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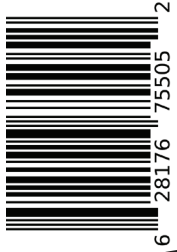
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FEELIN' THE HEAT—Central Manitoulin Lions Club President Dale Scott drove the Lions float in their very own Homecoming Weekend parade in Mindemoya Saturday. Throngs of people braved the rain to line the streets and watch the parade before heading to the arena and ball fields to take in the plethora of Homecoming and Manitoulin Ribfest activities. The Lions' float came complete with a waving pig and a rack of ribs on a smoker. **SEE MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 5.**

photo by Michael Erskine

Poplar family loses everything in house fire

by Tom Sasvari
EVANSVILLE—In true typical Manitoulin Island fashion well over \$10,000 has been raised for a Burpee and Mills family who suffered a total loss house fire on Sunday, June 23.

"The support we are getting

is overwhelming," stated Nevin Merrylees who, along with his partner Karly and five-month-old son Kalan, lost everything in the fire at their house off Poplar Road.

Dave Nadeau, who organized the GoFundMe fundraiser ex-

plained in a post, "On June 23 Nevin, Karly and five-month-old Kalan lost everything in a fire. Two dogs, a cat, furniture, clothing, food and all baby supplies (crib, highchair, toys, diapers) etc."

"Nevin is a general contractor and lost thousands of dollars worth of tools as well," wrote Mr. Nadeau. "All that Nevin has left is a leaf blower and an old skill saw. Without tools, Nevin has lost the ability to earn a living and provide for his family. Pat Noble Lumber and Building Supplies Ltd. (in Gordon) has graciously agreed to sell Nevin and Karly tools at cost to assist during this very difficult time."

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Wiikwemkoong is new home for Ojibwa Spirit Horses

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
WIKWEMKOONG—Marcia Manitowabi's dream of welcoming her peoples nearly extinct Ojibwa Spirit Horses, also known as Lac La Croix Indigenous Ponies, back to Wiikwemkoong has come true as of June 4 of this year.

An official welcoming ceremony was held on June 8 inviting Wiikwemkoong members to reconnect with these sacred horses. Three mares named Lucy, Three Sisters and Thundercloud, along with a gelding named Kind Moon Dancer, nicknamed Giizis (Ojibwe for "moon") now call Wiikwemkoong home.

Canada's only Indigenous horse breed, the Ojibwa Spirit Horses, are both precious and endangered. By 1977, only four mares stood as the last sentinels of their kind. Their population had dwindled to a mere whisper

on the wind, making the dream of sustaining a viable band of Indigenous horses, seem distant.

In a daring rescue, community members from Bois Forte and Lac La Croix loaded these

Sheshegwaning seeks ambulance base Would serve Manitoulin's far West End

by Tom Sasvari
SHESHEGWANING—Sheshegwaning First Nation is looking for support from other Western Manitoulin municipalities and First Nations on its proposal to have a Western Manitoulin ambulance satellite hub that would be located in Sheshegwaning.

"Right now, when someone suffers a medical incident in Sheshegwaning, Meldrum Bay or Silver Water, we have to wait for an ambulance to come from Gore Bay. But if the ambulance in Gore Bay is out on a call, it could be even further, so that is quite a distance for an ambulance to arrive from," said

Joan Sheppard, executive director of Sheshegwaning First Nation.

To address the gaps in service Western Manitoulin receives, the concept being proposed is to establish a dedicated paramedic service in Sheshegwaning First Nation that will serve the Western Manitoulin region. Sheshegwaning believes this initiative is both timely and critical for the Western Manitoulin community.

"Western Manitoulin faces significant challeng-

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Testing finds human anti-anxiety, birth control drugs in G. Lakes fish stock

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
LAKE HURON—Karen Kidd, the Jarislowky Chair in Environment and Health at McMaster University and a water pollution researcher at McMaster University, highlights the alarming impact of medications like anti-anxiety drugs and birth control pills on wildlife. These drugs, beneficial to humans, are disrupting the behaviour and reproduction of aquatic life.

The problem originates from the incomplete breakdown of pharmaceuticals, which end up in wastewater systems and ultimately contaminate natural waterways. Dr. Kidd stresses the need for pharmaceuticals to be

more biodegradable, as current wastewater treatments are unable to effectively filter out all drug compounds.

The effects of these drugs on wildlife are widespread and severe. For instance, anti-anxiety medications cause smaller fish to become more daring, leaving their protective groups and making them easy targets for predators. Meanwhile, birth control pills are leading to the feminization of male fathead minnows, impacting their population. Surprisingly, even caffeine has been detected as a common water contaminant in various tests.

Dr. Kidd emphasizes the ubiq-

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MHC's achievements lauded at annual meeting, physician shortages remain constant concern

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—While Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) faced a year of uncertainty and many challenges, the biggest challenge over the past year has been the crisis in health care human resources, the MHC was told at its annual general meeting last week.

"Thank you for joining us this

event at MHC's annual general meeting. The past year has proven to be a year of uncertainty, challenges, preparation and advocacy," stated Paula Fields, MHC president and chief executive officer. "The perseverance and resilience of the team was evident throughout the year as MHC navigated uncharted waters of financial uncertainty, health human resource challenges, pandemic recovery, and the largest health information system implementation in Canada."

And while the successful landing of the MediTech Expanse has taken place, the dire human health resources consequences and shifting landscape in the Ontario health care system would be the background explained Dr. Stephen Cooper, chief of staff for MHC when he made his report.

"While Meditech Expanse will be the signature event of the last year, the crisis in health human resources is the real story. Last

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Cliff Jewell was named Best of Show with his stunning work 'Between the Lines' at the 45th annual La Cloche Art Show. Mr. Jewell also took this honour in 2022 while last year he was named the Distinguished Artist of the Show. The art show is on now until July 7.

photo by Michael Erskine

Little Current artist's work 'best in show' at 45th annual LaCloche Art Show for second time

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH FALLS—The Whitefish Falls Community Centre was a buzzing hive of activity as the annual artists' reception and award ceremony got underway on Friday, June 28. Little Current artist Cliff Jewell was once again nominated for Best of Show with his stunning 'Between the Lines' treatment of a Goat Island scene leading an outstanding group of artists that Artist emeritus Ivan Wheale, co-founder of the La Cloche Art Show, pronounced as "one of the best I have ever seen."

"Seems like a heck of a long time ago," said Mr. Wheale regarding the founding of the juried art exhibition in his address to the assembled artists. "I would just like to congratulate all of the artists that are here whether you are accepted into the show or not. We all began in the same fashion. Once in a while things really go the way you want them to, the rest of the time they don't work out. But if you keep on trying, they always work out. Thank you."

The Ivan Wheale Award was presented to Beth

Bouffard for 'Out of Our Element, while the other co-founder's award, the Peg Forbes Memorial Award was presented to Paulette Stewart for 'Chippewa Falls, Algoma.' The Art Committee's Choice Award was presented to Donna Kanerva for 'Autumn Sun.'

The Patricia L. Meehan Award for elementary school art was presented to Lena Laasanen for 'The Fishies.' In the Grade 1-3 division, Zach DeGrace was awarded first place for 'The Sunset.' Second place went to Lily Massicotte for 'Pumpkin Patch.' Honourable mentions went to Aivah St. Amour for 'The Bird' and Desmond Bussieres for 'The Lake of Calm.'

In the Grade 4-5 division, first place went to Bronson Migwans for 'Pink Flamingo,' second place went to Brenna Pollard for 'Fire Dragon,' and honourable mentions went to Maddy Gilbert for 'Galaxy,' and Hunter Lecuyer for 'The Love of Nature.'

In the Grade 6-8 division, Hazel Nicholas was

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Island youths display quilts at Quilt Canada

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Seven Manitoulin Island youths had their quilts hang in an Edmonton, Alberta gallery recently as part of a Quilt Canada show.

"The event is the national quilt conference, called Quilt Canada, hosted by the Canadian Quilters Association/association canadienne de la courtépointe," said Jackie White, who provides social media promotion for the organization. She has also run the Threads Club for the past number of years based in Manitoulin.

"This is the third year a few of the young Island quilters have taken part in the JN Harper Youth Challenge," said Ms. White. "JN Harper Fabric is the sponsor of the event and every year they send out a piece of fabric that has to be incorporated into a quilt the size of a wall hanging."

The theme for entries for the youth challenge was 'Explore'. Online voting takes place in three age categories, 5-9, 10-14 and 15-19 for prizes in each.

There was a total of 45 youth quilt entries from all over Canada. "All of these kids' quilts will hang in a gallery beside those that are part of a (adult) national juried show where quilters can receive a cheque for as much as \$8,000 for winning," said Ms. White.

"There were 1,500 people in attendance on the first day of



Little Current's Rachel Quackenbush works on her quilt which was displayed at the Quilt Canada show in Edmonton recently.

the (three day) show," said Ms. White. Six youth in Ms. White's Threads class (including Cora Griffin, Violet Bell, Chloe Mogy, Allie Jamieson, Aveline Jamieson and Julius Trudeau) had their entries hung in the gallery

in Edmonton. Rachel Quackenbush of Little Current, who works with her grandmother Holly Scott who is an avid quilter herself, also worked on this project.

Joyce Martens honoured with Manitoulin Lodge 'Making a Difference Award'

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Resident Joyce Martens received the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home 'Making a Difference' award at the nursing homes annual barbecue party event June 21.

Gloria Hall, activities coordinator at the Manitoulin Lodge told all those at the event, "Every year we are asked to choose a resident who has made a difference since coming to live at Manitoulin Lodge. Each year the choice gets harder as each resident makes a difference in their own way."

"Our recipient this year was born on October

10, 1955, in Melbourne, Australia to parents Johan (John), and Gasperdina (Diny) Martens. She was their first child. Joyce Martens has two younger sisters, Diana and Ingrid. Joyce is the mother of Scott and Erin Miller. She is the grandmother of Caleb and twins Ben and Ethan," said Ms. Hall.

"Joyce has worked hard all her life. Being an older sister, she helped with her younger sisters," continued Ms. Hall. "Then she started babysitting at the age of 11. At age 16 she had her first real job in the working world, at a Kmart department

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Pam Williamson named chair of National Seniors' Council

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—An Island woman has been appointed to chair the National Seniors Council (NSC) after serving on the council for three years. Dr. Pam Williamson may be more familiar to Manitoulin communities as the former executive director of Noojmowin Teg Health Services, but she has spent much of the time since her retirement giving back to the community—the NSC stint being just one of those activities.

"Canadians deserve to age with dignity," notes a government announcement of Dr. Williamson's appointment. "That comes down to choice, to affordability, to inclusion and to community. The Government of Canada seeks the advice of experts and seniors themselves on issues concerning them to inform the government's work, to make sure every senior in Canada can live in health and safety." "It is an honour," said Dr. Williamson in conversation with The Expositor. "I was a little taken aback when they approached me to find out if I was interested," she admitted.



Pam Williamson

"There are so many amazing colleagues on the council. I said yes."

"Dr. Williamson's perspectives have been invaluable to the NSC's work over the past three years," said Minister for Seniors the Honourable Seamus O'Regan Jr. in announcing her appointment. "Her leadership as chair will only strengthen that work."

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Gore Bay residents, businesses rally behind downtown revitalization project

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—There is a lot of enthusiasm among Gore Bay residents and businesses to a proposed downtown revitalization project.

"I feel we have the potential to be another Niagara on the Lake and with this plan (in place) our downtown would be very beautiful," stated Carol Pearson Worsley of M and R Jewelry in Gore Bay. "If this project moves forward it would make our downtown stunning."

"And it is a good idea to go with a nautical theme and tie the downtown area with the waterfront marina and side streets," said Ken Worsley.

"The plan was really well accepted at both (downtown re-

talization) meetings we had," said Harry Schlange, Gore Bay town manager. "The concepts were really well accepted because it would really enhance the downtown and connects the waterfront to the downtown area."

The downtown revitalization would basically encompass Meredith Street from Main Street to Dawson Street.

The goal of the plan is to transform Gore Bay to be the prettiest small town in Canada, said Mark Elliott of Lifestudio Group landscape architect. "I live in Lively but Manitoulin Island has been my home away from home for 36 years. So, to

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Gore Bay Summer Theatre season opens next week

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—In just eight days, the curtain will rise on Gore Bay Theatre's Summer Season and will feature two plays, 'The Housekeeper,' a comedy by James Prideaux and 'Painting Churches,' a comedic drama by Tina Howe.

'The Housekeeper' is a series of fast-paced scenes, some in the

present, some in the past, with biting humour becoming funnier and funnier as it builds towards its unexpected and thoroughly delightful conclusion.

Rocky Mountain News said it was a "hilarious comedy, a comic valentine." The Westmore News said, "'The Housekeeper' is one of the best new comedies to come around in a long time," and the Barnstable Patriot reported that, "the opening night audience was convulsed with laughter."

The play features John Robertson and Helen Landry.

'Painting Churches' is a comedic drama that explores the relationship between an artist daughter and her aging parents. Highly praised, the play received the Best Off-Broadway Play Award and was a finalist for the 1984 Pulitzer Prize for drama.

Time Magazine said it was "a radiant, loving and humorous play, capturing the hilarity, the

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Canada Day all the way eh?



Katie Harper sings O Canada during the Little Current Canada Day celebrations.



Canada Day runners round the bend during the Little Current celebrations.



You can always count on Linda Bowerman to show her Canada pride while doing a good turn for the community.



Downtown Little Current had plenty of vendors and bouncy castles on hand.



These young ladies were decked out in their Canada Day decals.



Downtown Little Current was the perfect place to get your jams and jellies on.



Retired pastor Erwin Thompson was getting his Scottish on during the Silver Water parade.



Plenty of farmyard critters were whooping up a storm on this float.



Rainbow District School Board trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison was dishing out the treats during the parade.



Traditional picnic games are always a great hoot for participants and onlookers alike.



A patriotic family in Gore Bay honours our veterans on Canada Day.



Betty's Convenience Store is a Gore Bay staple with plenty of community spirit.



Colton and Lucas Belanger get the catch of the day



Jenn Chatwell and Robbie White remember the origins of Canada.



Brett Abbottsaway and Dione Gordon honour the survivors of residential schools.

Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming and Ribfest was delicious



The Algoma-Manitoulin Chrysler team were out in force raising funds for a worthy cause.



The Manitoulin Sea Cadets helped lead the annual Homecoming parade.



Robbie Shawana and friends were among the many bands entertaining the folks during the weekend.



Best amateur ribber around! Darren Moxam, left is presented with the 2024 Manitoulin Ribfest Best Amateur Ribber Award by Central Manitoulin Lions club secretary Marcus Mohr. Mr. Moxam competed against five other competitors in the event.



A trick rider displays amazing balance and control over her mount.



The Central Lions Club were hauling some serious ribs around during the parade.



I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. The ice cream eating contest was a big hit.



Hobbyist weaver Joanne Carlye was demonstrating her art at museum open house.

Kenjgewin Teg graduation celebrates 30 years of grads

by Jacqueline St. Pierre,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

M'CHIGEENG—On June 20, the Kenjgewin Teg community gathered to celebrate a momentous occasion—the graduation ceremony marking the 30th year of the institution. The day commenced with a traditional sunrise pipe ceremony led by esteemed knowledge holders Gloria Oshakewisens-McGregor of Whitefish River First Nation and Josh Eshkawkogan of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Beverley Roy, president of Kenjgewin Teg, expressed profound pride in each graduate and gratitude for being part of their lifelong learning journey. She extended heartfelt wishes for their future success, underscoring the significance of their achievements.

The ceremony continued with the procession of graduates, honouring those who completed the Anishinaabe Aadziwin Distinction program, which includes a wide range of traditional and cultural learning activities. The 2024 Anishinaabe Aadziwin Distinction graduates are Coralee Armstrong, Deborah Bird, Jenny Cleavelly, Mary Delange, Marlene Essex, Jessica Gray, Pauline Keeshig-Tobias, Ashton Kozeyah, Lucien Lachance, Madison Nogosh, Cadence Pangowish and Alexandra Pitawanakwat.

This voluntary program is offered to all students and staff, promoting engagement in both formal and informal Anishinaabemowin learning, traditional cultural and harvesting practices, and traditional music, among other activities. By completing at least 24 hours of chosen activities, students earn the distinction, celebrating their commitment to cultural education.

The 2024 Kenjgewin Teg Ontario Secondary School Diploma graduates include Amanda Brake, Clayton Limin, and Arianna Shigwadija-Trudeau. Graduates from various partnership programs were also recognized, including the Personal Support Worker Program with Canadore College, the Practical Nursing Program with Fleming College, the Indigenous Teacher Education Program with Queen's University, the Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Program with Canadore College, and the Shki-Moojinakiing - Pathway to Trades program with Canadore College.

Additionally, Canadian Welding Bureau Certification graduates and those completing the Computer Applications Program with Canadore College were celebrated. Graduates who received Ontario College of Teachers additional qualifications in Outdoor Experiential Education, and those who completed the Teaching Ojibwa Program Part 1 and the Outdoor Experiential Education Summer programs were also honoured.



2024 Anishinaabe Aadziwin Distinction graduate Alexandra Pitawanakwat delivers a heartfelt moment during the graduation ceremonies.

The 2024 Kenjgewin Teg Ontario Secondary School Diploma graduates are Amanda Brake, Clayton Limin and Arianna Shigwadija-Trudeau.

Personal Support Worker Program graduates are Rachelle Barrette, Nicole DeBruin, Madison Kerr, Renata Lima, Annabelle Mishibinjima, Cathleen Osawabine, Laurie Patreau, Stephanie Skilling, Caitlin Sloss and Timothy St-Denis.

The Practical Nursing Program graduates are Deborah Bird, Mary Delange, Dana Mandarin, Tawyna McCulligh and Robyn Yaschuk.

The Indigenous Teacher Education Program celebrated graduates Marlene Essex, Jessica Gray and Cadence Pangowish.

The Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship Program graduates are Aaron Bucholz, Maverick Bushey, Rylie Desroches, Gwenyth McLeod, Robin Nahwegahbow, Shaun Owl, Hannah Peltier and Daniel Sememtsov.

Shki-Moojinakiing-Pathway to Trades graduates are Joshua Assinewai, Donald Beaton, Damion Debassige, Leah King, Ashton Kozeyah and Morgan Kozeyah.

Canadian Welding Bureau Certification graduates are Chris Bissailion, Andrew Cooper, Hunter Corbiere, Katelyn Gonawabi Beil, Christopher Hanna, Athena Jacko-Migwanabe, Lucien Lachance, Patrick McClements, Jessica Sky, Alexander Steeves, Austin Tabobondung, John-

tae Toulouse and Andrew Webb.

Computer Applications Program — in partnership with Canadore College — graduates are Aaron Manitowabi, Cynthia Osawamick, Anita Recollect, Hayley Southwind and Samantha Toulouse.

Ontario College of Teachers additional qualifications recipients in the area of Outdoor Experiential Education Spring of 2023 graduates are: Erin Buchman, Karen Butler, Peter Cicco, Amber Clement, Alan Coombs, Haley De Turse, Isobel Donaldson, Taylor Lambie, Chantal Lariviere, Alison Maroney, Amy Mavec, Monty McGahey, Kent Moffett, Aron O'Brien, Lydia Pelsor, Nicole Pigeau, Heidi-Ann Polti, Deanna Riching, Miquela Skinner, Kory Snache, Jacqueline Whelan, Lauren Jill Wooley and Sarah Yeniay.

Teaching Ojibwa Program Part 1 Summer of 2023 program graduates are Michael Baxter, Christina Beaucage, Ruth Cassie, Rachael Cummings, Robin Debassige, Nicole Fleming, Jordan Gray, Amanda Hardisty, Grace Henry-Caron, Colin Ireland, Gail Lafleur, Molly McKee, Shawnee Penasse, Gillian Percy, Michelle Taukei and Geneva Walker.

Outdoor Experiential Education Summer of 2023 program graduates are April Aelick, Jacky Chan, Hilary Cook, Mary Fischer, Michelle McKitterick, Julie McLean, Kimberley Neill, Ava Olds, Karen

Passarello, Crystal Piche and Danica Thomsen-Harnick.

Moving speeches by student representatives highlighted their personal journeys and the transformative impact of their education at Kenjgewin Teg. Their words reflected a shared sense of achievement, community, and hope for the future.

Culturally specific education, such as that provided by Kenjgewin Teg, plays a crucial role in the empowerment and preservation of Indigenous identities. These programs are tailored to reflect and honour the rich traditions, languages, and cultural practices of Indigenous communities, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among students.

By integrating traditional knowledge and contemporary education, culturally specific programs help bridge the gap between past and present, ensuring that Indigenous ways of knowing and learning continue to thrive. This approach not only supports academic success but also promotes holistic development, encompassing spiritual, emotional, and social growth.

For Indigenous students, culturally specific education provides a supportive environment where their heritage is respected and celebrated. It strengthens community ties, nurtures leadership, and prepares students to contribute meaningfully to their communities and beyond.

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...Gore Bay Summer Theatre season opens next week with two shows

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sadness beneath it and the valour beneath both.”

Variety said it “was still a stunner, a visual poem,” and the New York Times

said in its review of the play that it was “beautifully written, a theatrical family portrait that has shimmer and depth.”

The play features Theresa and Dario Laurenti and

their daughter Rebecca Laurenti.

Co-directors Andrea Emmerton and Walter Maskel are very excited about the upcoming season. Mr. Maskel said, “We

are very fortunate to have very strong and experienced actors. I have known the Laurenti’s for over 30 years and have directed Theresa, Dario and Rebecca numerous times in plays and musicals. They are an amazing and talented theatrical family, much like the family in ‘Painting Churches.’ Likewise, I have directed John and Helen in many, many productions and their superb comedic performances on ‘The Housekeeper’ will be sure to tickle your funny bone.”

Ms. Emmerton said, “the actors from both casts have received awards at regional and provincial drama festivals as well as receiving awards representing Canada at an international theatre festival. We have been rehearsing since January and are extremely



Dario, Theresa and Rebecca Laurenti star in ‘Painting Houses.’

ly grateful that Theresa and Dario travel from Espanola and that Helen has travelled from Sudbury to be in a Gore Bay Theatre production.”

Gore Bay Theatre is known provincially for the quality of their pro-

ductions. In the past 20 years the group has won more awards at regional and provincial theatre festivals than any other community theatre group in the province. Both productions will be presented on consecutive nights so that audiences will be able to attend both performances back-to-back, again another Gore Bay Theatre accomplishment, only offered by a couple of professional theatre festivals in Ontario.

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...downtown revitalization project

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be able to take part in this type of project is a fantastic opportunity for me.”

“Currently, there is synergistic momentum in Gore Bay that needs to be supported and maintained,” said Mr. Elliott. He pointed out this is a key factor to create a thriving community with a vibrant revitalized downtown. In the last few years Gore Bay has made significant investments into the waterfront boardwalk, a splash pad, playgrounds, sports courts, and the marina. Split Rail Brewing and many more food establishments have popped up. The arts community is strongly represented. A revitalized downtown street space with new connections to the marina and waterfront is being presented in this document.

“Someone at the (business operators) meeting last night said it would be nice for the downtown area to look different and more vibrant than other communities,” said Mr. Elliott.

“Social images are big,

and beautiful, welcoming scenery can bring people to town,” he said. The Gore Bay downtown revitalization project is an exciting opportunity to harness Gore Bay’s proud history and identity as the building blocks to re-imagine the kind of community you want to be for the next 50 years, he said.

There are many towns in Nova Scotia with a population approximately the size of Gore Bay. Communities like Mahone Bay and Lunenburg are world-renowned small-town destinations that people from all over the world come to visit, said Mr. Elliott. While tourism is a desired benefit for this project, there are many more desirable outcomes and experiences to create. This project is about pride and community building—building a place to live, work, visit and play.

“Ninety percent of decisions people make are based on emotion. What we are trying to create is a downtown that people fall in love with the town, set up business and live here,” said Mr. Elliott. “I think there are three main streetscape themes proposed to develop a distinct sense of place that reflects Gore Bay’s identity. 1. Nautical history. Gore Bay has a rich nautical history as a preferred harbour and designation on the Great Lakes. Ships have been coming here since 1890. He said part of the concept is to have a ships mast entry feature with string lights leading visitors into the town at the corner of Meredith and Main Streets.

“Secondly, there is the geology. Manitoulin limestone is a world-famous local landscape and building material that most reflects the identity of Gore Bay,” said Mr. Elliott. “Three, the town deer. This is a really special thing. Like them or not, the town deer need to be embraced. They have become an iconic symbol of Gore Bay living harmoniously with nature.”

Among the many other concepts that the plan could include is double

light standards with seasonal planting baskets, lots of beautiful bright coloured trees that would draw people to the town, limestone benches with the opportunity for family sponsorship plaques, limestone bollard and planters used for Christmas displays, sponsored gardens, bollard/seating rocks, concrete steps, bike racks, permeable pavers, raised planting beds, asphalt or interlock (street option), flexible or curbsless streets, gardens, limestone, banners, lights and trees connect municipal nodes together to the waterfront/marina and side streets. The concept is designed to intertwine all modes of transportation from walking, bicycling and vehicle transportation.

“Trees are extremely valuable assets downtown,” said Mr. Elliott who said “We had a couple of technician people look at the trees in town. They are all about 40 years old, and you can see damage from snowplows and disease. They are on the down cycle. He said they need to be replaced and new planting needs to begin, noting different trees such as autumn blaze and others similar would provide a spectacular setting for anyone coming into the downtown area and would attract visitors. Under the proposal silva cells would be used. The silva cell is a modular suspended pavement system that uses soil volumes to support large tree growth and provide powerful on-site stormwater management through absorption, evapotranspiration and intercept.

“Who is going to fund all of this?” asked one attendee at the meeting.

Mr. Schlange answered, “we have started to cost this out. This is all a possibility,” saying the concepts can be done in stages. Everything is very possible, but it is town council that will make the final decision. He said after the concepts are costed out they will be presented to council this fall for consideration.

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...anti-anxiety, birth control drugs in Great Lakes fish stock

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uitous nature of pharmaceutical contamination, affecting water bodies from rural areas to urban centers across continents. She also points out that nearly half of all municipal wastewater globally is inadequately treated, particularly in lower- and middle-income countries.

Liam Campbell of Manitoulin Streams spoke with The Expositor, acknowledging that Manitoulin isn't necessarily exempt from these effects. "Many people may think that we are exempt or protected from the effects of pharmaceuticals making their way into the water around and on Manitoulin Island because we have a relatively low population density. However, if you consider the fact that approximately three million people live in the Lake Huron watershed it's easy to see that this is a very real issue that we are also facing on Manitoulin."

"As far as inland lakes go, they too are potentially at risk due to the fact that even places that



The male fathead minnow is becoming 'feminized' due to the presence of birth control medications in the water system.

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aren't on town water and sewer have septic systems that eventually filter into the lakes. On top of that there are many old, failing or illegally installed septic tanks that don't filter out contaminants the way that they should. While there haven't been any studies conducted on the presence or effects of pharmaceuticals in the waters and organisms on and around Manitoulin Island, we surely are experiencing similar issues and consequences of drugs made for humans that don't take into con-

sideration the local environment."

Juan José Alava, from the University of British Columbia, notes that fish are particularly vulnerable to the effects of pharmaceuticals due to the direct entry of drugs through their gills. Once in the bloodstream, these chemicals disrupt the physiology and reproductive systems of aquatic life.

Dr. Kidd and her colleagues advocate for a proactive approach, urging the pharmaceutical industry to develop drugs

that naturally biodegrade, minimizing their ecological footprint. They cite fluoroquinolone antibiotics as an example of progress in this direction.

Furthermore, Dr. Kidd supports the "polluter pays" principle of the European Union, which makes pharmaceutical and cosmetic companies accountable for part of the cleanup costs. This policy aims to encourage the pro-

duction of environmentally friendly products.

Mr. Alava stresses that the development of eco-friendly drugs should be complemented by enhancements to wastewater treatment facilities. For example, the construction of Metro Vancouver's new \$3.86 billion wastewater treatment plant reflects ongoing efforts to replace outdated systems that only filter

physical waste.

Individuals can also contribute to this cause by responsibly disposing of unused prescriptions at pharmacies rather than flushing them or throwing them in the trash. Mr. Alava emphasizes the collective impact of personal actions, industry innovation, and political will in shaping a sustainable future.

...MHC's achievements lauded

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year I was concerned, but remained hopeful, about the shortage of physicians," said Dr. Cooper. "I did truly believe that we would be able to replace Dr. Mitchell, but we have not. For both sites (Little Current and Mindemoya) there are no prospects for physician recruitment for the next six months. I have reached out to Ontario Health to help work on a plan in case the current group of physicians are unable to continue to provide core physician services on the Island."

"I believe that while there is a shortage of physicians in the province, the biggest issue is distribution and the current program of the emergency funding of clinicians (physicians and nurses) to keep programs like the emergency departments open is exacerbating the shortage," said Dr. Cooper. "We are currently going through a significant investment and re-orientation of the health care system. Whether this investment opportunity will solve the perennial problem of cyclic health human resources shortages remains to be seen, but I do remain hopeful."

"I am hopeful that the Ministry of Health will let Ontario Health and the Ontario Health Teams take the leadership in tackling problems like health human resource shortages. The recent successful roll out of Medi-Tech Expanse across the Northeast demonstrates that we can come to an agreement to solve a common problem," said Dr. Cooper.

"It was a year of advocacy for MHC," said Ms. Fields. "Small rural hospital leadership teams have been vocal in advocating for sustainable health care in our communities. MHC sought out opportunities

to meet with political representatives including MPP Mike Mantha, Minister of Health Sylvia Jones and Associate Deputy Minister of Health Catherine Wang. Topics of discussion included the strengths of small rural hospitals as leaders and health hubs in our communities, the unique challenges that we face, and how we can be supported to grow, be innovative and sustainable."

"The advocacy by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) for small rural hospitals has been unprecedented," added Ms. Fields. "Small, rural hospitals such as MHC are often a central point of entry into the local health care system, striving to offer timely, high-quality, culturally safe care to diverse populations across vast geographies."

"Right-size funding envelopes are required in order to equitably reflect the service delivery requirements of small, rural Northern hospitals, such as MHC, and introduce policy supports to urgently reduce our reliance on agency nurses and locum physicians, increasing sector sustainability and reducing associated costs," Ms. Fields said. "The coming years will be transformative in addressing these challenges."

"The past year has been one of financial challenges. However, due to the hard work of the MHC team and professional staff, MHC service levels were maintained as it experienced growing volumes of patients, especially in the emergency department," said Ms. Fields. "I want to thank the MHC team for adapting to the challenges of a shortage of health human resources and the professional staff for their sacrifice and commitment in ensuring that both emergency departments re-

mained open for our communities."

Ms. Fields explained, "in June 2023, our leadership team was complete for the first time. After two years of vacancies, we welcomed Emily Bond as the manager of human resources. Emily has brought much experience, enthusiasm, and spirit to the organization."

MHC leadership had the opportunity to engage with both the Wiikwemkoong Chief and Council and the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnis- ing to review the findings of the Maamwewziwining report and look for opportunities to improve. "We are grateful for the partnership and feedback that will allow us to improve and become more culturally sensitive," said Ms.

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...Pam Williamson named chair of National Seniors' Council

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"Congratulations to Dr. Pamela Williamson on her renewed tenure as a member of the NSC and her appointment as Chairperson," said Minister of Health the Honourable Mark Holland. "I look forward to continuing to benefit from Dr. Williamson's expertise and leadership on how we can further

support Canadians who wish to age at home and in their communities."

Originally appointed to the NSC in 2021, Dr. Williamson is an accomplished First Nations researcher and author with extensive, first-hand experience in community primary healthcare and championing initiatives that support the health and well-being of Indigenous elders, notes the an-

nouncement.

Dr. Williamson explained that, over the past three years, the NSC has been creating a list of priorities. "We became an 'expert' panel in 2022," she said. That identification as an expert panel has given greater impetus and gravitas to the NSC's recommended priorities.

Much of that work centres around the importance of being able to "age

in place." "I think we all want our independence," noted Dr. Williamson. Being able to access public buildings and having services that help to support that independence longer brings a greater quality of life to an aging population. A lot of the work involves "changing the mindset" of people delivering services.

In October 2022, it was announced that the NSC would serve as an expert panel to examine measures, including a potential aging at home benefit, to further support Canadians who wish to age in the comfort of their own homes.

The expert panel delivered a report to the government 'Final report of the Expert Panel: Supporting Canadians aging at home: Ensuring quality of life as we age' that outlines something they call


the 4As—a result of the NSC's identification and analysis of barriers to aging at home. Those are: availability, accessibility, affordability and accountability and their collective impact.

"These pillars are key to ensuring people can benefit from the services to age at home," notes the report—a perspective reinforced by Dr. Williamson.

The four perspectives are linked and can have a stronger collective impact when addressed in parallel or together, she notes. "Also, a comprehensive approach would involve various service sectors and disciplines, foster collaboration across levels of government, and bring together diverse partners. Such an approach would more likely achieve system-level change and maximize impact."

The complete report can be found at Canada.ca. NSC members are appointed, based on their expertise and experience related to seniors' issues, by the Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister of Seniors and the Minister of Health. The government is committed to open, transparent, and merit-based processes for selecting appointees. Appointees play a fundamental role in Canadian democracy as they serve on commissions, boards, Crown corporations, agencies, and tribunals across the country.

Dr. Williamson said that she is looking forward to working with her colleagues on the NSC to better inform the federal government on how best to serve the nation's diverse senior populations.



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Toddler fun at Low Island!

Northeast Town council invested \$32,000 in new playground equipment that targets the younger children in the community. Councillors Patty Aelick and Al Boyd pose for a photo with excited youngsters Kasper, 2, and Sebastian Habrowski, 5. Low Island has been a hive of activity of late as a new boardwalk and improvements to the beach have been made by the public works crew. Work is also underway on a new sidewalk, leading to Low Island.

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...Little Current artist's work 'best in show' at LaCloche Art Show

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awarded first place for 'Flowers Glean and Glow,' second place was awarded to Estephany Cordero-Meija for 'Stations of Emotions,' and honourable mentions were awarded to Cassie Tilston for 'Rainbow' and Kihanna Toulouse for 'Birch Trees.'

Schools participating in the juried exhibition include: A.B. Ellis Public School (Espanola), Sacred Heart Catholic School (Espanola), Shawanosowe School (Birch Island) and Little Current Public School (Little Current).

In the adult divisions, Robert Potvin took first place in the acrylic category, second place going to Cliff Jewell for 'Settling' and honourable mention went to Bonnie Hallay for 'Tall Trees.'

In the drawing division, Christie Pearson-Anderson was awarded first place for 'Barnyard Gossips,' second place was awarded to Astrid Colton for 'River Otter' and honourable mention went to Christine Bassett for 'Fossils.'

In mixed media, Linda Finn's 'The Ones That Didn't Get Away' took first place, with Raymonde Beland's 'Le Reine des Raines' taking second place. Honourable mention went to Jody Pilon for 'The Artist.'

In the oil division, Penny Bois took first place for 'Summer Mood.' Ms. Bois shared that the subject matter, her daughter who was then 14, was not

amused at having her picture taken. Donna Kanerva took second place for 'November Sun.' Honourable mentions went to Paulette Stewart for 'Chippewa Falls, Algoma' and Fay Reid for 'Solitude.'

In the pastel division, Beth Bouffard won first place for 'Hidden Gems' and Sally Assinewai won second place for 'Old Friends.' Honourable mention went to Donna Kanerva for 'You Said Apples?'

In the photography division, first place went to Debbie Anzinger-McKay for 'Eastern Screech Owl,' second place went to Bob Blaney for 'Moon Shadow' and honourable mentions were given to Jocelyn Bousquet for 'Raccoon Peek-A-Boo,' Scott Anderson for 'Fire in the Sky' and Debby Anzinger-McKay for 'Gray Wolf.'

In the sculpture division, Don Alemany took first place for 'Chokecherry Wine' and Vic Laberge took second place for 'Forever Home.' Honourable mention went to Shannon Farquhar for 'Idolized.'

Rounding out this year's awards were the watercolour division, in which Judy Boyd took first place for 'Upper Chippewa Falls' and Richard Edwards took second place for 'Sunpoint.' Honourable mention went to Laurie Brabick for 'Carde-ro.'

This year's distinguished artist is Martin Kotyluk, who has provided three pieces for this year's door prize draws, sponsored through a gen-



The artists of the 45th annual La Cloche Art Show pose for a group photo on opening night. photos by Michael Erskine



Aivah St. Amour received an honourable mention for 'The Bird.'

erous donation by the Espanola Lions Club. Mr. Kotyluk's works include two paintings and a letter opener forged from a railroad spike.

This year's art show committee included Sue

Miron, Amy Collins, Judith Mosher, Heather Nicholson and Irene Kivink.

Jurors for the show consisted of Martin Kotyluk (fine art), Wendy Geden (fine art), Tony Geden (fine art), Paul Grimard (photography) and Brenda Houle (photography).

Mr. Wheale's works on display, as artist emeritus, are not included in the judging but remain a highlight of the show. This year his works 'The Fence,' 'Rock Power' and 'Seagrass' were presented. Mr. Wheale's works can also be found at Perivale Gallery in Spring Bay and his work is currently the focus of an exhibition at the Gore Bay Museum.

...Joyce Martens honoured with award

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store. After getting married she worked at a car dealership as a receptionist. Joyce also worked in cosmetics at Sears for years while raising her two young children. Then she worked at Minute Canada and Things Engraved as a receptionist and secretary. Joyce was and still is a perfectionist in all she did and was loved and appreciated by all her bosses. Joyce always put forth her best effort."

"She was an amazing housekeeper who learned from the best, her mom, whose Dutch background, 'it's not clean unless it's Dutch clean' and her cooking skills were out of this world," continued Ms. Hall. "Joyce was an exceptional baker. Christmas was always a well thought out event. She loved getting everything ready down to the matching ribbon bows and tags (to match the wrapping paper). She always did copious amounts of bak-

ing that the family enjoyed for a long time after Christmas. Her mom could take any cut of meat and make it tender. Joyce also learned to sew from her mother's teaching as well."

"In fact, when her mom took ill and was in the hospital for six weeks on two separate occasions, Joyce cared for her younger siblings, cooked for the whole family and cleaned house along with going to school," said Ms. Hall.

"Joyce learned about car care and auto mechanics from her father. She was his personal secretary. She had amazing typing skills," said Ms. Hall. "In her later years she worked as a cashier to support her family. When her late husband Jim took ill, she was an amazing caregiver to him until his last days."

"Joyce can bring any plant back to life," said Ms. Hall. "Joyce was a make-up artist, skills she learned while work-

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Debajehmujig Storytellers to host open house on July 18

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOWANING—The Debajehmujig Storytellers' Larry E. Lewis Creation Centre located at 43 Queen Street in Man-

itowaning is usually a bustling hive of creativity—and this summer is no exception. From 11 am to 3 pm on Thursday, July 18 the theatre company

is inviting the public to come in and visit during an open house.

"We will have a live reading of the 2024 summer main stage produc-

tion 'New Elders,' as well as refreshments and beverages and in house musical samplings," said Debaj General Manager Lynda Trudeau. "In addition, our current exhibition by Barry Beaver is on display at the K. B. Reynolds Mastin Gallery."

As an extra enticement, Ms. Trudeau notes that there will be "some pretty cool draws happening as well."

Too often, Debajehmujig is one of Manitoulin's best kept secrets. In addition to creating and performing original works of theatre, the company trains young Indigenous thespians and arts animators. Over the years Debaj has also hosted a number of global arts performances the likes of which even larger centres would envy.

Although the open house will not feature a full performance of the summer mainstage production, there will be a workshop reading of the



script taking place during the open house.

"We are really excited about some of the new spaces that have been created here," said Ms. Trudeau. The Expositor is interviewing her in what will soon become 'Studio B,' a more intimate space than the larger performance hall.

"The hall is great for many things, but it is so large that you sometimes have a hard time hearing during smaller workshops," she noted. The new space will be less daunting than the larger one where mainstage pro-

ductions take place.

There is a new artisan creation space, with large windows providing ample natural light, that has been built utilizing some of the space from the oversized kitchen. The kitchen itself is the beneficiary of new commercial equipment and a cultural space is being created in the upstairs portion of the building.

"There is so much going on here, we are really excited to share what is happening with the Island community," she said. "It's going to be awesome."

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Manitoulin Lodge resident Joyce Martens was presented with the 'Making a Difference Award' at the nursing home's annual barbecue party event held June 21. In photo from left is Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov Lodge administrator, Joyce Martens and Gloria Hall, activities coordinator of the Lodge.

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ing at Sears in the make-up department. Lots of friends and family wanted her to do their makeup for special occasions. Joyce continues to always look so prim and proper and ready for the day."

Ms. Hall explained, "Joyce is always looking out for her fellow residents making sure they are ready for their meals with their clothing protectors in place and extra serviettes are available. She checks in on other residents, looking to make sure they have everything they need. She is happy to go and get anything that is required. She reports any concerns a resident may have. She is a great, caring roommate."

"Joyce is very helpful and a wonderful team player," said Ms. Hall. "She is selfless when helping others even though she may not feel it. She is like a mother to others even though she is younger than most. And she is so patient."

"It is a great pleasure to present the 'Making a Difference' award to Joyce Martens. Congratulations," added Ms. Hall.

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...Wiikwemkoong is new home for Ojibwa Spirit Horses

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noble horses onto a trailer and whisked them away across a frozen lake to a private property in Minnesota. There, a breeding program with Spanish Mustang stallions was initiated and continues to this day. Despite these efforts, fewer than 200 Ojibwa Spirit Ponies remain. Their existence still precariously balanced on the edge of survival.

Lucy, the eldest mare, who now lives in Wiikwemkoong, is registered as a direct descendant of the originals that were spirited away to the farm in Minnesota.

The modern breed name honours the Lac La Croix First Nation of Ontario, where these horses were last seen roaming free. Their decline was driven by habitat loss due to human settlement encroachment, industrial farming, a lack of recognition as a distinct breed, and Canadian government policies aimed at forced assimilation of Indigenous peoples and lands, eroding traditional practices, including the maintenance of their ponies.

Terry Jenkins of TJ Stables in Chatham, Ontario, purchased a band of sixteen of these spectacular horses from renowned Anishinaabe artist and advocate, Rhonda Snow. Snow is credited not only with working tirelessly with breeders to es-



Marcia Manitowabi snaps a selfie with Manitoulin's newest residents, Ojibwa Spirit Horses, who now reside in Wiikwemkoong.

establish educational and equine-assisted learning programs, but also with interviewing Elders and Knowledge Keepers to compile the oral history of the symbiotic relationship between Indigenous peoples and Ojibwe ponies.

Ms. Manitowabi recalls that Ms. Jenkins, who grew up near Walpole Island, had heard that Rhonda Snow was seeking homing opportunities for Ojibwe ponies within communities of Ojibwe peoples that might be equipped to care for them, appropriately. Ms. Jenkins then began touring the province, teaching different communities

about the breed and their history as part of an Indigenous Tourism initiative.

"When the Spirit Horses came to Wiky, I had already been working in Equine Therapy in Sudbury," said Ms. Manitowabi. "My auntie called me up and asked if I was going to visit them. I was amazed! Like, 'oh my god, we have our own ponies?' I had been unaware the breed existed before then."

Ms. Manitowabi participated in a water ceremony, within which the sacred horses were guided around the Midewin Lodge by their handlers and then to the water, where she helped to bathe

them ceremonially.

"From then on, the horses were always on my mind," she said.

"I kind of started stalking Terry," Ms. Manitowabi laughed. "She does great work with the Canadian Cowgirls organization and goes around to rodeos showing what these horses are capable of. So I just kept visiting the rodeos and talking to her like, 'hey remember me?'"

Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Manitowabi maintained lengthy conversations about bringing the horses back to the ancestral communities and the importance of reviving the relationship of Indige-

nous horse husbandry.

Initially, Ms. Manitowabi suggested a five-year timeline, but Jenkins proposed two years.

"I had to put everything into my work with them and lay the groundwork to ensure I was ready to take responsibility for them. I was traveling back and forth between Sudbury and Wiikwemkoong for work." Ultimately, COVID-19 delayed their plans, taking four years to bring the plan to fruition.

Caring for the horses has now become a collaborative effort, with mem-

bers of Manitowabi's family helping while she is away. She has since shifted her focus from Equine Therapy to a more holistic, traditional Anishinaabe-centered practice with the Ojibwe ponies.

"For me, it's about bringing these horses back to work to aid healing within our community. I have witnessed firsthand how they help us. This isn't a riding program; it's about our people connecting to the horses and allowing themselves to let go. Not

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many people remember the history of these ponies. By connecting with them, we are reclaiming parts of ourselves that we might not have even known were lost," Ms. Manitowabi emphasized.

Ms. Manitowabi, who works at Shkagamik Kwe Health Centre in Sudbury, has also launched her own project, Reflections Nanaandwejgejig Bezhigoogizhiik which translates to 'healing horses'. The project centres around the horses ability to aid with mental wellness recovery from



Three mares named Lucy, Three Sisters and Thundercloud, along with a gelding named Kind Moon Dancer, nicknamed Giizis (Ojibwe for "moon") now call Wiikwemkoong home.

issues like anxiety, depression, aggression and addictions.

Group sessions will be offered to the First Nations communities of Manitoulin Island over the summer, including two Indigenous youth culture camps and programming in collaboration with the Wiikwemkoong Peacemaker Justice Program, whose mandate is to aid Indigenous communities by employing traditional restorative justice measures.

During Wiikwemkoong's Midewiwin ceremonies this past weekend, Manitowabi met a man

from the Lac La Croix community, who was excited to meet the horses his community had nearly single-handedly preserved.

"Our Anishinaabek territory is vast, and historically, we would have encountered and known about these horses," Ms. Manitowabi said. "Part of my work with these horses is to learn more about their history and stories. As we Anishinaabe search for our identity, these ponies help us understand who we were, who we are and how to move forward as a people."

To learn more about sessions and services, or if you or someone you know holds traditional stories about Ojibwe Spirit Horses, please contact Marcia Manitowabi:

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es in accessing timely and effective emergency medical services," a letter sent out from Sheshegwaning to neighbouring communities reads. "The current limitations in EMS response times and health-care availability put our residents at unnecessary risk, particularly in emergency situations where every minute counts. Establishing a dedicated paramedic service will not only improve response times but also provide essential health support to our community members, enhancing overall public health and well-being."

The proposal notes several key strengths that make it a worthy investment including being a community-centred approach, improved health outcomes, comprehensive service as well as economic and social benefits.

Ms. Sheppard said, "we are in very preliminary discussions right now with the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) on our proposal. We have had a meeting with Robert Smith, chief of paramedic services and Travis Dewar, deputy chief of paramedic services with the DSB. At this point it is very preliminary and we are just exploring what and if any opportunities there are to have an ambulance satellite hub located in Sheshegwaning." "This proposal was discussed a few years ago in hopes of addressing gaps in service. So, we are revisiting this now," said Ms. Sheppard. "It would be wonderful for all Western Manitoulin if we had access to these services," she said noting that in preliminary discussions with DSB paramedic services the response so far has been positive.

"We are reaching out to our neighbouring communities in Robinson and Dawson townships and Zhiibaahaasing First Nation to start garnering letters of support from our neighbours to the proposal," said Ms. Sheppard.

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...Poplar family loses everything in house fire, GoFundMe in place

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“Manitoulin Island is known for helping neighbours, family and being a place that supports each other, so let’s all help get them back on their feet during this difficult time! Please join me in contributing to this GoFundMe

a call from Kyle Noble that there was a fire at my house. I rushed back but I was too late. The car I had in the driveway and everything else we had within 15 feet of the house was gone.”

“I built the home with my bare hands,” said Mr. Merrylees. “It’s tough see-

She was a white lab. And Frank, our cat, who would have been five,” said Mr. Merrylees.

The family had lived in the home for the past four years.

Rick Graham, fire chief for the Burpee and Mills Volunteer Fire Department, told The Expositor

the cause of the fire was but it was not suspicious. There is no need to call in the fire marshal for an investigation.”

The firefighters worked on putting the fire out until about 3:22 pm and

spent a few more hours after that in cleaning up and making sure the fire didn’t reignite.

“My wife and I organized the GoFundMe fundraiser,” Mr. Nadeau told The Expositor. He

noted that as of June 27, \$10,035 had been raised with the goal being to reach \$20,000. To donate to the family go to GoFundMe and search ‘Help Nevin & Karly.’



The Merrylees family’s home was razed in a June 23 fire.

initiative and help Nevin, Karly and Kalan rebuild their lives. Please show that amazing Island generosity. Everything helps and whatever you can donate will go a long way.”

Mr. Merrylees, who has two other sons, Joseph, 13, and Matthew, 10, explained that on the day of the fire, “I went to my son’s baseball tournament at 9 am. Later, I got

ing everything you own gone. I am a carpenter, and all my tools are gone, even the tools I take to work every day were destroyed in the car, hockey sticks, everything is gone.”

The family lost three beloved family pets, two dogs, “Bruno, the oldest, a yellow lab who would have been five, and Piper who would have been two.

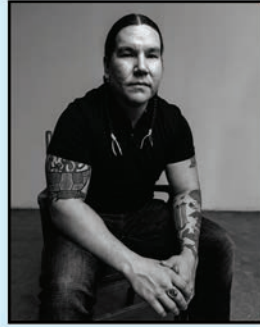
the fire team had received a call of the fire at 1:30 pm on June 23. “The building was fully engulfed in flames when we arrived on the scene. He had received a call from Gore Bay fire chief Mike Addison and Mr. Graham paged out all firefighters from the Burpee and Mills and Gore Bay volunteer fire departments.”

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Island will see high speed internet project come to fruition by 2025

SUDBURY—The federal and provincial governments have announced funding of more than \$97 million to connect more than 18,600 homes to ROCK Networks, a subsidiary of PomeGran Inc. The project will bring high speed internet access more than 60 communities along the north shore of Lake Huron between Sudbury, Huron Shores and Sault Ste. Marie and on Manitoulin Island. It will serve over 18,600 households, including over 2,500 Indigenous households.

PomeGran, which will own and operate the network, will have an end-to-end fibre network constructed and operated that will deliver speeds of up to 25 Gpbs. The network will provide connectivity to over a 50,000 square kilometre geography. The

first network hookup will take place this fall on the North Shore, while hookup is slated to take place on Manitoulin Island in the summer of 2025.

“High-speed internet is no longer considered just a luxury,” said the Honourable Gudie Hutchings, minister of rural economic development and minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada opportunities agency at the announcement held at Dynamic Earth in Sudbury on June 24. “The federal funding committed today will bring reliable high-speed internet to more than 18,600 underserved homes in communities across Northern Ontario. Communities large and small need to have a reliable connection so they can grow their potential in this digital world.”

“Thanks to a combined

investment of over \$97 million from the governments of Canada and Ontario, residents of Huron Shores and Manitoulin Island will have the tools they need to succeed in today’s digital world,” said Amarjot Sandhu, parliamentary assistant to Ontario’s minister of infrastructure. “This investment brings us another step closer to fulfilling our government’s ambitious goal of delivering reliable high-speed internet access to every community across Ontario by the end of 2025.”

“This investment is a testament to our commitment to bridging the digital divide in rural and indigenous communities,” said Joe Hickey, president and founder of ROCK Networks and president of PomeGran. Through their engage-

ment with the not-for-profit Huron Shores and Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure Corporation (H&M COFI) PomeGran has connected with various communities, ensuring their needs and voices were considered. The project aims to provide high-speed broadband internet to homes, businesses and institutions. Their vision is to enhance global access and influence in the region, with fibre-based technology, transforming the digital landscape of the area.

“PomeGran is excited to receive this investment, a testament to our shared commitment with the governments of Canada and Ontario to bring high-speed internet to rural and indigenous communities in Northern Ontario,” said Mr. Hickey. “This strategic investment signifies a crucial step towards achieving Canada’s nationwide connectivity targets, and with our commitment to an open access network, it will help foster competition in the market, making high-speed internet more affordable in the region.”

“I am ecstatic that after close to five years this announcement of funding has been announced,” stated Georges Bilodeau, chairperson of H&M COFI. “The government’s funding is a game-changer for connectivity in Huron Shores and Manitoulin Island. Beyond connecting households, it paves the way for educational opportunities, telemedicine advancements and thriving local businesses. It’s about building a strong, more connected community for generations to come.”

“We are enthusiastic about partnering on this high-speed internet

project, which will significantly enhance connectivity and economic opportunities within our community,” said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi. “Our collaboration on the network and construction efforts is a testament to our commitment to sustainable development. Reliable internet access will empower our community by providing better opportunities for education, healthcare and local businesses.”

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, one of several MPs and MPPs in attendance at the announcement said in a release, “This is a massive project that will help bridge the digital divide for people across Northern Ontario. I had been a huge advocate for the ROCK Networks and (H&M COFI) project for years, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic when it was very clear that people in this region weren’t always equipped with the broadband services they needed to work or learn from home.”

“This project will create good-quality jobs and will be a huge benefit for families and businesses throughout Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing,” said MP Hughes. “It’s going to help bridge that digital divide that is frequently felt in our small towns and communities in the North. I want to thank Michael Groh and Joe Hickey from ROCK Networks who continued to push for this project, and Georges Bilodeau, the board chairperson for H&M COFI, whose diligence ensured this project took off.”

PomeGran has four construction companies that do the actual construction work on the

systems and FirstTel and Acadia Communications are among other companies that will provide the enhanced broadband service with customers able to decide in an open process which server they purchase the services from. “We don’t set the rates, we sell them to (internet service providers) and they have fixed rates for this. Customers will be able to select the ISPs they want to purchase the service from.”

The open access framework will attempt to foster a competitive market, enabling numerous ISPs to offer diverse services to consumers at competitive prices, said Mr. Groh.

Mr. Groh explained that to future proof the network, PomeGran is deploying XGS-PON and 25G PON to provide multi-gigabit broadband to residences and businesses. In addition, PomeGran’s patent pending advanced fibre technology and outdoor passive fibre infrastructure will ensure lightning-fast connectivity and the ability to scale to speeds and reliability now and in the future not previously available to rural and indigenous communities.

“The nice thing is the system will be future proof, so when the government says the minimum speed is being increased, we have the capability to do this,” said Mr. Groh.

On July 29, 2021, the governments announced a Canada-Ontario broadband partnership to support large-scale, fibre-based projects that will provide high-speed internet access to nearly 280,000 households across the province. This historic agreement was made possible by a joint federal-provincial investment totaling more than \$1.2 billion.

Visit the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay!

We are pleased to announce on Saturday, June 29th the Net Shed Museum located in Meldrum Bay at the west end of Manitoulin Island has re-opened. The Net Shed Museum has artifacts of early and more recent settlers who engaged in the lumbering, fishing and quarry industries starting in the late 1800s to the more recent past.

The museum is open 10-5, Tuesday to Sunday until August 16th.

The museum is closed on Mondays, and will be closed for half an hour from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

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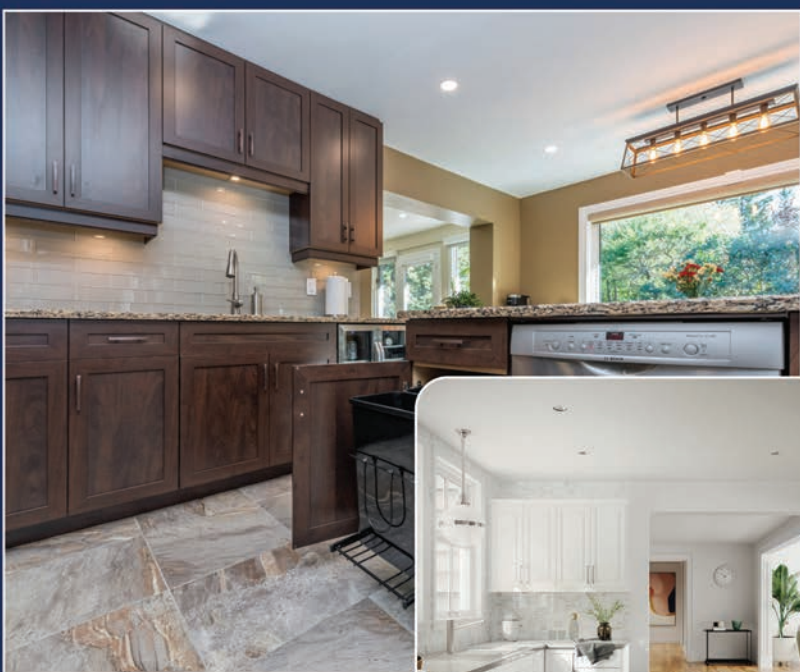
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with minor injuries. The matter is still under investigation. Anyone with information on this investigation or any other is asked to contact the WTPS at 705-370-3141, or through the OPP communications centre at 1-888-310-1122 or can contact Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Driver arrested twice in two weeks for impaired

On Thursday, June 30, while on general patrol an officer with the WTPS observed a male driver consuming an alcoholic beverage from the driver's seat of their motor vehicle which was parked by the Zipp Thru gas station in Wiikwemkoong.

Rainbow board and elementary school occasional teachers reach tentative contract agreement

SUDBURY—The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) and the federation representing elementary occasional teachers in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island have reached a tentative contract agreement at the local level.

Elementary school occasional teachers represent the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Rainbow Local.

The new deal, if ratified, will be in effect from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, aligning with the provincial agreement at the central bargaining table.

"We commend the bargaining teams for the board and the federation for working together to achieve this tentative agreement at the local level," said RDSB chair David Farrow. "Elementary occasional teachers ensure continuity of learning in our schools. They are valued members of our instructional team."

"The (ETFO), Rainbow Occasional Local is pleased that we were able to reach a tentative agreement with (RDSB)," said President Stacy Sullivan. "We look forward to presenting the tentative agreement at the local levels to our membership for ratification."

The officer approached the vehicle and further observed the driver to display signs of impairment by alcohol. There were also empties strewn about the interior of the vehicle.

As a result of this investigation, a 56-year-old male resident of Wiikwemkoong has been charged with the following: impaired by alcohol and impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was later released and is set to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice (provincial division) in Wiikwemkoong on August 20 to answer to the charges.

Due to the provisions of the criminal code, the name of the driver will be released once the information has been sworn.

 **Law & Order**

Police seek public's assistance in break enter and theft incident

On June 20 the WTPS received a break, enter and theft complaint that occurred in the main village area on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

The complainant reported that sometime during the night, unknown person(s) had entered the apartment and stole an unopened air conditioning unit valued at approximately \$500 dollars.

The theft incident is still being actively investigated.

Anyone with information on this investigation is asked to contact the WTPS at 705-370-3141, or through the OPP Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or can contact Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Traffic complaint results in impaired charges

On June 17, officers with WTPS received a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver. A grey vehicle was reported to be swerving all over the roadway.

At approximately 1:30 pm, officers observed the suspect vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Upon investigation of the vehicle, police located a male driver who displayed obvious signs of impair-

ment by alcohol.

The male driver was placed under arrest for impaired driving and was brought before a qualified intoxilyzer technician. The driver was found to have alcohol in his system above the legal limit.

As a result of this investigation, a 26-year-old male from Timmins has been charged with the following: impaired by alcohol and impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was later released and is set to appear in Ontario court (provincial division) in Wiikwemkoong on July 23 to answer to the charges.

Due to the provisions of the criminal code, the name of the driver will be released once the information has been sworn.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service responded to 121 calls for service for the week of June 18-23, 2024.

Manitoulin OPP lay charges in relation to stolen vehicle

One person has been arrested and charged after police received information about a stolen vehicle.

On June 26 at approximately 6 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received a report of a stolen vehicle from Castle Street in Sables-Spanish Rivers Township. Police made attempts to locate the vehicle but were un-


successful.

Later that evening, the stolen vehicle entered the OPP detachment parking lot as the driver wanted to speak with police about an unrelated matter. The driver was subsequently arrested.

As a result of the investigation, Steven Granberg, 47, from Spanish has been charged with

possession property obtained by crime over \$5,000, theft over \$5,000 of a motor vehicle, driving while under suspension, fail to comply with probation order.

The accused was held in custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice Sudbury Bail court on June 27, 2024.



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coming events

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Come join us to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of St. Andrew's United Church, 20336 Hwy 540, Silver Water on Sunday, July 7 at 11 am. A light lunch and fellowship will follow. Bring a lawn chair. 6-7c

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

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

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

church services

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

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

marine



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yard sale

Yard Sale on Saturday, July 6 from 9 am to 1 pm at 61 Pleasant View Terrace, Mindemoya. Sewing supplies, vacuums, blankets, queen size bedspread with shams, two gravity lawn chairs, dolls, collector plates, toilet (American Standard), portable grill, lawn mowers, white ceiling fan with light and many more items. 7p

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

Yard Sale on Saturday, July 6 at 90 Manitowaning Road/Highway 6, Little Current. Retro spring horse (50-years-old), coloured glass, cups and saucers, old oval picture frame with old picture still in it, lots of stuff. Cancelled if raining. 7p

Yard Sale on Saturday, July 6 at 207 Ketchankookem Trail, Mindemoya. Cancelled if raining. No kids stuff, no clothing, antiques and collectables. 7p

Yard Sale on Saturday, July 6 at 199 Moggy Parkway, Manitowaning. Rain or shine. 7c

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notice

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

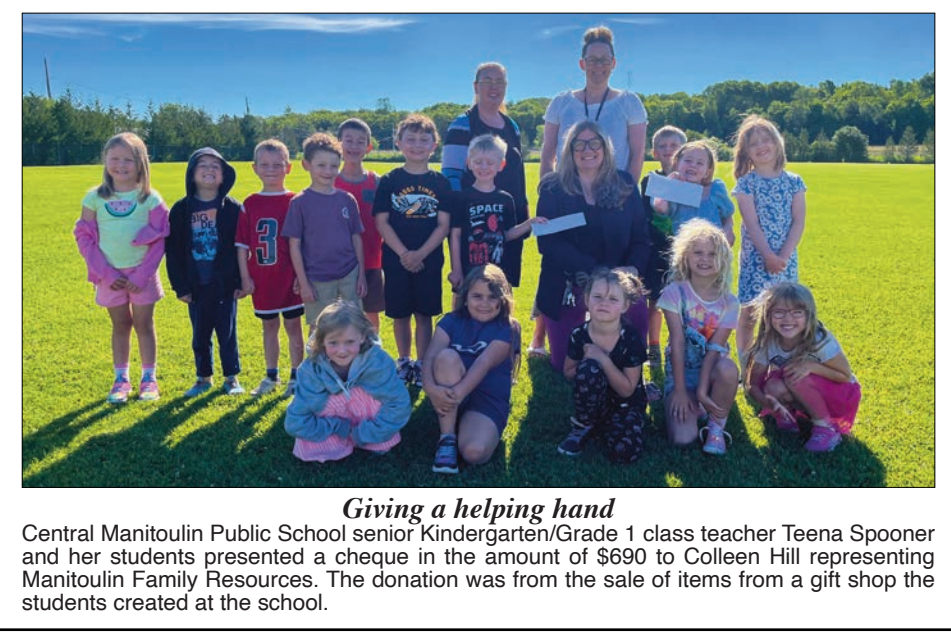
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Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info. Tfn

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

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

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



Giving a helping hand
Central Manitoulin Public School senior Kindergarten/Grade 1 class teacher Teena Spooner and her students presented a cheque in the amount of \$690 to Colleen Hill representing Manitoulin Family Resources. The donation was from the sale of items from a gift shop the students created at the school.

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The 29th Annual General Meeting of the Lake Manitou and Area Association (LMAA) will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7 pm at the Sandfield Schoolhouse.

spirituality

PUBLISHER'S NOTE—The following paid advertisement contains statements some readers may find offensive. The contents do not reflect the views of this publication.

There is not one subject where the N.T. spends more space on than on warning against false doctrines (Satan and his lies). Because the N.T. spends so much space on it, I believe that the most important task that God has given to Christians is making sure that what they believe is sound or 100 percent in agreement with what the Bible really teaches. I believe that the Bible in the original Hebrew and Greek is the only source of sound doctrine. There are over 200 translations into English alone and many of them contain the bias of the translators. Most of what is in those translations is in harmony with what other translators say. So that does not create a problem, but there are areas where there is disagreement or conflict and, in those cases, we need to do some investigating into what the original Hebrew and Greek really says. ECCL. 1:13 says: "And I gave my heart to seek and search out (investigate) by wisdom all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail has God given to the sons of man (everybody) to be exercised there with." ACTS 17:11 says: "The Bereans were more noble, for they examined (investigated) the scriptures daily to check if what Paul said was really true." There is nothing wrong with examining the scriptures to check if what religious leaders say is in agreement with what the Bible says, in fact, it is honourable and the only way to make sure that what you believe is the truth. I THES. 5:20-23 says: "Despise not prophesying (that is what I have been doing in my ministry by pointing out false doctrines and saying: this is thus says the Lord). 21) Prove all things (investigate if they are true), hold fast that which is good. 22) Abstain from all appearance of evil. 23) And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly." All the investigating that I have done has been an essential part of my own sanctification and I am convinced that investigating whether certain doctrines are sound is essential for the sanctification of every Christian. Remember God uses conflict on Doctrine to guide you into truth. And it is essential that you learn to really listen to what your opponents (those who disagree with you on doctrine) are saying, 2 TIM 2:25. You won't find the truth in a demonization that has a false Doctrine. You won't find the truth on baptism in denominations that sprinkle infants, and you won't find the truth on the Sabbath in denominations that worship on Sundays, etc. Remember too, that false doctrines are lies. They connect you to Satan and they keep you out of the Kingdom of God, GAL. 5:19-21. The truth connects you to God and Jesus Christ, and obeying the truth produces blessings. I explain these topics in more details in my "Book the keys to the Kingdom", which is now available from Amazon or by writing me. Hank Reckman
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Death Notices

LILA BLANCHE PURVIS

(Honest)



Lila Blanche (Honest) Purvis passed away peacefully on June 20, 2024, in her 89th year. Beloved wife of Blair Purvis (predeceased 2016). Blanche is survived by her children Mary-Louise (Walter Bennett), Bruce and Susan (Scott Strain); grandchildren Jenna (Luca Ciliberti), Jillian (Bradley Rintala), Brandon (Christine), Devan (Sarah), Mitchell (Danielle), Meghan (Val); and great-grandchildren Taylor, Cienna, Aliisa, Sebastian, Brady Mae and Matti. Dear daughter of Llewellyn and Lila (née Lewis) Honest (both predeceased). Dear sister of Jean McKay (Raymond predeceased), Helen McColeman (Dalton predeceased), and predeceased by Calvin (Margaret Baker), Ken (Bessie Douglas), Jessie (Floyd Bell), Mary (Willis Bond) and Fred Arneil (Stephanie). Dear sister-in-law of Paul (Betty-Lou) Purvis. Sadly missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. She met Blair Purvis in Gore Bay at a dance. Blair headed out sailing the following day but once his sailing season ended his first thing was to get his girl back. They married on June 21, 1956 in the United Church in Gore Bay. They built a home in Naughton in 1959 and raised their family. Blanche's biggest accomplishment was her husband and children and being the best stay-at-home mom and she did it well. Years later the grandchildren came along and her job became helping everyone and cooking everyone's favourites. Blanche loved her cards, dancing, game shows, ball games and curling, but cards topped all. She believed, "if you don't play cards or dance, it's not much of a life". Her best friends were her sisters. She was always talking to one of them and loading the car to head to the Island to visit with their mother. Blanche and Blair did a lot of travelling, just the two of them driving along and listening to music. In 2017 she sold her home, moved to an apartment and then to Manitoulin Lodge where she was treated so well. Many of the girls became her extended family. She was hugged and loved by them and she would just look up and beam at them. Special thank you to the Manitoulin Lodge family and Dr. Chantelle Wilson for the best care. She often said and we appreciate it, "I've had a good life". As per her wishes, there will be no funeral visitation or service. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Manitoulin Lodge would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughheed Funeral Home, www.loughheedfuneralhomes.com.

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And my spirit soared high.
I saw your eyes in the window pane
As I watched the falling rain;
It seemed as each raindrop fell
It quietly said your name.
I held you close in my heart today
It made me feel complete;
You may have died...but you are not gone
You will always be a part of me.
As long as the sun shines...
The wind blows...
The rain falls...
You will live on inside me forever
For that is all my heart knows.
Lovingly remembered by Paula and Jacob

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EADIE—In loving memory of Lorraine Eadie, a great mom, grandmother and great-grandmother.
Loved and missed, Everett and Verna, Darrell, Jack, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

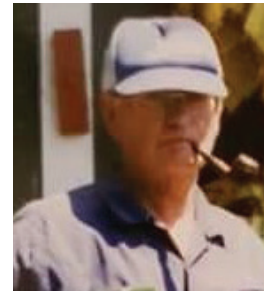
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Death Notices

JOHN ROBERT HAMILTON

"BOB"

1933 - 2024



The family of "Bob" John Robert Hamilton of Little Lake are sad to share the news of Bob's passing on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the Norfolk General Hospital in his 91st year. Bob is predeceased by his wife Donna Jean Hamilton (2020) and daughter Kathryn Ann Taylor (2020). Loving father of Gordon (Janis), late Kathryn (Brian) and Richard (Bonnie). Grandfather of Craig, Kathleen (René), Andrew (Charlotte), Laura, Sara (Tim), Jordan (Sarah) and Jamie (Brandon). Great-grandpa to Kaeden, Travis, Alexander, Ethan, Quinn and Willa. We will always remember him for his love of tobacco, wood cutting, woodworking and reading. Arrangements entrusted to the Arn-Lockie Funeral Home in Norwich, ON, 519-863-3020. A private family visitation and cremation will take place. A memorial Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.arn-lockiefuneralhome.com>.

Celebration of Life

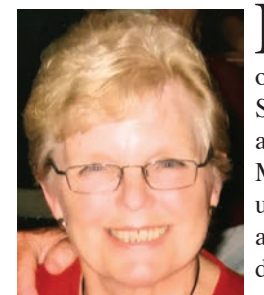
KATHLEEN ROBBIE

February 16, 1939 - December 25, 2023



Please join family and friends at the Golden Age Club, 109 Service Road, Onaping Falls (Levack) to Celebrate the Life of Kathleen Robbie on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 1 to 4:30 pm. A light lunch will be served. Kathleen Robbie passed away December 25, 2023 at the age of 84, she was a resident of Silver Water.

KATHY MCKINNY

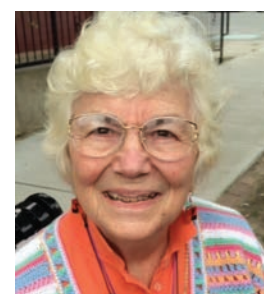


Family, friends and neighbours are invited to a Celebration of Life for Kathy McKinny on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 11 am at Trinity United Church in Mindemoya. Remembrances upstairs will begin at 11:30 am followed by a light lunch downstairs at 12 noon. Come and go as you wish.

MARTHA CHRISTY-BURT

"MARTY"

October 4, 1930 - May 3, 2024



Family, friends and neighbours are invited to a Celebration of Life for Martha "Marty" Christy-Burt on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 7 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Kagawong.

PATRICIA "CIANN" STRICKLAND

July 17, 1933 - February 29, 2024



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

your drum if you have one!

**LMSA
Lake Mindemoya
Stewardship Association**

**Annual
General Meeting**

- Membership Renewal
- Activities Presentation
- Questions & Answers

Time: 7:00 PM Saturday July 13th 2024
**Location: 6064 Highway 542, Mindemoya
Central Manitoulin Lions Club Pavilion**

Help Conserve the Quality of Lake Mindemoya

...MHC physician shortages remain constant concern, meeting hears

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Fields. The MHC employees took part in a camp put on by Mnaamodzawin Health Services last summer, and will again this August, that includes interactive activities to learn the Anishinaabe language, history of Indigenous people of the Manitoulin as well as cultural practices.

Ms. Fields noted the MHC had the opportunity to collaborate with Indigenous health program managers from other hospitals in learning how we may

improve cultural safety and the patient experience for indigenous community members and acting on their recommendations. "We are very excited about our partnership with Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) in funding for a navigator position at MHC.

"We celebrated the grand opening of the renovation and expansion of the Mindemoya emergency department," said Ms. Fields. "Amidst the pandemic and during one of the most difficult times of both our personal and professional careers, the

MHC team demonstrated their commitment to the community by persevering and ensuring that the clinicians were provided with a state-of-the-art clinical space to provide the excellent care they are well known for. We are very grateful to the facility and maintenance team for their persistence and problem-solving abilities in resolving the air handling concerns in the new chemotherapy suite. After much delay, the suite reopened in January and we are now able to resume administering chemotherapy to Islanders, close to

home. We look forward to the potential opportunity to expand the program in the future."

"MHC, along with 21 hospitals across the Northeast joined a single health information system, Meditech Expand," said Ms. Fields. "This project is known as the ONE initiative: one person, one record, one system. The ONE initiative has brought advanced clinical functionality including computerized provide order entry (CPOE), barcode medication verification (BMV), and electronic clinical documentation to MHC.

Ms. Fields explained, "Having a single, connected electronic health information system supporting a single patient record across all Northern Ontario offers significant clinical and patient benefits. Our patients no longer have to remember and repeat their health history to multiple providers because their health records are available wherever they go for hospital care across the Northeast. Having a single, unified patient record will result in faster and more accurate treatment decisions because clinicians will have complete, up-to-date information," continued Ms. Fields. "It has been a journey, the MHC team has been planning it for years and has been building the new system over the past two years," said Ms. Fields. "On June 4,

the vision became a reality, and we went live with Meditech Expand. I could not have been prouder of how our team faced this challenge head on and has come out stronger than ever."

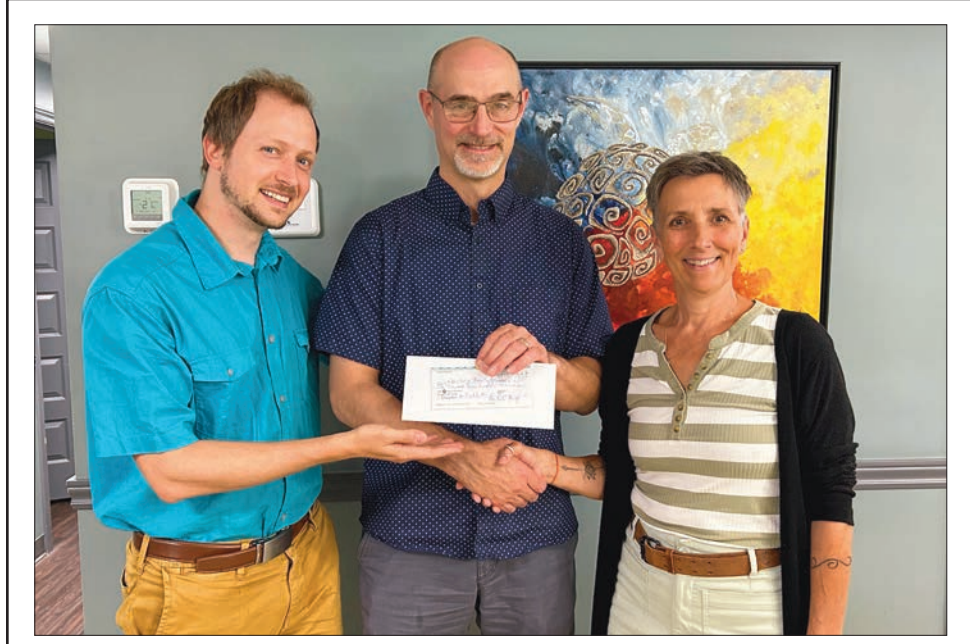
MHC has been working with its partners in the development of strategies to address the opioid crisis, said Ms. Fields. The MHC signed a memorandum of understanding with all police services of Manitoulin after six years of discussions. "The protocol is intended to improve outcomes for individuals apprehended by police under the Mental Health Act, improve transitions between police officers and our employees, and to improve the coordination and collaboration amongst all involved. This protocol has improved the experience of patients, police and MHC employees. However, we recognize there is much work to do in supporting mental health and addictions patients as well as ensuring the safety of MHC employees and professional staff."

Ms. Fields continued, "The Equipe Sante, Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin and Elliot Lake Ontario Health Team has gained momentum over the past year as evidenced by the development of governance tables and team processes, the signing of a three-year transfer payment agreement, planning and process for priority setting and implementa-

tion, and the development of a collaborative quality improvement plan. We are fortunate to have engaged collaborative partners on the Manitoulin as local leadership is well represented across the OHT governance tables. MHC along with our rural community partners will continue to advocate for a rural health system planning framework within the OHT to ensure equitable healthcare and outcomes for the people and communities we serve."

MHC has also begun engagement with board of directors, employees, partners and community members for the development of a new strategic plan that will lead its work for the coming three years.

"I want to thank the board of directors, professional staff, employees and the community for their support and patience over the past year. System challenges, regardless of attempts to mitigate, can unfortunately impact the provider and patient experience. We are grateful to hear of those patients and provider experiences that were not optimal so we can improve, and to hear from those who experienced the excellent care that we are known for so we can celebrate with our staff who stay true to our values of respect, passion and truth," said Ms. Fields.



Singing for good

From left, Jon Best, of the Manitoulin Community Choir, Chris Theijsmeijer from The Island Singers, and Suzanne Norris accepting a donation cheque of \$1,400 from the Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank, as the proceeds from the two groups for their joint choir concert held recently at Manitoulin Secondary School. Two large boxes of food donations were also collected that will go to the food bank as well.





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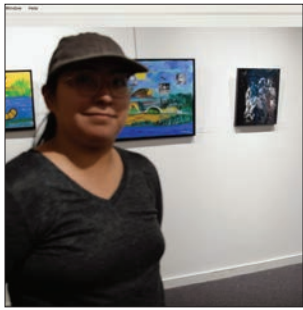
OCF exhibit highlights post-capitalist expression

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—The artworks of seven Indigenous artists are on display at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng as part of the 'Aawan-e-yaawang (it is what it is): The Art of Post-Capitalist Reconciliation' exhibition.

Co-curated by artist Michael Cywink (himself once an OCF curator) and Irish-born visual artist Dermot Wilson, the artists featured in the show include Clayton Samuel King, Don Chretien, Russell Noganoah, Lisa Pitawanakwat, Santana Eshkawkogan and Mr. Cywink himself.

"When Cy suggested 'it is what it is' for an exhibition title three years ago, I began to think about that phrase as a kind of filter or pressure valve that these artists were consciously or unconsciously using to consider their practices and personal histories as way of relieving personal anxiety, understanding contemporary social angst and stepping back and away from post-capitalist propaganda," said Dermot Wilson, who together with Mr. Cywink has produced the exhibition. "The artworks in this show depict views of contemporary life as it is, coloured and filtered through contemporary Indigenous visual artists' eyes."

"This show asks us, 'how does society value these works and how are



Curatorial assistant Shaelyn Recollet discusses the new 'Aawan-e-yaawang (it is what it is): The Art of Post-Capitalist Reconciliation' exhibition at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.

photo by Michael Erskine

these depictions reflective of what 'IT is' in our lives today?" notes Mr. Dermot. "Many of the artists involved, believe that 'what IT is' can be reflective of (and interpreted through) the Seven Grandfather teachings, and also of an ongoing and growing belief in 'reconciliation' as it applies to contemporary value systems, beliefs and ways of living. The 'Lives of the Elders' live on and

are with us in the treaties they forged with settler governors/patriarchs."

Mr. Dermot notes the largely two-dimensional artworks declare, "ironically and symbolically, the discrepancies between artistic, personal and societal values."

"Aawan-e-yaawang is all about how our lives are threatened by human and corporate structures such as mining, oil extraction, forestry, resource extraction and drinking water redistribution," continues Mr. Dermot. "These works outline the new reality of for Treaty People entering the third decade of the second millennium."

'Aawan-e-yaawang' is a travelling exhibit that has stopped off in North Bay and Timmins before its sojourn at the OCF. The exhibition at the OCF opened on June 10 will be moving on to the Maritimes after August 31. The OCF is open from 8:30 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

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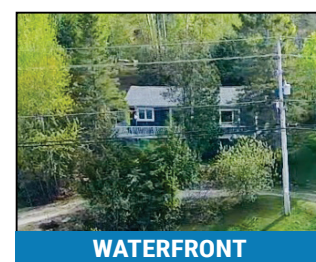
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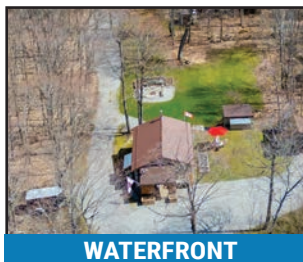
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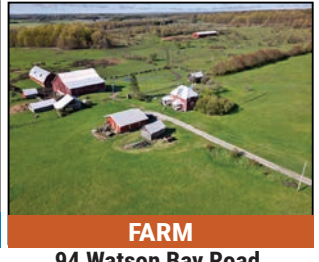
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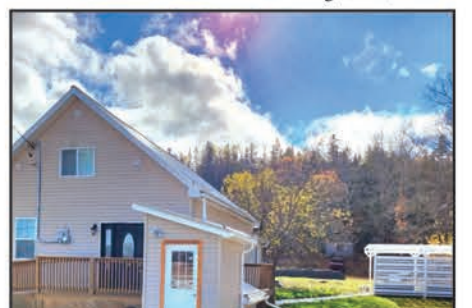
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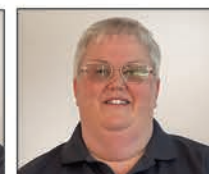
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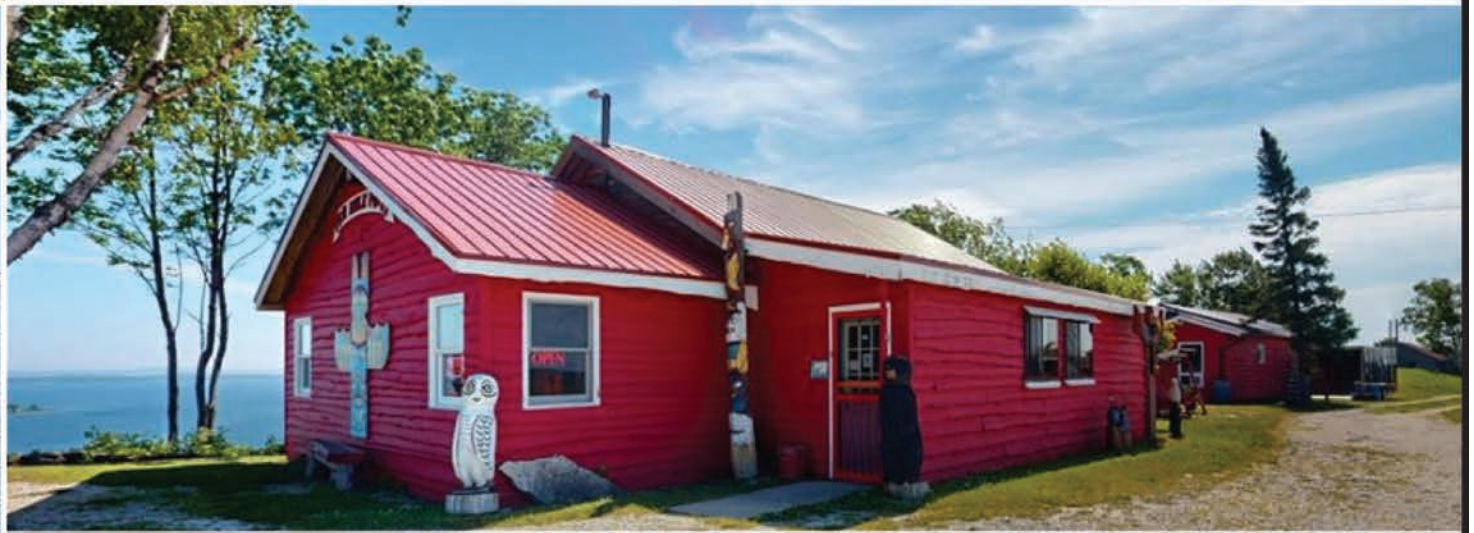
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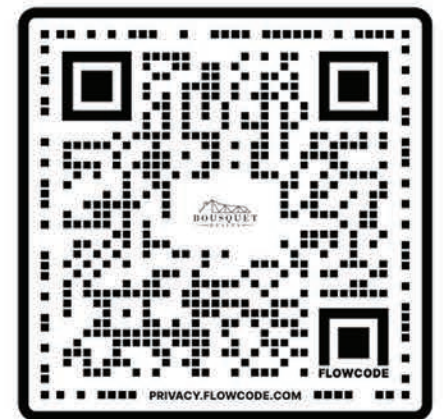
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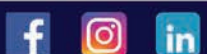
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Pearson Cup celebrates another successful year



The 'Old Dogs' (in photo) team were the winners of the 35er's A division championship at the forty-second annual Pearson Cup mixed softball tournament, held in Mindemoya. 'Balls Deep' won the B division.



The 'Weapons of Mass Consumption' team won the 45ers 'A' division championship. 'Cleats and Cleavage' won the 'B' division.



ABOVE: The 'Under Dogs' (in photo) won the Open 'A' division championship. The 'B' division championship winners were the 'Quarter Pounders,' while 'The Keggers,' won the 'C' division championship.

LEFT: Kyra Lanktree (left in photo) was presented with the Sandy McCutcheon Campbell Award by Delaney Campbell, at the Pearson Cup tournament.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

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New NHLer!

Congratulations to a well-deserved early pick of Carter George in this past weekend's NHL draft. The teen was taken in the second round 57th overall by the Los Angeles Kings. There were no first round net-minders and Carter was the third goalie drafted and first North American! The Toronto Maple Leafs had the very next pick at 58 and you have to think fans were dying for them to pick Carter with that position, often a difficult subject!

T and F record beaters!

At the Island Elementary Track and Field meets a couple of weeks ago five long-standing records were broken. The current records have been carefully documented over the years by a former Charles C. McLean teacher are now referred to as the **Dan Smith** era!

Last week, I had learned of one of the track records to fall when **Nova Debasige's** (CMPS) effort in the 200m clocked her in at 29.44 seconds in the 12-year-old girls' division! In the very next race, Gore Bay's **Finn Flanagan** also made it around that notoriously tight corner into the home stretch for another record at 28.87!

Interestingly, the records page goes back to at least 1997 as the oldest record. In that year I see two set by then Central Manitoulin Public School's **Rachel Stadnyk**! She still holds the 10-year-old girls' record in the 200m and 800m! It was a real blast from the past looking back at all the records and student athlete names and the memories that came with them (having been there for many).

How about these 'kids'? **Michael Laidley** (LCPS) has a record for the long jump when he was 9 in 2005 and then standing long jump when he was 12! **Mason Graham** is still all over the record books for Charles C. McLean with six still standing! He has records in the 100m, 200m (3) and two in the 400m! Mindemoya's **Emma Tallman** is still holding on to a pair of 800m tallies in both 2003 and 2004 although her younger self was faster! I still remember Wiikwemkoong's **Francis Cooper** in 2014 in the 1500m, running smart and picking off runners faltering over the 7.5 lap race! You can't think of Lakeview without remembering **Maren Kasunich's** steady improvement on the track over the years and still is the fastest in the 11-year-old girls since 2009. Who remembers Assig-

inack's **Sammy Trimmer** breaking the high jump record in 2005? There was a huge crowd around the 12-year-old boys' pit as everyone held their breath before leaping 152 cm!

Twilight Meet

Congratulations to these die-hard track athletes who were still competing at Laurentian's latest meet. **Brodie Pennie** set his new P.B. in the 800 metres and **Alan Wilkin** finished in 3rd place! **Andrew Cooper** had a PB in the 400 metre as well. How about the effort of **Jack Carter** taking third in the 200m and long jump!

Wind-emoya Classic?

The annual run, paddle, pedal triathlon took place on Sunday (June 30) on a super blustery day. Although just an annoyance on the running and cycling routes, the water course was whipped up into quite a froth, causing the odd team to take a refreshing dip!

The fastest result of the day was from 'Smells Like Team Spirit' made up of Classic veterans **Brodie Pennie**, **Brooke Gibeault**, **Dane Gibeault** and relative newbie **Georgia Lepage** finishing ahead easily in 81:54 minutes. The second fastest team and fastest pair was Team C.O. (**Nick Chapman** and **Brian O'Neill**). The quickest solo racer was Barrett Eubanks in 93:35 although close behind was teen **Nathan Quackenbush**! The fastest solo master was Tina Petrilli!

The quickest bike leg was put in again by Tehkummah's **Alex Anstice** who trucked through the roughly 13km of bush trail and hardtop in 25:35! The fastest out in the chop was **Nick Chapman** and **Brian O'Neill** in 30:43 although teen siblings, **Dane** and **Brooke Gibeault**, were just a dozen seconds behind. Bidwell's **Brodie Pennie** had a lonely run, finishing the 5.5 km in 18:11, some six minutes faster than second place!

Organizers of this event would like to thank the many volunteers who made the day, work. Founder **Al Haner** leant his experience once again. Also kudos to **Rick**, **Julianne** and **Holly** for keeping everyone pointed in the right direction. Thanks to **Al Morka** for his help with timing and **Hannah** and **Mark** taking great pics.

Breakaway Sports also hosted for Little Current's Canada Day 5K! on Monday and results will be next week's column.

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

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

Required skills:

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

Duties:

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

Experience:

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

Sheguiandah First Nation – Lands Manager

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

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

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



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

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- Assists with the development of SFN Human Resource policies, procedures and standards.
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Program Management and Administration Responsibility:

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- Assist with the development of a division of labour and organization structure for SFN.
- Participate in monthly management meetings.

Human Resource Management:

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

Knowledge Requirements:

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

Mandatory Qualifications Education:

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

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

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



SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

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

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

Knowledge, skills and abilities:


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

Experience and Education requirements:

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

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

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

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

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

Responsibilities:


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

Experience and Education requirements:

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

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

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HEALTH MANAGER (3RD POSTING) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Salary: Negotiable (including group pension and health benefits)
***Subject to education and experience or a combination of both**

The ideal candidate should have senior management experience working in the First Nation field and outstanding organizational, communication and leadership skills. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture and a desire to participate in the enhancement and growth of Whitefish River First Nation.

The Health Manager will continually ensure that the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) community members can access efficient, quality healthcare services. This position reports to the Band Manager and is responsible for the operation and management of the WRFN Health Centre. It requires substantial operational and planning oversight, and planning and health care service delivery to the WRFN community.

Key Responsibilities:
Develop and coordinate continual access to efficient and quality healthcare services and programs for the Whitefish River First Nation community by:

- Providing leadership and direction for the Health Centre and staff to meet the goals and objectives.
- Promoting and emphasizing people-centred care in partnership with the patient, family and healthcare team.
- Developing, implementing and maintaining an active human resources plan.
- Plan, organize and monitor the programs and health services to ensure all activities are consistent with legislation, standards, regulations and needs.
- Develop and review program indicators, goals and outcome measures.
- Develop, coordinate and provide training for the Health Unit, particularly the health staff.

Relationships and Team Building:

- Works collaboratively and cooperatively at all levels to support the use of strength-based, community-focused practices while assisting team members in building their capacity to provide safe and nurturing environments for the WRFN members.

Human Resources:
Provide guidance, direction and support to staff:

- Supervise, coach and direct staff.
- Monitor and address employee performance and conduct performance reviews.
- Coordinate staff professional development and address any training needs.

Financial Management:
To assist in the preparation and monitoring of the Health Unit Budget:

- Assist in developing the yearly Health Budget and review, monitor, coordinate and plan the allocation of resources for staff within the authority limit.
- Review, monitor and approve financial expenditures for health staff.
- Apply for funding opportunities and complete funding requirements.

Interagency Participation:
To actively participate in internal, external or local committees or groups in support of coordinating health programs and services to the WRFN community:

- Actively participate in the Health Team, WRFN Management and other internal committees supporting all WRFN programs and services.
- Collaborate with internal and external agencies to monitor and assist in developing the Health Unit's program and services.

Administration:
To complete administrative functions and adhere to all WRFN policies, procedures and standards of practice:

- Develop and submit a yearly work plan with goals, objectives and measurable indicators of success.
- Review and approve various forms to be used, i.e. Monthly Report Forms, Intake Forms, Medical Forms, Liability Forms, etc.
- Prepare and submit comprehensive monthly and quarterly reports to the Band Manager and Leadership (when requested).
- Ensure confidentiality and safekeeping of all WRFN files and records.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Health Sciences, Public Health, Public Administration or a related field.
- A Master's in Public Health would be an asset.
- Minimum of three to five years of managerial experience, preferably in the healthcare field, including staff supervision.
- Must understand and adhere to General Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and Funding Contribution Funding Agreements.
- Strong proposal writing skills.
- Working experience with First Nation people, organizations and communities would be an asset.

Knowledge Requirements:

- Knowledge of First Nation communities and structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices as a central and vital part of health service delivery.
- Knowledge of local services available to the WRFN community.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Canada Health Act, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program and Indian Act.
- In-depth knowledge of health/wellness challenges, relevant historical factors and trauma, e.g. residential schools, intergenerational trauma, colonization, etc.
- Knowledge, understanding, respect and sensitivity of the Anishinabek culture, language and traditions.

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

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

Interested applicants must submit a current resumé, cover letter, three (3) work-related references (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: HEALTH MANAGER
Whitefish River First Nation
c/o Human Resources
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188
Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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



A tasty fundraiser

Charlene Chambers (left) and Diana Zieleniewski sold jumbo hot dogs, schnitzel and cold beverages at the St. Johns Anglican Church (Kagawong) annual gigantic yard sale, barbecue and bake sale last Saturday.
photo by Sharon Jackson

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



SHIFT - LEAD POSITION
Supervision of a small team, ensuring we offer THE BEST customer service, maintain a clean workplace & all job functions are completed fully & on time.

This position is split with another Lead, 5 day work-week. We are open days, evenings & weekends. Competitive salary & flexible hours.

For further information send resume to: pantry3cow@hotmail.com or call 705-282-7753



Mindemoya Home Hardware is looking to hire a: **Full-time cashiers**

Apply in person or email resumé to: mindemoyahome@eastlink.ca

Personal Support Worker at Community Living Wikwemikong

Weekend Rotations and Casual On-Call

Must be available to work SHIFT WORK (minimum 28 hrs/month)



COMMUNITY LIVING
WIKWEMIKONG ANISHINABEK

Supported Independent Living:

- Working one on one with individual with little supervision
- Responsible for the care and development of resident in his own apartment
- Promote opportunities for the individual to make choices and to solve problems
- Provide an appropriate nutritious diet to meet the resident's need and maintain a clean, safe and comfortable home
- Document and maintain records in a professional manner
- Utilize behaviour management techniques – training provided
- Participate in staff development programs and staff meetings

Group Living Residence:

- Responsible for the care and development of seven residents of group home
- Provide each individual with physical care and treatment that may be required in maintaining the individual's personal health and well-being under the direction of medical personnel, therapists and/or parents/guardians
- Perform lifting techniques as required
- Promote opportunities for the individuals to make choices and to solve problems
- Ensure proper care and maintenance of all aids i.e.) glasses, wheelchairs, external feeding accessories, etc.
- Provide an appropriate nutritious diet to meet the resident's needs and maintain a clean, safe comfortable home
- Document and maintain records in a professional concise manner
- Utilize behaviour management techniques, training provided
- Participate in staff development programs and staff meetings as required
- Other duties as required

Qualifications:

- Developmental Services Worker diploma or equivalent is an asset
- Experience an asset, but will train those selected applicants
- Sensitivity and understanding of individuals living with an intellectual disability
- Must have a valid First Aid/CPR certificate
- Valid Ontario Class G driver's licence
- Competence in cooking and home maintenance
- Knowledge of local native culture and language
- Negative Vulnerable Sector Screening Check (contact CLWA admin for request form)

Wage is based on credentials and/or experience.

Please drop off or email letter of interest, resume with supporting credentials, along with two references to:
COMMUNITY LIVING WIKWEMIKONG ANISHINABEK
11 Fox Lake Rd, Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0
Attention: Ursula Bondy, Director
or email ursulabondy@wiikwemkoong.ca



Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.
Employment Opportunity
Personal Support Worker
Temporary Full-time contract

The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social, emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/ or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing).

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client's care plan or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the Home Care and Community Health Programs with the delivery of regular Meals on Wheels, provide Adult Day programming and may assist/ provide generic transportation services for own client caseload, wellness visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with healthcare providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Required documentation in Electronic Medical Records and regular check-ins with supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
2. A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of two (2) years community work experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Current and clear CPIC.
5. Valid 'G' driver's licence and insurable vehicle.

SALARY RANGE: \$36,160 - \$43,215

Submit a cover letter, resumé and 3 work-related references marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, 48A Hillside Road
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 5, 2024 @ 12:00pm
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
is now accepting resumes to fill the position of
FULL-TIME TRUCK DRIVER LABOURER

Skill Requirements

- Minimum DZ licence required, with the ability to operate a number of pieces of equipment
- The ability to do physical labour
- A positive and teamwork attitude

Duties

- This position will include different daily functions, however, the main duties will include:
- Machine operating
- Road maintenance, sanding, salting, ditching, patching
- Assisting in road construction
- Minor repairs and maintenance to equipment
- Manual labour

Other Information

- This position is a full-time 40-hour week position
- OMERS Pension Plan
- An attractive salary of \$28.92/hour
- Unionized work environment
- Hours of work 7:00 am to 3:30 pm summer
5:00 am to 1:30 pm winter

To apply, please submit your application to:

Pam Myers
Box 608
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0

Or email: pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca

RESUMES ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 17, 2024.