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A NEW COURTYARD FOR MANOR RESIDENTS—The grand opening for a new courtyard at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor was held over the weekend. On Monday, after the rain had cleared, The Expositor found residents, from left, Ed Heis, Marie Tann and Marguerite Hore enjoying the late June sunshine while administrator Don Cook enjoys a chat. The courtyard was made possible thanks to a generous donation from the den Otter family in memory of the late Mary den Otter. Please see story on Page 3. photo by Tom Sasvari

Dutch researcher seeks relatives of five fallen Anishinaabe warriors

by Michael Erskine

MONTREAL—They were five Anishinaabe warriors who did not return from their service overseas and their names rank among those who gave the ultimate sacrifice to defend this land from those who would do it harm.

Charles Nanagijig of Sheguiandah, Theodore McGregor of Whitefish River, Clarence Wassegijig of Wiikwemkoong's South Bay, Alfred Lewis Pitawanakwat of Aundeck Omni Kaning (then known as Sucker Creek) and, perhaps most puzzling, John George Halcro of Sheguiandah, these are the names of five Indigenous men

from Manitoulin who signed up for service overseas and never saw their families again.

Over the past several weeks, Dr. Mathilde Roza, associate professor of North American Literature and North American Studies with the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures, Radboud Institute for Culture and History at Radboud University in Nijmegen, The Netherlands has been working on a passion project to discover more about those five men.

Chris Young of Wiikwemkoong discovered Dr. Roza's work through the Indigenous

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Ontario Fire Marshal warns Manitoulin municipal officials they need to move on having volunteer firefighters certified

New firefighter laws come into effect in 2026

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Mandatory fire certification, introduced in 2022, will need to be in place for all fire departments by 2026, and although the Ontario Fire Marshal's (OFM) Office will assist fire departments and municipalities to reach these certification levels, they will not be laying down the law in terms of enforcement. However, the Ministry of Labour may use cer-

tification as a means to determine whether fire departments are providing adequate training and due diligence with regard to firefighter safety in the case of a workplace accident.

"The bad guy will be the Ministry of Labour if a firefighter is injured at a fire scene or in training and the standards have not been attained," said Simon

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Late Josephine Mandamin honoured with Canada Post 'Indigenous Leaders' stamp

OTTAWA—Josephine Mandamin baa, an environmentalist from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory who began the latest water walking ceremony trend is one of three inspirational in-

dividuals featured in Canada Post's 2024 Indigenous Leaders Stamp Series. Ms. Mandamin began her spirit journey in 2019, but not before she inspired new generations to take up the task of honouring and protecting the water.

The postal service unveiled the Mandamin stamp in Thunder Bay this week, the latest in the three-stamp set to mark National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

"She never did this for any public recognition or status; she did it for the work and the

spirit that moved her," said Ms. Mandamin's daughter, Regina Mandamin.

The stamp series, which debuted in 2022, highlights Indigenous people who devote themselves to the environment, preservation of their heritage and using their voices to create change. Over the past month, Canada Post announced the others featured in the upcoming stamp set as Métis artist Christi Belcourt of Toronto and Inuk artist Elisapie from Quebec. Ms.

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Faced with a dwindling population Gore Bay council strikes a taskforce

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—As part of a new procedural bylaw that will see two of its committees eliminated and council having two regular council meetings per month (they currently meet once per month), Gore Bay town council has agreed to the creation of a new taskforce for planning and developing matters.

"We need to focus on growth of the town," said Harry Schlange, town manager. "The town population has decreased and our development has been slow. In fact, over the last decade the town growth has been the lowest on the Island. The average growth rate has been less than 1.2 percent over the last five years and our assessment value is less than \$74 million."

"We need to develop our housing capacity," said Mr. Schlange. "We have underutilized and underdeveloped lots and buildings, and we are not optimizing this."

"We need to increase housing, population growth and commercial development," said Mr. Schlange. "What's important is that we have tremendous amenities and we need to look at how to get

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Canada Day events abound on Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin does Canada Day in a big way each year and 2024 is no exception.

Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend promises a full weekend of fun leading up to Canada's birthday on Monday, July 1. The weekend starts with an evening of music on Friday, June 28 from 3 to 11 pm at the Mindemoya ball fields. A DJ will be supplemented by performances by August Knight (folk, country and blues) from 6 to 7 pm and Double Barrel (country-rock) from 8 to 10 pm with the DJ closing things out to 11 pm.

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No more burning

Following two suspicious fires in recent months on the Sheguiandah First Nation, a community member is compelled to erect a sign near the entrance to the road that leads to the band office in the community. The fires have been a cause of great concern for community members.

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Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Mayor Al MacNevin presents town worker Tristan Hall with a certificate in recognition of his quick action in assisting EMS workers in reviving a heart attack sufferer at Spider Bay Marina. photo by Michael Erskine

Northeast Town employee acknowledged for his help reviving heart attack victim

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands worker Tristen Hall was just finishing up his water rounds on the morning of Tuesday, June 18 when he noticed an ambulance at Spider Bay Marina—his day was about to take a dramatic turn.

“I was just doing my water run and I was going back into Spider Bay when I saw the ambulance there,” said Mr. Hall. “They were working on a person and EMS worker was doing chest compressions while her partner was trying to get everything all set up. So, I parked the cart and I ran over and asked if they needed assistance.”

The EMS workers was providing CPR to the victim and had been doing so for some time at that point. “I don’t know how many cycles she had done, but she was getting tired. So, they let me step in. I did it for two minutes, then they analyze, did a shock—nothing. So, we did it again. They analyzed again, then they shocked the vic-

tim again, and then he started breathing on his own and his pulse came back again.”

The revival of the victim was a huge relief to Mr. Hall.

“Oh, it was pretty cool,” he admits. “Man, it was a rush. Just like I’m just I’m just fortunate that he was revived because it might have went, mentally, the other way...if? Yeah, but you know what? I’ve been taking first aid for over 20 years, right? Every time my tickets expire, and they always teach you CPR, but this is the first time I’ve had to use it.”

Mr. Hall has worked for several years in the Western oil patch and has taken first aid courses every two years. Mr. Hall was honoured at a NEMI council meeting and presented with a certificate of recognition for his quick thinking and action.

“I don’t know if I would have been as quick

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Volunteer, resident feted at annual Manitoulin Lodge summer barbecue

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home held its annual barbecue party last Friday, an event at which the Lodge presents volunteer Circle of Excellence and resident Making a Difference Awards.

After Gloria Hall, activities coordinator at the Lodge welcomed everyone to the event, Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, admin-

istrator, said, “We wanted to thank all our very valuable and appreciated volunteers that put in so much time, effort and energy into making this event a success. This event is a huge supporter for the volunteer program who then organize activities and events for our residents.”

“Our volunteers at Manitoulin Lodge play such an

important role in improving the quality of life for our residents,” said Ms. Kalmikov. “Throughout the year, they attend regular meetings to plan a multitude of events for our residents. Some of the big events include men’s and ladies’ breakfasts, lumberjack day, the annual Santa Claus parade, annual Christmas party and the June days event you see here today, just to mention a few. Not only have our volunteers put so much effort into events, but everything they do for our residents, from spending one-on-one time, escorting residents to their appointments, planning activities, running activities, bringing their pets in for visits, organizing events, baking, cooking for supper club, donating baked goods and their very valuable time they spend in our home, which is so amazing!”

“And a big shout out to Bob Cacciotti, Phyllis’ husband for lugging items and helping set everything up here today and storing some of the Lodge volunteers stuff in his garage,” said Ms. Kalmikov.

“The work our volunteers

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NDP nominates Andreane Chenier as riding candidate

NICKEL BELT—New Democrats nominated Andreane Chenier as the New Democrat party candidate for Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt this past Sunday. Ms. Chenier joins a team of New Democrats “fighting for supports for Canadians that will help make their lives more affordable and delivering dental care and free birth control.”

“I’ve been hearing from people how they’re working hard but still can pay the bills,” said Ms. Chenier. “New Democrats

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Andreane Chenier was elected as the NDP candidate for the riding on Saturday.

Centennial Manor celebrates courtyard, gathering place opening

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The highly anticipated grand opening of the new residents’ courtyard outdoor gathering area, ‘Mary’s Garden,’ at Manitoulin Centennial Manor took place on Saturday, June 22 with a great barbecue and plenty of laughter and camaraderie. The new courtyard is named for the late Mary den Otter, a former resident of the Manor.

The courtyard project was made possible through a generous donation by the den Otter family and Ms. den Otter’s husband Joe and her son Alan were on hand for the event.

“This would not have been possible without the generous donation of the den Otter family,” said Manor Administrator Don Cook in introducing Ms.

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Maddy Becks cuts the ribbon on the new Manor courtyard with the help of Joe den Otter, left, and Alan den Otter, right while Julie Omnet, Manor activities director and Don Cook, administrator, look on. The den Otter family graciously donated the fund for the courtyard.

photo by Michael Erskine

Tehkummah posing 6% increase to 2024 tax rate

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—In a recorded vote, Tehkummah Township council has agreed to a proposed six percent increase in its budget for 2024, this despite concerns from all members of council that the township does not have its financial information returns for the past two years to be provided by an accounting firm in Sudbury.

“We talked about our audits and how much we need them to go forward,” said Mayor John Deforge after a council meeting last week. “At this point we can’t even look at our 2023 audit until we get the 2021 and 2022 audits (from MNP accounting firm based out of Sudbury).”

“I talked to their auditor that we have dealing with prior to her taking a holiday and she said she was still working on it,” the mayor said. “At that time, she had said it would be finished in the next few weeks.”

Mayor Deforge had told The Expositor recently, “MNP had two people in our office mid-year (in 2023) to finish up and complete the returns (for 2021 and 2022). They were here two weeks, and we expected the reports to be sent to us, but they still haven’t provided them. I’ve been at them for about five months now to get the returns completed. There is nothing wrong with the township finances, they (MNP) have said there are no discrepancies or problems with our finances. Tehkummah is doing alright financially, we put about \$450,000 in our budget toward work on the Township Road bridge and

haven’t had to make any changes—this is still going ahead. We are doing okay. We have a \$250,000 line of credit and we haven’t had to use it.”

“There is nothing we can do about it, we’re behind the eight ball because we already paid MNP a substantial amount (for the 2021 and 2022 audits) so we can’t change companies,” said Mayor Deforge. He explained there are only so many compa-

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Meldrum’s Net Shed Museum reopens

by Tom Sasvari

MELDRUM BAY—After having been closed for several years the historic Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay will once again be opening its doors to the public, this Saturday, June 29.

“We’re pretty excited about it being reopened,” said Linda Lapointe, president of the Meldrum Bay Historical Society (MBHS), the owners of the building and a non-profit organization with charitable status. “I think for me it is about the building itself. This is a historic building where they used to make nets for fishing.”

“The artifacts in the building

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Canada has much to be proud of on its 157th birthday

Far too often Canadians focus upon our nation's shortcomings and challenges, especially in these frustrated post-pandemic times, but looking back over the past 157 years since Confederation we can find much in which to take pride.

Canada, like the rest of the Western hemisphere, has emerged from a largely agrarian lifestyle where most of us worked and lived on the farm to a largely urban and erudite nation with world-leading technological accomplishments and the world's most educated population.

We enjoy a national health program that ensures sudden catastrophic illness will not result in a trip to the poorhouse. While many may not have a family doctor to call their own, health services are available within walking distance for the vast majority of our population and a robust emergency services system stands ready to transport the sick and injured to the nearest health centre. This is a far cry from when a call for a doctor would involve many hours, if not days, of travel by either the patient or the doctor to attend.

Our nation is finally coming to grips with its colonial past and addressing the most odious of policies and actions that darken our earliest days as a nation—even up to the present day in some cases. While too many of the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee remain unfulfilled, several have and more are being implemented with each passing year. It remains a work in progress.

Land claim and treaty settlements have flowed and are flowing in a veritable avalanche into First Nations communities, finally addressing the failed promises of the past. The immense contributions to our nation's wellbeing of Indigenous first peoples are now acknowledged at nearly every major gathering and event—and the courts are ensuring that our governments are finally putting mon-

ey where their mouths are.

We enjoy a relative peace unmatched by any other industrial nation and those charged with enforcing and maintaining that peace are held in high regard by the vast majority of our citizens. Not perfect, to be certain, yet worthy of celebration and honour nonetheless.

We enjoy good roads, dependable energy, a robust food supply, a worldclass education system and plenty of employment opportunities for those seeking to improve their lives.

Are there exceptions and anecdotal instances where these fail or fall down in expectations? Certainly, there is always room for improvement and one of the things we should be most proud of is that we constantly work to make improvements.

Much has been said in recent months about our nation's "productivity crisis" but most of that chirping is primarily partisan spin—focusing on the negative and ignoring counter evidence. The truth of our productivity is that, excepting the tar sands impact on our stats, Canadian's productivity closely matches that of our closest neighbour to the south. It's true—go Google it. Does it need to get better, of course it does, but it is nowhere near the dismal portrayal put forward by those paid pundits who have a vested interest in pointing to a falling sky.

On this coming Canada Day, tune out of the negativity that tarnishes our national mirror and tune into the incredible luck we all enjoy simply by being able to call ourselves "Canadian." Our Constitution cites "peace, order and good government" as the prime motivating values as its foundation.

As Canadians, let us stand on guard together against those who would put us down and celebrate who we are and all that we strive to become. We are worth celebrating.

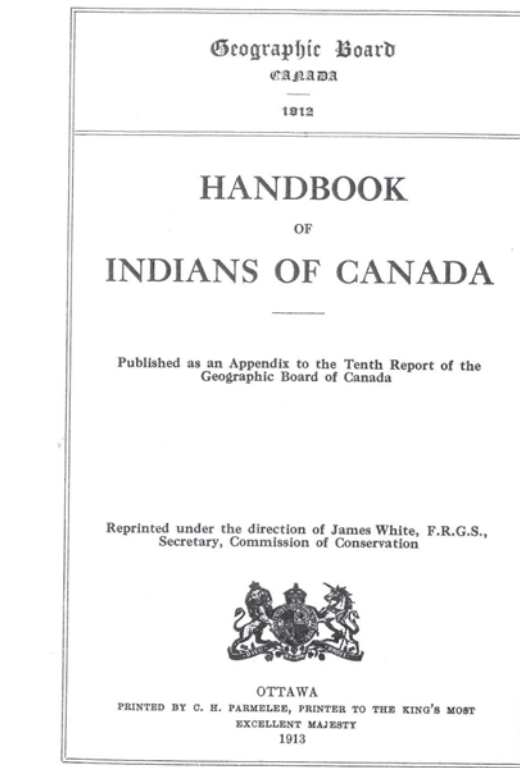
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A few notes in support of the Amikwa Nation claim

Early references seem to support band's existance

To The Expositor:

In response to your recent article on page 1 of the Wednesday, June 19, 2024, Expositor "Crown Argues Amikwa Nation Not Legitimate", I would like to offer information supporting Laurentian University Professor Dr. William Newbeggings' assertions that the Amikwas were a legitimate Native nation. I am enclosing information found in the "Handbook of Indians of Canada." Page 21 details an explanation of these people and I believe verifies Dr. Newbigging's assertions. I hope this is helpful. It was originally published in 1910. This monumental work was begun in 1873 and completed 37 years later, in 1910. It includes maps



The historical record contains references to the Amikwa band.

where Indian title has been quieted by treaties with Native inhabitants. Much Native history has been deliberately lost in my opinion.

Sincerely,
William H.R. Fisher
(Dehbikageezis)
Gore Bay

"Amikwas (from amik, 'beaver'). An Algonquian tribe found by the French on the N. shore of L. Huron, opposite Manitoulin Island, where they were identified in the Jesuit Relations at various dates up to 1672. Bacqueville de la Potherie (Hist. Am. Sept., 1753) says that they rendered themselves masters of all the other nations in those quarters until disease made great havoc among them and the Iroquois compelled the remainder of the tribe to be-

take themselves, some to the French settlements, others to l. Superior and to Green bay of lake Michigan. In 1740 a remnant had retired to Manitoulin id. Chauvignerie, writing in 1736, says of the Nipissing: "The armorial bearings of this nation are, the heron for the Achagué or Heron tribe, the beaver for the Amekoes (Amikwa), the birch for the Bark tribe." The reference may possibly be to agents of the Nipissing and not to the Amikwa tribe, yet the evidently close relation between the latter and the Nipissing and not to the Amikwa tribe, yet the evidently close relation between the latter and the Nipissing justifies the belief that the writer alluded to the Amikwa as known to history. They claimed in 1673 to be allies of the Nipissing. (J.M. C.T.)"

'Stopping beyond Stereotypes' is Down Syndrome campaign theme

TEHKUMMAH—On Saturday, June 15, hundreds of people gathered at local ambassador events across Canada for the Down Syndrome Walk, a national fundraiser in support of life-changing programs for Canadians with Down syndrome.

This year, the theme of the Walk was 'Stepping Beyond Stereotypes.' Following the viral campaign 'Assume That I Can,' the Canadian Down Syndrome Society is encouraging supporters to help end the assumptions that limit the lives of people with Down syndrome. Canadian Down Syndrome Society (CDSS)

Walk Ambassadors Ashley and Lyla Bowerman along with their family hosted their second Barbecue and Dance Party held at the Mom and Tot's Park in Tehkummah. Approximately 60 people attended for a cash barbecue lunch and enjoyed a beautiful sunny day that included music, bubbles, cupcakes and some playground fun. Team Love for Lyla raised \$1,785 for the CDSS.

Local events were followed by a nationwide virtual celebration with celebrity co-host Madison Tevlin, star of 'Assume That I Can,' which can be viewed on the CDSS's so-



Canadian Down Syndrome Society Walk Ambassadors Ashley and Lyla Bowerman are pictured with their children.

cial media pages. The walk ensures that resources and programs are available to thousands of people with Down syndrome and their caregivers, at no cost. To learn more or make a gift go to cdss.ca

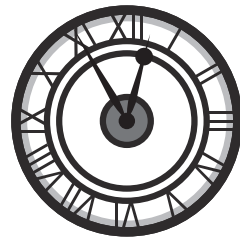
Rosemary Wakegijig

Rosemary has been an acquaintance since the mid 1990s when this writer began her role as health director in Wiikwemikoong. Rosemary's husband Ron had been chief of the reserve and at that time, was employed at the centre as a health worker with a side role as traditional healer. Rosemary had attended the Spanish Residential School before attending St. Joseph's College for girls in North Bay. After high school, she studied at St. Mary's Commercial Academy, a Catholic business school. She graduated in 1966 and came back to Wiikwemikoong to work for the DIA, the Department of Indian Affairs in Manitowaning. This was followed by employment with the OPP. Counselling the band's high school students and helping the youngest children of the community preserve the Anishinabek language is a vital role in Wiikwemikoong.

"My paternal grandparents are John and Anna (Pheasant) Jackson. Their original name was 'Atchitchakowans.' John was part of the group that built the stone and wood South Bay Church. He was a hard worker, a farmer and a logger. Rosemary was born in the house he built. Anna took care of the home duties, baking and cleaning. She joined the quilting bees and she was part of the ladies' group that moved from farm to farm in haying season, cooking for the workers who brought in the oats and the hay.



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



Rosemary with husband Ron Wakegijig baa at their daughter Amy's wedding to Earl.



Ogimaa Ron Wakegijig at their son John's wedding to Jennifer.

"My maternal grandparents were Dominic and Jane (Manitowabi) Mandamin. Grandmother Jane often did a man's work. She would go into the bush to get wood for our fires. Her daughter Annie babysat the younger children while she was away. Jane also had a big garden. She would work in the morning. Each afternoon she would visit other band members that were homebound. She also sang well in church. I don't recall much about my grandfather. He died when I was still a young child. His brother Sam Mandamin was my Godfather. Jane had two daughters Rose and Annie, who became my mother."

"Sometime after Grandfather Dominic passed, Grandmother Jane married John Toenaw whose surname was changed

to Pelletier. She had four more children: Margaret, Clement, Ernest and Leonard. I was born with the help of a midwife on November 11, 1944 to Annie and Ignatius (Jackson) Atchitchakowans in the Jackson Homestead at South Bay. I would have two sisters, Margaret and Delores. Sadly, dad contracted tuberculosis soon after their marriage and he spent years in the hospital."

"I remember an early birthday. I climbed the big chokecherry tree in the yard, right to the top. I could see the world! Everybody was at home. I imagined the whole country was closed because it was my birthday. It was actually Remembrance Day, but as a child, it was my day too! Grandmother was soon gazing up at me from the bottom of the tree. 'Come

down and eat your birthday cake,' she announced. It looked delicious, all covered with icing sugar. Other cousins had arrived to celebrate my birthday. I climbed down to enjoy a special, memorable day."

"My parents separated. Mother Annie found work in the Blind River Hospital. She had a subsequent relationship and over time, seven more children," Rosemary continues. "Dad's mother had gone to a priest and they decided that my two sisters and I should go to their paternal grandmother. Maternal Grandmother Jane's house was very tiny, but we all lived there for a few years. The house still stands today."

"We went to the Kaboni School, and our teacher was Gertrude Pitawankwat Trudeau, and I liked all subjects except math. Miss Trudeau gave us all a box of eight crayons, which I cherished. When she got married, we gave her a glass bowl as a gift. I was in the baby class, and I took a shortcut through the bush to avoid the four kilometre walk. I was never afraid, even though there were many wild animals there. I had my guardian angels, but my grandmother and my father were concerned with my walking alone."

"At age seven they pulled me out of school and I could go back when my siblings were old enough to come with me." We helped at home. Godmother Elizabeth asked that our 'chores would remain normal for our young ages, six to nine years.' Horses were part of my responsibility, but I was afraid of them. They were so big and I had slipped on ice pulling up a bucket of water from the deep well and banged my head on the ice, but I did manage to take them to the well to drink."

"I was older than my classmates when I did get back to school, so they allowed me to skip two grades at the Kaboni School. When it was time for me to go to Residential School, I wanted to go, because everyone came back from there, speaking English. Aunt Rose had gone to the Spanish Residential School. Rose was intelligent and strong

in her Catholic faith. She was easy-going, very respectful and not critical of others. She was a good role model."

"I had heard that the school could be challenging but I hoped for the best. When we got there, we were assigned numbers. I was Number 173; Margaret was Number 172 and Delores was Number 171. It didn't take too long to understand the routines. I was learning English and learning how to do the chores as defined by this new culture."

"Kitchen work was popular because it offered the occasional bit of extra food. I looked forward to being there. After our snack, which could include a half-sandwich and an apple, we had to do chores. Miss Partsy, a nun, was our supervisor in the kitchen. I recall peeling 100 lbs. of potatoes one day when I heard her footsteps approaching. I was hoping to get one of



Rosemary with her grandmother Anna Jackson.

the muffins on the table for this arduous task, but I didn't get one and I was sad to see them flung in the fire."

"Marilyn Daybutch and I were in charge of 'correctly' dusting and sweeping the hallways, stairs and the dormitory' under the supervision of another nun, Miss O'Driscoll. Occasionally, she could be mean to us, and one day, Marilyn lost her cool and chased her down the hall with the vacuum cleaner. The vacuum sucked up her stockings. Recently I chatted with Marilyn and chuckled over this event, but Marilyn couldn't recall it."

"Another girl, Mary Neganigwane from Sheshewaning, was being lectured one day. She was standing beside a big window when suddenly she fell back and her arm went through the glass window. She was badly cut and spent a week in the infirmary. She came back with a bandaged arm. Another nun, Miss La Victore was in charge of the infirmary. I don't recall anyone ever being sent to a hospital. A head lice infestation was another issue. All our hair was cut short. A tiny bit of my ear lobe was cut in the process, but it healed. They covered our heads with coal oil and wrapped towel turbans around our heads. The next morning the lice were all dead and our scalps were white."

"When we were in the washroom, Margaret and I could speak our language. One time a nun caught us speaking Anishnaabe, and I can still feel her pinching my cheeks when I emerged from the bathroom. It left bruises." Rosemary looked up at the nun and innocently asked, 'If I am made in the image of God, why are you hurting me?'"

"We did some role playing

another time. I was the teacher and I had a few students I was to instruct. I chose the opportunity to pinch a few cheeks. Apparently, that was not allowed at our level. I was sent to the office and reprimanded."

Rosemary came home after she finished Grade 6 and completed part of Grade 7 at the Kaboni School. "At Christmas that year, the Pontiac School was completed, and we were transferred there to finish Grade 7 and take Grade 8 and 9. At home, I had regular chores. Helping with the big garden was one task. I would be weeding and watering early in the morning when it was still cool outside. We used to squish the potato bugs and get rid of their orange eggs. Beans were picked after the frost and put in burlap bags which could be punched to crack the shells and let the beans escape. Subsequently, we dried the beans and put them in jars."

"We helped with the peeling of the pulpwood for crafts too. Grandmother showed us how to harvest the strips of birch bark in June, when the roses were in bloom. This was the best time to cut off the bark with a sharp knife. It came off easily and we cut it into three-foot square sections. Rocks were put on top of the bark after pushing down the curved side to make it flat. When it dried we were ready to make our tiny tepees and canoes out of the long strips."

"The canoes came in many sizes, four, five, eight, 10, 12, 14 and even 18 inches. We made smaller ones too, for the tepees. We used either small thin sticks soaked in water or sweetgrass to stitch up the canoes. We wrapped them in 'raffia,' the thin membrane next to the bark. When dried it was used to wrap up the crafts we made. We closed the items in with neat stitches and delivered them to Mrs. Austin, the wife of the off-reserve dentist, and to Nancy Osawanamiki's store, on the reserve. Tourists loved to buy these items."

After Grade 9, Rosemary attended St. Joseph's College in North Bay with her cohorts. She discovered there were many different nationalities and varying economic backgrounds. She completed Grades 10 and 11. Her favourite subject was geometry. "I liked drawing angles." For Grade 12, she went to Algonquin Composite High School also in North Bay. Not many of her former classmates were there. She came to St. Mary's Commercial Academy in North Bay next and took shorthand and accounting. All subjects had to be passed. "You found out if you were successful when the principal announced the graduates who passed." Rosemary Jackson passed all her subjects. She has a photo of the graduation in 1966, a big event.

Rosemary came back to Wiikwemikoong and started working for the DIA, the Department of Indian Affairs, in Manitowaning. She was a stenographer, clerk and receptionist. She reported to the Indian Agent. "I was counselling high school students that would be attending schools in Espanola, North Bay, Sudbury and Sault St. Marie. There was an administrative board and two Indian Agents, Don Borton, Vern Robinson and Manitoulin Secondary School. I had to sign an oath of 'Secrecy and Allegiance.' It was difficult to respect this oath when I didn't agree with all the decisions made."

Rosemary met Ron Wakegijig at this time. He was also working for the DIA. He was a musician, traditional healer and

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Manitoulin OPP lay drug and weapon related charges

Two people have been arrested and charged for weapon and drug offences in Sables-Spanish Rivers township.

On June 15 shortly after 12 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was notified by a member of the public of a possible impaired driver on Grove Street. Police patrolled the area, locating the vehicle parked at a residence on Saubles Street East in the township.

Police approached the vehicle and observed an individual sitting in the front passenger seat. Upon speaking with this individual, police were notified that they were breaching their release order. This person was subsequently arrested.



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While arresting this individual, police were then approached by a second individual who attempted to intervene. This person was also subsequently arrested.

Police conducted a search and located suspected cocaine, a dagger-style knife and approximately \$16,000 in Canadian currency.

As a result of the investigation, Jessie Migwans, 25, from M'Chigeeng First Nation has been charged with: possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), possession of a schedule one substance (cocaine), possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

Devonte Blair, 28, from Scarborough has been charged with: possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking (cocaine), possession of a schedule one substance (cocaine), possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000 and obstructing a peace officer.

Both accused persons were held in custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury bail court.

OPP lay multiple charges following incident in Espanola

One individual has been arrested and charged by the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP following an intimate partner disturbance.

On June 19, shortly before 11 am, the Manitoulin OPP responded to an assault in Espanola.

As a result of the investigation, a 31-year-old person from Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) has been charged with: three counts of failing to comply with probation order, breaking and entering a dwelling house with intent to commit indictable offence, assault causing bodily harm-choke, suffocate or strangle, forcible confinement, mischief and theft over \$5,000 of a motor vehicle.

The accused was held in

custody.

Due to the nature of the incident, the name of the accused will not be released to protect the identity of the victim.

Manitoulin OPP lay 43rd impaired driving charge

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP has laid 43 impaired driving charges since January 1.

On June 19 shortly after 4 pm, the Manitoulin OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 17. Police received information that a vehicle was being driven at a high rate of speed and unable to maintain its lane.

Police located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Upon speaking with the driver, police were able to determine that the driver was impaired. The

driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, Ryan Chang, 26, from Vancouver has been charged with: possession of a schedule one substance (methamphetamine), two counts of possession of a schedule III substance, operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs), driving a motor vehicle with liquor readily available and driving a vehicle with cannabis readily available.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on August 6.

The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days. ...continued on page 7

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your Friendly Canadian Fly. Providence Bay is sporting her summer's best and showing off her red and white Canadiana for this weekend's countdown to Canada Day beginning with a bevy of celebrations: live music, markets, festivals, a homecoming parade and an epic Canada Day yard sale. As June winds down, Canada Day (and fairway) flags go up and summer is served sizzling hot, segued by the serenade of the Providence Bay sunset music series and Canada Day fireworks at the Providence Bay beach and boardwalk. (Please consult local regulations regarding personal fireworks).

Summertime is coming in hot! Here's what's happening: Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: Soccer families enjoyed last week's soccer match and celebratory season closer beach-stop-way to play! Happy summer to all. Well done, coaches and kids!

Youth Rec Nite continues Fridays from 7 to 9 pm inside the arena.

Providence Bay Hall: Private commencement and grad events at the main hall.

Mindemoya: Taekwondo continues Tuesday and Thursdays at the town hall.

Run-canoe-bike classic is Sunday, June 30 at the Government Dock on Lake Mindemoya. Race start is 9:30 am.

The 3rd annual Manitoulin Ribfest with three big ribbers this year! Go Gonzalez BBQ, Bubba Lou Bar-B-Q and Made in America BBQ. A four-day festival on Canada Day weekend from Friday, June 28 to Monday, July 1. Live music and performances all weekend! Win a Lions Club ultimate backyard barbecue dream package! Lions Club 50/50 draws! Amateur and Professional Rib Cookoffs! Vendor food, drinks, treats, domestic beer, coolers and local craft beer! Central Manitoulin Market in the Mindemoya arena on Saturday, June 29 from 11 am to 6 pm and Sunday, June 30 from 10 am to 5 pm. Youth entertainment, soap box derby and inflatables! Homecoming Canada Day weekend parade is on Saturday, June 30 at 11 am! Licenced Homecoming dance on Saturday night! The Mindemoya Classic Triathlon! Shaded seating and free parking! Entry by donation only! Yard sales through the town beginning at 8 am Saturday and Sunday.

Providence Bay Curling Club: Congratulations youth curlers who raised over \$900 at the Father's Day pancake breakfast and fundraiser. *No Events this weekend*.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church meeting at 10:30 am, service at 11 am.

Providence Bay Discovery Centre and Boardwalk:

Sunset Music series starts this weekend and the Discovery Centre opens next week - woot! This Sunset music series boasts some local and travelling musicians and talent. "Saving Grace" will play on Monday, July 1 for the opening night Canada Day celebrations. Check the Huron Island Time Facebook page or Sunset Music series online for the full musical lineup.

The Discovery Centre is filled with all the wonders and teachings of elders and locally trained experts. Drop by to celebrate Canada Day and learn about the incredible biodiversity of our Island ecosystem. Huron Island Time is busier than ever! Be sure to try the butter pecan and unicorn toots ice cream flavours! Ask Lance about his sweet and savoury Jamaican and Caribbean food delights. Stroll along the beach and boardwalk, take a dip or a wade in the warm waters of Lake Huron or the Mindemoya River. Make memories, snap selfies and enjoy the beautiful scenery and views! Happy Summertime, students and grads!

Happy Canada Day, it's time to switch into glide and enjoy some 'Toulin time.

The Heavens: The Strawberry moon or planting moon was June 22 and yes, it's actually warm enough now for all your seedlings and sprouts to thrive.

On June 29 planets align. A rare sight, Jupiter, Mars and Saturn will line-up with the Moon and you should be able to see it with your naked eye early Saturday morning. The half-illuminated moon will sit between

Mars and Saturn. Darker skies make for better star and galaxy gazing. Next full moon is July 21.

Toulin Turtles: Turtles are nesting all over the roadways and waterways now so please watch closely for them and watch your speed. If you see a turtle you can try to safely relocate it to the curb in the direction it was headed. Note: There are a lot of bunnies, foxes and other critters out there including the Kamikaze birds that will jump out in front of your car so be very alert with eyes on the road at all times! If you see an injured turtle contact Turtle Pond at 705-691-0433.

Mentions: Matt's Stand had some airtime on CBC, way to go Matt! Grandmother Water Walker Josephine Mandamin of Wiikwemkoong was honoured with a postage stamp portrait unveiling, congratulations.

Happy birthday Sissy Wendy F. We love you! Ceilidh G. won third place in the 400m race for the CMPS track event, way to give it your alpha sigma despite the heat.

Enjoy a glorious, happy and safe Canada Day weekend, everyone! Remember to dance like nobody is watching and always wear sunscreen and put maple syrup in and on everything.

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Everyone remain calm; it's the very first market day of the season! It's always so much fun to see all the vendors and the goods they have for sale. Did you hear that one of the most popular market vendors left last year mid-summer to attend mime school? We haven't heard from him since. He always had the best root vegetables, so we hope he will turnip at the market today.

Grab your reusable tote bags, it's the day you've all been waiting for! Today (Wednesday, June 26) is the first of the weekly Kagawong summer markets. Be sure to stop into the largest market on the Island for some great finds and support local artisans and bakers. There will be lots to explore between vendors in the covered rink, in the colourful cabanas and in pop-up stores in the parking lot. As well as many local shops in the village.

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy local music at the Manitoulin Choirs benefit concert last Saturday at Manitoulin Secondary. All proceeds went directly to Manitoulin Family Resources and we're still humming our favourite tunes from the night.

It must really be summer now because the Manitoulin Tennis Club is meeting twice a week! Come on out Sunday mornings at 10 am and/or Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm, both at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Players of all abilities are welcome, with lessons available in the near future.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Stephanie M. and Abbie N. When we were kids, birthdays were all about the cake and presents. Now, well, it's still all about cake and presents. Here's hoping you get lots of both!

This Saturday! The annual Anglican Church yard sale and barbecue will be Saturday, June 29 from 10 am to 2 pm at the pavilion. You are sure to find something (perhaps several somethings) you didn't know you can't live without!

During the first weekend of July, come and spin a yarn with the Jabbawong Storytelling Festival! This festival is part of the art infusion weekend (July 5-7) which includes a vendor market, a barbecue lunch on the Saturday, an exhibition of the Manitoulin Island Artists Guild, art workshops on the Sunday and an evening with author Waubgeshig Rice on the Friday night. Check out the Jabbawong Storytelling Festival on Facebook for more information!

No sitting on your summer laurels, the very next Saturday (July 13), join classic car enthusiasts for the Kagawong Show and Shine car show! The cars will be at Dig and Doug's Cedar Furniture on Main Street from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be lots of great vehicles on display for all to admire. Then, it's time to hit the beach that evening for the library's annual open air movie night!

Be sure to sneak in some rest and drink lots of water because things really take off the weekend of July

20! The Billings Library is hosting their annual book sale and a local author showcase on Saturday, July 20 (11 am to 3 pm). Local authors interested in participating should reach out to the Billings Library (billingsreads@gmail.com) to be included. Also, that weekend, the Manitoulin Art Tour will spotlight a number of Billings artists in the region over the course of the entire weekend.

And don't forget about the Island-wide Household Hazardous Waste Day, also on Saturday, July 20! Not as summer-y, we know. But an important part of helping the environment by keeping hazardous things out of our community landfill. Save up your batteries, old electronics, paints and chemicals, residents of Billings can drop off items at the Mindemoya Roads Building that Saturday from 1 to 4 pm.

Given that the opening for this column was about the market, it is just so frustrating that we couldn't think of a single synonym for it. Talk about bazaar. Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Lorne and Dawn Calback and boys from Sudbury visited George and Carolyn last weekend.

House guests at Ashton and Nina Calback's home on Tuesday and Wednesday were Larry and Sherrin Emery from Curve Lake. Deborah Emery of Gore Bay joined Ashton, Nina and Lynn Calback for dinner on Tuesday. On Wednesday Larry and Sherrin treated Ashton, Nina and Deborah to dinner at the Watersedge Restaurant in Gore Bay. A good time sharing memories was had by all.

Natalie and Roger Hayden from Lively were over last weekend and visited their parents.

Tom and Jackie Cunning from Webbwood visited Lance and Lillian Greenman last Saturday.

Damien Rogers and friend Sam from Burlington visited George and Carolyn Calback last weekend.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Colin and Janice Frame had their children and friends visit with them last week.

On Friday, we went to Meldrum Bay for euchre. There were lots of players.

Saturday was the first vendor market in our yard. Thanks to everyone who came out to shop.

On Saturday the UCW's annual yard sale was held in the basement of the hall.

On Monday night euchre at G.G.'s in Evansville with eight tables of players was held.

Colleen Julseth went with Albert Meijer and myself to the Kits and Quilts in Meldrum Bay on Tuesday, June 18. There was a small crowd that got a lot done. The next one is July 2.

Wednesday evening, I went to Mindemoya to attend the Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting. There was a discussion of the mandatory certification for the firefighters.

Thursday at the Silver Water Community Hall there were 13 euchre players out.

Shawn Noble went to Ottawa on Thursday to his daughter's home.

Gladys Duncanson and I went swimming several days this week. The hot air temperatures helped to warm up the water.

Congratulations to Myra Duncanson who won the money jar.

The annual Silver Water picnic will be held on Saturday, June 29. The theme is "On the Farm". Everyone is encouraged to decorate their yards and get a float into the parade. Maybe we will have a lot of tractors entered. There will be lunch available and ball games to watch. There will be a silent auction in the basement of the Silver Water Community Hall. The bidding will start at 10 am and end at 1:30 pm. Bring lawn chairs and spend the day.

Friends of the Mindemoya Old School hold annual general meeting

by **Betty Bardswich**
MINDEMOYA — The Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS), a group dedicated to the preservation and repurposing of the quintessential building in Mindemoya held their annual general meeting June 12.

The board of directors for this organization includes President Jan McQuay, a hawater and environmentalist and conservationist, Vice-President Lynn Quesnel, a former teacher who attended the Old School and Treasurer Allison McAllister, a fourth-generation Hawater. The Board is rounded out by Directors at Large Christianna Jones, the Health and Wellness Manager at Noojmowin Teg Health and Wellness Centre in Aundeck Omni Kaning, Aaron Quesnel with a background in environmental policy, Marlene Brynildsen who holds a diploma in International Design from the International Academia of Design and Technology, and Christine McNaughton who taught English as a Second Language (ESL) for many years.

The meeting started with remarks by Ms. McQuay.

"We acknowledge," she said, "that the Friends of Mindemoya Old School organization operate on the

lands of Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island) which is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy, the Odawa, Ojibwe and Pottawatomi people who are our friends and neighbours. We strive to live and work in the spirit of truth and reconciliation in harmony and cooperation with the First Nation peoples that have been the stewards and care takers of the land since time immemorial."

Ms. McQuay went on to say that FOMOS have raised \$190,000 so far with an outstanding donation of \$100,000 from the Smith Family that was used to install an eco-roof on the iconic building. The team also used \$35,000 to remove old insulation for which a report will be available in ten days to a week and, as Ms. McQuay was told, there is only minor work left to be done in the attic.

She commented that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council has given the group a two-year extension, but getting government funding is a challenge. As she explained, there are few grants for eco-friendly buildings which both council and FOMOS want the school to be, and other grant proposals are being denied, including one from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. This

has led to a balky situation as the team cannot receive funding if they don't have a track record and they can't establish such a performance history without the assets to do so.

Ms. McQuay outlined some steps that members will be taking to retrofit the school to establish a green building, including adding heat pumps, new insulation and triple-glazed windows. "We can then highlight our retro fit," she said, "so others can see how it is done, and potential funders can go on our website to see what we are pitching to them."

The meeting continued with remarks from Ms. McAllister on financial matters including that FOMOS has two accounts with one being for checking and another for gaming that would be for such activities as an online auction that was held, an art auction that is ongoing, the sale of 50/50 tickets, mugs, pins, a book outlining the history of the school and ongoing membership fees and donations, for which charitable donation receipts are given as well as a thank-you card written by Ms. Quesnel and erin-blythe reddie. Donations can be made through the Architectural Conservancy Ontario, that through education and advocacy, en-

courages the conservation and reuse of structures, districts, and landscapes of architectural, historic and cultural significance, to inspire and benefit Ontarians. The tickets can be obtained with e-transfers to mindemoyaschool@gmail.com and the online art auction will start soon with donations of 13 pieces already obtained. The deadline for new artwork is July 1. Bidding will start on July 10 with the winners announced in August. The members will also have a yard/trunk and bake sale to be held at the Lion's pavilion in Mindemoya. Ms. McAllister also talked of building costs that are quite high including the cost of the new insulation and the fact that humidifiers are running to prevent further degradation of the school. She also noted that the municipality has no responsibility for the school.

The final item on the agenda was the election of board members Ms. McQuay, Ms. Quesnel and Ms. McAllister who had three-year terms, and all were re-elected. The FOMOS members then brain-stormed on ways to raise the funds needed to repurpose the iconic edifice.

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Manitoulin OPP charge driver with impaired driving

On June 15, shortly before 10 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received a report of a motor vehicle collision on Lang Lake Road. Police located the vehicle and upon speaking with the driver, determined that the driver had consumed alcoholic beverages. The driver was subsequently arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, Jonathon Violino, 44, from Garson has been charged with operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs), operation while impaired (blood alcohol concentration 80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on July 8,

The driver was issued a 90-administrative driver's licence suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Two incidents of impaired driving results in arrests

On Saturday, June 15 the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) received a call of a suspicious person that occurred in the Prairie Point area on the Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT). It was reported that a vehicle was observed striking a dock while attempting

to pull a boat out of the water.

At approximately 8:30 pm officers responded to the area and located a black pick-up truck towing a pontoon style boat. Officers initiated a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle and spoke to the male driver.

The driver displayed signs of impairment by alcohol. Officers administered the roadside test to which the driver failed. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest for impaired driving over 80 milligrams and transported to the police office for breath tests.

The driver was found to have alcohol in their system exceeding the legal limit.

As a result of the investigation, a 69-year-old male resident of Wikwemkoong has been charged with one count of impaired operation and one count of impaired over 80 milligrams.

The accused was later released and is set to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice (provincial division) in Wikwemkoong on July 23 to answer to the charges.

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

Impaired driver arrested in Wikwemkoong

On Thursday, June 13, at 12:50 pm, the WTPS conducted a traffic stop on Wikwemikong Way for a traffic offense. As a result

of the investigation the driver, Marc Pheasant, 56, from WUT was found to be impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested and charged as follows: impaired by alcohol, blood alcohol concentration 80 plus, fail to signal turn and driving with open liquor.

The accused will appear in Wikwemikong court on July 9, to answer to the charges. His driver's licence was automatically suspended for 90 days and his vehicle impounded under the provincial VIP program.

"The WTPS take a zero-tolerance approach to drinking and driving in our community. By calling 911 and reporting suspected impaired drivers to police, everyone can assist in keeping our roads, trails and waterways safe by reducing impaired collisions, deaths and injuries," the WTPS said in the release.

Several traffic enforcement incidents result in charges

On June 13, officers were conducting a reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) check when a motor vehicle approached. Officers detected an odour of cannabis coming from the vehicle. A vehicle search was conducted with officers locating cannabis and paraphernalia inside the vehicle. As a result of the investigation, the driver was found to not be im-

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...Centennial Manor celebrates courtyard, gathering place opening

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Den Otter's son Alan. "Good afternoon and welcome," said Mr. den Otter, who provided a land acknowledgment at the beginning of his address. "Our family has been blessed to call this our home

ing connect with Mother Nature." Mr. den Otter went on to highlight the many people whose caring and thoughtful guidance has ensured the completion of "this wonderful project." Mr. den Otter thanked landscape architect Jenni-

fer Harvey, landscape contractor Hans van Schayck, Manor administrator Don Cook, the Manor board and former Manor fundraising chair Wendy Gauthier (who the family met with to discuss the project). "The den Otter family is extremely pleased this in-

credibly tranquil outdoor user-friendly space will be enjoyed for many, many years by Manor residents, their families, Manor staff and administration as well as the community at large."

"I think the weather is good for the garden," joked Joe den Otter, addressing the steady downpour that did nothing to dampen spirits at the event. Mr. den Otter went on to describe the family's arrival in Canada in 1961 and the welcoming and friendly atmosphere they found here on Manitoulin. He spoke of the many community activities enjoyed by his wife Mary, including singing in

the Little Current United Church choir and working in her gardens.

"What better way to honour her memory than a courtyard memorial garden," he said. "What would Mary think and feel about her garden? I honestly believe she would be flabbergasted and deeply touched."

The garden courtyard, which overlooks Low Island Park, is fenced in for residents' security, but the black chain links all but disappear when looked through from any distance. A portion of the fence will also be replaced with clear glass panels soon.

The gardens include a

sandbox for visiting grandchildren to play in, many perennial flower gardens and plenty of seating and gathering areas. Plans for a gazebo are also in the works.

Following remarks by Mr. Cook and the den Otter family, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha offered their congratulations and admiration for the sight and the generosity of the den Otter family.

The total donation from the den Otter family is still somewhat in flux, but is well in excess of \$250,000.



A mural by artist Max Grunin, back left, will be mounted to the Manor's outside wall in the courtyard. He is joined by Manor auxiliary members Donna Wuksinic, Gisele Ferro, Barb Plexman and Linda Bowerman.



A bird's eye view of the new courtyard thanks to a generous donation of funds from the den Otter family in memory of the late Mary den Otter, an avid lover of the outdoors.

for most of our lives." Mr. den Otter went on to note that the space "embodies a couple of mom's principle philosophies, 'time outdoors grounds us and rejuvenates one's spirit,' and 'time working in one's garden provides a comfort-

Manitoulin Centennial Manor

BBQ, Yard Sale and Bake Sale

We will once again be having our yard sale, BBQ and bake sale on July 1, 2024!

Yard and bake sale begins at 8am
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Come see our new courtyard and check out the yard sale. Have some lunch, buy some treats and have a visit with some of the residents.

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nies that are certified in Ontario to look at these municipal audits and that Tehkummah is not the only municipality having difficulty getting these reports completed.

Section 294(1) of the Municipal Act states that the treasurer of a municipality shall in each year provide the minister with a return containing information designated by the minister with respect to the financial affairs of the municipality. This takes the form of the annual financial information return (FIR). Municipal-

ities must submit FIRs annually to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing by May 31. A search on the provincial website through the past few years shows that the Township of Tehkummah failed to submit the FIR during the years 2021 and 2022 (when the former clerk-administrator was away on work-related sick leave).

Mayor Deforge told The Expositor the province has not withheld transfer payments or denied funding due to the shortage of FIRs. "Not yet, but if things continue and we don't get the audits I

would imagine they will be coming soon. We are understandably worried about this," he told The Expositor, saying at the meeting last week MNP has used up all of their excuses and he would be heading to their office in Sudbury on Monday of this week to "get some answers."

At the Tehkummah council meeting last week, council was told by acting clerk-administrator Barb Grigg that she had been told by the main auditor at MNP that they were going through the audit again.

Councillor Mike McK-

enzie said that he was not comfortable adopting a budget without previous years' financial statements.

Council was informed that not having audited financial statements does not affect the township budget but does affect its ability to borrow money.

Council passed a motion directing the deputy-clerk administrator to prepare

the necessary documentation in order to have the proposed budget adopted at the next council meeting (in July with an increase of six percent). A recorded vote was taken with Councillors Steve Wood and Perry Chatwell and Mayor Deforge in favour and Councillors Lorie Leeson and Mike McKenzie opposed.

When The Expositor

contacted the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) to ask several questions on the issue the ministry provided an emailed response which stated, "The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is aware that the Township of Tehkummah has not filed its 2021 and 2022 FIRs. Any further questions are best directed to the township."

...help reviving heart attack victim

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to jump in, it's been a number of years since I took the course," said Mayor Al MacNevin. "Congratulations and please accept this token on behalf of the town of our appreciation for your quick action." Mayor MacNevin also expressed relief that the incident had been resolved positively.

Mr. Hall said that he does not know the status of the victim after the ambu-

lance took him to the Manitoulin Health Centre. "About an hour later, I saw a helicopter come in and fly to Sudbury, so I don't know if that was him if he was in an ambulance going across the bridge with the lights on a while later." Mr. Hall was grateful for the recognition, but he stressed that he was only stepping up to help the EMS workers. "They do this kind of thing every day, they are the real heroes," he said.



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Billings Twp. looking to public to help name new outdoor rink facility

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township council is in support of engaging members of the public to take part in a naming contest for the Kagawong outdoor rink facility.

“I think a public nam- ing the rink contest would be fun, and it helps build communi- ty spirit,” stated Coun- cillor Dave Hillyard at a meeting last week. “I praise the previous council who pushed for the new outdoor rink. To see its outcome with its

use for hockey and skat- ing and events like the (recent) outdoor angling trade fair is fabulous.”

“I agree,” stated May- or Bryan Barker. “The outdoor rink facility construction was com- pleted in late 2022, ear- ly 2023,” in providing

a background. “This facility has been a pop- ular venue for the an- nual family day event, the Kagawong market, trade fairs, festivals and various recreational ac- tivities such as skating, hockey, ball hockey and pickleball.”

At its meeting May 27 the Billings Parks, Rec- reation and Wellness Committee passed a mo- tion recommending a naming contest be held for the Kagawong out- door rink.

“I think this is a great idea,” stated Councillor Ian Anderson.

Councillor Hillyard

pointed out the Austin Hunt Marina was named after the long-time may- or of the township, so the committee said an- other prominent citizen could be used for the rink name—Mary Buie. He pointed out the com- mittee proposed calling for public submissions for the rink name be held July-August, with the top three public submis- sions to be advertised and a public voting peri- od to begin in September and a recommendation to council. The winning name being submitted in October for council’s final approval for a new

name to be made in late fall or early winter. The committee will utilize the township website and social media to gather as many submissions and votes as possible.

Council gave its ap- proval for the name the outdoor rink facility contest.

Later in the meeting council agreed to put out a call out for quotes for consideration on possi- bly providing 100-amp hydro service at the rink. Previously, coun- cil had approved a new waterline be installed to service the outdoor rink.

...Net Shed Museum reopens

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are amazing. It is amazing what is in there,” stated Ms. Lapointe. “Bill Steiss (a member of MBHS) has been preening and organizing the artifacts which date back to the late 1800s until after the second World War.”

The artifacts are going to be displayed in various sections, including fishing, lumbering, farming and other artifacts related to early settlers’ life, such as an old ice box, explained Ms. Lapointe.

A lot of work has gone into sprucing up the building, work that was necessary to reopen the building, said Ms. Lapointe. “The building is in very good condition. We have been continuing to do minor repairs on it. Bruce White (vice-president of MBHS) and Chuck Halliday did repair work on the roof, including fixing all the screws on the metal roof.”

“The floor in the main room inside the building is still uneven, and this is a long-term project to have this fixed, but it won’t be carried out this summer,” continued Ms. Lapointe. She pointed out new boards in the fascia in the front entrance are underway. And we will be updating (replacing) our solar panel as well as re-caulking the roof edge.”

The building is still sitting on stone and a long-term repair project for the building is to eventually lift the building

and put in a new foundation.

“There has been no water leakage in the building,” said Ms. Lapointe.

As was reported last November, in the spring of 2023 a lot of effort was put in by volunteers and members of MBHS to clean and paint the outside of the build- ing and clean everything inside. More work was carried out over the winter and spring and a funding application was made to the government to hire a young person to run the museum.

Ms. Lapointe pointed out Mary Bryan and Angela Wall did all the paperwork to send an application to Revenue Canada to reinstate the MBHS charity status.

The Net Shed Museum has not operat- ed since the pandemic and the previous MBHS board were seeking someone to take over. “We were too slow in respond at the beginning. But when we found out the museum was being shut down, we decided we needed to help get it opera- tional again,” said Ms. Lapointe.

An election took place for a new slate of MBHS board members in May 2023.

“One of the big achievements we have attained is MBHS getting charita- ble status from the government,” said Ms. Lapointe. “We have hired a young person, Justin Nussey, who lives in Meldrum Bay, to be the museum admin- istrator for the summer.”



A lot of work has gone into sprucing up the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay, which will be reopening to the public this Saturday, June 29.

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Situated on the waterfront, just past the hotel and general store in the village of Meldrum Bay, the Net Shed Museum is housed in a former commercial fishermen’s “twine”, or net-mending shed. The museum holds relics from Meldrum Bay’s days as a busy fishing village and lumber port, as well as artifacts from early farm and village life.

Children especially enjoy the hands-on exhibits.

...NDP nominates Andreane Chenier

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want to support Northern Ontarians by bringing down these sky-high costs. It would be an honour to fight for North- ern Ontarians in Ottawa, as time and time again, both the Liberals and Con- servatives leave them behind to help their CEO friends. Now more than ever, people need a real champion on the issues that matter to them, and I’m ready to fight for the people of North- ern Ontario.”

Ms. Chenier, a Franco-Ontarian, has dedicated her life to the labour move- ment as staff for a major public sector union. She’s passionate about advo- cating for service and opportunities

for Francophone families in Northern Ontario as well as fighting for working class families.

She said she understands what Northern Ontarians are going through. People are seeing the cost of living go through the roof while the greedy tele- com and grocery CEOs make record profits by jacking up prices. Every elected New Democrat goes to Ottawa to fight to make life better for hard- working people. Unlike the Conserva- tives, we’ll never cut the public health care services, pensions and Employ- ment Insurance working people de- pend on.”

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...Dutch researcher seeks relatives of five fallen Anishinaabe warriors

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Legacy Project. The Indigenous Legacy Project is “a research and remembrance based initiative to identify and mark the graves of Indigenous soldiers buried in cemeteries across the Netherlands. In partnership with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Faces-to-Graves, 17 Indigenous graves have been identified so far at Holten Canadian War Cemetery.”

“The Government of the Netherlands is a huge supporter of Canada and Canadian service members,” said Mr. Young, “especially Indigenous ones.”

Among the 15 Indigenous Canadian soldiers that Dr. Rosa is researching are the five Manitoulin warriors listed above.

“The Netherlands, too, continues to feel strongly about the enormous role that the Canadian army played in the liberation of their country,” said Dr. Rosa. “The nation’s gratitude and respect is perhaps especially visible at the Canadian war cemeteries, where thousands and thousands of Canadian soldiers lie buried. Carefully maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the cemeteries are visited by thousands of people each year who come to pay their respects to fallen family members, friends or loved ones who lost their lives in the terrible battle against oppression, terror and tyranny.”



The Canadian War Cemetery at Groesbeek, one of several war cemeteries in the Netherlands.

courtesy of Graves Groesbeek

“My project is to try and identify all of the Indigenous veterans buried in the Netherlands,” said Dr.

Rosa. She noted that some three to five thousand Indigenous soldiers fought in the Canadian Army

while it was liberating her country. “I am looking at 100 to 120 individuals from all over Canada,” she said,

“five were from Manitoulin.”

Dr. Rosa noted that the Netherlands celebrates

the liberation over the May 4-5 period. Students from primary schools on up take part in observances that include the celebration and honouring of the Canadian contribution.

Dr. Rosa noted that, for too long, people of colour have been largely missing from the equation—a matter that her project is aimed at setting right. She hopes to exhibit her work next April.

To that end, Dr. Rosa is reaching out to Manitoulin families who might have information and/or photos of the five soldiers from Manitoulin whose history and story she is researching for her remembrance project.

Dr. Rosa can be reached by email at mathilde.roza@ru.nl.

...Ontario Fire Marshal warns Manitoulin municipal officials

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Ethier, program specialist, field and advisory services OFM told members of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) at a meeting last week. “Our office tries to negate liability on fire departments, fire chiefs and municipalities by being here to help.”

“Our objective here tonight is to generate conversation and make a sales pitch to those of you who need help,” said Mr. Ethier, who attended the meeting along with Ashley Barbeau, fire protec-

tion field advisor and advisory services with OFM. He raised three points at the meeting. “Number one, the OFM has a training program for fire protection services (for council) which is available virtually as well. I will make that available. If all Island municipal councils would consider gathering for two or three hours we could deliver a program which lays out the responsibilities of council and fire chiefs. Secondly, we are here to mention mandatory certification and to ask if anyone knows what we are talking about. A

lot of people are nervous about training and testing. A training program requires proper documentation and testing for fire training and certification. You come for training, document it on the proper forms, write the test and, if successful, you get certified. This is all about keeping firefighters safe at fire scenes.”

Mr. Ethier pointed out, “one of the typical things that happens is that there is a disconnect between a municipal fire department and municipal councils. I don’t know if you have heard a lot from fire chiefs. How are all doing to get mandatory certification. If you have not

started your fire departments can still get there. But we have to get the ball rolling.”

Mr. Ethier also noted the required Community Risk Assessment. Municipalities need to complete a risk assessment before July 1, 2024. There has been a funding announcement of \$30 million (\$10 million per year for three years) for the fire service to help reduce cancer risks.

“Having your firefighters certified and your risk assessments completed will be some of the things we are looking for when it comes to approving grant application,” said Mr. Ethier. “We want to

see all of your fire departments working toward these three points. If you answer now, we are not doing the training or risk assessments, your application for any type for fire service won’t go through. And the risk assessment is a valuable tool to help you get to where you need to be.”

“I would also like to propose amalgamation of fire protection services on Manitoulin Island,” said Mr. Ethier. “This would mean one fire chief, one fire training officer and one fire prevention officer for the Manitoulin region. Saying I’m a volunteer

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and don't have time for this doesn't hold up. The rules are the same for firefighters in Gore Bay as in Toronto," he said noting Ms. Barbeau is the OFM advisor for the area who is available if anyone has any questions going forward.

A regional training centre would be a great facility for fire training, it would allow us to facilitate courses in the area," said Mr. Ethier. "I would strongly suggest that you take us up on the training that we provide."

Mr. Ethier noted, "Once you do the essentials training there will be tons of questions, and comments like I didn't know I was responsible for this. Then get a work plan to get to the point of firefighters being certified." Gore Bay fire chief Mike Addison offered to host an Essentials of Municipal Firefighting course on the Island or we can provide a virtual option."

"I'd rather go with the three-hour in person training session," stated Steve Wood, a Tehkumamah township councillor. "I'd be interested in tak-

ing the training course. When do you want to set it up?"

Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin said, "I would like to get feedback from fire chiefs. Is the organization (mutual aid) with island fire chiefs where they interact with each other still in place?"

Mike Addison, Gore Bay Fire Chief told the group, "I wanted this presentation to be made (to MMA). "My concern is that mandatory firefighter certification is not being taken seriously. When you are talking health, safety, how to put firefighting gear on, how to go up a ladder properly, how to be safe at a fire scene, firefighters need to prove that they are trained to a level that is recognized by the OFM. And if someone is hurt it will be the Ministry of Labour that will be looking for the training records, and if this hasn't taken place can charge councils and fire chiefs."

"We have a very good mutual aid group on Manitoulin," said Mr. Addison. "We all work together very well. If you bring another fire department in to help with a fire and they are not certified and someone gets hurt, it is the host department that is liable. I am going to be very cautious in requesting another fire department to help in a fire if they are not certified."

Mr. Addison noted that



a number of years ago fire departments could grandfather firefighters under NFPA, but since then a number of firefighters have retired or moved on. This year we had an opportunity to provide training documentation to qualify for legacy compliance. We had seven firefighters trained and certified last year. Now you need to have all the documentation in place and then bring in a lead evaluator to do the testing."

"Everyone on the fire departments are capable of doing this," stated Mr. Ethier.

MMA Chair and Billings township Mayor Bryan Barker inquired as to whether there is a set date for the mandatory fire certification and what happens if this is not met by fire departments.

"2026," stated Mr. Ethier. "We are not coming to shut down fire departments. There has been a couple of opportunities to get to this point through things like grandfathering, legacy certification program and now test-

ing—as long as you are working toward getting certified. If your fire department have to be certified at some point we I think it would be beneficial for all the fire departments to get together on this. Gore Bay for one has done rather well with their training and certification. Fire Chief Phil Goose and the Central Manitoulin department had to start from scratch and will get there. Be aware and talk to your fire departments to see what they need."

"There is a cost for the firefighter training," said Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island. "It is a cost to the municipality, no doubt."

Mr. Addison said the Gore Bay fire department has 12 of 19 firefighters certified. The other seven haven't been on the fire department long enough to be certified but are working toward it.

"We depend on our firefighters who are all volunteers," said Mr. Hayden.

"Municipalities determine the level of service that needs to be provided," said Mr. Ethier. "Most of the fire departments in the region provide exterior fire attack (interior, auto extraction is more cost)."

Mr. Addison said in 2022 there was a call with the OFM and the Solicitor General about mandatory certification that needs to be in place by 2026. If

a firefighter is under two years, and not certified they have to be with a firefighter who is certified. "I believe in the certification; I want to be protected and keep my people safe."

A question was raised by Mr. Wood as to whether there has been discussion among the fire chiefs on Manitoulin as to amalgamation of fire protection services. "There is such an administration burden on fire chiefs," said Mr. Ethier. "No different for a fire chief in Mississauga or a small rural fire department. I believe amalgamation of fire protection services would make for a very strong fire department. You would have one regional chief, one training officer and one fire prevention officer/fire inspector. You could amalgamate all firefighter services."

Dwayne Elliott, Assignack fire chief and Mr. Addison are the coordinators of the Manitoulin Mutual Aid group. "Dwayne and I feel there are opportunities out there for a shared fire chief. Not necessarily an amalgamation. Administration, chief, paperwork and shared training officer so we all have the same standard. We are volunteers and the amount of work required is becoming unmanageable," said Mr. Addison.

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...Faced with a dwindling population Gore Bay strikes a taskforce

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young families here and maintain the population we have and develop more housing so we continue to grow and keep young people and seniors here.”

He said the town has received feedback from local businesses and healthcare providers that the town does not have the housing stock to recruit and retain top talent.

The new taskforce will act as an advisory body to council to develop a fulsome action-oriented

strategy for future growth with some bold medium-term actions.

The outcome of this taskforce is to provide actions and goals for council to make better decisions on how to grow the community responsibly (growth being defined as both more resident and commercial/industrial opportunities). It will include priority areas to invest in infrastructure, servicing vacant lots, under-utilized existing buildings/land (public and private) and promot-

ing development of vacant commercial space. The taskforce will also assist in forming advice and recommendations in collaboration with staff to council.

At its recent meeting, the council agreed with the proposed changes to the current committee and council structure. Town Clerk Stasia Carr said, “three recommendations are being made by staff: presenting a new procedural bylaw including two council meetings a month, a review of coun-

cil remuneration and the creation of a planning and development taskforce.” “The current structure includes one council meeting per month supplemented by standing committees that focus on specific areas such as finance, policy and procedure, bylaws etc, through a general government committee and infrastructure and property operations through a public works and properties committee. While this structure has been (in place) for a long period of time, staff have observed its function and have increasing concerns about its efficiency and effectiveness in addressing the growing needs of the community. It is with these concerns that this new structure is being presented.

The proposed procedure bylaw introduces a shift from the existing structure to holding two council meetings each month. This change aims to improve the efficiency of council operations by reducing the backlog of agenda items and reduce the need to schedule numerous additional special council meetings. Background on the proposal indicates between 2020 and 2024, an average of four additional meetings were scheduled. New business on occasion has been presented at a council meeting only to be deferred to a committee to

discuss and make a recommendation to council which is not an efficient process.

The change, which includes the elimination of the public works and general government committees (to go with two council meetings per month), is proposed to enhance the responsiveness of the council to emerging issues and community concerns; improve on transparency of decision making by having all decisions and discussions occurring on a consistent platform instead of between several individual meetings, where minutes are recorded in numerous locations and at different scheduled times. This simplifies the record keeping as documents and actionable items which increase transparency. It is also designed to increase public opportunities with more frequent council meetings to encourage a more inclusive response.

Town Manager Harry Schlange said most progressive municipalities have two council meetings per month. He said by having a meeting every two weeks it provides for timely decision making and the ability to move things forward more expediently than monthly or calling for special council meetings, increased productivity and efficiency. It eliminates duplication by not

having to discuss the same reports twice.

Mayor Ron Lane explained, “After Harry and I discussed the taskforce we agreed the taskforce will include two members of council. I approached Dan (Osborne) and Rob (Dearing) and they both said they would be interested.”

It was explained two citizen representatives, Brian Dittmar as a special advisor on major infrastructure development projects and Carolyn Campbell as special advisor on major infrastructure development projects have agreed to be advisors to the town manager/staff, and mayor as members of the planning and development task force. It will also include Theresa Carlisle, secretary of the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB).

“The new procedural bylaw will be effective at the end of June,” Mr. Schlange told The Expositor after the council meeting, noting the new taskforce for planning and development will hold its first meeting in September.

To fulfill its mandate, the planning and development group will be reaching out to external stakeholders such as current and potential developers, local businesses, real estate representatives, current and potential investors and external planning experts.

...honoured with a Canada Post stamp

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Belcourt is a familiar face on Manitoulin Island and the North Shore as well, noted for her moccasin topper project honouring MMIWG among other installations.

A ceremony commemorating Ms. Mandamin and her activism was held Tuesday in Thunder Bay and included members of the community and her friends and family.

She’s being honoured for her tireless protection of nibi—the water—and her awareness walks around the Great Lakes to bring attention to water pollution.

Ms. Mandamin first began her water-walking journey in 2003 after hearing a prophecy from Grand Chief Eddie Benton-Banais regarding the state of the water, according to Joanne Robertson



The late Josephine Mandamin has been memorialized in a stamp.

of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, her spiritually adopted sister and author of the book ‘The Water Walker.’

Ms. Benton-Banais predicted that by 2023, water would cost as much as gold and asked Ms. Mandamin: ‘What are you going to do about it?’ Ms. Robertson recalled.

Her work inspired her

niece, Autumn Peltier, who now makes her home in Ottawa, to step into the role of the Anishnabek Nation Water Commissioner, where she has taken Ms. Mandamin’s message to the globe.

Ms. Peltier earned national recognition in her teens, when she criticized Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for choices he made for her people and the water. She continues to use her platform and voice to continue the conversation begun by her auntie.

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- **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.
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- **5:00 pm to 6:00 pm** – DJ
- **6:00 pm to 7:00 pm** – Amateur Rib Judging Main Stage
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- **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 pm to 4:00 pm** – DJ
- **4:00 pm** – Draw for \$6,000 Lions Backyard BBQ Ultimate Dream Package Sponsored by Jake's Home Centre.
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Split Rail employees credited with saving building from blaze

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Members of the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department are praising two persons for saving the Split Rail Brewing/Finnia Chocolate Cacao building from a fire that took place June 16.

“It could have been really bad,” stated Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison. “When staff arrived at the business early to open up (Split Rail) they could

smell something burning. They called the fire department to investigate and were able to put the fire out with fire extinguishers.”

“There was the potential of the entire loss of the entire building if the two people had not been there in the building that day,” stated Duncan Sinclair, deputy fire chief. “The fire was caused by an electrical issue, and fortunately

they were there, smelt smoke and used the fire extinguishers to knock the flames down.” He pointed out the fire department had been called to the scene of the fire at 10 am.

Mr. Addison confirmed the fire started in the building electrical room. “When our firefighters arrived on the scene, we made sure the power in the building was out, everyone was safe, opened

the back door and used a fan to ventilate the building.”

“The two staff members probably saved the building,” said Mr. Addison. The two included Shirley De Roche, Split Rail’s assistant general manager, and Ricardo Buchanan of R&R Eats and Treats.

Andrea Smith, co-owner of Split Rail said in an email to The Expositor, “On behalf of everyone at



Gore Bay firefighters are rewarded for their efforts with a sweet treat from Finnia’s Chocolate.

It is an essential part of the beer making process. Having this system down in peak season is a significant challenge. That said, the situation could have been much worse, so we are focused on the positives and repairs.”

“In addition to Shirley and Ricardo, Split Rail

thanks the Gore Bay volunteer firefighters for their quick attendance to the brewery on Father’s Day,” said Ms. Smith. “We also thank Ontario Hydro for their involvement in shutting off the power to ensure everyone’s safety. Thanks are also due to Bob Foster and Dave Hall for their prompt assistance. There are many others owed thanks including Jeff Gilmore and Manitoulin Transport, our landlord for their ongoing assistance, and our co-located friends at Finnia Chocolate and Cacao. We have received overwhelming offers of assistance and support which softens this setback and motivates us all. We hope to have our production systems up and running again soon. Until then our fridges are well stocked. Thank you all for supporting small businesses!”

Split Rail we express immense gratitude to Shirley De Roche, Split Rail’s assistant general manager and Ricardo Buchanan of R&R Eats and Treats for their exceptional response to an electrical fire at Split Rail on Sunday, June 16 at 10 am.”

“First and foremost, we are profoundly thankful that nobody was injured,” wrote Ms. Smith. “We also feel fortunate that damage was kept to a minimum. These outcomes, zero injuries and minimal damage to property and equipment, are very much due to Shirley’s quick thinking and skilled interventions,” continued Ms. Smith. “While the fire was small, it was not insignificant in terms of damage to the electrical infrastructure that supports Split Rail’s glycol system. Glycol keeps beer at precise and required temperatures for fermentation and aging.

...Canada Day events abound on Manitoulin

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Saturday, things get hopping with the annual Canada Day parade starting at 11 am and the Mindemoya arena will be filled with vendors plying their wares. A special open house will take place at the museum featuring an extensive collection of family trees. Starting at 12 pm, there will be bouncy castles, games and prizes beside the Lions Pavilion. Throughout the day there will be musical entertainment (see ad on Page 15 for details).

On Sunday, the Mindemoya Classic run, swim, paddle triathlon returns, starting at the government docks. The market continues in the Mindemoya arena and from 12 noon to 6 pm the amateur rib cookoff takes place while at 7 pm it’s time for the professionals to take a hand. The evening will close out with music and fireworks at dusk.

On Monday, Canada Day, the day will start at 11 am with a DJ, followed by Tristen Hall at 12 pm. The Mindy Indy Soap Box Derby starts at 1:30 pm, followed by more music and the draw for the \$6,000 Lions Backyard Barbecue Ultimate Dream Package, sponsored by Jake’s Home Hardware.

The Providence Bay Canada Day celebrations take place at the Discovery Centre with face painting, kids’ games on the beach, cake and lemonade from 5 to 7 pm in the hall (live music by Saving Grace at 6:30 pm). Fireworks take place at dusk.

Little Current BIA Canada Day Summer Fair down-

town events include a kids’ run that starts at 9:15 am at Low Island, a Canada Day farmers’ market, Junk in the Trunk at the NEMI Recreation Centre, a street market featuring crafters, artisans and more on the downtown streets (closed to traffic on this day), live music at the Cenotaph Park featuring Robbie Shawana and friends, and the singing of O Canada will take place in both English and Anishinaabemowin (led by Katie Harper). There will also be bouncy castles for the kids and cupcakes for the masses.

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor annual barbecue, yard and bake sale will also be a happening spot. The yard sale starts at 8 am and the barbecue at 11 am.

The South Baymouth celebrations start off with the annual fireman’s yard sale at 8 am, including a bake sale, silent auction, parade, fish fry and fireworks. There will be all-day events to entertain and amaze.

Ice Lake will be holding their annual picnic at the Ice Lake Community Centre starting at 12 pm. There will be kids’ games, races, a bazaar and auction, pickup ball game in this old school country picnic.

Gore Bay will start off Canada Day with a pancake breakfast from 9 am to 12 pm, with a parade at 11 am and a barbecue starting at noon. Yard games will also start at noon until 3 pm with fireworks taking place at dusk (weather depending).



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Assiginack Public Library joins Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—There is no star in country music more beloved than the legendary Dolly Parton. As one of the best-selling musicians of all time (100 million-plus album sales) and a reputation as a savvy businesswoman she has also become a philanthropist of the first water during her 50-year career. Her influence on youth literacy through her innovative 'Imagination Library' has stretched far and wide across the globe, even onto Manitoulin's shores.

The Assiginack Public Library, with the help of community supporters, has signed onto the Dolly Parton Foundation initiative that will see children aged zero to five years of age receive an age-appropriate book each month—all free of charge.

Assiginack librarian Kari Gerhard explains that the Dolly Parton Foundation partly funds the program, with generous donations from community groups and individuals like the Assiginack Family Health Team (although the municipal council declined to chip in).

The program is open to every child up to the age of five, regardless of means, in order to prevent the books from becoming "the poor kids' books." Thanks to the program, close to 60 children in Assiginack will be receiving the books in the mail—the first group in July. "Families can sign up any time before the end of June to receive a book in August," said Ms. Gerhard.

The librarian explains that the country singer grew up poor and did not have books in her home when she was a child and does not want that fate to befall other young people.

"These are real books," notes Ms. Gerhard. "Six different ones based on age-appropriate levels."

At present, the program is open to children in Assiginack, but she notes that any community could set up the program.

Ms. Gerhard stresses the importance of having books in the home for the development of children, with stud-



Young Archie Moggy grabbed a book and settled in for a good read under the watchful shadow of country music legend Dolly Parton. The photo was an unposed moment caught by the librarian.

photo by Kari Gerhard.jpg

ies showing that having as few as 20 books in a home can propel children into higher education. "With this program a child will have 60 books by the time they are five-years-old," she said.

Books have a myriad of positive impacts on a child's development and a parent's connection to their child. Reading to a child from a young age has been shown to improve bonding and reading has enormous impacts on the development of a child's socialization and can help with language acquisition, communication skills, social skills and literacy skills.

In a letter posted to her Imagination Library site, Ms. Parton cites her motivation for creating the program in 1995. "Before he passed away, my Daddy told me the Imagination Library was probably the most important thing I had ever done. I can't tell you how much that meant to me because I created the Imagination Library as a tribute to my Daddy. He was the smartest man I have ever known but I know in my heart his inability to read probably kept him from fulfilling all of his dreams.

"Inspiring kids to love to read became my mission. In the beginning, my hope was simply to inspire the children in my home county but here we are today with a worldwide program that gives a book a month to well over one million children.

"Of course, I have not done this alone. The real heroes of our story are the thousands of local organizations who have embraced my dream and made it their own. They raise millions of dollars each year and wake up every day with a passion to make sure their kids have every opportunity to succeed.

"It's been quite a journey, but we have so much more left to do. I would love for your community to join our family so please take the time to explore our website. Let's share this dream that all children should grow up in a home full of books.

"The first step is always the hardest, but you'll never know unless you try..."

Musical benefit concert raises funds for Manitoulin Family Resources



by Sharon Jackson

MANITOULIN—Choir leaders Jane Best and Chris Theijsmeijer's "gift to the community" was a benefit concert with proceeds to Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR). It was meant to not only be a choral event, but one to offer assistance.

MFR board chair Suzanne Norris

Singing for folks' suppers. Members of Island choirs perform at a benefit concert for Manitoulin Family Resources.

addressed the audience and performers saying, "it is a pleasure and honour to be here tonight." Ms Norris shared some startling and concerning statistics and a call for community action. MFR experienced a 64 per cent increase in demand throughout April-May 2024 compared to the same time period the previous year while concurrently experiencing a 81 per cent reduction in the volume of food donations throughout the same time period.



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...Volunteer, resident feted at annual Manitoulin Lodge barbecue

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do is exceptional, and we truly appreciate you all and thank you for all your hard work and dedication to our home," said Ms. Kalmikov. "I hope everyone can enjoy this event, raising funds to continue to support all the wonderful activities our volunteers arrange. Please join us in a round of applause for our amazing volunteers."

"Every year we have a hard decision to make, as we choose a volunteer to receive the Circle of Excellence award," stated Gloria Hall, activities coordinator at the Lodge. "This award is given to someone who goes above and beyond to make our home the best it can be for the residents who call Manitoulin Lodge home."

"This year's winner is most deserving and chosen by both residents and volunteers," said Ms. Hall. "Donna Marine Noble (Foster) was born on January 26, 1957 to Marie and Joe Foster. Her early years began in the Waldimer-Grant Valley area, but life took a significant turn when her family moved to Manitoulin Island, the place where her father Joe was from. The eldest of seven children, she quickly learned the values of responsibility, dedication and care as both her parents held full-time jobs in care-oriented professions."

"Growing up in this environment, where the values of hard work, empathy and community service were not just taught but demonstrated daily, profoundly shaped Donna as an individual," said Ms. Hall. "Her parents' dedication to helping others instilled in her a lifelong commitment to volunteering and making a positive community impact, with selflessness and civic duty ingrained from an early age," continued Ms. Hall.

Ms. Noble went on to have four children, Dawn, Sara, Kurtis and Kyle, and became a proud grandmother to 11 grandchildren: Braydon, Brianna, Patrick, Rowan, Ben, Isla, Blair, Archie Aedan, Vivianne and Alena. She has always been the cornerstone to her family," continued Ms. Hall. "While her husband was busy building the family business, she not only held a full-time job in the Land Registry Office but also managed a bustling household. From coordinating numerous sports and social activities, preparing meals and handling household chores, to organizing appointments and childcare, she did it all with love and made sure she gave individual attention to whomever needed it."

"Donna's involvement in the extracurricular activities of her children was abundant. Whether sewing Halloween costumes or outfits for figure skating carnivals, baking for school functions, decorating for special occasions or working at hockey events to fundraise for her children's

teams and activities, her dedication extended beyond her own children as she always instilled the importance of caring for our community at large," said Ms. Hall.



Jaime Lynn-Kalmikov, administrator of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in photo left and Gloria Hall, activities coordinator at the Lodge, flank volunteer Donna Noble who was presented with the Circle of Excellence volunteer award. The presentation was made at the Lodge annual barbecue party last Friday in Gore Bay.

Ms. Hall explained, "As her children grew older and started their own families, Donna shifted her focus to community-based volunteering. She helped found the Friends of the Community Hall, raising money for upgrades and improvements. Her efforts also benefited the Friends of the Playground and the Gore Bay recreation committee, ensuring that the wider community had access to better facilities. Additionally, Donna helps periodically with the United Church, contributing to events and fundraising initiatives."

"Even as Donna immerses herself in community volunteerism, she never ceased to care for her family. She lovingly cared for her mother Marie and supported her mother-in-law Ruby in their final stages, taking them to appointments, out for drives and dinner, bringing them meals and simply spending time with them, making sure they felt loved and cared for," said Ms. Hall. "Today, she is deeply involved in caring for her dad Joe and the grandchildren whenever needed. Donna never stops giving!"

"Donna is a true testament to the power of dedication, love and community spirit," stated Ms. Hall. "She is an amazing role model and inspires her family to adopt the same approach to life. Donna's life of service has touched so many, and her legacy of care and volunteerism will continue to influence us all."

"She continues to encourage her children to volunteer. We are lucky that two of her children have volunteered today, Kyle and Kurtis. Dawn has provided some of this information as I am sure the others had a hand," continued Ms. Hall.

"Donna makes a difference in the lives of many, she organizes the hair care volunteers, (volunteers who assist Jackie the hairdresser, she helps with various events like supper club, ladies' breakfast and special monthly events and

outings like picnics, attending community functions and attending Community Church to name a few."

"Donna is a valuable member of the hard-work-

ing volunteer program. She attends monthly meetings and steps up to fill a position when someone is absent," said Ms. Hall. "She also makes sure residents are not forgotten by sending out sympathy cards to family, get well, thinking of you and other cards."

"Donna has been a great asset with organizing events like this one today," said Ms. Hall. "It's a great pleasure to present this much deserved Circle of Excellence award to Donna

Noble. Congratulations!"

To begin the ceremony, Ms. Hall read a Land Acknowledgment to coincide with the June 21 National Indigenous Day. Music was provided throughout the late

morning and early afternoon by Family Tradition while Lodge volunteers put on a barbecue and bake sale.

The event was sponsored by the Manitoulin Lodge volunteer program

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...Now and Then: Rosemary Wakegijig

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son of Wiikwemikoong's Chief John Wakegijig. "One winter, Dad came home, cured of TB. This was long after our parents had split. He started to cut and scale pulpwood for Ron's dad, John Wakegijig." Ron and Rosemary became well-acquainted and decided to marry on June 29, 1968. "We exchanged vows in the South Bay Church. It was a big wedding, with many band members attending. For our honeymoon, I was hoping for Hawaii, but we went for a bush ride in Chapleau instead."

"After my three-year job with DIA, I found similar employment with the OPP, the Ontario Provincial Police, District 13 of the Manitoulin-Sudbury area. I did shorthand and administrative work." After completing her OPP work, Rosemary returned to Wiikwemikoong and became a counsellor for the youngest band members. "I taught them to draw using our language. They



Rosemary as a residential school survivor' meeting Pope Francis in Quebec City in July, 2022.



Rosemary in the middle with her fellow graduates of St. Mary's Commercial Academy in North Bay in June of 1966.

were encouraged to find interesting rocks, make art out of the rocks, and use that art to tell a story in our language." In later years, Rosemary opened the Contact North office for adult education in the basement of the band office. She helped band members with programs like forest technician, recreation workers and teachers of adults.

Ron and Rosemary had five children, Annelind, John, Lara, Amy Jo and Kristin. Annelind, a physician, is married to John Syrette, and they have a son, Peter. When Annelind had finished her medical degree, Dr. Jack Bailey proudly gave her the graduation document and beamed as he announced that he had delivered Annelind. Son

John is married to Jennifer, a dietitian. They have two children, Connor and Grace. Daughter Lara has three children, William, Jeffery and Lea. Amy Jo has two girls, Cody Jane and Rhea Rose. Kristin was in her final year of studies in the law and justice program, which was later dropped by the university. Four grandkids are graduating now, two boys, Peter and Jeffery, Codie Jane from Marymount Academy in Sudbury and Gabby from the university in Victoria.

Were you named after anyone? "My aunt Rose Peltier and the Virgin Mary. It was normal to have a saint as part of your name. My confirmation name is "Kateri." She was a Native saint before she became an official saint. There was a feast for her a week ago."

Most important event in your life? "Having children and being a grandmother to nine grandchildren: Gabby, William, Peter, Jeffery, Lea, Grace, John, Codie Jane and Rhea. I love all of them and I am teaching them to pray."

Favourite pets? "Two German shepherds, Sarge and Tim. We also had a beagle, a Jack Russell and lots of cats. At one time,

Annelind had 13 cats in the barn. The oldest feline was Goldilocks. Annelind liked to talk to the dogs and cats. In grade three she brought home a very sick cat. She tried to save it with a drop of Pepto Bismol and sat up with the cat all night. Sadly, the cat died in the morning and Annelind missed a half day of school. She

had wanted to be a vet when she grew up, but she changed her mind. "I want to be a doctor now, because people can tell me what's wrong, animals can't."

Favourite season? "Spring, June. Everything is fresh. Leaves and grass and flowers are up. June 21 is the first day of summer and Ron and I became a couple on June 29."

Favourite collections? "Rocks. Collecting rocks with Dad. One rock had the very image of Santa Claus! Our favourite place to find them was Fossil Hill near Eagle's nest and the Kicking Mule Ranch.

Favourite celebration? "My first communion and confirmation at my wedding, which encouraged

a strengthening of the heart. Family weddings and anniversaries were important too."

Strengths? "Our Native language and the grammar and spelling for both Anishinabek and English languages. Empathy, counselling and financial assistance can also be added. If students needed money for important tasks they got it. I also provided rides to important events.

Awards or trophies? Rosemary was awarded 'Counsellor of the Year' at the Ontario Education Counsellors Association Conference in Toronto in the 1990s. "I counselled high school students to help increase attendance and deal with the social

aspects of higher education for students heading to institutions in Sault St. Marie, North Bay, Espanola, Sudbury and here at Manitoulin Secondary School. I was also part of ALANON for alcohol addiction when my husband was battling with this. I am still a member today."

Something you still want to do? "Travel to the east coast and to Victoria on the west coast to see my adopted grandchild, Gabby. She has a special place in my heart, too."

Holiday traditions? "The big Pow Wow in early August. I was the Pow Wow Princess in 1967. The Pow Wow was held simultaneously with the Haweater Weekend in Little Current. Wiikwemikoong and the Little Current Lions Clubs planned these two events simultaneously."

Other contributions? "Cambrian College Heritage Committee member. I attended meetings with Honorine Wright, Marjorie Reynolds, Margaret and Art Vondette, and I taught tap-dancing. We also taught jazz dancing, square dancing, clogging and disco dancing to children aged 6-12. One year, our group went to an international dance competition and we did quite well."

What are you most afraid of? "Snakes and losing my licence."

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Birthday photo with the grandkids, from left, Connor, Peter, William, Lea, Codie, Rosemary with mum and Reah Rose and Grace.

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Sheshegwaning welcomes visitors to its 27th Annual powwow

by Tom Sasvari
SHESHEGWANING—The Sheshegwaning First Nation held its annual powwow this past weekend with a large number of dancers and visitors joining in the festivities.

“We would like to welcome everyone to our 27th annual powwow,” stated Sheshegwaning Chief Alana Endanawas following the grand entry of the powwow Saturday. “We hope that you will enjoy cultivating the rich tradition of our heritage and culture and all the enjoyment of the powwow this weekend.”

Despite less-than-ideal conditions for the weekend with lots of rain having fallen (especially Saturday) it did not deter a large crowd of dancers on hand, several drums, great food, plenty of vendors and much more.

As master of ceremo-

nies Joey Laford Jr. stated Saturday, despite the inclement weather, “We will still have the best powwow Sheshegwaning has ever had.”

“No matter what the weather is doing, I am seeing a lot of smiling faces today,” said Mr. Laford.

The head dancers for the weekend were Justin Antoine and Shawnee Jacko, with the head veteran being Will Morin. There were several drums on hand including the host drum Island Boys, co-host drum Red River, and Spirit Bear.

There were several vendors on hand selling their wares or selling delicious food. There was breakfast available for all those in attendance on both days, provided by the powwow organizing committee.

The theme for this year’s powwow was “We Will Always Stand Strong.”



Sheshegwaning First Nation held its 27th annual powwow this past weekend with a large number of dancers participating.



This young woman was one of the many dancers who took part in the annual Sheshegwaning First Nation powwow this past weekend.



Will Morin of Michipicoten First Nation, who served in the first Gulf War, presented this flag to Sheshegwaning First Nation at the community’s 27th annual powwow this past weekend. Mr. Morin helped design the flag which was produced by Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.



Dancers of all ages took part in the annual Sheshegwaning First Nation powwow, held this past weekend.

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notice

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

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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**

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**

Huge yard sale, every weekend until all is gone, weather permitting, 9 am to 6 pm at 806 Cape Smith Road, Wiikwemkoong. Antiques, household, electronics, clothing, crafts, auto, running 2008 Ford Escape. Something for everyone, everything must go. **5-6p**

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**

Large garage sale at 18246 Hwy 540, Evansville (second driveway past Misery Bay) on Saturday, June 29 and Sunday, June 30 from 8 am to 6 pm. ATVs, Jet Ski, fishing equipment, chainsaw, tools, furniture, over 500 CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes. Everything must go. **6c**

Garage sale at 82 Cattail Ridge, Manitowaning on Saturday, June 29 from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine. Ladies' plus size clothes and shoes, boat and motor, small outboards, 12' round kids' pool, books, DVDs, tools, kitchen stuff, kids' toys, double hard gun case, downriggers, etc. **6c**

Yard sale at 11 Moggy Parkway, Sunsite Estates, Manitowaning on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29 from 9 am to 5 pm. **6p**

Yard sale at 190 North Channel Drive, Little Current on Saturday, June 29 from 9 am to 4 pm. Cancelled if rain. Household items, antiques and games. Something for everyone! Cash only. **6p**

Yard sale at 23 Tekumah Street, Sheguiandah on Saturday, June 29 from 8 am to 2 pm. Dishes, bedding, collectibles, adult walker, bath chair, plus so much more. **6c**

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Yard sale at 387 Lakeshore Road, Kagawong on Saturday, June 29, Sunday, June 30 and Monday, July 1 from 9 am to ? Patio set, small kitchen appliances, kids' clothing and toys and more. **6c**

church services

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

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

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coming events

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Spring and summer clothing, shoes, household items and miscellaneous. The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Nearly-new clothing, shoes and various treasures. **52-6p**

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**

The Little Schoolhouse Museum in South Baymouth, along with South Shore Firemen, SBCDA and St. Andrew's by-the-Sea, will be holding their Canada Day celebrations on Saturday, June 29 starting at 8 am with the firemen's yard sale, breakfast, bake sale, silent auction, barbecue, parade, fish fry and fireworks. Come and enjoy our all-day events. **6p**

Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall again this year is having a cold turkey take-out dinner on July 10 from 5 to 6:30 pm for \$25 per plate. To reserve your dinner for pick-up, please call Myrna Ferguson, 705-368-3638; Mary Ellen Myers 705-368-3746; or Gail Gjos, 705-368-2589. Delivery available in Little Current. Serving turkey, dressing, cranberries, potato salad, coleslaw, tomatoes, cucumbers, pickles, roll and strawberry cheesecake. Please reserve by July 8. **6-7p**

services

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give or receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Sunday May 26 at the Gore Bay Legion, 2 to 4 pm; Wednesday, June 26 at the Mindemoya Council Chambers, 2 to 4 pm; No meeting in July; Sunday, August 25 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie, 705-507-0433, tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531, bnannoc@gmail.com. **tfn**

coming events

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**

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**

Fish Fry at John Budd Park, South Baymouth on Saturday, June 29 at 5 pm. Fish, chips, coleslaw, cake, ice cream and beverages included. Adults, \$25; children under 5, free. Sponsored by St. Andrews by-the-Sea United Church. **6p**

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

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

Attention artisans, crafters and home business owners

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There is no charge to participate and advertising is provided.

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For further details, please contact Lisa at (705) 862-2538

...Now and Then: Rosemary Wakegijig

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Looking back, is there something you would do differently if you could? "I would have been more patient with my dad. He was in his early 80s and moving slowly at the time. He eventually died at 84 with an infection that couldn't be identified."

When you were a child, was there something you wanted to be as an adult? "I wanted to be a regis-

tered nurse because I was impressed with the crisp white uniform."

Recipe for happiness? "Offering prayers and being thankful for what you have. I have enjoyed good health. We all have the land, the sea, the earth and the sky."

Favourite verse? The Serenity Prayer.

"My experience at Residential School balanced the trials with the tri-

umphs and perhaps the overall memory of it all is more positive, but that was not the experience every one of us had." Rosemary is part of the Christian Living Community, a worldwide organization. She is proud that she is part of the Wiikwemikoong Unceded Territory of Manitoulin. "Originally the six reserves on Manitoulin had the whole Island but

that changed when immigration was opened to Europeans. Now we live together with everyone, and Manitoulin is still the

best. It is the last place I want to be when my time comes. It is the Island of the Great Spirit, Manitou and we are blessed with

many medicinal plants. I have been all over the world and there is no other place like our special Manitoulin Island."

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thank you

The family of the late Jim Sloss would like to thank their friends and the community for their truly overwhelming support, kindness and friendship. Your kind words, cards, telephone calls, visits, food and donations have really been appreciated. Your support has helped us through this very sad time. Thank you! Sharon, Christy and Bill

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The family of Margaret Witty would like to thank all those who remembered her while still residing in her home at Millsite apartments and also when she was hospitalized. Your phone calls, visits, flowers, cards, treats and many meals were appreciated by her. To the entire staff of the Mindemoya hospital, Manitoulin Health Centre, we thank you for her care and encouragement. The extra touches you made to make her 95th birthday special was appreciated by all of us. Although her stay at Manitoulin Centennial Manor was short, we thank management and staff for their care and respect and for the touching reading and beautiful candle light full honour guard as she was escorted from the facility. Thank you for honouring your residents in this way when they pass on. To the Gore Bay Medical Centre and Dr. Shelagh McRae, words of thanks are not enough for the care and concern you have not only given to Mom over the years but also to her family.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Bidwell Township, Lot 28, Concession 11, RP31R3412 Part 1 TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **July 16, 2024** at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning amendment to Zoning By-law No. 2018-41, as amended for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C. P. 13. to amend the zoning on Bidwell Township, Lot 28, Concession 11, RP31R3412 Part 1 from Quarry to Rural.

This 50 acre piece of property surrendered the Quarry licence in 2018 and is now being utilized as a residential lot.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact Pam Myers, Clerk, Box 608, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Pam Myers, Clerk, Box 608 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0.


An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2024-06-26
Pam Myers, Clerk
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
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Death Notices

ELEANOR DIANE LENTIR (nee Greenway)
December 28, 1946 - June 10, 2024



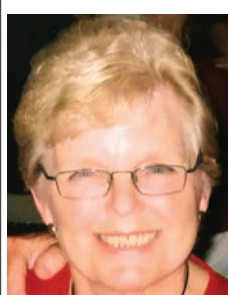
It is with heavy hearts we announce the death of our beloved mother, nana, sister and aunt, Eleanor Diane Lentir (nee Greenway), who passed away June 10, 2024. Wife of Mike (predeceased). Mother of Kurt (Sherry), Ben (Crystal) and Luke (Trishia). Nana to Karlee, Katelyn, George, Kasch, Alston, Peggy, Debbie, Buddy and Shea. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Eleanor was born December 28, 1946 in South Baymouth during a snow storm to Captain John Greenway Sr. and Lillian (Gelston). Loving sister to Loretta (Greenway) Mucha and Captain John Greenway Jr. (Anita). Eleanor wore many hats, executive secretary at CKLW radar station Windsor; bookkeeper at a provincial park; secretary at McDermid's Home Hardware, Providence Bay; Post Mistress for Canada Post, all while working at the family lumber mill. However, her most important position was wife, mother, nan and sister. She cherished her family above all. As a community member she worked tirelessly for Michael's Bay Historical Society, Little Schoolhouse Museum, South Bay Community Association, and if there was a dinner needed anywhere, she was there. She touched so many lives and will be dearly missed by all. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in her memory to Michael's Bay Historical Society, South Baymouth Community Association, Little Schoolhouse Museum or a charity of your choice.

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

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

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Celtic-Irish spirituality underpins new novel based on Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT— Nearly every year since she was seven, Emily De Angelis and her family came to Manitoulin to camp, her experiences here led the author to not only settle on the Island but to set her latest novel, 'The Stones of Burren Bay' here on the Island as well.

"My mom was physically disabled," said Ms. De Angelis, "so we had some times where we were homebound but my parents bought a trailer, so we came here and stayed at Green Acres." "When we got married and had children, my husband and I started coming to the Island with them, first as tenters, then that got old and we bought a trailer. In 2018, we bought property on Ice Lake."

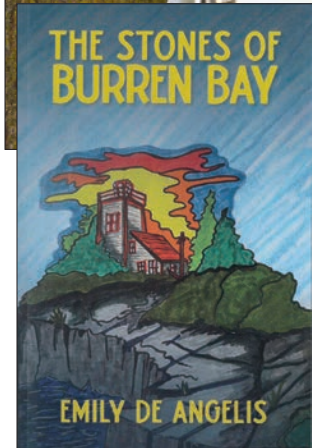
The couple are currently building their dream home here on Manitoulin. "When I say we're building, I mean he and I are building—like physically building. We bring in my sister and my brother-in-law on occasion, but yeah we're doing it ourselves. The exterior is entirely finished, we have water, we have hydro to the building, it's been roughed in, but you know, we have one outlet," she laughs ruefully. "But we're happy as pigs in poop with one of them. We have

been living in an old six-wheel trailer on the property until it's done. So, we're hoping by the end of the summer all of the electrical plumbing and septic will be in."

"In 1992, after we both finished university, we came to the Island to live and work," said Ms. De Angelis. "My husband received grants to finish school if he went to an underserved area afterwards. So, we were in Mindemoya at the hospital there for a little bit and while we were living here, we met people, you know, formed friendships and they brought somebody who lived on the Western part of the Island. They took us out there and that's when I saw my first lighthouse in person and that had a huge impact—set that little seed of the story."

But that was just the seed and there were many miles to go before she could set pen to paper.

"There's a difference between loving to write and knowing how to write," she said. "Knew I needed to invest some time in learning how to craft. I joined organizations, I took courses and workshops, and then I received an Ontario Arts Council Grant. That allowed me to do the Humber School for writers. I got accepted to work there and that's where



Author Emily De Angelis has used Manitoulin as her muse for her latest novel 'The Stones of Burren Bay.' photo by Michael Erskine

the bulk of the novel started and got fleshed out."

"The Celtic spiritualism came in because, around the same time I was also doing family history research and on my father's side, his mother, her people came from Ireland in 1830 and settled in Southwestern Ontario—and so that whole thing took me

down the Irish road." "So that got me thinking about the whole Irish component and then I needed a place," said Ms. De Angelis. "The Island was perfect because in my opinion, and I don't know if it's the Indigenous history or what, but there is a spiritual sense to this place. I'm not Indigenous, I didn't want to suggest that, although I have Indigenous characters and Indigenous themes, but I don't have and I'm not Indigenous."

Her protagonist is not Indigenous. "I wanted another kind of spiritu-

ality in it that seemed natural and one of my characters is a spirit who came to Manitoulin Island with her father to

manage a lighthouse in the late 1800s."

"That brought everything together and then the last piece was because of the alvar pavements, the limestone formations on the West End of the Island," she said. "They have similar ones in a place called The Burren in Ireland and County Clare. So, I did some research around that and that seemed to have a connection as well—a unifying element. It just seemed to be the right place and I love coming here and I love being here and it's very inspirational as a writer." Ms. De Angelis will be at the Jabbawong Storytelling Festival in Kagawong on July 6, where she will be reading from her works and her book, published by Sudbury's Latitude46 Publishing Company, is available in The Expositor bookstore.

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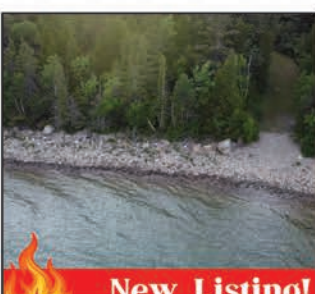
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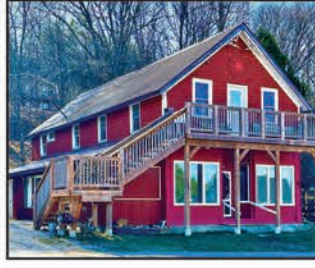
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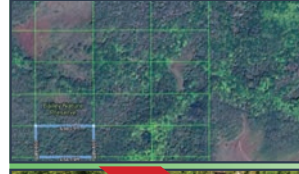
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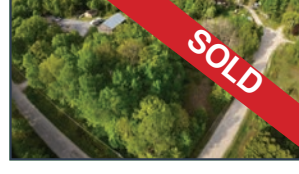
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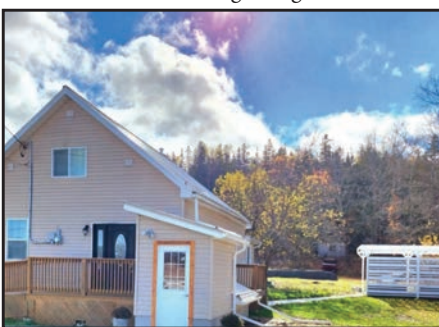
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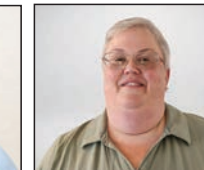
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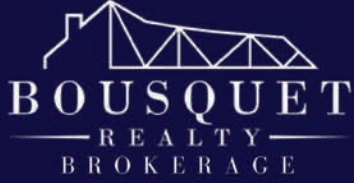
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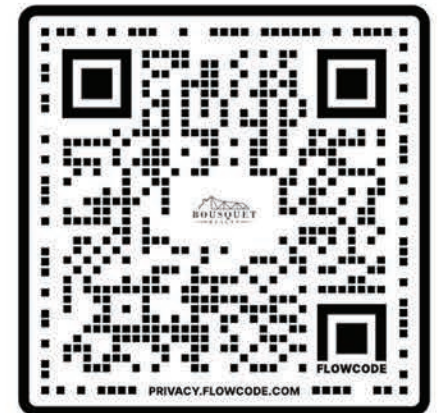


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National Lacrosse League Cup designed and created by Island artist

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—The new National Lacrosse League (NLL) Cup presented to the NLL champion Buffalo Bandits in May was designed and created by an artist on Manitoulin Island.

“To create a trophy for a professional league is pretty special,” stated Kathryn Corbiere, of One Kwe. “This is a well-established league in the US and Can-

ada.” and creating a new cup. Darren Sudman (a corporate social responsibility consultant with the NLL) contacted Ms. Corbiere. Several months later he asked for a concept design, “so it took a while to actually get a concept to him and a description.”

“By last fall I had a concept for the trophy for them to look over,” said Ms. Corbiere. Late this winter and early spring a final design

bou, who has a lathe large enough to handle that size of circumference. She did the drawings for Mr. Masbou to create the cup on the bottom and hollow out some of the top and the bottom to eliminate the weight. The stainless steel piece was 240 pounds at the beginning. When it was completed it was just under 24 pounds.

Ms. Corbiere then created the base and the handles, the latter are wing-like, that were attached to the top of the trophy. As soon as she understood that the winning team would want to drink out of the cup, she knew it had to be in a circle.

A story published on the new trophy by the NLL noted, “The new NLL Cup trophy design integrates the legendary history lacrosse-North America’s original pastime created as highly revered cultural events by Indigenous peoples throughout the US and Canada, with a bold and modern look fitting for the NLL, ‘The Next Major League.’”

“The new design also symbolizes the celebration and thanksgiving the players and their communities gave to the Creator during these gatherings that started generations ago, invit-



The Buffalo Bandits of the National Lacrosse League celebrate their recent league championship final win! The team was presented with the NLL championship trophy, created and designed by Kathryn Corbiere, of one KWE.



Kathryn Corbiere is shown creating the new National Lacrosse League cup.



The trophy in its travelling box.

ada.”

“And it was pretty neat that I had a chance (along with father Ray) to watch the final series game two (which the Buffalo Bandits won) and I got to go out on the pitch to help present the trophy to the winning team.”

The Buffalo team won the NLL championship on May 18, said Ms. Corbiere. She explained the NLL had a third-party contact “reach out to me over a year ago” about designing

was selected and work on creating the trophy began.

It took a few weeks to make the trophy, said Ms. Corbiere. She explained the main structure of the Cup was made out of one solid piece of stainless steel, seven inches thick. She worked with Island machinist Pierre Mas-

ing everyone to welcome the sacred, spiritual, and communitarian aspects of the sport, and to honour not only the winners, but all players, the spectators and the history of the game,” the NLL story said.

This is the first trophy/cup that Ms. Corbiere has designed.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

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Island Elementary Track and Field

The annual Manitoulin Elementary Track and Field championships took place over the last week. Schools from Gore Bay, Mindemoya, Manitowaning, Wiikwemkoong, M'Chigeeng, Little Current and also from Sagamok First Nation! They all traveled to the west end for the field events at Charles C. McLean in Gore Bay and down east to Manitowaning for the track events.

After both days, awards were given out, the winning school trophy and individual aggregated medals. In the Nine and Under girls' division, **Mylah Wakegijig** from Wasse Abin Pontiac School (W.P.S.) took 9 points for gold. **Sulla Sheppard** from Central Manitoulin Public School (C.M.P.S.) got 7 points and silver. Then, there was a three-way tie for bronze with five points for **Ashlyn Pegelo**, Little Current Public School (L.C.P.S.), **Emma Larabie** (L.C.P.S.) and **Isabel Deacon** from Central Manitoulin Public School (C.M.P.S.).

The 9 and Under boys' division was won by **Memphis Gaiashk** from Wasse Abin Pontiac School (W.P.S.) in Wiikwemkoong. **Tate Abbotossaway** of L.C.P.S. was close behind with 9 points and then **Drew Debassige** of C.M.P.S. was bronze with 7 tallies.

In the 10-Year-Old Girls' division, **Brenna Pollard** (L.C.P.S.) had a perfect 12 points for gold. Also from Little Current was teammate **Alivia Callaghan** with silver and **Ayleana McDermid** from Assiginack Public School (A.P.S.) with bronze. The 10-Year-Old Boys' division was also won with a perfect score of 12 for L.C.P.S. athlete **Jack Bentley**, with **Oliver Wilding** super close behind with 11 for silver and **Jayden Huang** (A.P.S.) for bronze.

In the 11-Year-Old Girls' medal race there was a nearly perfect 11 for both **Ella King** and **Kailyn Inglis** of L.C.P.S.! A point behind with 10 points each was **Jenny Wright** of Charles C. McLean (C.C.M.P.S.) and **Priscilla Recllet-Case** (A.P.S.). The race for bronze was even tighter with a three-way lock! The trio included **Emma Chaytor** (C.C.M.P.S.), **Lily Cobbs** (C.C.M.P.S.) and **Miah Hughson** (A.P.S.).

The 11-Year-Old Boys' category gold medalists were **Boston Abbotos-**

saway (L.C.P.S.) and **Ryan Mularickal** (C.M.P.S.) who both had 10 points. **Graeme Becks** (C.M.P.S.) got silver with 9 and **Rowan McCann** (C.C.M.P.S.) had 7 for bronze.

In the 12-Year-Old Girls' race, **Nova Debassige** (C.M.P.S.) not only won gold, she also set a new record (in the **Dan Smith** era!) in the 200m with a 29.44 clocking! **Myla Edralin** (L.C.P.S.) got silver and **Ava Hartley** (A.P.S.) and **Rylee Williamson** (C.C.M.P.S.) tied for the bronze position.

The 12-Year-Old Boys' medals went to **Finn Flanagan** (C.C.M.P.S.) with a perfect 12 for gold! **David Joyce** (C.C.M.P.S.) had 10 for silver, **Casey Bowerman** (L.C.P.S.) and **William McKeown** (A.P.S.) both got bronze.

In the 13-Year-Old Girls' division, L.C.P.S.'s **Arabella Otosquaioob** also earned a perfect score for gold! **Brynn Best** (C.C.M.P.S.) and **Rowyn Kasunich** of Lakeview School (LPS) tied for silver. **Mila Odjig** (W.P.S.) got bronze.

In the 13-Year-Old Boys' category, **Colin Goodfellow** (L.C.P.S.) tied with **Max King** (L.C.P.S.) with 11 points for gold. **Spencer Cortes** (L.C.P.S.) got silver and **Charles Skippen** (C.M.P.S.) tied with **Sean Zembal** (C.M.P.S.) for bronze.

Next week, I will have the other records that fell!

NHL Draft

Many local hockey fans will be watching the NHL draft this weekend. Of course, many will be watching our adopted son, **Carter George** and wondering when and where he will go. Traditionally, teams rarely pick goaltenders in the first round but with the importance of the position, once again in the NHL playoffs, you never know. Good luck, Carter...and Mom and Dad, of course!

Mindemoya Classic goes Sunday!

Check out the Events page on the Breakaway Sports website to learn all about this Sunday's (June 30) Mindemoya Classic. The fun event earned its 'Classic' moniker, has been around a couple of decades and even survived a pandemic. It is all part of the Central Manitoulin Lions Club's Homecoming Weekend!

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Manitoulin Golf String Tournament champs

A total of seven teams took part in the annual 'string tournament' held at Manitoulin Golf in Gordon this past Saturday. The winning team, which shot an impressive 18 hole score of 53 (minus 19) included from left in photo **Marc Addison**, **Garret Gouge**, **Mark K.** and **Kyle**.

Oakville Rod and Gun Club donate \$1,000 to Little Current Fish and Game Club

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) is grateful for a donation the club received from members of the Oakville Rod and Gun Club (ORGC) toward the operation of the club's new upgraded hatchery and for fishing rods for students in schools around Manitoulin who visit the local club every year to view their walleye rearing ponds.
 "I find it fantastic that our club has received support from another club to for our hatchery and edu-

cation program," said Lou Shortt, president of the LCFGC. "They (ORGC) made a donation of \$1,000 to our club."
 "We thought it would be a good idea to help out the Little Current Club with their fish hatchery program," said ORGC club president Rob Rutherford. "Initially several members of our club had planned a fishing trip to the Island and to visit (LCFGC). I hadn't planned on going at first but I'm happy I went as well."
 "A couple of our members have known Bill

(Strain of LCFGC) and the guys from the Little Current club for a long time," Mr. Rutherford said. "And we are always looking for ways to help with conservation and fish hatcheries. We had already presented a \$1,000 donation to another club for their hatchery, the Almaguin club."
 "We had the opportunity to see the work that has been done by the Little Current club, and the fish they are raising in their ponds," said Mr. Rutherford.
 "They were very interested in our education



Members of the Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) and the Oakville Rod and Gun Club pose for a photo during a recent meeting the latter made to view the LCFGC upgraded hatchery and walleye rearing ponds.

program and walleye program, the hatchery and ponds. They were quite interested in the whole process of how we raise walleye," said Mr. Shortt.
 Mr. Shortt noted, "We have been able to restock approximately 500,000 fry into Bass Creek this year. This is the first time we have been able to do this since COVID. We have had a really successful year."
 Along with viewing the LCFGC upgraded hatchery and walleye rearing ponds, the Oakville club members were also very interested in the local club's educational program for the Grade 4 classes on Manitoulin.

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

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




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.

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Confidential: Marine and Emergency Liaison Officer
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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Indigenous Support Workers (1-Year Contract)

At Rainbow District School Board, we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a:

**Indigenous Support Workers: 1-Year Contract
(6 in Sudbury, 2 on Manitoulin Island and 1 in Espanola)**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm on Monday July 1, 2024** and submit a cover letter, resumé and names of three (3) references.

David Farrow Board Chair Bruce Bourget Director of Education rainbowschools.ca



Manitoulin East Municipal Airport
is seeking a
MANAGER OF OPERATIONS
(20 hours/week)

For a full job description please see the following website:
www.townofnemi.on.ca

Please submit resumé to:
Pam Myers
Box 608
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
Email: pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

Now Hiring!

Food & Beverage Servers
Bartenders
Laundry Attendant
Housekeeping
Line Cooks

Please apply in person at the front desk with a resumé and be prepared for an interview.

Wages are negotiable.

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St. E.
Little Current, ON POP 1K0



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:

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

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

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

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

OBJECTIVES

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

QUALIFICATIONS

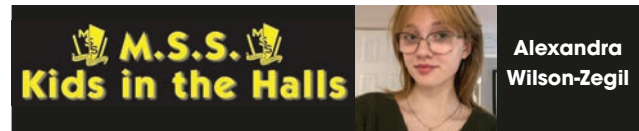
1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
2. A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of two (2) years community work experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Current and clear CPIC.
5. Valid 'G' driver's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

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

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

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

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



Things have quieted down at MSS with regular classes ending on Friday, June 21. Now, with the last few exams being completed this week, it is almost time to bid farewell to the 2023-2024 school year. Exams always have a unique way of intensifying the end-of-year experience. Even after everything is all said and done, they remain. Students have been buried in review to prove what they learned this year to their teachers. Good luck to all students writing this week!

several accomplishments and challenges for all MSS students. Whether it was extracurricular achievements or getting a bad mark on a test, students preserved and triumphed and ultimately grew as people.

To all the students, teachers, and staff, congratulations on completing another remarkable year. My hope is that everyone embraces the summer, makes the most of every moment, and returns in September ready to face new challenges and opportunities.

Reflecting on this school year, there were

Until next year, go, Mustangs, go!



MANAGER WANTED!


3 Cows & A Cone, located on Manitoulin Island is a fast-paced restaurant/dairy bar that has an opening for a full-time, year-round, 40-hr a week **Hands-On Manager**. We not only serve ice-cream, but burgers, fries, pizza and other fast foods. We are looking for a forward-thinking person with experience in the business or a recent graduate of a restaurant/hospitality program. You should be able to supervise staff of up to 30 young individuals, work independently and be able to make basic business decisions while following company policies. You will report to the General Manager. The salary shown is solely based on experience and is subject to review with the right candidate. If you are interested in working on Manitoulin Island, please send your resumé to staff3cows@hotmail.com to be considered for an interview. If you wish to find out more, you can also call 705-282-7753.

Annual Salary:
\$45,000 - \$60,000 (based on experience).



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

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



Join The Manitoulin Expositor Team!

Positions:
Production Manager
Production Assistant

Applicants should:

- Have knowledge of Adobe Suite and Wordpress
- Be skilled in graphic design
- Be familiar with Apple operating systems
- Can operate quickly and efficiently under deadlines
- Be able to multi-task
- Be able to help manage a large work flow
- Works well in a team environment
- Be able to help manage Manitoulin's busiest website and accompanying social media
- Have a good command of the English language (grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- Be creative!
- Have problem-solving skills

You will be required to be in office, Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, with some overtime hours required during the busier seasons.

To send a resumé and application, or for more information, please email:
expositor@manitoulin.com

We can't wait to hear from you!

We thank all those who apply. However, only those considered for this position will be contacted.

Employment Opportunity:
Commercial Cleaner!

Needed 7 days a week.

Responsibility for the daily cleaning of a small commercial space which includes cleaning of: floors, glass cabinets, tables and chairs, kitchen counters, etc.

Interested? Please call **705-282-7753**.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPERATOR

Hourly Range \$19.30-\$25.65.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of Waste Transfer Station Operator.

Further information including a job description is available on our website at:
www.centralmanitoulin.ca

Resumes will be received until the position is filled. Please hand in your resume at the office address below.

Patricia Mader
Deputy Clerk & Project Manager
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542, P.O. Box 420
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
pmader@centralmanitoulin.ca
Phone: (705) 377-5726
Fax: (705) 377-5585



The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting resumes to fill the position of
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

This position will focus to design and implement programs that encourage economic development consistent with Town policy; to develop strategies to improve the economic strength of the Town through business development, retention and expansion and job creation; and to perform related work as assigned.

Skill Requirements

- This position will be responsible for finding funding opportunities for all areas of the municipality
- Proficient computer skills
- High level writing skills
- The ability to research and identify infrastructure requirements


Duties

- Identify and complete funding applications
- Meet strict deadlines
- Update social media platforms
- Backfill the other positions within the office environment

Other Information

- This position is permanent full-time
- An attractive salary of 32.42/hour
- Unionized work environment
- Hours of work 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
- Health and dental plan
- OMERS Pension Plan

To apply, please submit your application to:
Pam Myers
Box 608
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Or email: pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca



The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is now accepting resumes to fill the position of
TRUCK DRIVER LABOURER
(Temporary Full Time – 6 months)

Skill Requirements

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

Duties

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

Other Information

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

To apply, please submit your application to:
Pam Myers
Box 608
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0
Or email: pmyers@townofnemi.on.ca

RESUMES ACCEPTED UNTIL JULY 5, 2024.