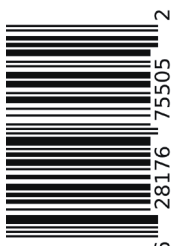


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CYCLE COPS—Little Current has become a training ground for police officers looking to hone their cycling skills. Last week, Ontario Provincial Police Sgt. Ben Cruikshank led a team of Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services (WTPS) constables on a training session. This is the first time WTPS will have a contingent of officers on bikes in the community. From left, atop McLean's Mountain lookout, are WTPS Constables Manitowabi, Von Drunen, Special Constable Hodder, Godin and Kitchikeg. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 28.**

photo by Ed Prudhomme

Assiginack residents support Roller Mills makeover for multi-use centre

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—Members of the public who attended a meeting in Assiginack Township last week are in favour of the concept of using the Roller Mills building and incorporating an addition or new structure towards a new (year-round) multi-use facility that would house theatre, arts, recreation, meetings, special events and more.

"We came up with a design plan for an arts and events centre when it was proposed as being an addition on the arena, but I like this (multi-use facility) idea better—it brings us back to our origins," stated Peter Baumgarten of Burns Wharf Theatre Players at an open house meeting held by the township with Chris Perry of Perry and Perry Architects last week. Mr. Baumgarten said, "Years

ago, FedNor had said the best option to get funding is to have a four-season multi-use building. This should also not just look at bringing in people from the (Assiginack) community, but for the whole Island. This type of facility could be an attraction for conferences, workshops, theatre and other events."

Mr. Perry had told the meeting of about 15 members of the public and three members of Assiginack council, "I am here to listen, to hear what the group feels is the need for your community."

"Shelba (Millette, economic development officer) did an exceptional job on outlining a vision," said Mr. Perry. "The CARE (culture, arts, recreation, events) vision aims to bring together various aspects of life, culture, arts, recreation and events under one roof, creating a vibrant hub of training, learning, networking and creativity. It lists celebrating the arts; a haven for creativity; unleashing entrepreneurial potential; supportive spaces for business ventures. Embracing nature: sustainable and eco-friendly design; multi-purpose uses-flexibility for diverse events; technological integration-em-

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Historic Amikwa Nation case over illegal cannabis stores and treaty rights continues

Crown argues Amikwa Nation not legitimate

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

SUDBURY—Last week, cross-examination commenced for Dr. William Newbigging, an expert witness and professor specializing in history and Anishnaabemowin. This pivotal moment unfolds in a high-profile case involving 10 defendants charged with operating unregulated cannabis stores within Wahnapiatae, Henvey Inlet and Garden River First Nations communities.

The case, which began with a constitutional challenge four years ago, centres on the contention that after the legalization of cannabis in 2018, the charges against them violate their rights as First Nations to trade the substance as

a means of economic development.

The accused are charged with breaking the Cannabis Act and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. They have admitted to the actions that led to the charges. After years of legal proceedings and two dismissal attempts by the Crown, one question remains: Do these laws infringe on the accused's traditional rights to use and trade cannabis and hemp, making them inapplicable under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982?

At the centre of the controversy are claims that all 10 defendants—David Brennan, Sarah McQuabbie, Harley Hill, Clayton Hill, Chadwick McGregor, Michael Nolan, Dennis Wigmore, Derek Roque, Noble Boucher

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Two First Nations challenge 'over the top' Robinson-Huron Treaty Fund legal fees in court

Lawyers' fee is \$510 million

by Jacqueline St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ROBINSON-HURON TREATY—The Atikameksheng Anishnawbek and Garden River First Nations are taking legal action, claiming that the agreed-upon five percent legal fees to Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig Barristers and Solicitors for handling the Robinson-Huron Treaty annuity lawsuit are unreasonable. The chiefs of the two communities argue that the 21 First Nations involved in the settlement have already paid millions in legal fees, often taking out loans to cover the costs. They have filed an application with the Superior Court of Ontario to reassess the fees.

Finalized last year, the Robinson-Huron Treaty settlement aimed to address unpaid treaty annuities for 21 First Nations. These communities argued that the \$4-per-person annuity had not increased since 1874, breaching the treaty as resource extraction projects on

their land generated profits far exceeding their compensation.

Lawyers who negotiated the settlement are seeking \$510

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4elements Living Arts says if volunteers don't step up, arts organization will vanish

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—As an important contributor to Manitoulin Island's vibrant arts scene, 4elements Living Arts has been a beacon of creativity, sustainability and community engagement since its inception in 2002. However, the beloved non-profit organization finds itself at a critical juncture, facing the pressing need for new, active volunteers to ensure its continued operation, growth and impact.

"We're wanting to be sure people are aware that we need more people to come on board," said Susan Snelling, chair of 4elements. "We can't continue with the same volunteers without more help, so we are putting this out now so people won't be surprised if we say later down the line that we are done."

"I would say we are certainly good for 2024, but after that we will need to see if we can continue with the numbers we have, unless we

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Gore Bay's downtown to be 'revitalized' with nautical theme

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay is looking for business and public input at two meetings this week with the focus on two concepts that will be presented on the town's proposed downtown revitalization.

Clerk Stasia Carr confirmed that the town has received funding of \$500,000 from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) through the Community Enhancement Program. The town contracted

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Sub. Lt. Tina Davidson, Manitoulin North Shore Navy League President Bob Jewell, Cadet Xavier Panamick, Lion Paula Jackson, Lion Chris Jackson, Cadet James Panamick, Cadet Tristan Ense, Jack Peltier, Lion Jake McColman, Cadet River Lavell and Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps Commanding Officer Sylvain Boucher stand behind the hard-bottomed inflatable boat purchased thanks to a donation from the Little Current Lions Club. Missing from photo is CPO First Class Savanna Cress, who was busy piloting one of the other boats when the photo was taken.

photo by Michael Erskine

Little Current Lions helps launch new Sea Cadet Corps training vessel

by Michael Erskine

SPIDER BAY—The Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps is finally on the water thanks to a \$4,000 donation from the Little Current Lions Club. Members of the Lions Club gathered at Spider Bay Marina to watch the launch of a new hard bottomed inflatable boat, one of two small craft that will allow the cadets to undergo training here on Manitoulin Island.

“It makes sense that we are able to go out on the water, given that we are Sea Cadets and we live on an island,” said Commanding Officer Lt. (N) Sylvain Boucher as he organized the cadets to move one of the two ‘Zodiac-style’ vessels into the water.

Actually, the hard-bottomed inflatable vessel was built by a Canadian manufacturer called Innocean out of Oakville. (Zodiac being a different brand that is probably not happy about their name being near-universally used to identify the style of vessel.)

Innocean gave the cadets a significant dis-

count on the cost of the new vessel. “It was a floor model,” said Sub Lt. Tina Davidson. “But it is brand new to the water.”

“When we were doing our training in Sudbury I said, ‘I wish I could do that on Manitoulin, it makes sense since we are surrounded by water,’” recalled Lt. (N) Boucher. “They said ‘well, get yourself some boats and you won’t have to come here.’”

The safety regulations call for a program to have two boats and, with the two vessels, six cadets can go out for training at the same time, he noted.

“It’s great,” said Manitoulin North-Shore Navy League President Bob Jewell. “Most of the cadets have their boating licences now and their (VHS) radio licences.” The Navy League is the sponsoring organization for the Manitoulin Sea Cadets. Mr. Jewell said that the support of local organizations such as the Little Current Lions Club plays a crucial role in making the Manitoulin Sea Ca-

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Mnidoo Mnising early learning group awarded Champion for Children Award

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Mnidoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All (MMSLC) was presented with a Champion for Children Award from ‘Our Future Our Children.’ The award recognizes organizations for “the work they do that is making a difference in the lives of children.”

Lynne Ethier, manager of Fundraising and Community Engagement with Our Children

Our Future (formerly known as Brighter Futures), dropped into the MMSLC offices in the NEMI Municipal Building in Little Current to present the award.

“Every year Our Children Our Future collects nominations for champions for children throughout our community and we select three champions that really stand out and make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community. MMSLC was chosen today

for their continuous work over the years with our family resource workers, children and families that attend. The staff goes up and beyond every time to make sure everyone is happy and taken care of and learning all there is to learn about their teachings.”

“MMSLC is a satellite partnership with Kenjegin Teg; we are working with the earlier sector and are going into our sixth year,” said Melanie Francis, MMSLC Early Years Coordinator. “It is a partnership with Kenjegin Teg and Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board.”

Ms. Francis explained MMSLC catchment area runs from Chapleau, Noelville, Manitoulin and St. Charles. “We have about 14-16 sites we work with—we are all outreach,” she said. “We provide foundation of truth and reconciliation ‘Journey Together’ providing Indigenous content with professional development to Early On providers, ECEs. We do special events, workshops for families.” Although the focus is on Indigenous content, the program is not just for Indigenous

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M’Chigeeng’s Glen Hare loses Chiefs of Ontario bid, says farewell after decades in politics

Abram Benedict elected as Ontario Regional Chief

by Tom Sasvari

SIX NATIONS OF THE GRAND RIVER—The Chiefs of Ontario offered congratulations following the Chiefs-in-Assembly’s election of Abram Benedict to the Office of the Ontario Regional Chief during the 49th annual chiefs’ assembly, hosted by Six Nations of the Grand River and the Chiefs of Ontario. Meanwhile, Glen Hare said he has enjoyed his almost four decades in First Nation leadership but said he will not be pursuing a leadership role in the future.

On June 12, Abram Benedict was elected to the Office of the Ontario Regional Chief with 50 votes to 48 for candidate Dean Sayers after four rounds of voting were conducted. Regional Chief Benedict previously served as Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne.

A total of five candidates were in the running for the po-

sition of Ontario Regional Chief (ORC) with 98 electors present to vote in a traditional stand-up electoral process. They included Mr. Hare, incumbent, Grassy Narrows Chief Rudy Turtle, Dean Sayers, former chief of the Batchewana First Nation, Travis Boissoneault, chief of the Garden River First Nation reserve and Abram Benedict.

Regional Chief Benedict ran for Ontario Regional Chief on a platform rooted in the importance of building relationships with the federal and provincial governments while advocating for First Nations sovereignty.

“It is of the greatest pleasures to be elected Ontario Regional Chief,” said newly elected Ontario Regional Chief Benedict. “I thank everyone for their support as I transition into the role and look forward to continuing

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Wiwemikong Tribal Police announces new chief of police

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wiwemikong Tribal Police (WTPS) has announce a new chief of police. The board of the WTPS is pleased to announce the appointment of Ronald Gignac to the permanent position following a comprehensive search process.

“Chief Gignac will commence work on June 26 with a formal swearing in date to be determined. We look forward to introducing our community to Chief Gignac,” the WTPS said in a press release.

Chief of Police Gignac brings 38 years of professional experi-

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Police Chief Ronald Gignac

Mnidoo Mnising First Nations gear up for National Indigenous Peoples Day

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—First Nation communities across Canada, including Manitoulin Island, are holding events to celebrate Nibin Giizhigaate-Giizhik (National Indigenous Peoples Day) this Friday, June 21.

In Wiikwemkoong, Nimkii Bineshiinh Kaaning (Thunderbird Park), Wiky Tours has lined up a full day of events, including everything from a lacrosse presentation, magic show and language presentation, to a ribbon shirt/skirt fashion show, a community feast, music, fireworks and more.

Wiky Tourism suggests making an appointment to view Indigenous artwork at Mishibinjima Private Art Gallery, or discover museum exhibits, art exhibits and cultural programs at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M’Chigeeng where Seasons Family Restaurant offers hearty fare and Lillian’s Crafts features beautiful First Nations arts and crafts, such as hand-crafted quill boxes in their unmatched museum.

In M’Chigeeng, the celebrations begin at Lakeview School with opening remarks and a host of events that include teen archery competitions, a youth

slo-pitch tournament, rock climbing wall, fashion show, water games, obstacle courses, culminating in a performance by Derek Miller and community barbecue. Most events take place at the powwow grounds and ball diamond.

MTO outlines planned summer work projects for Manitoulin Island

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has outlined its planned construction work for Manitoulin Island this summer.

Tanya Blazina, senior media relations with MTO told The Expositor in an email June 6, “For the 2024 construction season, the ministry is planning to complete surface treatment repairs in select areas on Highway 542.”

“The ministry will also be monitoring the remaining highways on Manitoulin Island and conducting additional maintenance and repairs if needed,” wrote Ms. Blazina.

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editorial

Manitoulin Island is essentially a net-minus carbon region

Manitoulin Island is well known for its clean waters, green vistas and welcoming atmosphere. It is also a region that can boast a bountiful agricultural community and for all intents and purposes is one of the most net-zero destinations in Canada, given the low environmental impact of the wind, solar and hydro energy produced here and the energy they collectively produce.

Love them or hate them, the wind turbines that festoon part of the Island's skyline produce a whopping 60 megawatts of energy. By the most conservative estimate that amount of energy will power 24,000 homes—the upper end of the scale would suggest closer to 54,000 homes. That doesn't even include the impact of the numerous solar panels on local farms and houses or the power generated by the hydro plant in Kagawong. When it comes to being green, you don't get much better than the Island. We are not just net-neutral, we are full on net minus.

Oddly, little is done to market that aspect of Manitoulin. Perhaps that can be linked to the controversy and opposition that accompanied the arrival of the large-scale wind farm operation atop McLean's Mountain. Not to mince words, but it is time we all got over it. When life hands you lemons, make lemonade, as the old saw goes, and we have in our green cred some pretty tasty beverage indeed when it comes to marketing our region in a time of climate crisis.

Entrepreneurs like Maja Mielonen and her partner Guy Nielsen are taking the green path and leveraging low-impact tourism to go the extra mile and beyond. It is long past time that we, as a collective community, should be celebrating and trumpeting our net-minus status.

When it comes to enhancing and promoting reconciliation with Indigenous communities, it gets even better. The McLean's Wind Farm is actually majority-owned by Island First Nations (along with M'Chigeeng's 'Joe and Susan' standing sentinel on the bluffs above that community—the brainchild of former M'Chigeeng Ogimaa Joe Hare baa) as is one of the premier accommodations

facilities, the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre.

With a powwow taking place on the Island nearly every week-end throughout the summer, Manitoulin First Nations provide a welcoming and accessible opportunity to learn more and explore Indigenous culture. Add to that the work of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation and Debajehmujig Storytellers and there are very few, if any, better places to do so. The upcoming Weengushk International Film Festival also highlights this region as a place to discover Indigenous feature films and documentaries from across the globe.

In plain point of fact, it isn't just all Indigenous culture and traditions on display, Island First Nations are among the most progressive and economically vibrant in the country and are looked upon by other communities when it comes to "best practices" both in revitalizing and strengthening language and culture and economic development—"in a good way."

Manitoulin has so very much to offer the world, but although many have "heard" of us, too many do not know where we are or what we have to offer.

We need to build an organization that brings these messages to the world.

Manitoulin Publishing Co. works tirelessly (don't tell that to the production crew) to promote the Island through our tourism lure publication 'This is Manitoulin' (with 60,000 plus copies distributed to locations across the province and beyond), and the tourist aid 'Manitoulin's Magazine' that truly assists visitors in knowing what is happening on Manitoulin in any given summer week. But Manitoulin residents and visitors can help by ensuring that they spread the word and support those efforts being made to do so.

We have much to offer the world as a net-minus carbon destination where reconciliation is not just a bunch of high-sounding words.

Let's get to it.

letter

A reeve by any other name is mayor

At least this news is a start

To the Expositor:

You know, I have to be honest here. I'm not sure that "mayor" of Tehkummah is going to bring any more respect than "reeve" of Tehkummah. Though I guess it shouldn't cost too much to change all the relevant signs, paperwork, web pages etc. And of course, it's not going to make any difference to anything, other than to people who didn't know that reeve and mayor are pretty much the same thing.

I was sort of hoping that news from Tehkummah Township would cover progress with the deteriorating Bowerman Trail, the untended public beach, John Budd Park management, the un-

derutilized marina, tourist promotions and township activities. Perhaps, even, some information on our long missing clerk. But I guess reporting news of a supposedly more important sounding administrative title is some sort of start.

Personally, as someone who lives in the hamlet (not town) of South Baymouth in the Township (not municipality) of Tehkummah, I was quite happy with the traditional title of reeve.

Sincerely

David Samuels
Hamlet of South Baymouth

Prolific Canadian author Alice Munro is remembered

by Paula Mallea

Alice Munro died on May 13 at the age of 92. The internationally acclaimed Queen of the Short Story produced 14 collections over more than 50 years and was unparalleled at depicting a complete universe in stories of only 30 to 50 pages.

Alice wrote about women who lived their lives in unassuming rural Ontario towns like Wingham, where she was born. Her stories are complex, complete and very wise. They are also full of humour, as was she.

Throughout her stellar career, many people asked Alice why she did not write a novel. She answered by describing the early years of getting up very early in the morning in her home in Victoria and trying to write amid the hubbub of three small children. It seemed the shorter version suited these constrained circumstances. In later years, she did try to "stretch" a short story to novel length, but it resisted her efforts. She rejected the notion that short stories were "practice for a novel." When



Alice Munro was featured on a 2022 postage stamp.

she accepted her Giller Prize in 1998 she said it was "a great moment for those of us who can't kick the habit of writing short stories."

When Alice later moved from Victoria back to her beloved southern Ontario countryside, her editor, Douglas Gibson, says she was having a crisis in her writing career. While everyone else was badgering her to write longer pieces he encouraged her to continue with the form of literature that she had made her own—the short story. Alice took his advice, and her remarkable canon of work with its many prestigious awards has been the result.

A woman of mischievous good humour and enviable talent and resilience, Alice Munro moved from her home town of Wingham to Victoria in the early years of her first marriage. She and her husband established the still-famous Munro Books. When the marriage broke down, she returned to southern Ontario and later settled with her new husband in Clinton, just a few miles

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Manitoulin Secondary School celebrates the Class of 2024

by **Alexandra Wilson-Zegil**
M'CHIGEENG—The sun has set on yet another academic year with Manitoulin Secondary School's (MSS) graduating class of 2024 ready to step into a future that will challenge and redefine them. Their graduation ceremony represents the end of phase of this stage of their lives and on to the next one, full of possibility. With their diplomas in hand, MSS graduates prepare to take on the world.

The MSS gymnasium was packed with friends, families and community members on Thursday, June 13 to celebrate this momentous occasion for Manitoulin Island youths. After hugs, congratulations and tears were exchanged, audience members found their seat in preparation for the upcoming ceremony.



Principal David Wiwchar addressing the graduates.

Opening the graduation was Mike Zegil and Yana Bauer who introduced the honour guard that led MSS staff and the graduates into the ceremony. Joining Mr. Zegil and Ms. Bauer on the platform was Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison, Principal David Wiwchar, Vice Principal Steve Doane and Vice Principal Rachel Goodfellow. Once the graduates were seated, Grade 10 student Cameron Meawasige led the singing of 'O Canada' accompanied by teacher Chris Theijmsmeijer.

Trustee Lisa-Corbiere Addison took to the mic as a representative from the Rainbow District School Board. She encourages graduates to "find wonder and marvel in ordinary life" and "learn humility by being humiliated."

Then, Mr. Wiwchar gave his address. "Mrs. Karen McGraw, Mr. Irving Noble, Mr. Alain Sauve, our art teacher Ina and science program leader Mike Wesno will be leaving MSS and heading on to enjoy their next endeavors and we thank them all for their instruction, kindness, inspiration and connections with so many of our students over the years they've been here at Manitoulin Secondary School," he began. These staff members have played a large role in the school experience for many of the graduates in attendance. Mr. Wiwchar went on to congratulate the graduating class on their contributions to the school, with a highlight on athletics, "This year's graduating class has made significant contributions to MSS's athletic legacy over the last four years in a variety of sports. The banners behind you are a showcase and testament to this group's dedication to school sport throughout their time here at MSS. Their hard work and perseverance have produced an unprecedented number of post secondary commitments to athletic programs this year on a scale that MSS has never seen."

As the speech came to a close he left the class with a final message, "Graduates, thank you for seizing the day over and over this year and making the most

of the time we have enjoyed with you. Thank-you for persevering through the struggles you have managed and making it through it all to this stage tonight."

After the principal's speech, the M'Chigeeng Ladies' Hand Drum Group presented the graduates with the Migizi Eagle

Layne Albert
 Lluvia Anaya
 Mason Animikwan
 Nikolai Assiniwe
 Chloe Austin
 Annie Balfe
 Chase Becks
 Taylor Bell
 Zack Bond
 Kyra Carpenter
 Aiden Case
 Gideon Catanus
 Cole Chandler
 Ayla Closs
 Tamara Collins
 Willow Cooper
 Ella Corbiere
 Savannah Crack
 David Cyr
 Adrian Debassige
 Davin Deschenes
 Emma Ense
 Saraya Eshkawkogan
 Hailey Ferguson
 Jeffrey Fournier
 Mackenzie Green
 Morgan Green



The graduates proceed into the ceremony, led by an honour guard.

Song. With backs to the audience, facing the graduates, this tribute was truly for the MSS grads.

"Graduates, this is the moment that you have been anxiously awaiting for the past 4-5 years...you will be crossing the stage to receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma," continued Mr. Zegil. Cheering and crying mingled as names of the graduates are called, proud family members and friends come up to take pictures of their loved one on the riser.

After everyone has crossed the stage, Mr. Doane introduced this year's valedictorian, Mackenzie Green. He gave snippets of Mackenzie's accomplishments and her academic career before welcoming her to the stage to give her address.

MSS 2024

Valedictorian Speech

"Good evening, Manitoulin Secondary Schools staff, community members, family and of course my fellow graduates. It is truly an honour to be standing here on behalf of the graduating class of 2024. You may think that I was chosen based on academics, or athletics or maybe school involvement. Truth be told, it was decided that MSS should finally have a ginger give the valedictorian speech.

"Four years ago, we sat in front of our computers to celebrate our 2020 Grade 8 "grad." The end of my speech went a little something like this:

"As we leave behind all of

these memories, we will continue our adventures in high school. I hope along the way everyone is able to continue finding where they belong in the world, and who they are as people. It is my hope that we will never forget our competitive gym classes, epic bump games, and much too loud Uno

The Class of 2024

T.J. Green
 Brodie Harasym
 Nevaeh Harper
 Abby Hawke
 Jaydan Hayden
 Rebecca Hazlitt
 Zack Hill
 Cole Hughson
 Maren Kasunich
 Castor Kerkau
 Abigail Kuula
 Nina Lanktree-Aelick
 Colin Lindner
 Eli Lock
 Alexis MacDonald
 Tobi Madrigal Brown
 Liberty Mainprize
 Riley Maloney
 Yashua Marsland
 Patrick McCann
 Savannah McCauley
 Madison McCormick
 Karlin McGaughey
 Aidan McGraw
 Paige McKee
 Hugh McLaughlin
 Nate Merrylees-Cooper

walked in the hallway, all leading up to this moment.

"According to numerology, 24 is the most lucky number. It brings luck, wealth, health, happiness and prosperity. It is the exact number of carats in pure gold...just like our class and MSS colours. Dating back to Grade 9, 24 is the number of

Destiny Migwans
 Julie Migwans
 Mnising Migwans
 Sage Migwans
 Abrielle Mishibinijima
 Brianna Moore-McMurray
 Aiden Negannegijg
 Marley Neill
 Kowan Orford
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 Benjamin Pangowish
 Presley Peltier
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 Brayden Phelps
 Blaec Quinlan
 Jeremy Ratcliff
 Deatin Redstar
 Emily Roque
 Andrew Rose
 Marcus Sandford
 Justin Smith
 Landen Smith
 Elias Titian
 Rivata Toulouse-Mejaki
 Aalyah Townsend

tournaments in French class. As the class of 2020, we will forever be the loudest class in the hallways of Little Current Public School, and in a blink of an eye we will all be standing on a stage at Manitoulin Secondary School wondering where all the time has gone."

"Well, Class of 2024, we have officially blinked. I thought it would be easy to write a speech that summarized our four years together. But, how do you describe friendships and memories that extend as far back as first playdates to an elementary graduating class that recorded the longest March Break ever and finally, to the greatest class that has ever walked the halls of MSS. Together, our very first day of high school came and went with smiles behind our masks, followed by a blur of essays, sports, clubs, classes, and lunches spent laughing in the caf. Over the years we have gained classmates, started, ended and mended relationships and rocked some classes, while some others rocked us. Right Mr. Balfe, we learned 'it's the process that matters anyways.'

"This year, we started off with our last "first" day of high school, classes turned into final credits, and we've been counting down to our final laps



Valedictorian Mackenzie Green and sister Morgan Green.

yogurts that Eli ate before math class each morning. Twenty-four is the number of seconds on the shot clock in Annie's basketball games. It is the number of seconds that Brodie and Maren took off their 3000m personal best time; the number of times that we were told to hand in our volunteer hours (right Cole?); the number of March Madness brackets that TJ made during calculus class and the average number of Uno cards that Colin had to pick up in Uno no mercy. It is, of course, the number of times I said sorry for breaking Ms. Beck's slinky and the cost in dollars to replace it. It is the number of penalties that Chase took in hockey and how many strokes over par Davin shot at NSSSA golf, and how many Saraya shot under. Twenty-four is game point in badminton and volleyball, one shy of the championship, which we become pretty familiar with. There were 24 Friday minute mysteries solved in Ms. Becks classroom and more than 24 games of Scattergories played in Mr. Wesno's science classes. It is the average percentage of Dr. J's multiple choice chemistry tests. 24-0 is the score of Landen and TJ vs the class in Hangman.

"If we keep on the math theme, half of 24 is 12. This is exactly how many years ago we proudly accepted our Kindergarten diplomas. I can't believe how time has moved so quickly. Since then, our class has always been up for a challenge; whether it be speedball at lunch, unbelievable musicals, robotics competitions, or tough exam weeks. In the classroom, we proved our dedication to learning, continuously working together to make sure homework was done and we were prepared for tests...most of the time. We also received our fair share of teachers asking us 'are you using your time wisely?' as we leveled up from Cool Math Games to TikToks and Clash Royale, with a couple of Tetris games here and there.

"Outside of the classroom, it has been truly amazing to see everyone find their passions. For many of us, this was sports. We found a home in the gym, practically living in the black

and gold jerseys. From runners, to volleyball and basketball players, to gymnasts and badminton enthusiasts, to jumpers and throwers, this class has been heavily involved in athletics since our 'rookie' years. We have an astounding amount of athletic talent in this group, helping us to take home at least 24 NSSSA championships, a handful of NOSSA titles and even an OFSAA banner. Year after year, athletes qualified to represent MSS on the largest high school sports stage: OFSAA, with many who have committed to continue their athletic journey's in post-secondary, which is no small feat! Sports gave us an avenue to develop stronger friendships with our teammates and relationships with our coaches. We learned the power of teamwork and dedication, lessons and memories that we will carry with us next year and beyond."

"We also repped our school colours well in other competitions. We had students work tirelessly through the semester to prepare for countless robotics events. This year, the team was led by senior builders all the way to the World Championship in Texas (for the second time)! Outside of athletics and robotics, we have seen so many students discover their talents and interests through the school musicals, tech classes and art or music class, and SHSM program, co-op opportunities, and school clubs. We have had students shine in various leadership positions, filling the athletic association, student council, Three Fires Confederacy, and student senate over the years. We have helped plan hockey tournaments, powwows, student appreciation days and spy-master events.

"Throughout our four years, I believe that this class has had a great impact on MSS. Despite often being role models through academics, sports, or extracurriculars, this class has demonstrated qualities that we hope are passed down to the next generation of Mustangs. I could not have asked for a friendlier, more caring, humorous, and kind class to be a part of and have by my side through high school. I have always loved that everyone in this class seems to be friends, genuinely happy to support and work with one another.

"Now despite common belief, we did not enter high school the sophisticated, mature, prodigies we are today. Teachers, support workers, coaches and community members: On behalf of the class of 2024, I am honored to give the biggest thank you. We don't say miigwetch nearly enough. You are the people that have shaped us, inspired us, encouraged us, and tirelessly helped us to prepare for this moment and the rest of our lives.

"To our family members; moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters and brothers, we would not be here without your unwavering support through the ups and downs. We know you have been waiting for this moment.

"So, here is the moment so many of us have been waiting for (even though some may not have been sure it would come). Now is the time that we officially retire the black and gold, that we step away from our home of the past four years, that we say goodbye to some and see you later to others. As we continue to pursue our interests, passions, and goals or perhaps take more

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...group awarded Champion for Children Award

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families. “It is for everybody,” said Ms. Francis, “that is why our name includes ‘for all.’”

During the open house, Islanders were invited to drop in for some light snacks and refreshments, and take the opportunity to learn more about MMSLC programs and services.

Those who were unable to drop in to the open house are encouraged to reach out to a MMSLC staff member for more information. Ms. Francis can be reached at melaniefrancis@kenjgewin-teg.ca.



Lynne Ethier Manager of Fundraising and Community Engagement presented Mniidoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for All (MMSLC) with a Champion for Children Award in recognition of the work they do that is making a difference in the lives of children. In photo, left, are Ms. Ethier, MMSLC Indigenous Early Learning Instructor Ann Cummings (holding Kokoko the owl puppet), MMSLC Early Years Coordinator Melanie Francis and MMSLC team liaison Nicky Boyle.

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...M’Chigeeng’s Glen Hare loses Chiefs of Ontario bid

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the good work on numerous key First Nations’ priorities. I look forward to serving each of the 133 chiefs in the region as we work together to ensure that our nations not only survive but thrive as well.”

“We have much work to do, and I plan to embrace the Chiefs of Ontario office as we move forward in our advocacy efforts with the governments of Ontario and Canada. Advocacy is an extremely important piece as we move forward on our key initiatives, such as the carbon tax, Bill C-53, climate adaptation, response, and prevention. While the conversations will certainly not be easy ones, I will ensure



Glen Hare

that First Nations voices and stories are heard in Queen’s Park and on Parliament Hill.”

Following the final election results, Ontario Regional Chief Elect Abram Benedict participated in the traditional pipe and blanket ceremony and oath of office for the Regional Chief, led by chief electoral officer Gordon “Chop” Waindubence of

Sheguiandah First Nation and Oshkabewis to the election officer Gary Dokis, to officially assume the position of Ontario Regional Chief.

“I don’t know the last time I was on unemployment,” quipped Mr. Hare. “You just don’t know how elections are going to go. I felt good going into the election, but I went in with the attitude there was a 50-50 chance I would be elected.”

“I have enjoyed my 39 years in First Nations leadership starting as a (M’Chigeeng) councillor,” said Mr. Hare. “I’ll still be helping and supporting the leadership, I just won’t be at their level. I had a good run and I have no regrets. And I am thankful for the leadership and citizens who have supported me over the years.”

“I am back being a M’Chigeeng band member on a full-time basis,” said Mr. Hare. “It’s only been one day but I’m enjoying it. One of the things I am excited is being at home with my family more.”

He said that one of the things he is pleased to see in the past few days is “that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has invited COO (Chiefs of Ontario) to stand with them and approach the government on the housing issues in all of our communities. They have reached out to us on this issue, which is a positive step forward. They (governments) have to talk to us as First Nations and municipalities. That’s for our new regional chief, Abram, to be tasked with.”

...Lions helps launch new Sea Cadet training vessel

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dets Corps an outstanding success. He noted that the VHF radios being utilized by the Sea Cadets and their instructors were donated by The Expositor.”

“We are happy to be able to support a worthy cause such as the Manitoulin Sea Cadets,” said Lion Dave Draper. “It’s all about the Lion’s motto, ‘We Serve.’”

The new inflatables are powered by 9.9 hp Yamaha outboards and, as a further safety measure, feature heavy duty prop guards to ensure the prop is isolated from contact with any errant body parts or the lake bottom.

Cadets will soon be completing their annual programming. Several Manitoulin Sea Cadets will be heading off to training at Canadian Forces bases such as Trenton, learning further skills that will serve them well in their future endeavours.



Cadets head out on the bounding main in their new inflatable courtesy of Innocean and the Little Current Lions Club.

...Wikwemikong Tribal announces new chief of police

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ence, including 15 years with the Canadian Armed Forces, 13 years with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and police chief for more than a decade with the Deep River Police and Belleville Police.

“Having always led with compassion, Chief Gignac has built a reputation for being reliable and trustworthy in all the communities he has served,” said WTPS board president Lawrence Enosse in a press release. “His diverse leadership experience demonstrates his ability to navigate difficult situations, while always maintaining his professionalism and high-quality service. In 2018, he was awarded national recog-

ognition for reducing violent crime in his jurisdiction, more than any other police chief in Canada, within



just one year of his appointment.”

“We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the OPP for the secondment of Acting Police Chief Jason Spooner who helped lead our service prior to Chief Gignac’s

appointment,” continued Mr. Enosse. “Acting Chief Spooner brought much needed stability to the force and during his tenure saw our police force increase its capacity to help our community.

Both the Wiikwemkoong community and WTPS owe a debt of gratitude to Acting Chief Spooner for a job well done. On behalf of the board, officers and civilian employees thank you, Acting Chief Spooner, for your hard work, dedication and thoughtfulness.”

“It is now time for a new chapter for WTPS and on behalf of our board, our officers, civilian employees and our entire community, we welcome Ron Gignac to Wiikwemkoong,” said Mr. Enosse. “There is no definition of success that does not

include service to others,” said Chief of Police Gignac of his interest in joining WTPS. “The WTPS has made strides in community policing over the past few years. I’m honoured to continue to build on our service and further our shared goal of making Wiikwemkoong the safest community in Ontario. I’m grateful to be entrusted with this challenge.”

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...challenge 'over the top' Robinson-Huron Treaty Fund legal fees in court

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ty projects. Payments to the beneficiaries are expected in August, raising concerns that this court application might delay the settlement distribution.

Chief Karen Bell of Garden River First Nation and Chief Craig Nootchtai of Atikameksheng First Nation have expressed satisfaction with the work done by

Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig. However, the court application alleges that the lawyers tried to deter an evaluation of the legal fees during an April meeting, warning trustees that doing so would delay the settlement distribution. It also states that the lawyers cautioned trustees that rejecting the legal fees would cause them to "lose trust" in the Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund for not honouring the partial contingency fee agreement.

The other 19 First Nations have not yet officially supported the application, but Chief Nootchtai is hopeful they will as the process advances. Filed on June 7, the application requests that the firm "preserve all records of any kind

related to the discussion, negotiation, review, invoicing and approval of the legal fees." It also asks that the \$510 million be held in trust until a resolution is reached.

The law firm has acknowledged the high legal fees and proposed cutting them in half, using the money to advocate for various Anishinabek initiatives. However, Chiefs Nootchtai and Bell suggested a legal review instead. The collective did not widely support this decision, feeling that the lawyers earned their share fairly. Some critics argue that chiefs and councils should not be dictated to about how \$255 million should be spent and emphasize the need for proper due diligence on behalf of their communities.

This is not the first time

law firms representing First Nations in settlement claims have faced scrutiny. Cindy Blackstock, a key figure in a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal case leading to a historic \$40-billion lawsuit against Canada for underfunding on-reserve child welfare services, raised concerns about the \$55-million legal bill for the attorneys involved. Last November, she questioned why the approximately 300,000 victims would receive around \$40,000 each while the lawyers earned significantly more. Lawyers argued that their fees could have been much higher under traditional retainer agreements.

On June 13, the Robinson-Huron Litigation Fund, responsible for managing the litigation, filed its own application seeking court direction. They stated, "Based on a 70 percent majority vote, the RHTLF entered into the contingency agreement with the RHT Legal Team. The RHTLF did not have the funds to undertake the litigation, so it explicitly chose the partial contingency agreement rather than the straight hourly retainer."

The statement further claims that "The legal fees and distribution terms are detailed in the Compensation Disbursement Agreement, unanimously adopted by all Chiefs-in-Assembly on August 8, 2012. Additionally, each of the 21 First Nation Councils passed a Band Council Resolution to adopt this Agreement." Despite the RHTLF's decision to approve the legal fees, Atikameksheng and Garden River have filed a Superior Court application to challenge this decision. Chief Nootchtai previously accused the RHTLF Trustees of wasting trust assets by approving the fees.

In response, the RHTLF's Litigation Management Committee (LMC) has filed its own application seeking guidance from the Court.

This comes after two First Nations publicly disputed the \$510-million lawyers' bill incurred in the lengthy court case, which led to a historic \$10-billion settlement for Robinson-Huron Treaty trustees and beneficiaries being struck with Canada and Ontario last year.

Garden River First Nation and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation filed an application in Ontario Superior Court last week, requesting that the \$510 million in legal fees paid out to Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig Barristers and Solicitors for its work on the annuities claim be held in trust while the bill for legal services is reassessed in the courtroom.

The litigation management committee, in turn, has filed its own application, requesting direction from the court.



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bracing the digital age; visitor amenities: enhancing the experience. The design should reflect the CARE vision by embracing inclusivity, fostering creativity, empowering entrepreneurship, integrating sustainable and technological features in a holistic way.”

“Why?” he asked. “Cultural enrichment, economic stimulus, community engagement, educational opportunities, accessible art, tourism attraction, skill development, networking and collaboration, mental and emotional well-being, job creation, uniting different cultures, revitalizing neighbourhoods, strengthening the creative economy, inspiring future generations-in-cubator, preservation of cultural heritage, public-private partnerships, philanthropic support, cultural tourism development and long term vision.”

The third part of the vision included the possible elements of this vision: marketplace (indoor and outdoor covered), multi-use space (theatre, exhibit, workshop, fitness), public entrepreneur incubator, library, restaurant, commercial retail, amenities, (docks, washrooms, gas) and a water park.”

“That is quite a list for one community project to have,” said Mr. Perry. “What we would like to do is identify three main elements (that could be looked at) and why are any more important than others.”

“The big thing is culture, theatre and performing arts because it creates a tourism attraction, cultural enrichment,” said one attendee. “I say the arts and culture are primary, accessible art (preservation of cultural heritage).”

“We need a facility that has events/activities that create an economic stimulus that benefits the township,” said Marilyn Wohlberg.

“So, culture, economy, market place, theatre, art, exhibits, events, workshops, fitness in multi-use facility seems to be the elements that everyone is in favour of and how this



Chris Perry, left, of Perry and Perry Architects, met with members of the public in Assiginack township last week, including Peter Baumgarten and Candice Irwin above, to discuss options for a potential new arts and entertainment centre in the community.

photo by Tom Sasvari

can all fit together,” said Mr. Perry.

“Regarding theatre, Peter (Baumgarten) and I and others would like to see a building that has retractable seats for those attending events,” said Ms. Wohlberg. “St. Benedict’s School in Sudbury has this type of elevated retractable seating. Elwood (Ms. Wohlberg’s husband) and I have been there for theatre. The seats are very comfortable and once the production is done the seats go elsewhere, so there is a huge space left for other groups and events to take place.”

“Such as weddings,” suggested Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid.

“A multi-use events space, which provides a large space that can accommodate a number of uses,” said Mr. Perry.

“It would have to be a multi-use space. It would need to support the theatre but a large variety of events and groups,” said Mayor Reid.

“At the last council meeting I attended there was talk about having the Roller Mills being recreated and improved and that the (Burns Wharf) Theatre group would be included as one of the users,” said Mr. Baumgarten.

Mr. Perry told the meeting he has been in the Roller Mills building a couple of times to document what is in it and the functionality of the building. “It is a unique structure. When I went through it, I could see it functioning with arts, a

craft boutique, a gathering area before and after events, and maybe having an additional new building space addition that holds multi-use events, where for instance the acoustics would be good. There could be a relationship between the two.” He said there is the potential for a big space for parking in the area as well.

As for the Burns Wharf Theatre, which last had a theatre production performed in it in 2013, Mr. Perry said it has a very limited life expectancy and there are real concerns with its condition. “If it is not usable one option is to build new or perhaps have a relationship with the Roller Mills and an addition.”

Ms. Wohlberg said that if the Burns Wharf needs to go there are a lot of wonderful beams that could be preserved on a newer addition structure.

Candace Irwin of Body Stories Dance said she works with a lot of seniors and youngsters and a multi-use space is something she would be in favour of. It is also important to provide space for families and noted that at the art centre in Sudbury there is a childcare located in the facility. “For people and groups that would be long-term renters of space in the building, storage space would be helpful. And there is

no place on the Island that has a strong dance floor.”

She said the Canadian Children’s Theatre provides a giant dance studio area that can be cordoned off to make two large spaces (that can be used at the same time).

“We desperately need better theatre space,” said Lynne Dee Sproule of Burns Wharf Theatre Players. “And if it is located in a beautiful location, like the waterfront, it would be great to be able to open a window for a theatre performance to have a relationship with the outside as part of the production.”

There is an amphitheatre behind the current Burns Wharf Theatre building that could be used as a beautiful wedding location, Ms. Irwin added.

Mr. Perry noted, “before looking at redeveloping the stairs and the amphitheatre this would have to have a relationship with development.”

Mr. Baumgarten provided a design plan that had been created for a previously proposed arts and entertainment centre onto the local arena. He said one of the big issues for the Players is the need for a two storey structure over the stage to provide entrance and exit space for the performers and stage crew, bigger set area to accommodate sets, suspended lighting over the stage and not only be insulated but provide air conditioning in the summer as well, along with good acoustics. Mr. Perry said he would put all the input provided at the meeting together and look at a design that would marry everything into one. He will also be documenting the space requirements in the Roller Mills building and a possible new addition and bring this concept back to another meeting, hopefully in the next couple of weeks. “It’s not what, but how,” said Mr. Perry. He also noted that several more public sessions would need to take place.

Mr. Baumgarten said in looking at a multi-use building, space should be provided for artists displays, photography

and workshops. “There should be other rooms that would support these

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...4elements says arts organization could vanish

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have more volunteer support," said Ms. Snelling. "We still have Elemental Festival and workshops this year that will definitely be taking place."

Founded by Sophie Edwards and colleagues in response to the need for creative spaces for artists and programming in our local communities, 4elements has been instrumental in nurturing the intersection of land, arts and community on Manitoulin Island. Through its innovative land-based arts initiatives, the organization has sparked inspiration, fostered collab-

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oration and empowered individuals to connect with and protect their environment in meaningful ways, explained Ms. Snelling.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization," stated Ms. Snelling. "Their dedication, passion and tireless efforts have fueled our ability to deliver transformative arts experiences and make a positive impact on our community. Many of those involved in 4elements leadership roles now are pulled in many directions, and as we look to the future, we urgently need new volunteers

with fresh energy, ideas and perspectives based on their unique lived experiences to join us in our mission and ensure the vitality of our programs."


Volunteers are needed for key leadership roles, ranging from finance, administration, fundraising, event coordination and outreach efforts to land stewardship, environmental sustainability, reconciliation initiatives and family-friendly programming; volunteers play a pivotal role in every facet of 4elements Living Arts' operations, said Ms. Snelling. By contributing their time, skills

and enthusiasm, volunteers not only support the organization's day-to-day activities but also help shape its long-term vision and impact.

"Contributing to the future of 4elements is a rewarding opportunity. We welcome individuals of all ages from all backgrounds and skill sets to join our volunteer team," said Ms. Snelling. "Whether you're an artist, environmentalist, event planner, parent or simply someone passionate about making a difference, there's a place for you at 4elements Living Arts. Together, we can contribute to cultivate creativity, sustainability and community connection."

"We are looking for as many people to come forward as possible," said Ms. Snelling. She pointed out the 4elements board includes four members

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...Roller Mills makeover for multi-use centre

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types of displays and activities."

"In looking at the list and why we need all of this, one of the big reasons is for the youth in the community," said Ms. Wohlberg. "Whether it is theatre, dance, fitness or arts, we need to get youth involved. We used to have a youth theatre with Burns Wharf Theatre for years. We need a place for kids to do other things than be on computers and the internet. If we can find other things for them to get involved in year-round it will benefit them."

"It is critical," stated one gentleman at the meeting. "We need a place for service clubs to be able to have things like Boy Scouts or Girl Guide groups, and

other things like meetings and events. It will also benefit the economy by bringing dollars into the township."

"We would be able to offer space for weddings, special events, even things like dinner-theatre," said Mayor Reid.

Mr. Perry said he would like to have similar meetings every two weeks and wants to have the design finished for development before the end of summer.


Mayor Reid told The Expositor after the meeting the township had contacted Mr. Perry to work with the township and the local community to develop a design plan for the structure, then a financial plan will have to be developed. All of this would then be put together to take to the government for funding.

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...Gore Bay's downtown to be 'revitalized'

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engineering firm Exp to produce two proposed concepts for the project.

"We are looking at rebranding and revitalizing the downtown area, and a meeting will take place with the business community on June 19 for their feedback, and a second meeting on June 20 (from 6:30 to 8 pm) for members of public for their feedback and consideration," said town manager Harry Schlange. "I thought the two concepts that are being proposed for consideration are spectacular."

"They are different than what I had expected," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. "Either concept will definitely make the town a destination. We had already been looking at providing for a more historic look and already have rod iron benches and garbage containers in town. Harry had found a person who designs downtown redevelopment and parks."

"I have seen the two concepts, and they have a very unique design, new and

something that you wouldn't normally think of. Both concepts would make us different than other towns and draw people to town," said Mayor Lane, noting they have a nautical theme. "It would make the downtown area from the Valu-Mart to the medical centre more pedestrian friendly and designed to have local traffic drive slower. It would also provide for a new style of flower beds, more of cement tile roadway, and different type sloped curbs."

"These concepts are just ideas for everyone to look at and provide input on," said Mayor Lane.

Mr. Schlange explained after the meeting that with the funding the town received contract Exp is to prepare preliminary drawings for the downtown revitalization with two concepts shared at the meetings.

"Exp will take all the input and comments made at the meetings and then come back to council with a final design for consideration," said Mr. Schlange.

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uting here and there."

In addition to its urgent call for volunteers, 4elements Living Arts invites residents and visitors alike to mark their calendars for the eagerly anticipated annual Elemental Festival, scheduled for September 20-22, on Manitoulin Island, in collaboration with NorthWords Festival. Building on the success of Elemental Festival 2023 headlined by celebrated Wiikwemkoong artist James Simon Mishibinijima, this year's festival theme is 'Pollination,' where 4elements will deliver an immersive celebration of art, nature and culture exchange, highlighting the vital role of pollinators in sustaining life on earth.

From captivating performances and interactive workshops to thought-provoking installations and guided nature walks, Ms. Snelling said Elemental Festival offers something for everyone to

enjoy and engage with. As a cornerstone event in Manitoulin Island's cultural calendar, 4elements is proud to announce this year's festival will be an official Ontario Culture Days event. 4element's role as an Ontario Culture Days Hub is evidence of the power of art to inspire, unite and transform rural communities.

"We're thrilled to unveil this year's Elemental Festival and invite everyone to join us in exploring the theme of 'Pollination,'" said Ms. Snelling. "It's an opportunity to connect with each other and nature, ignite our imagination and deepen our understanding of the interconnectedness of all living beings. Together, we can sow the seeds of creativity, resilience and sustainable change."

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...Amikwa Nation case over illegal cannabis stores and treaty rights continues

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and Luke Klink—are in fact descendants of the Amikwa Nation, who didn't enter into treaty negotiations nor ceded their territory. The Amikwa, who never engaged in treaty negotiations or ceded their territory, claim their rights remain intact.

Thomas Lambert, from Nipissing First Nation, has challenged the legitimacy of the Amikwa, labeling them a fabricated entity misrepresenting themselves as a First Nation. Mr. Lambert asserted that Michael Swinwood, the defendants' counsel, was "trying to use the history of a group that does not or ever existed." Mr. Lambert's statement contests assertions made by Mr. Swinwood, who cites historical continuity.

January 31, February 1, 2, and more recently on March 12 and 14, 2024, Regional Senior Judge for the Superior Court of Ontario heard the defence, Mr. Swinwood's, proposal to call Dr. William Newbigging as an expert "with respect to the history of the Anishnaabe people of the Great Lakes, particularly Lake Huron, and with respect to the Amikwa people."

The defence believes that, according to comments by the judge and the Crown, it seems



Dr. William Newbigging, a Laurentian University professor, was cross-examined last week over his assertions that the Amikwa are a people.

likely that his testimony will be struck from the record as inadmissible on the basis that the research in to his own heritage is not that of an "expert."

Jeannine Plamondon and Brian Bencze, for the Crown, opposed the request and a voir dire, or a "trial within a trial" was held to determine whether Dr. Newbigging would be admitted as an expert in the existence of the Amikwa as a nation.

In March, Dr. Newbigging underwent three days of rigorous cross-examination. His reports, detailing the historical presence of the Amikwa in regions like Tiny Township, were scrutinized for their accuracy and relevance to the case. Dr. Newbigging submitted multiple reports crucial to the case, including 'The People of the

Amikwa Nation' (June 2022) and a response to Alexander von Gernet's reports from October 2023, dated December 8, 2023. His testimony during cross-examination focused extensively on these reports, as well as on another report prepared for a different case, 'The Anishnaabe Presence on the Penetanguishene Peninsula: With Specific Reference to the Amikwa Presence in Tiny Township' (October 31, 2023), commonly referred to as the "Tiny Township report."

Since Dr. Newbigging is a witness for the defence, two important points need to be considered. First, according to legal precedent, a trial judge has the authority to be flexible with rules about what evidence can be presented if sticking strictly to those rules could lead to a miscarriage of justice and if the

concerns the rules are meant to address aren't present in this case. Second, if the judge thinks about not allowing defence evidence because its harmful effects are

greater than its usefulness, they can only do this if the harmful effects "significantly outweigh" its usefulness, as originally written. Judge Boucher deemed

the threshold of admissibility as valid, and the trial officially began in June. Cross examination for Dr. Newbigging will resume September 9 and 10, 2024.



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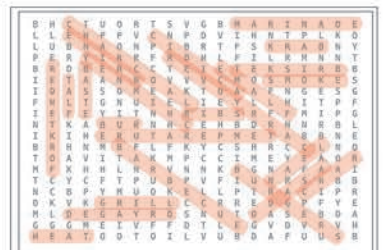
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Federal NDP riding nomination June 23

by Tom Sasvari
COPPER CLIFF—A Nickel Belt federal NDP nomination meeting will take place on Sunday, June 23 in Copper Cliff. Andreane Chenier, who was the New Democrat Party candidate in the Nickel Belt riding in 2021, was the lone uncontested nominated candidate for the Nickel Belt Federal NDP. With the federal riding boundary changes, the current Nickel Belt Riding will become the Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt when the next federal election is called.

Ms. Chenier was approved by the NDP party as the candidate but must now be approved by the riding association. The nomination was uncontested.

Ms. Chenier was the run-



Andreane Chenier is the lone candidate in this Sunday, June 23's nomination meeting for Nickel Belt NDP candidate.

ner-up in the 2021 Nickel Belt riding federal election, behind the current Nickel Belt riding MP Marc Serre. She is already going door-to-door in preparation of an early election call.

The nomination meeting will be moderated by Nickel Belt MPP Frances Gelinias.

Carol Hughes, current

MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, will be a guest at the nomination meeting. She will be acknowledged for her work and commitment to her constituents and the party.

The new riding boundaries will be on display at the meeting. These do not come into play until the (election) writ is dropped.

The nomination meeting will take place at 2 pm on June 23 at the CUPE 4705 Hall on 41 Veterans Road in Copper Cliff. The meeting is in person, however, for those that want to participate by Zoom they can do so by going to the link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84508817517>

The NDP is the first party in this new riding that has held a nomination meeting.



Team Aelick at it again!

On Saturday, June 15 Team Aelick hosted another fundraiser for its Stroll for Liver campaign in support of the Canadian Liver Foundation, this time at Orr's Valu-Mart in Little Current. Thanks to generous support from Orr's proprietor Andrew Orr in the form of barbecue supplies and venue, plus gift basket ticket sales and donations of money, Team Aelick raised over \$1,500! This gives Team Aelick a total of \$14,842.60 raised for Canadian Liver Foundation so far in 2024. "We still have a journey to reach this year's goal of \$25,000," they shared. To support Team Aelick check them out at a local summer market near you or visit their 'Team Aelick Critter Houses' Facebook page. Barbecuing up a storm, from left to right, Jerry Laframboise, Wayne Aelick, Anna Aelick, Myrna Aelick, Asher Lanktree-Aelick, Joellen Sloss, Wanda Nighswander, Tom Nighswander and two happy customers.

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Little Current Public School Grade 8 graduating class are, back row, from left, Liam Stephens, Luis Anaya, Max King and Collin Goodfellow, middle row, Roen Deschenes, Kain Corbiere, Joey Roy, Ryan Carter, Arabella Otosquaio, Emma Beattie-Byrnes, Lucien Behm, Lily Gordon, Kjell Smith, Brooklyn Ferguson, Sadie Eadie, Hannah Dawe, Jaydyn Pegalo, front row, Piper Thibodeau, Sofia Fessenden, Chantal Atkinson, Kirsten Bowerman, Hazel Cooper, Rylan Boyter and Spencer Cortes. Missing from photo are: Ryezen Carpenter, Ava Mandigo, Alivia Budge, Chloe Bowerman, Asher Manitowabi, Jaylah Corbett and Nova Waindubence.

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WIFF will be preceded by the previously announced event Blanket of Stars: A Tribute to Resilience on July 11 on Manitoulin. Residential school warriors wrapped in Star Blankets will gather on Manitoulin for a profound and symbolic procession across the iconic Swing Bridge in Little Current to be met by dancers, drummers and community. This meaningful act represents their long journey and serves as a welcoming home. This bridge, which physically connects communities, will metaphorically represent the bridging of past and present, acknowledging the long road these survivors have travelled.

“WIFF 2024 will celebrate Indigenous storytelling and resilience with this transformative three-day event that showcases and empowers diverse Indigenous voices from around the globe with four features, eight shorts, workshops, a gala awards event and musical performances by Aysana-bee, Adrian Sutherland, Nishina Esquega and The Poets: A Tragically Hip Tribute.”

WIFF will take place at both the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning and the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current.

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time to figure these things out just remember to always keep trying. As the last rule on Mr. Balfe's guide to solving trig equations states 'your greatest success lies beyond your next failure.' And if that doesn't stick with you, just remember that if you can get through listening to the soup song on Fridays, you can get through anything!

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do or where you go that is so important; not your job or accomplishments, but the person you are. I can say without a doubt that every single one of you gets 24 gold stars in that area. It is my hope that everyone holds on to the memories of the past four years and reflects on the

Rainbow District School Board to offer new credits at schools this summer

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) will offer opportunities for students to earn new credits towards their Ontario Secondary School diploma this summer, including Summer School Co-operative Education, e-Learning and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC).

Summer co-operative education students can obtain one, two or three new Co-operative Education credits.

In-person co-op credits will be available in July and August for students who require a placement and for students who already have a paid or unpaid placement where the employer has agreed to monitor.

Students are asked to contact their school guidance counsellor to discuss options if they already have or need a co-op placement for the summer.

Students wishing to obtain one or two

lessons as we venture out on our own paths. Remember where you came from, remember where you discovered who you are and remember where you found your people. My last piece of advice, and as my parents always say before a weekend out: "don't add to the popula-

tion, don't subtract from the population, don't end up in the hospital, newspaper or jail." Keep this in mind as we count down 24 hours until our last night together, who's ready for PROM!"

credits must register for the session that runs from Monday, July 4 to Wednesday, August 3.

Students wishing to obtain an additional credit must register for the session that runs from Monday, August 8 to Friday, August 26. Students registering for summer co-op must include a credit counselling summary from their current schools that the proper co-op course codes can be applied. Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to their placements.

Secondary students can obtain one new Grade 11 or 12 credit in English through the Summer e-Learning Program. Grade 10 civics and careers courses are also available.

The course will run from Monday, July 4 to Wednesday, August 3. Students will require a reliable computer with

internet access to enroll in the Summer e-Learning Program.

Students must register no later than Friday, June 17 with a guidance counsellor at their home school.

Courses will run subject to sufficient enrollment and teacher availability.

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) is being offered as a new credit course through e-learning for students in Rainbow schools.

The OSSLC course will run from Monday, July 4 to Wednesday, August 3.

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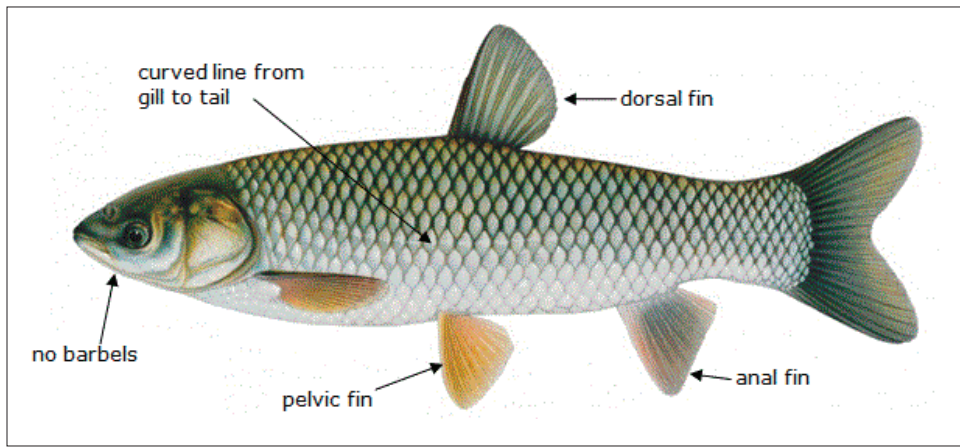


Stakeholders say Illinois must act now to keep invasive carp out of Great Lakes

by Tom Sasvari
CHICAGO, Ill.—A diverse group of stakeholders says Illinois must act now to keep invasive carp out of the Great Lakes.

“We must stop the spread of destructive invasive carp before it is too late. By signing the project partnership agreement (PPA), Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker has the opportunity to secure his legacy as not just a champion of the Great Lakes, but also a critical interstate partner with the state of Michigan,” said Jennifer Walling, executive director of the Illinois Environmental Council (IEC).

Ms. Walling was among three speakers from the conservation and environmental community, labour and local government to hold a press



Invasive Asian carp are threatening to invade the Great Lakes. A diverse group of stakeholders are urging the Illinois government to step up prevention efforts to prevent what could be an environmental catastrophe.

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conference on June 11 to discuss the invasive carp that are located less than 50 miles from Lake Michigan. These ecosystem-destroying fish pose a severe threat to the economic health of the Great

Lakes, specifically the (US and Canada) region’s \$7 billion commercial and sport fishing industry and its \$16 billion recreational boating industry. For that reason, the US Army Corps of Engineers (US-

ACE) has identified building additional structural measures at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, Illinois as the most feasible way to prevent the upstream migration of invasive carp.

The stakeholders encouraged Illinois Governor Pritzker to cement his legacy as a strong champion of the Great Lakes by signing an agreement with the (US) federal government to advance the Brandon Road project. This step would unlock millions of dollars in federal investments, allowing construction to begin in early 2025, bringing good-paying jobs to Illinois and preventing invasive carp from decimating the Great Lakes ecological vitality and blue economy.

“Governor Pritzker should be commended for his steadfast support of the Brandon Road Project to date, including his work with Governor Elizabeth Whitmer of Michigan to secure a combined \$114 in state funding for

the project’s construction phase,” said Mayor Billy McKinney of Zion, Illinois and a former chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative.

“By signing the (PPA) by June 30, Governor Pritzker would be demonstrating both good stewardship of our freshwater resources and good stewardship of taxpayer dollars by avoiding any unnecessary cost increases,” said Mayor McKinney.

The only remaining action required for Brandon Road project construction to begin is for the State of Illinois to sign the PPA with the USACE. The PPA must be agreed to by the end of June so that the project construction can take advantage of a planned lock closure in the river at Lockport Lock near Brandon road and move forward to construction later this year. Any delay will result in increased construction costs.

Mayor McKinney explained that in areas like the Mississippi River, invasive carp are devastating the fisheries and waterfront of communities where they have spread. The spread of invasive carp could magnify threats 100-fold, he said.

“We want to make it clear that the Brandon road project is crucial to protecting Great Lakes ecosystem everywhere,” said Mayor McKinney, noting, “I’m presenting 260 plus mayors in the St. Lawrence Great Lakes barrier of the US and Canada.”

“If the agreement is not signed by June 30 there will be a project cost increase and we will not be able to take advantage of the local closure early in 2025,” said Mayor McKinney.

Kristine Kavanagh, communications director with the International Union of Operation Engineers Local 150, said, “TUOE Local 150 is a strong supporter of this project. We recognize the immense value and importance of the project. It is at a critical junction with the engineer-design done. There is a need for swift execution of the agreement to keep the project on schedule. Local 150 urges the Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Illinois to sign the agreement as soon as possible. We stand ready to support this endeavour, and we are eager to see it progress to construction, bringing with it jobs, environmental protection and a stronger future for our region.”

“Today, I am here representing IEC calling on Governor Pritzker to sign the PPA as soon as possible,” said Ms. Walling. “Invasive carp are located less than 50 miles of Lake Michigan and would have devastating impacts on the \$7 billion commercial fishery and \$16 million recreational fishery.”

“The spread of invasive carp would have devastating effects other states in the US and Canada,” said Ms. Walling.



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2024 Manitoulin Passage Ride provides welcome boost to Island businesses

by Michael Erskine
MINDEMOYA—Manitoulin has become one of the premier cycling destinations in Ontario thanks to the work of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA). Despite the setback entailed in the loss of free passage aboard the Chi-Cheemaun ferry for cyclists, the venerable Manitoulin Passage Ride attracted 210 cyclists this year, bringing with them an economic impact for Island businesses north of \$330,000.

“We surveyed the cyclists this year and found that, on average, they spent around \$635 per person,” said Maja Mielonen. “Taking the 126 surveys



Michelle and the ladies group have been coming to the Island for years.

photo by Maja Mielonen

and projecting that across all the cyclists gives us a pretty accurate figure.”

The cyclists arrived on Friday evening for the two-day annual cycling

tour event, upping the amount of time spent touring Manitoulin considerably, noted Ms. Mielonen. “They were able to head out in the morning rather than waiting for the ferry to dock on Manitoulin from Tobermory.” Better yet, many of the cyclists booked accommodation on the Island rather than Tobermory, as has been the case in previous years.

The lack of free passage aboard the ferry meant that many cyclists came by motorized vehicle, which produced a positive impact for the rest of Manitoulin. Instead of beginning at the Owen Sound Transportation Company terminal in South Baymouth, this year's starting location was moved to Maja's Garden Bistro in Mindemoya and many of the cyclists took the opportunity of spending a rainy-day Sunday investigating the environs of Gore Bay by automobile—but not all.

“Some took advantage of the opportunity to drive to Gore Bay in their cars, but some decided to ride their bicycles,” said Ms. Mielonen.

Among the Island partnerships with the Passage Ride was with Immaculate Conception Church in M'Chigeeng, where the cyclists could take in the amazing artwork of Leland Bell adorning the walls as well as the numerous Anishinaabe carvings on the site before heading to a catered lunch (supplied by Elliot's in Little Current) at the new gazebo in Kagawong.

Over the course of the weekend, entertainment was provided by Nettish and her Amazing Little Band in Mindemoya and other musicians (including at Split Rail Brewery in Gore Bay, another MICA partner).

The Island came out in force for the event, with some 20 volunteers helping to ensure the event went smoothly. All of the routes (short, medium and long) were well marked and had a bike mechanic on hand to as-

The future of cycling tourism on Manitoulin looks bright, especially since it is an integral part of the Great Lakes Cycling Route, an expansion of the Georgian Bay Cycling Route spearheaded by MICA's efforts.

During the course of the summer, Ms. Mielonen and her partner Guy Nielsen host numerous cycling groups that explore all regions of Manitoulin, bringing low-impact tourism and its vital contribution to the local economy.



Island roads were packed with busy cyclists recently as the 2024 Manitoulin Passage Ride was once again a stellar success. Each year as many as 60 percent of riders from previous rides return to discover more.

sist with any issues with the bicycles.

The three cycling routes took participants to Mindemoya, Providence Bay, Kagawong and Gore Bay, while many stayed in the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current during their visit.

“We have around 60 percent of our cyclists return each year,” noted Ms. Mielonen.

Asked what fuels their efforts, Ms. Mielonen admits that it is definitely a passion. She hopes to see the rest of the provincial highways on Manitoulin receive paved shoulders and the extension of that paving through to the rest of the Northwest of the province to complete the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail in a safe and compete manner.

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Farmers on Manitoulin Island are quite busy in May and June as these months mark the beginning of the growing season. In our previous column we covered tillage and spring planting and you have likely seen lots of equipment on the road lately, getting farmers to and from the field to get those jobs done.

For farmers who grow hay, they are also busy preparing their equipment—such as mowers, tedders and balers—for their upcoming haying season. They will soon start looking at their fields to decide when to



start cutting their hay, based on growth stages and weather conditions. While hay fields are an important part of crop rotation and are good for soil health, making good bales of hay is very dependent on timing and weather, which can be difficult. Some farmers wrap their hay or silage in plastic, which helps maintain feed quality while mitigating some weather-related challenges. Some farmers and organizations across

Northern Ontario have been working on a pilot project to collect and recover used agricultural plastic. Farmers with grazing animals are also managing their pastures, rotating livestock to different paddocks to prevent overgrazing and allow vegetation to regrow.

Many beef farmers on the Island have also recently wrapped up their spring calving season. This can be a very busy time and the farmer

needs to be attentive to their herd morning and night, watching for signs when the cows will give birth. Farmers will provide lots of nutrition for the cow and the calf, keep a close eye on both and shortly after birth, will affix a tag on the calf for ID purposes. Farmers keep detailed records of calving dates, lineage, etc. to track the performance and family line of their

herd and to have on-hand when they bring their cows to a sales barn.

Most farmers across the Island have already finished their spring planting, which could include barley, oats, wheat, canola, corn and beans. Depending on soil testing and pest pressures, farmers are also applying fertilizers to provide nutrients and pesticides to protect crops from pests and diseases. Fertilizer is important to provide plants with nutrients that are not readily available in the soil, helping farmers encourage plant

growth and improve yields. Farmers are encouraged to use 4R Nutrient Stewardship, which is using the right source at the right rate, right time and right place, to improve sustainability. Pesticides are classified into different categories and their application aligns with the Pesticides Act, training farmers receive during their Grower Pesticide Safety Course and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Principles.

Agriculture on Manitoulin Island has shifted over the last few years, ...continued on page 27

Robinson firefighters honoured for long service

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—Chris Lewis, an MP for Essex, Ontario recognized the long service of many of the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department members recently.

“On June 11, the fire department received a visit from Chris Lewis, MP for Essex, Ontario,” said Doug Wismer, Robinson fire chief. “Mr. Lewis has a property on Walkhouse Road in Robinson township and as a former firefighter, has great admiration for firefighters in small communities such as ours.”

The Essex MP had been talking to one of the Robinson firefighters and found out that Mr. Wismer will be retiring soon from the fire team. Mr. Wismer and firefighter Ken Duncanson are original members of the Robinson fire department when it started 44 years ago.

Mr. Lewis brought with him certificates of congratulations for years of service to the firefighters on hand for training the evening of his visit. Presentations were also made to Mr. Wismer, Tom Rumley and fire captains Gerard Binsfield and Eric Thiessen.

Also included was a letter of congratulation on behalf of the federal government to Murray and Gladys Duncanson on their recent 60th wedding anniversary. Murray Duncanson is also a firefighter.



Federal member of parliament Chris Lewis, visited the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department earlier this month to present certificates of congratulation for years of service to the firefighters on hand for training that evening. In photo from left are firefighters Eric Thiessen, Kit McEvoy, Tom Rumley, MP Chris Lewis, firefighters Gerard Binsfield, Fire Chief Doug Wismer, Murray Duncanson, Doug MacDonald, Charles Pickard, Albert Meijer, Ken Duncanson, Shawn Noble.

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yard sale

St. John's Gigantic yard sale, barbecue and bake sale on Saturday, June 29 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Kagawong Pavilion. All proceeds to St. John's Church, Kagawong. **3-6p**

FOMOS (Friends of the Mindemoya Old School) annual yard/trunk sale with exciting draws, bake table, antiques and chili lunch at the Lions Pavilion, behind the old school, on Saturday, June 22 from 9 am to 1 pm. All proceeds go to renovations. More information at www.mindemoyaoldschool.ca, facebook Friends of the Mindemoya Old School or email mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com. **5c**

Yard sale and bake sale at Trinity United Church Manitoulin, 6070 King Street, Mindemoya, Saturday, June 29 from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations are appreciated and can be dropped off, Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm the week of the sale. Please no TVs or large furniture. **5-6p**

Yard sale at 2341-336 Tamarack Lane, Honora, Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 from 8 am to 2 pm. Great selection of household items, juicer, rotisserie oven, cassettes, records, furniture, tools, lawn mower, camping equipment and lots more. **5-6p**

Yard sale at 75 Wellington Street, Manitowaning on Saturday, June 22 from 8 am to 5 pm. Antique rocking chair, crib mattress, dishes, children's table with chairs, and much more. **5c**

Estate sale at 57 Wilson Street East, Little Current, Saturday, June 22 at 8 am. Please no early birds. **5c**

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Collectors' sale at 5 Cedar Grove Drive, Tehkummah on Sunday, June 30 and Monday, July 1 from 9 am to 3 pm. Antiques, memorabilia, furniture, ceramics and more. **5-6c**

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coming events

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Pancake breakfast at the Tehkummah hall on Sunday, June 23 from 9 am to 12 noon. Pancakes with real maple syrup, scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage, fruit cup, coffee, tea and juice. Adults, \$15; children under 12, \$7, children under 5, free. Sponsored by the Tehkummah Triangle Seniors. **4-5c**

Clothing Sale, lots of gently used clothes and a number of new items. Men's clothing; shoes and work boots; ladies regular and plus size clothing; teens and children's clothing bedding and mats. Low, low prices! Saturday, June 22 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Little Current United Church hall, 5 Robinson Street, Little Current. **5p**

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a Canada Day weekend rummage sale on Friday, June 28 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, June 29 from 9 am to 12 noon. This sale will include everything we have! Something for everyone! Linens, books, houseware, yard stuff and more. Donations will be accepted at the back of the church Monday through Wednesday, during sale week, between 9 am and 12 noon. As always, we thank the many terrific supporters who drop off their donations. Proceeds go toward our Community Outreach Programs. Come out for Canada Day weekend, join the fun and pick up some nice items. See you at the sale! **5-6p**

Mindemoya Old School fundraiser, 50/50 tickets, \$5 each. Only 2,000 available. Possible prize of \$5,000. Early Bird Draw for \$500 on July 1. Final draw will be on August 10. For more information, tickets and payment, email mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com. Include name, email and phone in note section of e-transfer and specify "50/50 draw". Tickets also available at Williamson's, Kat's Pet Supply or Foodland parking lot. Licence #M870701. **5c**

Attention Artisans, crafters, home business people, etc! You are invited to exhibit (for free!) at the annual Canada Day Summer Fair in downtown Little Current on Monday, July 1. All advertising is provided. Please plan to set up your 'shop' that day, 10 am to 3 pm, on Little Current's front street in the town's unique "Waterfront Downtown". For further details, please contact Lisa at 705-862-2538 (phone or text). **5-6p**

The Manitoulin Health Centre Board of Directors is holding their regular Board meeting on Thursday, June 27 at 6 pm in the Multi-Purpose room at the Little Current site. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. **5-6c**

coming events

Ice Lake Canada Day Picnic, Monday, July 1 at the Ice Lake Community Centre, 274 Pleasant Valley Road. Potluck lunch at 12 pm sharp. Kids' games, races, prizes, bazaar and auction, concession booth, pick up ball game, old-school country picnic. Meet old friends, make new ones. All welcome! Bring your own chair, reusable water bottle and utensils and dishes. Please no pets and no alcohol. **5-6c**

services

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services

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Come and Go 80th Birthday Celebration for Dianne McGaughey



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notice

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5p

Celebration of Life for Annie Catherine Madahbee Breyer



Friends and members of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation are invited to join the family on Friday, June 21 at the 4 Directions Complex at AOK starting at 5 pm. A feast will follow memorial tributes.

At 2 pm, on Friday, family members will bury Annie's ashes with her late husband Harry Breyer at the Beaver Lake Cemetery.

Death Notices

ROBINETTE SABRA RUSSELL (Robin)

May 28, 1944 - April 7, 2024



In loving memory of Robinette (Robin) Sabra Russell, who left her family and friends on April 7, 2024, while on vacation with family in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Loving mother of Nicole and husband Brad Lambert of Parry Sound, Ontario and Todd and wife Jenny Golding of Statesboro,

Georgia. Cherished grandmother of Mason, Chelsea, Jack and Emma. Predeceased by her first husband Paul Frederick Golding (2001); her second husband Stan Russell (2021); and her brother William Argyle (1982). Robin was born to William and Frances (nee Heywood) Commins on May 28, 1944. She was raised in Manitowaning, Ontario. She attended Alma College in St. Thomas, where she studied finance. In her teens, Robin worked for her parents at Manitowaning Lodge, until it was sold in 1961. After leaving college, Robin lived in London, Ontario and worked in the banking industry. Robin married Paul in 1962 and moved to Thamesford, Ontario where she raised her children. She worked for Scotiabank in the London branch for most of her career. Robin spent many years travelling to Manitoulin Island for summer vacations and for Christmas with her mom and family. After Paul's passing, she moved to the cottage on Lake Manitou, but couldn't stand the winters that far north. She became a "Snowbird" and travelled south each winter, spending most of her time in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. It was there that she met Stan and they became snowbirds together, spending the summers fishing on the Island and the winters walking the beach in Florida. She loved gardening and entertaining the people she met over the years, forming many lasting friendships. Her grandchildren were deeply loved. At this time, a Funeral Service will not be held. A Celebration of Life for Robin will occur sometime this summer on Manitoulin Island. Friends may sign the online register book at JoinerAnderson.com. Joiner-Anderson Funeral Home & Crematory of Statesboro is in charge of the arrangements.

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MARGARET MURIEL WITTY (nee Campbell)

May 17, 1929 - June 6, 2024



In loving memory of Margaret Muriel Witty, who passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current. She was born in Craighleith, Ontario and was predeceased by her parents Charles and Mary Elizabeth Campbell and her eight siblings as well as their

spouses. The youngest of nine children, she heard many stories of Manitoulin Island where her grandparents had homesteaded. In 1949, she visited the Island where she met Alex Witty, who would become her husband. Alex and Marg's home in Gordon Township was one farm length from the property her grandparents, Emma and James Gillespie, had homesteaded. Marg was a very active member of her community becoming involved in the 4-H Women's Institute, Gordon and Gore Bay United Church, Quilters and Artists Guilds, Palliative Care and The Red Hats Society. She was a charter member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Gore Bay, celebrating 70 years of membership. Returning to school in later years, Marg trained and graduated as a Registered Nurse and enjoyed many years in nursing. Loved wife of Alex Witty (predeceased 2006); mother to Nancy (John) Woestenenk, Margie (Bruce) Graham and Raymond (predeceased 2019); grandmother to Dirk (Teresa) Woestenenk, Kevin (Leanne) Woestenenk, Jamie (Melissa) Graham, Clinton (Reiko) Graham and Amanda (Matthew) Witty; great-grandmother to Ethan (predeceased), Connor and Hannah Woestenenk, Kaydi and Maisie Graham, Alex (Jessie), Dani (Steven) Woestenenk and Megan (Mathew) Mader; great-great-grandmother to Macsen and Myles Mader. Marg is also survived by many nieces and nephews and her sister-in-law Rhea Woods, and was predeceased by her brother and sisters-in-law, Jean and Burl Morrell, Harry and Stella Witty and Marv Woods. Cremation has taken place and as per Marg's wishes, an Eastern Star and graveside service will take place at a later date. For those who wish to make a memorial donation in her name, the family asks if you would consider the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.



Celebration of Life

GRETTA GARBUTT



Lunch and refreshments will be served.

Please join the family of Gretta Garbutt to share stories and remember our wonderful mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The family will be hosting a casual come and go Celebration of Life on Friday, June 21, 2024 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall.

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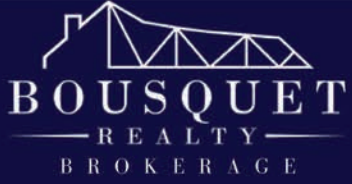
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Family and friends are invited to attend the burial of Boyce Anderson, to be held at the Grimsthorpe Cemetery on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 2 pm.

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.



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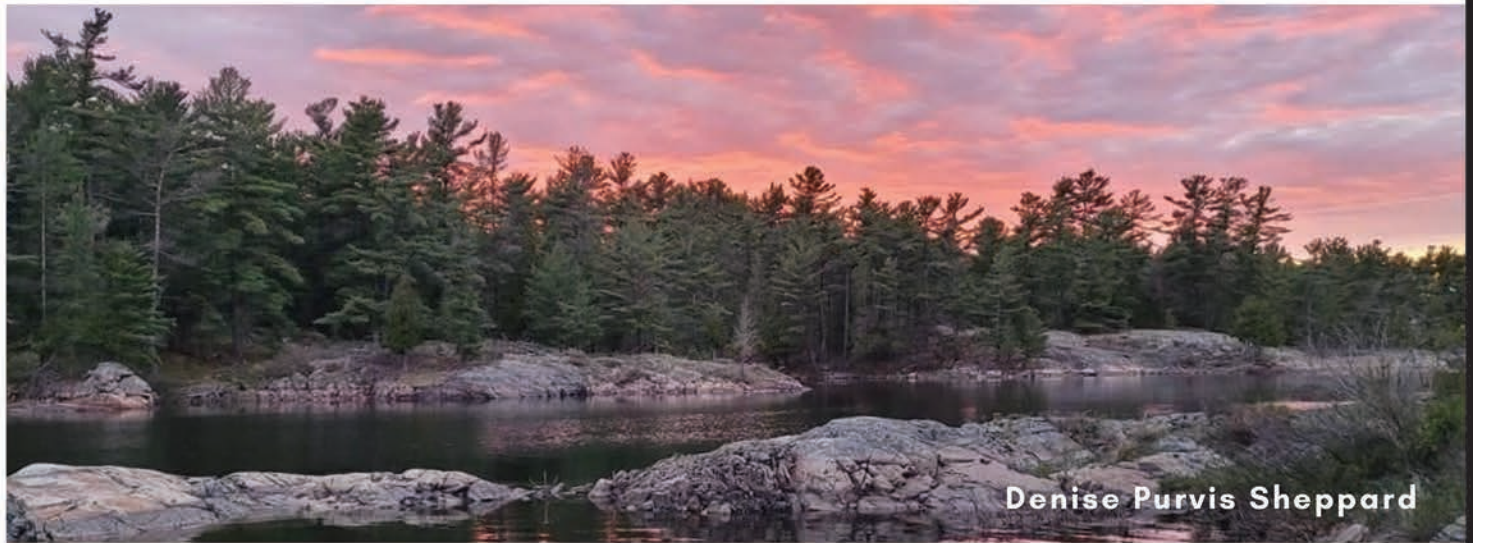
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Welcome back! It is officially the last week of the 2023-2024 school year for Manitoulin Secondary School students. This year has been filled with challenges and triumphs, good times and bad times and now, regardless of how it went, it's (almost) over. The last obstacle left is balancing our eagerness for summer break while simultaneously studying for exams.

With the year coming to an end, we must bid farewell to the graduating class. Their graduation was held on Thursday, June 13 and was host to families from across the Island coming to celebrate



their loved ones achievements. This year, the valedictorian was Mackenzie Green who delivered a remarkable speech that celebrated her class's accomplishments and had the audience laughing. Congratulations to all of the graduates!

Friday, June 14 was Prom Night. Grade 12s and their dates got dressed up and headed over to the 4 Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning. This was the first school-run offsite prom in MSS history. That night, the venue was host to lots of dancing, music, laughter and celebration. The prom also served as a time

for graduates to make a couple more high school memories before they depart for post-secondary school or the workforce.

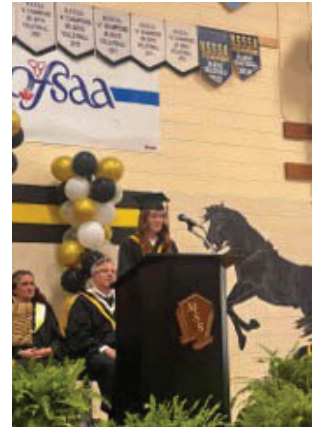
Monday, June 17 the mental health extracurricular group Headstrong gave students the opportunity to disconnect from their tech and participate in an "unplugged" lunch. This lunch period was

spent phone-free as students played bocce ball and Ultimate Frisbee. There was also a draw for prizes for some lucky participants.

With only a few days of school left, MSS is jumping into exam season. Exam days are from Monday, June 24 to Thursday, June 27 and exam schedules have been sent out to

student emails. Good luck to everyone writing!

That is all for this week! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!



Mackenzie Green delivering her valedictorian speech.

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Cambrian College introduces new tourism program

SUDBURY—Tourism is one of Canada's main economic drivers, and the industry is growing. To meet this demand, Cambrian College is introducing a new tourism program, beginning in September.

This new two-year tourism program is being offered through the college's Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business. Through the program, students will learn

about the latest trends and best practices in hospitality and tourism and gain practical skills to become leaders in the sector.

The curriculum was developed in consultation with industry representatives and includes interactive course work and training on the latest industry software. Students will also acquire management, organization and leadership skills, along with the ability to develop, market and deliver memorable experiences for organizations of all types and sizes.

"The industry has transformed in so many

new and innovative ways and we're excited to be offering tourism as part of our business programming," said Janice Clarke, Cambrian's vice-president academic. "It's a multi-billion-dollar industry that includes the traditional aspects of tourism such as resorts and destination attractions, but also includes conferences, special events, sports, gaming, and sustainable tourism."

Because success in tourism is driven by customer satisfaction, students will also have the option to take on a placement or major project to gain first-hand perspec-

tive and experience in the planning and execution of high-quality customer experiences.

"This is a program for anyone seeking a mix of adventure, marketing, travel and business," adds Ms. Clarke. "We want to educate and train the next generation of leaders in tourism because there are plenty of opportunities in the field, either to work for an existing organization or launch your own business."

For more information about Cambrian's new tourism diploma program, visit <https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/tourism>.

JANITOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Salary: \$32,691 - \$39,867/year (+ group benefits and pension)
Hours: 35 hours/week

The Janitor will fulfill the role and responsibilities of the Maamwe Kendaasing Childcare Centre, WRFN Health Centre and Waubetek BDC. The Janitor will be responsible for cleaning throughout the facilities. The Janitor will also be skilled in cleaning techniques, with a keen eye for detail and a thorough approach to a wide variety of tasks. The Janitor will occasionally be called upon to assist with emergency response, minor repairs and event set-ups/set-downs.

Key Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

- Clean and upkeep floors, washrooms, tables, desks, chairs, offices and garbage disposal daily.
- Sweep, mop, vacuum and scrub floors; clean, dust and polish furniture; wash windows and walls.
- Clean and sanitize restrooms; dispose of garbage and recyclables.
- Wash dishes, clean refrigerator and ensure organization of kitchens/lunch rooms.
- Change lighting, etc.; make certain all areas of the building are kept in a clean, sanitary and orderly condition.
- Sanitize all equipment and furniture.
- Check and clear all walkways and entrances to the buildings for ice or slippery conditions.
- Keep all access areas clean and safe by sweeping, shovelling, salting and sanding.
- Maintain inventory and request cleaning supplies and materials to accomplish assigned tasks.
- Secure equipment and supplies and protect against pilferage, loss, theft or abuse.
- Periodically inspect or otherwise maintain awareness of buildings and equipment to detect and prevent injuries or damage.

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

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent.
- Must have CPR/First Aid and WHMIS or be willing to obtain.
- Must have Biohazard Cleanup Training or be willing to obtain.
- Previous janitorial experience or related work experience would be an asset.
- Strong commitment to accuracy and detail.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills; ability to follow oral and written instructions.
- Self-motivation and the ability to work independently as well as in a team environment.
- Able to prioritize multiple tasks and impeccable time management.
- Must have a valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle.
- The physical ability to move, lift furniture and safely operate cleaning equipment.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 21, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Elementary School Teacher (Maternity Leave - 1 Year Contract)
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0
Phone: (705) 283-3292 Fax: (705) 283-3481

The thriving Community of Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for an Elementary School Teacher at St. Joseph's Anishnabek School. Come work with some wonderful staff, amazing kids and fantastic community members and make a difference in the future generation, with the gift of education.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnaabe teachings within the school and community setting.
- Experience and/or knowledge of land-based learning.
- Teach 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, parents and school officials.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help. Work with consultants and principal to provide supports.
- Participate in 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 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.

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation, St. Joseph's Anishnabek School
Salary Range: As per placement on the approved Teacher Salary Grid

Deadline to Apply: June 24, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

Interested applicants may forward their cover letter and resumé marked 'Confidential' to:

Jessica Sampson, Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON POP 1X0
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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Vice Principal, Little Current Public School and Indigenous Cultural Facilitator**.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit: www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm on Thursday, June 20, 2024** and submit a cover letter, resumé and names of three (3) references.

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Cleaner - Manitoulin Secondary School

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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a Cleaner at Manitoulin Secondary School.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit: www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 3:00 pm** and submit a cover letter, resumé and names of three (3) references.

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TRUST SECRETARIAT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Salary: \$62,113 - \$75,748 (plus group pension and health benefits)
*Subject to education and experience or a combination of both

As the Trust Secretariat, you will be entrusted with a wide range of tasks. These include performing administrative, financial, and project processing, development, and implementation functions in the administration of the Niigaan Naabidaa Revenue and Per Capita Distribution (PCD) accounts. Your work will be guided by the allowable expenditures as noted in the Niigaan Naabidaa Trust Agreement, making your role integral to the financial management of the First Nation.

As a key member of our team, the Trust Secretariat, reporting to the Chief and Council and the WRFN membership, will oversee the approved Niigaan Naabidaa Trust Agreement Revenue Account annual program budgets as allowable under the Trust Agreement. This role is pivotal in ensuring that all operations are conducted respectfully and responsibly, with a deep respect for First Nation culture and a strong commitment to community involvement. Your decisions and actions will meet the relevant legislations and WRFN Policies and Procedures, providing oversight on ensuring monthly financial statements are accurate and up-to-date for review and approval by the Chief and Council, then present to community sectors as per the established reporting cycle.

Key Responsibilities:

- Knowledge and understanding of the Whitefish River First Nation Boundary Claim Settlement Agreement and the Niigaan Naabidaa Trust Agreement.
- Ensure all terms and conditions of the Niigaan Naabidaa Trust Agreement are followed and met.
- Being deeply familiar with the WRFN community, its members, the processes and protocols, policies and procedures and all other relevant practices is essential. This understanding will be instrumental in your role as the Trust Secretariat.
- Administered accounting, bookkeeping, and budgetary and project development/management.
- Plan and organization of First Nation's Trust meetings and prepare meeting materials as required.
- Ability to organize and coordinate community events and meetings relating to Trust activities throughout the year.
- Book facilities for meetings and arrange meals and snacks (if applicable).
- Attend trust meetings, which may require travel from time to time.
- Follow-up on activities and action items from the Trust meetings.
- Manage day-to-day operations of the Niigaan Naabidaa Trust Agreement, including financial-related matters (i.e. budgets, calculations, operating expenses, etc.).

Qualifications:

- Completed a relevant undergraduate diploma/degree with strong academic credentials in Business or Office Administration.
- Aboriginal Studies and/or Commerce would be considered an asset.
- Strong proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel is required.
- High level of understanding of financial information.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Must be self-directed, work independently and be able to work as part of a team.
- Excellent research, analytical, problem-solving and conflict-resolution skills.
- Flexibility to deal with a constantly changing workload.
- Strong attention to detail is required.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills.
- Ability to handle stressful situations in the most professional manner.
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize duties.
- Proven analytical skills and systematic problem-solving.

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

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 5, 2024 AT 12 PM.

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

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MARINE AND EMERGENCY LIAISON OFFICER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Term: Full-time - Contract
Salary: \$23-30/hour (depending on education and experience)

The Marine and Emergency Liaison Officer position will play a crucial role in fostering collaboration between the Whitefish River First Nation community and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary, primarily focusing on enhancing the Whitefish River First Nation Search and Rescue (WRFN SAR) team. The Marine and Emergency Liaison Officer will also be a vital link, ensuring effective communication, cooperation, and development of maritime safety initiatives and emergency services. This position will also oversee the Health and Safety Committee to ensure policies and procedures are in place to provide a safe working environment for all administration staff.

Key Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

- Respond to incoming departmental communications (public inquiries, phone calls, and emails), ensuring the Infrastructure and Emergency Services Manager is informed of all matters of importance.
- Schedule appointments, as directed, for the Infrastructure and Emergency Services Manager or Fire Chief.
- Ensure all Fire Service files are maintained in accordance with the policies set out by the Infrastructure and Emergency Services Manager.
- Acts as a liaison between Whitefish River First Nation and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary to facilitate effective communication and collaboration.
- Foster positive relationships and partnerships to enhance maritime safety and emergency response capabilities.
- Work towards the growth and development of the WRFN Search & Rescue team.
- Assist in promoting and recruiting qualified individuals within the Whitefish River First Nation community for the SAR team.
- Identify, coordinate and provide access to training programs and workshops relevant to maritime safety for the WRFN Coast Guard Crew and organize training sessions and seminars for Whitefish River First Nation community members to enhance awareness and preparedness for home and safety fire-related emergencies.

Qualifications:

- A diploma in data management, GIS analysis, environmental science, environmental studies, emergency preparedness, or marine science or an acceptable combination of education, training and work experience.
- At least two years of experience working in a professional setting in a relevant field (e.g. Environmental Science, GIS analysis, Public Outreach).
- Knowledge of maritime safety, emergency response and SAR operations.
- Knowledge and understanding of fire operations and emergency planning and response.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to organize and facilitate training sessions and workshops.
- Experience in recruitment and community engagement sessions would be an asset.
- Familiarity with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and its operations would be an asset.
- Familiarity with the National Fire Code would be an asset.
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.

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

Upon Hire:

- Must provide a Criminal Reference Check.
- Must possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and access to a dependable vehicle.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 5, 2024 AT 12 PM.

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

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PROJECT ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-time - Contract
Salary: \$62,113 - \$75,748/year (Dependent on education and experience)

The Project Engagement Coordinator will play a pivotal role in facilitating effective communication and collaboration between Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) and Hydro One throughout the lifecycle of the Hanmer x Mississagi Line and the Mississagi x Third Line transmission projects.

The Project Engagement Coordinator will lead day-to-day engagement activities, ensuring that community concerns are addressed and questions and interests are effectively communicated to Hydro One while also supporting the dissemination of project information to WRFN leadership and community members. This position requires a highly organized individual with strong interpersonal skills and a commitment to fostering positive relationships between all stakeholders involved.

Key Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

- Lead day-to-day engagement activities (Project and Lifecycle).
- Coordinate and oversee engagement activities related to the projects' lifecycle.
- Ensure timely and effective communication between WRFN and Hydro One.
- Coordinate and support specific engagement activities.
- Organize meetings to identify questions, issues and concerns.
- Support discussions on mitigation measures to address identified issues.
- Facilitate internal report reviews.
- Collaborate with Hydro One.
- Support the dissemination of project information to WRFN leadership and community members.
- Collect and relay community comments, issues and concerns to Hydro One.
- Collaborate to maximize contracting and employment opportunities for WRFN members.
- Coordinate relationship with Waasmowin Energy.
- Act as the primary liaison between WRFN and Waasmowin Energy for the construction of the transmission lines.
- Ensure project goals and objectives are aligned with WRFN, Waasmowin Energy and Hydro One.
- Supervise field monitor positions.
- Oversee the work of field monitors who will be conducting fieldwork and monitoring project activities.
- Maintain collaborative relationships.
- Develop and maintain a collaborative relationship with Hydro One.
- Ensure the timely flow of relevant information between both parties.
- Community engagement.
- Organize and participate in community meetings and open houses.

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

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (e.g. Indigenous Studies, Environmental Studies, Business Administration) or equivalent work experience.
- Must have a Valid Class "G" driver's licence, use of vehicle and certification to operate a boat, ATV and side by side.
- Previous experience in project coordination, community engagement or related fields.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to effectively engage with diverse stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to organize and facilitate meetings and events.
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, protocols and rights, particularly within the context of resource development projects.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a dynamic environment.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JULY 5, 2024 AT 12 PM.

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

Confidential: Project Engagements Coordinator
Whitefish River First Nation
c/o Human Resources
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188
Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
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HEALTH MANAGER (2ND POSTING) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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

Key Responsibilities:

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

Relationships and Team Building:

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

Human Resources:

- Provide guidance, direction and support to staff:
- Supervise, coach and direct staff.
 - Monitor and address employee performance and conduct performance reviews.
 - Coordinate staff professional development and address any training needs.

Financial Management:

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

Interagency Participation:

- To actively participate in internal, external or local committees or groups in support of coordinating health programs and services to the WRFN community:
- Actively participate in the Health Team, WRFN Management and other internal committees supporting all WRFN programs and services.
 - Collaborate with internal and external agencies to monitor and assist in developing the Health Unit's program and services.

Administration:

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

Qualifications:

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

Knowledge Requirements:

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

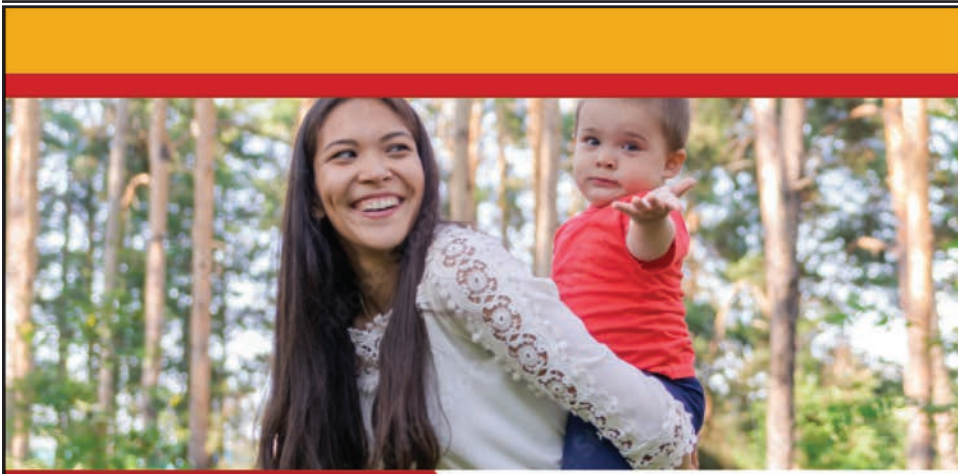
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Applications must be submitted by June 21, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan

**Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Support Worker
(Multiple positions available)**

Program Description:

A full-time contract position responsible for the development and implementation of acute withdrawal, distribution of harm reduction supplies, safe/flex beds, and opioid agonist tapering services as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Team Leader.
- Program development and implementation.
- Responsible for supporting the intake of program participants.
- Electronic file and paper file management.
- Communicate with participants and their families about the program.
- Supporting referrals to external organizations.
- Responsible for liaising with community organizations.
- Group and one-to-one interactions.
- Assist in implementation of research and outcome measurement projects.
- Various administrative duties as needed.

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a degree in social services, nursing or other related human service diploma, with mental health and addictions training.
- Preference given to an individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies.
- Proven experience with data management, office administration and electronic medical records.
- Experience working in mental health and addictions field.
- Experience working in the withdrawal management sector and knowledge of best practices.
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal).
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects.
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge.

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence.
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Deadline for applications: Friday, June 28, 2024 at 11:59 PM

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Please forward applications to:
Colleen Hill, Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources
chill@mfresources.net

...Police cycling to raise funds for cancer research thank Manitoulin Transport

...continued from page 1A journey with cancer. "I continued signing up, year after year, developing friendships with some of the kids and their families who Cops for Cancer supported, and it just snowballed from there. I went from visiting their elementary schools to seeing some of them graduate high school and enter law school. There were many happy stories over the years but on the other hand there were some heartbreaking moments along the way which only motivated me more to continue."

In 2023, he celebrated his 15th year participat-

ing in the Cops for Cancer Tour de Coast, having cycled over 12,000 kilometres and personally raised over \$150,000. As part of the Tour De Coast Team, they have collectively raised over \$5 million in support of pediatric cancer research and Camp Goodtimes, a summer camp for kids with cancer. "And every year on the West Coast we raise about \$2 million toward pediatric cancer, to send kids to camp. We get to go there every year and spend a day with the kids. It's a riot. It's so much fun. Some of the kids are still going through treatments, but at this camp

they at least get to be kids again."

"I am riding all the way to Halifax, Nova Scotia," Sergeant Campbell said. As of day 32, he had raised \$40,000 for pediatric cancer and felt with the support he was receiving along the way, "we could get up to \$100,000, hopefully."

Along the way on his bicycling excursion campaign, Sergeant Campbell said he has received tremendous support from his fellow brothers and sisters in the police.

Recently retired Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Constable Steve Redmond reached

out to Mr. Sergeant Campbell about his visit to the Island. Mr. Redmond met up with him in Massey on Tuesday of last week and the two bicycled from there to Mindemoya where he stayed the evening with the Redmond family.

"Matthew Campbell (a director for Cops for Can-

cer of Owen Sound) had originally reached out to me and Manitoulin Transport about the company sponsoring my cycling kit, which includes jackets, shorts, shirts, etc.," said Sergeant Campbell. "I want to thank Manitoulin Transport for your support. It is very much appreciated."

After his visit to Manitoulin Transport at Gore Bay, Mr. Sergeant Campbell and Mr. Redmond rode to South Baymouth, where the former took the Chi-Cheemaun ferry over to Tobermory, where he stayed Thursday evening before continuing on his journey across Canada.



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

by Heather Marshall

Little could Antonia Lautenschlager imagine as a young girl spending carefree summer days running, swimming and playing with tourists' children at Fred's Camp that she would one day be running the operation. The camp on Lake Kagawong had been in the family since the late 1980s when her grandfather, Robert, and grandmother, Lotte, began offering housekeeping cabins and bungalow rentals along with a traditional campground to visitors to Manitoulin. When her grandfather passed away, her father, also Robert, joined the family business and eventually ran it himself for many years.

Manitoulin was a home away from home for Antonia, who grew up in Sudbury until the age of 10, when the family moved to Thornbury. As soon as school let out, she and her brother were on their way to the Spring Bay area to spend the summer holidays. Even during her university years, she would return to Manitoulin to work for the summer, initially in the Gore Bay Information Centre and then with Nicole Weppler who runs the town's museum.

Antonia studied history and law at Carleton University in Ottawa but graduated into a challenging job market in 2013. She found employment as a service and maintenance coordinator for an elevator company that specializes in accessibility lifts and home elevators. When her father passed away unexpectedly in May 2022, she returned to Manitoulin to run Fred's Camp through the summer that followed.

"Luckily for me, I had been working remotely in my full-time job during the pandemic and that enabled me to continue working from home from Manitoulin, so I got through the season."

Antonia and her partner, William Boulet, decided during the winter of 2022-23 to make the move permanent. "It was always in the back of my mind that it would eventually be my brother and I running the property, but I was not expecting it so soon, assuming we would learn working alongside our father. Thankfully, I had taken some business courses at Algonquin College after university graduation and those management studies have been very helpful in my new role."

The decision to live permanently in Spring Bay did not come lightly.



NEW-ish to Manitoulin



William Boulet and Antonia Lautenschlager were introduced by friends.

It was one that Antonia and William needed to make together. William was working for Centennial Glass in Ottawa at the time and had his own career to consider. Born in North Bay, William's family had moved to the Ottawa area and eventually settled in Kemptville. He studied at Algonquin College earning two diplomas in the Building Construction Technician and Construction Engineering Technician programs.

The young couple were introduced through mutual friends. "We met the traditional way, running into each other at several parties," explains William. "We knew each other for several years before we started dating." Antonia adds, "We've been in love ever since."

Despite the difficult circumstances confronting the young couple when they first took over Fred's Camp, they have risen to the challenge and have big plans for their shared future. Their immediate

priority is maintaining and enhancing the buildings and grounds. Over time, they hope to improve the infrastructure and offer more to their new and returning patrons.

"We have enough work on our hands for now, but we're considering setting up glamping sites in the next year or so. And maybe one day we'll be able to rent out canoes, kayaks and paddle boards to our visitors."

The duo also has picked up employment during the off season, William working with the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and Antonia taking on a job at the Gore Bay post office.

Their transition from city to rural life has been made easier by having met great people locally who have helped them settle in, sharing dinners and having games nights.

"Living here instead of just visiting here has been a big change for sure. When I was young-

er, my entire family used to come up to the camp for Thanksgiving and now it's me playing host, which I really enjoy," says Antonia.

"The quiet here is wonderful, especially during the winter" sums up William. "It's so peaceful after the last few whirlwind years."

*Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAMarshall@proton.me



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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson



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Whether she is giving it her all out on the track or leading her team to victory on the court, Mac's passion and dedication to sports is what makes her a stand-out athlete! Growing up in a very active household with other siblings also enrolled in numerous extracurriculars, Mac's love for sports blossomed from a young age. As a senior Mustang, she has dedicated countless hours to MSS athletics over the past four years. Mac has been a role model for younger Mustangs, welcoming everybody with open arms and endless positivity! Wrapping up her final year at MSS, Mac has established herself as a valuable team player and hard worker both on and off the court!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Mac attended Little Current Public School for her elementary years. There, she took advantage of every opportunity to play sports. She carried this eagerness with her as she made the transition to MSS athletics. Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic interfering, Mac was unable to participate in high school sports until her Grade 10 year. However, once normality returned, she leaped at the opportunity to join volleyball, cross country, badminton and track!

With great dedication came great success! Over her four years at MSS, Mac has gotten to experience NSSSA, NOSSA and numerous OFSAAs. During her Grade 10 year, Mac helped the junior girls' cross country team successfully take home the silver medal at the OFSAA championships. This incredible accomplishment highlighted the team's close bond and determination. Following this incredible achievement that same year, Mac then went on to win her first NOSSA badminton in the mixed doubles category. More recently, she has captained the senior girls' volleyball team, who had great success and fell just short of an OFSAA qualification this past season. Lastly, wrapping up her time at MSS, Mac challenged her abilities by joining the gymnastics team. Here, she experienced countless laughs, learned new skills and made many new memories!

Outside of her busy schedule, Mac enjoys spending time with her family and enjoying the outdoors. When the warm weather rolls around, she particularly likes going swimming, kayaking and taking her dog, Bauer, for walks. Outside of school, Mac can be seen within the community working at Breakaway Sports in Little Current!

Getting the opportunity to explore different class options throughout her four years, Mac took a great interest in human studies. She enjoyed sociology, psychology and anthropology because they taught her about the fascinating interactions between people. She was intrigued by the science backing why humans act the way they do and found it very engaging.

Although her time as a Mustang is coming to an end, Mac looks forward to her next new chapter. Due to her outstanding academic and athletic performance and achievements, Mac has earned a full ride scholarship to the University of Nipissing! Here, she will be taking nursing and running for the school's cross country and track and field teams.

Mac acknowledges her mom as one of her biggest inspirations in sports and life. Sharing a special relationship with her mom, Mac thanks her for her words of wisdom, calmness and understanding of hardships. She has always encouraged her to do her best, while always reminding Mac of the importance of mental health and taking breaks.

As she continues to work hard in her studies and enjoy her last few months sporting the black and gold, Mac continues to be an incredible role model to future generations of Mustangs. With her kindness, determination and hard work, she is sure to excel just as she has in her years at MSS!

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CENTRAL MANITOU-LIN—Central Manitoulin Lions Club President Dale Scott admits he is excited about this year's Homecoming Weekend and Ribfest June 28 to July 1—Canada Day Weekend—thanks in large part to the many Lions and community volunteers that have pitched in to help make the events a success.

Lion President Dale was particularly effusive in his praise for Central Manitoulin Lions Club Secretary Marcus Mohr. "We have been planning these events for a long time," said Lion President Dale. "Marcus has all the skills in social media and graphic design and does a great job in marketing the event." Anyone who has ever been in a Lions Club knows that the secretary position is the busiest during the year, but especially so during events like Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend.

"The weekend is really shaping up," he said. "We have three master rib companies lined up and many vendors who are looking forward to the crowds." Go Gonzalez BBQ, Made in America BBQ and BubbaLou Bar-B-Q are slated to help



Lion President Dale Scott

sate the heartiest of appetites—amateur rib masters will be able to compete for some great cash prizes.

Central Manitoulin is seeing a very busy June so far, noted Lion President Dale. "We have just had Bluegrass in the Country, this weekend is the Pearson Cup (baseball tournament) and next weekend is the youth baseball tournament (5th Annual Mindemoya Youth Ball Tournament held on June 21-23 in Mindemoya is also a Lions sponsored event). Then it is Ribfest and Lions Homecoming."

This year musician August Knight will be opening the weekend's lineup of musical entertainment

on Friday, June 28 from 6 pm to 7 pm, while an AC/DC tribute band entertains on Saturday night.

Lion President Dale said that the Central Manitoulin Lions Club is very fortunate to have a supportive community, including volunteers (many hands make light work) and sponsors. "We couldn't make this happen without lots of volunteers," he noted. "We have been very fortunate in the support we have had from the business community here in Central Manitoulin. Small business up to corporations have pitched in a big way. That is something that helps us immensely."

Lion President Dale said that he is particularly proud of how Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend is a truly family-friendly event. "We have so many things for families and children to do—lots of children's activities, really, something for everybody to do."

Lion President Dale invites everyone to come on down and enjoy some great Central Manitoulin hospitality during Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming weekend.

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There are three professional ribbers at this year's Manitoulin Ribfest including BubbaLou Bar-B-Q, seen above.

Fun, food and music the order of the day at Homecoming Weekend

MINDEMOYA—The joint Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend and Manitoulin Ribfest is back for its third year (the second Ribfest under the Lions umbrella) and it promises to be a weekend full of fun, music and lip-smackin' food.

Homecoming favourites, like the famed Saturday morning parade and the Mindemoya Classic triathlon on Sunday are back, but there are plenty of other offerings too.

The baseball fields are licenced for the weekend and beer gardens are open all weekend long.

The Lions area having daily 50/50 draws at \$20 a ticket with 750 tickets being sold.

The weekend promises music, special performances, food vendors and three big ribbers this year! Go Gonzalez BBQ, Made in America BBQ and BubbaLou Bar-B-Q.

Friday, June 28

Friday, June 28 is folk country blues night at the Ribfest stage. From 3 to 6 pm there is music by DJ then from 6 to 7 pm it's music from August Knight, a folk, country and blues solo artist; another DJ set from 7 to 8 pm then it's local favourites Double Barrel from 8 to 10 pm with another DJ set from 10-11 pm.

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MINDEMOYA—Think you can out-barbecue Manitoulin Chrysler's Wayne Legge, defending co-champion of the amateur rib competition? He's doubtful, so you better sign up and show off your ribbing skills.

There was a one year hiatus since the first amateur rib-off due to last summer's fire ban, but Wayne and his brother-in-law Mark are ready for action, and this time Wayne says he won't settle for a tie this time. (He won the first ever title jointly with Rob Sheppard.)

"I'm back for another round," he tells The Expositor, "but my secret is that Mark Milligan is a better cook than I am," he laughs.

The rules of the Sunday, June 30 Manitoulin Rib-fest Amateur Rib Cook-off are simple: Cooks can prepare two different racks (and recipes). They must be full racks of pork ribs (side or back), which are supplied by the entrant. Cooks must also supply their own barbecue/smoker. Ribs must be raw to start and are to be presented to the judging table by 6 pm on Sunday, June 30.

The ranking is done by a panel of five invited and impartial judges. Cooks usually start at around 12 noon.

The fee to enter is \$40 for one or two entries. Proper



Rob Sheppard, left, and Wayne Legge tied for first place in the inaugural amateur rib cook-off. This year Wayne says he's taking the win for himself.

food handling techniques must be observed.

The winner gets a minimum cash prize of \$300, a trophy and bragging rights!

Wayne says he and Mark will be preparing a few different recipes for friends and family to try in the lead up to the event,

and to sharpen their skills to clinch that trophy.

"We're taking that win," Wayne gloats, "but it's always a good time with a lot of laughs. I'm looking forward to it."

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Central Manitoulin Lions Club

Homecoming 2023 Schedule of Events

June 28 to July 1

Live Music and Special Performances.

Food Vendors and Three Big Ribbers This Year!

Go Gonzalez BBQ, Made in America BBQ and BubbaLou Bar-B-Q

Outdoor stage, licenced grounds, admission by donation.

Beer gardens all weekend!

Friday, June 28, 3 pm to 11 pm

- **3:00 pm to 6:00 pm** – DJ
- **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** – August Knight - Folk, country, and blues solo artist
- **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** – DJ
- **8:00 pm to 10:00 pm** – Double Barrel - Country Rock Band
- **10:00 pm to 11:00 pm** – DJ

Saturday, June 29, 11 am to 11 pm

- **11:00 am to 11:30 am** – Homecoming Canada Day Weekend Parade! Downtown Mindemoya. New route: Meneray Towing to Mindemoya Hall. To register call Karlene at 705-869-7695.
- **11:00 am to 6:00 pm** – Central Manitoulin Market in the Mindemoya Arena. Up to 60 vendors selling handmade and direct sales.
- **11:00 am to 12:00 pm** – DJ
- **11:30 am to 3:30 pm** – Special open house at the Museum in Mindemoya. The event combines Homecoming with an extensive collection of Family Trees. Spinning demonstration starting at 1:30 pm.
- **12:00 pm to 4:00 pm** – Homecoming bouncy castles, games and prizes beside the Lions pavilion. Free entry.
- **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm** – Silver Peak - Rock Band
- **1:00 pm to 2:00 pm** – DJ
- **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm** – Ice Cream Eating Contest on the stage.
- **3:00 pm to 4:00 pm** – Studebaker Props – Rock Band
- **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm** – DJ
- **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm** – Gardener - Rock/Progressive Rock Band
- **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** – DJ
- **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** – Elijah Manitowabi - Rock n Roll Solo Artist
- **8:00 pm to 9:00 pm** – DJ
- **9:00 pm to 10:30 pm** – AC/DC Cover Band 21 Gun Salute - Cover Rock Band
- **10:30 pm to 1:00 am** – DJ Dee and Karaoke Dan! Licenced Homecoming Dance at the Mindemoya Hall (indoors).

Sunday, June 30, 11 am to 11 pm

- **8:00 am to 11:30 am** – Mindemoya Classic – Run, Paddle, Pedal Triathlon. Off site at the Lake Mindemoya Government Dock at 524 Ketchankookem Trail. The Mindemoya Classic is a run, canoe and bike triathlon for singles or teams of two or four.
- **10:00 am to 5:00 pm** – Central Manitoulin Market in the Mindemoya Arena. Up to 60 Vendors Selling Handmade and Direct Sales.
- **11:00 am to 12:00 pm** – DJ
- **12:00 pm to 6:00 pm** – Amateur Rib Cookoff. Email cmlionsevents@gmail.com for details.
- **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm** – Magic Show - The Magic of Christophe
- **1:00 pm to 2:00 pm** – DJ
- **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm** – Robbie Shawana - Country Band
- **3:00 pm to 4:00 pm** – DJ
- **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm** – George C. Williamson - Country Solo Artist
- **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm** – DJ
- **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** – Amateur Rib Judging Main Stage
- **7:00 pm to 8:00 pm** – Professional Ribber Competition Judging and Awards Main Stage
- **8:30 pm to 10:00 pm** – JW Stevens - Country Band
- **10:00 pm to 11:00 pm** – DJ

Monday July 1, Canada Day! 11 am to 6 pm

- **11:00 am to 12:00 pm** – DJ
- **12:00 pm to 1:00 pm** – Tristen Hall - Folk, Rock Solo Artist
- **1:00 pm to 2:00 pm** – DJ
- **1:30 pm** – Mindy Indy Soap Box Derby on Duke Street, Mindemoya. Soap box cars provided. Register at event. Bike helmets required.
- **2:00 pm to 3:00 pm** – Gardener - Rock/Progressive Rock Band
- **3:00 to 4:00 pm** – DJ
- **4:00 pm** – Draw for \$6,000 Lions Backyard BBQ Ultimate Dream Package Sponsored by Jake's Home Centre.
- **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm** – Manitoulin Ribfest's Got Talent
- **5:00 to 6:00 pm** – DJ

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Saturday, June 29

The Homecoming Weekend fun gets underway with everyone's favourite parade beginning at 11 am. Make note! There is a new parade route this year. Floats are asked to gather at Meneray Towing on Highway 542, west of downtown Mindemoya, and will make their way east to the Mindemoya Community Centre. To register a float, contact Karlene at 705-869-7695.

"We want to thank Manitoulin Inn for letting us use their space for all these years," said Lion Marcus Mohr, club secretary.

The Central Manitoulin Market goes from 11 am to 6 pm at the Mindemoya Arena. There are up to 60 vendors selling handmade and direct sales!

The music gets underway from 11: to 12 pm with a DJd set.

There is a special open house at the Pioneer Museum in Mindemoya. The event combines Homecoming with an extensive collection of family trees, from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm. Check out the spinning demonstration starting at 1:30 pm.

The Kids' Zone at the ballfield playgrounds is a must-see from 12 to 4 pm. There will be homecoming



Be sure to check out the various kids' activities on Saturday.

bouncy castles, games and prizes beside the Lions Pavilion. This is a free event, but donations to Central Manitoulin Lions Club are welcome.

Next on the Ribfest stage is Silver Peak, a rock band, from 12 to 1 pm followed by a DJd set until 2 pm.

The ice cream eating

contest is back! Head to the ballfields at 2 pm. Please register ahead of time at cmlionsevents@gmail.com.

Entry to the grounds is by donation only to the Central Manitoulin Lions Club. This event is for

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'21 Gun Salute,' an AC/DC tribute band, are the Saturday, June 29 headliners on the Ribfest stage.

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ages 12 and under. Each child gets a bowl of ice cream and the first to finish wins a prize! Ice cream sponsored by Buttercup Ice Creamery.

The music begins in earnest at 3 pm with Studebaker Props, DJd music at 4 pm, Elijah Manitowabi at 5 pm, a DJd set until 9 when the headliners, '21 Gun Salute,' an AC/DC cover band, takes to the stage.

"They put on a heck of a show," Lion Marcus promises. "They look and they perform the part."

The Homecoming Dance at the Mindemoya Community Centre gets started at 10:30 pm until 1 am featuring DJ Dee and Karaoke Dan!

Sunday, June 30

After a night of dancing, it's time to rise and shine and head for the Government Dock for the Mindemoya Classic starting at 8 am. The Mindemoya Classic is a run,

canoe and bike triathlon for singles or teams of two or four.

The Central Manitoulin Market gets ready to welcome more visitors at the Mindemoya Arena from 10 am to 5 pm.

Music fires back up at the Ribfest stage beginning at 11 am.

Can you out-barbecue reigning local amateur champion Wayne Legge?! It's time for the Amateur Rib Cookoff from 12 to 6 pm. Email cmlionsevents@gmail.com for details.

Get ready to be amazed! The Magic of Christophe will delight at 12 noon at the Manitoulin Ribfest stage. Christophe has been a professional magician for more than 25 years and has performed for audiences all over Canada. Entry to the grounds by donation to the Central Manitoulin Lions Club.

Enjoy another great DJ set from 1 to 2 pm.

There's a great lineup of music starting

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The Central Manitoulin Market is on Saturday and Sunday at the J.H. Burt Memorial Arena.

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at 2 pm beginning with Robbie Shawana, George Williamson at 4 pm and JW Stevens of North Bay from 8:30 pm to 10 pm (with DJ sets in between and following).

The Amateur Rib Cookoff judging is on the Ribfest stage at 6 pm followed by the Professional Ribber Competition Judging and Awards at 7 pm.

Monday, July 1

Happy Canada Day!

Start the day off with a toe-tapping good time.

A DJ set starts the proceedings at 11 am followed by the musical stylings of Tristen Hall at 12 pm and another DJ set at 1 pm.

At 1:30 pm it's time for the Mindy Indy! The Mindy Indy takes place off-site on Duke Street. Starting point is near the intersection of Nixon and Duke streets. Registration is at the event starting at 1 pm. Parents/guardians must attend. Bike helmets required. Ages 5-11. A free event.

Thank you to The Little Island Racers, Billy Moore, Spring Bay Pentecostal Church and to Lion Dale Scott for putting on the Mindy Indy and to the residents of Duke Street for allowing the street closure.

At 2 pm, Gardener rocks the Ribfest stage followed by a DJ set at 3 pm.

The draw for the Lions Backyard BBQ Ultimate Dream Package Sponsored by

Jake's Home Centre draw takes place at 4 pm. The package includes two barbecues—a Broil King Signet 390 barbecue and a Broil King keg smoker and all the accessories—and an Ashley outdoor patio set with fire table. This is a whopping \$6,000 prize package to be won!

The weekend is full of local talent and at 4 pm, Manitoulin's finest compete at Manitoulin Ribfest's Got Talent. A DJ set at 5 pm closes out the weekend of fun.

"This is our signature fundraising event of the year and it's in keeping with the tradition of the traditional homecoming weekend with food, music and bringing everyone together and the changing format to add the Ribfest," said Lion Marcus.

"We're always looking for new members," Lion Marcus added. "A lot of community members step up and help us for the weekend, for which we're grateful. It's a benefit for the Lions—it brings people in who use the businesses, explore the community and it all helps to make a flourishing community."

"We couldn't do it without the main organizers Alison Sloss, Dale Scott, Ruth Frawley who work all year 'round on this event and other fundraising events," Lion Marcus said, thanking major sponsors Jake's Home Centre, E. Corbiere and Sons, J.J. Poleline, Manitoulin Transport, Central Manitoulin and all the many other sponsors.

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- Donations to RCSCC Manitoulin Sea Cadets
- Fundraising for MSS Athletics
- Annual Golf Tournament for youth programs on Manitoulin Island
- Donation to the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer

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