

"We believe that he met his wife Marietta Chouette at Hornepayne station on the railroad line. This was where her family lived. Jiggs and Marietta had four children, Suzanne, my mother; Claudette, Kathryn and son, Jodi. Daughter Kathryn shared that dad had saved her life twice, "once when I jumped out of a car as a child and was set to run into an oncoming car. The second time, I was falling asleep at the wheel, when suddenly, I heard the shrill of a train whistle!"

Jiggs' family would frequently be on his train. "They would visit the caboose where the office, bunks and other equipment was kept. Two 'lookout' windows in



Jiggs Marquis in later years.

the caboose allowed oversight of the train and its surroundings. The children would also be brought up to the engine cab, to see the engineer and the firemen who would shovel coal into the firebox that produced the steam. Today diesel engines don't require a fireman or a brakeman. "Since family members rode the train for free, this allowed our mother to visit her family in Hornepayne. Grandfather never got his driver's license, so the train must have been a valuable transportation source for him also. He did buy a car once as an investment, but it just sat in the parking lot for six years in the 1970s. It was never driven.

"Jiggs didn't believe in banks and kept his hard-earned cash close by. It is likely that he didn't

have a bank account until he was pensioned, and the government needed a destination for his payments. A photo of his pensioner's slip is shared. He was employee #377 which was stamped onto his 1941 slip. His pension gave him about four dollars and forty-three cents a month." Among his valuables, Rick also found some personal letters from his family and an 'Individual Liquor Permit' issued after prohibition from 1927 to 1962, the "local option" time of controlled alcohol sales. Jiggs, like all others, had to record any purchase of liquor on this personal card which was valid for one year."

"Grandfather recalled two serious accidents during his railroad years. One was experienced by a friend of his. There were frequent washouts or snow slides that could prevent the train from moving for several days. This derailment produced a serious wreckage that saw one casualty. His friend may have been saved by being in the proper place for a conductor on a moving train, and that is at the back of that train. Another time, the train was derailed while carrying cattle. Many cows died in the fire and the remainder had to be shot, as there was no food for them. They had to wait a week for help. Often when trains were wrecked in the middle of nowhere, the wrecks would be buried, rather than repaired."

There were other family 'railroad' connections. "Joseph's brother, Nels Marquis had three offspring, Patty, Philip, and Tony. Patty Patterson later became the train master for CN, working at Union Station in Toronto. We often visited her in Capreol where her family lived. She taught me how to swim there," Rick adds. "Patty's brother Philip also worked for the Canadian National Railway. Brother Tony became a senior manager for Canadian Pacific, 'CP'. There is an island connection also. Patty's son, Mike Patterson became a policeman on Manitoulin. He was stationed in Gore Bay."

More railway connections

The following excerpt is from the book 'Dr. John Francis 'Jack' Bailey, A Medical Pioneer of Manitoulin, author Petra Wall: "One eventful trip was in a baggage car to Sudbury. The train was headed for Buffalo but would stop in Sudbury. A 12-year-old boy had slid down the bank of a hill in a sled, onto the main road and was hit by a car. He sustained a collapsed lung and needed more intensive

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wife in a Victoria graveyard.

Their family had enjoyed a deep connection with the 'CN' Railway, starting with maternal Grandfather Donald 'Jiggs' Marquis, born at the turn of the century in Rainy River. Greg and Rick told the train staff, "Our grandfather played a vital role for this railway." Staff members gazed attentively and answered 'really?' They

they happily shared a few nostalgic memories and had a photo taken with him. The old gentleman also remembered that Jiggs had earned a 50-year pin. It was serendipitous that they had run into this gentleman on this epic journey for their dad.

"When 'Jiggs' first looked to the railroad for a job, he lied about his

first 'train' job was on the freight trains that delivered goods to all parts of Ontario and Manitoba. He had more seniority when he began with the passenger trains, moving people and luggage to both the east and west coasts. When he finally retired, still a conductor, with his 50-year pin, he was one of the most senior mem-

more letters

Kudos to local businesses for ponying up for Central Manitoulin event

Dismay expressed over council's decision to not support event

To the Expositor:

Re: The July 12, 2023 article 'Mindemoya businessman takes it upon himself to raise funds for Lions' Homecoming Weekend,' Page 30.

Thank you to all those businesses and individuals that stepped up to support this significant community event in Central Manitoulin. It's unfortunate that some members of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council felt that the Central Manitoulin's Lions Club request for financial assistance (\$2,500) to host this significant event was unworthy of their support. Much planning and organizing go into making these community events happen. It takes a sig-

nificant amount of volunteer hours, before, during and after to organize such a major community event. A key role of municipal government is to showcase and promote its community(ies) and the municipality. This event did exactly that! Failing to support this event with the requested small donation because it was perceived that the request "came in too late" and "should have been received sooner" is a poor excuse for not supporting such a significant volunteer-driven event. Surely that can't be the sole reason this community donation wasn't supported? Perhaps the message Central Manitoulin council is trying to send to its volunteers is, "we support you, but on our timeline?"

I'm proud that our local businesses and individuals recognize the valuable work of the Central Manitoulin Lions Club, when the Municipality of Central Manitoulin failed to.

In the interest of full transparency, I am not a Lions Club member, I did volunteer at this event when asked to, and I financially contributed to this great cause and community event.

Steve Shaffer
Mindemoya

Support for council's decision to not fund Central Manitoulin event

It's time for cheerleading not establishing the event

To the Expositor:

Municipalities support their communities in a myriad of ways; least of which is their backing of desirable community events. From offering support services like administration, garbage, signage, advertising and crowd control to physical services like buildings, parks, docks and restrooms, our little municipalities carry a big load.

Important events in the community often come our way because a municipality has sponsored its start-up. Too often the staff and councillors, who dedicate themselves to ensuring success, are forgotten in our gratitude. Let's take a moment to applaud their efforts.

When a community event proves to be profitable, the municipality's role changes—from champion to cheerleader. The financial support initially needed to ensure success is reduced. Other municipal assets will likely still be needed; sometimes for free and sometimes at a charge; the value of these non-cash donations can be considerable.

Local businesses, realizing they too benefit from these events, will often step in and contribute; as they should. We thank them too.

No club, business or person sticking their hand out for a municipal donation should take it as a "given." Staff members need time to assess applications in a fair and unbiased

manner. Careful scrutiny of each request yields better information. That translates into better decisions for the community at large. Gone are the days of favouritism and cronyism—we hope!

Summer is here and the Island is hopping with countless community events, all brought to you by the citizens, volunteers and local governments of our beautiful Mnisisco. Make sure you get out and enjoy!

Therese Trainor
Spring Bay

Sheshegwaning celebrates second annual pride week!

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—The Sheshegwaning First Nation is accepting of all people; and the community came together in grand fashion July 15 and throughout the week to celebrate everyone's uniqueness.

"We wanted to represent here, that people can be whoever they are, that this is a safe community, that Sheshegwaning is a safe place and accepting of everyone, including 2SLGBTQIA people," said Emily Savage, one of the organizers of the community's second annual PRIDE week.

Community elder Joseph Laford told The Expositor: "as



Thomas and Cole Panamick are shown on one of the floats at the Sheshegwaning Pride Parade.

part of our tradition, First Nations people accept all people. We follow the seven grandfather teachings to accept all people and provide a safe community for everyone."

"This is our second annual PRIDE week celebrations," said Ms. Savage, who explained that events held during the week help teach community youth that they can be whoever they are and are accepted and welcome in the community.

Events held during the week included a Why Pride informa-



Gloria Debassige and her ATV are all decked out for the Sheshegwaning Pride parade.



Kids of all ages had a great time at the Pride Parade.



Along with the floats in the Pride parade, there were many walkers taking part.

tion luncheon, a 2-spirit champions event, paint night, Pride game night, and a parade on Saturday (with about 15 floats participating), along with face painting for children, and bouncy castles and a dunk tank, water guns, balloons and foam party, a barbecue lunch and a family dance Saturday evening. A paint night was held Sunday evening.

Mnaamodzawin Health Services had a booth set up beside the community centre on Saturday.



The Sheshegwaning Odawa Island Farm float!

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Little known fact: Team Fergmeijer once worked as programmers for an autocorrect company. We were only there a brief time before being fired for no reason. Shortly after that, our doctor diagnosed us with "Autocorrect Syndrome." We didn't even know we were ill. Thank goodness it's treatable. It's really annoying to constantly be using words we didn't Nintendo.

Last weekend's NorthWords Festival was a fantastic success. Thank you to all the participants who took part, and to the volunteers who kept everyone on the same page when it came to the many events and activities over the course of the festival.

Congratulations go out to Meranda and Brett Varey on their newest addition! Big sister Paisley was a bit confused by the sheer lack of fur when baby Harper arrived home, but we are assured that they are getting along just fine now.

This is a busy week for birthday wishes! Jen C, Jen F, Mike C, Craig F, Meredith C-N and Dawn N have all turned 29 in recent days. Mid H also celebrated, though not quite 29. Happy birthday to you all! Keep an eye on the mail for a special gift from Team Fergmeijer. We ordered something special for your big day, but we had some issues with autocorrect, so just a heads up, you might be getting a birthday pheasant.

The next session of free American Sign Language (ASL) classes are August 1 and 3. Join ASL instructor Andrea Wist at 10 am at the market pavilion near the Old Mill to learn some foundations of ASL. Classes are open to all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult). For more information, email the library billingsreads@gmail.com.

The MSS robotics team, Manitoulin Metal Team 6865, is hosting free interactive coding workshops for youth across Manitoulin in August. Kagawongians in elementary school can take part at the Park Centre on August 7. Grades 1-4 will be at 10 am to 12 noon, and Grades 5-8 will be 1 to 3 pm. The workshops will include foundational skills in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), as well as exploring the environment with technology. Snacks will also be provided! Drop-ins are welcome or register at bit.ly/manitoulincoding.

Penny L made her annual visit to Kagawong this past week, taking in the sights in the village and out at the point. Always enthralled by the wildlife, she was sure to keep up her fitness regimen while visiting.

Hot on the heels of Speakers' Night in Kagawong with Steve Paikin and Arthur Milnes this month, the Old Mill Heritage Centre presents the annual History Night in Kagawong on Thursday, August 10. Explore some of the history of Manitoulin Island, as well as commemorate the 60th anniversary of the JFK assassination with rare home movies, photographs and exclusive interviews with witnesses who were there. Admission is free to either session: 3:30 pm matinee or 7:30 pm, both at the Kagawong Park Centre. Donations are always welcome for the Old Mill Heritage Centre.

We've all seen the trail sign, and now the new pedestrian bridge across the lower Kagawong River it has been promising is finally being built! The trails remain open, however be on the lookout for minor trail detours. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of September. For

more information, contact Todd Gordon at (705) 282-2611 extension 224.

The Angel Bus fundraising committee is at it again, they are selling tickets for a chance to win a fabulous, handmade quilt all summer long. You can find them at the Kagawong market on Wednesday and on Fridays at the Gore Bay market. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Funds raised supports the ongoing operating costs of the Angel Bus.

This was a tough column to write. We had a lot of funny jokes, but autocorrect kept ruining the lunchline. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

The Art Tour was a great success. Three places here in Meldrum Bay participated. Our quilters, who prepare quilts and other items for disaster relief, were in Manitowaning and enjoyed talking to the people who came to look at their work. They were pleased with how many are working to contribute to Aid Projects around the world.

There are many beautiful boats at the docks, campers at the campsite, people biking and walking on the roads and the quads are exploring the trails. At the store people are munching down on hot dogs and ice cream. It's a delight to see everyone enjoying themselves.

Rose Van Every is back after a visit to see family and friends in southern Ontario. She went to the St. Jacob's Market. She visited the gravesites of her parents and brother at Thompson Park in Scarborough. It is nice to have her home and she says it's nice to be home. Shirley Hoskins is here too, and we have been visiting and planning a get together. Scott Van Every is at his place.

This Sunday past, July 23, the Strawberry Social was at the Community Hall.

We are also busy planning the Annual Beef Barbecue, one of Meldrum Bay's biggest events, to be held on August 5 from 5 to 7 pm.

On Friday, July 16 at cards, there were four tables plus one sitting out. High lady was Helen Black with 76 points; high man was Irene Kelly with 80 points; ladies' lone hands went to Karen Noble with four and men's lone hands went to Tom Rumley with five; most euchres was won by Larry Pfeiffer with nine; the juice was brought home by Ken Reiss; the money jar is safe for another week.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Wally and Esther Stiller from Sudbury have their son Eric and friend and his daughter Heidi from Sudbury and their daughter Angela and partner Phil from Haliburton area visiting for a few days at their cottage.

Steve Donaldson from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia visited Lance and Lillian Greenman on Thursday afternoon.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday morning, Albert and I went to Gore Bay to deliver some of the cakes to the community hall where the Silver Water UCW was hosting the market cafe. There were 17 choices for everyone looking for a mid-morning treat and coffee or tea. Joyce Morrell, Kay Everett, Myra Duncanson and Brenda Carter looked after the cafe and did very well. We picked up my niece, Larissa Chevrette on our way to the cafe. She stayed at our house for two days before I returned her in time to work on Sunday at the Chocolate Factory.

On Friday Murray and Gladys Duncanson spent the afternoon in South Baymouth with Kathy Robbie who was at her daughter's camp.

Friday evening I took Myra Duncanson, Donna Kay McDonald and Larissa to euchre in Meldrum Bay. Larissa played some of the rounds and I played the rest. We ended up winning the most loan hand prize for the ladies.

Lois Wismer spent Saturday in Manitowaning helping with the art tour.

Saturday, July 15 there was a "big bin" clean-up day at the fire hall and the bin went away with a lot of stuff in it. There will be one next year on the third Saturday in July for the township.

Saturday morning, the ladies gathered at the community hall to get a luncheon ready. At 1 pm there was a Celebration of Life for Audrey Harper. Her daughter Linda Harper Porter did a great job of telling her story and gave us some great laughs. There were a lot of family members in attendance and the community was well represented.

Jim and Linda Wagg and family were at the cottage for a week. Some of their children and grandchildren came to stay with them.

Peter Rankis arrived at his house across the road from us earlier in the week. His wife Anna and stepdaughter Arena are with him.

Sara-Lyn Arnot participated in the Kagawong market on Wednesday and then left for vacation in southern Ontario early Thursday morning. She plans to spend Monday with her brother for his 80th birthday.

Doug and Brenda Carter had their son, Robert, visit last weekend. Doug and Robert did a lot of fishing. Gladys Duncanson and I got to see the fish that came out of Silver Lake when we were at the boat ramp having our swim. Mike Addison and his daughter Janelle were heading out in the boat for a ride with the dog at the same time. Laurie was there and we had a short visit with her before she went back to her camp.

Lori Mastelko was at her cottage for vacation last week. She came to our house on Tuesday to get some extra flowers for an arrangement for her uncle Jack and aunt Alice Addison. Then she went to the cottage to bake a cake to deliver to them for their 70th wedding anniversary. She told us that she did a lot of visiting with other relatives and had a drive to Meldrum Bay where she saw a lot of deer and got some great pictures.

There were 25 euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday night.

There will be a market in our yard on Saturday, July 29 and Saturday, August 5. Vendors are welcome to set up a table at no charge.

...Former Expositor editor pens McLean's entré piece on MAID

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began walking with a cane, she didn't slow down. "I worked for magazines, newspapers and broadcast media, including the London Free Press and CBC Radio. I was editor of The Michener Award-winning Manitoulin Expositor in Little Current where I was able to work on provocative coverage of issues around self-governance and sovereignty pertaining to nearby First Nations."

Ms. Sims even had the experience of assisting Group of Seven painter A.J. Casson in preventing the almost pure white quartz of Willisville Mountain, where he and other group members had painted, from being blown up and excavated.

At age 38 she received the news of ovarian cancer and yet another terminal date—guess what her response was? Ms. Sims went on to write two books, 'Gardens of Our Souls,' a book about friendship, gardening and healing; and the second, 'An Ovarian Cancer Companion,' the first book on that disease for Canadian women.

"Just before the release of my third book, I found small lumps in my breasts," recalled Ms. Sims. "I would need a bilateral mastectomy. First my ovaries, uterus and cervix, now my breasts." She went on to publish two more books.

Still, disease stripped her of so much of life. "By the end of 2010, the MS was clearly marching faster than before," she said. "I was using a walker and my vision was weaker. I stopped driving—no more trips with my long hair blowing in the wind." For now.

The indomitable Ms. Sims focusses on the silver lining—she met her husband and love of her life, Dennis, who drove Stratford's mobility van. Captured by Ms. Sim's wit and spirit, Dennis proposed, and the couple were soon married. They travelled to Europe, the Caribbean and California before new medical issues forced them to stick to domestic travel.

Oh, and about that blowing in the air hair thing, even with her ever-less mobility, another silver lining of sorts appeared. "My electric wheelchair became my new legs and my car," she said. "It has lots of power to scoot downtown, about a kilometre away, for errands and lunches, or to Stratford's theatres—and my hair still blows in the wind."

But even the most indomitable of spirits can only hold the reality of MS at bay for so long. Ms. Sim's health and mobility continues to decline, stripping away much of what makes up quality of life, to be replaced by a living hell. While she may be tough, stubborn and prone to a positive outlook on life, the constant pain and steadily deteriorating ability to communicate, the utter indignity that comes as part of the package, Ms. Sims knows there will come a time when what life remains to her will not be worth the living. She has made arrangements for medical assistance in dying (MAID).

"It's been hard because, while so many precious friends have placed their hands and hearts to uphold my decision, others haven't. 'Suicide' is often an ugly code word that opting for MAID is a sin," she said. "It hurts to admit members of my family feel this way. However, there's no purchase in a suicide lecture to me. Like many others, I worry too that MAID could be frightfully widened, too easy to access. Steady brakes need steady pressure. However, given the right circumstances, including the ability to give assent at the end, MAID is a right, to be used when appropriate."

Her doctors agree.

But for quite a while her partner Dennis did not.

"We live in a Victorian cottage in Stratford's south neighbourhood," said Ms. Sims. "Over the past 18 years I've created a sort of Mexican-Italian grotto on the terrace, full of

flowers and vines, and metallic art and painted quotes on the brick. I took Dennis out there to talk to him. I already knew his feelings. He felt MAID was a selfish cop-out, committed without regard for those left behind. He'd clearly expressed that opinion plenty of times. And his reaction was what I feared. 'You've fought so hard all your life,' he shouted. 'Why can't you keep fighting?'"

"Can't you bloody well see the pain I'm in from my legs and bowels?" Ms. Sims retorted. "Can't you understand I hate lying in shit?"

It took several months, but even the most hardened of hearts could not miss the misery and pain that was ever-increasing for Ms. Sims. One day, as their van bumped over potholes on the road home, each eliciting a grimace of pain on Ms. Sim's face, he finally turned to her to say: "I finally get it. I understand."

Ms. Sims has spent the last few months dealing with the minutia of dying: legal papers, financial arrangements

is any kind of coward or that she is giving up without a fight. Since age 17 this remarkable woman has faced down the unbearable, defied all odds, lived through numerous end dates and grasped life with both hands. Just a couple of years past she took up painting with the encouragement and mentorship of her friend, renowned painter Ivan Wheale.

The Expositor is proud of its continuing association with Ms. Sims.

The article will be published in the print edition of the magazine in the August 10 edition.



Diane Sims, former Expositor editor, has made the hard decision of choosing medical assistance in dying after bravely facing her diagnosis of multiple sclerosis since age 17.



Diane Sims on Little Current's waterfront during her time as editor as The Manitoulin Expositor.

and arranging a final resting place and an urn, all the while continuing to advocate vigorously for the disabled and other issues near and dear to her heart with all the passion that has defined her life. One of her articles was published in The Expositor during the midst of the pandemic and revolved around concerns regarding the vaccination. Or lack thereof, of personal support workers dealing with the disabled.

"My overwhelming favourite position in my varied wonderful careers was as the editor of The Manitoulin Expositor," said Ms. Sims. "Working with Rick and Julia McCutcheon and Kerene Tilson because The Manitoulin Expositor is the best paper in the universe."

Ms. Sim's full article, along with far more in-depth description of her life's travails and the process involved in accessing MAID, can be found at mcleans.ca. It is an article that she hopes will help others who are facing challenges such as hers, and more even importantly the people around them, to understand why, when life becomes a living hell, it is no sin to voluntarily quit this mortal coil.

No intelligent person could ever suggest that Ms. Sims

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...Lions Club to hold fundraising golf tournament for MSS Robotics team

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 tournament. Then we had to come up with a final target of where the funds raised would go, and club member John Bisailon suggested supporting the MSS Robotics team.”

“I contacted Yana Bauer, a mentor for the MSS team, and they were really excited about all of this,” said Mr. Bryan. “We had a meeting earlier this month and members of the team and their mentors were on hand.”

“I joined the Lions Club in November,” said Mr. Bryan. “I really enjoy the club and what they do for the community. I showed some interest in joining and felt I had a few different ideas that could be looked at. I’m all for a challenge. I want to be involved in the

Lions Club for many years to come.”

Mr. Bryan and his wife have three children, and he works in the maintenance department at the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC). “We moved here about four years ago, from Alberta. When the job opportunity with MHC came up, I couldn’t refuse,” said Mr. Bryan. “My family is from the Island, as far back as the 1860s. There are eight generations of family members who are from Manitoulin.”

“We already have some sponsors on board for the tournament,” said Mr. Bryan. “I think everything will work out well. We are looking to have a total of 20 teams of four players. And we’re hoping to get support from other Lions Clubs and other service clubs as well.”

Team registration for the golf tournament is required by August 1 in men’s, mixed and ladies divisions. The cost per team is \$400. There will be a 50/50 draw held during the day, with tickets sold at Brookwood Brae golf course at \$5 per ticket. A steak dinner will be served after play has concluded and there will be several contests and prizes held.

To register your team, please email or call Lion Chris Bryan at chris_bryan84@outlook.com or by phone at 705-348-0493.

Mr. Bryan noted the Lions Club is seeking corporate donors in holding the golf tournament as well as anyone who would like to donate door prizes for the tournament.



The Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club is holding a fundraising golf tournament for the Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team, on September 16. In photo are the members of the Lions Club at their annual July 1 yard sale. The golf tournament will take place at the Brookwood Brae Golf Course.

Anishinabek Nation seeking students’ names for Indian Residential School monument

NORTH BAY—The Anishinabek Nation is seeking names to be posted on the Indian Residential School Monument.

In 2013, the Anishinabek Nation unveiled the monument in North Bay to pay tribute to Anishinabek Nation First Nation citizens, living or deceased, who attended residential schools.

They are now looking for the names of individuals from the 39 Anishinabek First Nations including all the First Nation com-

munities within the districts of Algoma, Manitoulin Island, and Sudbury.

If you wish to have an individual’s name honoured on this monument, the consent form is to be completed by the individual themselves or by an authorized family member on their behalf.

For more information, or to submit a name, call the Anishinabek Nation at 1-705-497-9127 or go online to www.anishinabek.ca/monument-unveiling/

...Federal court to hold settlement approval

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First Nation communities in other communities (usually non-indigenous) to stay with private families for the purpose of attending school. The class action alleges that Canada’s actions in creating, operating, and maintaining the Indian Boarding Home Program were wrong,” said Ogimaa-kwe Debassige.

The classes are defined as: primary class—individuals who were placed in private homes, during the period of September 1, 1951, and June 30, 1992, for the purpose of attending school, not including placements for post-secondary education. Individuals placed after June 30, 1992, are also included if Canada was responsible for their placement; the second class is comprised of “family class,” members of an individual’s family who lost the guidance, care, or companionship they could expect from the individual.”

An individual who was placed in a private home without government involvement is not included in this settlement; individuals who were placed by Indigenous governing bodies after June 30, 1992, are

not included, wrote Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. To be eligible for compensation, the primary class member must have been alive on July 24, 2016.

“The proposed settlement still has to be approved by federal court,” continued Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. “If approved, every primary class member will be eligible for a category 1 payment of \$10,000. A Category 2 compensation ranging from \$10,000 to \$200,000 will be based on the harms suffered such as physical or sexual abuse. A foundation will be created to support commemoration, healing and preserving languages and culture and Canada will pay \$50 million to be administered by the Foundation. Family class members will not receive direct compensation. The family class claims will be addressed by indirect compensation available through the foundation’s reconciliation projects.”

In September 2023, the federal court will hold a settlement approval hearing to consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and in the best interests of the class. For more information go to <https://boardinghomesclassaction.com>.

...Nine nominated for chief, 87 for council

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Debassige (Alberts), Nancy J. Debassige, Nanoskashese Debassige, Patricia Lynn Debassige, Richard D. Debassige, S. Leslie Debassige, Samuel Debassige (inc.), Shirley Debassige (Cheechoo), Steven D. Debassige, Tanya M. Debassige, Wayne A. Debassige, Deborah Ense, Josh P. (Kevin) Debassige, Eric S. Hare, Patreen (Pina) Hare, Susan M. Hare, Thomas Hare (inc.), Melissa Kasunich, Jason E. McLeod, Cheyenne Migwans, Clyde Migwans, Christine M. Migwans, G’Mewin Migwans, Henry B. (Ethan) Migwans, Madeline M. (Lynn) Migwans, Molly Migwans, Patricia T. Migwans, Rhoda Migwans, Ryan Migwans, Andrea Panamick, Henry Panamick (inc.), James B. Panamick, Martin Panamick,

Stephanie Paul, K. Michael Peltier, Duncan Pheasant, Tiffany M. Recollet, Brenda Roy, Evan Roy, Stephanie Roy, Forest Schut, Eileen Simon, Lyndsay Taibossigai and Neda Toeg (Debassige).

Advance polls for the M’Chigeeng First Nation band council elections will take place Saturday, August 26 from 12 pm to 6 pm at the M’Chigeeng Community Complex, with the election taking place on Saturday, September 2 from 9 am to 6 pm, also at the M’Chigeeng Community Complex.

The electoral officer Peggy Manitowabi can be reached at 705-862-1888, toll free at 855-959-1232 or by email at peggysue_manitowabi@hotmail.com. Postal address is 866 Webkamigad Road, Wiikemkoong, Ontario.

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The Town of NEMI is continuing to exercise caution and is continuing the FIRE BAN in our municipality. Please take this seriously as we are having extreme dry conditions and the potential for spreading fires is at an all-time high. Restrict all activity that has the potential to create a human-caused fire.

Notice of Meetings

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now offering hybrid meetings. Come and join us in the Council Chambers located at 14 Water Street, or join us via Zoom by using the following:
Meeting ID # 489 313 1974 or call 1-587-328-1099.
For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca

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What’s Happening at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah

Centennial Museum is excited to be hosting the Heritage Alive Art Show. **Opens July 22 to August 12.**

Coffee and Conversation - This week’s topic is the “Batman Family”
Monday, July 31 at 1 pm FREE

August Activities at the Museum for kids:
Paper Maché, August 2 from 10 am to 2 pm
Learn how to make mummy hands and other things.
Ages 6-12, cost \$15.
Preregister by email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca

Character Day, August 9 from 10 am to 2 pm
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Contact Lisa at 705-368-2367 or email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca

Museum Hours: Monday to Sunday from 9 am - 4:30 pm
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Ages 8 - 12
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Public Notice

This notice is to remind everyone that the NEMI landfill is for NEMI taxpayers/residents and the residents of Sheguiandah First Nation. Please note you may be asked for proof of residency or property ownership. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our beautiful daughter Nicole Renee Cadieux Beam-Migwans on Graduating and receiving her Diploma in the Indigenous Restorative Justice Program at Cambrian College.

Nicole has always had a kind, pure heart and a beautiful smile with a deep respect for her Native culture. From a very young age she seemed to understand the comforting effect of empathy and compassion; an elder once described her as a healer, and growing up, she continued to live up to that recognition.

Nicole was also truly blessed to meet her Beam-Migwans-Baudin family, who welcomed her in with open arms and were instrumental in helping her connect with her Indigenous roots and family, for which we are all extremely grateful. Chi miigwetch for the gifts of love, kindness and knowledge you shared with Nicole and our family.

Like many of us, Nicole’s experiences led her down a winding path until she reached the place she needed to be. She recently accepted a position with Atikameksheng First Nation, where she is enjoying working alongside her peers to both learn and assist others in enriching their lives.

Chi miigwetch to all those who supported Nicole throughout her journey so far, including her boyfriend Alex, her sister Melissa, and so many more; you all played an important role, contributing to her success.

...Crystal Shawanda collaborates with Sultans of String on new single “The Rez”

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“The Rez” is the fourth single off the upcoming Sultans of String album *Walking Through the Fire* (scheduled for a September 22, 2023 release), the most ambitious and important project of their career, a CD and concert of collaborations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit artists across Turtle Island.

“I submitted the song *The Rez* which didn’t quite make it on one of my previous albums,” said Ms. Shawanda. “I have always loved this song. The song is about being proud of my roots. Sometimes people will talk about the tough parts of living and growing up on the Rez, but I feel blessed to have been born and raised in Wiikwemkoong, with all the good and bad points.”

One verse in the song says, “It’s my blood, it’s my tears, Everyone I love is here, yeah I know in my heart I was blessed, to grow up on the Rez.”

Ms. Shawanda wrote *The Rez* with Ed Hill and Shay Smith, “and it came out of the stories I had shared with them, when they asked me what it was like growing up on a reserve,” she explained on a website post. “They said, ‘that sounds like a song!’ and from there it came together pretty quick!”

“I’m very proud of my roots, proud to be a ‘Rez kid,’” she continued. “I grew up around intergenerational trauma, but that’s not all I remember. I can’t speak for everyone’s experience, but in mine I remember my beautiful family that surrounded me with love and showed me that laughter, like music, can be medicine. I remember my community, so resilient and strong. We have all been through so much, but we’re still here.”

Studios were used throughout Ontario to record this track. Ms. Shawanda’s vocals were recorded with the Grammy and Juno award-winning John ‘Beetle’ Bailey at Orange Lounge Recording Studio in Toronto.

“Along with releasing their new album, they are also touring this fall,” said Ms. Shawanda. “They asked me if I wanted to join them on their tour, but my schedule would not allow for this.”

Ms. Shawanda pointed out another First Nation group that will appear on the new Sultans of String album will

be the band ‘The North Sound.’ I was able to help get them together to talk to the Sultans about their album and my husband and I helped produce their song for the album.”



Crystal Shawanda’s latest collaboration is with the Toronto-based group Sultans of String.

Pet Save Manitoulin

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We are still fundraising for a dentistry for our long-term resident ‘Mighty Cedar’. This entertaining tabby works at rehabilitating feral cats for us. Please make cheques payable to: ‘Pet Save Manitoulin’, Box 393, Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0. E-transfers can be sent to: reception@scottvet.ca. Please include ‘Cedar’ or ‘Pet Save Manitoulin’ in the etransfer message box.

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Indigenous craft market looking for vendors

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—A call is going out to interested vendors to attend a weekly indigenous craft market hosted by the Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning.

“We definitely want to see a lot of vendors,” said Charity Shigwadja. The market is being held every Friday from July 7-August 11 from 11 am to 3 pm at the back lot of the Debajehmujig Creation Centre on Wellington Street in Manitowaning, beside the pharmacy parking lot.

“Things haven’t been great so far, we have had no vendors,” said Ms. Shigwadja, who noted this is the first year of the craft market. “We would like this to continue in future years.”

“There is no charge to the vendors. We are looking for things that Indigenous people create at home, from crafts, beadwork, leatherwork, woodwork, jewelry, visual arts and more.”

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Check out www.northchannelcruises.com or call 705-368-3744 for more information on our regularly scheduled events and more! Private corporate and personal events can be booked for 2023 and 2024 as well.

Hope to see you out on the water this summer!

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MANITOULIN BREWING CO.

A must stop on Manitoulin is The Silo & Patio at Manitoulin Brewing Co. (MBC) in Little Current. Started by three guys from the North: Blair, Nishin and Joet, MBC draws inspiration from the Island with the branding behind their products based on Manitoulin landmarks. With 18 different products, there is something for everyone. Products include but not limited to: Killarney Cream Ale, Swing Bridge Blonde Ale, Cup and Saucer English Ale, Haw Eaters' Brew, Bridal Vale Pale Ale, Ten Mile Point Pilsner, Endless Summer Pineapple Sour, Lemon Weiss, Haw Raz Jam Sour, Norisle Oatmeal Stout and Haw Pop.

Be sure to check out the MBC farm silo which has been retrofitted into a wicked draft dispensing bar. There is also a food truck on hand, The Brewgers, serving up delicious food to pair with your flight. Wednesday evenings head for the patio for live music throughout the month of July.

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TEN MILE POINT TRADING POST & GALLERY

In addition to the breathtaking lookout, Ten Mile Point Trading Post and Gallery in Sheguiandah has a unique and beautifully cultivated offering of Indigenous art, crafts, books, accessories and home décor. The gallery has been a family run business over 51 years and features prominent area artists such as Ivan Shawana, Duncan Pheasant, Stan Panamick and Leland Bell.

The store also has a selection of quill boxes from local artists, medicine wheels, dream catchers, drums, Adrian Klis Fine Leather buffalo hide wallet and purses, moccasins, Boy Chief blankets and shawls, pelts and furs. There is a great children's section with book, toys, puzzles and games, as well as a large adult book section on various Indigenous teachings and history. It also carries both Hawberry Jelly and a wide selection of Manitoulin branded clothing for men, women and children.

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Kat's Pet Supplies in Mindemoya offers pet supplies for dogs, cats, birds, small animals and aquatic species.

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...Great Lakes sea lamprey numbers soar due to pandemic treatment hiatus

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“The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is headquartered in Sault Ste. Marie and they, along with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, carry out the lamprey control program,” continued Mr. Gaden.

“Normally we jointly put together a list of streams that we are going to treat with the lampricide in a particular year—110 Great Lakes streams, on a four-year rotation,” explained Mr. Gaden. “We target the streams on a rotational basis, with each treatment killing 98 percent of the larvae in the stream or river.”

However, “the problem is that COVID kept treatment crews at home in both 2020 and 2021,” said Mr. Gaden. “In 2020 we only carried out the lampricide in a handful of streams, 25 percent of streams were treated, so it means 75 percent of streams were not treated. And in 2021, with travel restrictions still in place, crews carried out about three-quarter of the treatments.”

“In 2022 and 2023 we are back to normal, and we have even ramped up our treatment schedule,” said Mr. Gaden. “The sea lamprey spawners in 2022 are the survivors from the year 2020.” He explained that with the lack of lampricide treatments in 2020 and 2021, it provided for a significant spike in lamprey survivors.

“This year and in 2024, we will see increases in the populations, because of the 2020-2021 treatment seasons being curtailed due to the pandemic,” explained Mr. Gaden. “On the negative side it means more lamprey and fewer fish, as they have taken advantage of the years we couldn’t carry out treatments.”

“There are two positives,” said Mr. Gaden. “In the years leading up to 2010-2019, we had been increasing controls and had driven the numbers of sea lamprey

down to historic lows. And starting in 2022 and this year we are back to full force and have been trying to make up ground. I am cautiously optimistic we can drive the COVID spike back down in a matter of a few years. We are very well positioned to hit the sea lamprey hard.”

Mr. Gaden said all of the Great Lakes were affected with the spike in sea lamprey populations. “Lake Ontario was really susceptible to the spike and lakes Huron and Michigan were definitely affected while Lake Superior was affected, however, not as substantially. If you talk to anglers in Lake Ontario, for example, the sea lamprey have had devastating effects on the fish populations.”

“We’re very happy that they’re not cute like bunnies, because it would be much harder to convince people that we need to rid the Great Lakes of sea lamprey,” Greg McClinchey, legislative affairs and policy director of the GLFC, told the Wall Street Journal. “They are unquestionably the stuff of nightmares.”

In the freshwater environment of the Great Lakes, sea lamprey do not have natural predators, and they are much more deadly to the fish they feed on. A lamprey uses its suction cup mouth to attach to prey, including trout, whitefish, perch and sturgeon. With its sharp tongue, the lamprey rasps away at the fish’s flesh to feed on its blood and body fluids, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. One sea lamprey can kill 40 pounds of fish per year. Though females die shortly after spawning, they can lay as many as 100,000 eggs. By the 1960s, the creatures had devastated the upper Great Lakes trout fishery.

Lampricide, a pesticide discovered in 1957, is used to control the sea lamprey population in streams where their larvae live, along with traps and barriers. At the concentrations used, lampricide affects only lampreys.

...New federal riding boundaries would pair Manitoulin, Nickel Belt

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also recommends that Parliament address the number of electoral districts in Northern Ontario.

At present, AMK is roughly one-sixth the size of France, one of the largest in the country, while having one of the smaller number of electors. The redistribution will see the surrounding electoral districts balloon in size.

Mr. Angus vowed to continue the fight. “Let’s be clear, this isn’t over,” he said. “If the Commission is recommending an act of Parliament to keep these ridings in the North, then that’s where our next battle will be.”

The popular Northern MP noted that, “it is quite odd that not a single Conservative MP from Northern Ontario bothered to show up at Standing Committee on Procedures and House Affairs to fight for representation in their own backyard, but reading the Conservative’s Dissenting Report from the committee, it’s clear that Pierre Poilievre and the Conservative Party don’t care about the North losing representation. Their Dissenting Report says ‘Respectfully, we submit that no changes should be made to the Commission’s final proposal for Northern Ontario ridings.’ There’s nothing respectful about not showing up to fight for the people of Northern Ontario.”

Marc Serré, the Liberal MP for the neighbouring Nickel Belt riding that would inherit much of AMK could not be reached for comment.



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Gordon Apolloni of Top Glove Boxing (in photo right) demonstrates some of the proper footwork needed in boxing at the Olympic style boxing training session held at the M'Chigeeng arena last Friday evening.

...Olympic-style boxing program

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Mr. Kaiser-Fox noted, "there are a lot of benefits to a program like this, physical fitness, health benefits, discipline, skills development and relieving stress."

"We have had great connections with Christian (Kaiser-Fox) in getting this program started," said Mr. Apolloni. A training demonstration was held at the M'Chigeeng First Nation arena last Friday. "The program will begin in August. We are looking to have it in the Sheguiandah community centre on a monthly basis. I can see this program becoming a force on Manitoulin Island. It will be incredible."

"Yes, I will be the head guy for this program," said Mr. Apolloni. "We host boxing matches in Sudbury and eventually the

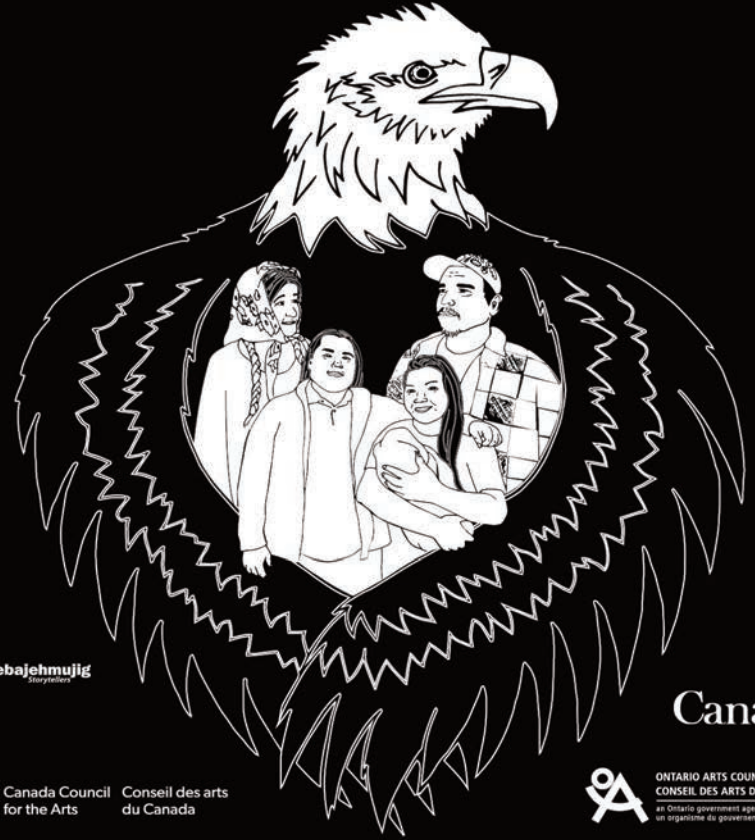
possibility is there to hold this on the Island. It will be six to seven months before the kids in our program are ready to box." He noted five individuals affiliated with the N'Swakamok Friendship Centre who host the family indigenous program at the Top Gloves gym in Sudbury will be instructors.

"We are looking to have the classes held once a week for now, and we will get Christian (Kaiser-Fox) certified as a coach, and I will be popping in every once in a while, as well. It is phenomenal that we can actually begin the program," added Mr. Apolloni.

Funding for the program was provided to the Indigenous Youth Prevention Intervention Program by the UCCM Justice Program, through a grant from the guns and gangs initiative.

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...Two Manitoulin youths win Bartleman Creative Writing Awards

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community or on a reserve). A junior student (12 years old and younger) and a senior student (13 to 18 years old) is chosen

I, II and III.' I also added a creative appreciation for suspenseful fiction in my writing, which I have enjoyed from horror stories. While the teachings

the other students' stories, and it was nice to be a part of it all," said Rowyn. "It gets you thinking about trying more."

As to "trying more," Mackenzie, now going into Grade 10, was a Grade 7 student at Little Current Public School at the time of writing and had almost

picked out the school). Writing will remain "something I do on the side," said Mackenzie, who is currently concentrating on a summer job at Little Current's 3 Cows and a

Cone and concentrating studies on biology and chemistry—subjects that will stand in good stead while studying hairdressing.



The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, right, and Michael Ford, minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism flank Rowyn Kasunich of M'Chigeeng who won a Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award.



Mackenzie Simon of Sheguiandah First Nation poses with their Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award.

from each geographic category.

"My story entitled 'The Chandelier' was inspired by the Anishnabek Stories of 'Piyensak' (the Little People) that I heard in the community," Rowyn said. "A couple years ago, my cousins and I created mini movies we called 'Piyensak

of Piyensak teach us respect for other beings, a lot of us kids can take them and allow our imaginations to run free. Shared stories are important and fun for kids."

"I was surprised but felt so happy to go to Thunder Bay. I was also amazed by

Rowyn said, "I am sure I will be writing stories for many more years in school and you never know what will come up. In general, I do like to create things. I enjoy sewing clothing, making projects, drawing, decorating, baking, making inventions, taking care of my pets and making them things, making

forgotten about having submitted the piece. Mackenzie first learned of being shortlisted when the teacher received an email and was very pleased to learn about having been selected for the writing prize.

The high school student has eyes set on becoming a hairdresser (and has even

...Military aircraft in Manitoulin Island skies NOT hostile force

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seems, saw a CF18 fighter plane flying over various communities on the Island.

In the case of the military fighter plane, "I talked to the pilot on the radio, and he explained he was just

doing a touch and go flight," said Mr. Colwell.

As for the CF-130, "this was part of a training flight," said Mr. Colwell. "No, we are not at war with the US," he quipped. "The military conducts training exercises and they do this

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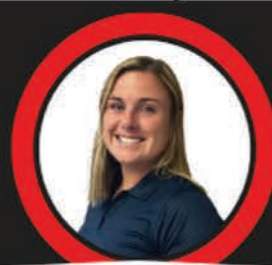


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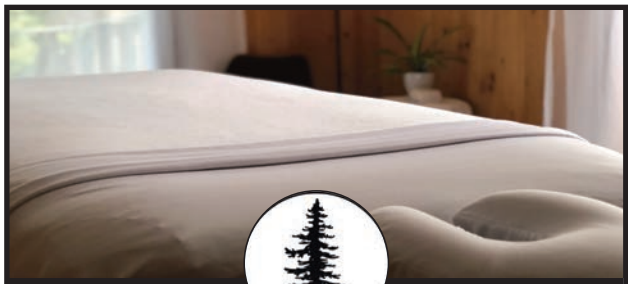
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Weengushk International Film Festival screens films from around the globe

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—The red carpet was a popular spot for a quick photo as the stars, directors and producers joined fans of great cinema in taking part in the 2023 Weengushk International Film Festival (WIFF), but the real action was taking place inside the venues set up in Aundeck Omni Kaning's Four Directions Complex and the M'Chigeeng Community Complex, Elder's Centre and Youth Centre, as films from around the world were being screened throughout the weekend.

The festival began with opening ceremonies that featured songs by the Bell Rock, performances by youth dancers and Theland Kicknosway, an amazing young hoop dancer who brought that traditional dance form to the floor with



The Blake Debassige Emerging Artist Award is given "to an emerging artist to carry on the Anishnawbe voice for the next generation in the arts" went to Wiikwemkoong's own Courtney Osawabine.



Rhianna Yazzie, left, was presented with two awards during the Sunday gala ceremony. Dr. Shirley Cheechoo presents the award for Best Feature Film for 'A Winter Love,' while a second for Best Actor also went to Ms. Yazzie for her work in the film. Ms. Yazzie drove 13 hours following a flight mixup in order to attend the festival.

photos by Michael Erskine

a modern twist.

Two films, 'Rose' and 'A Winter Love' were screened on the opening night at the Four Directions Complex.

WIFF founder Dr. Shirley Cheechoo C.M. welcomed the attendees and congratulated the volunteers, performers, jury, board of directors, donors, sponsors, funders and communities without whom "WIFF wouldn't be possible."

Executive Director Phyliss Ellis performed the role of master of ceremonies for the opening night and joined Bridget Dockstader in a question and answer session with 'A Winter Love' director, writer and actor Rhianna Yazzie. Ms. Yazzie's film fol-



Director Shane Belcourt brought 'The Beautiful Scars of Tom Wilson' to the festival. An accomplished musician himself, Mr. Belcourt connected with Mr. Wilson and secured the Best Director for his efforts.

lows Blue, a 35-year-old Navajo singer songwriter whose creative spark has

been quenched by a series of bad relationships.

Ms. Yazzie explained that she set out to create a film that spoke to the experiences and lives of Indigenous people without a focus on "educating" non-Indigenous peoples. "I wanted people to look up at what was happening on the screen and be able to say 'hey, that's my life, I recognize that world'."

Musical performances by Leland Bell, Juno Award winner Vern Cheechoo and the blues stylings of the incomparable Murray Porter capped the evening.

Following a weekend of outstanding feature and short length films and documentaries, the Sunday evening gala capped the festival with awards for those films chosen by the jury as best in their class. Presenters were Maria Cheechoo, a M'Chigeeng Oji-Cree youth and Nayala O'Connor, also from M'Chigeeng.

The Special Recognition Spirit Award, celebrating "the extraordinary accomplishments of a person who is successful in the arts and for their many years of devoting their life to the community" was awarded to Theland Kicknosway.

The Special Recognition Builders Award is awarded to "an individual who builds on our Indigenous community; and who has supported youth in more ways than one." This year's recipient was also the

opening night keynote speaker, Kendall Netwemaker.

The Award of Excellence recognizes "an individual who distinguished themselves as leaders or outstanding advocates by inspiring or instilling a culture of excellence in promoting Indigenous arts." This year's recipient is Mason Wesley, a 21-year-old all-star hockey player and youth leader.

The Blake Debassige Emerging Artist Award is given "to an emerging artist to carry on the Anishnawbe voice for the next generation in the arts." Mr. Debassige is the late husband of Dr. Cheechoo. His sister Cynthia, mother Pauline and brother Kevin were onstage to present the award to this year's recipient, Courtnee Osawabine.

Mr. Netwemaker was called back to the stage to receive the Special Recognition Builders Award, for "an individual who builds on our Indigenous community; and who has supported youth in more ways than one."

The Clearing the Path Award is presented to "an individual who has taken bold steps to improve diversity and inclusion through an innovative approach that promotes and provides stifled youth voices in mainstream media." This year's award was presented to veteran Canadian Indigenous actor Graham Greene. Mr. Green provided a short inspirational response via video.

The Culture Enrichment



Director Mitchell Tjerina travelled from Bagota, Columbia for the festival. Mr. Tjerina secured Best Documentary for his efforts. The feature film length doc can also run as a six-part series.

Award recognizes "a person that enriches one's view of cultural differences with an eye toward replacing bad ideas about other's culture with well-informed ones and enhances awareness for the world to see." This year's recipient is Derek Miller.

The WIFF Humanitarian Award recognizes "an individual or group who actively engages in promoting

the welfare and social advancement of the community and its youth." Recipients of the 2023 Humanitarian Awards were Barry and Laurie Green, for their many contributions to Indigenous organizations, and Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds, for his work in bringing clean water to communities. Mr. Green accepted the award in person, Mr. Reynolds gave a brief acceptance speech by video.

The Cultural Enrichment Award recognizes "a person that enriches one's view of cultural differences with an eye toward replacing bad ideas about other's culture with well-informed ones and enhances awareness for the world to see." This year's recipient is Derek Miller.

The Merit Special Recognition goes to "a person whose work performance is outstanding and has shown successful achievements with their film business." This year the award went to Sterlin Harjo, an American

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by Tom Sasvari
 GORE BAY—A Gore Bay couple has, in partnership with the Town of Gore Bay, installed an electric vehicle (EV) station in town and are calling for more to be installed in Gore Bay and around Manitoulin Island. Meanwhile Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and the NDP party are calling for EV charging infrastructure and reliability across Northern Ontario and Canada.

“No doubt there definitely needs to be more EV stations everywhere,” stated

Brad Wright, who along with his wife Anya had a new EV station installed at a location on the Gore Bay town office property location. “There are two EV stations in Little Current (Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands) at the post office, and one in Providence Bay,” said Mr. Wright. “People who own electric cars will gladly pay up, and it adds another service to a community, especially when the Island is such a tourist destination.”

“I mean we have 200 spots for boats in the town marinas that can charge up, and

we have one EV station. We need more,” said Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright said about a year ago, in the spring/summer of 2022, he and his wife committed toward providing funds toward the purchase of an EV station in town. The charger was ordered and arrived in the winter and was installed by the town in April.

“We have a charger at home and for years we have been letting other people with electric cars use it to charge their vehicles,” said Mr. Wright. “It will help bring people to town. There will definitely be more of a need for them being available in the future everywhere.”

Mr. Wright explained, “we drove to Parry Sound last weekend, and they have EV chargers everywhere.”

“Our older Tesla vehicle we have had for five years, and we purchased a new one in February,” said Mr. Wright.

Mr. Wright noted when someone plugs in their vehicle at an EV station while they wait for it to charge, they can go for lunch, run errands or go for a walk and while they are doing some of this they are likely spending more money in the community.

“This particular charger (in Gore Bay) will charge at a rate of 50-kilometre range per hour,” said Mr. Wright. He said some elec-



Brad and Anya Wright charge up their car at the electric vehicle station the couple paid for in Gore Bay. The unit was installed by the town.

the federal government’s Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program. The call comes in response to reports of chargers across Northern Ontario, specifically Marathon, White River and Wawa, being out of service, leaving drivers stranded along the highway.

“It’s absurd to think that drivers would be stranded without access to a recharging station for a month,” said NDP MP Carol Hughes (Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing). “In one case, in White River, the issue was due to a damaged transformer, which is an unfortunate but reasonable issue; however, the fact that this EV charger has been out of service since April is unreasonable. As for the chargers at the Petro-Canada stations in Marathon and Wawa that were down, the company has not provided any reason as to why they weren’t in service.”

In 2018, the provincial government scrapped provincial rebates for EV charging stations, as well as removed many across the province. The federal government continues to provide subsidies to private companies to install EV charging stations, requiring a reliability guarantee to be eligible for the subsidy. To date, companies with broken stations have not been held accountable.

tric vehicles when fully charged can get 400 kilometres while some can get as many as 600 kilometres. “When we went to Parry Sound it cost us \$2.50 per 100 kilometres we drove. So, to travel to Sudbury would cost us probably \$5.”

“And having these EV stations brings people into town,” said Mr. Wright. He noted the biggest problem with EV stations, “occurs when gas vehicles park in the front of an EV station.”

“We are very grateful the town is supportive of the EV station and had it installed near the municipal building,” said Mr. Wright.

As Canadians start to take their summer vacations, Canada’s NDP is calling on Ontario Premier Doug Ford and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to ensure EV chargers are available and reliable across Northern Ontario and Canada, as promised in

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1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA
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4 PM - 11 PM - MIDWAY RIDES
At the main parking lot of the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.
5 PM - 7 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LEGION STEAK DINNER
At the Little Current Legion Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet St. East, Little Current. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Menu items include steak, baked potato, coleslaw, bun, coffee or tea and ice cream!
6 PM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT & BEER GARDENS
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ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN
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8 AM - 4 PM - HURON BASS TOUR
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9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT
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9 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS
At the east end of Water Street.
9 AM - 12 PM - FARMERS' MARKET
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9 AM - 12 PM - HAWEATER SOAPBOX DERBY
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10 AM - BREAKAWAY SPORTS & CYCLE HAW 5K RUN
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10 AM - 2 PM - HAWEATER CLASSIC CAR CRUISE & LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB BBQ
At the Island Business Centre parking lot located at 9050 HWY 6, Little Current (across from the NEMI Recreation Centre).
10 AM - 7 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL
Downtown at The Collective Yoga Studio.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

11 AM - 9 PM - MIDWAY RIDES
At the main parking lot of the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.
11 AM - 2 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB BBQ
At the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.
11 AM - 5 PM - LASER TAG
Upstairs at the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.
12 PM - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK
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1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA
Fun for everyone, visit Olivia downtown!
WATCH FOR - OLAF AND MINIONS
Mascots will make appearances at the Cenotaph Downtown Little Current.
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ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN
Water St. closed to vehicular traffic! Food, shopping and more.
9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT
At the Low Island ball fields. Beer gardens and BBQ as well!
10 AM - HAWEATER CHURCH SERVICE
Downtown at Soldier Park or Little Current United Church in case of rain.
10 AM - 7 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL
Downtown at The Collective Yoga Studio.
11 AM - 5 PM - LASER TAG
Upstairs at the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.
11 AM - 4 PM - MIDWAY RIDES
In the parking lot of the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.
11:30 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS
Downtown, East end of Water Street.
12 PM - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK
Bring the kids down to Low Island to the inflatable/bouncy play park!
12 PM - ANNUAL HAWEATER PARADE
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1 PM - 3 PM - MUSIC WITH MISSY'S GROOVY LITTLE BAND
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1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA
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3 PM - CHILDREN'S GAMES AND ACTIVITIES
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5 PM - 6 PM - LINE DANCING DOWNTOWN
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NorthWords Festival: One more triumph on Kagawong's busy cultural calendar

by Isobel Harry

KAGAWONG—Hot on the heels of the Jabbawong Storytelling Festival held at the beginning of July, the first NorthWords Annual Festival of Words roared through Kagawong this past weekend.

Librarian and CEO Jill Ferguson, who has anchored the tiny but mighty town library for nine years, explained that the idea of a literary festival was originally “dreamed up” by Island librarians who had hosted author readings in their individual municipalities for several years. “North-

Words is in Billings now but the vision is for the festival hopefully to represent the whole Island.”

“Authors were invited with a view to encompassing all ways of communicating,” adds Ms. Ferguson. “And the organizing committee got things done!” The schedule ran without a hitch as innumerable volunteers in neon-green t-shirts greeted and oriented attendees to the events in various venues along the riverside edge of lower Main Street.

On Friday, the opening ceremony was led by the M'Chigeeng Ladies Drum

Group singing ‘Manito Makwa,’ or ‘Medicine Bear Song,’ to a packed Park Centre audience. Words of welcome were spoken by Mayor Bryan Barker; Steven Debassige, representing Indigenous Tourism Ontario, said he was “here to celebrate those who have shared and continue to share their stories.”

Introduced by library board and organizing committee member Barb Erskine, the keynote speaker, beloved Island writer, researcher and historian Shelley J. Pearen, acknowledged the land on which we all stood, “home of the Anishinaabe for thousands of years,” grounding the festival firmly in local history.

“In 1861, there were 77 Indigenous residents here. Fishing was the common activity, carried out from their purpose-built Mackinaw boats,” said Ms. Pearen. She noted that the first treaty of 1836, known as the Manitowaning Treaty, had affirmed the title of Indigenous people to Manitoulin and the adjacent islands. They lived and traded in Kagawong until the 1862 Manitoulin Island Treaty gave it over to be surveyed and occupied by settlers.

Her book, ‘Four Voices: The Great Manitoulin Island Treaty of 1862’ is a masterful account as told by four witnesses; copies of the fourth print run were being sold at the event.

“Inspired by the crowd’s enthusiasm,” she continued in her casual conversational style to describe the riveting historical facts for which she is so widely respected.

A descendant of Manitoulin settlers, Ms. Pearen related that one of her ancestors, the Reverend



Duke Peltier, former chief of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and Shelley J. Pearen, keynote speaker at the opening of the NorthWords Festival in Kagawong July 21-22.

photos by Isobel Harry



Writer, story editor and producer Claire Ross Dunn (centre) led a writing workshop entitled ‘Mining your Life for Art’ at the Kagawong Library during the NorthWords Festival.

Jabez Sims, kept a journal in Anishnaabemowin in the 1860s; when she translated it she learned that Rev. Sims had been asked by the residents of Sheshegwaning to help annul the 1862 treaty. “This is what prompted my research into the Island treaties,” she said.

Shelley Pearen’s latest book, ‘Wikwemikong Diarium,’ published in three volumes, took 10 years to translate from the accounts kept by the French Jesuit priests in the years 1844 to 1863. She has given the sales rights to Wikwemikong Tourism; having sold out at NorthWords, copies of the Diari-

um may now be obtained by contacting wikytours.com.

“I started writing ‘Exploring Manitoulin’ (her indispensable guide to the Island) because I wanted to share stories; I wanted to get people to slow down and enjoy the Island. I encourage everyone to write,” the author concluded. “Just do it!”

The audience responded with a prolonged standing ovation.

Duke Peltier spoke next; elected five times as chief of Wiikwemkoong, he remarked that “the issues from 1862 are still not resolved.

“For many, they are

hearing Shelley’s stories for the first time. The ‘Diarium’ and ‘Four Voices’ show what really happened. We need that knowledge to move together; we don’t want this history to keep being repeated. The more we all share the same information, the better we are and the more we can live in harmony.”

Duke Peltier’s thoughtful speech also got the audience on its feet.

Friday’s events concluded at Split Rail Brewing Co. in Gore Bay with ‘Book and Brew,’ author readings, music and tapas.

Saturday began with a workshop led by Sophie Anne Edwards, environmental artist, writer, founder of 4elements Living Arts, leader of the award-winning Billings Connections Trail and resident of Kagawong, entitled ‘A Poem is a River, a Map, a Dream of the World.’ Held within the deep-green leafy dell enclosing the Riverbend Stage, Ms. Edwards expertly led exercises designed to open minds to creativity, walking down to the river’s edge to choose a place in which to “collect sounds and words.”

Then it was down to the Market Pavilion where the Library Used Book Fundraising Sale tables groaned under the weight of hundreds if not thousands of books, “deeply discounted” for the day. Circling the pavilion were tables of local authors selling their wares: Chuc and Linda Willson, Mnawate Gordon-Corbiere, Donald Harry Roberts and many more. Michael Cywink, muralist and author, was busily creating a painting in honour of the festival. Ladies of the local Anglican church had packed lunches for sale for a small

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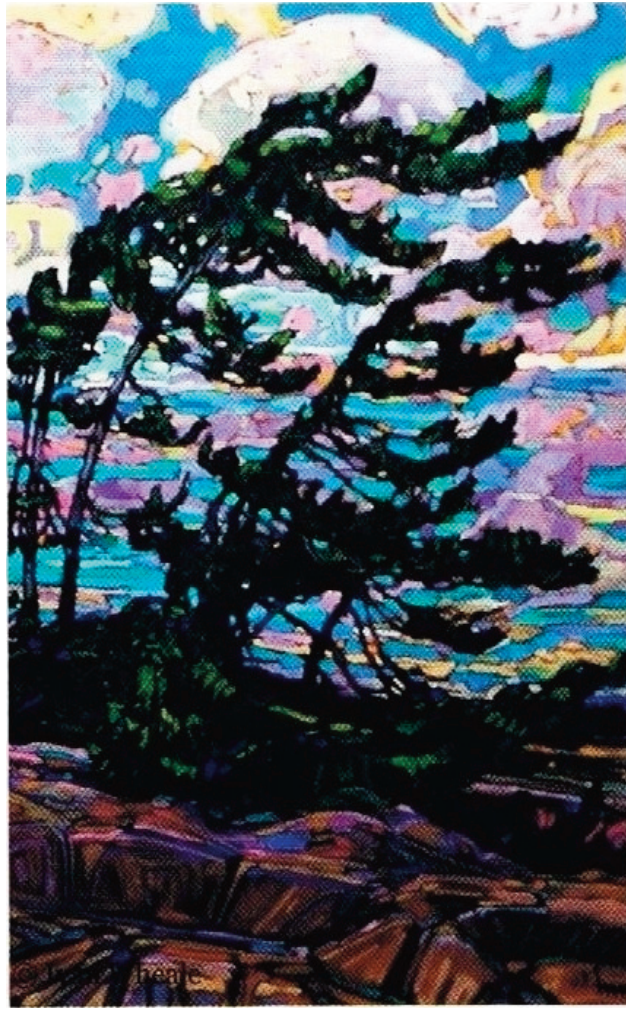
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nic and sit by the river and mingle. I would like to see an annual heritage-day celebration held at the (town) site.”

Mr. Lentir said the picnic and tour, “will hopefully receive a lot of interest and there will be more people interested in becoming a member of (MBHS) once they see what we are doing.”

“Right now, we are continuing to work on the access to the cemeteries and the townsite and streets as we continue

to move forward toward our main goal of having the streets laid out and cleaned,” said Mr. Lentir.

Mr. Lentir acknowledged the tremendous work of Maurice Sagle in a work bee at the worksite on July 17. Mr. Sagle worked alone for over four hours cleaning, leveling and getting the grounds ready for the old-fashioned picnic and tour and carefully marking off the grave sites for later fencing around them.



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...NorthWords Festival: One more triumph on Kagawong's busy cultural calendar

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Two afternoon workshops were next, by Claire Ross Dunn, entitled 'Min-

evening feature performance of the play they co-wrote and co-produced entitled 'The Knitting Pilgrim,' starring Kirk Dunn.

through the baskets."

Soon, Kirk Dunn was sitting on a stool to the right of the main stage area, knitting an impossibly

long and colourful scarf and teaching the audience how to knit, the stitches projected behind him. Several audience members followed along with knitting implements from the baskets.

"Knitting keeps me sane," Mr. Dunn declares as he launches into how he came to pick it up. In short order, we meet his father, a Presbyterian minister, on one of the screens, and his grandfather and great-grandfather, also ministers, and figure out they had a major influence on his Christian faith.

Determined "to broaden understanding among religions," no less, he began to knit church-window-sized panels to depict the three main pillars of the Abrahamic faiths, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, calling it the Stitched

Glass project.

Mr. Dunn is rueful, funny and honest about the difficulties of trying to be an artist while raising two children and running out of arts council funds. Encouraging him to keep on knitting through adversity is Claire Ross Dunn, his wife and unflinching supporter whom he credits throughout.

What could be the possible denouement in a play about knitting? Will it all unravel? The screens come alive with the pithy reflections of a rabbi, Mr. Dunn's father the minister and an imam, expounding gently about the sometimes surprising similarities among their religious systems.

The actor transforms before our eyes into an advocate for world peace through art. "Our time together," says Mr. Dunn while explaining that some of the admissions money

will be donated to Wiikwemkoong's Debajehmujig Storytellers, "is working together for peace."

And finally, at the very end of the hour-long performance, the screens come tumbling down. As the audience audibly gasps, we gaze in awe at the three Stitched Glass panels, each nine feet by five feet, depicting the symbols and struggles of the three religions in brilliant colour, all of them knitted by hand by one man and having taken a total of fifteen years to complete.

The audience is on its feet, examining the panels and meeting the author/actor/knitter. This is what theatre should be: thought-provoking and wildly imaginative. It sums up the NorthWords Festival in many ways; you just know the audience will be back for next year's edition.



Environmental artist Sophie Edwards, left, leads a workshop at Kagawong's Riverbend stage during the NorthWords Festival.

photo by Isobel Harry



Muralist Michael Cywink was invited to create a large painting during the NorthWords Festival.

photo by Isobel Harry

ing your Life for Art,' in the Billings Library and by Kirk Dunn, entitled 'Colour with Kirk,' in the Park Centre. The accomplished husband and wife team have numerous credits for major creative projects in film, television and theatre undertaken both separate and together since the 1980s, mainly out of Toronto.

Their appearance at NorthWords also supported the festival's Saturday

Once again, it was standing room only at the Park Centre for the acclaimed one-man show. The stage floor was empty save for three baskets filled with balls of wool and knitting needles; on the three large screens facing the audience were exhortations to "Get knitting" and "Look

marine

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notices

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Trinity United Church's outreach team is calling out to see who else is concussed and would like to be part of a post concussion support group that would meet once a month at Trinity. Anyone with resource links is also encouraged to call 705-377-7459. 5tfn

Please note, Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is currently closed until August 16. 8-12p

Manitoulin Coin Club is looking for members and executive members to buy, sell and trade coins. They meet every second Sunday of each month. You can find them on Facebook, 'Manitoulin Coin Club.' 10-11p

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BBQ Steak Dinner Friday, August 4 from 5 to 7 pm at the Little Current Legion, 15 Vankoughnet Street East. Serving 8 oz barbecue steak, baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll, dessert and tea or coffee. \$20 per person. 10-11p

Hawewater Karaoke Contest, Friday, August 4 from 9 am to closing at the Little Current Legion, Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet Street East, upstairs hall. You must register for this event. Age of majority only with \$10 admission. Two ways to register email rclbr.177@hotmail.com or at the Legion the day of the contest between 7:30 and 9 pm. Please have name and three songs in order of preference. Bring your friends to cheer you on. If contest ends early we will open up for all to enjoy! Hope to see you there. Thank you from the Legion and Karaoke Tammy. Fundraising for a new wheelchair ramp with this event. 10-11p

yard sale

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a "Dog Days of Summer" rummage sale on Friday, July 28 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, July 29 from 9 am to 12 noon. This sale will focus on home and housewares, for indoors and in our yards. Donations will be accepted at the back of the church Monday through Thursday, during sale week, between 9 am and 12 noon. Thank you. Proceeds will go toward our community outreach programs. We hope you can drop by and pick up some handy items. See you at the sale! 9-10p

Indoor yard sale and bake sale at United Church Manitoulin in Mindemoya on Saturday, August 5 from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations can be dropped off at the church Monday through Friday, July 31 to August 4, between 9 am and 5 pm. Thank you for your support. 10-11p

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M'CHIGEENG—Kenjgewin Teg is launching a new program, Enaadmaagemgad Enizha'yaayin: Helping You on Your Pathway. This innovative, free three-week program is specifically designed to empower and equip students aged 18 years and older with a

diverse range of foundational skills, enabling their success in future educational endeavours. Enaadmaagemgad Enizha'yaayin is founded on the traditional teachings of the medicine wheel, serving as a comprehensive guide for holistic develop-

ment. The program aims to help students with their emotional, spiritual, physi-

cal, and mental health while giving them tools to build both their personal and pro-

fessional bundles. "Enaadmaagemgad Enizha'yaayin aims to foster students' well-being across all dimensions of their lives," said Whitney McGraw, director of health and wellness at Kenjgewin Teg. "We believe that true success stems from a balanced and harmonious approach to personal growth. By integrating traditional teachings with contemporary skills development, we are nurturing

individuals who are well-equipped to thrive in their educational journeys and beyond."

Through the program, participants will immerse themselves in traditional teachings, gaining valuable insights and knowledge from elders and traditional knowledge holders. Additionally, students will participate in workshops tailored to enhance practical skills, including resume building, proficiency in Microsoft applications, and professional communication techniques. This holistic approach ensures that participants not only acquire critical academic skills but also develop the essential tools required to navigate the professional world with confidence.

"Enaadmaagemgad Enizha'yaayin represents Kenjgewin Teg's unwavering commitment to providing exceptional educational experiences that embrace cultural heritage while fostering personal and professional growth," said Kenjgewin Teg president Beverley Roy. "By equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge, this program paves the way for their success in pursuing their chosen educational paths and achieving their aspirations."

Enrollment for the program, which is running August 14-31, is now open, and interested individuals are encouraged to contact health and wellness academic coach Kayla Kay for any inquiries or to register at kaylakay@kenjgewinteg.ca.



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coming events

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FOMOS Art Auction will be held virtually from August 1 to August 12. There will be 20 unique pieces to bid on, these works in various mediums by accomplished artists are looking for a new home. All proceeds go towards renovations for the Mindemoya Old School. Details about the bidding process coming soon. For more information about this event, follow us on Facebook at: Mindemoya Old School. 10c

coming events

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. 6-15p

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...Now and Then: Railroad Memories

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care. The daily train had just left Little Current, and the one passenger car was full."

"The train conductor got the emergency call, and he stopped the train in a nearby curve just on the other side of the bridge. Dr. Bailey drove up to the spot and loaded up his passenger, a very sick little boy, and his mother into the freight car. The trio endured a three-and-a-half-hour ride to Sudbury. Dr. Bailey refers to the ride as the 'Agony' because of the endless, rocky, ride in a freight car not meant for humans. Dr. Bailey got pictures from the family of the healed little boy for years to come."



The Little Current station clock.



Waltham number 16 pocket watch was a much coveted item in the steam era

Now and Then memories

Keith Hopkin shared in his Now and Then story, "I am still fascinated with early modes of transportation, especially those that serviced Manitoulin, the place of my birth. Steamships and later trains brought goods and people to the Island before the automobile became popular." In the early 1970s the love for trains was reignited at his brother-in-law's place in Don Mills where he saw a Canadian Pacific steam locomotive pulling vintage "Tuscan-red" passenger cars across a huge steel trestle. Ontario Rail ran these old steam engines for a group of interested members. "I was entranced with the

might of these old iron horses, and I had to join the group. Making models of them seemed like the best way to celebrate this historic transportation system."

"In early years, the trains stopped at Little Current and picked up coal to be delivered to locations in Northern Ontario. The freight-hauling steamships



Young boy being put in Dr. Bailey's car.

would pick up the iron ore pellets that the trains had brought from the mines in Sudbury. The trains would bring passengers and freight from Toronto to the ports of Owen Sound and Collingwood. From there, steamships would transport their passengers and freight to ports on Manitoulin Island, Killarney, Blind River, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, and

other ports."

"In my basement, I built an 'HO' scale model railway located somewhere in Northern Ontario during the 1950s," Keith continues. "'HO' is the term commonly used for 1/87th scale trains. They are about 1/2 the size of the first toy trains that were called 'O' scale that were produced in the early 1900s. HO trains are the most popular size in the world today. I recreated two small towns, lakes, rock formations, trees, a river, a Canadian Pacific rail yard, a beaver dam, and a small harbour in miniature. Visitors are enchanted and amazed by the realistic trains that stop for passengers and freight at the Frank and Conley's Corner stations."

"My father used to ship cattle to southern Ontario and to the USA by train from the stock yards at Little Current. My friend, the late Richard Chrysler, an exceptional modeller, built ten Canadian Pacific stock cars for me. In the real world these could be used for cattle, sheep, and pigs." Keith Hopkin has been

enthused about trains and steamships for much of his life. Keith helped Little Current find a 'Jigger' just like those used by the railroads for decades. "They were used by track gangs

to inspect the rails and roadbed for their section of track and to make any necessary repairs. Jiggers also ran behind trains in hot weather conditions to put out any grass fires caused from red hot coals from the stacks of the steam locomotives."

Keith made arrangements with Bill Caesar who took delivery of the historic vehicle when it arrived from southern Ontario on a bright sunny July 7, 2013. Mayor Al MacNevin, Bill Caesar, Rick McCutcheon and the father son team of Rod and Scot Wilson,

who delivered the CPR jigger, provided muscle power to get the Jigger off the flatbed truck and onto pre-set rails beside the information centre. Afterwards, a jubilant team, including Keith stood for photos to commemorate the event.

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SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 ONTARIO REGULATION 181/03 MUNICIPAL TAX SALES RULES THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

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DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S):

PIN 47134-0087 (LT); Lot 16, Con 4, Sheguiandah Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin Roll No. 5111 000 004 00900 0000; File No. A-19-01 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$67,000 Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,328.97

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PIN 47133-0343 (LT); Part Lot 32, Con 6 as in T907; Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin Roll No. 5111 000 007 12200 0000; File No. A-19-10 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$85,000 Minimum Tender Amount: \$19,632.75

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PIN 47133-0569(LT); Part Lot 5 E/S Albert Street PL39 Being Part 1, Plan 31R2457 Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin Roll No. 5111 000 013 03100 0000; File No. A-19-15 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$11,300 Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,648.62

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

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

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

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

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

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services

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

services

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

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services

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

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...Now and Then: Railroad Memories

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The 100th anniversary of the Swing Bridge that links Manitoulin to the rest of the world was scheduled for the following week.

In the article, 'Vacation near Manitoulin Island' by Keith Hopkin, we are told that on Saturday July 31, 1943, a special nine-car train left New York on a secret mission for President Roosevelt to have a one-week holiday in Birch Island. He occupied the 'Ferdinand Magellan' his private car and fortress. He was surrounded by staff, secret servicemen, his personal physician, and railroad officials. Chief William McGregor of Birch Island was the proud host for Franklin Delano Roosevelt when he arrived at the community for a week of fishing.

Fighter planes brought mail and documents twice daily, two speedboats with guns and bomb bays stood ready. All roads and trails were patrolled for a radius of five miles around the camp. While the president was fishing, he was escorted by three boats bearing eight Secret Servicemen and three Royal Canadian Mounted Police. A 300-foot naval vessel with 85 men guarded the only marine approach to the resort.

From one Now and Then column, we learn that the train stopped along the way and a young Archie Corbiere remembers this day quite clearly. He was picking blueberries with his parents at the Fox Lake turn-off, near Espanola. A bright shiny, black, and bronze steam engine came into sight.

The young lad was dressed up and he sensed the excitement among the people gathered. The train stopped and Archie was lifted onto the back of the train. He was nine-years-old when he met President Franklin Roosevelt that day. He doesn't remember much about the conversation. He just recalls a kindly grey-haired man who spoke to him for a few minutes. Community members also recall the presidential train, surrounded by security personnel, stationed in Birch Island. They also recall a fleet of boats heading out to fish in McGregor Bay. This may have been



Archie, right, about three years after meeting President Roosevelt

one of the last major vacations this American president had since he had to navigate through two more years of World War two. He died just after the end of the war in Europe in 1945.

Lorne Ebel shares in his story, "Later dad worked for the Timkin family of Timkin Rollerbearing Company, of Canton Ohio, managing their private residence and their yachts, near Whitefish Falls. When then-President F.D. Roosevelt came for his famous fishing trip, he stayed with the Timkin family, prior to his Quebec conference regarding the ending of the war. Local fisherman Donald McKenzie was the guide for the president."

Lorne was also one of three captains of the Jacqueline from 1942 until the service was discontinued when the train bridge at Little Current was planked and opened to car traffic. "The ferry transported cars and people. Three fully licensed captains were required because the ferry ran seven days a week. She ran every 30 minutes between 6:30 AM and 11:30 PM, docking at midnight. This worked out to at least 24 trips a day or 168 crossings in a 48-hour week. The captains had two days off each week." The bridge in Little Current had been built for the railway at first, allowing the mail train to arrive and depart once a day. The rest of the

time the bridge was left open.

Other Now and Then recollections of the trains:

Vi Vincent was born April 19, 1904. "My first trip to Sudbury was by train when I was 12 years old, about three years after the Algoma Eastern Railway was built". "There was no car traffic until the road to Espanola was built about 1930. Before that year, a horse and cart had to use a ferry to get across the North Channel." The swing bridge opened for cars in 1945."

Gert Aelick Cooper shares that her paternal grandfather Thomas James Batman was born in Liverpool in 1851 and he arrived in Kilworth near London, Ontario with his parents, eight years later. T.J. Batman settled in Rockville, Manitoulin in 1877. He was reeve of Howland Township and helped negotiate bringing the railway to the island. Ruth Pettis mentions her grandfather, "A.J. Wagg was an astute businessman. Getting hydro and the railway to the island were two goals he shared as well."

"Tom Martell: 'Grandfather Ernest Martell cut lumber in the bush when he wasn't working for the CPR. He cut wood for the ties when the railway tracks were being laid between Sudbury and Manitoulin.

He said that the train was later nicknamed, 'Agony Central' attributed to the painfully slow ride because the train stopped for all passengers along the line, and stopped for all stations as well."

Dick Wickenden: "Paternal grandparents, William, and Sarah (McNabb) Wickenden were the first of our family to live on Manitoulin, in Little Current. William worked for the ACR, the Algoma Central Railway. My father George was only three years old when his father died." "William and his crew were trying to get water for the train at Victoria Mines while delivering a load of coal to Sudbury. The train staff was concerned about a possible cave-in on the tracks ahead. The train kept going. The accident happened at the next stop, Crane Hill Mine, when a steam-line broke and William was fatally injured."

One can see that the trains had a significant role for the ancestors and people of Manitoulin, starting at the turn of the last century and beyond. Before roads were more commonly built and used, trains were a dependable source of transportation and a vital link between the north and the southern parts of Ontario. If the train to Little Current had been left in place, it could have served as a popular

tourist venue, bringing people to the island in classic style, allowing gourmet meals to be enjoyed on board while guests could spend a few days on the Island and then return, enjoying another delicious meal on board. That would have been an enjoyable experience and a fine option for our beloved trains.

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PHILIP DABOUS



Phil passed away on July 17, 2023 in Panajachel, Guatemala in his 72nd year. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by his dear, long-time friends Jane Story of Toronto, Aaron Farquhar of Little Current and Steve Pogue of Gore Bay. The son of Betty and Wilfred Dabous (both predeceased), he is survived by his two brothers Robert (Shelagh) and Paul (Leila) and their families. Special thanks to his friends, Julia Rosales and Manuel Gonzales who cared for him in Panajachel. Phil can best be described as a unique, eclectic individual. He played the piano at a concert level, built his own house in Mindemoya, travelled extensively throughout the world and was able to unravel the concepts of math for advanced high school students, while studying advanced number theory concepts for fun. Upon his retirement from teaching at Manitoulin Secondary School, his distaste for cold weather first sent him to winter in Vietnam and ultimately to Guatemala, while he spent his summers on Manitoulin Island. For the last three years, the pandemic kept him in Guatemala year round. Circumstances dictated that, surrounded by his friends, his funeral was held in Panajachel and he was buried there.

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



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...Weengushk International Film Festival screens films from around the globe

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The Icon Award is presented to “an individual who has been instrumental in bringing music and arts to a wide audience.” This year, the award was presented to Murray Porter, an Indigenous icon whose music career has taken him all over the world for the last four decades.

The Joshua Mark Yesno Tribute Award “honours an individual who overcame adversity and has achieved great strides in the advancement of youth by providing



The red carpet was a popular spot on the way into the festival.

The Quarantine Quartet brought Latin-style music from New York.

opportunities to those whose voice is stifled in mainstream media.” This year’s recipient of the Joshua Mark Yesno Tribute Award is Shannen Koostachin ba. Ms. Koostachin became a leader of the largest youth-led children’s rights campaign in Canadian history called Students Helping Students. Ms. Koostachin was killed in a tragic car accident in the spring of 2010.

The Legendary Award goes “to a person whose epic

career is in its twilight. A person who has given dignity to their community. This person is more original and influential than just about anyone in their time.” Keith Secola is cited as “an icon and ambassador of Native music.”

Emma Morrison received the Youth Distinction Award. Ms. Morrison is Canadian pageant titleholder and the first indigenous person to win Miss Teenage Canada in 2022.

The award ceremony was

presented with a screening of a student film by Presley Owl Meawasige (the original screening had been truncated by a technical challenge). The film, ‘Raining Sisters,’ presented a short horror genre film that leveraged Indigenous legends and land-based filmmaking that kept the audience glued to the screen. Ms. Meawasige was presented with the Best Student Film Award.

A quote from Ms. Meawasige was featured prominently in the WIFF guide. “You can’t dream of the moon if you’ve never seen it.”

Best Actor went to Rhiana Yazzie for her work in ‘A Winter Love.’

Best Short Narrative went to ‘Rose’ by Roxann Whitebean.

Best Short Documentary went to ‘Our Love’ by Maori filmmaker Valeriya Golovina.

Best Writing went to

Bruce Miller for ‘Conviction.’

Best Documentary Feature went to ‘La Gente De La Tierra’ by Mitchell Tijerina and Benjamin Keller.

Best Director went to Shane Belcourt for ‘The Beautiful Scars of Tom Wilson.’

Best Feature Film went to Rhiana Yazzie for ‘A Winter Love.’

The Special Jury Prize went to Faith Hill for ‘The Nature of Healing.’

The Best Short Documentary, by Ukrainian filmmakers Valeriya Golovina for ‘MAWHIALEO OTE ALOWHA’ (Our Love).

Each of the award recipients were presented with carvings created by Russell Noganosh and Sherry Dunstan. Each of the carvings are unique. Mr. Noganosh is an Indigenous artist

from Henvey Inlet and a ‘60s Scoop survivor. Ms. Dunstan was born in British Columbia and began learning to carve soapstone under the mentorship of her uncle, Tommy Dunstan.

The closing musical performance was provided by the Quarantined Quartet. The group is comprised of husband and wife owners of

New York Guitar Academy and their two sons, Joseph (10) and Noah (8). The Latin style music combined familiar compositions with a number of their own creations. The accomplished musicians have appeared on the Kelly Clarkson Show, NBC News, ABC, CBS, SGN and performed at the Lincoln Centre.

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Providence Bay building lot in the McDermid subdivision at the north end of the Village close to the Lake Huron sand beach & boardwalk. Lot 19 with 200 ft. fronting Cedar Crescent & 100 ft. on McDermid Drive is tree covered with year round access & hydro. Priced to sell. \$49,900 (1600)

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Gore Bay Waterfront Lot served by municipal water, sewer, hydro, telephone & year round access. Lighthouse Road with 100 ft. of frontage & about 0.77 ac. with a forested backdrop & a panoramic view of the North Channel. Level building site & a very short walk to the marina should you want to keep a boat ready for channel runs. Gore Bay is a full service town just minutes to its amenities. \$199,000 (1583)

Nameless is a motorless lake exclusive to property owners including membership in a Preservation Association & its 200 ac. Lot 19 is available if you are ready to build. It is a large 3.3 acres with 258 ft. of frontage with western exposure. Search this area at www.timberstone.com. The forested lot is hardwood & mixed bush. The road is year round & hydro comes from submersible cable. The lot is partially developed with walking paths & clearing work. Several well constructed outbuildings are completed including a small cabin with loft, 2 sleeping camps, storage sheds & a privy. These valuable structures will serve you well, in another location, once you have built your home. \$330,000 (1573)

Tehkummah Building Lot just south of the main village, from Sideroad 10, on Cedar Grove Drive, being a nicely developed cul-de-sac of nine lots. Lot 10 is mostly open lawn & a couple of well placed trees. Driveway has been installed. Hydro at the lot line. \$49,500 (1597)



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189 McKinley Road renovated schoolhouse camp home on a large level corner lot of one acre w/ year round access & hydro at the lot line. It has 798 sq. ft. of heated living space plus an enclosed entrance 17 x 9 ft. Newer windows & other renovations, wired for generator & complete bathroom awaiting septic & hydro hookup. Water by a hand pump. Open concept w/a corner kitchen. Fruit trees on site. Most contents included w/propane appliances & lights. Wood heat. \$210,000 (1602)



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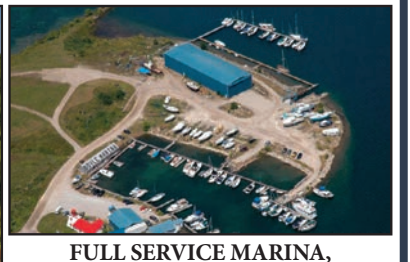
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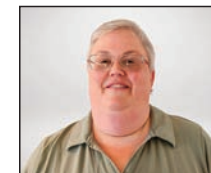
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Manitoulin Lodge resident Myrtle Marknette recognized for making a difference in the lives of those around her

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Myrtle Marknette, a resident of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay is one person that makes a difference in the lives of other residents and the Lodge itself.

At the June Days celebrations held at Manitoulin Lodge on June 16, Gloria Hall (life enrichment coordinator) at the Lodge told the large gathering on hand for the barbecue, bake sale and musical entertain-

remember, but never had the opportunity to meet him in person."

"Myrtle met her husband in Toronto and they were married in 1960," continued Ms. Hall. "Myrtle and Aubrey had no children but shared Robyn with Edna, her sister, and Merv. Plus, she loved all her nieces and nephews. They bought their home in Mississauga in 1973 and Myrtle went to Myrtle Beach every spring and fall. She retired at the age of 55."

Manitoulin to live with her sister Edna," said Ms. Hall. "She lived with her until she joined us in August 2022," continued Ms. Hall. "Myrtle soon became good friends with several residents. She helps to make sure all the laundry is neatly folded. She makes several trips to check that everything is looking great."

"Myrtle is involved in many activities and making sure other residents are aware of what is happening and where. She is very



Myrtle Marknette, left, a resident of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay is presented with the "Making a Difference" award from Gloria Hall, life enrichment coordinator at the Lodge.

photo by Tom Sasvari

ment, "Every year we are asked to choose a resident for the Making a Difference Award. This is a very hard decision as most residents make a difference in their own way."

"This year our resident was born on October 7, 1936, on a family farm in West Bend, Saskatchewan. She is the 11th child in a family of 13. She is none other than Myrtle Marknette," said Ms. Hall. "Myrtle went to school in Horse Lake, Saskatchewan. She has had many jobs over the years. She worked for McLeods, Yorktown then transferred to Brandon, Manitoba. In 1956 she left for Toronto. There she worked at Agriculture Canada in the Health of Animals department in Toronto. Myrtle was in contact with Dr. Ken Tipper, whom many of you will

Ms. Marknette "loved to travel, making several trips to Vegas, went on three cruises to Alaska, and two to the Caribbean and also enjoyed a trip to the Holy Land," said Ms. Hall. She explained Ms. Marknette had many hobbies including being a member of the 50s Club, the bowling league, ladies' card club and trips to the casino. "She would make lots of trips to Manitoulin to attend family functions. Myrtle would take over to make sure everything would go smoothly."

"Her favourite restaurant was the Mandarin, which is my favourite as well," said Ms. Hall noting, "Myrtle was a member of the St. Demetrius Ukrainian Catholic Church."

"After her beloved husband passed away in 2022, Myrtle moved to Mani-

involved in resident and food council meetings and often has ideas and suggestions to share," said Ms. Marknette.

"You can often find Myrtle sitting at the end of the hall with other residents, shooting the breeze or watching for deer," said Ms. Hall. "And she loves to share her recipes with us, making perogies and cabbage rolls for all of us to enjoy at supper."

"She also helps with supper club and baking, often doing up the dishes and cleaning up. Myrtle is always asking how everyone is and if there is anything she can do," said Ms. Hall. "It gives me great pleasure to present this well-deserved Making a Difference Award to Myrtle Marknette."

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



NAIG wrap-up!

Despite historical rain and flooding all around them in Nova Scotia last week, Manitoulin athletes did the Island proud at the North American Indigenous Games. The emergency flooding situation put a damper on the closing ceremonies but not their efforts, earlier in the week.

Maren Kasunich got to share her tremendous skill with a whole new audience, resulting in a heavy medal haul. She had gold medals in the 3000m, 1500m, 6K Cross Country, and the 4 X 100m relay! She changed the hue of medals with a bronze in the 4 X 400m relay!

Dane Gibeault (U16 Canoe/Kayak) won Ontario its first medal of the games and was a force out on the water in other sprint distances. Sister, Brooke Gibeault (Basketball) helped her U-19 Girls to the silver medal.

Leeda Trudeau-Osawamick and Nio-mi Tomaselli were both in the U14 Canoe/Kayak category and steadily improved with every race.

Wiingashk Shawana was right in the

gold medal of the games. Here are her final results: Gold - U19 High Jump; Gold - U19 4X100m Relay; Silver - U19 Triple Jump and Bronze - U19 4X400 M Relay.

Andrew Rose was a powerhouse on his Ontario U-19 Volleyball team who made it to the finals and were just edged by Saskatchewan in the bronze medal match.

Jaron Panamick and Ian McCauley were with Team Ontario's softball squad who came home with the Bronze medal!

Xavier Aguonie-Fox also of M'Chigeeng was the strongman in athletics with a four-foot margin to win Gold in the shot-put. Xavier was also active in the high jump and relays.

Volleyball teammates, Reese and Emily Peltier dug and dove on the courts, just missing the medal rounds.

Xavier Esquimaux-Osawamick was a leader in the Team Ontario, box lacrosse team.

Congrats to the Team Ontario Girls Lacrosse team who were edged out of the Gold medal by British Columbia to take the Silver. Ontario defeated Alberta to win their semi-final match thanks to Reese Shigwadja (16) who scored the final goal to clinch the game. Proud parents are Shawn and Melissa Shigwadja's and she is Dominic and Brenda Beaudry's granddaughter!

Many thanks as well to local coaches: Sherry Peltier - Canoe/Kayak, Dustin Peltier - Golf, Claudine Keenan - Softball, Michelle Bond - Softball and Deidre Debassige - Volleyball.

Locals, Conquered Craters

We had some Islanders over at the Conquer the Crater off-road triathlon in Sudbury at Kivi park on the weekend. Four of them competed in the Sprint distance triathlon which was a 750m swim, a very tough and rocky 13 km mountain bike and 4.5 km trail run.

The Conquer the Crater event also includes a full distance triathlon, duathlons, a trail marathon and other run distances. They reported over 500 participants across all of the various races. All proceeds from the event go to the charity, "Miles Against Cancer," which helps kids in Northeastern Ontario who are diagnosed with cancer.

There were 56 competitors in the Sprint Distance Triathlon. Xavi Mara (16) of Manitowaning finished 8th overall and second in the U18 age category with a time of 1:34:03. Ben Quackenbush finished 10th overall with a time of 1:36:58. Ben's son-Isaac Quackenbush (14) finished just 23 seconds behind his father at 1:37:21. He was 11th overall and 3rd in the U18 division. Dad laments proudly that this may have been the last time he beats him in any race! Little Current's Bill Slight had a great race and finished very well despite having to deal with a flat tire on the mountain bike!



Xavier Aguonie-Fox, the strongman in athletics, with a four-foot margin to win Gold in the shot-put.

mix with some impressive shots in his U-16 3D archery events.

Sapphire Recollet - Case had impressive days on the track including a fourth place finish in her 4 x 100m U-16 relays race.

Saraya Eshkawkogan (U19 Track) had the honour of winning Ontario its first

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Manitoulin Special Olympics team members, coaches to take part in national championship

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOULIN—A total of nine Manitoulin Special

Olympics (MSO) team players and coaches have been selected for the Team

Ontario training squad to take part in the Special Olympics Canada Winter

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This Manitoulin Special Olympics curling team has been selected to take part in the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games taking place in Calgary in 2024. Members of the team include Dayne Tipper, Dylan Danville, William Leclair, Tyler Madahbee and Austin Recollet.

Games in Calgary, Alberta in 2024.

“We are pretty excited about this,” said MSO coordinator and coach Janet Anning, last week.

“It is huge news.”

Ms. Anning explained, “we have one of our curling rinks that is going to the Nationals.” The team includes Dylan Danville,

William Leclair, Tyler Madahbee, Austin Recollet and Dayne Tipper, who took gold in the regional tournament earlier this year. Ms. Anning has been selected as one of the coaches for the Ontario team along with coach Ellen Holroyd.

MSO snowshoeing athlete Matthew Bedard has been chosen for Team Ontario, as has coach Joanne Mellan. Mr. Bedard won a goal medal in the five-kilometre and 800 metre races at the regional competition earlier this year.


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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

The Waubetek Business Development Corporation is seeking a Business Development Officer who will work with individuals applying to our Indigenous Women's Entrepreneurship Program (IWE). This position will work from the Waubetek Office located in Birch Island, Ontario.

Qualifications:
 This important position in the organization requires an individual with post-secondary education in business administration and work experience in banking and/or assisting small businesses. All applicants require:

- The ability to prepare business analyses, as well as financial projections/cash-flow statements;
- Proficiency in the use of various types of business and communications software and databases (word processing, spreadsheets, loan databases, etc.);
- Excellent written and oral communication skills; and
- Experience in delivering workshops and public presentations related to business programs, entrepreneurship, marketing, etc.

Duties:

- Providing business development services to guide applicants through the development process;
- Preparing business analyses along with financial projections to assess business viability for management/Board approval;
- Establishing and administering a business mentorship program;
- Organizing online and in-person business workshops to support new and existing Indigenous women entrepreneurs; and
- Tracking program deliverables and preparing program reports.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, August 8th, 2023**. Please submit a letter of application, your resume and two (2) work related letters of reference to the Waubetek Business Services Officer at the following email using the subject reference "IWE Business Development Officer Position": kwassegijig@waubetek.com.

While all applications for the position are appreciated, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.

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This individual will perform the following duties;

- Manage the receipt of all incoming calls as well as incoming/outgoing correspondence;
- Ensuring orderly functioning of the office, ordering office supplies and overseeing office equipment, etc.;
- Preparing general office correspondence;
- Managing all organization digital files;
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- Issuing client account statements;
- Managing the organization's website and social media;
- Helping to organize workshops and events; and
- Being a strong support to the organization in meeting its mandate and service standards

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. A six (6) month probationary review are applicable. Please submit a letter of application and resume with 3 references by noon on **Thursday, August 3rd, 2023**, to kwassegijig@waubetek.com.

While all applications for the position are appreciated, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

The upside of growing up in the former Soviet Union for Maxim Grunin was the extraordinary opportunity to study with some of the foremost Russian artists of that era to cultivate his impressive early drawing and painting skills.

"Being surrounded by

NEW-ish to Manitoulin



Maxim Grunin

other artists was magical to me. I went to specialized arts high schools in the USSR, getting classical world art education in things like anatomy, drawing and the technology behind colours – the founda-

tional skills that enabled me to grow as an artist," says Maxim. "I am so grateful to my parents who believed profoundly in education and spotted my passion for drawing and painting. They nudged me in that direction and supported me throughout the years."

For all the advantages of Maxim's fine arts education, the downsides of living in a communist regime motivated his parents to move to the West when the Iron Curtain came down and the Soviet Union subsequently collapsed. The family immigrated to Toronto in 1992, when Maxim was 18.

Once in Canada, Maxim

attended the Ontario College of Art and Design and worked part-time in private art education businesses in north Toronto, home to a vibrant multicultural community of new Canadians. He soon recognized he would require more than an undergraduate degree to advance as an art educator and was accepted into the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Waterloo. The privileged few chosen for the program (just four students are accepted each year) receive a scholarship to help pay for two full study years and an internship period. In addition, Maxim won an Ontario Graduate Scholarship, further subsidizing his studies.

After graduation, Maxim landed an apprenticeship in Germany before returning to Canada, once again teaching as well as managing operations for several arts schools in Toronto. His success in the field motivated him to begin his own private art education business, which led to further impressive feats as he couldn't keep up with the demand. That drew extensive media attention in both Russian and Canadian media, with frequent stories chroni-

cling his artistic expertise and many achievements. Among the accolades, Maxim was nominated for the Lieutenant Governor's Award for lifetime achievement in fine arts.

To all outward appearances, Maxim was the quintessential immigrant success story, yet appearances were deceiving.

I looked like I was doing extremely well. I had a good education, a great job and was applying my skills as I had dreamed, but trouble was brewing within me," explains Maxim. "In my late 30s I experienced depression because I couldn't cope with all the stress. Things spiraled downward as I began abusing alcohol and substances and destroying personal relationships. I dug myself into a deep hole emotionally, psychological-

ly and spiritually, forcing me to dissolve my business."

Free of debt and dependents, and with the support of the Canadian Mental Health Association, social services agencies, a psychiatrist and his community garden colleagues, Maxim pursued an entirely different path. He travelled from the east to west coast of Canada with nothing more than a backpack. His travels and time spent in nature led him to learn new skills such as gardening, permaculture, meditation, mindful living, tolerance, and acceptance. His teachers along the way included Indigenous elders and shamans, people living communally on bio-dynamic farms and ashrams, and compassionate Canadians

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (3RD Posting)

FINANCE MANAGER

Department: Finance

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Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

POSITION SUMMARY:

As an integral part of the senior management team of the M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN), the Finance Manager shall have extensive experience in the financial management sector with a strong financial vision, insight to match and proven track record of success to manage and direct all the organization's finances. Responsibilities include preparing annual budgets, complex data analysis, budget forecasting, overseeing accounts, advising and making strategic financial recommendations that will promote long-term financial stability, growth, accountability and transparency.

The Finance Manager's role is diverse and will take the lead in long-term planning, development and implementation of accounting policies and financial operations compliance for all departments and will be directly involved with strategic planning ensuring execution is compliant with regulatory legislation and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The Finance Manager will work with Enaagdenjiged to develop, monitor and evaluate budgets, financial codes and regulations, policies and procedures and recommend changes for improvement and will coordinate the establishment and maintenance of internal financial control processes for monthly financial reporting. The Financial Manager will be results-oriented and strategically foster growth and development, will promote accountability and transparency of the M'Chigeeng First Nation's sustainability and will ensure the Finance Department adequately supports the overall goals and objectives of the MFN.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

The Finance Manager will work with the department management team on strategic vision, including fostering and cultivating stakeholder relationships, as well as assisting in the development and negotiation of funding from all partners or government agencies. In addition to providing advice to the Enaagdenjiged in the management and financial and business planning activities including:

- Direct and administer all financial.
- Review and analyze financial reports.
- Lead and support organizational budgeting processes.
- Manage MFN funds in a fiscally prudent manner to ensure adequate cash-flow to meet the First Nation's needs.
- Interact with the Department Managers to provide consultative support to planning initiatives through financial and management information analyses, reports, and recommendations.

**For complete a job description, please request to the following: andream@mchigeeng.ca

QUALIFICATIONS:

Preferred

Certified Chartered Accountant with a bachelor's degree in finance, business administration or accounting with minimum five (5) years direct work-related experience.

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- College Diploma three (3) years in finance or accounting with minimum seven (7) years of equivalent work experience coupled with experience in management, full accounting cycle which includes budgeting, A/R, A/P, payroll, control and interpretation of financial statements.
- Essential general management skills, including financial management and budgeting, strategic planning, business development, marketing, human resources management, etc.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in business and financial acumen would be strong assets.

OTHER SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE:

- Excellent financial acumen and familiar with governments and other agencies funding agreements.
- Experience managing, training and mentoring staff and conducting annual performance evaluations.
- Strong leadership style with uncompromising sense of integrity and high ethical standards.
- Accounting knowledge in the areas of preparing and analyzing financial statements including audit working papers.
- Demonstrated senior management, supervisory and administrative skills necessary to develop short- and long-range planning, implement strategic and financial activities, policy development, quality control and risk management abilities.
- Experience in project management with demonstrated ability to multi-task and meet strict deadlines.
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The Public Works Manager provides leadership in strategic planning and advising on policy, development and implementing work plans for AOKFN's Public Works Department. Reporting to the Band Manager, this is a management position responsible for the management, administration, and delivery of all AOKFN's Public Works programs and services to ensure that the needs of AOKFN are met in a reasonable, effective and efficient manner.

The Public Works Manager is responsible:

- For hiring, planning, directing, co-ordinating, administering and supervising Public Works staff and Public Works budget.
- For submitting reports on time.
- For strategic planning and project management.
- For final inspection of Public Works projects.
- For all tendering and Request for Proposal preparation for Public Works services.
- As the liaison and to communicate with local officials of various Ministries, Crown Corporations, and government agencies on all functions pertaining to Public Works.
- For reviewing cost reports and construction progress of AOKFN projects to ensure standards of quality and conformance with budget appropriations.
- To be in working in compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Act and any other relevant legislation.
- To be certified in leadership or experience in leadership would be an asset.
- To be available to travel as needed.

The ideal candidate will have the following:

- A university degree or college diploma in Civil Engineering or other related field, or certification as a Certified Engineering Technologist (CET). An equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.
- Certified Road Superintendent (CRSS) Level I and Level II or must be committed to complete.
- A minimum of 5 years' experience, with 3 years at a management role, in a public works setting.
- Level 2 certification in EOCP Water Distribution and EOCP Wastewater Treatment would be an asset. OIT will be considered.
- Working knowledge of heavy equipment and certification to operate an asset.
- Working knowledge or education in Wastewater, Water and Storm water utility planning and management.
- Strong knowledge of federal/provincial legislation and policy that affects the operation of public works.
- Computer literacy.
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin language and culture.
- Willing and able to work outside of regular work hours and weekends

Interested applicants who meet the qualifications as listed above must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, a photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials and three (3) current work references with phone numbers to:

Attention: Public Works Manager
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Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Criminal Record Check (CPC).

DEADLINE DATE: August 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m There will be no return of submissions.
Posted: JULY 20, 2023

...Newish to Manitoulin: Maxim Grunin

...continued from page 3A who helped him work through his trauma. As Maxim moved from community to community, bartering his artistic talent or physical labour for a roof over his head and a meal in his belly, he moved forward on the road to recovery and rebirth.

"When I was young and striving for success, I imagined lots of money, a beautiful house, a thriving business and so many other shiny wonderful things," observes Maxim. "What I've come to appreciate is that my life now is worth all the

money and adulation I previously had and so much more."

Maxim first came to Manitoulin during the early days of COVID and returned repeatedly. He initially worked as a volunteer on the Art Farm on Blue Jay Creek and, later, as a home-stead labourer for the Manitoulin Eco-Park, acquiring "incredible skills" along the way. He also sold his artwork as a vendor at JD's Manitoulin Garden Centre outdoor weekend markets. And it is there that he has now planted roots.

After the summer of 2022,

the Centre's owner, Gerard Lyons, commissioned Maxim to do a series of art murals on the property's many greenhouses and buildings. It's a project that will keep him busy for years, which suits him just fine. Having discovered a community that nourishes body and soul and satisfies his artistic spirit, the previously prodigal son has made a home in his newly found little piece of heaven.

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital

Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner,

Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would

like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAMarshall@proton.me

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WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION FAMILY WELL BEING MANAGER Salary: \$62,113 to \$75,748/ year (depending on education and experience)

The Family Well Being Manager will promote the healthy development of relationships and the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well being of children, youth and families. This position reports to the Band Manager and will be responsible for the operation and management for the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) Family Well Being department. This position works closely with the Case Manager to ensure continuity of service to the families in the WRFN community.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide leadership and direction for the Family Well Being team to ensure the goals and objectives are continually met;
- Promote and emphasize people-centered care in partnership with the families, children and Family Well Being team;
- Supervise program staff and establish annual objectives, training and work plans that are consistent with Indigenous culture, language and traditions
- Provide guidance to staff around family relationships and provide referrals as required;
- Overseeing the planning and implementation of programming including purchasing of materials and supplies;
- Provide the framework and guidance for delivering client workshops and activities;
- Responding to the varying needs of the community such as required supports, risk factors and nutrition;
- Collect, report and analyse statistics for the Family Well Being Team;
- Develop and review program indicators, goals and outcome measures;
- Ensure services are provided using family-centered, strengths-based, community needs focus;
- Ensure quality standards and policies are developed and implemented and maintained;
- Ensure timely completion of reporting requirements to all funders;
- Prepare comprehensive reports and provide recommendations to improve the effectiveness of services and Family Well Being programs;
- Ensure accurate, confidential, and timely case noting is maintained by staff; and
- Work alongside WRFN Case Manager on prevention and intervention.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Degree or Diploma in human services, social work or related field;
- Current Assist (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training), Mental Health First Aid, and First Aid and CPR;
- Minimum two years' (2) managerial experience including supervision of staff, preferably in the social services environment;
- Work experience should include delivering family-related services to First Nations communities, working with children, youth and families at risk, group facilitation and supervising and directing staff;
- Must have a good understanding and adhere to: General Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and Funding Contribution Funding Agreements;
- Working experience with First Nation people, organizations and communities;
- Knowledge of local services available to the WRFN community;
- Knowledge and understanding of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and problem-solving skills;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office software;
- Ability to deal with difficult and conflicting situations;
- Ability to work flexible hours including unplanned overtime;
- Ability to work with confidential and highly sensitive and personal information;
- Ability to understand and speak Anishnaabemowin is an asset.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax, and mail or in-person to the attention of:

Human Resources Manager

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P 1A0
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by **August 8, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.** and must include the following:
Cover letter, current resume, copies of Degrees/Diplomas, and 3 reference letters (with contact information).

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Employment Opportunity: SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER Salary: Based on Shawanosowe School Teacher Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of a Special Education Teacher. Shawanosowe School is an Indigenous school, governed locally under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinooaadziwin Education Body. Our community-centered school aims to nurture each child's unique gifts as we foster academic and all-around excellence, we also provide students with a strong foundation in culture and identity. WRFN is seeking an individual who will contribute to Shawanosowe School and to the broader community through exemplary teaching practice and leadership.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop, deliver, monitor and evaluate individualized educational services, learning programs and instruction for special needs students in both self-contained and integrated settings.
- Collaborate with classroom teachers in planning for specific student learning outcomes based on assessed needs of individual students.
- Ensure students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Promote academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and communicating effectively with parents.
- Follow the policies and procedures of Shawanosowe School and Whitefish River First Nation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or equivalent;
- Ontario Teaching Certification with membership in good/active standing;
- Certification in Primary/Junior Division;
- Special Education Parts I and II, or a plan to complete part II within the school year;
- At least 1-2 years' teaching experience in a Special Education setting;
- Excellent planning and organizational skills;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Up-to-date First Aid and CPR;
- Experience working with Indigenous communities, knowledge of First Nations culture, traditions and language would be considered an asset.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax and mail to the attention:

Send applications to:

Confidential: Human Resources

Whitefish River First Nation, 17A Rainbow Ridge Road,
P.O. Box 188 Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

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

Applications may be submitted until August 9, 2023 by 4:30 pm and must include the following:

Cover letter, current resume and three (3) reference letters.

****Successful candidates must submit a current copy of their Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to commencement of employment.**

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



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

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Finance Team Assistant: Closes July 28, 2023
Child Well-Being Worker: Closes July 28, 2023

Sudbury OR Manitoulin Island:

Finance Supervisor: Closes July 31, 2023

CONTRACT positions:

Manitoulin:

Jordan's Principle Supervisor: Closes July 28, 2023
Education Liaison: Closes July 28, 2023

Sudbury:

Case Aide Sudbury: Closes July 28, 2023
Jordan's Principle Team Assistant: Closes July 28, 2023
After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes August 4, 2023

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

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

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

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54TH ANNUAL
**HAWEATER
WEEKEND**

AUGUST 2 - 6, 2023

LITTLE CURRENT, MANITOULIN ISLAND, ONTARIO

Lion President reflects on close to 85 years of Little Current Lionism

by Expositor staff

LITTLE CURRENT—This first past-pandemic year has been a busy one for the Little Current Lions Club, culminating in a Haweater Weekend extravaganza. That's the word from veteran club president and Haweater Weekend co-chair Lion Bruce Burnett.

This is also the year the club will celebrate the 85th anniversary of having a charter granted to the Little Current Lions to form a club.

But right now, Lion Bruce's focus is on the big weekend. He's a fisherman himself so he is really excited that Little Current's Spider Bay Marina will be a one-day stop on the Huron Bass Tour on the Saturday of Haweater Weekend. "The bass boats that these anglers will bring to town will be something to see," Lion Bruce enthuses, "as they come and go from our marina as participants test the prolific waters of the North Channel."

These bass anglers accumulate points by participating in several these events during the summer and around Lake Huron and Georgian Bay.

"But on this particular weekend," Lion Bruce explains, "the

day's winner will receive the 'Haweater Cup,' an initiative of Ben Bond," and the club president suggests that anyone wanting to register their boat for the event should contact Mr. Bond at (705) 920-0568.

But that's not the only new event. "We're bringing in a psychic and The Collective in downtown Little Current has generously donated space for her to set up on Saturday and Sunday," Lion Bruce explained.

Most of the popular Haweater events will be back: lazer tag at the recreation centre, the Haweater parade on Sunday, the massive Sunday evening display 'Thunder Over the Channel,' but only if the fire ban is lifted by that time.

But there are other new events as well, Lion Bruce told The Expositor. "There's a midway this year, the first in many years. It will set up at the recreation centre parking lot and will run Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

These are just a few examples of the fun weekend the busy Lions have planned for Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6. The full program can be seen on Pages 6 and 7 of this supplement.

Lion Bruce stresses that the club can use more student vol-



Little Current Lions Club President Bruce Burnett.



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unteers on the big weekend, an opportunity for students to accumulate the volunteer hours they need before graduating from high school.

Anyone (students and adults alike) who would like to help with this year's Haweater Weekend can email the club at: LittleCurrentLionsClub@gmail.com or contact the club via Facebook messenger by searching 'Little Current Lions.'

This has been a good year for the community too, thanks to the efforts of the Little Current Lions Club.

"We've been able to contribute funds to support many worthwhile local causes," Lion Bruce says. These include, among others, Manitoulin Streams, the Little Current Fish and Game Club, Camp Quality (for children with cancer), the Manitoulin Centennial Manor (to help put a new floor in Pee-Wee's Gazebo), Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 to support building a new ramp, Manitoulin Pet Rescue, Manitoulin Navy League (for the Sea Cadet Corps), the Low Island splash pad as well as many individuals and families "in their time of need."

The Little Current Lions Club operates the 'Catch the Ace' initiative to accumulate funds to redistribute to the community. In fact, the club was successful in receiving the very first licence in Ontario to run this game of chance.

"We've given away over \$400,000 since the Catch the Ace initiative began," Lion Bruce says proudly.

As for the club's 85th anniversary event, while the actual charter anniversary is December 3, "hopefully, we'll be celebrating the event in November," Lion Bruce says.

But right now, the focus is on Haweater Weekend with all hands on deck and Lion Bruce and the club wish everyone a Happy Haweater!

And if you are interested in joining the club to enjoy the famous Lions camaraderie and help with events like the February Winterfest hockey tournament and Haweater Weekend, there will be applications and information available at the Little Current Lions Club tent in downtown Little Current all weekend.



Haweater 2023

Haweater Weekend brings music for nearly every taste

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—What's Little Current Lions Haweater Weekend without music, lots and lots of music—and dancing, plenty of dancing, in the street and otherwise. This year will feature two Hawfest dances for the 54th Annual Haweater Weekend, one on the main ice surface and the other over on the curling rink side—both brought to Manitoulin by Pynx Productions of Brantford.

Pynx Productions has entertained more than 15,000 events in their three decades as one of Canada's premier mobile disc jockey and audio visual entertainment solutions. As always age of majority is required. Pynx Productions will also provide the music for the Sunday night street dance.

On Friday evening, George Williamson will offer his classic country and rock musical stylings at the downtown cenotaph at 6 pm

Also on Friday night, from 8 to 10 pm at the NEMI rec centre, it's all county with Dave and Beth Draper as the DJ stylings of this father-daughter team will bring you to the dance floor with some "good ol' classic country tunes." Follow that up with line dancing with Joe and Beth Arnold and the Island Time Dancers.

If getting onstage is more your thing, come on down to the Legion for the Friday night karaoke contest (registration required). Admission \$10 per person, email rclbr.177@hotmail.com to reserve your spot on the card.

It gets even better, as earworms are coming to the downtown cenotaph in Little Current from 1 to 3 pm on Sunday, August 6. Missy's Groovy Little Band will be taking us all back to the start of the Boomer waves.

"We like to say 'we play nostalgia music'," laughs Heather Bryant, the "Missy" in the group. "We play songs that everybody knows—well, maybe unless they are 12."

Ms. Bryant said the group sticks largely to the lighter side of rock and roll, although a glance through the group's set list reveals the odd AC DC tune—but what Boomer collection wouldn't feature those stalwarts of the rock scene.

Add to that music of the Beatles, the Bangles, Mamas and Papas, Toya's 'Echo Beach' and a host of other familiar tunes will make for a great afternoon of tune-age.

From 5 pm to 6 pm Joe and Beth of Island Time Dancing bring line dancing to the downtown core—Olaf and the Minions may be attending!

North Channel Cruise Line also has music offerings all

Haweater Weekend aboard its sunset cruises. On Thursday, August 3 the sunset cruise will feature live music by Scott Mitchel, on Friday, August 4 the boat will rock with Dave McNab and on Sunday, for the Haweater sunset/fireworks cruise, live music by Crash Sunday will entertain. To book a ticket, call (705) 368-3744.

Manitoulin Brewing Company has moved their popular Haweater Block Party to the brewery grounds Saturday from 4 to 10:30 pm, featuring The Topes, The Rodents, Rural Roots and Cole Hughson.



Missy's Groovy Little Band will make a Haweater Weekend appearance on Sunday, August 6 from 1-3 pm at the cenotaph.

HAWEATER BLOCK PARTY

SAT AUGUST 5TH

TIME 4:00PM - 10:30PM

LOCATION: MBC PARKING LOT

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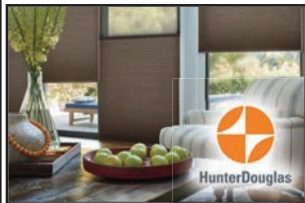
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George Williamson will be performing at the cenotaph on Friday, August at 6 pm.

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GableConcessions Inc. will be offering a selection of midway rides, carnival games and a candy floss trailer at Haweater Weekend.

Expositor file photo

Haweater to host midway at rec centre

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—The midway is coming! For the first time in several years, Haweater Weekend will boast a midway from Friday, August 4 through Sunday, August 6.

“Gable Concessions Inc. will be providing amusement rides for all ages, assorted carnival games and a candy floss trailer,” Sally Gable, whose family owns and operates Gable Concessions, told The Expositor.

Ride ticket prices are \$2.50 a ticket, 20 tickets for \$45 or 40 tickets for \$80. Each

ride takes two or three tickets, depending on the ride.

“I am sure people will be happy with our midway, which has been operating since 1983,” Ms. Gable said.

Gable Concessions Inc. was on Manitoulin Island last year, attending the Providence Bay Fair.

The midway will be located at the Northeast Town Recreation Centre parking lot from 4 to 11 pm on Friday, 11 am to 9 pm on Saturday and 11 am to 4 pm on Sunday.

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There for their community

The Little Current Lions Club's popular Catch the Ace progressive raffle helps fund many good community projects, such as Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services. In the fall, the Lions donated \$2,290 to Victims Services. From left are Catch the Ace committee members Mike Dubreuil, Rick Thurston, Bruce Burnett and Jessica Summers, victim support specialist.

BMO Little Current staff wishes you all a safe &



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Sunset Cruise
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 Live Music by Dave McNab

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Haweater Sunset/Fireworks Cruise
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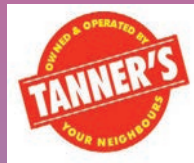
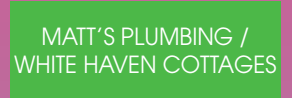
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54TH ANNUAL HAWEATER WEEKEND

AUGUST 2 - 6, 2023 • LITTLE CURRENT, MANITOULIN ISLAND, ONTARIO

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - (BESIDE THE PORT ACROSS FROM THE BEER STORE)
Back by popular demand! Members of the hit HGTV show Carver Kings will be showcasing their talent by creating beautiful carvings with only a chainsaw! Come witness their amazing work at The Port.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - (BESIDE THE PORT ACROSS FROM THE BEER STORE)
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4 PM - 8 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LEGION WING NIGHT

Upstairs at the Little Current Legion Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet St. East, Little Current. Sauces include Honey Garlic, 1st Degree, 2nd Degree, 3rd Degree, Sweet Chilli Heat, Sweet 'n Sour, Parm 'n Pepper & BBQ. Sides available are Ranch or Blue Cheese. Wings and Mozza Sticks are 6 for \$9.00 or 12 for \$18.00. Cheese Balls are 12 for \$9.00 or 24 for \$18.00. Take out is available.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - (BESIDE THE PORT ACROSS FROM THE BEER STORE)
Back by popular demand! Members of the hit HGTV show Carver Kings will be showcasing their talent by creating beautiful carvings with only a chainsaw! Come witness their amazing work at The Port.

ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN

Water St. closed to vehicular traffic! Food, shopping and more.

1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA

Fun for everyone, visit Olivia downtown!

4 PM - 11 PM - MIDWAY RIDES

At the main parking lot of the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.

5 PM - 7 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LEGION STEAK DINNER

At the Little Current Legion Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet St. East, Little Current. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Menu items include steak, baked potato, coleslaw, bun, coffee or tea and ice cream!

6 PM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT & BEER GARDENS

At the Low Island Ball Field, contact Bruce Burnett to register, (705)-348-8901. Beer Gardens and BBQ begin at 6:00 PM.

6 PM - LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY GEORGE WILLIAMSON

Catch the classic rock and country performance at the Cenotaph in downtown Little Current.

8 PM - 10 PM - CLASSIC COUNTRY DANCE WITH DAVE & BETH (19+)

Join the Dad-Daughter Duo for some good ol' classic country tunes! Admission is \$10.00 per person.

10 PM - MIDNIGHT - LINE DANCING WITH ISLAND TIME DANCERS

Joe and Beth Arnold of Island Time Dancing are ready and willing to show you the ropes of traditional line dancing!

9 PM - 1 AM - LEGION KARAOKE CONTEST (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Upstairs at the Little Current Legion Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet St. East, Little Current. Admission is \$10.00 per person. Please email rclbr.177@hotmail.com for registration.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - (BESIDE THE PORT ACROSS FROM THE BEER STORE)
Back by popular demand! Members of the hit HGTV show Carver Kings will be showcasing their talent by creating beautiful carvings with only a chainsaw! Come witness their amazing work at The Port.

ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN

Water St. closed to vehicular traffic! Food, shopping and more.

8 AM - 4 PM - HURON BASS TOUR

At the Spider Bay Marina, contact Ben Bond at 705-920-0568 to sign up!

9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT

At the Low Island ball fields. Beer gardens and BBQ as well!

9 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS

At the east end of Water Street.

9 AM - 12 PM - FARMERS' MARKET

Downtown at the Market Garden Pavilion, 36 Water St. East.

9 AM - HAWEATER HORSE SHOW

At the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current., behind the tennis courts in the horse ring.

9 AM - 12 PM - HAWEATER SOAPBOX DERBY

On Vankoughnet Street East. Please note: All participants MUST bring their own helmet!

10 AM - BREAKAWAY SPORTS & CYCLE HAW 5K RUN

This Haweater Weekend favourite is back! Dust off your Shoes and get ready to run! Starting at the NEMI Public Library, 50 Meredith Street West, Little Current.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

10 AM - 2 PM - HAWEATER CLASSIC CAR CRUISE & LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB BBQ

At the Island Business Centre parking lot located at 9050 HWY 6, Little Current (across from the NEMI Recreation Centre).

10 AM - 7 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL

Downtown at The Collective Yoga Studio.

11 AM - 9 PM - MIDWAY RIDES

At the main parking lot of the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.

11 AM - 2 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB BBQ

At the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.

11 AM - 5 PM - LASER TAG

Upstairs at the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.

12 PM - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK

Bring the kids down to Low Island to the inflatable/bouncy play park!

12 PM - BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Come down to the Low Island Volley Ball court and get your game on! Registration begins at noon, contact Tracey Esposto at (705)822-3212.

12:30 PM - THE 18TH ANNUAL CARDBARD BOAT RACES

Prizes, age categories and business challenge all at Low Island! Contact Alicia to register at (705)-368-2744. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club.

1 PM - PICKLEBALL DEMONSTRATION

At the NEMI Recreation Centre (tennis courts).

1 PM - 3 PM - LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Lawn games, big games and giant bubbles at the NEMI Public Library, 50 Meredith Street West, Little Current.

1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA

Fun for everyone, visit Olivia downtown!

WATCH FOR - OLAF AND MINIONS

Mascots will make appearances at the Cenotaph Downtown Little Current.

8 PM - 1 AM - TWO HAWFEST DANCES!

With Pynx Productions at the NEMI Recreation Centre 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current. Licenced dances! Age of majority required.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - (BESIDE THE PORT ACROSS FROM THE BEER STORE)

Back by popular demand! Members of the hit HGTV show Carver Kings will be showcasing their talent by creating beautiful carvings with only a chainsaw! Come witness their amazing work at The Port.

ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN

Water St. closed to vehicular traffic! Food, shopping and more.

9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT

At the Low Island ball fields. Beer gardens and BBQ as well!

10 AM - HAWEATER CHURCH SERVICE

Downtown at Soldier Park or Little Current United Church in case of rain.

10 AM - 7 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL

Downtown at The Collective Yoga Studio.

11 AM - 5 PM - LASER TAG

Upstairs at the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.

11 AM - 4 PM - MIDWAY RIDES

In the parking lot of the NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 HWY 6, Little Current.

11:30 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS

Downtown, East end of Water Street.

12 PM - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK

Bring the kids down to Low Island to the inflatable/bouncy play park!

12 PM - ANNUAL HAWEATER PARADE

Please have floats in position by 11:30 am. Starts at Harbourview Rd. Route goes Downtown. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club.

1 PM - 3 PM - MUSIC WITH MISSY'S GROOVY LITTLE BAND

At the Little Current Cenotaph.

1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA

Fun for everyone, visit Olivia downtown!

3 PM - CHILDREN'S GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Low Island. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club.

5 PM - 6 PM - LINE DANCING DOWNTOWN

With Joe and Beth of Island Time Dancing.

WATCH FOR - OLAF AND MINIONS

Mascots will make appearances at the Cenotaph Downtown Little Current.

7 PM TO 11 PM - STREET DANCE

By Pynx Productions. Downtown Little Current.

DUSK - THUNDER OVER THE CHANNEL - JOIN US FOR THE WEEKEND FINALE IN GRAND HAW STYLE, THE LIONS CLUB'S FAMOUS FIREWORKS DISPLAY

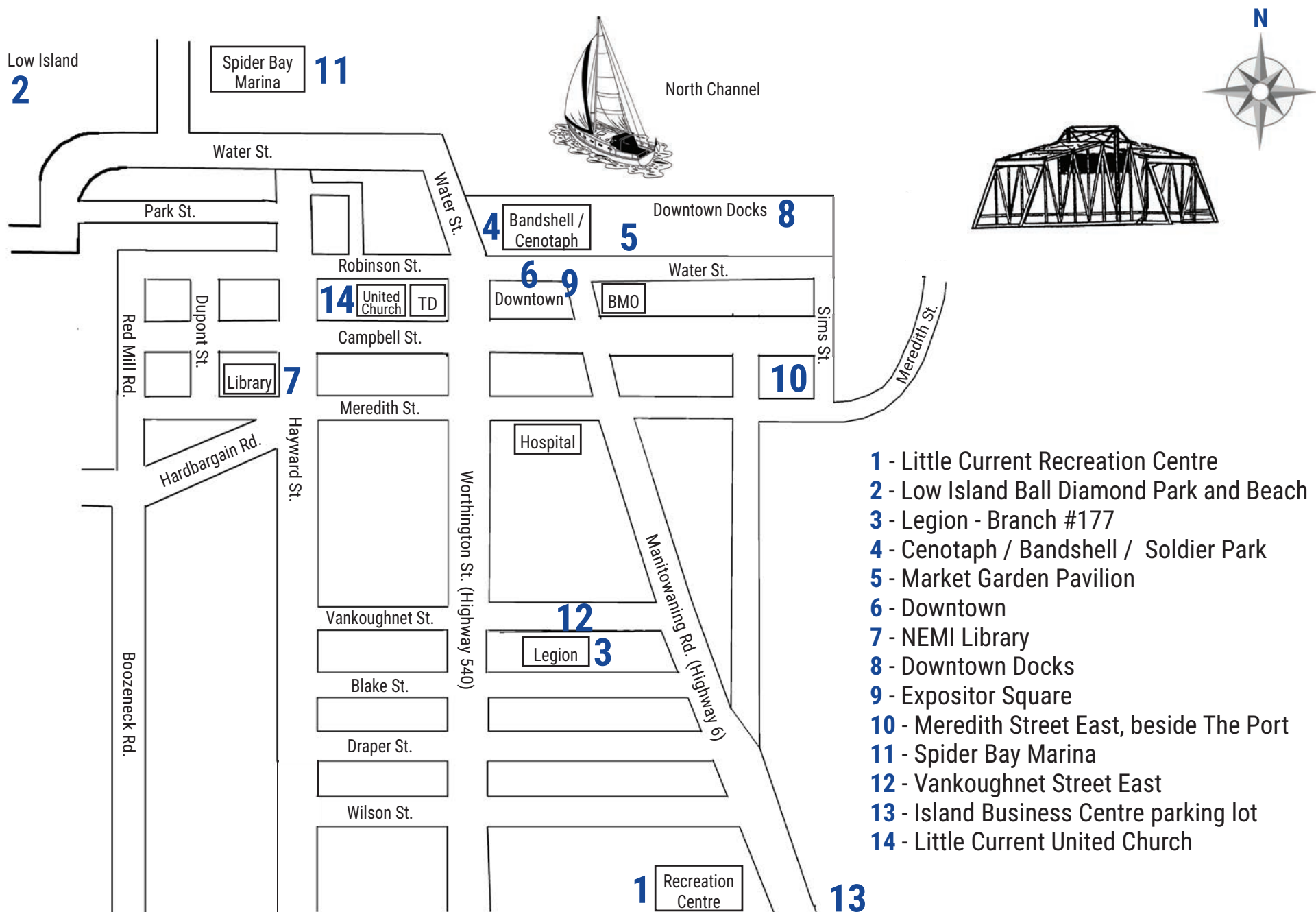
Donations accepted & appreciated. Proudly sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club. (Fireworks subject to fire ban).

Hawfest Tickets available at The Manitoulin Expositor office and Boarderline. Only 700 available. Age of Majority Required.



THUNDER OVER THE CHANNEL
THE FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA





- 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
- 10 - Meredith Street East, beside The Port
- 11 - Spider Bay Marina
- 12 - Vankoughnet Street East
- 13 - Island Business Centre parking lot
- 14 - Little Current United Church

EVENT LOCATIONS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - 10

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - 10

4 PM - 8 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LEGION WING NIGHT - 3

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - 10

ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN - 6

1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA - 6

4 PM - 11 PM - MIDWAY RIDES - 1

5 PM - 7 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LEGION STEAK DINNER - 3

6 PM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT & BEER GARDENS - 2

6 PM - LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY GEORGE WILLIAMSON - 4

8 PM - 10 PM - CLASSIC COUNTRY DANCE WITH DAVE & BETH (19+) - 1

10 PM - MIDNIGHT - LINE DANCING WITH ISLAND TIME DANCERS - 1

9 PM - 1 AM - LEGION KARAOKE CONTEST (REGISTRATION REQUIRED) - 3

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - 10

ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN - 6

8 AM - 4 PM - HURON BASS TOUR - 11

9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT - 2

9 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS - 8

9 AM - 12 PM - FARMERS' MARKET - 5

9 AM - HAWEATER HORSE SHOW - 1

9 AM - 12 PM - HAWEATER SOAPBOX DERBY - 12

10 AM - BREAKAWAY SPORTS & CYCLE HAW 5K RUN - 7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

10 AM - 2 PM - HAWEATER CLASSIC CAR CRUISE & LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB BBQ - 13

10 AM - 7 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL - 9

11 AM - 9 PM - MIDWAY RIDES - 1

11 AM - 2 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB BBQ - 1

11 AM - 5 PM - LASER TAG - 1

12 PM - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK - 2

12 PM - BEACH VOLLEYBALL - 2

12:30 PM - THE 18TH ANNUAL CARDBARD BOAT RACES - 2

1 PM - PICKLEBALL DEMONSTRATION - 1

1 PM - 3 PM - LIBRARY ACTIVITIES - 7

1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA - 6

WATCH FOR - OLAF AND MINIONS - 4

8 PM - 1 AM - TWO HAWFEST DANCES! - 1

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - 10

ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN - 6

9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT - 2

10 AM - HAWEATER CHURCH SERVICE - 4 OR 14

10 AM - 7 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTEL - 9

11 AM - 5 PM - LASER TAG - 1

11 AM - 4 PM - MIDWAY RIDES - 1

11:30 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS - 8

12 PM - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK - 2

12 PM - ANNUAL HAWEATER PARADE - 6

1 PM - 3 PM - MUSIC WITH MISSY'S GROOVY LITTLE BAND - 4

1 PM - 5 PM - FACE PAINTING BY OLIVIA - 6

3 PM - CHILDREN'S GAMES AND ACTIVITIES - 2

5 PM - 6 PM - LINE DANCING DOWNTOWN - 6

WATCH FOR - OLAF AND MINIONS - 4

7 PM TO 11 PM - STREET DANCE - 6

DUSK - THUNDER OVER THE CHANNEL, THE LIONS CLUB'S FAMOUS FIREWORKS DISPLAY (fireworks subject to fire ban) - 6

A look back at 17 years of cardboard boat races



2008, the year the cardboard boat race became an official Haweater event. It's first year was part of the Mackinaw to Manitoulin Yacht Race celebrations.

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Saturday, August 5, 12:30 pm

Low Island Park
**AGES 8-11, 12-15, 16+,
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Questions? Call Alicia at 705-929-3101
or email editor@manitoulin.com

Structure must resemble a typical boat—no rafts.
All paddles must have shafts and a blade.



Haweater Cup new stop on Huron Bass Tour

by Alicia McCutcheon
 NORTH CHANNEL—This Haweater Weekend will see shiny, sleek bass boats descend upon the waters of the North Channel and north Georgian Bay. These anglers

will be participating in the first Haweater Cup, a stop on the Huron Bass Tour on Saturday, August 5, 8 am to 4 pm. Now in its second season, the Huron Bass Tour was a dream of Laszlo Feher, presi-

dent, who had a love of “chasing fish on the big water,” explained Ben Bond, who is part of the Huron Bass Tour team. Mr. Bond is the grandson of the late Ed Bond of Little Current, a long-time mem-

ber of the Little Current Lions Club. So, bringing this event to Haweater Weekend takes on extra special meaning for him. “Haweater means a lot to me and my family,” he shared. The Huron Bass Tour takes

in six stops in Georgian Bay throughout the summer: Honey Harbour Parry Sound, McGregor Bay, Bay of Islands, Blind River, Richard’s Landing and, now, Little Current. There is a \$400 entry fee for

pm. To register, visit HuronBassTour.com, click on the ‘registration link’ and scroll down and click on the Haweater Cup event listing. Weigh-in commences at 4:30 pm sharply. Competitors

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Ben and Rory Bond are looking forward to the Haweater Cup.

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the Haweater Cup per team of two, plus launching fees. There will be prizes awarded to the top six teams, based on the entry fee take. Ten percent of the registration fees will be held back and donated to the Lions Club; the rest goes to the winning teams. The tournament is open to everyone and you do not need to be part of the larger Bass Tour, Mr. Bond explains. It's the hope of Huron Bass Tour organizers to make the Haweater Cup a permanent event. The larger Huron Bass Tour works on an accumulative point system. At the end of the season, a Classic is held at the location that brought in the largest fish of the summer. The Haweater Cup will be held on Saturday, August 5 from Spider Bay Marina in Little Current, from 8 am to 4

are required to keep their boat in the live well with the aerators on. Fish will be placed in an aerated horse trough for mortality and size inspection. Upon completion of the inspection, the weighmaster shall remove any unqualified fish and place your fish into the approved bag or box for weighing. Upon completion of the weigh-in, fish are to be taken by the anglers to the indicated fish release location and placed gently into the water from a height no greater than 12 inches (300mm) from the water surface. Dead fish are permitted to score for big fish and bag weight however a 1lb penalty per dead fish will be applied. For more rules, please visit the bass tour website. Tight lines!





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Getting their hands dirty

Each spring, the Little Current Lions gather to clean the stretch of Highway 6 from the Manitoulin Business Centre to White's Point Road of garbage. The Lions and their volunteers are, from left, Chloe Bowerman, Dave Draper, David Draper, Lion Beth Draper, Lion Monique Lumley, Lion Ernie Eadie, Liam Campbell, Seija Deschenes, Christian Eadie, Lion Bruce Burnett, Lion Dave Draper, Larissa Tyson Lebar, Zenya Tyson Lebar, Lion Will Leduc, Lion Lori Draper and Lion Eunice Beaudin. And while they were at it, they made a substantial \$3,000 donation to Manitoulin Streams in recognition of all of its environmental efforts!

photo by Lion Cheryl Draper



Lions love a good time

Each year the Little Current Lions gather for a 'year-end dinner' to celebrate a year to date of good works and to do what Lions do best, share in fellowship. This year's year end was held at the Anchor Inn and feted all the Lions and the club's many volunteers.

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From the Town of
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It has been an incredible 54 years of ***Hawater Weekend Celebrations*** and we sincerely appreciate the ***Little Current Lions Club's*** contributions to our community!

We gratefully acknowledge:

- The addition of a splash pad downtown at Low Island
- Donation to the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177
- Donation to Manitoulin Streams
- Donation to Manitoulin Community Living and Community Living Espanola
- Help and partnership with NEMI in the purchase of portable security fences
- A substantial donation towards the new Nolan Sisson Multi-Use Park
- Financial assistance to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor's Electric Bed Program
- Assistance to the Canadian Hearing Association
- Assistance to the Canadian Diabetes Association
- A donation towards the purchase of a new fire truck
- A donation to the Sea Cadet program
- The acquisition of Low Island Park for the community
- The upgrading of the Low Island Ball Diamond
- The upgrading of the swimming docks on Low Island
- Assistance in building and supporting the community's arena
- Assistance to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor and its residents
- Numerous donations to the Manitoulin Health Centre
- Assistance to the Home & School Association
- Assistance to The Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Volunteer Fire Department
- Assistance to those in need, especially at Christmas time
- The sponsorship in our community of the Eye Van as well as the local Lions support of CNIB projects through canvassing and eye glass collection
- Assistance to Manitoulin Literacy
- Assistance to the Canine Unit
- Donation to Camp Quality
- The continued co-operation and working with other volunteers organizations for the betterment of the community
- Contribution to the Low Island Pavilion
- Contribution of a new generator to the arena
- Contribution to the new Gazebo at the Manor



Mayor MacNevin and Council for The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands would like to take this time to THANK the LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB. Your contributions to our town means so much to the people of our community.

We wish you every success with HAWATER WEEKEND!