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Federal justice orders Canada to keep funding UCCM Police Service while talks continue on improving resources *Two other Ontario tribal forces included in ruling*

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—Federal Court Justice Denis Gascon has ordered Public Safety Canada (PSC) to extend funding to three Indigenous police services, including Manitoulin's UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, The Treaty Three Police Service (T3PS) and

Anishinabek Police Service (APS) for a year as they continued with a Human Rights Tribunal Complaint seeking to change the agreements being proffered by the agency overseeing a joint funding program. The three Indigenous forces cover 45 First Nations with a population of more than 30,000 people, surrounding the coast of Lake Huron from Kettle Point to Fort William, including Manitoulin Island.

When it came time for the three police services to renegotiate their agreements with the government, they could not settle on certain terms, which they say restrict their ability to serve their communities. This includes how Indigenous police services allocate their money, limiting their ability to set up special police units to address drug and crime investigations or domestic violence. Subsequently, government funding for all three was cut off as of March 31.

Julian Falconer, legal counsel for Indigenous Police Chiefs of

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Chiefs oust RoseAnne Archibald as AFN boss

by Tom Sasvari
OTTAWA—Two Manitoulin chiefs said it was a decision that had to be made, but both expressed disappointment and sadness that the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) felt the need to vote in favour of a resolution to remove RoseAnne Archibald's title as national chief of AFN.

"I moved the resolution (to oust the National Chief from her duties)," said Irene Kells, chief of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation. The resolution was seconded by chief Kyra Wilson of Long Plains First Nation. "But it was done with a ...continued on page 13



TEHKUMMAH U. MARCHING ALUMNI—Members of University of Tehkumma Alumni Marching Band marched in the Canada Day parade as part of South Baymouth's festivities July 1, high-stepping to the rhythm of their kazoos. For more Canada Day fun, see Page 20.

Expositor staff photo

Ontario appealing future negotiations for Robinson-Huron Treaty annuities

by Michael Erskine
OTTAWA—The negotiated \$10 billion settlement in the Robinson-Huron Treaty annuities case is apparently not the end of the wrangling surrounding the monies owed to 21 Northern Ontario First Nations as Ontario is appealing the court's involvement in the payment of annuities going forward. The province is arguing that the Crown should be the sole arbiter of what is owed in the future, while the First Nations point out that the province abrogated their fiduciary responsibility for 148 years.

The appeal before the Supreme

Court of Canada is set for November 6 and involves both the Robinson-Huron Treaty and the Robinson Superior Treaty, negotiations over which are still ongoing. The appeal has significant importance when it comes to the relationship between the Crown (and its various levels) and First Nations.

The initial decisions in 2018 and 2019, stage one and two of the Robinson-Huron Treaty case, were heard by Sudbury's Justice

Patricia Hennessy, who ruled in favour of the First Nations—but those decisions were appealed to the Ontario Court of Appeals, which upheld most of the justice's decisions. Once the appeal had been decided, Canada dropped its opposition. Canada is not a party to the appeal to the Supreme Court but is filing a factum as part of the information being considered by the court—the aforementioned

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Gore Bay teacher retires after 54 years

Ken Wright has taught, coached 3 generations of some families

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Now that Ken Wright has retired for a second time, he is making it permanent, not for just a few days, he laughed.

Mr. Wright, who has retired after 54 years as a teacher, told The Expositor, "I had worked for 32-and-a-half years at Charles C. McLean Public School (Gore Bay) when I retired Friday, February 28, 2002. Then I started



Long-time teacher Ken Wright is seen barbecuing hot dogs at this year's elementary school track and field championships

supply teaching at C.C. McLean on Monday March 3, 2002. So, I had my retirement party Friday and Saturday and survived that, and then went back into (supply) teaching two days later." Mr. Wright, who has now retired after 54 years as a teacher, "Taught phys-ed and gym for 25 years. Then I taught everything in Grades 7-8 and in Phys-ed from Kindergarten to Grade 8."

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Zhiibaahaasing First Nation dedicates monument to honour residential school survivors

by Tom Sasvari
ZHIIBAAHAASING FIRST NATION—For residential school survivors like Bill Antoine of the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, a new monument erected in the community honours the memories of those who were forced to attend the schools. The monument, unveiled on June 27, offers a chance to heal and represents the strength of the community and its residential school survivors.

Crystal Sagon came up with the design for the monument from a dream. "This feather monument is to represent that we are still here," she told the many community members on hand for the unveiling. "We are strong and fighting to maintain our language and culture."

The feather represents "each stage, each path," she explained. "All the twists and bad turns and returning back home."

"This day is about residential school survivors," said Irene Kells, chief of Zhiibaahaasing. Chief Kells said she has listened to some sur-

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Cutting the ribbon! From left, Carol Hughes, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, Jeff Smith of the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation, Dennis McGregor, board chair of the Manitoulin Health Centre, Paula Fields, president and CEO of MHC, Dr. Maurianne Reade, president of professional staff of MHC, France Gelinas MPP for Nickel Belt, and Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin take part in the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the newly renovated and expanded emergency department at the Mindemoya Hospital site.

Mindemoya Hospital's ER dept. renovation project now complete

by Tom Sasvari
 MINDEMOYA—It was a challenging project that began during the COVID-19 pandemic, but with the support and kindness of Islanders and staff, the newly renovated and expanded emergency department at Manitoulin Health Centre's (MHC) Mindemoya site was officially opened last Wednesday.

"We finally made it!" said Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of MHC.

"The senior leadership team at MHC want to express our deepest gratitude to all who made this project come to fruition, including community members, donors, employees, contractors and volunteers," said Ms. Fields. "MHC's values of respect, passion and truth were present and resonated at every step of the project."

The project began in June of 2021, 15 months after the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The challenges experienced during the project, mainly related to the pandemic, were faced with "kindness and care by all who were involved including employees, contractors and the public," Ms. Fields said.

She thanked the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary for continuing to advocate for and facilitate donations to ensure the success of the project, regardless of the pandemic.

The Smith family foundation propelled the campaign forward with a million-dollar donation, Ms. Fields said. "We are ever so grateful for your generosity and passion to give back to the communities of Manitoulin. I believe I speak for Manitoulin when I say that we are blessed to have you as part of our community."

The Bank of Montreal and many other businesses, organizations, families and community members also supported the campaign by raising or donating funds. "We are humbled by your generosity and giving spirit. For this, we thank you," said Ms. Fields. "To the community: thank you for supporting this project, and for your patience and kindness to our team."

She also thanked the team at Belanger Selach for their dedication to the project, "especially Louis, Taylor and Tony."

Ms. Fields acknowledged and thanked the board of directors and fundraising committee for their support and perseverance, as well as employees and physicians for their "patience and understanding" throughout the many phases of the expansion. "You trusted in us, were creative and understanding and continued to provide the exceptional care that we are well known for while staying true to your com-

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44th La Cloche Art Show celebrates Northern art

by Michael Erskine
 WHITEFISH FALLS—One of the most highly anticipated juried art exhibitions and sales of the summer season opened July 1 at the Whitefish Falls Community Centre. This is an opportunity to not only view some of the most inspiring works of art to be found in the North, but also to take one of the pieces home—who knows, you might be the lucky winner of 'North Channel Freeze Up,' an original work by this year's distinguished artist Cliff Jewell—but you better not delay—the show closes 5 pm on July 8.

The tradition of an artist's reception wine and cheese before the awards ceremony and ribbon cutting was resumed this year, having been truncated over the past two years due to the global pandemic.

The awards selected by this year's jury began with Best of Show for Joanne D. Blais for 'Canadian Shoreline.'

The Ivan Wheale Award was presented to Donna Montgomery for 'Postponed Decisions' and the Peg Forbes Memorial Award (named for one of the founders) was awarded to Astrid Colton for 'On Silent Wings.' The Art Committee Award was presented to Beth Bond McCullagh for 'Beach Stones at Davis Bay.'

Mr. Wheale thanked the artists who continue to contribute to the La Cloche Art Show, but especially for passing on their love of art and its creation to younger generations. He exhorted the young artists exhibiting in this year's show to "keep at it."

In the acrylic category, Martin Kotylyk was awarded first place for 'CPR Bridge Parry Sound,' Brigette



Katelyn Shank took first place and the Patricia L. Meehan Award for 'Mothers Love' in the high school student category.

Bere was awarded second place for 'Raft lake—Dyp-tych,' and honourable mentions went to Linda Mulla for 'Ice Falls on Long Lake' and Bill Whittaker for 'Fall Fading Away.'

In the drawing category first place went to Astrid Colton for 'On Silent Wings,' second place went to Penny Bois for 'Days End' and honourable mentions went to Martin Kotylyk for 'Look Who's Watching' and Sue Lampinen for 'Babe in the Woods.'

In mixed media, first place was awarded to Lionel Venne for 'Decoding an Ancient Landscape,' second

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Municipal leaders pleased major Gore Bay Airport renovation project has begun

by Tom Sasvari
 GORDON—Leaders of each of the three municipalities involved in the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport expressed pleasure that the major renovation project for the airport has commenced.

"After all the COVID-related delays, to finally have the shovels in the ground is a huge step forward," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon-Barrie Island. "The airport upgrade project is now underway. It has been a joint effort between the three owners of the airport, Burpee and Mills, Gore Bay and Gordon-Barrie

Island. And we are all committed to see this project proceed despite the unforeseen challenges during the process."

Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane said, "As one of the three owners of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport, the Town of Gore Bay is pleased that after four years of planning along with the challenges of dealing with the construction price increases resulting from COVID, our plans to modernize our airport are now underway."

It was explained by Mayor Lane

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Work has now started on the major renovation project at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport. Excavation work began last week and the foundation work is expected to begin this week.

Gore Bay Theatre summer season opens Wednesday with production of Norm Foster's 'One-Actmanship'

by Tom Sasvari
 GORE BAY—Gore Bay Theatre's (GBT) summer season opens tonight (Wednesday, July 5) with their award-winning production of 'One-Actmanship' by Norm Foster. I was able to see the production when it was performed in May before GBT took it to North Bay to compete in the Northern Ontario Drama Festival (Quonta).

The fact that for the third consecutive year Gore Bay Theatre received the top prize, the outstanding production award, is not surprising to this reporter.

Norm Foster's comedy is comprised of two one-act plays, 'My Narrator' and 'The Death of Me' and both have many hilarious moments. 'My Narrator' is a typical romantic comedy but with an original twist. The two main characters played by John Robertson and Tara Bernatchez have voices or narrators played by Will Smith (who plays the role of Bob) and Tammy Robinson (who plays the role of Barb) guiding them.

Sit back and imagine what would happen if that little voice inside your head, the one that tells you how to behave and what choices to make, suddenly takes on a life its own. This is what happens to Lacy (played by Tara Bernatchez) and Miles (played by John Robertson).

This sets the scene for numerous laugh-out-loud moments.

'The Death of Me' is about John (played by John Robertson), a man who meets the angel of death (played by Tammy Robinson) and learns about what really matters. We laugh at the slapstick comedy but underlying it are important lessons about life. Tara Bernatchez plays the role of Cassie, and the doctor is played by Will Smith. With this cast you

just know the acting is going to be excellent and it certainly is.

And speaking about the actors, it is not surprising that all four actors were recognized at the Northern Ontario Drama Festival. John Robertson received the outstanding male in a lead role, Tara Bernatchez received the outstanding female in a lead role. Tammy Robinson received an

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Old Mill Heritage Centre nominated for Governor General's History Award

Island votes welcome!

by Tom Sasvari
 KAGAWONG—The Old Mill Heritage Centre (OMHC) has been nominated for a national award in recognition of its History Day in Kagawong event every summer.

"Kudos to the museum and the museum committee for their being nominated for this award," stated Billings Mayor Bryan Barker at a council meeting last week.

This comes after council had received notification the heritage centre was nominated for the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming, from Kylie Nicolajsen, program coordinator for Canada's National History Society in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Mayor Barker read a letter that the nominator, Heather Jenkins, a resident of Gordon/Barrie Island had forwarded to Canada's National History Society

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Government at all levels should be prepared for catastrophe

There was a disturbing revelation to be gleaned from the recent meeting between the Island leaders and officials from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO). Although the meeting between the MTO and representatives of Island municipalities and First Nations was held behind closed doors, discussion at the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) table and follow-up communication with the MTO by The Expositor made it clear that the MTO has no long-term plans formulated in the case of a catastrophic failure of the swing bridge that is the Island's only four season access.

The MTO is confident that, should the main mechanism on the bridge fail, they could close the bridge to ensure traffic can cross to and from the mainland. That confidence might be uncharitably characterized as "hopeism," being as it does not take into account a failure that would prevent closing of the bridge or one that makes traversing the bridge unsafe even while closed.

When it comes to ensuring all contingencies are covered, hopeism simply doesn't cut it.

There are, at minimum, 13,000 souls who depend upon the ability to transit the bridge year-round, and at least a doubling of that number during the summer season. Food, medical supplies and specialist appointments all depend on the ability to cross the swing bridge at Little Current to arrive in a timely manner.

A matter of a couple of days can be, not easily, but still can be dealt with through alternate means. But a long-term catastrophic closure of the bridge is another matter entirely.

It isn't as though such failures never happen. Ask the folks in Latchford whose lives were disrupted by a failure of the bridge in their community several years ago. That failure was a huge disruption, but at least in that case there were alternate, albeit very inconvenient, routes for goods and services to travel. That is not the case on an island.

While ignorance may be bliss, it can also prove deadly.

Now that our leadership, municipal, First Nation, provincial and

federal, have had the issue brought to their attention, there can be no legitimate excuse for not preparing contingencies for a catastrophic failure of the oldest structure on the provincial transportation system.

The Manitoulin swing bridge has not always been open to vehicular traffic, in fact, for the vast majority of the time that people have lived on the Island the swing bridge didn't even exist. Built in 1913, the swing bridge only existed for rail traffic, prior to 1945 it wasn't even open to cars and trucks. A small ferry operated alongside the bridge in order to bring vehicles across.

So, preparing plans to deal with a catastrophic failure should not be all that challenging.

Such an emergency plan would ensure that the disruption and danger to human life inherent in such a failure would be limited to the level of inconvenience. Further, the time involved in putting emergency solutions in place would be vastly reduced if everyone knew what to do and where to do it beforehand.

Preparing an emergency plan for such a failure is the prudent course of action. Certainly, there is little reason to believe the bridge, for all its geriatric provenance, is in any danger of such an occurrence. But complacency is not what is needed from our leadership at all levels. There are several possibilities that could lead to the swing bridge being out of action for a significant period of time—it behooves us to be prepared for that eventuality.

If such a plan is never needed, great. But should such a disaster come to pass, having contingency plans ready to be dusted off and acted upon would not only be a good thing, knowing such plans existed would go a long way toward calming public anxieties and maintaining public order.

The Canadian Constitution is based on the concept of providing peace, order and good government. Planning is the very essence of the latter.

letters

The Jubilance of Existance

A few musings on the joy of just being alive

To the Expositor:

The Jubilance of Existence

Talking to yourself and enjoying the conversation.

Somebody else made coffee.

Driving with the windows open and whatever flew out probably wasn't important anyway.

Declaring a truce in the Dandelion Lawn War. Go bees!

The lawn mower started on the first try.

Somebody called you when you actually had the gumption to talk.

Finding an expired lottery ticket and thankfully it wasn't a winner.

Getting out of bed and not thinking of anything for at least 10 minutes.

Knowing a really funny joke that you almost never tell because it's so wickedly inappropriate.

A quick round of hiccups.

Going from snickering to giggling to laughing so hard your face hurts.

Knowing that your missing socks, reading glasses and hundreds of pens and pencils are having a wild party somewhere.

Getting 100 percent on an easy test but you'll still happily accept that garbage goal.

Running into some folks you haven't seen in awhile and you're looking pretty good that day.

The sound of neighbours having a little dinner party on their back deck.

The naughty thrill of overtaking and slowly passing a police officer on the highway.

Having a crow eye you up and deem himself your equal.

The adorable optimism of someone who puts a "

Please don't let your dog poop here" sign on their lawn.

Enjoy yourself,

**Douglas Miller
Sudbury**

An alternate perspective on Canada's support of Ukraine

Money could be much better spent here at home

To the Expositor:

I am writing to you in regards to the conflict in Ukraine.

Canada has just committed another \$500 million dollars in military aid to Ukraine, bringing that total to \$1 billion. That money would be much better spent providing affordable housing in Canada, or used for infrastructure projects in Canada, or just left in the pockets of taxpayers in Canada, instead of supporting a corporate welfare agenda.

Canada is acting as though it is in a state of war against Russia.

The Ukraine is not part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. It should never be a part of NATO. NATO should no longer exist, as the reason for which it was created no longer exists. The USSR and the Warsaw Pact no longer exist. Canada has no need to take sides in the conflict in Ukraine.

Martin Luther King Jr. said when accepting the Noble Peace Prize: "I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of thermonuclear destruction. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant."

Canada was once known internationally for its efforts to broker peace in areas of conflict. Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson also won the Noble Peace Prize for his efforts in putting out the fires of a potential major conflict in the Middle East. Canada's military was known internationally for its peacekeeping efforts worldwide. Now we are constantly picking sides in conflicts for which we need not act as belligerent or instigator. It is a cost in lives and dollars that Canada cannot afford.

Humanitarian aid stemming from the conflict in Ukraine has cost Canadians a further \$7 billion. Where is this money going? Who is being held accountable in this expenditure?

Last year, local citizens held fundraising events to help the victims of war in Ukraine. The organizers were clear as to who would be receiving the money, and how it would be spent. I believe that fundraising event was an act of love and compassion, and I am grateful to know I am surrounded by such caring people here on Manitoulin Island.

Victims of the war in Ukraine have come to Manitoulin as refugees. I believe they have taken advantage of their opportunity and done everything they can to find peace and make our community a better place.

It would have been better if Canada had acted in a peacekeeping role to do everything it could to have prevented war in Ukraine. I believe we would have been successful. We can still be successful in helping end that conflict. MLK Jr. also says that if you are going to believe in something, it might as well be an audacious belief.

Canada has brokered peace in the past, and can do so again.

Canada has enough problems of its own within its own borders that must be addressed before we take sides in an unnecessary hot war with a nuclear armed superpower.

Canada must return to the role of peacekeeper in international affairs.

Sincerely,

**Zak Nicholls
Little Current**

PS – The Ukrainian president has stated democratic elections in Ukraine will not occur until the war is over.

Wiikwemkoong High School celebrates its amazing Class of 2023

by Alicia McCutcheon

WIKWEMKOONG—The gymnasium at Wikwemikong High School (WHS) was abuzz with positive energy as family and friends gathered on June 29 to mark the graduation of the Class of 2023.

WHS staff and soon-to-be graduates processed into the gymnasium to an honour song sung and drumming by Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service Constable Roger Assiniwe.

Principal Harold Fox began the afternoon's events, offering his words of congratulations to the graduating class. "I am extremely proud of each and every one of you," he said.

Principal Fox noted he had the vantage point of seeing most of the grads leave Wasse Abin Pontiac School as their principal there before heading on to WHS, where he gets to see them cross the stage again.

"The future is yours," he told them. "Continue doing your best," he added, throwing in a slogan from Nike, "Just do it!" Keep paving your future and don't look back. Chi-miigwetch for letting us be part of your pathway."



The Wikwemkoong High School Class of 2023 join Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi, centre, they include: Jonas Assinewai, Marcus Beaudry, Nicholas Cooper, Sage Eshkawkogan-Recollet, Rianna Eshkawkogan-Shawanda, Stella Flamand, Justina Johnston, Robert Koskie-Obey, Ben Lewis, Sierra Lewis, Aiden Neganegijig-Ballyk, Cadence Pangowish-Peltier, Dorral Recollet and Isadore Trudeau.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Wiikwemkoong Class of 2021, and new recruit with the Wikwemkoong Police Services, Sierra Pangowish addresses the Class of 2023.

Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi also addressed the graduates. The ogimaa said she was proud and honoured to be there, noting it was a "glorious day" for a number of reasons: the sun was shining and the sky was bright outside, but that

intelligent, shining Anishnaabek," she continued. "I hope the next milestone brings you on the path to further education."

"As you move forward and challenges come your way, I want you to look back and remember this moment and what you accomplished," Ogimaa Manitowabi said. "Our future is bright, full of hope and you're hoping to create the future ... you are our community's role models."

Maureen Peltier, who has just been named the director of education with the Wikwemikong Board of Education (WBE), also took the opportunity to address the



The Outstanding Contribution to the School bursary was awarded to Ben Lewis.

"It's so important to be proud of your heritage," Ms. Pangowish added.

Jonas Assinewai was named class valedictorian by his peers, and he was next on stage to speak to his class, teachers, parents and the community. His speech follows here:

"I would like to welcome parents, guardians, family and friends to Wasse-Abin High School's 2023 graduation ceremony. My name is Jonas Assinewai and I grew up in Kaboni. And it's my honour to deliver this commencement address for this incredible

Grade 9 to our last day of Grade 12: Chi miigwetch!

Also, I would like to give a special shout out to Patsy and the crew for keeping us well fed!

Additionally, I would like to take this time to say thank you to my family!

And thank you to the families of each and every graduate here. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for all of your continued support.

Chi miigwetch to you all for attending the 2023 Grade 12 Convocation Ceremony

I was advised to close off my speech with a quote, and I will tell you, it was hard to narrow it down to one of the 40 quotes from Mr. Thibault.



Vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and Principal Harold Fox present valedictorian Jonas Assinewai with his diploma.

Class of 2023, telling them that it is the collective hope of the Board that what they learned during their time with WBE will allow them to dream big down the road.

Sierra Pangowish, a 2021 WHS graduate, spoke next. Ms. Pangowish just graduated from Georgian College in police foundations and has just secured a summer position with WTPS, she shared. She'll be work-



Outstanding Attendance bursary was presented to Stella Flamand by Principal Harold Fox and guidance counsellor Jillian Pelletier.

I'm kidding, Thibault! But I will close with this, 'Be who you are, and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind!' Miigwetch Class of 2023!"

The graduates' names were then called out and grads were invited to receive their diplomas. Special awards were also



Vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and Principal Harold Fox present Stella Flamand with her diploma.

it was also bright and sunny inside, thanks to the graduates.

"Most of you have been part of the Wiikwemkoong education system since you were very small, just like I was," the ogimaa continued. On that journey, the graduates would have heard time and again how important education is from their elders. "They were right, and chances are you'll continue to hear that."

The ogimaa said, as leaders, they learned



Vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and Principal Harold Fox present Aiden Neganegijig-Ballyk with his diploma.

ing towards a university degree in the fall.

Ms. Pangowish said she admitted to feeling anxious at the start of her post-secondary journey, but eager too. She lived in residence, and during her first year, all classes were virtual. She admitted to finding this a challenge, seven classes plus assignments, all online.

But the second year brought a return to the normal and she dived right in, joining study groups and planned student activities.

Ms. Pangowish said it could be easy to procrastinate but admonished the graduates to stay the course, make a schedule, get their work done, have fun too and reap the rewards.

"Motivation, self-discipline, time management," she said, are the three key things the students will need.



Vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and Principal Harold Fox present Cadence Pangowish-Peltier with his diploma.

ble graduating class.

To my peers, the ones who have elected and voted for me to be standing here today as Wasse-Abin High's 2023 Valedictorian. Thank you!

As students and friends, we made many memories in this school. We have been through so much within the last four years.

I know that each and every one of you has something extraordinary. You are all so creative, intelligent and optimistic in so many different and exceptional ways.

I have seen over the last four years the obstacles some of you have overcome and the accomplishments, either big or small, you all achieved.

Despite the difficulties we may face, there is so much opportunity in front of us.

Do not ever doubt yourselves! Conquer life in your own unique way!

As we leave this point, we will travel our own directions and look forward to an uncertain, but exciting, future.

I ask you, graduates of 2023, to use the information, knowledge and life lessons we have received over the last four years.

Learn from your mistakes, be kind, and embrace the unexpected successes.

On behalf of myself and my fellow graduates, I would like to thank administrative staff in the office, the guidance counsellor, the principals, and also teachers.

The ones that took the time, effort and support they have given, from our first day of



Vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and Principal Harold Fox present Robert Koskie-Obey with his diploma.

acknowledged. This year's Outstanding Attendance Bursary was given to Stella Flamand while the Outstanding Contribution to the School Bursary was awarded to Ben Lewis. The students and staff then recessed out of the gym with another song by Constable Assiniwe before joining their family and friends for a delicious meal.

Congratulations to the WHS Class of 2023: Jonas Assinewai, Marcus Beaudry, Nicholas Cooper, Sage Eshkawkogan-Recollet, Rianna Eshkawkogan-Shawanda, Stella Flamand, Justina Johnston, Robert Koskie-Obey, Ben Lewis, Sierra Lewis, Aiden Neganegijig-Ballyk, Cadence Pangowish-Peltier, Dorral Recollet and Isadore Trudeau.



Vice-principal Cameryn Beaudry and Principal Harold Fox present Sierra Lewis with her diploma.

just how important that sentiment is after COVID when learning transitioned from in-person to online and the challenges that brought with it.

"You are the shining examples of strong,

Traffic stop leads to weapons and drug charges

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested and charged three individuals following a traffic stop on June 27.

On June 27 at shortly after 11 pm, Manitoulin OPP officers were patrolling Highway 17 when they observed a speeding vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

During the stop, police determined that two of the vehicle occupants were in violation of court orders and were subsequently arrested.

Police conducted a search and located a handgun, ammunition and drugs suspected to be fentanyl, cocaine and crack cocaine with an estimated street value of approximately \$55,000.

As a result of the investigation, three people were charged.

Kaylem Alexander, 21, from Belleville was charged with possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, possession of schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin), fail to comply with probation order, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm and speeding 1.49 kilometres over the posted limit. The accused was remanded into custody and was scheduled to appear



Law & Order

before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on June 30.

Jahsiah Mercury, 18, from Scarborough was charged with possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, opioid (other than heroin), six counts of failure to comply with release order, other than to attend court, obstruct a peace officer, knowledge of unauthorized possession of a firearm, possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, possession of a firearm knowing the serial number has been tampered with, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order.

The accused was remanded into custody and scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on July 20.

A 16-year-old person from Etobicoke was charged with possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of

trafficking, opioid (other than heroin), occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm and failure to comply with undertaking.

The accused was remanded into custody and scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury at a later date.

Sudbury woman charged with impaired driving in NEMI

A 26-year-old Sudbury woman was charged with impaired driving by the Manitoulin Island detachment of the OPP on June 22, one of 34 impaired charges that have been laid in the Manitoulin-Espanola area since the beginning of the year.

Shortly before 2 pm on June 22, the Manitoulin OPP received a traffic complaint regarding a possible impaired driver on Harbourview Road in the town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI).

OPP said the suspect vehicle was located and police conducted a traffic stop. It was determined that the driver had been consuming alcoholic beverages and was

arrested for impaired driving, then transported to the OPP detachment for further tests.

The 26-year-old Sudbury woman was charged with operation while impaired by alcohol and drugs, and operation of a motorized vehicle while impaired, having a blood alcohol concentration of 0.080 plus milligrams.

The accused person was released and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on July 26.

Criminal charges pending following investigation into theft of firearms

As a result of an extensive investigation into the report of a theft of a firearm in the community, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) officers have located and seized two outstanding firearms. Criminal charges are pending.

On Sunday, May 7 at approximately 10:45 pm, WTPS received a call of a theft. The investigation revealed the theft of a firearm from a residence on Kaboni Street

in Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT).

"We remind people to ensure their firearms are locked and stored correctly, if not they could face criminal charges. Under section 5(1) an individual may store a non-restricted firearm only if it is unloaded, it is rendered inoperable by means of a secure locking device, rendered inoperable by the removal of the bolt or bolt-carrier or stored in a container, receptacle or room that is kept securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot readily be broken or into; and if it is not readily accessible to ammunition, unless the ammunition is stored, together with or separately from the firearm, in a container or receptacle that is kept securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot readily be broken open or into.

Anyone with information pertaining to this or any other investigation is asked to contact the Wikwemikong Police Service at 705-859-3141. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or access their website at www.sudburycrimestoppers.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Assembly of First Nations wants federal UNDRIP plan delayed, slam consultation process

CANADA—The Assembly of First Nations (AFN) is calling on the Canadian government to delay tabling its action plan on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) by a year due to what the AFN feels has been too little time for the chiefs to provide input on the plan.

"There is a lot of work that needs to be done on the plan," stated Glen Hare, Ontario Regional Chief. "Just like anything else, due diligence is needed and time for input to be provided before we can go through with this and provide our support."

At a special meeting held April 6, AFN passed a resolution with First Nations leaders urging the federal government to amend the UNDRIP to delay the plan, or if not, amend the plan after tabling it following more consultation.

The action plan was due in June 2023, two years after the legislation received royal assent, unless the law is amended. The resolution states, "the draft action plan signals the ineffectiveness of the federal government to envision reconciliation that includes the full recognition of First Nations inherent and treaty rights, title and jurisdiction."

The AFN resolution also slams the consultation process led by Justice Minister David Lametti as being rushed, leaving 'grossly inadequate time' for First Nations to provide input, noting that most First Nations were excluded



Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare

from providing input.

The resolution also explains that less than a third of the federal cash available for consultation was provided to First Nations while the remaining majority when to "Indigenous organizations which are not rights holders," a move that the First Nations say violates the United Nations declaration.

CBC News reported that in answering criticism at the conference, Minister Lametti explained he wanted three years to draft the plan but Perry Bellegarde, then-AFN national chief who pushed for the act, wanted a one-year timeline. They compromised on a two-year timeline.

Minister Lametti was quoted by CBC as saying, "the draft plan is just that, it's a draft. It is not perfect. It is not final. It is not complete."

The declaration was passed at a United Nations general assembly in 2007. The declaration details global minimum standards for the recognition and protection of Indigenous rights. Canada initially opposed the UN declaration. The Stephen Harper Conservative government switched positions in 2010 but billed the declaration as an "aspirational document." The Trudeau Liberals unequivocally endorsed it in 2016, passing legislation to align federal laws with UNDRIP in 2021.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Love is in the air! Oh, wait! That's just the smell of barbecue. We'll let you in on a little secret: Team Fergmeijer loves grilling. It's true; we like pig butts and we cannot lie. To be frank, we believe that even the worst day can be made better with a barbecue, and we are all fired up for the grilling season. We cook on the grill pretty much any day the weather is good. That's right: sun's out, bun's out!

Summer kicked off in fine form on the weekend with the annual Anglican Church yard sale and barbecue on Saturday. Thanks to everyone who came out for a good meal and a good deal!

Tonight! Don't miss fiddling and step dancing siblings The Fitzgeralds: Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30 pm. Last-minute tickets might be available at the door, but don't delay! Next up in the Kagawong Concerts series is Teilhard Frost & Chris Coole on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the July 12 concert can be purchased in advance at <https://kagawong.ticketspice.com/teilhard-chris>. Both concerts will be at the Old Church on the Hill just off Carter Crescent in Kagawong.

This weekend! Jabbawong Storytelling Festival is back as part of the ArtInfusion weekend on July 8 and 9. Take part in a weekend of creativity and inspiration for all. Check out their page on Facebook for more information.

The library's summer hours (Tuesday through Saturday 9 am to 5 pm) have officially started! Stop in to peruse board games, movies, tv series, magazines, oh and books!

In other library news, Billings Library is partnering

with Andrea Wist, ASL instructor at Georgian College, to offer free ASL lessons! Classes are July 6, 25, 27, August 1 and 3. Each class starts at 10 am at the Market Pavilion. Classes are open to youth and adults (children must be accompanied by an adult). Come to one or take them all! For more information, email the library billingsreads@gmail.com.

"Speakers Night in Kagawong" is just around the corner! The Old Mill Heritage Centre welcomes Arthur Milnes and Steve Paikin on July 13 at 7:30 pm at the Park Centre for an evening of recalling historic Canadian and American leaders and events.

NorthWords Festival (July 21 and 22) has so many fun activities lined up! Saturday night, come out to experience Kirk Dunn's amazing show, The Knitting Pilgrim. "15 years of knitting. 90 pounds of yarn. One man's artistic and spiritual journey." Get your tickets to the show at the Billings Public Library or online at bit.ly/northwordsfest. One of the best parts of the show is that it's #BYOK: bring your own knitting! (Knitting is encouraged in the audience)

Don't forget to head down to the market on Wednesdays throughout the summer. This year the market has moved to the outdoor rink and parking lot at the Park Centre. With 70 plus vendors making regular appearances this summer, Kagawong will be hopping!

Are you too young to remember when cameras used film? Just roll with it and visit the Old Mill Heritage Centre's vintage camera and photographic exhibit. The museum is open seven days a week, so be sure to pop on by and check out the latest displays.

Whew! With all this going on, as you're out and about in the village you might find yourself wondering just how far you've walked. Wonder no more! Check out the new Kagawong walk and run routes map located on the back of the MICA sign near the Cedar Maze and discover a new way to

explore the area!

We spoke with grill aficionado Jamie Ward, and his words of barbecue wisdom were, "It's not burnt; that's flavour, yo!" Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday morning, June 23, a few of us met at the Community Hall to prepare the luncheon for Mary Bell's funeral. Friday afternoon we took the luncheon to the funeral home to serve.

Friday evening, I took a carload of euchre players to Mel-drum Bay. We had a lot of fun.

Saturday, there was a market in our yard. We met Sharon and Diane who were staying at a cottage on Silver Lake and had some laughs with them. We sent them on to Lori Walker's sale.

Sunday, we went to the Burpee Mills Complex for a euchre tournament in the afternoon. Congratulations to all the winners and to Nikki Middleton for organizing the day. There was a potluck supper afterwards. Nikki plans to resume Monday night euchre in mid-September.

Tuesday some of us went to the Community Hall to start preparations for the funeral luncheon on Wednesday.

Tuesday morning, we attended Jean Addison's funeral at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water. It was a lovely service, and the weather was perfect. After the burial in the Silver Water Cemetery, everyone went to the Community Hall for lunch.

Thursday evening, there were 17 euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall.

There will be no market in our yard on July 8. Condolences to the family of Wally Van Horn.

...Mindemoya Hospital's ER dept. renovation project now complete

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munity and our values," she said.

Geraldine Ense McGregor provided an opening prayer and smudging ceremony for the opening, and was joined by hand drummers Samantha Corbiere and Robin Ense in an opening song.

Ms. Ense McGregor works at MHC and sits as a member of MHC's Aboriginal Inclusion Committee. "On this special day, we want to open the doorways to invite spirit helpers, and ask the Creator and all our relations to be with us to take care of everyone: staff, everyone here, the Board," she said.

Dennis McGregor, chair of the MHC board said the project was initiated more than five years ago, recalling during the midst of the Little Current site renovation project when the board said 'Let's think of how we can help the Mindemoya Hospital.'

"On June 14, 2021, we had the groundbreaking for this project, a five-million-dollar project," he said. "We acknowledge all fundraising activities, and I am proud to say we (MHC) used our own funds for about 50 percent of the fundraising, through portfolio funds provided by families in memory of loved ones."

He thanked the fundraising committee for all their efforts over the past two-and-a-half to three years. The committee was first chaired by Angela Becks, followed by Debby Turner last year and Michelle Hart in 2023.

He acknowledged Kelly



The emergency room/nurse station located within the newly renovated and expanded emergency department at the Mindemoya Hospital site.

Timmermans for keeping the team "informed and online," and the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation for their contribution. "You will notice the family room has their name prominently displayed for the wonderful donation they have made, while the waiting room has been named in memory of the Bank of Montreal for their contributions," said Mr. McGregor.

He noted the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary made a substantial contribution to the fundraising campaign. The MHC also had support of municipalities, First Nations, corporations, service clubs, organizations, businesses and many others.

Despite a few "quirks" over the term of the project, the project stayed relatively on track budget-wise and scheduled timelines,

although some equipment (from Europe) had been delayed. The board takes pride in the completion of the project, Mr. McGregor said.

"There is a saying that I hold to this project," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha. "Where there is a will, there is a way. The architects have brought poetry to light."

Also on hand was France Gélinas, NDP MPP for Nickel Belt and health critic for the past 16 years. She recalled the first email she received on this project back in 2015. "Seven-and-a-half to eight years ago, MHC leadership already was thinking of bringing the emergency department up to specs, so everyone would have top quality care. For eight years, the MHC worked through the approval process, noise, money, to today's success

story we all should be proud of. The emergency room is top notch and something for all (of us) to be proud of."

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes said, "It takes a community to build a community project," noting that donors, families who appreciate care and municipalities all want to make sure the infrastructure is in the community. She noted the "precious care given to the facility there" and congratulated everyone involved in the project. "The addition and equipment will make a huge difference through the community."

The upgrade was greatly needed. Mindemoya Emergency Department experiences more than 10,000 patient visits a year, said Dr. Maurianne Reade, president of professional

staff at MHC. MHC nurses and nurse practitioners can now treat fractures, heart attacks, fainting and other health issues in a bigger and more private space for care. She noted that MHC continues to advocate for an increase in doctors and nurses; as mentioned recently in The Expositor, the number has not changed even as the Island's population and tourism visitors have increased over the past 25 years.

The end result is something to be proud of and will have a substantial positive impact on patient care, staff comfort and safety, and infection control, while offering a solid base for continued service for years to come, said Duane Deschamps, MHC facilities, maintenance and operations manager.

"It truly does take a team to effectively produce a positive outcome. (Over) the past few years, COVID has helped teach us this," he said.

He thanked some of the key team members from the construction side of the project, including general contractor Northern Construction Technology Inc., as well sub-contractors JAC's Mechanical, C&M Electric, T&B Doors, Mike Demore, E. Corbiere and Sons Contracting, Dan Stevens Painting, YBS

Architects, engineers and others. He offered special thanks to MHC's own team, including maintenance, IT and nursing management. "We could not have reached this goal without your continued support," he said.

Mr. Deschamps said the patience and understanding of doctors and nurses throughout the past two years has "truly been second to none. Your willingness to adapt and work around the various phases of the construction process certainly did not go unnoticed. Your input and suggestions from the preliminary design stages to the rollout phases of the project was a welcome addition to the process," he said.

The project is just a few weeks away from total completion.

At the start, Ms. Fields did not think this day would come, Ms. Fields shared. "It wouldn't, without all of your support," she said.

The official ribbon cutting followed a closing prayer.

MHC's next fundraising campaign for green spaces for our patients will launch over the summer and this fall, a campaign to support the implementation of a new health information system known as the 'one initiative' that will enhance patient safety and improve quality of care at MHC.

...Gore Bay Theatre summer season opens tonight

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adjudicator's newcomer award for acting. Will Smith and Tammy Robinson were nominated in the outstanding male and female in a supporting role. The entire cast received an adjudicator's award for ensemble acting.

As co-director Andrea Emmerton notes, "the ensemble acting award is quite an honour because it is not always awarded, and it recognized the entire cast for working together as a team."

What I was really impressed with is how all four actors played two totally different characters in both one-act plays. It was amazing to see the transition and reflects their level of skill," she said.

Co-director Walter Maskel added, "we are very proud of our actors for their dedication and willingness to continue to challenge themselves and grow. We do not have access to resources that they do in the larger centres, so we rely on strong acting to carry our productions."

However, even though the set was simple, it was extremely creative. The directors were able to integrate Norm Foster's name in the set design and thanks to the skills of painter Will Smith create some humorous and deft imagery. The evocative and upbeat original harp music was composed by area musician Mary Anderson and the costumes were appropriate and at times received laughter from the audience. The props also got a few laughs.

Every aspect of the production was well-thought out, something we have come to expect and appreciate from

Gore Bay Theatre. As Mr. Maskel said, "we have a tradition of taking the art and craft of theatre very seriously hopefully to engage, entertain and enlighten our audiences."

Ms. Emmerton added, "and don't miss our second summer production of 'Lunenburg' which opens tomorrow night and a dinner theatre on Friday. It features three actors, Ray and Helen Landry and Shannon McMullan who have also received awards at the regional and provincial level."

'One-Actmanship' is a stellar production, brilliantly acted and will entertain and delight audiences. 'Lunenburg' promises to be just the same. A review of 'Lunenburg' will appear in next week's Expositor.

Information about ticket prices and show times are in the advertisement in this issue of The Expositor. Don't miss these two comedies by the most popular and most produced Canadian playwright Norm Foster.



The cast of 'One-Actmanship.' Curtains open this week.

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...44th La Cloche Art Show celebrates Northern Ontario art, artists

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place went to Donna Montgomery for 'Postponed Decisions' and honourable mentions went to Beth Bouffard for 'Nymphaea, Water Spirit' and Mary-Lou MacDonald for 'Flicker of Hope.'

In oil, Karin Fediw was awarded first place for

'Rushing Water,' second place went to Joan Chivot for 'Golden Lady' and honourable mentions went to Karen Rodgers for 'The Forest Waltzes' and Mark Hope for 'Bloodlines.'

In pastels, Beth Bouffard took first for 'Along the Creek (Spring),' second place went to Sue

Lampinen for 'Last Light—Crooked Creek' and honourable mentions went to Donna Kanerva for 'Sundrenched' and Bonnie Halley for 'Night Time Haileybury.'

Photography's top honours were taken by Debbie Anzinger for 'Great Horned Owl,' while second place went to Rita Vanderhooff for 'October.' Honourable mention went to Debbie Anzinger for 'Two Peas in a Pod.'

In sculpture, first place went to Lee Provost for 'Breathe,' second place went to John Basset for 'Cherry Burl Wood Bowl' and honourable mentions went to John Basset again for 'Wood Bowl—Natural Light' and Vic Laberge for 'A Bit of This and That.'

In watercolour, Christine Basset was awarded first place for 'Don't Leave the Children,' second place went to Laura Landers for 'Glistening Birch,' with honourable mentions for Richard Edwards' 'Calm Evening' and Christie Best Pearson Anderson for 'Sumacs.'

A special thanks went out to the students and teachers at Sacred Heart Catholic School (Espanola), Shawanosow School (Whitefish River First Nation) and Little Current Public School for their creative artwork. La Cloche Art Show sponsor (and artist in her own right) Patricia Meehan



The artists of the 44th La Cloche Art Show gather for a group photo at the official launch of the show June 30.

photos by Michael Erskine



Cliff Jewell was the feature artist at this year's show.

Anicka Lepage-Veil; second to Laila Mae Taibossigai; and honourable mention for Brayson McGregor. The Patricia L. Meehan High School Award was presented to Katelyn Shank for 'Mother's Love.'

The 2023 LaCloche Art Show committee members were Sue Miron, Amy Collins, Judith Mosher, Heather Nicholson and Irene Kivikink. Jurors included Mr. Jewell (fine art), Sharon Preen (fine art), Helen Siksek (fine art) and Jeff St. Pierre (photography).

For more photos of this event, see Manitoulin.com.

proudly sponsored and presented the Patricia L. Meehan awards to: Grade 2, Jack Kainola, for 'Symmetry,' Grade 1-3, first to Anni-Lyn Stephens, second to Olivia Pelletier, and hon-

ourable mentions to Phoebe Fox and Uriah Taibossigai; Grades 4-5, first to Carl Edward Zeigler; second to Laine Coleman, with honourable mention for Jeremiah Shawanda; Grade 6,

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...Federal justice orders Canada to keep funding UCCM Police Service

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Ontario (IPCO) said in a statement after the decision, “this decision is a complete vindication of the principled approach that the brave leaders of these three Indigenous police services have adopted in order to provide safety and security to the communities they serve. It is a shame that it took a judge’s order to force Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Marco Mendicino to do the right thing.” He said it is inconceivable to him of the unfairness of how Indigenous police services are treated, calling it second class citizen-style treatment, penny-pinching and squeezing on issues of safety for First Nation communities. “It is an honour to act for IPCO in this matter as it continues its fight for equitable and fair policing for Indigenous communities.” He also said the decision brings a new dawn for Indigenous policing.

Kai Liu, president of IPCO and Chief of Police of T3PS, said regarding the ruling, “Our services have always been forced to operate with less funding and less resources than those of municipal police services. We have always had to do more with less. Not only does the decision of the federal court save our three services from being forced to cease operations, but the court also found that Canada has not been honourable in its dealings with us. We knew that we could not sign another funding agreement that was based on the discriminatory clauses found in section 6 of the Terms of Conditions (of the funding program agreement) and we are overjoyed that the funding will flow again without these conditions attached. I am humbled by the decision and on behalf of Chief Skye (APS) and Chief (James) Killeen (UCCM APS), wish to express my sincere gratitude to community members, leaders, police service members, municipal neighbours, and first responders and community safety partners for their continued support.”

“We are obviously relieved that the funding will continue to flow to our police service,” said UCCM APS Police Chief Killeen. “The members of our community deserve to feel safe and have police services properly and adequately funded so we are able to provide the services they want and need.”

“The UCCM Police and UCCM Tribal Council Chiefs as well as all police staff and officers stood steadfast in their support and belief that this was the right thing to do and the time had come for drastic changes for our police services,” said Chief of Police Killeen. “That has never been more apparent than with the recent crime wave involving drug trafficking, criminals from the GTA and organized crime groups preying on the vulnerabilities of our communities. This funding will be a start to the changes that are needed.”

On June 14, IPCO’s emergency motion was heard by Justice Gascon. IPCO sought to have the court relieve the three police services from compliance with what they felt was discriminatory clauses found at section 6 of the Terms and Conditions of the First Nation Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP), established in 1996. The FNIPP normally covers operating costs for the three police services. The federal government administers the program and provides 52 percent of the funding. The province of Ontario provides 48 percent of the funding, and the respective First Nation communities also provide a small amount of additional funding.

Mr. Falconer said a federal court decision made in January 2022, along with decisions by the Quebec Court of Appeal, recognized “the funding model for Indigenous police services in Canada operates in an arbitrary and discriminatory fashion.”

Justice Gascon ruled that the three services be relieved from compliance with the offending clauses in the FNIPP terms, which (1) prohibited the financing of policing infrastructure and (2) prohibited expenditures on legal representation for Indigenous police services. A third clause,

which prohibited specialized policing services such as canine units and homicide investigation teams, was removed by minister Mendicino last week, with what the court called a “last-minute” change to the FNIPP terms and conditions while the matter was under reserve.

Justice Gascon ruled that Canada had not acted honourably in its dealing with the three Indigenous police services, said IPCO. Justice Gascon said, “(Public Safety Canada) did not consistently follow its duty to act honourably and in the spirit of reconciliation as it kept insisting on the impossibility to negotiate the terms and conditions and the prohibitions they contain. The controlling question in all situations involving First Nations is ‘what is required to maintain the honour of the Crown and to effect reconciliation between the Crown and the aboriginal people with respect to the interests at stake?’ Canada always has an obligation to act in ways that maintain the honour of the Crown vis-a-vis Indigenous peoples and that are in line with the objective of reconciliation. PSC’s omissions in that respect in the context of the renewal of the funding agreements of the three police services is another element weighing in favour of IPCO on the balance of convenience.”

Justice Gascon found that Canada’s characterization of the terms and conditions as constraints on the federal government’s ability to work with Indigenous peoples was both incorrect and troubling. “With respect, it is fundamentally incorrect, and somewhat troubling, for Canada, PSC and Minister Mendicino to keep labelling the prohibitions listed in the terms and conditions as ‘constraints,’ when the evidence clearly demonstrates that PSC can unilaterally decide to modify any provisions of the terms and conditions at its own leisure and how it sees fit.”

“Now we have to start negotiating on a new contract,” said Police Chief Killeen. He explained that having funding cut off for First Nation policing services is distinct to their group only. “When a municipal chief of police argues for a new contract with mayor and council, the mayor doesn’t cut off funds if he disagrees with the police chief. The funds keep flowing. If no agreement is reached it would go to arbitration,” said Chief of Police Killeen. “UCCM APS refused to sign our five-year agreement because it is terrible and has been for 30 years. So, then the federal government just stopped funding us to pay anyone. We have been on a line of credit. That would never happen to RCMP, OPP, GSPS federal, provincial or municipal police services but it happens to First Nation police. And it happened to UCCM APS, Treaty Three and Anishinabek Police Service.”

Police Chief Killeen said, “First Nation policing has no arbitration process. Now, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal will hear our arguments. With the decision this funding just keeps UCCM APS going status quo until we enter the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal complaint hearings.”

Patsy Corbiere, chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM) told The Expositor after the federal court decision, “This is really good news. We expected it, but it shouldn’t have gone this far. No one should be treated like that, the UCCM police and the two other police forces involved should be treated the same as OPP and other provincial, federal and provincial police forces and deemed essential services.”

Designated police units important now more than ever

As to how critically important the speciality drug/crime units are required locally was outlined by Chief of Police Killeen at the UCCM APS annual general meeting last week. “Our calls for service were significantly lower this year compared to last year. However, the crimes were far more severe in nature and the crime

severity index is much higher for our service region when compared to other parts of Ontario and Canada. This meant more time spent on work for major benchmark occurrences for all levels of frontline staff, resulting in

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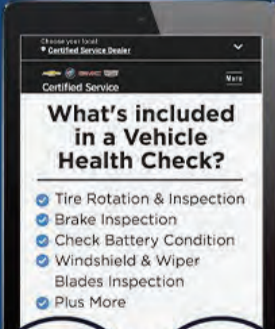

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 ...vivor stories and they're all sad. "I'm sure we have all heard about residential schools, survivors suffering, and trauma. There was a lot of hurt. It's unbelievable."

"One of our elders, Bill

Antoine, is a survivor of residential school," she said. Mr. Antoine spent 11 years in a residential school. "Today there are hundreds of survivors, and thousands of day school survivors. I was one of them, as well as my sister,"

said Chief Kells.

There will be a plaque placed underneath the monument to explain what it is all about and the names of the survivors (that are known) will be placed on the plaque.

"We are all descendants of residential school survivors, Chief Kells said. "This has affected us all in some way, shape or form."

There will be another ceremony on September 30, when official recognition is in place for Truth and Reconciliation day. "It is really good to see our kids, especially the really young ones, here today," said Chief Kells. "What happened to our people affects everyone. The spirits of all have been affected."

"But we will change it. This is a new day," she said.

Mr. Antoine led a pipe ceremony, lighting the ceremonial pipe and smoking the sweetgrass, pointing the pipe in each of the four directions and encouraging everyone to stand in the same direction. The pipe was distributed around for everyone to have a chance to smoke it.

"I will talk a little about the residential school I went to in Spanish," said Mr. Antoine. "We had two schools, one for boys and one for girls. We stayed there from the time school started for the year to the end of the school year. At the end of the school year, I had the chance to go home for two months."

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This beautiful monument, in the shape of a feather, was unveiled in the community of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation last week. The monument honours all those community members who survived being students in residential schools.

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...Gore Bay teacher, Ken Wright, retires after 54 years in education

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"I was a supply teacher at C.C. McLean, at Assiginack Public School and Little Current Public School for about 10 years, and for the last 10 years only at C.C. McLean," continued Mr. Wright. "I was officially retired at the end of this school year."

Mr. Wright organized the annual Island (elementary school) track and field championships day for about 25 years, "and I will still probably volunteer to cook barbe-

cue hotdogs at the Island track and field days which I have done ever since I retired in 2002. It's great because I get to see people from all over the Island."

"Oh yeah I'm going to miss it," said Mr. Wright. "There are so many people in Gore Bay that I have taught, many of the students were part of three generations of students in their family that I taught. And I have gotten to know basically everyone in the community," he said, noting some of the people he taught as kids, in fact quite a few,

have already retired.

"There have been a lot of highlights over the years, because so many of the students were also such good athletes. In the 1980s and 1990s they won several championship trophies," said Mr. Wright.

"The parents at C.C. McLean have been great and their kids have been wonderful, or I wouldn't have been here that long," continued Mr. Wright. "The teachers in Gore Bay and around the Island that I've worked with in Little Current and Manitowaning have been great to work with and still are."

"I just figured I have put my time in," said Mr. Wright. "I got a phone call last Friday from the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) telling me my teaching licence with the College of Teachers had run out. I told them at the time that I have decided to retire."

As for what he is going to do in retirement Mr. Wright said, "I have my garden to tend to, and I have a lot more fishing and hunting to do."

...appealing future negotiations for Treaty annuities

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tioned impact on Crown-First Nations relations being likely a factor.

The First Nations have made no bones about preferring to negotiate a settlement rather than following the confrontational route inherent in court proceedings.

"That's why we decided to settle," said lead counsel for the Robinson-Huron chiefs David Nahwegahbow. "It's always better to settle outside of the court. It takes away a lot of the incivility and helps to make the chiefs feel better about the relationship."

The initial \$10 billion settlement (\$5 billion from each of the federal and provincial governments)

between the Crown and the First Nations was an agreement on compensation for the revenue gleaned from the region's mineral, forestry and other natural resources since 1850. Originally, the payments that were to be given to members of the First Nations were raised to \$4 annually but had stopped increasing at that point—even as revenue from the resources soared.

Ontario's main point of contention, other than asserting any increase in annuities should be at their own discretion, is over who should pay.

Mr. Nahwegahbow noted that the original treaty was signed before Canada was a reality (Confederation having only taken place in 1867)

and there is ambiguity over who is responsible. While the province is largely responsible for the management of the land and its resources, he noted, Canada did and does benefit greatly from the bounty of the land—in taxes on companies and employees, for instance.

"For us it really doesn't matter who signs the cheque," said Mr. Nahwegahbow. It is about sharing the economic benefits derived from the land as originally agreed.

Canada isn't the only body submitting to the appeal. Dozens of third parties have submitted factums ahead of the hearing, including several First Nations from across the country and the attorney

general of New Brunswick.

"The case has attracted a lot of attention," said Mr. Nahwegahbow. "It's an important case that has a lot of implications for other treaties. This could have a major impact on the relationship between First Nations and the Crown."

Key to the issue is the high level of importance that has been assigned to Indigenous legal orders and the weight given to Indigenous perspectives on the treaty relationship. When it comes to the concept of reconciliation, note the chiefs, those truths should hold comparable weight.

...keep funding UCCM Police Service

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increased overtime. The crime severity index mechanism works based on population. So, for instance in Toronto if there are 20-40 murders in a year it is based on their population of about four million people. In our community of just over 3,000 people we have had two homicides over the past year, and five on Manitoulin Island (if Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is included). This is a per capita rate five times higher than Toronto and Canada. The disparity related to not having the specialized drug/crime units." In 2022 UCCM APS saw another two attempted homicides and two aggravated assaults.

"UCCM APS does not receive funding to properly operate a fulltime drug and/or crime unit. It is thanks to the three officers who take on this role (along with a crime analyst), take additional training to undertake the work involved and working long hours away from their families doing double duty, working sometimes 24- to 36-hour shifts without the proper resources to do so. It is a testament to the work ethic and their desire to keep our communities safe."

"That is the commitment these officers have to our communities. Through the efforts of our officers and civilian staff, we are pleased to report that all these major occurrences have all been solved and the accused persons have all been arrested and charged. They also worked tirelessly to tackle the opioid crisis that currently plagues our communities. Officers conducted a total of 10 Controlled Drugs and Substances Warrants on residences within our communities," continued Chief of Police Killeen.

"We also saw the closure

of Project Hewson, which was a joint force operation between the UCCM APS, Wikwemikong Tribal Police and OPP. This project, on its own, resulted in 107 charges, seizure of drugs valued at half a million dollars and approximately \$12,000 in cash. Two handguns were also seized. He said the total value of the drugs and cash seized was \$681,478.25."

"The drugs and the dealers will be prevalent if there are not resources in place to provide enforcement," said Chief of Police Killeen.

Chief of Police Killeen outlined the wage and pension disparity that First Nation police services officers are faced with compared to other policing services. "The wage disparity provided to all non-First Nation policing services in

2017 was never offered to First Nation police services."

In the area of pensions, Chief of Police Killeen used an example that for two officers, one joining the OPP and another joining a First Nation police service at the same age of 22, who both work 30 years, the non-First Nation officer can receive a full pension at the age of 52, while a First Nation officer has to work an additional four years to receive the same.

"Why are these drug dealers coming to sell their drugs here? There is no concentration of dedicated enforcement. We need these specialized units, and it is one of the big reasons we didn't sign the policing agreement (with the government)," said Chief of Police Killeen.

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After staying at the residential school during the school year, “It was a blessing to be able to go home for two months.” Mr. Antoine said.

When it was time to return to the school, he didn’t want to go. “It was awful. We couldn’t speak our language. We could only speak English in the school. But a lot of us didn’t do that and when I got together with my friends, we would speak our language,” he said.

“Sometimes we got caught speaking our language and would get a licking for this,” he added. “I was very young, seven years-old, and I knew how to speak our Anishinaabe language that our parents had taught us. We never spoke English at home.”

He would be strapped on his hands with a stick for misbehaving but it didn’t stop Mr. Antoine from speaking his language. “After awhile (of) getting caught and getting the strap, my hand was getting really strong. At first, I used to cry when I got the strap but after awhile I didn’t.”

Mr. Antoine shared a somewhat funny story, telling the gathering that the Father at the residential school, who would expound the strap, “was five feet tall. I would put my hands up when he said to hold out my hands. I got spanked a lot for doing this. I said I don’t like speaking (the) English language. I want to speak my own language.”

Every Sunday during the school year the students would go for a walk, and got to speak their language, he said. “I never lost my language, and I can still speak it today. My sisters and I talk in our language. It’s a beautiful language and that’s who we are. It makes me proud to be Anishinaabe and that I can speak two languages.”

Mr. Antoine also had many classmates who spoke French, but he was never able to speak that language. “It ended up they spoke French to me, and I would speak Anishinaabe to them. I got to where I knew

what they were talking about.”

At 83 years old, Mr. Antoine is the oldest resident in the community of Zhiibaahaasing. He said he’s had a very good life. “I used to drink alcohol until I was 40 when I quit. I took drugs for a little while but didn’t like it and would get sick, I didn’t like the way it made me feel. I quit drinking when I was 40, which is over half of my lifetime.”

“I had to suffer because I spoke my language, which was not the right thing to do,” said Mr. Antoine. “The Creator gave us this language, so why did they try to take it away from us? We had hard times in (residential) school. But I don’t want to think too much about it. It makes me sad.”

Community members passed a feather to each other, providing their name and thoughts on residential schools and the monument.

“I’ve heard stories about what they went through, and I am really sad,” said one resident. “There was not enough food, with half of it being bad and bugs in their oatmeal. You don’t treat other persons like that. What gives them the right to try to take away our language etc.? We’re still going strong, and we need to keep this up.”

One man said his father attended an Indian Day School. “I don’t ask him much about it. He doesn’t say anything about it,” he said.

“I have heard horrible stories too,” said Chief Kells. “This is a good day for healing.”

“It’s beautiful to do this. It (promotes) healing in the community,” stated one resident.

Councillor Bobbi-Sue Kells said the monument was originally to be in place last September 30, but they wanted to make it right, and they had to find someone to make the feather monument. It has actually been completed since November. “I’m happy to see it here. It had to be perfect.”

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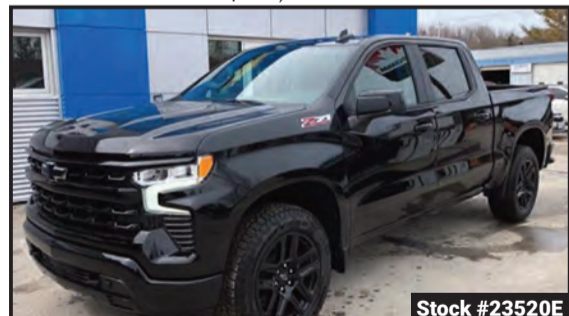


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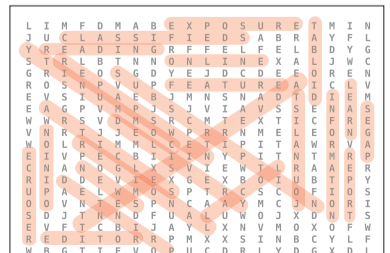
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...Chiefs oust RoseAnne Archibald as AFN boss

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heavy heart. I had voted for (Ms. Archibald) as national chief because of her morals and her way of looking at things, but something turned there. We as the chiefs were kept in the dark for quite a while on a lot of things on what was actually happening.”

“It is disappointing and unbelievable that this had to happen,” said Chief Kells. “But we have to look after ourselves (as AFN) and look after everyone in our communities.”

The AFN convened a Special Chiefs Assembly (SCA) on June 28 to fulfill the mandate of AFN Resolution 03/2022, which called for an investigation and audit of AFN’s financial and management polices. The purpose of the assembly was to report on the findings of a human resources investigation to the First Nations-in-Assembly and address the implications of the investigation involving the AFN national chief and AFN staff.

Moved by Chief Kells and seconded by Chief Wilson, the First Nations-in-Assembly passed Resolution 01, AFN Article 22, Charger Procedures, which removed Ms. Archibald from the board of the AFN and as national chief.

“The decision was based on evidence and factual information,” stated Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation and chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Council. “Everyone in attendance at the vote had the opportunity to talk and give their side of things. All of our chiefs had the opportunity to be on the Zoom call if they didn’t attend in person.” She pointed out 71 percent of the chiefs voted in favour of the resolution to oust the national chief.

This resolution comes as the result of a human resources investigation into complaints against the national chief, as well as Resolution No.03/2022, passed by the First Nations-in-Assembly in Vancouver at the July 2022 annual general assembly.

“After review of the investigation summary report and hearing from National

Chief RoseAnne Archibald, First Nations-in-Assembly accepted the report and directed the removal of RoseAnne Archibald from the position of national chief,” stated AFN Nova Scotia Regional Chief Paul Prosper. “This decision was made due to her violation of the whistleblower policy and breach of the executive committee’s code of conduct. As a result, the position of national chief will remain vacant until an interim national chief is selected from the executive committee. As directed by First Nations-in-Assembly an election will be scheduled for the December 2023 SCA.”

“The chiefs and proxies in assembly have voted on this resolution with 163 in favour, 62 opposed and six abstaining,” added AFN Nova Scotia Regional Chief Prosper. “We will adhere to the directives outlined in the resolution based on the decisions made today by the First Nations in-Assembly and in accordance with the resolution’s terms. We look forward to getting back to the important work of advancing First Nations priorities and acting on behalf of the best interest of our communities. We extend our best wishes to RoseAnne Archibald in her future endeavours.”

As has been reported previously, Ms. Archibald was the first woman to hold the position of national chief. However, concerns had been swirling around her since being elected in 2021. At the time of her election, she was already facing an investigation into allegations of harassment and bullying from her time as Ontario regional chief. She said then the problem, which has since been resolved, was due to her vocal allegations that women and LGBTQ2 members of the organization were facing harassment and bullying.

In June 2022, AFN’s executive and national board of directors suspended Chief Archibald, blocking her phone and email access while a human resources investigation into four workplace harassment complaints against her were initiated.

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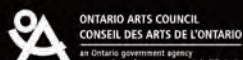
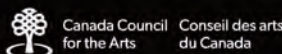
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Sunshine and bright smiles greet Sheguiandah Powwow attendees

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—The forecasted rain failed to make an appearance during the weekend, ensuring the Sheguiandah Traditional Jiingtamok (powwow) enjoyed great crowds throughout the event.

One of the highlights of the weekend was the honouring of Ambrose Recollect, whose diligent attention over the years has ensured the sacred fire burns bright. The Sheguiandah Powwow Committee gave out gifts of homemade bread in his honour.

Sadly, due to this year's fire ban, no fireworks were held this year, but that omission did nothing to dampen spirits throughout the weekend.

Parking lots filled near to brim were the first indication of how great the attendance was, providing a huge boon to the many vendors who were on hand offering up Indigenous crafts, art and food in plentiful measure.

Sheguiandah First Nation Chief Elvis Mishibinijima welcomed everyone to the powwow and thanked the many volunteers who helped make the event a success.

Theme for this year's jiingtamok was "Honouring Past, Present and Future." Head dancers on both days were Jason and Pam Solomon, while head elders were Jerry and



One of the highlights of this year's jiingtamok was a fashion show featuring designs by Cheyanne Manitowabi. The couple above is modeling designs inspired by Air Jordan.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Linda Kaboni. Master of ceremonies Greg 'The Goose' Sutherland was ably assisted by knowledgekeeper Craig Fox.

While vendors were limited to Anishinaabe, that did

nothing to limit numbers as there were plenty of both artisan and food offerings on hand. "Sheguiandah band members do not pay a vendor fee, just a donation to give away," said Frazer Whiteduck. "This is requested by the Brandy Waaba-Zheezheeb baa, as she was a dedicated powwow vendor as long as this powwow was going on and she believed the Sheguiandah powwow should support its economic warriors and the entrepreneurial spirit."



Powwow dining at its finest was a hit.



Tabitha Peltier and her daughters were wearing orange to remind everyone that Every Child Matters.

photos by Michael Erskine



Sometimes a vision comes bearing placemats. This regalia came about as an inspiration about what to do with a collection of beautiful place settings that were never going to be used for their original purpose.

Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare was on hand during the event, noting that the important role of culture and tradition play in binding the nations together and how wonderful it was to see so many young children dancing in regalia.

"We were invited to Ottawa for the celebrations today," said Regional Chief Hare. "I think our place is here, in our own communities, celebrating our own history and traditions."

The laughter of young children racing around the powwow grounds was matched only by the dedication those same youth showed while engaged in their respective dance styles. Jingle dress dancers, shawl dancer, traditional men's regalia and grass dancers were all to be found in miniature form throughout the weekend.

One of the highlights of the weekend was a fashion show by Cheyanne Manitowabi. Stay tuned for more details on that to follow.



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The Burns Wharf Theatre Players' original home, the Burns Wharf, centre, has remained vacant since 2013.

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Burns Wharf Theatre Players urge Assiginack council to push for new arts and events centre

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—While Assiginack Township considers what, and if, it wants to move forward with a new Assiginack Arts and Events Centre, the Burns Wharf Theatre Players (BWTP) remain homeless.

“We got the engineering drawings done for the new centre, but no final decision has been made,” said Mayor Brenda Reid, after council heard a presentation by BWTP representatives at a special council meeting last week. “They did a presentation and now this is something that council will have to discuss.”

As reported in 2017, an assessment carried out on the Burns Wharf building deemed the structure unsafe. Previous council obtained funding to explore a multi-use building for the community that could also be used for private functions. The township sought and found a funding source and a rough design looked at attach-

ing the new facility to the existing Manitowaning arena in order to share infrastructure such as the restrooms. The cost was estimated at \$2.7 million. However, council was not happy with the original location proposed.

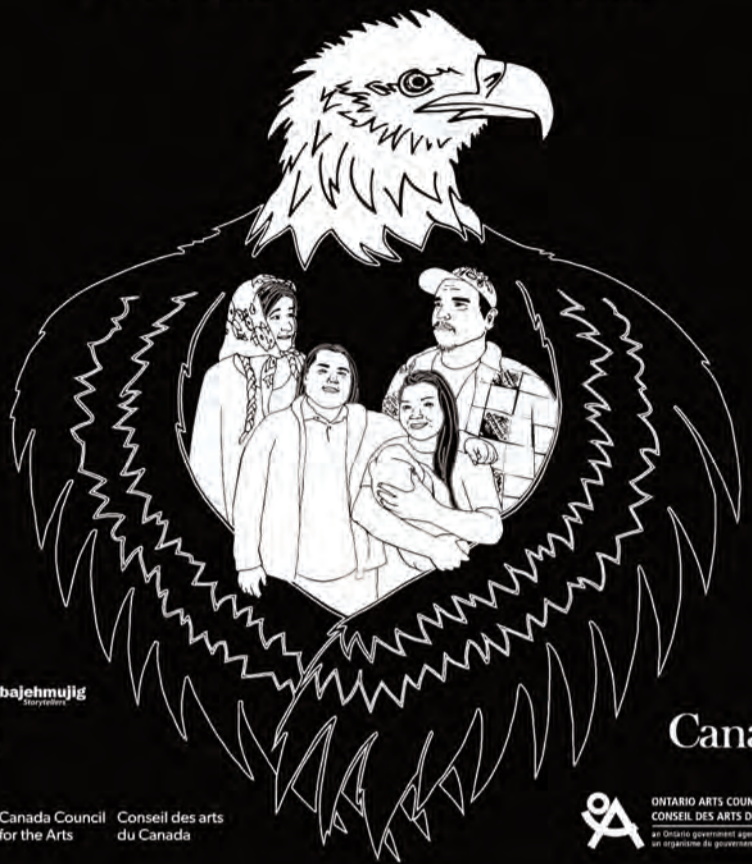
Ray Scott, music director for BWTP, made the presentation to council, with other members of the group in attendance at a recent meeting. Mr. Scott, who also sits on the non-profit BWTP board of directors said the group is worried about the status and progress of the Assiginack Arts and Events Centre. He pointed out on council two terms ago, now Mayor Brenda Reid said “If you want to do business with the town, you need to get incorporated.’ We’ve done that and our board of directors is ready to do business with you.”

Mr. Scott thanked the previous council and staff for initiating phase one of a

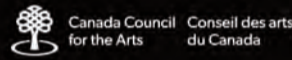
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...Players urge Assiginack council to push for new arts and events centre

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building plan and noted that a viable plan for an Arts and Events Centre did emerge from this before praising the current council for its forward-thinking support in voting to spend \$168,000 on an architect. "This is a critical juncture for this project and I applaud this council for its excellent voting decisions so far," he said.

"BWTP are a non-profit community theatre group that specializes in musicals," Mr. Scott told council. "We're pretty good and we bring a lot of people together in the community. We have many active volunteers, but we still have lots of people contacting us saying, 'Hey, can we join Burns Wharf Theatre Players?' Despite all the challenges that we face, we are still an active and growing organization. We are growing in numbers and our economic impact grows too."

BWTP is also homeless, Mr. Scott told council. He thanked other organizations who have taken the group in when there was nowhere to go. "BWTP is grateful to Debajehmujig Theatre Group and Knox United Church who, in theatre terms, let us couch surf," he said. "When you see a show on stage, you take the stage for granted, but in reality there are very few places where you can get up to 30 people on and off stage with sound and good lighting, and give the audience good sightlines."

"We had that at Burns Wharf Theatre 10 years ago," said Mr. Scott. "Yes, this marks our 10-year anniversary of being homeless, and it has been very hard for our organization."

BWTP performances bring thousands of people into Manitowaning, which works out to about 500 people a week coming into town when the group hosts performances, Mr. Scott added.

A multi-purpose arts centre, as has been proposed, would also serve other groups, he said. "But our organization needs a theatre home in order to grow and therein lies economic opportunity at the local level. This isn't pie in the sky numbers. We already have had people coming to this town, and spending money here, to see BWTP," said Mr. Scott.

BWTP is an economic powerhouse with no home, he reiterated. "We are homeless. We can't grow without a theatre home and we want to grow. We need to grow. We have more people wanting to do shows with us than we can take in right now. We want to grow and we want to grow with this town."

He told council that BWTP is a community-based volunteer arm with a long-standing track record of success. "Based on our proven business model since 2008, these are the revenues you will receive from our activities (BWTP projects figures being \$10,000 in year one and approximately \$20,000 in years four and five)," he told council.

Referring to the return on investment for a new facility, Mr. Scott said, "In 2008 Assiginack council invested \$1,000 in a then unproven and untested group which became BWTP—you are looking at a 1,900 percent return on that initial investment."

He challenged council to find a better return on investment than what council has already known with BWTP.

Mr. Scott also spoke on the viability of the proposed centre. "The Assiginack Arts and Entertainment Centre is already deemed viable and fundable because you have received money for phase two." He said he is confident the money is there for the centre, both through funding agencies and through working with BWTP and other groups.

BWTP has some concerns, he said. "For example, there was quite a scramble in the end for securing the services of an architect. Otherwise, the FedNor funding would have been lost for architect services." Mr. Scott said as far back as December 29, 2022 he had raised concerns that the request for proposals to obtain an architect was not widely circulated. He said the group was aware of at least two professionals that had reached out to the township to offer their services in response to the request for proposals but that neither individual had their calls returned.

"We appreciate learning from Alton (Hobbs, CAO of

Township of Assiginack) that the architect firm Perry and Perry submitted plans to council for consideration and those plans were sent back," he said. "We are worried about why they were sent back. Another concern we have is that consultation should have taken place before a draft design."

"It appears there is a new draft design that is being made and as a user group we still have not had an opportunity to provide input, so we have asked to see the initial draft of Perry and Perry's architectural plans and we have received no response," said Mr. Scott.

BWTP reached out to Perry and Perry but did not hear back from the firm. "Frankly, we are genuinely concerned about the future of this project," Mr. Scott said. "We are worried that the \$168,000 for the architect will be whittled away until we're left with a plan that is unsuitable for anyone. Based on our earlier concern about actually getting an

architect, we don't think it's a stretch that we're worried now."

"We are all so close to a building that will benefit this community for decades to come," Mr. Scott concluded. "So, to address the potential roadblocks to this project, we have questions. When will we be working with council? May we see the draft design for the arts and events centre, please? What is council's vision for an arts and events centre?"

BWTP founding member Marilyn Wohlberg added, "You have the opportunity to bring this to fruition to the community for generations to come. For youth, for years to come, year-round. Many people are willing to work to make this a better place to live."

Council thanked BWTP for attending.

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The South Baymouth parade is one not to be missed.



LEFT: Fishing for ducks at the Canada Day kids' festival in Gore Bay. photo by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil



The Wiky 3 Johnny Cash tribute band entertains at Soldier Park in Little Current.



The Manitowaning cardboard boat races is always a crowd-pleaser.



Providence Bay was the place in the area to view fireworks on Canada Day.



Tobias Van Velven enjoys the waterslide at the Manitowaning beach.



Organizer Dianne Fraser at the annual St. John's Church barbecue, bake and yard sale in Kagawong.

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A father and his young daughter are enjoying being participants in the parade.



The Studebaker Props band drew a large group of fans watching as they performed Saturday afternoon at Homecoming Weekend, hosted by the Central Manitoulin Lions Club. A Lions Club member said that close to 6,000 people attended the Homecoming Weekend and Ribfest celebrations.



Over 60 vendors were on hand for the Central Manitoulin Market held in the Mindemoya arena as part of the Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend which coincided with Canada Day.



There were all kinds of games for youngsters of all age to take part in, including the bean bag toss.



In memory of two hardworking dedicated members of the community! Nicky and Maddy Keller lead the Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend and Manitoulin Ribfest parade with this banner. The two youngsters are the great grandchildren of Morris and Willis Keller, dedicated lifelong volunteers with the Lions club and the community, who passed away earlier this year.



Brickyard Barbecue won the judges award for best sauce among the four professional ribbers on hand for Ribfest, as part of the Homecoming weekend. Ribber Mark Scarlett is shown preparing the ribs for hungry customers.



Almost ready to race! Youngsters were getting ready to race in the Mindy Indy Soap Box Derby, but took time pre-race to take part in the Homecoming parade.



LEFT: Gwendolyn Hodgins thoroughly enjoyed her ice cream at the Homecoming celebrations.



RIGHT: This float sailed on through the Homecoming parade, along with its riders.



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Jabbawong Storytelling Festival kicks off ARTiNFuSiON Weekend

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9 are sure to be a weekend of creativity and inspiration for all.

Jabbawong Storytelling Festival is back for another year. The festival's mission is to celebrate traditional and contemporary storytelling; offering a rich and diverse program to capture the imagination of all ages. The objective is to foster and promote the creation and enjoyment of storytelling in all forms on Manitoulin Island.

Festival organizers Sharon Alkenbrack, Sharon Jackson, Diane Larocque and Helen Siksek held a very successful online art auction to raise funds for the event and thanked those who contributed items and to the bidders.

What is the difference between a storyteller and a writer? A writer by definition is "a person who uses written words in various styles and techniques to communicate ideas." A storyteller, on the other hand, is someone who conveys events in words, images or sounds. So why does it matter which one you are?

The title Jabbawong is a take on the Jabberwocky nonsense poem written by Lewis Carroll about the killing of a creature called the Jabberwock. It was included in his 1871 novel 'Through the Looking Glass,' the sequel to 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.'

The line up for Saturday's Festival include Ian Anderson, Rod Carley, Kim Fahner, Terry Fallis, Karen Pheasant and Mark Seabrook. Evelyn Cardiff will share a story or two and Steve Paikin will also be on hand.

Mr. Anderson, a natural born storyteller, will share his experiences during many years in wildlife management.

Rod Carley is an award-winning author of three works of literary fiction. Visit him online at www.rodcarley.ca his Facebook page, or Instagram @rdcarley.

Kim Fahner is a return author for Jabbawong. Ms Fahner

is the fourth poet laureate of the City of Greater Sudbury and the first woman to be appointed to the role. For more information reach out to her on Facebook or Instagram @kimfahner.

Terry Fallis is a Canadian writer and public relations consultant. He is a two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for humour and an award-winning author of eight national bestsellers. Check him out on Facebook or Instagram @terryfallis.

Karen Pheasant is an Anishinaabe dancer, educator, writer, artist, and orator from Wiikwemkoong. In 2021, her new book was awarded the 2021 Norma Fleck Award for Children's Non-fiction, considered to be one of Canada's most prestigious awards for children's books. You can follow her on Facebook.

Mark Seabrook is also back for another year. Mr. Seabrook is an Indigenous author, artist and storyteller. He can be reached at www.twinravens.com, Facebook or on Instagram @trinravens2000.

The program begins at 11 am at the Kagawong Park Centre (39 Henry Drive) with Mr. Anderson taking the podium at 11:15 am following opening remarks.

Don't miss the Vendor Market under the skating rink roof from 10 am to 3 pm (Saturday only).

The Old Mill Heritage Museum Board members will be hosting a barbecue from 10:30 am to 3 pm.

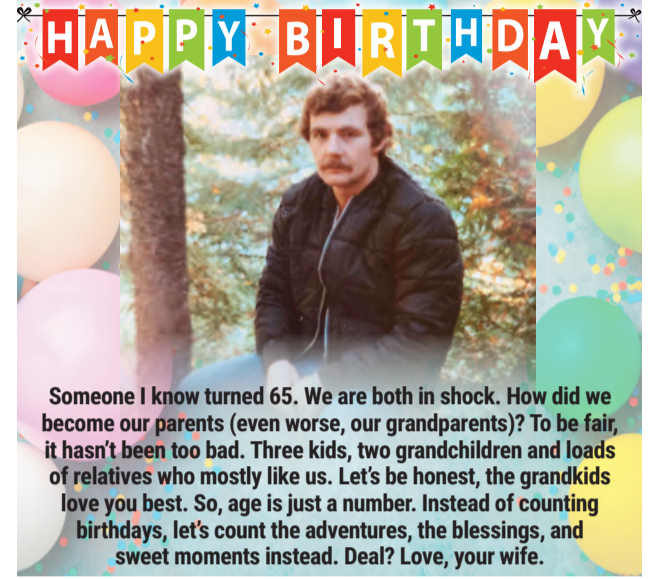
Art in the Park runs from 10 am to 5 pm in the Park Centre on both days. Check out this group art exhibition featuring local and regional artists. They include Sharon Alkenbrack, Craig Jackson, Morgan Kitching, Susan Lampinen, Kimily Mayer, Dani Lynn Redgrift-Berthelot, Karen Rodgers, Mark Seabrook, Helen Siksek, Don Tenniswood and Wayne Malleau.

Gail Burstyn invites you to "come play with paint" as

she leads an acrylic paint workshop for adults on Sunday, July 9 from 10 am to 4 pm. No experience necessary, all materials are provided, and you will take home two 14" x 14" canvasses. Cost is \$70 per person. To register visit Jabbawong Storytelling Festival's Facebook page.

Morris Thompson will be leading a workshop (also on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm) on how to make a comfort bird wood carving. Cost is \$45 per person. No experience necessary and all materials are provided.

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yard sale

Yard Sale, Saturday, July 8 from 8 am to 3 pm at 207 Ketchankookem Trail, Mindemoya. No kids' stuff, no clothes; selling antiques and collectables. 7p

Yard Sale, Saturday, July 8 from 9 am to 4 pm at 1085 Hwy 540A at Calbacks, Barrie Island. Clothing, baking, preserves, jewellery, tapes, books, puzzles and odds and ends. 7p

coming events

Our Lady Of Canada Church Yard/Bake Sale, Saturday, July 8 from 9 am to 1 pm. If you would like to drop off donations these are the times: Wednesday, July 5, 1 pm to 4 pm; Thursday, July 6, 9 am to 12 noon; Friday, July 7, 9 am to 4 pm. Please no clothing. If you cannot drop off donations at these times, please contact Keith Legree at 705-968-0822 or email keithlegree@gmail.com. 5-7p

Howland Seniors' Group Annual Cold Turkey Dinner on July 12. Take-out only from 5 to 6:30 pm; only 150 dinners, \$25 each. Delivery available in Little Current. Serving turkey, dressing, cranberries, potato salad, coleslaw, sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, pickles, rolls and strawberry cheesecake. To order call Myrna, 705-368-3638; Mary Ellen, 705-368-3746; Gail, 705-368-2589. 6-7p

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

Bake Sale/Book Sale: Saturday, July 15 from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Francis Anglican Church, 6201 Hwy 542 in Mindemoya. 705-282-7218. 7-8p

Mini farmers' market now at the farm of Robert and Joan Beard beginning Friday, July 7. Open Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (or whenever we are home). No sprays or chemicals. 39 Townline Road East, Tehkummah (just off Hwy 542) or call 705-859-2604. 7tfn

coming events

Old Hill Heritage Centre presents Speakers Night in Kagawong. Recalling Historic Canadian and American leaders and events on Thursday, July 13 at the Park Centre from 7:30 to 9 pm. MC for the event is MPP Michael Mantha. Admission is free, but donations to the Old Mill Heritage Centre are appreciated. Sponsored by the Manitoulin Expositor. For further information contact oldmillheritage@billingsstp.ca or 705-282-1442. 6-7p

Legion Events

Little Current Legion Branch 177 wing night is back! Thursdays from 5 to 10 pm. To pre-order please call 705-368-2661, if ordering before bar opening leave a message with your name, phone number and your order. Wings and mozza sticks: six for \$9, 12 for \$18. Cheese balls: 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. tfn

rentals

Executive waterfront Little Current studio and two bedroom unit available October 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. Fully furnished, cable TV and Starlink Internet included. Call 705-368-6240 for viewing. 7tfn

notices

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

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

for sale

New windows for sale, 70 ¾" x 47" picture window and 45" x 35, 5/16" single slide. Available at 54 Church Street, South Baymouth. Call 705-859-2787. 5-8c

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services

Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are held monthly on a rotating basis around the Island. The next meeting is in Manitowaning on June 21, 2023 at 2 pm at the Family Health Team and then July 23, 2023 at the Little Current Legion at 2 pm, but can support over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer Support group contacts Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com or Ann Cranston, 705-272-7531, mailto:bnannc@gmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns. Tfn

wanted

truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

Wanted: 2001 Chevy Silverado extended cab Z71 4x4, 5.3 for parts or will buy truck computer/PCM/complete wiring harness, engine/cab. Call/text 705-862-2791. 6-7p

services

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. 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 Al-Anon Family Groups.

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.



SEGUIN, Shawn
May 30, 1981 - June 27, 2022
"Those who die too soon are often those who accomplish the most in the short amount of time they are given and leave behind the greatest legacy." - Grief to Glorious Unfolding
To our beloved Shawn,
"We will see you again...but not too soon"
Love, Bill, Melanie, Tom, Courtney,
Summer and your boys

thank you

I would like to say thank you to all who were so kind to my family and I during this very difficult time since my dear son Jack passed away so suddenly. A special thanks to all who drove miles to be at his funeral. Thank you to Marty and Molly who drove to Sudbury and brought me home. You are all very special to me. Love, God bless, Ardeth Burmaster 7c

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

Looking for a new career? Check out the LIFESTYLES section front.

Celebrations of Life

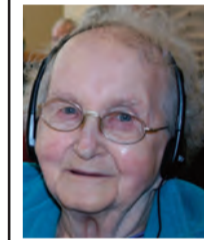
CAPTAIN CLIFFORD MORRISON



Julie Morrison, with family and friends, will be Celebrating the Life of their much loved husband, father, grandfather and friend, Captain Clifford Morrison, who passed away in October 2022. Please join us with your memories and stories at the Tehkummah Hall on Sunday, July 2, 2023 between 1 and 3 pm.

AUDREY HARPER

March 10, 1922 - April 15, 2021



Family and friends of Audrey Harper are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 1 pm, at Silver Water Community Hall. Lunch and a chance to visit will follow.

CHRISTIE GEIB

1927-2022



In honour of Christie Geib, a Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 12 noon to 3 pm. Graveside prayers with Interment of Ashes will be at the Hilly Grove Cemetery for those who wish to attend. The public celebration will continue at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning following the interment.

ANDY M. BOWERMAN



A celebration of Andy's life will take place on Saturday, July 8 with a graveside service at 11 am at the Hilly Grove Cemetery in Assignack Township, followed by a social time and luncheon at the farm at 151 Church Road, Tehkummah (the Slash) from 1 to 4 pm. Please bring your own lawnchair and accept this as your personal invitation.

DANNY BRAUN



The family of Danny Braun invite you to join in a celebration of his life on Saturday, July 8, 2023. The graveside service will take place at the Silver Lake Cemetery at 11 am, followed by a luncheon at the Silver Water Community Hall. For the past 40 years Danny was married to Debbie Addison-Braun and considered Silver Water as his home too. We hope those that knew Danny will consider sharing their favourite story or memory of him during this celebration.



Tender Opportunity

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting tenders for the supply of winter sand. Please pick up a complete package at the Town Office or print one from the website for your submission. Tenders will be accepted until 12 noon on July 17, 2023. Submission will be accepted at the Town Office located at 14 Water Street or by email to pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca.

...Chiefs oust RoseAnne Archibald as Assembly of First Nations boss

...continued from page 13
At the AFN convention in Vancouver, held a month later, chiefs voted down an emergency resolution to

affirm her suspension. National Chief Archibald expressed her gratitude, alleging she was unjustly suspended because she had

been trying to investigate corruption within the assembly. National Chief Archibald claimed the employees had

demanded more than \$1 million in payouts, which she refused to provide. Prior to her suspension, she had publicly alleged corruption was rife within the AFN, describing various financial irregularities, backroom deals and efforts to silence her from disclosure of them.

The general assembly subsequently approved a

motion that called for a financial review of the AFN, including how contracts are awarded within the organization as well as conflict of interest concerns, and would make recommendations aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability.


"It is sad," stated Chief Kells. "She has a lot of knowledge and spirit, but

something went wrong. And we had to do something to continue on. With this issue out there, it is like we were locked, stuck and this was the only way to deal with it. The picture was not going to get better until we took this latest step and are able to open a new page, which is what we are now doing."

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

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 19, 2023, at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

- Roll No. 51 19 010 001 19500 0000; Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands; PIN 47136-0253 (LT); File No. 22-02; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$13,710.88**
- Roll No. 51 19 040 001 11200 0000; Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands; PIN 47124-0102 (LT); File No. 22-05; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,833.20**
- Roll No. 51 19 040 001 14900 0000; Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands; PIN 47124-0069 (LT); File No. 22-06; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,205.92**
- Roll No. 51 19 040 002 10700 0000; NOT ASSIGNED; PIN 47120-0167 (LT); File No.22-08; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,089.94**

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at www.townofnemi.on.ca or you may contact Melanie Aelick, Taxes and Utilities, The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands, 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0, Phone: (705) 368-3500 Ext 225, Email: maelick@townofnemi.on.ca

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SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GORDON-BARRIE ISLAND

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 20, 2023, at the Gordon/Barrie Island Municipal Office, 29 Noble Sideroad, Gore Bay, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 5124 000 001 11100 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47107-0549 (LT); File No. 21-01; Minimum Tender Amount: \$13,088.09	6. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01204 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0293 (LT); File No. 21-14; Minimum Tender Amount: \$11,067.68
2. Roll No. 51 24 000 001 11200 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47107-0550 (LT); File No. 21-04; Minimum Tender Amount: \$11,378.48	7. Roll No. 5124 000 002 01411 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0278 (LT); File No. 21-15; Minimum Tender Amount: \$13,525.81
3. Roll No. 51 24 000 001 11401 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47107-0537 (LT); File No. 21-07; Minimum Tender Amount: \$23,838.45	8. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01418 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0271 (LT); File No. 21-16; Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,999.51
4. Roll No. 5124 000 002 00400 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0151 (LT); File No. 21-11; Minimum Tender Amount: \$11,752.55	9. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01467 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0224 (LT); File No. 21-19; Minimum Tender Amount: \$10,577.83
5. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 00416 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0132 (LT); File No. 21-12; Minimum Tender Amount: \$29,913.92	10. Roll No. 5124 000 002 01487 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0206 (LT); File No. 21-20; Minimum Tender Amount: \$10,111.40

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, Crown interests, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or www.gordonbarrieisland.ca or you may contact Carrie Lewis, Clerk - Treasurer, The Corporation of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, 29 Noble Sideroad, P.O. Box 680, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0, Phone: 705-282-2702, Email: clerk@gordonbarrieisland.ca

McLean's Mountain Wind LP

McLean's Mountain Wind LP, a 50:50 partnership between Northland Power Inc. and United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising (UC-CMM) First Nations, is seeking a Snow Removal Contractor for a 24-turbine operation in Little Current, Ontario. The contract is for a 3-year term, with the possibility to extend to a 5-year term.

The necessary equipment needed to qualify as a Snow Removal Contractor for McLean's Mountain Wind Farm are outlined in the table below. All equipment must be well-maintained and available for continuous service during each winter season, from October 15th-April 30th. The following criteria must also be met: a working cell phone to exchange prompt information; a Liability Insurance policy of \$5,000,000 CDN; WSIB coverage in good standing; and confirmation of qualification and training of all operators: current driver's license, First AID, and CPR.

The 3-year contract ends on April 30th, 2026.

EQUIPMENT	BRAND/YEAR	CAPACITY
PLOW TRUCK		
TRUCK WITH SANDER		
BACKHOE		
LOADER		
TRACTOR		
GRADER		
LOADER and BLOWER		
MANUAL BLOWER		



A detailed scope of contract will be provided to those meeting the above criteria. Please send your request for the full scope of work by end-of-day August 1st, 2023, along with the above criteria to: McLeansMountainWindLP_Info@NorthlandPower.com

...Old Mill Heritage Centre nominated for Governor General's History Award

...continued from page 3 (CNHS). "Each summer the Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong, Ontario hosts 'History Day in Kagawong' featuring a single story related to the community. The Old Mill Heritage Centre houses artifacts from both full-time and seasonal residents and has made it its mission to engage both the community and our summer visitors (both seasonal property owners and transient guests) in local history. The museum works to both preserve local artifacts and record local stories (in both audio and video formats). A dedicated team of local volunteers helps curate exhibitions and organize the topics, speakers and artifacts for History Day in Kagawong."

"The event has become widely attended by both local and summer residents, moving from a single presentation to both a matinee and evening presentation in order to allow more people to attend," Ms. Jeffkins wrote. "History Day in Kagawong is an important event on the local calendar and engages many people in our local history. When this event is combined with the exhibits in the museum's collection it promotes both pride of place, and also engages more people to learn about the local history of the area. For this reason, I believe History Day in Kagawong, presented by the Old Mill Heritage Centre, is worthy of a nomination for the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community

Programming."

Joanna Dawson, director of Programs Canada's History Society told The Expositor, "The Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming was created in 2011 and is administered by Canada's National History Society, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting a greater popular interest in Canadian history. The award recognizes community-led initiatives that encourage public engagement in Canadian history. Two recipients will each receive a cash prize of \$2,500 and a trip to Ottawa to receive their award at the Governor General's History Awards."

"Each year we put out a call for nominations through our newsletters

and social media channels so Canadians can tell us about unique projects in their community," said Ms. Dawson. She explained, "this is just the first step of the process and then nominees must complete an online application to tell us more about the project, its activities, outcomes and impact. The award applications are due July 15. We will then review the submissions to create a shortlist and a selection committee will determine the final award recipients." Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Centre stated, "The Billings Museum Committee is profoundly

to be nominated for this award and grateful to be thought of. It's nice to be recognized for the years of hard work it's taken to get

our museum, and our public events, to where it is today. At this point it's important to note that this is a nomination, meaning it allows us to now submit an application to receive this award. We expect the

competition to be stiff, with just one English award handed out on behalf of the entire country. But we'll give it a good shot."

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THE ISLAND SUMMER MARKET
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 produce - baking - cafe - crafts - music
New vendors welcome!
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...major Gore Bay Airport renovation project begun

...continued from page 3 that "A \$4.3 million dollar contract was awarded in early June to Lignum Builders of Espanola to construct a new terminal building, construct a new helipad and install new electric services, including a new generator to service the airport. As of this date (June 29) the contractor is onsite and site preparations have begun. Funding for the project is coming from FedNor, the owner municipalities, the airport commission and private donors."

Burpee and Mills Reeve Ken Noland said with the delays in the project and with the increase in building material costs through the process, "we are pleased the project is now underway. When we first started the process, we were looking at a cost of \$400 per square foot for the air terminal building construction pre-COVID, but this has doubled over the past three years. And the increase has cost us the upgrades to the secondary runway."

Jeff Bint, vice-president of Lignum Builders of Espanola and airport project manager told The Expositor, "The excavation work started last week beside the current air terminal building, where the new building will be locat-

ed." "The foundation for the building will start (this) week," said Mr. Bint, who said the company, which he operates with Brant Leclair, has done a lot of work projects on Manitoulin Island.

"The airport terminal will be brand new and will incorporate the architect's and airport commission's visions that for people who get off the airplane and will be entering the gateway to Manitoulin Island. The project will include runway lighting upgrades as well as lighting upgrades for the parking lot, runway and helipad (the latter designed for helicopters), and new backup generator."

"The airplane apron will be expanded, where the planes turn in toward the airport once they land. Right now, they are restricted in the amount of space they have," said Mr. Bint. "We will be decommissioning the airport terminal building as part of the project and the apron will be expanded to allow planes more space for planes to maneuver and park. The expanded apron will be located beside the current terminal building with a gap of about 80 feet to provide more apron room for incoming airplanes."

The new airport terminal building will be approxi-

mately 5,000 square feet in size, said Mr. Bint. "There will be a nice lobby area for people to enter and lots of area to display memorabilia." Robby Colwell, airport manager, "has all kinds of memorabilia on the airport and he will now have two areas where he can display these items."

Mr. Bint said there will be a large waiting area in the ATB, an office for Mr. Colwell, a new Canadian Border Service Agency office and several washrooms in the building. "The new building will be accessibility compliant." The building will also include a small kitchen area for food services. "I believe there will also be two rental offices available."

"To tie into the feel of Manitoulin Island, the building will have timber framing and tongue and groove cedar on it," said Mr. Bint.

Mr. Bint said the entire airport renovation and upgrade project is scheduled to be complete by August 2024.

"The new terminal building, apron expansion and updated electrical system will provide first rate air transportation opportunities for all of Manitoulin Island into future decades," said Reeve Hayden. "This is the most extensive project I have been involved in my 25 years with the township. But it will all be worthwhile once the project is complete."

Mayor Lane pointed out, "the Gore Bay Air-

port was constructed by the Government of Canada in the late 1940s and has been in continuous operation ever since. A number of years ago Gore Bay, Gordon-Barrie Island and Burpee and Mills assumed ownership of the airport and it is currently operated by an airport commission consisting of representatives from the three municipalities and citizen representatives. The airport is a fully licensed airport and can accommodate private, commercial and government propeller and jet aircraft. The airport has been managed for the last 27 years by Robbie Colwell, who is both a pilot and an aircraft technician."

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PLUS Café in the Community Hall

The 28th Annual General Meeting of the Lake Manitou and Area Association (LMAA) will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7 pm at the Sandfield Schoolhouse.

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One-Actmanship
My Narrator
 plus
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AND

Lunenburg
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\$25.00 at door - Cash Only

All Performances at the Gore Bay Community Hall
 One-Actmanship and Lunenburg are staged by arrangement with Pam Winter, GGA, www.ggagency.ca

Death Notices

WALLACE CARMON BRUCE VAN HORN

July 4, 1932 - June 15, 2023



Just shy of his 91st birthday, Wallace Carmon Bruce Van Horn left this world, finally at peace, on June 15, 2023 with family at his side, in his home of the past three and a half years, Manitoulin Centennial Manor. Wally was born July 4, 1932, the youngest son of Annie Mae Crawford and William Augustus Van Horn (both predeceased). Wally was a responsible dedicated family man who worked hard to build a life with his loving wife Mary (predeceased) and to support their large family. He was a seasoned bush worker as well as an equipment operator with MTO for over 32 years. After retirement Wally's skills were still in demand, so he bought himself a grader and took care of township roads for another 12 years. He was quiet and private, yet very quick witted and always enjoyed a good joke. He enjoyed country music and loved to dance. He loved Manitoulin and never wanted to be anywhere else. Wally was a loving father to Ruthanne Francis (Richard predeceased) (Dan Bryson) of Manitoulin Island, Carol O'Rourke (Pat predeceased) of Cambridge, Lyle Van Horn (Peggy) of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Linda Antler (Ed predeceased) (Tim Brown) of Markdale, Jimmy Van Horn (predeceased), Bruce Van Horn of Mindemoya, Roberta Maillet (Peter Henderson predeceased) (Robert) of Doyle's Brook, New Brunswick and Terri Van Horn of Sudbury. Proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren (Kevin Van Horn predeceased) and 28 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by all his siblings and survived by many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place, a Celebration of the Lives of both Mary and Wally will be held at Simpson Funeral Home on July 15, 2023 at 1 pm. A private burial will follow at the Meldrum Bay Cemetery. If desired, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor or Community Living Manitoulin. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.



JEROME GEORGE KANASAWA

July 4, 1960 - June 22, 2023



It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Jerome George Kanasawa, who departed peacefully on June 22, 2023 in the comfort of his home on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Born on July 4, 1960 in Little Current, Jerome lived a remarkable life that touched the hearts and souls of many. He was the youngest of 12 children, son of the late Georgina Kanasawa (nee Atchitawens) and the late Carl Kanasawa. Beloved brother to Ursula-baa, James-baa (Jessie-baa), Jeanette (Leonard-baa), Mildred-baa (Stanely-baa), Richard-baa, Thomas (Dale-baa), Bruno, Monica (Hubert-baa), Ben (Darlene), Farrell and his twin Agnes. Jerome was a cherished uncle, great-uncle, great-great-uncle, cousin, friend and an exceptional member of the Wiikwemkoong-community. His passing leaves a void that will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him. Jerome's unwavering dedication to his passions and pursuits made a lasting impact on those around him. He was known for his love of the outdoors, walking and riding his bike, as most days you would count on seeing him on Wikwemikong Way in the heart of our community. He had a special wave or gesture with those whom he liked to chat and joke around with. Jerome was a participant in the Special Olympics in the early 1990s as a Speed Skater and did so well that he brought back a medal. Then in 2019, as a five-pin bowler and a Track & Field competitor. He also got the opportunity to run with the torch. Jerome approached life with gentleness and kindness, inspiring others to follow in his footsteps. Beyond his accomplishments, Jerome Kanasawa will be remembered for his extraordinary character. He possessed a genuine warmth and compassion that touched the lives of everyone he encountered. His infectious smile, kind words, and generous spirit brightened even the darkest of days. In addition to his family, Jerome Kanasawa leaves behind a vast network of friends and community members, all of whom were touched by his kindness, wisdom and gentle nature. He had an innate ability to connect with people from all walks of life, offering guidance, encouragement and a shoulder to lean on when needed. During this time of mourning, let us remember the incredible legacy Jerome leaves behind. Though his physical presence may be gone, his spirit and the memories shared will continue to live on in the hearts of those who loved and admired him. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Jerome Kanasawa was held at St. Ignatius Church in Buzwah with wake service which started on June 26, 2023 after 4 pm, Funeral Mass was on June 28, 2023 at 11 am. Family, friends, and acquaintances were invited to join in honouring his life and offering support to one another as we come to terms with this profound loss. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the local food bank (<https://211north.ca/record/65284926/>), local churches, (<https://wiikwemkoong.ca/local-businesses/1723/holy-cross-mission/>) or Special Olympics, (<https://www.specialolympics.ca>) whichever your choice, in Jerome's honour. This contribution will help ensure that his legacy of compassion and generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of others. The passing of Jerome has left an impressionable mark on all who knew him. May he rest in eternal peace, forever remembered as a shining example of love, compassion and unwavering strength. "Though we mourn, let us also celebrate a life well-lived, for Jerome Kanasawa's spirit will forever inspire us." The family of Jerome Kanasawa

ELLEN DOROTHY JANE BELL

May 17, 1934 - June 16, 2023



In loving memory of Ellen Dorothy Jane Bell who passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre on Friday, June 16, 2023, at the age of 89. Loving wife of Morris (predeceased). Beloved mother of Max Bell (Brenda), Ginger (Roger) Sheppard, Twylla (Wayne) Campbell and Jamie (predeceased 1991). Cherished grandmother of Kristopher, Stephen, Keri, Shari, Tanya, Katie, Corey and Jenna. Adored great-grandmother of Trent, Taylor, Briana, Courtney, Ethan, Dylan, Dawson, Zack, Evie, Adalie and Callahan. Predeceased by siblings Ruth (Carl) Robinson, Arnold (Audrey), Norris (Verna), Lloyd (Betty), Evan (Gertrude) and Edward (Debbie). Survived by sister-in-law Aldean Crate and brother-in-law Reg Bell. Predeceased by brothers-in-law Delbert Bell and Blaine Bell. Ellen loved quilting, sewing, gardening, flowers, telling stories, music and listening to bluegrass. Ellen was very fond of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ellen will be greatly missed by many family and friends. Family and friends gathered at Simpson Funeral Home for visitation on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 from 11 am until 12 noon. The funeral service was at 12 pm with Rev. Janice Frame officiating. Burial was at Gordon Cemetery. Luncheon to followed. Donations may be made to Diabetes Canada or to the Manitoulin Health Centre Palliative Care. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.



JEAN ADDISON

(née Cook)

May 16, 1936 - June 17, 2023



It is with great sadness the family announce the passing of Jean Addison (nee Cook) at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya on June 17, 2023, at the age of 87. Jean is survived by her beloved husband of 67 years, Arthur. Loving mother of Debbie Addison-Brawn, Pennie Addison and Joe Addison. Cherished grandma of Sydney and Roslyn Addison-Rudat and Jacob Addison. Predeceased by her parents Bert and Lauretta (Williams) Cook, her sister Betty (Fred) Rumley and her son-in-law Danny Brawn. Sadly missed by her sister-in-law and lifelong best friend Kay (Allen) Everett and brother-in-law Danny (Joy) Addison. Auntie Jean will be mourned as well by her nephew Tom (Linda) Rumley; nieces Kim (Darren) Lewis, Susie Slomke, Emilie (Jeff) Hyde and nephew Ted Addison. Also much loved by many great-nieces and great-nephews. Jean loved and was much loved by her community of friends and family in Silver Water, where she was born, married and raised a family until relocating to Waters Township from 1970 to 1994 when they retired back to Manitoulin Island. An active community member, Jean loved her time working with the UCW, Women's Institute, fundraising for the Cancer Society and a number of other functions to support her community. Childhood sweethearts Arthur and Jean loved music and enjoyed many waltzes around the community hall dance floor! Jean loved gardening and was a talented baker, the sights, smell and taste of her pies, butter tarts and peanut butter cookies will be especially missed. Their grandchildren's lives brought them many years of joy especially following their passions of music, theatre and hockey. Love and hugs forever and ever Amen! Any donations would be appreciated in Jean's memory to St. Andrew's United Church, Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. A life well lived. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.



JOHN ORVILLE AUGUST BURMASTER

"JACK"

April 4, 1957 - May 30, 2023



In loving memory of John "Jack" Orville August Burmaster, (66 years old,) who passed away on May 30, 2023, at Health Sciences North in Sudbury. Beloved husband of Monique (née Schryer) Burmaster. Loving father to Christina and Jason (predeceased). Cherished son of Orville (predeceased) and Ardeth (née Williams) Burmaster. Dear brother of Beverly Burmaster. Cherished grandfather of six and great-grandfather of three. Jack will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Jack loved God, family and friends. Jack rested at the Jackson & Bernard Funeral Home, 233 Larch Street, Sudbury. Friends called after 12:30 pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The funeral service was in the R.J. Bernard Chapel on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 2 pm followed by a light luncheon. Cremation with interment in the family plot at the Greenwood Cemetery in Sault Ste. Marie followed.

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

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KEN SAGLE



The burial for Ken Sagle will be at the Hilly Grove Cemetery, Manitowaning at 1 pm on Saturday, July 15, 2023. The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life on Manitoulin Island at the family homestead, 283 Church Road in The Slash, Assiginack, from 2 to 4 pm, following the burial.

Perivale Gallery's Mark Hope exhibit opens July 8 to July 14 at Perivale Gallery

SPRING BAY—Catalysts to Conversation, an exhibition and sale of the newest works of Mark Hope, will open on July 8 at Perivale Gallery, 1320 Perivale Road East, Spring Bay.

The images of the works to be featured in this exhibition will be uploaded to Perivale Gallery's website at 7 am the morning of the opening, Saturday, July 8 at perivale-gallery.com/mark-hope.

Inquiries and sales will be welcomed as of 7 am by calling 705-210-0290. Doors open at 10 am.

Mark Hope will be in attendance at Perivale Gallery to welcome visitors to his show on Saturday, July 8 from 1 to 5 pm.

With the show title, 'Catalysts to Conversation,' Mr. Hope's intention is to promote the idea of art being both a method of communication and an instigator of conversation. Nothing political or anything like that, but more about conversations focused on light, landscapes, and the beauty that we see but don't often pay attention to. This mixture of studio and en plein air paintings are from places Mr. Hope has enjoyed visiting in Ontario.



Mark Hope's exhibition 'Catalysts to Conversation' opens July 8 at Perivale Gallery in Spring Bay.

Mr. Hope has been showing at Perivale Gallery for six years and returns to the Island yearly to teach and show at the gallery. He is known mostly for the very popular work-

shop "Paint Like Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven" and his yearly "en plein air" workshop. "Raw and Wild, A Plein Air Experience with Mark Hope."

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680 Ocean Point is a beautiful & unique waterfront lot on Lake Huron with main access from Ocean Point Road which runs through the property and is in great condition. Features both Southern & Western exposures and is located on the east side of Portage Bay with 1576 ft. of shoreline and 20.5 ac. of mixed open and forested land. This large estate lot, 20 minutes away from Gore Bay, is fully surveyed with good seasonal access via Poplar or Union Roads to Ocean Point Road, ready for your off-the-grid cottage. On a windy day, the wave action feels like you are on the coast of Maine. Enjoy this private parcel of land with a network of trails for exploring this stunning and dynamic property on Manitoulin Island. Sale signs are posted on the boundaries. \$449,000 (1604) (MLS #2111622)



358 Fifth Sideroad home on Barrie Island surrounded by an open pastoral landscape, offering peace and quiet. Two storey over 1,400 square feet with large eat-in kitchen, dining and living rooms, 2 full baths and 4 bedrooms. Lots of treated water, sheds and a spacious yard. Taxes only \$942 last year. Heated by oil. \$229,000 (1592)

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

Silver Lake Waterfront with a great sunset view across the water. Tree covered land with year round access over Silver Lake Road and a power line traversing the lot. Extra frontage of 250 ft. as per Teranet, being a Point, & 1.62 ac. \$169,000 (1593)



Lake Huron Waterfront 150 ft. & 3.9 ac. of forest & open alvar accessed via Little Lake Huron Road & Cedar Tree Trail. This beautiful, off the grid, lot has been rezoned to permit a seasonal dwelling, set back in the trees to protect the Lakeside Daisy aka The Manitoulin Daisy that thrive on the flat limestone surface. \$107,000 (1594)

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

Ainslie Road two newly created bush lots, each of 8.9 ac. with 297.9 ft of year round road frontage. This makes them 1,318.9 ft. more or less of depth to the west. Parts 1 & 2 are side by side should you need more acreage. Hydro & telephone are available. \$69,000 each plus HST (1585 & 1586)



Lake Manitou Estate Lot with full sunset view consisting of 3,300 ft. of frontage & 18 ac. of forest. Over 3,000 ft. on the westerly shoreline & 342 ft. southeasterly on a protected bay. Good bush road & power line traverses the complete length, accessed via Silver Bay & Nighswander Rds. Your choice of excellent building sites. \$997,000 (1591)



996 Highway 540 just 5 km to downtown Little Current is a great building lot of 2 ac. w/327 ft. of frontage accessed from Virginia Crescent. Driveway installed & lot cleared ready to build surrounded by fruit, maple & willow trees. South exposure for lots of light, sunsets & pastoral view. Seasonal spring creek runs through back of the property. Fertile land w/plentiful berries and wild flowers. Lot is septic approved, hydro at lot line & potential water connection. \$99,000 (1603)



32 Beech Tree Lane Waterfront Home overlooking Lake Manitou on 8.7 ac. of maples with 263 ft. of frontage. Privacy awaits in this year round bungalow with a fully finished walkout lower level, providing 3,360 sq. ft. of living space with everything included. Quality is everywhere including the outdoor extras of a deck from the main floor; a huge shoreline, deck hanging over the lake with stairs to the beach & the cantilevered aluminum dock; a terraced fire pit patio supported by natural limestone block; a long, sloping, landscaped lawn to the water; a well built & serviced garage of 845 sq. ft. with 2 doors & a completely finished insulated interior. \$1,475,000 (1584)



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

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



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Bonnie Cook retires after 33 years with Rainbow Board

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Following a rewarding 33 year career as an educational assistant working with special needs students, first with the old Manitoulin School Board and then with the Rainbow District School Board, Bonnie Cook is retiring.

“At the time, when I started, they were looking for ECEs (early childhood educators),” recalled Ms. Cook. “It was pretty new for the Island and there were not too many of us.”

What followed was over three decades of a “very rewarding” career. Ms. Cook identified the most rewarding part as “seeing kids strive and thrive” even as they took baby steps forward in their educational journey. “You appreciate it a lot more when you realize how much they worked,” she said.

port communities for exceptional (special needs) students who have similar behavioural, communication, intellectual or physical needs.

As word spread that Ms. Cook was going to be retiring at the end of this school year, each and every class at Little Current Public School where she worked came to her class to wish her well.

While her occupation has its challenges at times, Ms. Cook noted that being able to work with her students has been tremendously rewarding and said that she would recommend that any student looking for a career wherein they can make a real difference in people’s lives investigate following in her footsteps.

“It has been a real honour working the children and their families,” she said. “And the laughs you have, oh my gosh! They are



Little Current Public School Educational Assistant Bonnie Cook is retiring after 33 years of working with special needs students. The school held a party for Ms. Cook to congratulate her and she is pictured here ready to cut her cake. (The room on the other side of the camera is filled with clapping students.)

“I am still in contact with some of my old students,” said Ms. Cook, “and I often think about my students I have had over the years.”

Ms. Cook has seen and experienced “huge changes” in education over the course of her 33-year career. “The biggest changes are in the rules,” she said. There is a lot more paperwork involved now than when she first started out. “There are new rules and things that have been put in place.”

But the biggest positive change is in how so many students who, in the past, were not able to come to school are now able to engage in an educational course of study.

Ms. Cook was present when the former Flower of Hope program closed in Gore Bay and the students came to Little Current. “There was a name change, now it is ISP, Intensive Support Program,” she said, going on to explain that ISP involves sup-

so much fun to work with. I can’t believe that 33 years have gone by. When I started out, I never believed that I would be doing the same job.”

Ms. Cook is looking forward to being able to go and visit her son in British Columbia, now that she has retired. Her son and his wife are also teachers. “We both work the same times, so when he was off he would come home to visit,” she said. “Now I can go and visit him.”

Ms. Cook may be retired, but she has no intention of completely stopping work. “I will be supply teaching,” she said. “I will fill in the odd day as an educational assistant.”

Finally, Ms. Cook notes that she hopes “to spend more time with my three grandkids in my retirement. They live in Southern Ontario, so I hope to see them more.”

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips by Larry and André Leblanc



Canada Day 5K!

A fabulous day was had on Saturday for everyone at the annual 5K and 1K fun runs centered in Low Island, Little Current. Shout outs go to the top three division winners. In the Kid’s 1K Run it was a fast and competitive, 1K sprint! Way to go **Fiona** (4:27) **Clara** (4:31) and **Niamh** (4:35)

In the 5K Under 16 division here are the top three. **Matthew Wilkin** (22:55), **Ryan Ferguson** (23:11) and **Lucas Trottier** (23:47). The 16-49 Women’s race podium placers were **Kate Kahler** (21:27), **Lindsey Moreau-Verlaan** (21:35) and **Heather Ferguson** (23:49). The 16-49 Men’s winners were **Alan Wilkin** (19:28), **Andrew Rose** (23:30) and **Dylan Walsh** (23:39). The 5K Masters 50+ Women was acclaimed by **Karen Sheppard** as was 50+ Men by **Louis Moustgaard**.

Second in the Breakway Race series, the Canada Day 5K raised \$375 for Manitoulin youth sports!

A Classic in Mindemoya!

Not missing a beat, Breakaway Sports then hosted the Mindemoya Classic on Sunday! The Run, Paddle and Pedal triathlon has been around for 20 years with a three year Covid-hiatus. The race had a great turn-out for the first iteration under Breakaway’s Quackenbush clan, management! Of course there was help from past organizer, **Al Haner**, **Marcus Mohr** and the Lions Club for their assistance with logistics as well as **Nick Head-Peterson** and all their other volunteers for their help in making this a successful event.

Here are the division winners but congratulations for all the participants who made it a great day. In the Relay 4s took the checkered flag. The win has to be one of the now dozens by a team containing **Alex Anstice!** This year his team put in the winning time of 1:13:30 with teammates **Brodie Pennie**, **Caroline Black** and **Mackenzie Green!**

Not far behind was the fastest Relay Family in only 1:21:05, the Trotts is the family of **Lucas Trottier**, **Mitch Trottier**, **Blake Trottier** and **Stacey Trottier**. The next fastest division was down to the wire but ultimately it was the efforts of Solo Male racer, **Xavi Mara!** Xavi won in a rocket-like decent of the hill at the finish line to edge out Solo Female winner, **Sara McIlraith** by 15 seconds in her fast 1:25:30!

The next fastest division was the relay-pair both in race and life **Cassandra Bedard** and **Nick Head-Peterson** in just 1:31:22. **Greg Bond** and teammate, **Scott Hopkins** took the Masters Relay tape in 1:31:42! In the Endurance Pairs class was captured by **Chris O’Brien** and **Keith Bryson**, (1:35:30)!

Congrats to all who took part in order to see the first of many more years of the

Classic. Start putting your team together for Sunday of the 2024, Canada Day Weekend in Mindemoya.

Wiky Fastball League

Here are some recent results from the League. On June 28th in week one it was the Lumberjacks 9 – 2 over Quanja. The winning pitcher **Jason JP Peltier**. In the other game, the Son’s of Pitches scored 12 to the 4 by the Kaboni Tigers. Their winning pitcher was **Joe Ominika!**

Junior Golf Masters!

There is a trio of Manitoulin golfers who have not only joined the Northeastern Junior Golf Tour, they are very competitive. Congratulations to Gore Bay’s **Amy Smith** and Mindemoya’s **Rylan Carrick** and **Noah Thorpe** who have been hitting the links, hard!

The NJGT Junior Tour is available to junior golfers aged 10 through 19 with Tour members able to enjoy events from June through the summer and early fall, in Sudbury, North Bay and Elliot Lake, Sault, Timmins, North Bay and Parry Sound.

Way to go guys, we look forward to follow your tour as you move up the rankings!

Mindemoya Youth ball in good shape!

Kids have increasingly been able to be able to play and practice softball thanks to all the hard work from a now, multi-generational organizing committee. **Greg Lockeyer**, over the years has been able to count on some solid volunteers with kid participation as a priority. Thanks to all of the grants this group has been successful winning, Mindemoya has amazing facilities that rival any community, anywhere.

Thanks to Greg’s dedication, he has now created what looks like a succession plan with his son, **Devin Lockeyer** joining the collective. Group stalwart, **Glen Duncanson**, has also introduced his son, **Owen Duncanson** to the group. Also, perennial softball drivers **Shannon Drouin** and **Annette King** are still at the helm to keep everything improving. Although these have been on the organizing committee, there are numerous unnamed people who did tremendous set-up and field maintenance, etc. and pulled off the 2023 Mindemoya Youth Ball Tournament!

See photos on pages 2A-5a.

Condolences!

It was with sadness that we heard of another sportsman and sports’ supporter who passed away this week. **Fuddy (Wilfred) Fisher** was a familiar face playing in many sports over the years but especially, golf. Fuddy would also support any sporting activity by being in the stands cheering for tykes up to elders! Baa maa pii, Fuddy.

A good sport is good for sports!
chipstoquips@gmail.com

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In the Prescott B division (8-10 year-old) the Rough Riders, (shown in photo) defeated On Fire in the championship game.



In the Prescott A division (8-10-year-old) the Espanola Sluggers defeated the Sliders in the fourth annual Mindemoya Youth Softball tournament held this past weekend. Members of the Espanola Sluggers included Mason Aubrey, Oliver Dambrosio, Leif Eadie, Parker Martin, Bentley Mailloux, Wyatt Powell, Henley Massicotte, Aina Sloss, Penelope Lalonde, Elyza McCullugh, Lenin Duplessis, Gabby Timbers, Anna Barnes, and coaches Brandon Mailloux and Caitlin Aubrey.



Delroy Prescott, left, presents the Prescott B division (8-10 year-old) championship trophy to a member of the Espanola Sluggers.



The Lanktree B division (age 11-12) saw Bat Attitudes defeating The Odd Squad in the final.


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Laidley Stationery and Office Furniture is looking for a part-time employee to work 25 hours per week in our retail store between Monday and Friday.

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If you think you would like to join our team, please mail to Box 728, Little Current or email your resume to info@laidley-stationery.ca or drop it off at the store at 17 Campbell St. E. in Little Current.

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

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

CASUAL position:
Manitoulin or Sudbury:
Receptionist: Closes July 13, 2023

FULL-TIME position:
Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:
Coordinator or Training and Learning Initiatives: Closes July 6, 2023
Manitoulin Island:
Team Assistant: Closes July 13, 2023
Child Well-Being Worker: Closes July 5, 2023

CONTRACT positions:
Manitoulin:
Education Support Worker: Closes July 13, 2023
Sudbury:
Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator: Closes July 13, 2023

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. All postings close at 4 pm EST.
To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications for the position of **PROVINCIAL OFFENCES MANAGER**

Hours vary weekly
Salary: \$30.00/ Hour

For a detailed job description visit the town website at <http://www.gorebay.ca/business/employment/>
Please submit your application to the undersigned no later than 4:00 pm, July 5, 2023.

Stasia Carr, Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
PO Box 590, 15 Water Street
Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0
705-282-2420 ext. 1
scarr@gorebay.ca

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.

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LEFT—The Bad News Bears won the Lanktree A division (age 11-12) final over Far Out in Leftfield. The winning team included Tomas Noakwegijig, Evander Ominika-Shawana, Taidym Gonawabi, Trenton Trudeau, Calvin Kaboni, Tyler Mandamin, Lynndra Madahbee, Treily Gonawabi, Kailyn Iginlis, Nyka Young, Peyton Kaboni, and Marissa Ominika.



LEFT—The Mad Batters defeated the War Dogs in the new Love B division (age 13-14) final.

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**The Township of Burpee and Mills
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Closing Date: July 20, 2023

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Evansville, Ontario
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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

(2) Full-Time – Permanent

Position: Sergeant – Team Leader
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency.

Summary: The Sergeant is responsible for providing operational supervision of personnel and performing administrative and other operational duties as assigned. To provide a service delivery that is consistent with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service philosophy and mission statement.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Promotes a positive work environment free from discrimination and harassment.
- Providing advice and guidance to staff on operational or administrative matters and assisting them to establish plans and objectives in their work with the public.
- Ensuring staff provide courteous, professional support and assistance to the public and assist to provide ongoing support to victims of crime.
- Assisting personnel in reaching their full potential through motivation, counselling, training and coordination of career development opportunities.
- Monitoring training/development programs to ensure employees receive appropriate training, guidance and opportunities to achieve optimum performance.
- Recommending personnel for special duties or training.
- Conducting performance appraisals and completing evaluation reports in accordance with policy and procedures.
- Resolving employee work or performance problems and referring unresolved problems to the supervisor.
- Performs assigned operational duties.
- Performs administrative duties to ensure an optimum level of efficiency is maintained.

Basic Requirements:

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a **MUST**.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office, on our website or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three (3) work-related references to:

**Attention: Sergeant – Employment Opportunity
Staff Sergeant – Chris Wesley
christopher.wesley@wtps.ca**

Posting Deadline: July 14, 2023 at 1600 hrs

Please note, applications will be screened. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPB) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.

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Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.)
Safe Food Handlers

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Essential Skills
Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education
Completion of high school

Please apply in person between 9:00 am-5:00 pm with resume to:
Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St E
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
Or email to:
gm@manitoulinhotel.com



The Espanola Bench Warmers defeated the Honey Badgers in the Love A division (age 13-14) final. The Love family division is a new one to the Mindemoya Youth Softball tournament. Mark Love, on behalf of the Love family, presented the championship trophy to the members of the team which included Carter Mullen, Liam Houle, Cooper Farquhar, Hayden Morrell, Max Jouppi, Jackson Bentley, Marly Paradis, Abby Parker, Mack Berrell, Payton Tamuva, Kate Neufeld, Sophie Morrell and coaches Don Farquhar and Kurtis Mullen.



The Master Batters defeated the Red Neck Islanders in the Lockeyer division B final.

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Transportation industry competes in 15th annual Manitoulin and Traction Charity Golf Classic

GORE BAY—The transportation industry came together again this year to compete in the 15th annual Manitoulin and Traction Charity Golf Classic held on June 19-20 to support the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity and the Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) Education Foundation. This year's tournament took place at Rocky Crest Golf Resort and Lake Joseph Golf Club in Muskoka.

The Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity is focused on improving the quality of life for seriously ill children and their families. The charity works closely with children's hospitals across Ontario to cover costs that are not covered by hospital funds, OHIP, or private insurance, a release explains.

The OTA Education Foundation is a charitable institu-

tion devoted to the furtherance of education for Ontario post-secondary students with the goal of providing financial assistance to Ontario university and college students who have family connections within the trucking industry.

Carriers, allied trades and suppliers from the transportation industry across North America along with insurance companies, and banks came together to raise money for this great cause. Every year the event sells out with more than 20 sponsors and 110 golfers.

"The tournament raised \$185,000 through entry fees, sponsorships, and a live and silent auction. This charity golf tournament exemplifies the generosity and commitment of all of its sponsors and donors who supported the

event and ensure its ongoing success."

The title sponsors for the tournament were Manitoulin Group of Companies and Traction Heavy Duty Parts. Presenting sponsors included Jones DesLauriers Insurance Management Inc. and Northbridge Insurance. Diamond sponsors included FastFrate, M-O Freight, Old Dominion Freight Line, TIP Group Canada.

Signature sponsors included Bank of Montreal, Brandt, Cummins, Drakkar, Jackson Events, JD Smith, Kriska Transportation, Loadlink Technologies, Manac Inc., Mosaic Logistics, Navistar (InternationalTruck), OTA Education Foundation, Reefer Sales and Service, Rush Truck Centres, Trailcon Leasing Inc.

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In the Lockeyer division (age 17-19) A final Mean Machine beat Basic Pitches in the final game. Members of the winning team included Jared Toope, Whittier Gauthier, Autumn Deschenes, Zoe Redmond, Ali Laginski, Sabrina Shames, Wyatt Corbiere, Riley Lockeyer, Billy Biedermann, Cord Hughson and coaches Jay Toope and Tim Lockeyer. This was the fourth Mindemoya Youth Softball tournament, held in Mindemoya this past weekend. A total of 36 teams (420 players) took part in the five divisions as well as a t-ball group. Greg Lockeyer, main organizer of the event thanked all the volunteers who helped put on the tournament, the umpires, all the sponsors, Fire Chief Phil Gosse of the Central Manitoulin Fire Department for watering down the fields every day, the Lanktree family for manning the food booth, the committee member group for all their efforts during the weekend.



The Clear Lakers won the King division (age 15-16) A division final over Pitch Perfect. Doug and Cathy King, on behalf of the King family are standing in photo along with members of the winning team which included Ethan Leblanc, Regan Houle, Anderson Parker, Ashton Clement, Ryder Coe, Ethan Hodder, Andi Sokoloski, Payton Sokoloski, Cierra Sokoloski, Kailyn McDougall, Rylee Patreau, Delayna Rantanen. The King B division final was won by the Warriors over Scared Hitless.

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Manitoulin Special Olympics track and field athletes are golden

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) track and field team, the Manitoulin Striders, brought home a staggering 36 medals including 24 gold medals from a regional Ontario meet held June 24 in North Bay.

“They did awesome; every one of our athletes got a gold medal,” stated MSO coordinator and coach Janet Anning. “Our athletes were taking part in the annual Jack Lyons Special Olympics regional track and field meet at St. Joseph-Scollard Hall’s Cundari Field in North Bay.”

Matthew Bedard won gold medals in all events he took part in his age division at the competition. He was first in the 1,500 run in a time of five minutes 40.59 seconds, 3,000 metre run in a time of 11 minutes 52.75 seconds and first in the 800 metre run with a time of two minutes, 40.16 seconds.

Michael Cormier, age 32, earned four gold medals and a fourth-place ribbon at the competition. Mr. Cormier was first in the 100-metre run in a time of 19.58 seconds, 200 metre run with a



The Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) track and field team, brought home a total of 36 medals from a regional Ontario Special Olympics event held in North Bay. In photo from left is MSO team members Dylan Danville, Matthew Bedard, Bruce Vanhorn, Aaron Nickol, Kelsey Mellan, Norm D’Aoust, Michael Cormier, William Leclair and Austin Recollet.

time of 42.22 seconds, first in the long jump with a jump of two metres 7.00 centimetres and first in the mini-javelin with a throw of 11 metres 30.00 centimetres. Mr. Cormier placed fourth in the shot put, six metres 20.00 centimetres.

Norman D’Aoust, 58, took top spot in all four events he competed in. Mr. D’Aoust was first in the 100-metre run in a time of 34.51 seconds,

first in the 200-metre run in one minute, 13.42 seconds, first in the mini-javelin 400 gram with a throw of 1 metre 91.00 centimetres. He was also first in the softball throw-three metres, 10.00 centimetres.

Twenty-one-year-old Dylan Danville garnered a gold medal in the 400-metre run in a time of two minutes, 1.83 seconds. He won silver medals in two events,

the mini javelin 400 grams with a throw of 13 metres, 56.00 centimetres and the men’s shot put, six metres, 20 centimetres. He was third in the 200-metre run in a time of 41.21 seconds and fourth in the 100-metre run in a time of 19.02 seconds.

William Leclair, 29, brought home two gold medals. He was first in the men’s four-kilogram shot put with a throw of seven metres 30.00 centimetres, and first in the mini javelin 400 gram with a throw of 10 metres 56.00 centimetres. Mr. Leclair was fourth in two other

events, the long jump-two metres 80.00 centimetres and the 100-metre run in a time of 20.10 seconds.

Kelsey Mellan, 32, won two gold medals and two silver medals in the competition. She was first in the 200-metre run in a time of one minute 13.13 seconds, and the mini-javelin 300 grams with a throw of three metres 60.00 centimetres. Her two silver medals were in the 100-metre run with a time of 33.79 seconds and in the women’s shotput with a throw of two metres, 95.00 centimetres.

Aaron Nickol, 39, earned two gold medals, a silver

and a bronze medal. He was first in the softball throw with a throw of 10 metres, 10 centimetres, the standing long jump, 95 centimetres. He won a silver medal in the mini javelin 400 gram with a throw of five metres 93 centimetres. He placed third in the 100-metre run in a time of 24.41 seconds.

Austin Recollet, age 16, won gold medals in two events being first in both the mini javelin 400 gram with a throw of nine metres 15 centimetres and the 4-kilogram shot put with a throw of five metres, 20 centimetres.

Bruce Vanhorn, 60, won four gold medals and one silver medal. He was first in the 100-metre run in a time of 21.72 seconds, 200 metre run with a time of 48.10 seconds, first in the mini javelin four metres, 74.00 centimetres, and the softball throw-eight metres 10.00 centimetres. He was second in the standing long jump, 85.00 centimetres.

Ms. Anning wanted to thank all the MSO coaches who went with the team including Sandy Graham, Julie Deschamps, Herb Leclair and Joanne Mellan as well as parent volunteers Kathy Nichol, Lori Danville and Shanah Pitawanakwat.

Special Olympics athletes from across the region gathered in North Bay.

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The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Is now accepting resumes to fill the position of
MAINTENANCE WORKER
(Primary work location - Recreation Centre)

Description of Position

This position is mainly duties performed within the Recreation Centre which includes ice maintenance and driving the ZAMBONI, but also includes general maintenance and cleaning of the building. The Recreation Maintenance Workers are also responsible for the general maintenance and cleaning of the Town Office, all other town-operated buildings, parks and playgrounds.

Skill requirements

- General labourer skills including carpentry, basic plumbing and basic electrical
- The ability to do physical labour including lifting and lugging
- The ability to change tasks quickly
- The ability to work with customers in a professional and courteous manner
- The ability to follow instructions and think ahead
- The ability to work alone and with others
- A positive and teamwork attitude

Duties

This position will include different daily functions, however, the main duties will include:

- Due to season, duties will change
- Minor repairs and maintenance
- Manual labour
- Ice maintenance
- Painting
- Cleaning

Benefits

This position is a full-time permanent position with many great complements such as:

- An attractive salary (24.32/Hour) Unionized work environment
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POP 1K0

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Elementary School Teacher

Sheshegwaning First Nation is a thriving, beautiful community located on the West End of Manitoulin Island. We are currently accepting applications for Elementary School Teachers. St. Joseph’s Anishnaabek School is a JK- Gr.8 school with an excellent Pupil/Teacher Ratio. Come and work with some wonderful staff, amazing children and fantastic community members, and make a difference in the future generation of our community.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the amazing students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnaabe teachings within the school and community setting with support from local knowledge keepers.
- Support students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental and social development and their school readiness.
- Develop and implement long range plans.
- Prepare and administer assessments.
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parent and school officials.
- Identify children’s learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help.
- Participate in amazing staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions.
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate.
- Preferred to have a Bachelor of Education or ATEP.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnaabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening to be provided with contract offering.

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation, St. Josephs Anishnaabe School
Salary Range: As per placement on the approved Teacher Salary Grid
Deadline to Apply: July 20, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Interest applicants may forward their resume and three written references marked confidential to:
Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
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We thank all applicants for their interest however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

BE YOUR OWN CAPTAIN... RACE YOUR OWN BOAT...
AS LONG AS IT'S CARDBOARD!

The Little Current Lions Club wants you to join in the fun of
HAWEATER WEEKEND with the

17th Annual

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

Saturday, August 5, 12:30 pm

**Low Island Park
AGES 8-11, 12-15, 16+,
AND BUSINESS CATEGORIES**

Pick up your applications and contest rules at The Expositor or
on the Little Current Club Facebook page and come join us!

Questions? Call Alicia at 705-929-3101
or email editor@manitoulin.com

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





HOROSCOPES (July 2-8)

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

This week you are surrounded by a heightened sense of romance. It could be from reading a favorite book or watching a beloved movie, Aries. Use it to spice up your love life.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, something you desperately need seems to be missing from your life right now. It's more than a misplaced item. Focus your attention this week on figuring out what it is.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Try not to listen to any gossip this week, Gemini. It will only frustrate you and could put you further out of sorts. Avoid people who love to talk about others for the time being.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Is there a luxury you have been craving lately, Cancer? You could be very tempted to give in and make a purchase this week, even if your finances may not be on solid ground. Be careful.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, your emotions will be all over the place the next couple of days. This turmoil may compromise your usual objectivity as well as your good sense. Try to talk your feelings through.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, your imagination knows no bounds this week. If you're ready to delve into a creative project, do so now when you have a lot of ideas and outside inspiration.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

You could have doubts about a friend you thought was close to you. Has this person promised to do you a favor and didn't deliver, Libra? Be patient before you draw conclusions.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Feelings of confusion may get in the way of your ability to make sound decisions this week, Scorpio. You might need to lighten your load, since you often take on too much.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, do not get into an argument with someone who has a different opinion from your own. Ask to get more information about why he or she sees things in a particular way.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

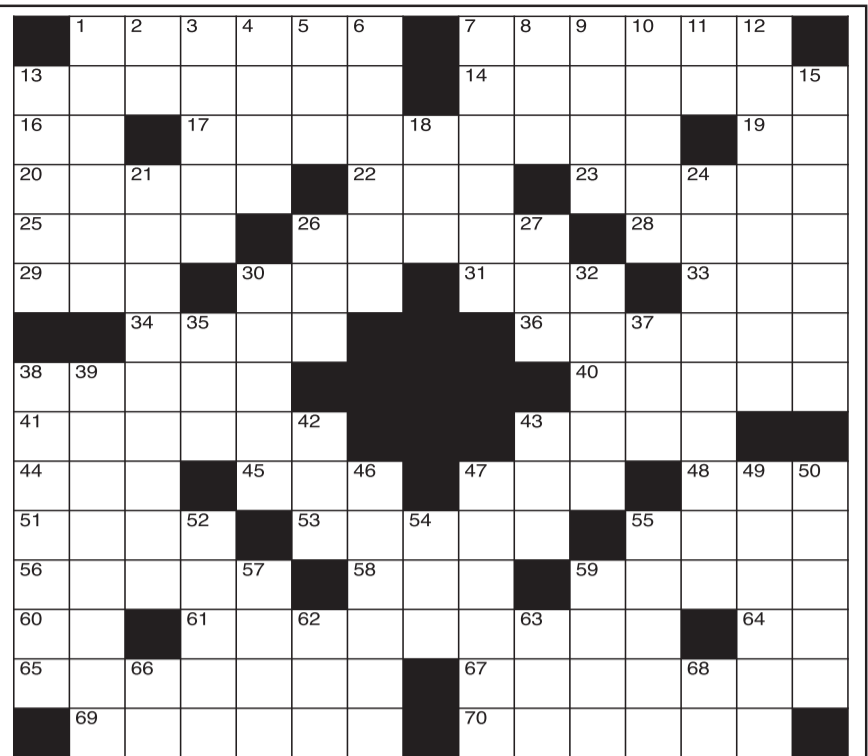
A bothersome feeling may persist for much of the week, Capricorn. It's almost as if you've forgotten to do something but do not know what. All will be revealed in due time.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, be prepared to be a listening ear to a friend or loved one who needs to work through a few issues. You are able to give trusted advice in this matter.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Listen carefully and take notes when someone at work provides directions for an upcoming task, Pisces. You don't want to make any mistakes as it could delay the project.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Bonus materials
- 7. Formal names
- 13. Free from restraints
- 14. One who scrapes away
- 16. Type of device
- 17. Skin cancers
- 19. The Show Me State
- 20. Plate glasses
- 22. Red-brown sea bream
- 23. Small (Fr.)
- 25. Flightless Australian birds
- 26. High IQ group
- 28. Stiff structures
- 29. Revolutions per minute
- 30. Where a bachelor lives
- 31. Licensed for Wall Street
- 33. A place to park
- 34. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 36. An important creed in Catholic Church
- 38. 18-year astronomical period
- 40. Furies
- 41. Removes from the record
- 43. Noted child psychiatrist
- 44. Feline
- 45. High schoolers' test
- 47. Not happy
- 48. They ___
- 51. On top
- 53. Precious stones unit of weight
- 55. Moved quickly
- 56. Seagulls
- 58. A seed with hooks or teeth
- 59. Partner to "ooled"
- 60. Exclamation of surprise
- 61. Most unpleasant
- 64. Organization help service member
- 65. Type of cockatoo
- 67. Humorous criticisms
- 69. Went through and organized
- 70. Wakes up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Settle in tents
- 2. Big
- 3. Books
- 4. Masses of eggs in fish
- 5. Language
- 6. Not standing
- 7. Chinese philosophy
- 8. Computer giant
- 9. A device to catch
- 10. Emits coherent radiation
- 11. Actor O'Neill
- 12. Smallest interval in western music
- 13. Not lower
- 15. Revolves
- 18. Leavened bread
- 21. Number above the line in a fraction
- 24. Cable
- 26. Adult male
- 27. Airborne (abbr.)
- 30. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 32. Broadcast
- 35. ___ Angeles
- 37. Vehicle
- 38. Not religious
- 39. North American peoples
- 42. A baglike structure
- 43. Body art (slang)
- 46. Picked for a role
- 47. Actress Tomei
- 49. Former hoopster "Big Country"
- 50. Icelandic poems
- 52. More pleasant
- 54. It can add flavor to meat
- 55. Self-immolation by fire rituals
- 57. Expression of annoyance
- 59. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 62. Consumed
- 63. Body part
- 66. Thus
- 68. In reply (abbr.)

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	7	8	5	6	3	2	4	9
9	6	4	8	2	1	7	5	3
3	2	5	9	7	4	6	1	8
4	3	7	1	5	6	8	9	2
8	9	2	3	4	7	5	6	1
5	1	6	2	8	9	4	3	7
2	8	1	4	9	5	3	7	6
7	4	9	6	3	8	1	2	5
6	5	3	7	1	2	9	8	4

ANSWER:

Crossword puzzle solution from June 28th paper

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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**LOOKING FOR THIS WEEKS PUZZLE SOLUTION?
CHECK NEXT WEEKS PAPER!
(The Manitoulin Expositor's July 12th paper)**