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Canada Day a busy time on Island

Events roundup

MANITOULIN—Canada Day, Saturday, July 1, marks the official start of the busy summer season on Manitoulin. Start scheduling your fun-filled weekend using the handy community by community list below!

Assiginack

The Township of Assiginack is inviting you for Canada Day food, cardboard boat races and a water-slide for kids, all on the Manitowaning waterfront!

Come for a barbecue hosted by the fire department at noon followed by the cardboard boat races! Boat races will start around 12:30 pm. Head to assignack.ca for full cardboard boat race rules.

Gore Bay

Lyons Memorial United Church is hosting a Canada Day rummage sale on Friday, June 30 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, July 1 from 9 am to 12 noon. Proceeds will go toward funding a new firefighter suit for the fire department.

The Town of Gore Bay Canada Day parade gets underway at 11 am. Dress up your ATVs, golf carts, bicycles, pets and anything else you can think of! Kids' games will take place outside the Legion at noon. Fireworks, fire ban per...continued on page 9

Ontario's first Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirited+ monument unveiled at Birch Island

by Michael Erskine
WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—In a National Indigenous People's Day overflowing with emotions, a red granite monument commemorating the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited (MMIWG2S+) was unveiled

beside the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) Warrior's cenotaph.

The day began with a sunrise ceremony officiated by Knowledge Keeper Shkaabewis Oshakabewis, albeit without the usual sacred fire, given the current fire ban. (Sema offerings were col-

lected in a small bowl to be taken to a fire at a later time.) Shkaabewis provided a teaching as part of the ceremony.

Espanola Mayor Douglas Gervais, Deputy Mayor Angela Kelly and Councillor Aiden Kallioinen attended the sunrise ceremony, as did Northeast Town Councillor

Michael Erskine. Northeast Town Deputy Mayor Al Boyd attended the unveiling ceremony that took place later that morning as the official town representative.

Mayor Gervais gifted WRFN Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow with a birch bark container following the sunrise ceremony and the chief reciprocated with a semaa (tobacco) container.

The official unveiling ceremony took place at 10 am and began with a procession of MMIWG2S+ family members, led to the covered viewing stand by bearers of community eagle staffs and jingle dress dancers.

Newly appointed Superior Court of Justice of Ontario Justice Catherine Rhineland, who was part of a team representing Ontario at the National Inquiry

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What if swing bridge has catastrophic failure?

Emergency situations a community burden, MTO insists

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is responsible for repairs should the swing bridge in Little Current experience a significant breakdown, but continued flow of goods and services is up to municipalities and First Nations. The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) will be requesting Emergency Measures Ontario (EMO) hold a tabletop exercise and discussion

on how a contingency plan would be implemented.

"In the event of a full closure of the Little Current swing bridge, the MTO would immediately activate its Continuity of Operations Plan," MTO media relations representative Tanya Blazina disclosed to The Expositor in an email after a June 21 meeting between MTO representatives and members of the MMA. "Depending on the nature and

duration of the emergency, the ministry works in collaboration with various agencies and partners, including the ministry's maintenance contractor, Canadian Coast Guard, Transport Canada, Ontario Provincial Police, municipalities, our Indigenous

Ali Valentine hosts long term care shelter for animals

GLO Farm Sanctuary welcomes rescued farm animals

by Margery Frisch
BIDWELL ROAD—A visit to the GLO Farm website states: 'GLO Farm Sanctuary provides a safe and loving forever home to rescued farm animals, ensuring that their physical, social and emotional needs are not just met but exceeded. We strive to ensure that each individual is thriving from the day they arrive to their final days. We are compassion in action.'

A visit to the actual GLO Farm Sanctuary, on Bidwell Road near Manitowaning, is proof posi-



Ali Valentine and Ted the blind goat at the GLO Farm Sanctuary near Manitowaning. Ted is just one of the many animals that now makes the GLO Farm home.

tive—they are compassion in action.

How it all began? Ali Valentine was a city girl; grew up in the city, lived in the city, worked in the city and about a decade or more ago, she switched to veganism. Someone suggested to her that to get her family on board, she should take them to an animal sanctuary. She was married at the time, and she has a daughter. The belief was, 'if you meet them, you can't eat them.'

"For my daughter, that was it, ...continued on page 13

Manitoulin has child-care crisis, MFR tells MPP Michael Mantha

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—The province of Ontario needs to ensure childcare workers are recognized properly, with proper pay and benefits, and that initiatives implemented by the province may work in southern Ontario, but they don't necessarily work in Northern Ontario. That's the message Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) is hoping to bring to the province of Ontario.

"If the province truly believes childcare is important, they need to invest in it," Diana St. Pierre, MFR's children's services program director told Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha at a Child Care Day of Action the MPP attended on June 20. "My dream is that every family should have access and a right to childcare."

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Members of the Manitoulin Family Health Team gather in front of the office for a group photo with Smith Family Foundation representative Jeff Smith. From left are Lori Oswald, Dr. Maurianne Reade, Julia Sheppard, Amy Wheale, Thao Dao, Jeff Smith, Dr. Maryna Harelnikava, Lianne Charette, Waunita Hopkin, Collin Corbiere, Heather McGauley, Meggin Morgan, Lenora Tann and Rosalind Seabrook.

photo by Michael Erskine

Smith Family Foundation donates \$35,000 to telehealth initiative

by Michael Erskine
MINDEMOYA—Technology has brought huge improvements to the delivery of health services in communities across the North, especially in smaller rural communities such as those on Manitoulin Island through the use of telehealth. But that delivery depends heavily on having the technological equipment and infrastructure to connect specialist with patient.

“The Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT) was the recipient of the very generous donation of \$35,000 from the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation to support the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) program offered in Mindemoya,” said health team executive director Lori Oswald. “The OTN program enables accessible healthcare by using video and secure technology to connect patients and health care providers. The MCFHT was able to replace end-of-life equipment in a timely manner with this funding support.”

End-of-life indeed. Ms. Oswald shared that within less than a

week of confirmation of the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation donation the old equipment gave up the ghost. “We were able to replace the equipment and were back up within a couple of days,” she said.

Ms. Oswald shared that the OTN program at MCFHT is comprised of three different opportunities, all offered at no cost to the patient.

“The virtual specialist appointment supports patients locally with video conferencing options within the MCFHT facility to connect with healthcare providers and decreasing travel time to receive specialist care; the teleophthalmology program supports diabetic patients by offering retinal screening; and the Telederm Program supports patients who have skin conditions that require specialist care by taking pictures of their skin and uploading it to a consulting dermatologist,” she said.

Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation representative Jeff Smith was provided with a demonstration of how the equip-

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Sheguiandah youths recognized for lifesaving efforts for Cheyenne Roy one year after his tragic passing

by Margery Frisch

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—Saturday, June 24 marked a sad anniversary in Sheguiandah First Nation. One year ago, Cheyenne Malcolm Roy succumbed to a gunshot wound and died in hospital. His two cousins, Monica (22) and Nathan (29) Shawanda, along with their parents, Jackie Bowerman and Darren Shawanda, in learning of the shooting, rushed to the scene to assist as best they could until the paramedics arrived.

A ceremony was held at the Sheguiandah First Nation Band Office to acknowledge and honour the loss of Cheyenne Malcolm Roy, and also to recognize and honour Nathan and Monica Shawanda for their courage and bravery at such a tragic time of loss. A prayer began the ceremony, spoken in Anishinaabe by Pearl Waindubence and repeated in English by Chief Elvis Mishibinijima.

MP Carol Hughes was in attendance and spoke a few words to those gathered for the memorial. “To be here, marking the one year anniversary of

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Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing Carol Hughes, left, presents Monica Shawanda with a commendation for her lifesaving efforts last year. Monica's brother, Nathan, was also commended for his good deeds.

Ken Pearce is 2023 Manitoulin Streams Volunteer of the Year

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Streams' Jackets and Jeans Gala fundraiser has roared back with a vengeance following its pandemic hiatus. The sold-out gala was held at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current and, as usual, the bidding on both the silent auction and live auction items was intense and highly competitive. Among the most popular items up for auction were tickets and accommodation to see Rod Stewart in concert in Ottawa.

The gun raffle was also a big hit, with Bob Marshall taking home his choice of three firearms or a compound bow. Manitoulin Streams director Bob Florean was kept busy selling tickets, while vice-president Brian Ramakko had the honour of presenting the prize. The hunting tool of Mr. Marshall's choice will be held at Ramakko's Source for Adventure in Sudbury until transfer documents are completed.

One person who didn't have to buy a ticket or bid to walk out the door with a great catch was volunteer nursery manager Ken Pearce—who was named Manitoulin Streams Volunteer of the Year for his tireless efforts on behalf of the organization. Mr. Pearce has not only provided literally thousands of trees for re-

planting at the various remediation sites across Manitoulin Island, but had also provided seedlings for presentations and work with local students. Mr. Pearce was a founding member of the Manitoulin Area Stewardship Council, now part of Manitoulin Streams, and continued his dedication to the organization. His citation read, in part, “The results

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Old Mill Heritage Centre Speakers Night to feature authors Steve Paikin and Art Milnes

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—The Old Mill Heritage Centre (OMHC) museum has developed a strong reputation for both its eclectic exhibit collections and its dedication to historical education through the popular History Day in Kagawong and ‘Speakers Night in Kagawong’ fundraising lecture series.

This year the tradition continues as host of TVO's ‘The Agenda,’ Kagawong summer resident and prolific author Steve Paikin will join fellow author Art Milnes onstage for ‘Recalling Historic Canadian and American Leaders and Events.’

The evening will explore the authors' memories of such political notables as former US President Jimmy Carter, former Canadian prime ministers John Turner and Brian Mulroney, just to name three.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha will reprise his ‘Johnny Carson’ persona as master of ceremonies during the talk show format that proved so successful during the Canada 150 edition of the series.

“Steve offered to do a fundraiser for the museum” said OMHC Curator Rick Nelson. The two discussed ideas and Mr. Nelson sug-

gested that they should repeat the talk show format again to coincide with Mr. Paikin's launching of his new book on former Prime Minister John Turner. “Mike Mantha generously agreed to reprise his Johnny Carson role.” In that format, Mr. Nelson explained, Mr. Mantha will be calling each of the two guests up on stage in turn to ask questions.

“Steve wanted Art to be the second guest,” said Mr. Nelson. Since Mr. Milnes' focus has tended to be

Conservative leaders, so the two should provide an interesting counterpoint and balance to the evening.

Mr. Milnes, who hails from Kingston, Ontario is the editor/author of 15 books, including studies of prime ministers Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, John Turner and others. He is also a recognized US presidential historian and has published books on Jimmy Carter

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Marcel Gauthier is Northeast Town's Senior of the Year

by Expositor Staff

LITTLE CURRENT—Retired councillor and long-time community volunteer and booster Marcel Gauthier of Little Current was selected as the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands' Senior of the Year. The award was presented to Mr. Gauthier during the Thursday, June 22 council meeting by Mayor Al MacNevin.

Mayor MacNevin cited Mr. Gauthier's unflagging dedication to the community over the years, including his work with the Little Current Lions Club and his unwavering boosting of the



Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, left, names Marcel Gauthier the municipality's Senior of the Year.

municipality when he was councillor.

“We couldn't give this award to you while you were elected as councillor,” said Mayor MacNevin. “But now that you have retired from council, you are fair game.”

In addition to Mr. Gauthier's work while on council, and his chairmanship of the Little Current Place board and its seniors' apartments, Mr. Gauthier has put in countless volunteer hours for countless organizations both before and after his stint on council. Currently, he is also a volun-

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Little Current BMO branch to be closed for much of July

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Effective Monday, July 10, the BMO branch in Little Current will be closed for in-person banking until July 31 as the branch undergoes major renovations.

“The remodel is part of BMO's efforts to make it more convenient for customers to do their day-to-day banking,” BMO media spokesperson Scott Doll told The Expositor.

Mr. Doll explained the existing ATM will be temporarily relocated to an exterior position to ensure customers can still conduct their banking needs. The nighttime deposit box will not be available throughout the remodel.

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editorial

A disconnect is growing between public and government

There once was a king. A French king, it is true, but there was an English one, and undoubtedly Italian ones, German and Russian kings as well, a host of aristocratic souls whose hubris brought them to believe they were the very embodiment of the state.

The environment of the French Revolution was one of immense chasms between the haves and the have nots. Wealth, then generated primarily through exploitation of the land by that era's "one percent," had accumulated in their hands by inheriting the earth—quite literally.

In England, the nascent bill of rights, the Magna Carta, was supposed to rein in the reign of the highest of the mighty (albeit largely to the benefit of the almost-as-mighty). When Charles I overreached that time, he toppled from his perch and was brought low by the headsman's axe.

But the real issue behind those tumultuous times was the divide that had been created between the people and their state.

We hear much about the "honour of the Crown" these days. It is invoked when the various levels of Canadian government have reneged on a promise—most often in relation to an agreement with the Indigenous peoples upon whose lands our nation stands.

In American, loyalty is not directed to the state. It is directed to the Constitution. The state, well that is something else—a nebulous "other" whose sole aim is believed to be depriving citizens of their just

due. If one wishes to see the underlying cause of the disruption taking place in that country, that divide is where to focus. In America, the state? It is them, not us. Americans pledge loyalty, first and foremost to the US Constitution.

US elections are largely contests to see which one of "them" will wield power over the people—ever fewer believe that power is wielded on their behalf. The founding principles of America are a profound distrust of the state. The state? It is them.

In Canada we have the Crown. It is a symbol of the state, but it is not "the state", only that place marker we used to give the ethereal concept of "state" form and substance—but it is to the Crown, the state, which we pledge our allegiance.

But we are a mouse sleeping beside an elephant. American mass culture does not seep across our borders, it flows like an all-encompassing flood.

There is immense danger in a growing US-style disconnect between the people and the state—for in Canada, the state, l'etat, c'est nous—the state, it is us. There is a growing trend to see the government (regardless of who or which party sits at the head) as "them," not "us." This is likely to only worsen as the economic cleavages grow. Technology has enabled the new aristocracy to accumulate a disproportionate slice of the pie, and with it, to control evermore tightly who gets to eat cake. There is a real and present danger of the state becoming "them."

The mice in this state, both country and city, need to wake up. We are different in size, power and might. We need to build our own nest, in our own way. Our leaders need to work together to re-build out faltering faith in ourselves and our destiny.

We need to find a way back to "the state, it is us."

letters

Writer provides a defence of an unconvicted Mike Mantha Yet another case of guilty until proven innocent—not the Canadian way

To the Expositor:

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 11(d), provision 11 (presumption of innocence) states: Any person charged with an offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law in a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal.

These days, that presumption is being tested. Several years ago, a complaint was filed against me (as a member of a working committee of a local council) that I had somehow besmirched another member of the community by writing a letter to the editor of this newspaper, correcting some statements of fact in a letter that was also published by The Expositor, written by another member of the committee.

In another time and place, I have been the subject of a \$1 million SLAPP action brought by a land developer. (SLAPP is a convenient term – Strategic Litigation Against Public Participation – where someone – typically a land developer with deep pockets and phalanxes of corporate lawyers – initiates a legal action to tie in knots or frighten off anyone who has any objections to whatever the land developer wants to do to his land, or indeed a municipality's Official Plan.) In that case,

having gulped a couple of times and consulted with my wife, instead of melting into a puddle on the floor from anxiety, I contacted and engaged one of the best libel lawyers in Ontario, who (after referring to the accusation as "just about the most frivolous and vexation case I have seen") immediately obtained signed affidavits from several prominent community members who could confirm what I had written and we prepared to go to court. In fact, it never did because the other party's lawyers advised him that he was very likely to lose, and he did retract only asking that I publish an innocuous statement that helped him save face.

So, why all this preamble? Because I recently found out that our very efficient Ontario MPP Michael Mantha has been "removed" from the Ontario NDP party while an investigation of accusations against him takes place. Note: accusations, not verdict of being guilty. Michael may well be guilty of something, I have no idea (I'm not sure he does either).

But to me this is a case of guilty until proven innocent which, going back to my opening sentence, isn't the way we do things here in Canada. I will be watching how this unfolds (which has already been way too long in my opinion). Meanwhile, Michael Mantha continues as our MPP—as our independent MPP—with the same great service.

Paul Darlston Kagawong

A call out to the Ministry of Transportation on roadside clearing Heavy vegetation lining both sides of the road is dangerous for both drivers and deer

To the Expositor:

Planning a pleasant drive through Western Manitoulin? Beware the Burpee Flats; that section of Highway 540 between Adanac Rd. and Bell Rd.

Maintenance of roadside shrubbery growth has been neglected to such an extent that vehicles exiting from farm entrances and side roads may suddenly appear in front of you, catching you completely off guard. Because of the thick veil of shrubbery, these exiting vehicles may partially extend on to the travelled portion of Highway 540 before the exiting driver is able to view your oncoming vehicle.

Also, hidden among the thick foliage of this roadside shrubbery, camouflaged deer frequently bound across Highway 540 giving vehicular traffic little opportunity to react.

Ministry of Transportation Ontario, you are responsible for removing this roadside mess; Do you plan to permit this fast growing hedge of brush to remain a permanent potential for disaster on the Burpee Flats' portion of Highway 540? Perhaps, MTO, it's time to accept responsibility for the safety of those travelling on provincial Highway 540.

Prevent an unnecessary accident; please remove the shrubbery.

Wayne Bailey Highway 540, Evansville



The roadsides along the Burpee Stretch have become heavily overgrown, providing a less than ideal sightline for vehicles driving down Highway 540.

Gore Bay Theatre set to hit the summer stage with Foster repertoire

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—In just one week Gore Bay Theatre will be producing its summer season of plays, two comedies, 'One-Actmanship' and 'Lunenburg' each by Norm Foster, Canada's most popular and produced playwright. Mr. Foster is frequently compared to US playwright Neil Simon because both playwrights are considered the funniest writers of intelligent comedy with an international appeal.

"This will be the 12th and 13th plays written by Norm Foster produced by Gore Bay Theatre. His plays are extremely funny and poignant," said co-director Walter Maskel. "Audiences know that with a Foster play, they are going to laugh and be entertained."

"We wanted to produce something light and humorous because we all need a laugh after the pandemic and Norm Foster was the perfect vehicle," said co-director Andrea Emmerton.

'Lunenburg' has been very popular whenever it has been produced. Playwrights Guild says, "when Irish inherits a house that she didn't even know existed she and her friend, Natalie, travel to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia to have a look at the new property. What follows is a series of world-changing surprises, heart-warming personal transformations and a fall-down funny romantic adventure."

Kawartha Now wrote "a mix of mystery, comedy and romance, well-written, intelligent, funny and filled with heart."

The Gore Bay production features three experienced and award-winning actors, Shannon McMullan, who has been in numerous Gore Bay Theatre productions and Ray and Helen Landry, who you may recall appeared in last year's successful summer production of the Foster play, 'On a First Name Basis.'



The cast of Norm Foster's 'One-Actmanship' reprise their roles for the camera.

'One-Actmanship' is comprised of two one-act plays, 'My Narrator' and 'The Death of Me.'

Both one-act plays have received accolades.

The Calgary Herald said, "'The Death of Me' at times gets funny enough to almost become the death of us all."

And the Peterborough Review by Sam Tweedle stated that, "simply put, 'My Narrator' is one of the most charming and fun-

ny love stories I've possibly seen on the Peterborough Theatre Guild stage."

Stage Door's review concluded that both one-act plays are "comedic gems full of emotion and truth."

'One-Actmanship' features four award winning actors, Tara Bernatchez, John Robertson, Tammy Robinson and Will Smith. This production competed in the Northern Ontario Drama Festival (QUONTA) this past May against groups from

North Bay and the Sault and received the most awards including the outstanding male in a lead role for John Robertson, the outstanding female in a lead role for Tara Bernatchez, an adjudicator's newcomer award for acting for Tammy Robinson and an ensemble award for acting for the entire cast. Will Smith and Tammy Robinson were also nominated in the outstanding supporting actor and actress category.

Gore Bay Theatre also received the outstanding production award for the entire festival.

This was the third consecutive year Gore Bay Theatre has received the top prize. Mr. Maskel said, "the festival features very strong community theatre groups from across Northern Ontario. I have been involved with the festival since 1985 and I cannot recall another group winning three consecutive outstanding production awards."

Ms. Emmerton added, "we are extremely proud and honoured to be acknowledged for the quality of our work and that all our actors in both 'Lunenburg' and 'One-Actmanship' have been recognized for their skill and commitment to the art."

Both plays will be represented in repertory so that audiences will be able to see both plays on consecutive nights. Only major theatre companies like Shaw's and Stratford are capable of producing plays in repertory, so it is amazing that Gore Bay Theatre is able to offer this service for audience members who are visiting the island for shorter time periods.

Advance ticket prices have remained constant at \$20 dollars for the past 10 years as well.

Information about show times and dates are in the advertisement in this week's Expositor. And remember, laughter is the best medicine.

Local First Nation residents respond to the Robinson-Huron Treaty settlement

by Margery Frisch

MNIDOO MNISING—The Robinson-Huron Treaty, signed in 1850, committed to giving First Nations groups annual payments based on the revenues accrued through the use of their lands. The annuity, approximately \$1.70 per person in 1850, increased to \$4 per person in 1875 and that was the one and only increase in the annual fee in 173 years. The treaty had promised to tie the value of annual payments to the revenues generated through the use of First Nations' lands. Meanwhile, Northeastern Ontario mining, fishing and lumber industries have benefitted in the billions of dollars over the past two centuries and no compensation has occurred. For decades, delegations from 21 First Nations have been in litigation with both the federal and provincial governments for breaking their treaty obligations. Since April 2022, these groups have been working together to come to an out-of-court agreement on how to rectify the outstanding debt to the First Nations people.

On Saturday, June 17 a proposed settlement was announced between the federal government, the Ontario government and 21 Anishinabe First Nations communities. A \$10 billion figure has been reached to compensate for annuities that have not been amended since 1874. The three parties made the announcement at a press conference in Sudbury. The federal and provincial governments will share the cost, \$5 billion paid by each.

"In 2012, 21 First Nations in the Robinson Huron Treaty Territory came together to hold the governments of Canada and Ontario accountable through the courts, but we know reconciliation cannot be achieved in the courtroom. Canada and Ontario heard us and met us at the negotiation table to make this proposed settlement a reality," said spokesperson Duke Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Terry Debassige, a soft-spoken M'Chigeeng First Nation member, with a passion for his people's history, had some strong words about the Canadian government and its promises. He was asked his thoughts on the settlement of \$10 billion. "To a lot of us, that doesn't even come close to what is owed," he said. "I mean, I could give you a dozen



M'Chigeeng First Nation member Terry Debassige is not enamoured of the Robinson Huron settlement.

photo by Margery Frisch

names of people who are ecstatic over this, but really, it's a drop in the bucket."

Community engagement comes next in the process; consultations with First Nations members. When asked how

he thought these consultations would go, Mr. Debassige said, "It's going to be very difficult, contentious and long. There are residual impacts, a lot of people were Robinson-Huron Treaty people and should be entitled, though, through different circumstance, may have lost their rights to this for any number of reasons."

"The compensation from this settlement will ensure a stronger and brighter future for our people and our nations," said Batchewana First Nation Chief Dean Sayers, one of the leaders of the RHT Litigation Fund. "We see this settlement as an opportunity to show the commitment of both Canada and Ontario to respect and implement our rights affirmed in the treaty," he said.

Mr. Debassige was asked if he thought this settlement will ensure a stronger and brighter future, "It would go a long way," he said. "Of course, if they had honoured the treaty all along, we'd be in far better shape."

Mr. Debassige's memory is exceptional and it goes way back. He knows the ways of his people and what was taken away and admits to being bitter and mistrusting where the government is concerned. In conversation, he lists names of endless broken treaties and it's easy to understand his misgivings.

"I pray in the ceremonial way of my grandmother. Of course, it all had to be done in secret back then. But that philosophical view guided every aspect of life; everything that represented their existence was in those spiritual beliefs (I don't even know if spiritual is the right word). I always tell people that our constitution is already written, it's in our language. It's all embedded in the words we use. That sacredness; that benevolent power; you're always in a state of gratefulness."

Others, who did not wish to be named, feel that this settlement is a positive step forward in reconciliation and in making Canadians aware of this history. Making others aware is always a positive step, and, although Mr. Debassige is skeptical, he has a grateful heart and he will wait to see what happens next.

Federal and provincial governments invest \$6 million into sustainable agriculture

QUEEN'S PARK—The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$6 million through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) to help eligible agri-food businesses and industry organizations expand markets for Ontario food products.

This Grow Ontario Market Initiative will support agri-food producers, processors and industry organizations with cost-share opportunities for the implementation of domestic and export marketing activities.

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Under the Grow Ontario Market Initiative, applicants can receive up to 50 percent cost share for eligible costs to a maximum of \$60,000 for producers and processors and up to \$125,000 for industry organizations.

To learn how to apply for funding to grow an agri-food business through marketing analysis and planning, new product development and marketing activities go to the Ontario.ca site and search for Grow Ontario Market Initiative or contact OMAFRA economic and business advisor Julie Poirier Mensinga at 705-471-3389.

Names of victims in June 18 shootings in Wiikwemkoong released by OPP

WIKWEMKOONG—The police have now released the names of the two shooting death victims in the incident that took place in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on June 18. The names of the three persons arrested have also been released.

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has identified the two people who died as a result of the shooting in Wiikwemkoong. The deceased victims have been identified as 44-year-old Lucius Jacko and 39-year-old Robert Wemigwans, both of Wiikwemkoong. Three people sustained gunshot wounds and two of the victims died as a result of their injuries. The third victim was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening

injuries and was later released.

On June 18, shortly after 11 pm, members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS), the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police (UCCM) responded to a shooting in Wiikwemkoong.

Upon arrival police learned that three people sustained gunshot wounds and the suspects fled the scene. A shelter in place of safety was initiated and lifted shortly after 7 am on June 19.

Jahsiah Simpson, 19, of Toronto was charged with two counts of first degree murder, possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, trafficking

in schedule one substance, cocaine and trafficking in schedule one substance, other drugs.

Terrence Recollet, 54 and Sherri Pitawanakwat, 33, both of Wiikwemkoong were charged with two counts of accessory after the fact to murder, possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, trafficking in schedule one substance, cocaine, and trafficking in schedule one substance, other drugs.

The three accused appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on June 19 and were remanded into custody. No date for their follow-up appearances was available as of press deadline.

The OPP Manitoulin Crime Unit, OPP

Northeast Region Forensic Identification Services, OPP Aviation Services, OPP Canine Unit, OPP North East Region Emergency Response Team, OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit, UCCM Police and WTPS are continuing this investigation under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch.

The OPP is appealing to anyone who may have observed suspicious activity related to this case to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Downtown Little Current dumpsters will not return for the summer months

LITTLE CURRENT—Downtown Little Current dumpsters will not be returning to the downtown and front dock areas for the summer months, despite the protests of some business owners and residents.

Last December, Northeast Town staff removed all dumpsters from the downtown core following severe misuse of the service. CAO Dave Williamson told The Expositor the intent was to put the dumpsters back downtown for the summer months, but staff since has decided against it.

“The purpose of those bins was for the waterfront,” he said. “But having downtown Little Current used as a garbage receptacle is not acceptable.”

As was reported last December, town crews were dealing with people dumping animal carcasses, furniture, electronics and construction refuse in the downtown dumpsters.

Many of the offending parties were identified as being from communities outside the Northeast Town and even off-Island—as far away as Sudbury.

“Those bins were creating a lot of extra work for public works staff,” Mr. Williamson shared, noting that the dumpsters were needing to be emptied daily, with staff also spending an inordinate amount of time picking up trash left on the ground.

Boaters will now be asked for their garbage by the students docking the boats upon arrival to the Port of Little Current. Garbage bags will then be loaded into the back of the harbourfront utility vehicle and picked up by town staff each evening and brought to the landfill.

One of the downtown bins was located next to Wally's Dock Service. Proprietor Rob Little asked the municipality to consider keeping the dumpster there, where it has been for years, but was denied his request and told he could pay



Garbage cans on the waterfront docks in Little Current will be doing heavier duty this summer as the large bins that have been placed near the waterfront will not be returning this year due to abuse.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

for a dumpster like some other businesses in the town do.

Mr. Little told The Expositor he has no place to put a dumpster as the previous one was on municipal property and anywhere else would be a hindrance to the fuel trucks accessing his waterfront pumps. He says he can foresee an issue with garbage this summer as he sees the town's small utility vehicle being filled up two or three times a day currently, with overflowing garbage cans along the dock and the busy season has yet to begin.

A dumpster remains at Spider Bay Marina for the seasonal and transient boaters there but it is now padlocked.

In other Island port communities, Billings Township has garbage and recycling receptacles available to the public at the Aus Hunt Marina and Small Craft Harbour.

The Town of Gore Bay also has marina dumpsters available for use.

Most of Assiginack's boating traffic is seasonal, CAO Alton Hobbs explained, so boaters mostly take care of their refuse themselves by bringing it to the landfill. Assiginack does not utilize dumpsters anywhere in the municipality, but does have public garbage cans on the main street and on the waterfront. Mr. Hobbs says public works crews are often having to tidy them up on Mondays.

“The reality is, the need (for the dumpsters) just isn't there,” Mr. Williamson said, pointing out the landfill is open three days a week in the summer months (Sundays, Tuesdays and Saturdays) and residents of Little Current, Ward 2, have Friday garbage pickup.



A number of bins can still be found on the waterfront in Gore Bay.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Friends and Neighbours

Silver Water
Karen Noble

Buckle up, Kagawongians! July is turning out to be a wheely exciting month here in Billings Township. The township is overflowing with activities to fuel your community spirit. Team Fergmeijer has good memories of busy summers filled with get-togethers. Pre-COVID, we would climb into a large tire and roll down a hill in it. Those were goodyears.

We don't know about you, but we could barely sleep last night! Today (Wednesday, June 28), from 10 am to 3 pm is the first summer market of the season! We're looking forward to all sorts of crafts, vegetables and baked treats. With a reported 70 plus vendors making regular appearances this summer, be sure to check out the colourful cabanas, the roofed arena and the Park Centre parking lot. Markets will continue throughout July and August on Wednesdays.

The library is excited to welcome back Emily Sloss for another season as summer librarian! The library's summer hours (Tuesday to Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm) kick in July 4.

This weekend! The annual Anglican Church yard sale and delicious barbecue is Saturday, July 1st (10 am to 2 pm). Head to the Kagawong market pavilion to find treasures galore and grab lunch while you're there!

Interested in learning the basics of American Sign Language? Billings Library is pleased to be partnering with Andrea Wist, ASL instructor at Georgian College, to offer free ASL lessons! The first set of classes will be Tuesday, July 4 and Thursday, July 6, starting at 10 am at the market pavilion. The next classes will run July 25, 27 and August 1 and 3. Classes are open to youth and adults. For more information, email the library billingsreads@gmail.com.

The music continues! Don't miss fiddling and step dancing siblings The Fitzgeralds: Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance at <https://www.thefitzgeraldsmusic.com/tour>. Next up in the Kagawong Concerts series is Teilhard Frost and Chris Coole on Wednesday, July 12 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the July 12 concert can be purchased in advance at <https://kagawong.ticketspice.com/teilhard-chris>. Both concerts will be at the Old Church on the Hill just off Carter Crescent in Kagawong.

Jabbawong Storytelling Festival is back as part of the ArtInfusion weekend on July 8 and 9. Take part in a week-

end of creativity and inspiration for all. Check out their page on Facebook for more information.

Don't get left in the dark (room)! Be sure to catch the vintage camera and photographic exhibit on now at the Old Mill Heritage Centre. The museum is now open seven days a week, so be sure to pop on by and check out the latest displays.

And that's not all the Old Mill Heritage Centre has up its historical sleeve. Be sure to save the date: "Speakers Night in Kagawong" with Arthur Milnes and Steve Paikin will be July 13 at the Park Centre!

NorthWords Festival (June 21 and 22) has so many fun activities lined up! The Book and Brew on the Friday, taking place at Split Rail Brewery in Gore Bay, will have the featured authors mixing and mingling with guests, enjoying tapas style snacks, and of course, sampling delicious Split Rail brews. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Billings Library or online (bit.ly/northwordsfest). Tickets for the Knitting Pilgrim performance and pre-registration for the various workshops are also available. Visit the NorthWords Facebook page for more information (fb.com/NorthWordsFest).

And if you're looking for more to do this month, the Billings Climate Action Committee is planning a community picnic. Stay tuned for more details, and don't forget to check out their blog at <http://billingscac.blogspot.com>

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

It's true what they say: the clothes really do make the man. Naked people have little to no influence on society. Have a great week!

Barrie Island
Lillian Greenman

Friday, June 16 we travelled to Meldrum Bay for euchre. There were four tables of players. We saw a snapping turtle crossing the road on the way up.

Saturday morning we held a market in our yard. The Meldrum Bay ladies' held the bake sale. The UCW had their big yard sale in the basement of the community hall at the same time. Lori Walker had her yard sale open. We

all had successful days. Thank you to everyone who came out to shop and socialize.

Monday at euchre in Burpee there were seven tables of players. This was the last Monday night euchre until September. Congratulations to Myra Duncanson who won the money jar.

Tuesday morning, six ladies gathered at the community hall to prepare the luncheon for Ellen Bell's funeral in Gore Bay. Four of us went to the funeral home to put out the lunch. Brenda Carter and I did some grocery shopping afterwards. On the way out of Gore Bay we saw four transports loaded with parts of a prefab house. We know it went past the Silver Water Community Hall but we don't know where it stopped.

Tuesday night was fire practice and Albert said there were lots of guys in attendance.

Wednesday night, I drove to Mindemoya for the Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting. It was a long one with a lot of topics covered.

Thursday, Brenda Carter drove DonnaKay McDonald to Sudbury for appointments. I took Diane Jones to Sudbury for an appointment. We brought home a lot of shopping. It is construction season in Espanola and Sudbury but the traffic was moving well.

I did a lot of driving last week and saw quite a few deer but no fawns yet. I am hearing other sightings, so I know they are out there.

Gerard Binsfeld has been working on counting birds on the West End for the last several weeks.

Gladys Duncanson and I have resumed daily swims at Silver Lake.

Karen and Steve Marshall have arrived at their cottage to open it for the summer.

Everyone is welcome to attend the July 1 picnic at the Silver Water Community Hall next Saturday, July 1. The theme is "under the sea" and we hope there will be decorations in the yards and parade floats prepared in that theme. On July 1, there will be baseball games, a pie sale, the parade, barbecue lunch, ice cream for sale, the fishpond for the children and much more.

There will be no market in our yard on July 1.

Condolences to the family of Ellen Bell.

Condolences to the family of Mary Bell.

Condolences to the family of Jean Addison.

...Sheguiandah youths recognized for lifesaving efforts of Cheyenne Roy

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Cheyenne's passing is quite monumental and I know that still reverberates throughout the community and through family and friends...But the fact that you are marking his life today, that is really important and I know his spirit is with us today."

Ms. Hughes went on to address an ongoing problem. "It's really unfortunate what's been happening here, on Manitoulin Island and in many other First Nation communities, that we are seeing more people lose their lives. More must be done to fight back, to address this issue and to provide the resources necessary, and part of that is with the Indigenous police services funding. I have been working in close partnership with chiefs to address this. We haven't been able to resolve it yet, but we do have the attention of the minister and I do hope we'll be able to resolve it soon."

She then presented Monica Shawanda with a letter of commendation. "I know that your brother is not here, but I do have a letter that I drafted up for both of you because I think that it is important. I want to take this opportunity to recognize the courageous action you took on June 24, 2022 when your cousin Cheyenne Malcolm Roy had been critically injured. You identified the situation and jumped into action to attempt to save his life. Your efforts did not go unnoticed, and you should be so proud of the initiative you took. Although Cheyenne succumbed to his injuries, the bravery you showed is significant. Not everybody would know what to do or what to try to do, and you did your best and everybody is really thankful for that. Miigwetch." Understandably, there were tears throughout the room.

The letter she presented to Monica commended her for the actions she took on that night a year ago, in an effort to save her cousin's life. Ms. Hughes also had a letter for Nathan, who was not in attendance, and presented it to Darren Shawanda.

Sheguiandah First Nation Chief Elvis Mishibinjima then added his words of thanks to Monica, "We're here celebrating the life of Cheyenne Roy, it's been a year and I'd like to give my heartfelt appreciation for what you did. We're deeply grateful for you and your family and everyone involved. In the event of extreme situations, many people panic; few rise to the occasion, but you and Nathan did rise to it. You put your own safety in jeopardy to assist before even the first responders got there. Your efforts provided Cheyenne with a little bit more time and for fam-

...\$35,000 to telehealth initiative

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ment is utilized. Dr. Maurianne Reade settled into an office as the "specialist" while "patient" Collin Corbiere was examined remotely through the assistance of a nurse.

Handheld equipment allowed for the close examination of a scratch on Collin Corbiere's arm (apparently the result of a close encounter with an over-exuberant dog). The scratch did not require medical attention but served as a handy focal point for the demonstration.

Ms. Oswald explained that the equipment also does service in palliative care, allowing for distant family members to connect with their loved one in the health centre.

"For small communities like ours, there are no specialists nearby," noted Ms. Oswald. "This enables patients to see a specialist while staying close to home and in a more familiar setting."

The cost savings for the patients can be considerable, given that some specialists are located in larger centres in Southern Ontario such as Toronto.

Even psychiatric examinations are often possible through the use of the technology, allowing the doctor to see the physical reactions to questions and how the patient answers those queries. Ms. Oswald noted that, while a patient may answer they "are fine," the way that patients hold themselves in providing that answer can tell a much different story.

Mr. Smith shared some stories on the challenges experienced in attending appointments in Southern Ontario and noted that the foundation was very pleased to be able to support such a worthy and important program.

Following the demonstration, members of the family health team and Mr. Smith enjoyed some light refreshments before heading back to their busy occupations.

ily to be there with him. You should be proud of yourselves, and the community and myself are very proud of you. Words are not enough to thank you for your strength, courage and dedication. Miigwetch."

Before the ceremony concluded with lunch, Pearl Waindubence, grandmother of Cheyenne, added her thoughts. "We all know what happened that evening; it was pretty terrifying, and we do need more police, that's for sure, not only here but in the different communities. They do lack funding for that so, in the future, I do hope that the police get funding, they need it for sure, in First Nations all over."

Monica's mother, Jackie Bowerman, organizer of the memorial, when asked privately if she had any final words said, "We didn't want to put our kids in danger, but I know

it would have been worse for Cheyenne if we hadn't been there. It's unfortunate we couldn't do anything more, but he'll be in our hearts forever."



Nathan and Monica's father, Darren Shawanda, chats with Sheguiandah First Nation Chief Elvis Mishibinjima following the ceremony.



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...Ken Pearce is 2023 Manitoulin Streams Volunteer of the Year

...continued from page 3 of his labours in our nursery and beyond are far-reaching and cross-generational."

Mr. Pearce utilized his time at the microphone to briefly thank the board for the honour and then launch into a spirited exhortation of those attending to volunteer for Manitoulin Streams, noting the organization is doing outstanding work that benefits the entire Island.

Manitoulin Streams Chair Ted Williamson thanked the many volunteers who have stepped up to make Manitoulin Streams the international success it has become, noting that Manitoulin Streams would not be the organization it is today without the work of Mr. Pearce. Mr. Williamson took a sombre moment to remember long-time member and former chair Paul Moffatt who passed suddenly recently and the late Aldona Tribinevicius, wife of board member Al Tribinevicius, both of whose volunteer efforts were unflagging on behalf of the organization.

Manitoulin Streams manager Seija Deschenes provided an overview of the work that Manitoulin Streams has completed over the past year—including many hectares of phragmites removal from Island shores.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Liam Campbell, whose voice managed to overcome the most excited of murmurings throughout the proceedings. Mr. Campbell announced the winners of the silent auction and raffle items throughout



Ken Pearce was recognized as Manitoulin Streams Volunteer of the Year during the annual Jeans and Jackets Gala held at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre. Mr. Pearce took home an engraved custom-built coffee table as a memento of his award. He is pictured, left, with Master of Ceremonies Liam Campbell.

photos by Michael Erskine

the evening.

Auctioneer Norm Morrell conducted the live auction with his usual combination of humour and fast-tongued



A fire pit goes up for live auction.



Manitoulin Streams vice chair Brian Ramakko presents Rob Marshall with his selection of prizes. Mr. Marshall won the Hunters' Dream prize.

banter.

The board of directors for 2023 include Algis Tribinevicius, Delmer Fields, Lynn Hughson, Ted Williamson, Brian Ramakko, Bob Florean, Neil Debassige and Elsa Lindfield.

Also recognized during the evening were the raffle and auction organizers, who included a number of board members and Lukas Arnold, Brandice Ramakko-Burke, Margo Yeomans, Brynn Kiley and Brittany Fournier.

...Speakers Night to feature authors Steve Paikin, Art Milnes

...continued from page 3 (Mr. Milne's hero by the by), George H.W. Bush and Franklin Roosevelt. His most recent book is '98 Reasons to Thank Jimmy Carter.' He has also served as the memoirs' assistant

to the Right Hon. Brian Mulroney on the former prime minister's best-selling autobiography and was a speechwriter to then Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Among the highlights of Mr. Milne's public

service in the Prime Minister's Office was attending the funeral of Nelson Mandela in South Africa.

Mr. Paikin is the author of several books, the last one was on former Premier Bill Davis and now his latest on former Prime Minister John Turner, and he has a camp on Manitoulin Island.

Following the formal onstage presentation (there could be a "surprise" third act) time has been set aside to chat informally with the

authors, who will also be on hand to sign copies of their respective books.

'Speakers Night in Kagawong' is a fundraising event for the Old Mill Heritage Centre but is free to attend (free-will offering donations to the museum are highly encouraged—there will be light refreshments following the presentations). It takes place Thursday, July 13 at the Park Centre in Kagawong and will run from 7:30 pm to "9 pm-ish."

...Northeast Town Senior of the Year

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Mr. Gauthier thanked the council for the recognition, adding that he was greatly honoured to be the recipient of the designation. "I have always tried to give back to the community," he said.

Mr. Gauthier was the unanimous choice for this year's recognition.

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"BMO customers can still access BMO digital banking anytime at BMO.com or through the BMO digital banking app," Mr. Doll added.

Other BMO locations on Manitoulin include Mindemoya, Manitowaning and Gore Bay where customers can visit for in-person services.



Steve Paikin is one of the featured speakers at this year's History Night.



Art Milnes will be speaking at this year's History Day in Kagawong.

NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF CLASS ACTION RELATING TO ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AGAINST CHILDREN AT THE HOLY CROSS MISSION IN WIKWEMKOONG, ONTARIO.

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On March 11, 2015, pursuant to the Class Proceedings Act, 1992, a proposed class action was commenced in Toronto with Action No. CV-15-523669CP.

The action was brought against: (a) the Jesuit Fathers of Upper Canada; (b) the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie; (c) the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie; (d) the Estate of Father George Epoch; and (e) the Estate of Brother O'Meara.

The action was brought on behalf of (a) all persons who were abused as children by clergy or staff of the Holy Cross Mission in Wikwemikong, Ontario; and (b) all parents, spouses, children and siblings of the abused persons.

This Notice is to advise you that this proposed class action has been discontinued. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has approved this discontinuance. The discontinuance of this action means that the proposed class action is not going forward.

If you are a person for whom the proposed class action was originally commenced and you have any questions, then you should obtain independent legal advice from a law firm other than the Merchant Law Group.

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...Canada Day a busy time on Manitoulin Island: A roundup of events

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mitting, are on the agenda.

Ice Lake

The Ice Lake potluck picnic is back for Canada Day at the picnic grounds, 274 Pleasant Valley Road at 12 pm sharp. Kids' games, bazaar and auction, concession booth, pickup ball game and a potluck lunch. Please bring your own plates and cutlery. Rain date is Sunday, July 2.

Kagawong

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Kagawong is having a Canada Day yard sale and barbecue from 10 am to 2 pm.

Little Current

The Little Current Business Improvement Area (BIA) and The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is inviting you to the Canada Day Summer Fair in downtown Little Current Saturday. There will be a special edition Farmers' Market starting at 10 am, a pedestrian mall on Water Street (which will be closed to traffic) from 10 am to 4 pm featuring vendors, crafters, artisans and more, live music at Cenotaph Park with the Wiky 3 Johnny Cash Tribute band from noon until 2 pm, a kids' bike decorating contest (don't forget to bring your bike!) outside of Breakaway Sports and Cycle followed by a bike parade at 12:30 pm, bouncy inflatables from 10 am to 3 pm and facepainting from 11 am to 3 pm. There will also be a junk in the trunk sale at the NEMI rec centre parking lot from 9 am until 1 pm and a community barbecue, yard sale and bake sale at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor from 11 am to 1:30 pm. The Manor yard sale begins at 8 am in the gazebo.

And don't forget to join in the singing of O Canada, in English and Ojibwe, with the talented Katie Harper then tuck into some delicious Canada Day cupcakes at noon (in front of the post office).

Mindemoya

It's the Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend and Manitoulin Ribfest in Mindemoya! The Canada Day weekend fun gets underway on Thursday, June 29 with DJ'd music at the Lions Pavilion at 4 pm and at 8 pm, Elijah and the Backburners take the stage.

There's more music in store Friday, June 30 with the Kassie Taylor Duo from 1 to 3 pm, Tristen Hall at 5 pm, Mike Trudell Band at 6:30 pm and Elijah and the Backburners again at 10 pm. Between sets, from 8 to 9:30 pm, The Tickle Your Ribs Comedy Trio of Charlie Adam, Michael Hamilton and Phil Rawlson will have you in stitches at the Lions Pavilion.

Kids should keep their eyes open for a special guest appearance by Elsa from 'Frozen' between 4 and 5 pm.

The J.H. Burt Memorial Arena will be hopping Friday and Saturday with the Central Manitoulin Market, boasting over 60 vendors selling handmade and direct sales. The market is

open 2 to 6 pm on Friday and 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

Trinity United Church is having an indoor yard and bake sale from 9 am to 1 pm.

The Lions' famed Canada Day parade will make its way through the Mindemoya streets Saturday beginning at 11 am.

The fun continues at the Lions Pavilion and ball fields at noon with bouncy castles, kids' games and prizes, Hot Wheels races at 1 pm and an ice cream eating contest at 2:30 pm. The Mindy Indy soap box derby at 3 pm on Duke Street.

Who will be crowned the ribmaster? Find out Saturday afternoon when the amateur rib cookoff kicks off at noon with judging at 6 pm.

The music continues Saturday with the Silver Peak Band at noon, the locally rejuvenated Studebaker Props at 4 pm, The Hip Experience Tragically Hip Tribute band at 8 pm and the famed Homecoming Weekend dance at the Mindemoya Hall from 10 pm to 1 am.

On Sunday, July 2, the Mindemoya Classic Run Paddle, Pedal Triathlon makes its triumphant return to Homecoming at 8 am, brought to you by Breakaway Sports and Cycle.

There's more music to be had Sunday with Tristen Hall and Barry Hamilton from 11 am to 1 pm, Robbie Shawana at 1:30 pm and

George C. Williamson will close the show at 3 pm.

Manitoulin Ribfest, of course, will happen all weekend long with professional ribbers Go Gonzalez BBQ, Brickyard BBQ, BubbaLou's Bar-B-Q and Made in America BBQ on hand with their delicious offerings! There will also be a host of other tasty delights on hand at Ribfest, so bring your appetite. These four barbecue artists will be competing for the Manitoulin Ribfest Crown with judging and



awards at 1 pm on Sunday.

A 50/50 raffle will be held all weekend long with daily prizes drawn and don't forget your tickets for the \$2,500 Lions Backyard BBQ Ultimate Dream Package sponsored by Jake's Home Centre. The draw for this amazing prize will happen Sunday at 4 pm.

Providence Bay

Canada Day fun can be found at the Discovery Centre located at the Providence Bay Beach Saturday. There will be children's

games from 2 to 4 pm, facepainting from 4 to 6 pm, cake and lemonade from 5 to 7 pm and fireworks at dusk. (Fireworks will be set from a barge, which is permitted during a fire ban.)

Sheguiandah First Nation

It's Sheguiandah First Nation powwow weekend! The annual jingtamok (powwow), held annually near the shore of Sheguiandah Bay, has the theme of 'honouring past, present and future jingtamok.'

Saturday's grand entries will be 1 and 7 pm and Sunday at 12:30 pm and will feature head dancers Jason and Pam Solomon and head elders Jerry and Linda Kaboni. Master of ceremonies is Greg 'The Goose' Sutherland. Weekend specials will include men's traditional, vendors, tiny tot, old style, memorial and drummers.'

Silver Water

The Silver Water Canada Day parade, with the theme of 'under the sea,' gets underway at 11 am Saturday with the community picnic to follow.

South Baymouth

The Little Schoolhouse and Museum, Tehkumma Fire Department and South Baymouth Community Development Association are hosting a number of fun events on Canada Day including the famous fireman's yard sale starting at 8 am, the museum bake sale

from 10 am to 1 pm, a silent auction from 10 am to 2 pm, a barbecue from 11 am to 1 pm, a parade at 1:30 pm, a fish fry at John Budd Park

at 5 pm and, pending the fire ban status, fireworks at 10 pm.

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With love and best wishes,
The Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Directors of
Manitoulin Family Resources

...Ontario's first Missing, Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, 2S+ monument unveiled

...continued from page 3 into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, acted as master of ceremonies for the unveiling ceremonies.

Chief Nahwegahbow welcomed everyone to Whitefish River First Nation. "Miigwetch for coming," he said, before introducing himself in traditional form and going on to acknowledge the former leadership, the helpers in the ceremony "for starting us out on a good way. Something like this takes a lot of teamwork."

"I want to thank our elders Tecla and Jean for opening us up with a beautiful thanksgiving prayer," he said. "I want to acknowledge the families of the victims. In spite of what they have endured, they continue and persist in offering healing and helping hands. We should remember to offer them our support, emotionally and spiritually."

Chief Nahwegahbow went on to thank Indigenous leaders who travelled to the community, including Anishinaabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg



Family members of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Sprited+ gather with knowledge-keepers and dignitaries in front of the new monument at Whitefish River First Nation. The monument, created from a massive chunk of stone imported from India features the carved image of a jingle dancer, carved flowers and strawberries and a drum. The five-inch gap in the stone symbolizes the missing and the circle that can never be complete.

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Niganobe and Chief Patsy Corbiere, the members of the Espanola council in attendance and NEMI Deputy Mayor Al Boyd.

"This monument will be appreciated by many people who visit our community," he said. Chief Nahwegahbow went on to acknowledge organizer Meggie Cywink for her hard work and seeing the project through.

"I would like to extend my gratitude to the Ontario Ministry of Attorney General, Indigenous Justice Division for funding this commemorative and all the Indigenous organizations that helped fund the various expenses for this event," said Chief Nahwegahbow. "Chi-miigwetch to our own Whitefish River chief and council for the decisions, time to help fund the prep and ground work ensure this monument will stand the test of time."

Two plainclothes members of the OPP then unveiled the monument of red granite.

"Our people have suffered intergenerational trauma where violence and addictions are common and continue to grow with threats of city and gang-related crime infiltrating our First Nation Communities," he said. "I had three decades of First Nation policing service with the UCCMM communities in the Manitoulin area. We will continue to see our young men and women choosing to leave our First Nations in hopes for a better life in the city. This imbalance must be addressed to reverse the effects of MMIWG2S."

Family members were called up to podium to talk about what the monument and this day meant to them. Those whose family members have never been found, now have a place to come

and mourn their lost ones.

When new remains are found, the news triggers grief and pain for those family members.

"I am really happy to be here," said the son of a MMIWG2S+ person. He noted the monument will ensure that "those taken from us are not forgotten."

The monument was created by Signature Memorials Limited of Orillia, in consultation with the families and committee members, and owner Stephen Sanderson was in attendance at the unveiling. His wife and one of his staff carved the imagery on the monument. That imagery consisted of a jingle dancer, a swirl of strawberry plants and flowers along the edge of a five-inch gap that splits the monument in twain. That gap represents the missing, and speaks to the fact that, because they are missing, for their families the circle will never be complete.

Anishinaabek Nation Grand Council Chief Niganobe thanked the organizers for inviting him to the unveiling and said that it was great to be here "and thank you to the families for sharing your stories, the teachings and your strength."

Following the speeches, family members processed from the viewing seats and to a community feast. Dignitaries and family members took an opportunity to pose for photographs with the monument to mark the historic occasion.

"I wish to congratulate the community of Whitefish River First Nation, Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow, his council and the Ontario Loved Ones Commemoration Committee for the historic unveiling of the monument dedicated to Ontario Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, Transgender and Two-Spirit persons," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "Although I could not attend the unveiling and commemoration ceremony due to my duties in the House of Commons, I wish to commend Meggie Cywink for her unrelenting work to honour her sister Sonya, as well as the work of the other committee members who wanted to ensure their loved ones are never forgotten. A monument such as this is a vital reminder of the continued work that needs to be done to address the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Calls to Action. It also stands as a stark but necessary reminder of those women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA people whom we have lost."

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...What if swing bridge has catastrophic failure? MTO responds

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As previously reported, the MMA had agreed to meet with the MTO in person to discuss its concerns with the newly revised Little Current swing bridge emergency plan. MMA members had voiced concerns that the current plan only addresses a short-term emergency should the bridge become inoperable, not a long-term shutdown. The MMA wants the plan tied in with all of Manitoulin Island and the municipalities’ own community emergency plans.

MMA Chair Ken Noland pointed out, “As municipalities, we aren’t clear if in a catastrophic failure, what actual plans there are to get goods and services to and from Manitoulin, and we are in need of addressing this in any emergency plans.”

The three MTO representatives at the meeting shared a draft of the emergency plan, said Mr. Noland.

“The big thing I took away from the meeting is that if there is a catastrophic failure of the bridge, it is not part of MTO’s emergency plan to fix it. That was up to the municipalities, which did not make sense.”

“It is not our highway (where the bridge is located),” noted Jack Bould.

If food and services need to be brought in, municipalities and First Nations would be responsible. MTO suggested MMA reach out to Emergency Measures

Ontario.

Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island added that while MTO officials said they were sure they could get the swing bridge closed in an emergency situation, “They don’t have a quick fix, and don’t know how.”

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens said MTO should fix the bridge, but Island communities would have their own emergency management plans. “We would work with the MTO and the other agencies and ministries involved,” he said.

A total failure of the swing bridge would affect all of the Island, said Linda Debassige, ogimaa kwe of M’Chigeeng First Nation. She has discussed the issue with Patsy Corbiere, chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of M’Nidoo M’Nissing and chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation. “We all have different resources,” she said. “Chief Corbiere offers our support from the tribal council.”

Ogimaa kwe Debassige pointed out they may see quicker action through Indigenous Affairs, which also works with other ministries. “We’d like to offer our support in the discussions,” she said.

“We are in a unique situation here on Manitoulin and it only makes sense to look at having a coordinated effort in an emergency situation,” said Bryan Barker, mayor of Billings Township.

Mayor Barker suggested

there should be an Island-wide EMO coordination. “The MTO response would be to get the bridge fixed but all of this doesn’t take into account a catastrophic failure. There was some confusion on the way they (MTO) and we are looking at handling an emergency. There seems to be a disconnect.”

In the MTO plan, they must act diligently to solve the problem in the event the bridge is down for a significant amount of time, NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin said. “Our community would declare an emergency so EMO would be involved and a community control group would be activated in our community.”

The police and other agencies would be part of the community plan, Mayor MacNevin added. It would include a list of resources and available food, for example. “I think the MTO would be willing to sit at the table with EMO for a tabletop discussion session,” he said.

Mayor Barker said an example provided at the MTO meeting was that during an Island-wide wildfire emergency, communities would have to work together as a group. “We would incorporate individual plans but have an Island-wide plan as well.”

Island municipalities and First Nations have already successfully worked together, during the COVID pandemic, pointed out Central Manitoulin councillor Derek Stephens.

Ogimaa kwe Debassige


said that group had a mandate to coordinate and connect with every municipality and First Nation within 12 hours. She said the idea now would be for the communities to get together

and establish that relationship.

“Maybe this would be a good first step,” Mr. Noland said.

MMA passed a motion to contact EMO about setting

up a gathering for Island municipalities and First Nations to at least discuss who would be responsible for what in a colossal emergency.



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- 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm – DJ'd Music at the Pavilion Stage.
- 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Elijah and the Back Burners – Rock and Roll at the Pavilion Stage.

Friday, June 30 Festival 11 am to 11 pm

- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Kassie Taylor Duo - Country at the Pavilion Stage.
- 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Central Manitoulin Market in the Mindemoya Arena. Up to 60 Vendors Selling Handmade and Direct Sales.
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Ice Queen as Elsa – Kids event.
- 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Tristen Hall – Rock Folk Country at the Pavilion Stage.
- 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Mike Trudell Band – Country/Contemporary Country at the Pavilion Stage.
- 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm – Tickle Your Ribs Comedy Trio - Charlie Adam, Michael Hamilton and Phil Rawson at the Pavilion Stage.
- 10:00 pm* to 11 pm – Elijah and the Back Burners – Rock and Roll at the Pavilion Stage.

*Please Note: Homecoming Fireworks are cancelled due to the restricted fire zone and extreme dry conditions.

Saturday, July 1 Festival 10 am to 11 pm

- 10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Central Manitoulin Market in the Mindemoya Arena. Up to 60 Vendors Selling Handmade and Direct Sales.
- 11:00 am Homecoming Canada Day Parade Through Mindemoya – Manitoulin Inn to Community Centre. To Register Call Karlene at 705-869-7695.
- 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm – Bouncy Castles, Games and Prizes Beside the Lions Pavilion.
- 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Amateur Rib Cookoff. Call Marcus at 249-878-1659 for details.
- 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm – Silver Peak Band - Rock at the Pavilion Stage.
- 2:30 pm** to 3:00 pm – Ice Cream Eating Contest Pavilion Stage. Register at Event.
- 3:00 pm*** – Mindy Indy Soap Box Derby on Duke Street. Register at Event.
- 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm – Studebaker Props – Rock at the Pavilion Stage.
- 6:00 pm to 6:30pm – Amateur Rib Contest Judging at the Pavilion Stage.
- 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm – The Hip Experience - Tragically Hip Cover Band at the Pavilion Stage.
- 10:00 pm to 1:00 am – DJ Dee Homecoming Dance at the Mindemoya Hall.

Ice Cream Eating contest moved forward 1/2 hour to 2:30 pm *Mindy Indy moved back to 3:00 pm start. Registration starts at 3:00 pm and continues.

Sunday, July 2 Festival 11 am to 6 pm

- 8:00 am to 11:30 am Mindemoya Classic – Run, Paddle, Pedal Triathlon. Visit breakawaymanitoulinevents.ca/events/mindemoya-classic.
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm – Tristan Hall & Barry Hamilton – Rock Folk Country at the Pavilion Stage.
- 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm – Professional Ribber Competition Judging and Awards.
- 1:30 am to 2:30 pm – Robbie Shawana – Classic Country at the Pavilion Stage.
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm – George C. Williamson - Classic Rock/Country at the Pavilion Stage.
- 4:00 pm – Draw for \$3,350 Lions Backyard BBQ Ultimate Dream Package Sponsored by Jake's Home Centre.

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...Ali Valentine hosts long term care shelter for animals

...continued from page 1 she was sold and to this day, she is still vegan. My ex unfortunately is not, but that's the least unfortunate part about my ex...and you are welcome to print that!" Ms. Valentine didn't know at that point in time that she needed sheep and goats and cows in her life, but there was a volunteer program at that particular sanctuary and that's where it all began for her. She volunteered there for about four years and then, once she learned all that was involved in running a sanctuary, she sold her house and bought a farm.

"But it wasn't until I got animals in my care that I realized: you can plan for a cow or a pig or a sheep, but how do you plan for Patricia, or Maria or Wayne?" Ms. Valentine shared. "They all come from such unique circumstances and they all have such unique needs. So, the best thing that we did, and here's my favourite analogy, we are a long term care home for farm animals. They rely on us to meet every single one of their needs, from the day they arrive to the day they pass away and we try to not only keep them alive, but give them a life worth liv-

ing." All the animals are rescues. They come from a variety of different cases. "We have one potbellied pig named Pixie, she came from a domestic violence call. When the police arrived on scene, not only was there the issue of domestic violence, there were also children in the home as well as a whole bunch of animals. Pixie was in a really bad way when she came to us. We weren't sure we'd be able to rehab her, but with the exception of being blind—which does not slow her down at all—she is absolutely living her best

life now." Since moving to Manitoulin, they are committed to supporting the businesses on the Island. They've switched all of their contracts for farm supplies to Rob Pennie, who runs the Agromart. In a few weeks the new barn roof will be done by Rob Maguire of Terrastar Roofing. Wayne and Garth (get it? Party on Wayne, party on Garth) are goats that came from a really bad neglect case. When they first arrived, they were so emaciated it was not possible to give them vaccines or pull blood work, because they were just skin and bones. "We had to get some weight on them before we could properly vet them. Luckily, they were disease free. That's one thing that's super important to us,

being the long term care home. Rescues do really important work, but we're not a rescue, we are a sanctuary; we work with either the Ontario veterinary college for private quarantine, or we have private foster homes that will quarantine animals before any of them step foot onto our property. They have full blood work as well as a battery of tests, to make sure we are not bringing disease onto our property." GLO Farm Sanctuary first came into operation in East Garafraxa. When it became apparent the farm wasn't big enough to suit their needs, they found this farm on Manitoulin Island. "We took possession of the property on September 26 and we had the other property till December 31. In that time, we had to get

fencing up and we had to get hydro and water to the barn, so we could get the animals here. The barn was also filled to the rafters with junk. We had to empty the barn and clean it so we could get all our hay and straw and all our supplies in there. It was an absolute hustle. We are very fortunate to have three people here on site: myself, I'm the founder and executive director, Dr. Sarah Dodd, our private veterinarian and then we have Richard who is our property manager. Richard built the paddock and the yard in five weeks. He is absolutely super human!" "In East Garafraxa we knew no one, but everyone here on Manitoulin Island has been so welcoming and so helpful," Ms. Valentine

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June the pig takes a big sniff of that fresh Manitoulin air on the GLO Farm Sanctuary. photos by Margery Frisch

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continued. "The barn doors fell off in a storm in the winter, and Terry Moggy from down the road built our barn doors for us. We were afraid we were not going to have enough hay, but everyone helped us in that respect too. We got through with the help of our neighbours. Rob Pennie has been a tremendous help. We've actually hired his son. Rylan Pennie is our part time animal caregiver and he is amazing! He's so gentle and patient with the animals and you can't ask for more than that."

When asked how the sanctuary is funded, Ali laughed. "We beg, beg, beg," she said. "Our biggest source of income is Patreon which is a monthly paid subscription. People interested in supporting us can go to our website and learn more about that. We've been in operation since 2015, but in 2021 we did go the route of becoming a registered Canadian charity so that hopefully we can get more corporate donations. We are looking for corporate business partners and we'd be happy to work with local businesses if anyone is looking to sponsor

a project; we have a lot of projects," she said and laughed again. "Like many small-scale, family-run sanctuaries, we rely on donations. Every dollar donated goes directly into caring for the animals, which for feeding cows alone costs about \$20 per day throughout the winter."

Volunteers are also a tremendous help to the daily operations. "At our old farm, we had 100 volunteers. We have eight volunteers here on Manitoulin, but we haven't been here long." Volunteers can also go to their website, www.glofarm.org, for more information. It's hard to believe that anyone meeting Martin, Patricia, Pixel, Wayne and Russel Crow wouldn't jump at the chance to spend a lot more time with them.

"My goal is to be doing this by myself in 10 years, because I still work a day job. I work from home, which gives me the flexibility to take an hour at lunch and come out here, then go back to work. In 10 years I hope to retire from my day job and just do this all day every day. Create the job that you don't need a vacation from, right?" Ms. Valentine said with a smile. "I just love it. This is what I was meant to do."

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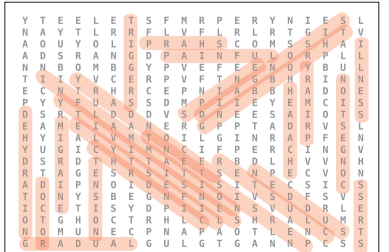
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If you're visiting the Island and want a souvenir for your furry friend, Kat's carries Manitoulin bandanas, in addition to the large selection of collars, leashes, harnesses, life jacket and toys. You and your fur-ever friend won't want to miss this shop on your Manitoulin adventure!



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This year marks The Rain Barrel's third season at its new location across from the Little Current waterfront, but its 28th year in business. "The Rain Barrel is so much more than gifts and souvenirs," explains owner Kim Marshall. "We offer essentials for your everyday life." The store boasts a wide selection of kitchen and dining tools and accessories from top brands, Manitoulin brand clothing and a ladies clothing line. Some of The Rain Barrel's top sellers include their touch lighting, their exclusive Manitoulin Afghan and mugs, and Sterling Silver Manitoulin charm. You can also find gardening accessories like wind charms and solar lights. There are gifts for any occasion such as wedding, new baby, birthday, christening, and both Canadian and Manitoulin Souvenirs. Please visit us at our new location at the waterfront.



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Employees and members of the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) children's services program met with Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha on a Child Care Day of Action, last week. From left is Diana St. Pierre, Lindsey Varey, Lucie McCutcheon, Amanda Roy, Suzanne Norris, board member, and Michael Mantha.

...Manitoulin has child-care crisis: MFR

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"I agree," stated MPP Mantha. "We have to support the little ones learning their way in the world," said Amanda Roy, Little Current Childcare supervisor. "We teach them how to be independent, how to be sociable and get along, express their feelings, and how to survive with two adults in a room with 30 kids."

MFR representatives, employees and board members of MFR Childrens Services Program met with MPP Mantha last week.

"We are facing a crisis in childcare, not just our region but across the board," said Ms. St. Pierre. She said to deliver on the promise of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system to families, "we need governments to ensure better pay, better quality, better access." "The CWELCC plan offers to create access to families with a promise of a \$10 a day fee for families, which is great for families, but only if they can access it," MFR representatives told MPP Mantha. "The plan lacks the resources to support the staffing needs to fill childcare programs and without staff, childcare isn't accessible. And without childcare, parents can't work."

"The only way to solve the childcare workforce shortage is with decent work and pay," said Ms. St. Pierre. The wage floor for early childhood educators (ECEs) is only \$19 an hour and a \$1 annual increase is not enough to attract and retain childcare workers and doesn't even apply to assistants and other program staff.

"We are not able to recruit and retain ECEs or educators in the North," said Ms. St. Pierre. Childcare programs aren't running at capacity because they cannot be staffed. "To ensure access for more families educators are needed to staff the spaces we have now and more to work in expanded programs."

"We need a recruitment strategy for every childcare worker, with decent work and higher pay," said Ms. St. Pierre. "Our waiting list is 100 or more (for families wanting their children to be part of the program), and this is just for our agency. And we have parents who have been on the waiting list to have their children here for two or three years."

"What is happening is that new parents can access child care for \$10 but we can't find enough staff to hire. Meanwhile, our

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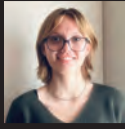
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Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

As the final bell rings, signaling the end of the school year, a sense of accomplishment fills the air. Students can now look back on the challenges they faced, the obstacles they overcome, and the memories they created.

The exams are finally here, and today, on Wednesday, June 28, we say good-

bye to another school year. Looking back on this school year, it holds a special place in students' hearts as the first regular year since the pandemic started. The school was thrilled to welcome back dances, spirit days and holiday celebrations all year round.

Amidst the excitement

and reconnecting with friends, growth and learning were experienced. From math problems to literature analysis, scientific experiments and art projects, curiosity flourished.

Like every year, there were new challenges to face, exciting opportunities presented and fun to be had. Of course, none of this would've been possible without the dedication of the staff at MSS. From teaching to mentoring to supervising each one contributed to the success of students in their schooling.

As the final bell rings, signaling the end of the school year, a sense of accomplishment fills the air. Students can now look back on the obstacles they overcome and the memories they created.

As the clock strikes three o'clock, let summer vacation begin. Until next year, go, Mustangs, go!
EDITOR'S NOTE: Have a wonderful summer, Alex and to all the students on Manitoulin too. Be safe and have fun!

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Misery Bay Provincial Park now assigned a park warden

by Tom Sasvari

MISERY BAY—Members of the Friends of Misery Bay (FOMB) were very pleased to announce that through Ontario Parks (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry) there is now a park warden on hand at the park.

"I'm giddy with excitement to announce that we now have a park warden here, funded through Ontario Parks," stated Megan Bonenfant, at the FOMB annual general meeting June 17. She said Brad Grant will be filling this position at the park.

"There are things that Brad can do that we can't, such as keeping people from camping on the beach," said Ken Mackenzie. "We don't have the authority and enforcement ability that Brad has. There has never been an official presence at the park."

"It is great that Ontario Parks is funding this position, and basically they have invested in the preservation and natural habitat of the park," said Mr. Mackenzie.

Mr. Grant noted that one of the biggest parts of being the park warden is in the area of education. "To provide information to visitors of the park what the park is all about and what it has here, inform visitors of all the displays and interactive features in the interpretive centre and out in the park. And to provide information on why the park is here."

"This is a nature reserve park, so I will explain to visitors why the park is here, and why we don't encourage people bringing a boom box to play their music while walking on the trails," said Mr. Grant. "And there is the added element that hasn't been here before (in terms of enforcement) as a deterrent of what people shouldn't be doing do while they are visiting the park; and my role is to promote why the park is so important."

He explained he will be at Misery Bay Park five days of the week. "I will be here on Saturday and Sundays, and I'll move my days around to accommodate this. I will be responsible for everything from trail and sign maintenance, education and I will be working with the FOMB on what they would like to see me do. He said although he is the park warden for not only Misery Bay but Strawberry Island, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Mnidoo Mmissing Provincial Park, will be based at Misery Bay. "I will help those other parks when ministry technicians are visiting the park."

Mr. Grant told the group, "I come here after having worked at several smaller parks in the past through the MNRF (Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry)." He was previously the park warden at Rainbow Falls in Terrace Bay, previous to that as assistant superintendent at Pakwash in Red Lake, and previous to that as a fisheries technician for the ministry. "In total I have worked five years with the ministry," he told The Expositor.

"This park is absolutely gorgeous, because of its habitat, natural preservation, geology and natural history and so much been done with the park with the trail system and the visitors centre," said Mr. Grant. "My job and the main reason I will be here is to help you guys out. We are taking a more hands on approach to the park. I see this as a good thing. And we can all work together."

"I hope you understand how glad we are that you are here," said an FOMB member.

EDITOR'S NOTE: See more coverage of the FOMB annual general meeting in a future edition of the Expositor.



The Friends of Misery Bay (FOMB) held its annual general meeting earlier this month. In photo left is Megan Bonenfant, Maylen Moffatt, Phyllis Cacciotti, new Park Warden Brad Grant, Jim Cahill and Mike Hobson.

Honouring Past, Present and Future Jiingtamok July 1st and 2nd, Sheguiandah First Nation Powwow grounds



Honouring Past, Present and Future Jiingtamok Location: Sheguiandah First Nation Powwow grounds

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Mnaamodzawin increases health services for 2SLGBTQ+ community

by Alicia McCutcheon
 MANITOULIN—Mnaamodzawin Health Services is taking even greater strides to being an organization that meets the needs of all its clients, thanks to funding procured from Indigenous Services Canada to hire staff to support the 2SLGBTQ+ community of Mnídoo Mnising.
 Executive Director Craig

Abotossaway was also keen to share the good news that Mnaamodzawin would be taking the reins on Pride Manitoulin beginning next year. Sarah Seabrook of Mindemoya has been the chief organizer of the Manitoulin Pride Week each year in August since its inception in 2017.
 “We accessed funding for a nurse educator, mental



health counsellor, activities coordinator and two-spirit elder to join our traditional

services team,” Mr. Abotossaway told The Expositor. “They are positions for those clients who identify as 2SLGBTQ+.” Almost all the positions have already been filled.

“Mnaamodzawin is a growing service agency that is striving to meet the needs of all members of our communities,” the executive director added. “We’re quite excited to see this expansion of the diversity of services Mnaamodzawin offers.”

This year’s Pride Manitoulin will see Mnaamodzawin working together with Ms. Seabrook, learning the ropes before taking the event full on in 2024.

“Historically, Mnaamodzawin has played a role and expressed an interest in Pride Manitoulin,” Mr. Abotossaway shared. “It

seemed like a logistical step, considering how much Pride has grown, to have an organization take the lead. Sarah has done an amazing job of getting it to this

point.” Mr. Abotossaway added that there are exciting things in store for Pride Manitoulin.

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waitlist is increasing,” said Ms. St. Pierre. “And we have people that want to staff these programs but when they see what the wage rate is they say no.”

“In discussions with staff they will tell me can work less hours in retail and full-time as an ECE and they are getting paid more,” said Ms. Roy.

MPP Mantha said the government is implementing lots of programs and enhancements that are geared to the private sector and not the public sector. “The reality is what works in the south doesn’t necessarily work in the North. If agencies like MFR are not able to recruit or keep employees there is a gap. Not everyone can do the jobs that childcare workers can do.”

“A one size fits all system doesn’t fit for everyone,” said Suzanne Norris, a member of the MFR board.

“If we are not here to provide these services all other work sectors fail as well if parents can’t get to work because there is no childcare accessible for their children,” said Ms. Roy.

MFR said the province needs to commit to a strategy to solve the childcare workforce shortage. Any childcare workforce strategy needs to include a real salary scale starting at \$25 per hour for all childcare workers and \$30-\$40 per hour for registered early childhood educators (RECEs),

benefits and pensions, paid sick days, professional development time, paid programming time and decent work standards.

“Housing is another big issue,” said Ms. St. Pierre. “Many of the interviews we conduct with potential employees they indicate they want to move to the Island but there is no housing.”

“What would be the biggest message I could bring back to Minister Stephen Lecce?” asked MPP Mantha.

“I would like to see good wages and benefits for RECEs and all childcare workers,” said Ms. St. Pierre.

“And we need proper funding, consistent year after year funding, to know how much we will be receiving each year,” said Ms. Norris. She said MFR is constantly chasing funding on a yearly basis, and it is cumbersome for administration.

It was pointed out provincial funding has been flatlined, while other provinces add their own resources into their childcare systems. The Ontario economy is benefiting from federal investment and can afford to increase provincial funding to make this system a success.

“If the province truly believes in childcare it needs to invest in this sector,” said Ms. St. Pierre.

MPP Mantha said he would bring the concerns raised forward. “I hear you loud and clear.”

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Conference fills knowledge gaps about human trafficking on Manitoulin Island

by Lori Thompson

M'CHIGEENG—Everyone should know what human trafficking is, know the signs and how to support survivors. Everyone should know that it happens here, on Manitoulin Island. A conference held June 13 and 14 in M'Chigeeng First Nation aimed to address the knowledge gap on human trafficking.

Valisa Peltier, shelter coordinator under M'Chigeeng's mental health and addictions department, organized the conference. She was tasked with bringing human trafficking training, awareness and education to the community and started by looking at what local supports and services were out there and opted to host a conference. "What's better than a conference to have that more personal experience of listening to people talk about their own lived experience and talk about the programs and services?"

According to Public Safety Canada, human trafficking involves "recruiting, moving or holding victims to exploit them for profit, usually for sexual reasons or forced labour. Traffickers can control and pressure victims by force or through threats, including mental and emotional abuse and manipulation."

Human trafficking doesn't necessarily involve crossing borders, and it is happening in communities across the country, including communities across Manitoulin.

Ms. Peltier attended a conference in March at Wiikwemkoong where she met Jessica Desmond, a 'survivor turned crusader' and one of the survivors who shared their stories recently in M'Chigeeng. The first day of the two-day Defeating Human Trafficking conference was



Detective Sergeant Todd Fox, left, and Detective Constable Ed Simon with UCCM Anishinaabe Police discuss human trafficking knowledge gaps.

photo by Lori Thompson

geared towards "that lived experience: the stories that would impact the community more than just hearing from an officer," said Ms. Peltier.

Michelle Mainville, a survivor of human trafficking from the ages of 12 to 21 years, shared her story and survivor Bridget Perrier also spoke of her lived experience. Ms. Perrier has cofounded Sextrade 101, a survivor-led

organization that educates the public about 'the real truths' of prostitution and human trafficking.

"I think a lot of people were shocked (by the survivor stories)," Ms. Peltier told The Expositor. "I hope a lot of people had their eyes and their minds opened to the stories."

Something that really impacted Ms. Peltier was that for many survivors, "All of the signs were there but people did not tune in," said Ms. Peltier. "They didn't think or know how to acknowledge it, or they didn't even know those were signs."

There are signs that family and friends can watch for: changes in behaviour, lifestyle, friends, social media use, daily routines and changes in attendance and grades at school. "Behavioural indicators what people are already doing that may give us some idea that they are being trafficked or being lured," said Detective Sergeant Todd Fox of UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service on the second day.

Physical signs may be present also, said Rachel Webster, crime and intelligence analyst with UCCM Police. These could include unexplained bruises, cigarette burns, or a new name or symbol tattoo (branding). Victims may be in possession of large amounts of cash, prepaid credit cards, hotel receipts or keys and may not be in possession of their identification.

Traffickers look for young people to connect with and will form relationships with their targets. They use false promises of a better life and relationship manipulation to ensure compliance. There could be threats against family

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rentals

Little Current apartments for rent: Studio, one bedroom and two bedroom. Call for details and viewing appointment, 705-368-6240. 5tfn

rental wanted

Accommodation wanted-single woman looking for one-or two-bedroom apartment/small house on the Island in a village or on farm. No pets, non-smoker. Quiet responsible tenant. Call/text 705-936-7106. 6c

wanted

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

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

coming events

Ice Lake Canada Day picnic, Sunday, July 1. Potluck lunch, 12 pm sharp at the Ice Lake Community Picnic Grounds, 274 Pleasant Valley Road. We will be having kids games, races, prizes, bazaar and auction, concession booth and pick-up ball game. It's an old-school country picnic, meet old friends, make new ones. All are welcome! Bring your own chair, reusable water bottle and utensils and dishes. For more information and to donate to the bazaar and auction, please contact dshillyard@gmail.com, Please no pets. Rain date, Sunday, July 2. 5-6c

Ladies! You are invited to morning coffee/tea and conversation each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Grace Bible Church, 10 Draper Street East, Little Current. 23tfn

coming events

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

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning will be having "Bag Days" on June 28th, 29th and 30th. Fill a large bag for \$5 or a small bag for \$3. Please bring your own small bag if possible. Open 10 am to 3 pm. The rummage sale will be closing on June 30th and reopening on August 16th. 6p

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

St. Andrews by the Sea United Church annual fish fry at John Budd Park, South Baymouth on July 1 at 5 pm. \$25 per plate, includes two pieces of fish, fries, coleslaw, ice cream and beverage. 6p

coming events


NEMI FARMERS' MARKET
Every Saturday 9 AM to NOON (plus extended hours)
Downtown, Little Current on the Waterfront at the Market Garden Pavilion
See you Saturday!

coming events

Gore Bay Street Market
Every Friday in July & August (including June 30th & Sept 1st)
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
PLUS Café in the Community Hall



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

for sale

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

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Legion Events

Little Current Legion Branch 177 wing night is back! Thursdays from 5 to 10 pm. To pre-order please call 705-368-2661, if ordering before bar opening leave a message with your name, phone number and your order. Wings and mozza sticks: six for \$9, 12 for \$18. Cheese balls: 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. 5-6p

yard sale

St. John's Gigantic Yard Sale, Barbecue and Bake Sale on Saturday, July 1 from 10 am to 2 pm at The Kagawong Pavilion. All proceeds to St. John's Church, Kagawong. 4-6p

Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale at the Trinity United Church Manitoulin at 6070 King Street in Mindemoya on Saturday, July 1 from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, June 26 to 30th. Please, no large items (i.e. fridge or couch, etc.) 4-6p

Yard Sale, Saturday, July 1 from 9 am to 1 pm at 23 and 28 Thorburn Street, Gore Bay. Lots of good stuff. 5-6p

Yard Sale, Saturday, July 1 from 9 am to 2 pm at 82 Cattail Ridge Lane, Manitowaning. Ladies' plus size clothing and shoes, small boat trailer and lots of kids stuff etc. 6c

Yard Sale, Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 starting at 9 am to 2 pm at 15979 Highway 540, Evansville. 6p

Moving Sale, Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 rain or shine starting at 8 am till 1 pm at 20 Walnut Lane, Mindemoya. 6c

Yard Sale, Saturday, July 1st starting at 9 am. Household articles, wedding items, toys, women's clothing (including lots of plus size), vintage board games, and more! 96 Wellington St, Manitowaning. Will be postponed in the event of rain. 6c

coming events

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Nearly-new clothing and miscellaneous treasures. 4-6p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is celebrating Canada Day weekend with a rummage sale on Friday, June 30 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, July 1 from 9 am to 12 noon. Donations will be accepted at the back of the church Monday through Thursday, during sale week, between 9 am and 12 noon. We are working toward funding a firefighter suit for our local fire department. We hope to see you there! 5-6p

coming events

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


church services

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

services

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

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Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Corporation
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually, via Microsoft Teams, on Thursday, June 29, beginning at 6 pm.

Members of the Corporation and the general public are invited and welcome to attend, but only members will be able to comment or ask questions during the meeting.

To receive the Microsoft Teams link, please send an email inquiry to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca

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CURTAIN TIME: 7:30 p.m.
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Northern Ontario municipal group advocates for more federal housing funds

NORTH BAY—A need for affordable housing and support for people at risk of homelessness impacts every community across Ontario. Many councils in

the province have supported previous housing resolutions seeking help to address the challenges seen in the communities. “Municipalities have

heard Minister Steve Clark comment about Ontario needing a better housing deal from the federal government,” said Danny Whalen, president of the

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). “FONOM and its members wish to stand with the province so that Ontario can achieve better.”

Minister Clark, in a speech he made at the 2023 AMO Conference said, “Ontario is currently being underfunded by approximately \$490 million for housing and homelessness

over the term of the National Housing Strategy, based on the province’s level of Core Housing Need, which is the highest in the country.” Minister Clark went on to say, “we need our municipal partners to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us and urge the federal government to pay its fair share, so we can continue working together to deliver support


and resources to vulnerable populations.”

FONOM is non-partisan, but the board believes more funding is required to address Ontario’s Housing challenges. Therefore, the board has written and endorsed a resolution, which speaks to the data, the current funding, and what should be changed to help Ontario achieve better.

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

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

Description of Lands:

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

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

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

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

Description of Lands:

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

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

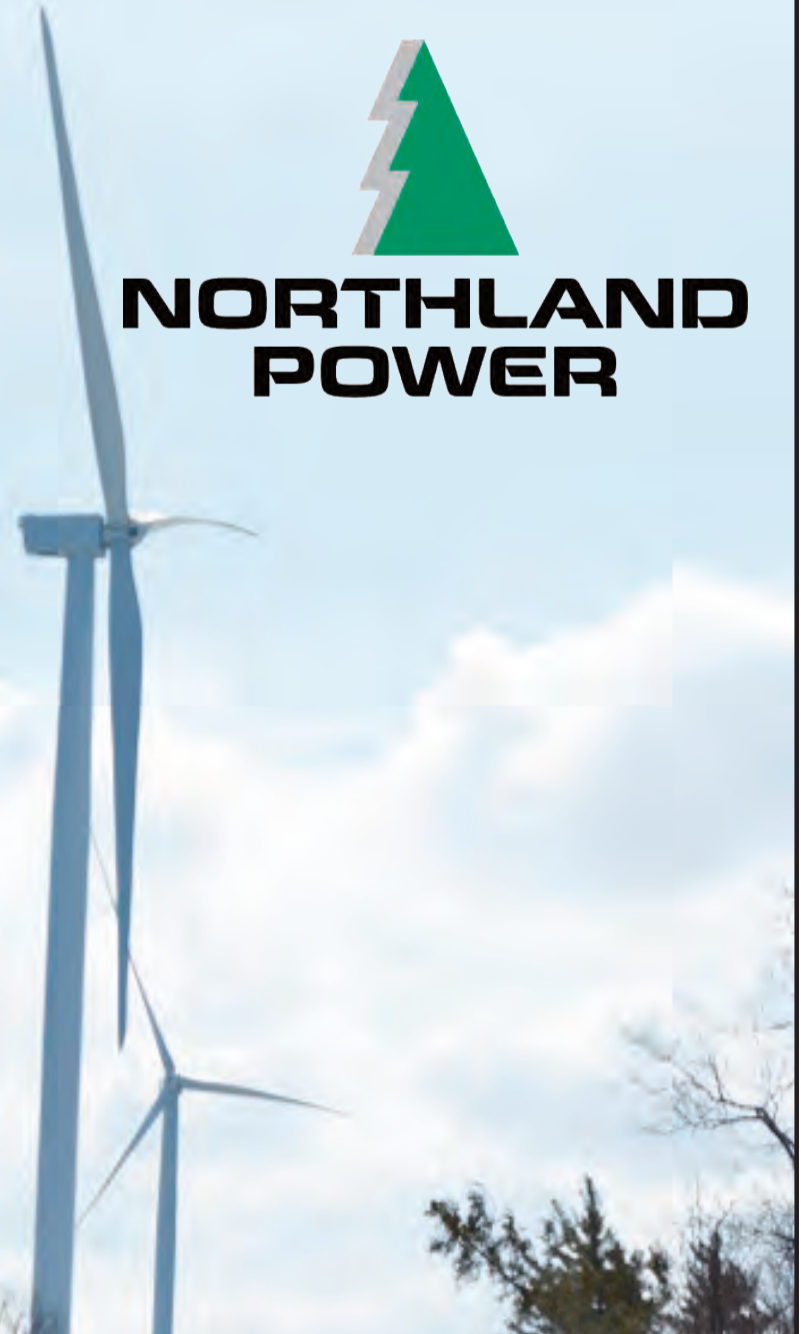
McLean’s Mountain Wind LP

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

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

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

notices

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

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notices

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

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in memoriam



SHAWANDA—Charles R.G. Shawanda, July 1, 1964 to June 26, 2016.
Tu m'as dit, "J'ai besoin de toi."
Pourtant c'est toi la source, moi le caillou;
Toi l'arbre, moi l'ombre;
Toi le sentier, moi l'herbe foulée
Moi j'avais soif, j'avais froid, j'étais perdue;
Toi tu m'as soutenue, rassurée et cachée dans ton cœur.
Pourquoi donc aurais-tu besoin de moi?
La source a besoin de cailloux pour chanter,
L'arbre a besoin de l'ombre pour rafraîchir,
Le sentier a besoin de l'herbe foulée pour guider.
Thank you for loving us Charles.
Forever missed and loved by Paula and Jacob.

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in memoriam

WAGOOSH (FOX)—In loving memory of Joseph Irving Wagoosh (Fox). August 9, 1932 to June 27, 2017, former resident of M'Chigeeng. His smiling way and pleasant face, Are a pleasure to recall. He had a kindly word for each, And died beloved by all. Some day we hope to meet him, Some day, we know not when, To clasp his hand in the better land, Never to part again. Lovingly remembered by wife Grace, children Craig (deceased May 14, 2020), Catherine, Patricia (Billy), Joey Jr. (deceased February 17, 2007), Ivan John, Billy Jo and Carol. Also 30 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Craig

Joey Jr.

6p

thank you

We would like to give a special thank you to the Providence Bay/ Spring Bay Lions Club and their volunteers for helping make our wedding day incredible. Eight amazing volunteers came out to help run the bar, set up the buffet and clean up after. We couldn't have done it without you. Special thanks to Brian, John and Marg. We would also like to thank Mike at Woodside Cottage, Max at Burt Farms, Wendy at Buie General Store, Janice at Eagle Owl Rentals and the Municipality of Central Manitoulin for the hall rental.
Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Currie

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Thank you for loving us Charles.
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MARY ELIZABETH BELL (née Brockelbank)



It is with deepest sorrow that we mourn the passing of Mary Elizabeth Bell (née Brockelbank), who passed away at Health Sciences North on June 17, 2023 at the age of 82. Dear daughter of Ted and Sadie (née Lee) Brockelbank, both predeceased. Dearly beloved wife of the late Ronald Bell. Loving mother of Tony (Ruth), Rhonda (predeceased), Darrin and Shannon. Caring grandmother to Mitchell (Amanda), Derek (Mickayla), Ryan (Michelle), Darrin Jr. and Chad. Great-grandmother to Maxim, Layla and Ryker. Sister to Roy Brockelbank (predeceased) (Maxine) and Joe (Jackie) Brockelbank (both predeceased). Survived by many loved nieces, nephews and cousins. Mary worked for many years before retiring and adventuring with her daughter and Gladys. If desired, donations in memory of Mary can be made directly to the Heart and Stroke foundation <https://www.heartandstroke.ca/>. Arrangements have been entrusted with Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at www.RangersSudbury.com.

Celebrations of Life

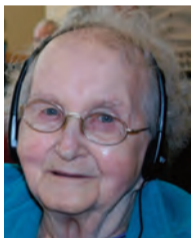
CAPTAIN CLIFFORD MORRISON



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

AUDREY HARPER

March 10, 1922 - April 15, 2021



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

CHRISTIE GEIB 1927-2022



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

ANDY M. BOWERMAN



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

DANNY BRAUN



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

Death Notices

PAUL STANLEY MOFFATT



We regret to announce the passing of Paul Stanley Moffatt, of Assiginack Township, Manitoulin Island, on June 18, 2023, following a severe stroke. Paul will be deeply missed by his wife of 60 years, Anne (née Young) of Assiginack; his sons John (Sandra) of Saskatoon and Jason of Assiginack; his grandsons Aidan (Erin) of Victoria and Angus of Saskatoon; and his granddaughters Maylen, Aleynah and Chloe of Mindemoya. He will also be mourned by a large circle of friends, neighbours and extended family. After a 35-year career as a firefighter in Oshawa, Paul retired at the rank of Deputy Chief to return to his and Anne's roots on the Manitoulin. Not one to be idle, he was Reeve and later Mayor of Assiginack and very active in the community. Paul was a dedicated golfer, who will be missed by many around the Rainbow Ridge Golf Club. He was also a passionate gardener, growing flowers, trees, shrubs and vegetables on his beautifully maintained property on Lake Manitou. At Paul's request, there will be no memorial service. The family wishes to thank all the doctors, nurses, and staff at Health Services North Intensive Care Unit for the dedicated and compassionate care that Paul received in his last days. We also wish to extend our thanks to all the family, friends, neighbours who have offered kind and generous support in these difficult times. Donations to the Manitoulin Streams Impervement Association <http://www.manitoulinstreams.com> in Paul's memory are welcomed. Arrangements entrusted to Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Services.

SHELLEY MARIE COOPER (née Ebel)

May 11, 1961 - June 15, 2023



Our world has been forever changed and our hearts are heavy as we say 'see you later' to our beautiful hero Shelley Marie Cooper (Ebel) who fought hard and courageously for 2.5 years against advanced stage ovarian cancer. A dedication to all women, Shelley participated in a clinical trial which we cannot be more proud of. Shelley (Ebel) was born May 11, 1961 and passed away June 15, 2023 peacefully at her home in Manitowaning on the shores of South Bay with family by her side. Shelley will be deeply missed by her husband Gary and her children Kyla (Kyle), Lisa (Chris) and Caleb (Carrie-Ann). Shelley was special in the eyes of her granddaughter Kallie and her bonus grandchildren Jack, Noah, Zander and Emma. Although she didn't get to meet her newly expected grandbaby due in the new year, baby Cooper will be reminded daily of her love for them. Predeceased by her father George Ebel and father-in-law Max Cooper. Sadly missed by her mother Marie Ebel (Rheal), her brother Dwight (Norine), her sister Heidi (John) and mother-in-law Ellen Cooper. She will be missed by many in-laws, nephews, and nieces as well as friends and coworkers. The girls and weekends at Kewadin will be missing a piece of their puzzle. Shelley would often be seen walking the property with her two best fur friends, Clara and Chessa. Proud fur Mom/Nana to Clara, Chessa, Whisky, Miller, Alley and Lucy. Shelley spent almost 37 hardworking and dedicated years as a Registered Practical Nurse at Mindemoya Hospital. Her coworkers and patients will always have a piece of her heart. Shelley had a heart of gold, and it was in her nature to be kind, compassionate and loving. We would like to thank the many supports and health care professionals including Dr. Pitre and the Northeast Cancer Centre, Manitoulin Health Care Centre staff, Bayshore Healthcare, Proresp, the Christadelphian Ecclesia and countless friends, neighbours and family who we cannot be more grateful for. We would especially like to thank Dr. Bedard who helped make her comfortable in her last days and supported our family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Shelley – the remarkable wife, mother and woman rests in peace while waiting for the return of Our Lord. She will forever be in our hearts. May you have a better sleep than after your night shifts Mom. Love you to the full moon and back. A celebration of life will be held on July 15th, 2023 from 3-7PM at Gary and Shelley's lakefront property in Clover Valley. (306 South Bay Drive, Manitowaning). A short service will be held on this date at 3:30PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in honor of Shelley to Angel Hair for Kids, Mindemoya Hospital Auxillary or the Northeast Cancer Society or a donation of your choice.

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or pets, intimidation, physical violence, isolation, or financial manipulation.

"A lot of victims involved make a lot of money but it's rare that they see any of that," said Detective Constable Ed Simon, also with UCCM Police. Traffickers will also go as far as impregnating the victim to create a familial bond. "They will treat (the victim) as a girlfriend and actually have children as another form of control, or will put the victims in debt so they're financially dependent."

Anyone is at risk, but some factors make people more vulnerable. Youth between the ages of 12 and 25 years are more vulnerable, as are people with a history of experienced violence, child abuse or sexual abuse; a low level of education; or a low level of self-esteem. People who are precariously housed or homeless, have spent time in the child welfare system, experience mental health and developmental disabilities and addiction are also at higher risk. Targets often lack family support and are isolated. Indigenous women and girls and LGBTQ2s+ are especially vulnerable.

"Most victims are known to their traffickers," said Detective Constable Simon. "And 51 percent of women being trafficked are Indigenous, which is alarming given we only make up two percent of the Canadian population."

Human trafficking is the second most prolific criminal market in Canada and is increasingly related to organized crime. "There's more money in human trafficking," noted Detective Sergeant Fox. "There's less chance of getting caught. Possession of drugs is possession of drugs. If someone is caught with a female who doesn't say anything, the trafficker gets off scot-free. The risk is lower."

What does human trafficking look like on Manitoulin Island? UCCM Police have had five reported cases of suspected human trafficking over the past five years. They were reported by concerned family members. Police made contact with the potential victims, but no human trafficking charges have been laid.

Often, the survivor doesn't want to be involved in the system out of fear, and many people don't realize there's a crime being committed when they are involved in the situation.

In her work, Ms. Peltier has seen individuals showing signs of being victims of human trafficking. "What we're noticing here in our community is it's more personal," Ms. Peltier said. "It's the boyfriend, the girlfriend selling their loved ones at parties for drugs to the drug dealers."

Her goal was to bring that awareness to the community. "It's not just getting picked up and taken out of the community,"



Defeating Human Trafficking conference organizer Valisa Peltier.

she said. "It's their boyfriends, their spouses."

This makes it hard to get people out of a human trafficking situation because the traffickers are their loved ones, and it's hard for these individuals to stay away from those situations, said Ms. Peltier. "It's such a close community. Everybody knows everybody. Everybody is family to somebody. Everybody's triggers are all over."

When her organization sees the signs, they will pull the individual in to talk with them. "We have that

honest conversation with them but at the end of the day, it comes from them. If they don't want to speak up, if they don't want to tell us the truth and the facts, then we can't help," Ms. Peltier said.

It's all about building rapport and trust and it can take multiple conversations to get there. "Hopefully we will get them to that point someday. It's just not giving up on them and being with them and talking with them to get them to open up."

"Maybe you can be that concerned friend or family member. Maybe you can make that report so police can look into whether it's human trafficking or not," said Detective Sergeant Fox.

It's a topic that needs to be talked about and not just within the community, Ms. Peltier said. "It needs to be talked about at the dinner table. It has to be talked about at family reunions. It's a topic that everyone needs to talk about."

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M'Chigeeng First Nation celebrates Indigenous Peoples Day with cultural events

M'CHIGEENG—M'Chigeeng First Nation elder Jean Debassige can remember the days not so long ago when Indigenous people were not able to celebrate their culture and history as they can now on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

"Today we celebrate the culture, heritage, resilience and diversity of our people," Ms. Debassige told the many people who gathered for the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at the M'Chigeeng powwow grounds on June 21. "We also celebrate that this is the longest day of the year, and everything is now going forward into the summer."



Shannon Manitowabi, right, was the head female dancer at the powwow.

photos by Tom Sasvari

"We are very grateful for this day, and that those of us have lived long enough that we have seen things change from the days of residential schools," said Ms. Debassige. "In the old days there was nothing allowed no eagle staff, drum or dancing. We were not allowed to speak our language, but fortunately we have preserved our language."

"Today is a celebration of our resilience as Anishinabek persons. We can move forward, healthy and happy to be able to have a day like this," said Ms. Debassige.

While attending residential school when she was young Ms. Debassige explained, "we were not allowed to use our Ojibway language in the classrooms. If we did, we got a three-foot-long strap with holes in it that ripped up our



Ogimaa Kwe Linda Debassige and her daughter enjoy the powwow as part of Indigenous Peoples Day in M'Chigeeng.

skin."

Ms. Debassige told the story of her husband, fellow elder Justin who while in residential school, "Was playing baseball while in Grade 1 at the school. He hit a ball backward and it broke a window in the school. He was forced to put on a dunce hat and stand at the front of the class, in front of the rest of the students."

"But now, fortunately, we are able to teach and speak our language and we have arrived at the time and place where we are not made to feel ashamed of who we are or beaten for using our language, culture," said Ms. Debassige.

Ms. Debassige made her remarks as part of the prayer she delivered at the mini powwow held at the M'Chigeeng powwow grounds on June 21. Earlier in the day a sunrise/pipe ceremony was held in the community.

The powwow drew a good crowd of participants and interested persons. Master of ceremonies was Gregoir Jacko. The powwow featured the M'Chigeeng drum group Red River, with Justin Debassige as head veteran and he and his wife Jean as the head elder dancers. Head dancers were Shannon Manitowabi and Myles Sutherland. The eagle staff carriers were Steven and Andrew Debassige.

There were several information booths set up, with Noojmowin Teg Health Centre running a booth and a table where delicious lemonade and other cool drinks were

served. Other events held through the day included storytelling and a medicine walk. The M'Chigeeng First Nation fire department parked their pumper truck at one end of the powwow grounds property and put the water hose on high in the air to give kids of all age the chance to get wet and cool off in the scorching heat.



Cool it! Children of all ages were thrilled to get the chance to get wet and cool off from the scorching heat thanks to the M'Chigeeng Fire Department using their pumper truck to provide a 'water falls' that the kids could run under.

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680 Ocean Point waterfront lot on Lake Huron, w/a western exposure, has 1576 ft. of frontage & 20.5 ac. of open alvar & forest. This large estate lot is fully surveyed w/good seasonal access via Poplar & Ocean Point Roads ready for your off-the-grid cottage. Quiet, private lot w/a network of trails for viewing the wild flowers of Manitoulin Island. \$397,000 (1604)

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

Barrie Island Hunting Acreage with year round access on the East Line. Tree covered 100 ac. with a mixture of forest & wetland including a creek traversing the full length of 3,300 ft. Check out the recreational possibilities for you & your family including the access to the North Channel just 3.2 km down the road. Seller will hold a mortgage with 50% down. \$147,000 (1590)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Waterfront Lot with 150 ft. of frontage offering a full view of the North Channel & the summer sunsets on Manitoulin Island. Year round access via Maple Point Road with hydro & telephone at the lot line. Mixed forest & a stone shoreline in an area of homes & cottages. \$210,000 (1581)

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

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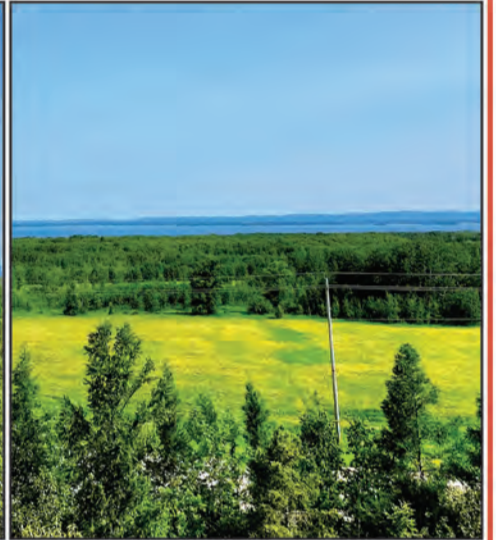
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Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Burke and Alice Pennie

This Islander family joins many others who have called Manitoulin home for several generations. They remain a close-knit family with all four of their children, their spouses and grandchildren nearby. "Our home has always been 'Grand Central Station,' a place for family gatherings from the very beginning. "Our children would bring their friends over because they all felt welcome here during the elementary, high school and college years. In grade school, our five or sometimes six grandchildren would get off the school bus here and stay until their parents picked them up. They played well together and enjoyed tasty snacks we would prepare for them. We loved having them visit." Burke has also spent many years building and fixing houses, sheds and anything else the community or the family needed. Alice has taught both high school and elementary school. "I enjoyed working with the children during the day and then coming home to our family and their friends."

Burke begins, "In 1848, my maternal great-great-grandparents, Dugald and Rachael (McGlauchlin) McArthur homesteaded in Annon, just outside of Owen Sound. One son John married Marian Sutherland and in 1877 they came to Manitoulin Island with their family. They bought the original farm from the Crown and homesteaded near here, on lots three and four, concession two, Bidwell Township. John was on council for Assiginack in the 1890s. "My maternal grandparents are George and Sadie (McArthur) Chatwell. The Chatwells, originally from Devonshire, England settled near Erin. They left Erin to get away from the rocky soil and relocated to Manitoulin where they discovered to their dismay, just as many rocks."

"Paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth Pennie's ancestors, were British. John and his sister may have come to Canada as 'orphans'. They showed up in the 1891 census as being adopted, growing up with the Riddell family in Manitowaning. John helped on the farm at first, then worked for the timber company at Michael's Bay." Some of the grave markers there bear the Pennie name. There is also a street, Pennie Avenue, near Michael's Bay. After the lumbering stopped at Michael's Bay, John moved to Tehkummah. He and Elizabeth had 15 children and John worked in the timber industry at Fitzwilliam Island and Collins Inlet, near Killarney. Remnants of the old buildings at Collins Inlet are still visible."

"My father, Clarence was one of the older sons in the family. At 12, he worked as a clerk at various locations for his father's lumber business. Each location had established buildings suitable for administration, accommodation, and meal service. After he left the lumber business, Clarence found work at the farm of Margaret Chatwell's mother." In due course, he married Margaret and Burke was their third



Burke and Alice Pennie at home this year.

son, born on February 28, 1949, at the old Mindemoya Red Cross Hospital. (According to Hugh Moggy, he was born on the stormiest day of the year.) Burke's mother had temporarily moved in with her sister in Providence Bay prior to the birth. Burke had two older brothers, George, and Wayne.

"I remember Grandmother Sadie Chatwell's stories while sitting on her knees. She talked about her parents' homesteading adventures. She had been born on Manitoulin. I have always enjoyed learning local history. Grandmother died when I was five years old." Walking to the Bidwell School at age six was an adventure at first. Burke had to be wary of the bull that his brothers claimed could emerge from the trees and chase them. "Thankfully, the bull and I never met and six months later, buses took us to a more central location in Manitowaning."

Burke raised his own calves as part of 4-H. He won several awards. Summer jobs were at a private camp his parents operated, and at the Lone Star Camp on Lake Manitou, catering to American fishermen and owned by Americans. "After I turned 12, I had my own herd of 18-20 cattle." Grades 12 and 13 were taken in Sault Ste. Marie. "I wanted to get a respite from the high school politics in Little Current, so I relocated to the Sault. After graduating, I attended Laurentian University, splitting my major to take both Political Science and History, with a minor in English."

Burke met Alice again at a Tehkummah dance, remembering her from his teen years. He and a friend from Laurentian spotted Alice and a friend sitting at a table. "Let's see if we can get them to dance." Burke danced with both ladies, but he was smitten by Alice who was taking courses at Guelph University. After completing his bachelor's degree, Burke could have gone into teaching, but he changed course and became a carpenter, so he could build his own and other houses.

Alice begins: "My paternal grandparents were Harriet and William Dewar. William was also sent, at age 12, from Scotland to North America for a better life. He worked for a family in Collingwood. Later, he cut railway ties at a Michael's Bay lum-

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Fun and fitness this weekend!

Canada Day is forecast as a cool and shady day this coming Saturday as the 5km fun run takes place in Little Current down at Low Island and then on Sunday morning at 9:30 (registration before!) for the run, paddle and pedal triathlon, the Mindemoya Classic will be back and has been around for a couple of decades now! Details at breakawaymanitoulinevents.ca/

Manitoulin Legion Meet Results!

The 2023 District "H" Legion Track and Field Meet took place in Sudbury on Saturday. Several local secondary and elementary competitors put their training in effect. The Manitoulin Mustangs taking part featured: **Maren Kasunich** who of course had a couple of records of her own to compete against. In the 3000m, Maren set a new course record, eclipsing her time last year by 15 seconds with a stunning 10:40! Similarly, she beat her own record in the 2000m Steeplechase lowering her time by 10 seconds for a new Under-18 record! By

Little Current's **Saraya Eshkawkogan** in second! Annie was first in the triple jump however and Saraya was fourth. Finally, Annie also won the U-18 Discus throw. **Saraya Eshkawkogan** also added two fourths in the 100m and 200m sprints.

Back to Brooke, who also won the U-18 shot put, and missed that record by 20cm or the width of a couple of the projectile itself that she tossed 11.8m! Brooke's 2019 record in the U-14 Shot was just edged. Brooke also picked up a gold in the 100m Hurdles and bronze in the U-18 200m.

Rhyis Arthurs was 4th in the U-18, 100m and 5th in the 200m. The only Manitoulin, elementary athlete was **Drew Debassige** who took 4th in the 800m, and 5th in the 100m U-12 and still in Grade 4!

Mountain Bike Tour a smoky success!

The mountain bike ride, part of the Breakaway Sports series took place this weekend was great! The McLean's Park trails were heated up by bike tires



Maren Kasunich

photos by Lisa Pennie



Brodie Pennie

the way, her Under-16, 2000m record was untouched with a 40 second cushion!

Brodie Pennie won his three races. Solid gold in the U18 Boys steeplechase, 1500m and 3000 meter distances. In the 3000m he missed cracking a decade long record by less than four seconds! In the 2000m Steeplechase, Brodie beat longtime rival, **Sam Rice** by a couple of seconds and only missed that record by two seconds!

Brodie's cousin, **Annie Balfe** was third in the U-18 Long jump, only being bested by another cousin, **Brooke Gibeault** 1st, and

over the weekend. The smoke in the air kept a few people away. The reported column of air at Mclean's was actually quite reasonable compared to everywhere else! The main thing is that everyone who attended had a great time. They had riders from age 10 to 50+, ranging in experience from novices to elite riders like O-Cup winning racer like **Alex Anstice**.

Organizers send out thanks to Assiginack Town Council for allowing the race at McLean's and their help in making it happen.

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Island golfer notches hole in one at annual Manitoulin Golf string tournament

by Tom Sasvari
GORDON—The Shaun Assinewai team took the first-place championship at the annual four-person string tournament held at Manitoulin Golf this past Saturday. However, the highlight of the 18-hole tournament was the hole-in-one notched by one of the participating players.

Cory Croft garnered his first ever hole-in-one off the red tees during his teams back nine. The second hole measures 161 yards from the red tees. Mr. Croft told The Expositor he used his "six-iron on the shot. It was a straight shot." None of the members of his team actually saw the ball go in the hole, so at first no one was aware he had a hole-in-one.

Mr. Croft's sister Shelley explained one of the members of the team had hit



The team made up of Shaun Assinewai, Garrett McCumber, Stan and Trevor Esquimaux (shown in photo) finished in first place at the annual four-person string tournament held at Manitoulin Golf this past Saturday.

their tee shot to the back of the green so everyone thought that must have been Cory's shot. That is until she went to the hole

and found the ball in the bottom of the cup. "I was more excited than Cory was and I gave him a high five." The tournament drew a

In the second flight the team of Jordie Armstrong, Shelley Croft, Cory Croft and Keith Rogerson were in first place with a score of 56. They actually tied for first place but were declared the winners having used up the least amount of string during the tournament. All teams

received the same amount of string at the start of play and could use it, for example, if they were two feet from the cup on the green and didn't want to use up another stroke—they could measure off and cut off two feet of string that they had been provided to play in the tournament.



Cory Croft notched his first ever hole-in-one at the Manitoulin Golf Four-person String tournament held this past Saturday.

photos by Shelley Croft

total of 10 teams. After a fabulous dinner Cheryl Deeg, clubhouse manager handed out the prizes. "First of all, I would like to congratulate Cory for getting a hole-in-one. And I would like to thank all of you for coming out to play in the tournament."

Taking first place in the first flight was the team made up of Shaun Assinewai, Garret McCumber and Stan and Trevor Esquimaux. They posted an 18-hole score of 49 (23 under par).

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ber camp. He liked to smoke a pipe in his favourite armchair as he listened to an old radio. He also liked to impress the ladies and the guests with his step-dancing at the hotel in Providence Bay. He met Harriet there and married her in 1907. In their later years, they moved to town, but they still had a big garden each summer."

"Maternal grandparents were James and Alice (Cooper) Hopkin. They had nine children. James was born in Southern Ontario, and he came to Manitoulin to farm. He had taken some veterinary courses, supplemented with practical experience in the field. He offered his services to the local farmers in Tehkummah. Grandmother Alice was a great cook, and she took in boarders."

Alice was born on March 12, 1949 to John (Jack) and Maud (Hopkin) Dewar. Alice, the youngest in her family, grew up in Providence Bay. An early memory is a trip to Toronto with her mother and her sister. "I was three, when I spotted a horse-drawn milk wagon. 'Look mum, they get their milk from a horse,' I proclaimed. I can still see their reaction and hear the laughter," Alice shares. "When I was in school, cousin Lyle (Dewar) and I would visit Grandmother Dewar after we got off the bus. "'Howdy Doody' came on at 4:30 pm and we would get there just in time to see it. Neither of us had a television. Grandmother would make us cookies with lemon buds."

"We often skated at the arena in town because it was close to our grandparents' home. Like my mother and my older sister, I was also in 4-H. That was where I first met Burke who was raising his own calf. I was in the home-making and calf clubs. I liked sheep too. When the new lambs came along, there were always a few that had been abandoned by their mothers, often because there were too many offspring. I would feed these infants until they were old enough to go to pasture. Once I found an abandoned baby seagull in Timber Bay where they nested. I fed him lots of worms. Ducklings, orphaned by the hay rake, would also be cared for. My mother had set an example by raising a deer when she was a young girl."

Alice was taking Household Sciences, at Guelph University in 1970, when she saw Burke again at the Tehkummah dance. After graduating from Guelph, Alice was qualified to teach at the high school level and taught high school in New Liskeard. "We were married that year, on July 2, 1971, at the Providence Bay United Church." Burke injects, "I worked in the hayfield all day, then quickly got ready and headed for the church." "Our catered reception for 200 guests was at the Mindemoya Hall, decorated the night before. There were two settings for the midnight meal," Alice adds. "I had made my dress and those of the two flower girls. Luckily, I only had to get my hair done on the day of the wedding."

"Afterwards we packed the car and headed for the Lakehead." Alice was taking teaching courses there. Burke took two electives at Lakehead University, economics and social work. In September, the couple headed back to Sudbury. Alice taught grades nine and ten in Garson and later, Grades 9 to 12 at Lively High School. In time, she opted for

Grades 7 and 8 at Georges Vanier School. "I liked this age group the most. I taught family studies and the communication seemed to be optimal with this group." In later years, Alice taught at the Assiginack Public School.

The couple has four children: Heather, John, Tina and Robert. When the children were younger, Burke and his brother George did some construction and renovation work on the farm. Burke and Alice had both decided that the first person home would start supper. That worked well until Alice had to work late at the Manitowaning school and Burke was doing most of the cooking. Swiss steak and spaghetti were popular when he was the chef.


When the children turned 12 in the late 1980s, they all joined the 4-H community. Burke and Alice volunteered to lead the groups. The 4-H exchange trip to Alberta was a highlight for all involved. "Dorothy Glasby and Alice took 15 kids between the ages of 14 and 18 on the trip. Some stu-

dents had not been on a plane before. I recall one of the boys expressing a bit of regret at the airport. 'I don't want to do this.' It was his first time on a plane and the first time he would be billeted. Nevertheless, it was an excellent learning experience for all the youngsters. They attended a rodeo and visited Ukrainian and Hutterite communities in the town of Three Hills. I think all were happy they had taken this journey."

"The Alberta 4-H group came to Manitoulin for their trip later that summer. The visiting group was taken to the Big Nickel, and The Lone Star Camp and a barn dance at a neighbour's farm. The Cup and Saucer was scaled, and a quick trip made on the Chi-Cheemaun. They all became good friends and continued to connect with letters for several years afterwards. Unfortunately, our grandchildren missed the exchange opportunity due to COVID."

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The Human Resources Manager will be responsible for providing human resource support to the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) as an organization. The position will support the First Nation's strategic goals to help drive the design, planning and implementation of policies and procedures while ensuring compliance with all relevant employment laws and legislations.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Direct and coordinate human resources activities, such as employment, compensation, benefits and training;
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- Oversee a time management system for staff;
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- Work with the IT department on systems supports for new hires/employees.

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SKILLS:

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- Demonstrated presentation, research and analytical skills;
- Demonstrated ability to achieve results through a consultative approach; and
- Ability to work effectively with all staff, administration, government and First Nation organizations.

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

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Alice is currently the chairperson of the Manitowaning Agricultural Society. "It's our 147th year and we are already planning for this year as well as the 150th year of the Manitowaning Fair." Burke was on the provincial 4-H council for three years in the late 1990s. He attended three-day meetings four times a year. Community initiatives were also part of 4-H. One task was grooming the trails in the McLean's and Manitowaning Parks. Four-H members also volunteer at special events including shows like 'Reach for the Top' or 'Go for the Gold.' "Our family team, Robert, 11, John, 14, Tina, 15, and Heather, 17, represented

Northern Ontario at the Royal Winter Fair. Northern Ontario includes areas between Parry Sound and the Manitoba border. They were the youngest team, and they were competing against university students. They did very well, coming second in the championship round which included general, outdoor recreational, as well as animal husbandry questions."

"Today, daughter Heather, who has a concurrent BA, and BEd from Lakehead University, is the principal at the Little Current Public School and her husband, Mark Gibeault, a teacher, is doing administrative work at Kenjgewin Teg. They have two children at Loellen Park

School, Brooke, in Grade 11 and Dane in Grade 9. Our son John, who lives next door, has an Honours Degree in Agriculture from Guelph and is a technician at the Blue Creek Fish Hatchery. His wife Lara taught school. They have two offspring, Jack in Grade 12 and Grace in Grade 10 at Manitoulin Secondary School."

"Tina, who has a degree in physical education and science (BPHE/BSc) from Queens, is married to John Balfe and they both teach at Manitoulin Secondary School. They have three children, two at MSS: Annie in Grade 11 and Mya in Grade 9. Jonah is in Grade 8 at Central Manitoulin. Robert has an Honours



The couple on their wedding day in 1971.

Degree in Science and Agriculture, also from Guelph. He is the Manager of the Northland Agri-Mart in Gore Bay. His wife Lisa teaches at Central Manitoulin Public School. They have two sons, Brodie in Grade 11 and Rylan in Grade 9, also at MSS. We have four adult children, four in-laws and nine grandchildren," Alice adds, smiling.

It seems many of Manitoulin's children are being taught by the Pennie family and their partners. Alice has babysat all nine of the grandchildren; before

school and on professional development 'PD' days. "I just had to ensure that they were well-fed. Typical meals were vegetables, with apple crisp or apple sauce, lasagna or peanut butter and jam sandwiches. Our children were born close together so their children are close in age as well and that encouraged optimal relationships. Even in the university years, Burke's brother next door would see a full house and numerous cars in our driveway."

"We were used to lots of visits. In the year 2000 we had an entourage of family and friends arrive three days before Christmas and we had people coming and going until January 2, 2001. At any one time, we often had six visitors out of about 16 family members and friends. We always had a pot of stew or chili on the go to feed them."

Today, Alice still shares much on Facebook with her siblings and 15 cousins. The couple attends many hockey games in Mindemoya, Little Current, Manitowaning and Wiikwemikoong. They also attend basketball and volleyball games for

the travelling teams. "One weekend," Burke adds, "I watched their basketball and volleyball games on YouTube over two days and attended hockey games here at night."

Were you named after anyone? "Both of us were named after our grandparents."

Most important event in your life? "Our marriage, our children, and grandchildren."

Favourite pets? "Sam the cat. We also had 'Fat Sally' the Hereford-Charolais cross cow. The kids used to put a plank against her and walk up to sit on her back," Alice adds, "alternatively, they built up a stone pile and climbed up. She didn't walk far or fast, so it was always fun."


Responsibilities as a child? Alice milked cows and drove the tractor at haying time. Burke hayed with his two cousins next door. "They were like brothers to me. Sometimes I would race the tractor and rile up my older brother," he adds, smiling.

Favourite time of the year? "Spring. The calves ...continued on page 5A

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JUSTICE PROGRAM

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
Position: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program
Duration: Full-time, permanent (pending funding and 3-month probation period)
Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. The FASD Program Worker will assist, support and advocate for community members who have been diagnosed with or who are suspected of having FASD and are involved in the Canadian justice system. The program worker will increase awareness about FASD and how the Justice System engages with Indigenous people affected by FASD.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Liaise with justice personnel and community resource persons to identify individuals who may have been diagnosed as having FASD or those who are suspected of having it.
- Coordinate diagnostic assessments for community members.
- Identify support services for pre/diagnosed community members.
- Assist individuals in navigating the justice system and act as a liaison between the two and any adjoining services.
- Facilitate positive change in how the justice system responds to individuals affected by FASD.
- Identify alternatives to incarceration through traditional restorative justice approaches.
- Create space, opportunities for healing and self-discovery through the offering of cultural activities and ceremonies.
- Maintain client files, statistical and activity reports as per the Transfer Payment Agreement.
- Attend court as necessary.
- Help facilitate educational outreach on FASD.
- Maintain resources related to FASD and justice, including case law and developments.
- Liaise with other similar service providers regarding best practices.
- Other duties as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a post secondary degree/diploma in social services, law or Indigenous studies.
- Willingness to learn about Canadian criminal procedures and the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Must have the ability to produce superior written documents for submission to court.
- Must have a minimum of three years' experience working directly with Anishinaabe clients providing social or justice related services.
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- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, and be a positive role model.
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FULL-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY
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Qualifications:

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- Assist in the preparation of all year-end audit files and financial statements to facilitate financial audits.
- All aspects of Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and General Ledger.
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OMERS pension plan and severance package included.

A detailed job description is available on the municipal website: www.gorebay.ca

Applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume in confidence no later than **4:00 pm on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023. Please quote "Deputy Treasurer/ Deputy Clerk"** in the subject line and forward it to:

Stasia Carr, Clerk
Mail: Town of Gore Bay
15 Water Street, PO Box 590, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0
E-mail: scarr@gorebay.ca **Facsimile:** (705) 282-3076
Phone: (705) 282-2420 ext. 1

...Now and Then: Burke and Alice Pennie

...continued from page 4A and lambs arrive,” says Alice. For Burke it’s the fall when it’s not hot, less busy and it’s hunting time.”

Favourite collections? “Interesting rocks and fossils in our gravel pit on the farm; also, books, old classics. Now the ‘LIBBY’ program of Ontario Libraries allows us to load books on our devices from the local library and return them when read.

Memorable trips? “Participating in ‘Go for the Gold’ for the 4-H program and riding the Polar Bear Express, as well as traveling to Elora. A big 28-hour canoe race in the Yukon ending in Dawson City was exciting.” Burke and Alice were babysitting.

Interesting television shows? “Night Court and the news.”

Favourite sport? “Curling and figure skating when I was younger,” for Alice.

First job? In the summers, Alice started with the Merritt Motel and later, the research station at South Baymouth. Burke got three dollars per hour working part-time at a tourist camp. For his last year at university, he made three dollars and twenty-seven and a half cents an hour at INCO on the graveyard shift. “At that time, students stayed longer in school because jobs were scarce.”



The whole family is assembled circa 2014.

Strengths? Working with children, teaching, sewing, and babysitting (Alice) and for Burke it’s having significant general knowledge and enjoying a great relationship with family. “On our farm now, we have two hens and 16 cows that usually calve in April. I help our son at lambing time which is the first of May. He has 100 lambs. I can still cut up logs with a bandsaw, despite having arthritis in some of my limbs.” Anything that frightens you? “Fire and being predeceased by my children or grandchildren.”

Anything you would change if you could go back in time? No, for both.

Anybody that inspired you? “A chaplain at Queens. He was good with children. He married my parents before WWII, married us and baptized our four children. Also, the guidance counsellor in the Sault. He helped inspire me to get my degree and then inspired me to show it to him.”

Recipe for happiness? “Enjoy your family and encourage them to take part in many activities, not just those for fun. We used to play math and geography games in the barn while working. No gender-specific roles. All our kids can fix things and cook.”

“We have always come back to Manitoulin, no mat-

ter how far we travelled. We

moved back here in 1979 after a dozen years of working in Sudbury at INCO and at my own siding business,” Burke adds. Alice taught school. When Burke was laid off, they sold the city house and moved back to the Island. “I had half the blocks laid for our house when INCO called, but I declined the offer. We wanted to stay on the Island. At the time, our friends thought our three children might have more opportunities in Sudbury, but we didn’t agree. Now all four offspring live on Manitoulin Island and they are happy here. It has been a great place to raise kids. Schools are small and all children participate. Teach-

ers are knowledgeable and familiar with local families and the Island. Manitoulin is our birthplace and that of our parents and some grandparents. You can farm, hunt, and live a full life. Our hearts have been, and always will be, here.”

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2nd Posting - JOB POSTING PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOKFN) is looking for a dynamic, energetic professional experienced in First Nation administration of Public Works. We are seeking a superior performer who is confident and self-motivated. The Public Works Manager oversees the operation of the Road Crew, Grounds Crew, Water Delivery operations and the Water and Wastewater department.

The Public Works Manager provides leadership in strategic planning and advising on policy, development and implementing work plans for AOKFN's Public Works Department. Reporting to the Band Manager, this is a management position responsible for the management, administration, and delivery of all AOKFN's Public Works programs and services to ensure that the needs of AOKFN are met in a reasonable, effective and efficient manner.

The Public Works Manager is responsible:

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

The ideal candidate will have the following:

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

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


Attention: Public Works Manager Posting
13 Hill Street, LITTLE CURRENT, ON POP 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Criminal Record Check (CPC).

DEADLINE DATE: July 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m There will be no return of submissions.

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OLD MILL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT

THE PROJECT

Old Mill Road Bridge is a single span wood deck on a steel girder bridge that carries two lanes of traffic over the Kagawong River, in Kagawong, adjacent to the local marina. The bridge has a length of 9.75 m, consisting of a single 7.06 m span and a width of 7.36 m. The bridge is located on Old Mill Road, a north-south local road which borders the southern tip of Mudge Bay. Overall, the structure is in good to fair condition, with some critical elements in poor condition as identified in the 2022 Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) Report. The bridge which has been restricted to a 10 ton load limit has now currently closed to traffic, and the intention is to replace it with a new bridge, as suggested in the 2022 OSIM Report. Engineering design and planning of the replacement bridge is currently underway, which would have the existing bridge replaced with an appropriately sized two-lane single-span steel girder-type modular bridge, at the same location and alignment, but with improvements to waterway opening, as feasible. Construction is intended to proceed in 2023, pending regulatory approval.



THE PROCESS

The implementation of the bridge replacement will be per Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Consultation is an integral part of the environmental assessment process, to ensure that those with an interest in this project have the opportunity to provide relevant input. Feedback from stakeholders and members of the public are being collected, which will be kept on file for use and consideration during the design of the replacement.

NEXT STEPS

Comments on this planned work are being requested and will be accepted up to July 20, 2023. Please contact:

Mr. Steven Kacan, P.Eng. Project Environmental Engineer EXP Services Inc. Suite 3-6A, 885 Regent Street Sudbury, ON P3E 5M4 705-674-9681 steven.kacan@exp.com	Mr. Todd Gordon Municipal Project Manager The Corporation of the Township of Billings 15 Old Mill Road, P.O. Box 34 Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0 705-282-2611 tgordon@billingswp.ca
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by Dorah L. Williams

Let's delve into the fascinating realm of spiritual encounters and see the significant difference between being frightened by an unknown entity and being graced with an ancestor's presence. The following shared narratives illustrate how awe-inspiring this latter type of spectral interaction can be:

"Here's an experience I'd like to share. Take from it what you will, but it made me a believer.

When our granddaughter was about four years old, we spent a long weekend holiday on Manitoulin Island with her, in the area my wife had been exploring online, researching her family history.

We found the graveyard



By Dorah L. Williams

from her notes, so we assumed it would be easy to find her ancestors' names on their markers. But after walking through row upon row of sites, my wife was disappointed that she couldn't locate them.

When she returned to the car where our granddaughter and I were waiting, she explained why she still held

the flowers she'd brought instead of laying them at the gravesite as planned. Our little granddaughter could see she was disappointed and eagerly offered to help her look as we had told her that the flowers were to honour her ancestors' memory.

I teased her that she hadn't learned how to read yet, so she couldn't find the

names. She thought about that and smiled but assured us she would know. So my wife started to guide her towards an area near the car, so she could feel she was helping her, as she always loved to do. But she stopped walking with her in that direction, looked over her shoulder to another section, and then nodded. My wife had already walked through those grounds and hadn't seen their marker, but a few were so faded they were challenging to make out now — even if one could read.

"Over there," our granddaughter pointed, quickly walking in that direction.

My wife and I gave each other bemused looks, but we followed her as she made a beeline to an old tombstone some distance away. The

engraving was faded, but when we knelt down to her level and examined it more closely, we realized it was the correct gravesite with the names my wife had been seeking. We were both so stunned!

My granddaughter proudly beamed with delight but was not surprised when I told her she had found it.

"How did you do that?!" I asked with utter amazement.

"She told me," was her simple reply. That slightly gave me chills, but I was more astonished than unnerved.

"Who told you?" I asked.

"The lady. Can we give her the flowers now?"

My wife was still holding them, so she passed the bouquet to our granddaughter to lay the tribute to "the lady" who was her many-times-great-grandmother. We then all returned to the car.

"But what about the boy?" she asked as we prepared to leave, though we hadn't mentioned a boy to her at all.

The ancestors' markers were spread out amongst many other graves. Finding that first site the way she had was remarkable, even


just by chance. It seemed impossible she could randomly do it again, though.

She stood still as though carefully listening to something and then headed back to the first gravesite she had found, where the flowers had been placed. Of course, we assumed it had just been an incredible but one-time fluke.

But she wasn't done. Taking two flowers out of the bouquet, she then quickly walked with them, several rows away, directly to another tombstone my wife had also unsuccessfully tried to find. She gently laid the flowers against the ancient, moss-covered marker and told us "the lady" wanted her to leave some flowers for the boy too. It was the gravesite of a great-great-uncle who tragically died very young. Still, there was no way she could have known any of that, and certainly not where his gravesite was located. And yet she clearly did know because "the lady" was with her that day to guide her."

The main distinction between being haunted by a ghost and lovingly guided by an ancestor's spirit lies in each encounter's under-
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AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION - JOB POSTING
Job Title: Community Health Representative
Regular: Full-Time
Department: Health & Social
Reports to: Band Administrator

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Community Health Representative (CHR) will work collaboratively to engage children, youth and adults in the promotion of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness and the protection of health and prevention of illness and injury through the facilitation and/or coordination of a range of evidence-based primary and secondary health prevention and intervention programs and strategies to address risk and protective factors.
The CHR will also provide support and advocacy for AOKFN individuals and families by facilitating and coordinating access to health services, addressing cultural and spiritual needs, networking with First Nation and Non-Aboriginal partners to ensure access to health and other services is a culturally safe experience for patients and their families.

B. QUALIFICATIONS - Mandatory Requirements

- Preference will be given to candidates with Registered Practical Nurse diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution, current registration and in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario and current membership with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.
- Post-secondary certification as a CHR will be considered.
- Three (3) years' experience in health education/promotion.
- Knowledge of and respect for AOKFN values, teachings, culture and traditions is of critical importance.
- Ability to understand and speak Ojibwe will be considered a definite asset.
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet and email software/s, and use of online learning resources.
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills.
- Must be able to work with minimum supervision.
- Must be able to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends.
- Must have valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle for on-the-job use.
- Candidate to provide vulnerable sector CPIC.

C. DUTIES


- Engage community children, youth and adults in the process of taking control over their own health.
- Motivate and build the capacity of individuals and community to take greater control over their own health and health care.
- Plan, implement and evaluate a variety of community-based and culturally appropriate campaigns to promote health and well-being and prevent disease.
- Plan, facilitate and/or coordinate a range of evidence-based primary and secondary health prevention programs to individuals and/or groups, including but not limited to topics of disease prevention; personal hygiene practices; breast self-exam; personal safety; injury prevention; healthy lifestyles; preconception, pre- and post-natal health; immunization; HIV/AIDS; sexual health; environmental awareness; screening and management of diabetes and other chronic, degenerative and common diseases.
- Provide education, prevention and/or intervention programs at the day care, elementary school, youth centre, elder's facility, community centre, community events, community homes and other sites as appropriate.
- Work collaboratively in planning and implementation of health clinics including but not limited to diabetes, arthritis and wellness clinics across the lifespan.
- Assist in the assessment of acute illness and care of common illnesses by completing histories, taking vital signs, changing dressings and completing other activities assigned.
- Work collaboratively in the screening, surveillance and monitoring of individual and community health, regarding but not limited to, dental, vision, hearing, growth and development, immunization, diabetes, blood pressure, nutrition, hygiene and child, youth and adult wellness.

Interested applicants, who meet the qualifications as listed above, must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials and three (3) current work-references with phone numbers to:
Attention: COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE Posting
13 Hill Street, LITTLE CURRENT, ON P0P 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Criminal Record Check (CPIC).

DEADLINE DATE: July 5, 2023 at 2:00 pm. There will be no return of submissions.
Posted: June 16, 2023

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2nd Posting
TOURISM OPERATOR (SEASONAL)
June 2023 to October 2023

The Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation is posting for this position to operate the Endaa Aang Cabin Rental operation. The position is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the business which includes managing the bookings, staff supervision and maintenance of the facilities. The hours of operation are subject to the requirements of the operation and will involve weekends and evenings. The work week is 37.5 hours and is flexible to be available to attend to the needs of the business.

Responsibilities

- Offer tourism information and promote local area
- Maintain and repair facility, equipment and supplies
- Respond to enquiries and solve problems
- Oversee operation of accommodations and grounds
- Manage human resource functions, such as hiring and training of seasonal staff
- Use business management skills
- Use sales and marketing skills
- Complete financial management tasks, such as managing payroll and cash flow, taking bookings, receiving payments POS terminal, cash and expense reconciliation, preparation of monthly reports.
- Use administrative skills

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Experience in tourism is an asset
- Knowledge or previous experience in campground operations is an asset
- Customer service skills are key and integral to this position
- Knowledge of the local area, region and tourism industry
- Marketing and promotional skills
- Human resource management skills
- Financial management skills
- Good communication skills
- Risk management skills and organizational skills are an asset
- Post-secondary programs in tourism or business are usually required
- First aid is a requirement and/or willing to acquire
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid is a requirement and/or willing to acquire

Wage based on qualifications.
Start date: as soon as possible.

A vulnerable sector check will be required by the successful applicant.

Please submit your signed cover letter, resume and three (3) work-related references clearly marked:
Endaa Aang Tourism Operator Position
13 Hill Street
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
P0P 1K0

Closing date: Tuesday July 4, 2023 @ 2:00 pm.

We thank all who applied and only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Be mindful that we cannot return any documents, so please be sure to include only legible copies.

...Mystical Manitoulin

...continued from page 6A lying intentions and energies. Ghostly hauntings seem tied to unresolved emotions, traumatic events, or negative attachments, while interactions with ancestral spirits usually carry a loving and supportive essence. Understanding these differences can help process the experiences with wonderment instead of fear, as shown in the following anecdote as well:

"I was once surprised to receive an email from an unknown fourth cousin who found me on a genealogy site. We discovered that our great-great-grandfathers were brothers, and we exchanged old family photos and stories.

She told me my great-great-uncle was a sewing machine salesman in the late 1800s. The brothers reunited on Manitoulin Island one summer when he was working there, and my great-great-grandfather made the long journey from another part of the province to see him.

The brothers' Island meeting was an unexpected turning point in my ancestors' lives when my great-great-grandfather met his brother's landlord's daughter, my great-great-grandmother, married her, and remained there for the rest of his life. I found this information especially interesting because, for some time, I had been considering relocating to the Island myself.

There was no further contact with that fourth cousin again after that correspondence, but I started to have a recurring dream about being in an old house a few months later. It was completely empty except for an ornate antique sewing machine in a small room off the kitchen. The dream was always the same with me walking through this empty house and waking up after I noticed the sewing machine. I rarely dream or recall them. But these recurring ones have remained indelible in my memory. I assumed they were somehow triggered by that brief mention of the ancestor's job as a sewing machine salesman because I had no other connection or interest in sewing. But it seemed apparent in those dreams that the object represented something else, with much more significance.

So, a few years later, I had just bought a home on the Island and happened to pass an antique store in another town one day. I wasn't in the market for antiques and had a lot to do, but I still felt compelled to stop in to browse.

It was stocked with beautiful old items, but after quickly scanning the inventory, I left empty-handed and headed back toward my car to carry on with my errands. But suddenly, I felt the strangest sensation in my abdomen that might be difficult to describe. It didn't hurt, but it felt like a rope was tied around my midsection, pulling me back into the antique store. I felt my legs almost running to keep up with the force of that pull until I was back inside and standing in front of a display at the back of the store that I hadn't noticed before. Partially hidden behind other items was a beautiful



A tale of two roses is part of a mystical Manitoulin.

antique sewing machine. I stood there frozen for a few seconds because I was still shocked by that pulling sensation. That recurring dream came immediately to mind because this machine was identical to the one I kept dreaming about seeing in that old empty house.

I asked the shop owner if she could tell me more about the sewing machine's history. She told me it had been acquired quite a while ago in an estate sale from a home that had been in the same family for generations until the last owner's death, and

then the place was sold. I never knew the distant relatives who lived there. Still, I was familiar with my great-great-grandparents' house from old pictures and stories. So when she mentioned the house's location and specific unique features, it was confirmed for me that it was definitely their house she was describing, and that definitely was the sewing machine that came from there that I kept seeing in that recurring dream.

I know coincidences can happen, and no one was a bigger skeptic than myself

before all of this unfolded. But I didn't need more "coincidences" to hit me over the head as I stood in the antique shop staring at that sewing machine. I bought it and brought it home with me, where it apparently belongs now. It's sitting here on a display shelf — not just an elegant antique from a bygone era, but a symbol of the beginning of my great-great-grandparents' legacy."

Do ancestral spirits watch over and guide us? Many cultures worldwide feel they do, and it brings great comfort and reassurance. If our ancestors are still with us somehow, then our past is forever intertwined with our present and future, and the bond with those who came before us is endless.

Do you also have a mystical tale to tell? Whether you've experienced a haunting, a mysterious cryptid sighting, or a brush with the inexplicable, share it with Canadian author Dorah L. Williams at dorahlwilliams@gmail.com

Your story, too, could be featured in an upcoming column of Mystical Manitoulin!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Elementary School Teacher

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

Essential Duties:

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

Qualifications/Requirements:

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

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

Interest applicants may forward their resume and three written references marked confidential to:
Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON
P0P 1X0
Jessica@sheshegwaning.org

We thank all applicants for their interest however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green

PRESTLYNN BIEDERMAN

As an enthusiastic and extremely involved athlete, Prestlynn consistently shows up to practices and competitions with a positive attitude and smile on her face! Whether it be swinging a golf club, spiking volleyball or smashing a birdie, Prestlynn jumps on any opportunity to be active. As a rookie Mustang, Prestlynn has already established herself as a dependable all-around player and great teammate, indicating that she will have a promising athletic future at MSS!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Prestlynn was a student at Little Current Public School, representing the Coyotes. Even at a young age, Prestlynn capitalized on every opportunity to play school sports. She could be spotted in the navy blue jersey on the trails, as a member of the cross country team, on the field playing for the three-pitch and soccer team, and on the track participating in the jumping events. As Prestlynn looks back upon her elementary years, she recognizes that she enjoyed track and field the most as she loved competing in long jump and triple jump. She explains that track and field meets provided opportunities to meet new people and make friends, which is what she appreciated most.

This year, Prestlynn has wasted no time in transitioning into high school sports. She made her high school debut in the black and gold at NSSSA golf. As the short season wrapped up, she set her sights on the volleyball season. Throughout the winter months, Prestlynn played mainly in the right side and outside hitter position of the junior girls' volleyball team. She helped her team to achieve an undefeated season of league play, leading her to another NSSSA appearance. The girls took home the North Shore banner, securing a spot in the NOSSA championships. Ultimately, the girls came home with silver metals; a great accomplishment. Next came the badminton season. Prestlynn competed in novice mixed doubles in Pre-NSSSA and NSSSA, earning another gold medal. Again, her ticket was punched to compete at NOSSA in North Bay. To wrap up her first athletic season as a Mustang, Prestlynn joined the track and field team, competing in the jumping events.

Prestlynn's passion for sports is evident in all of her athletic endeavours. She explains that her love for athletics stems from having the opportunity to compete, while enjoying the activity. Prestlynn recognizes that sports are a fantastic way to grow new friendships, have fun and stay active. She also notes that there are many valuable lessons from sports that are important in and out of the game. Prestlynn has learned that by reflecting on our personal game, we can improve our attitude and relationship with ourselves.

Although Prestlynn enjoys a variety of sports, she has developed a special interest in volleyball. In her first year participating, she got the opportunity to play alongside some of her closest friends and had a lot of fun. She explains that she loves the fast pace that keeps you on your toes and the momentum that can change the game in a matter of seconds.

When Prestlynn takes the black and gold jersey off, she can be found staying active while caring for her two dogs, Louis and Frankie. In the summer months, Prestlynn also enjoys time with her family by golfing. Kayaking is also among one of her favourite activities, allowing her to spend time on the water.

In the classroom, Prestlynn is as dedicated to her academics as her athletics. She is especially fond of French. Prestlynn explains that she likes learning about a different culture and history of the language. She also notes that knowing another language can open up many opportunities in the future.

Although Prestlynn still has three more years rocking the black and gold, she is interested in a career in interior design or real estate following her graduation. With Prestlynn's positive attitude and dedication, she is sure to reach all of her goals, on and off the court!

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HOROSCOPES

(June 25 - July 1)

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you will likely be giving much thought to your future and strategies that may increase your financial security. Reach out to your network for advice.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if communication has been difficult in the past, you will find that things change for the better in the days to come. You will gain a deeper understanding of others.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, useful information reaches you this week, which helps you make important decisions about your finances. Use this opportunity to make changes.

CANCER – June 22/July 22

Cancer, a social gathering presents you with an opportunity to meet new friends who may become valued business contacts. Treat every introduction with care.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, you may be wondering what the next few months will hold for you. It is impossible to know all the details, but there are strong indications that there is a big change coming.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Career goals may come together even further this week, Virgo. This enables you to move into a position that will not compromise your needs or ideals.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you want to make a new start but may just need a little push to get you moving. Thankfully, your mind is clear from distractions that normally might derail your plans.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, soul searching is to be expected due to the positioning of the planets this week. Once you figure out your true goals you may be surprised at what you discover.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Take time out from some of the exciting things that have been happening to you, Sagittarius. Figure out if you're satisfied in your career. You may decide to make changes.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

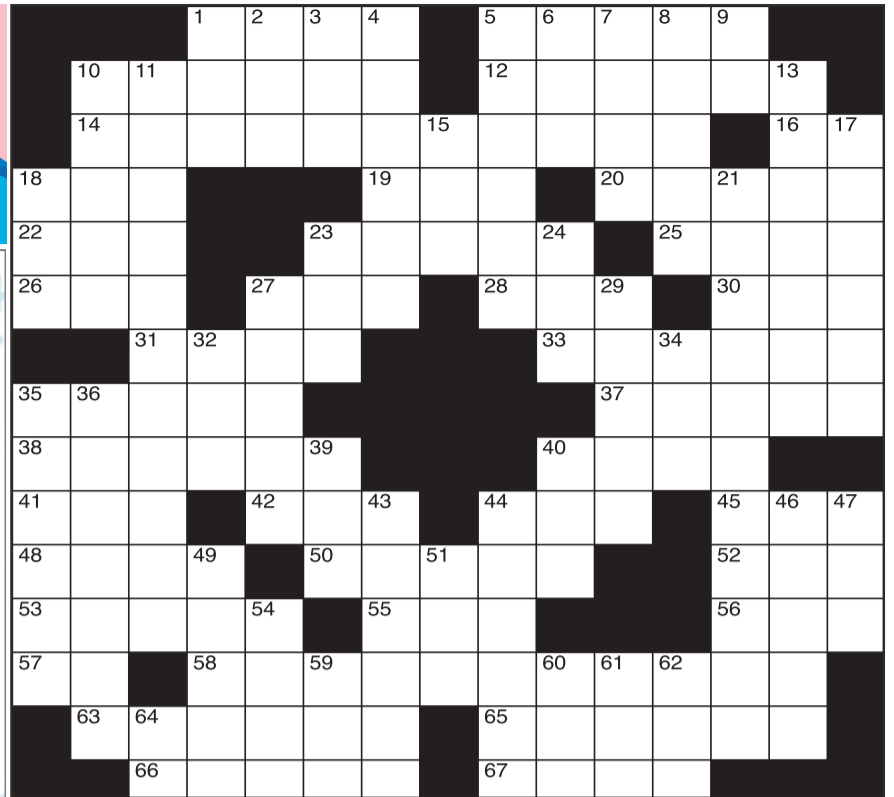
A new understanding with others comes from improved communication and more flexibility, Capricorn. Optimism and understanding will spill into all areas of your life.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Your mind is on family and those close to you right now, Aquarius. Any decisions you make in the weeks ahead will be focused on the priority people in your life.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Information about investments and career potential may come to you soon. Take everything with a grain of salt until you can investigate.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Flat tableland with steep edges
- 5. Where there's __, there's fire
- 10. Talked incessantly
- 12. Skill
- 14. Without shame
- 16. Where teens spend their days (abbr.)
- 18. Boxing's GOAT
- 19. Used to anoint
- 20. Cluster cups
- 22. Footballer Newton
- 23. They make up a forest
- 25. Split pulses
- 26. Self
- 27. Post-office box
- 28. Test for high schoolers
- 30. Large, flightless bird
- 31. Expecterated
- 33. Falsehood
- 35. Prickly, scrambling shrub
- 37. French river
- 38. Told on
- 40. Hillside
- 41. Peyton's little brother
- 42. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 44. Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire
- 45. Witness
- 48. Brews
- 50. Yellowish-brown
- 52. Arctic explorers, abbr.
- 53. Mexican agave
- 55. A type of "cast"
- 56. Encourage
- 57. Atomic #52
- 58. Relating to position north of south of equator
- 63. Gadget whose name you forget
- 65. Another recording
- 66. Small blisters
- 67. Dark brown or black

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Licensed for Wall Street
- 2. " __ and flow"
- 3. A very large body of water
- 4. Accumulate on the surface of
- 5. Central cores of the stem
- 6. Angry
- 7. Ceramic jar
- 8. Scraped a car
- 9. __ route
- 10. Soviet labor camp system
- 11. Strong hostilities
- 13. Vitamin of the B complex
- 15. Go quickly
- 17. Toast
- 18. A team's best pitcher
- 21. A Philly culinary specialty
- 23. Small child
- 24. Unhappy
- 27. Trims away
- 29. Characterized by crying eyes
- 32. Soft touch
- 34. American spy organization
- 35. A person's chest
- 36. Came from behind to win
- 39. Fall back
- 40. Nellie __, journalist
- 43. Great places to kayak
- 44. Suffer patiently
- 46. Majestic bird
- 47. Electroencephalograph
- 49. Organic compound used as an antiseptic
- 51. Objects connected to the web (abbr.)
- 54. Ship as cargo
- 59. The bill in a restaurant
- 60. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 61. Judge in OJ Simpson trial
- 62. One's grandmother
- 64. Siberian river

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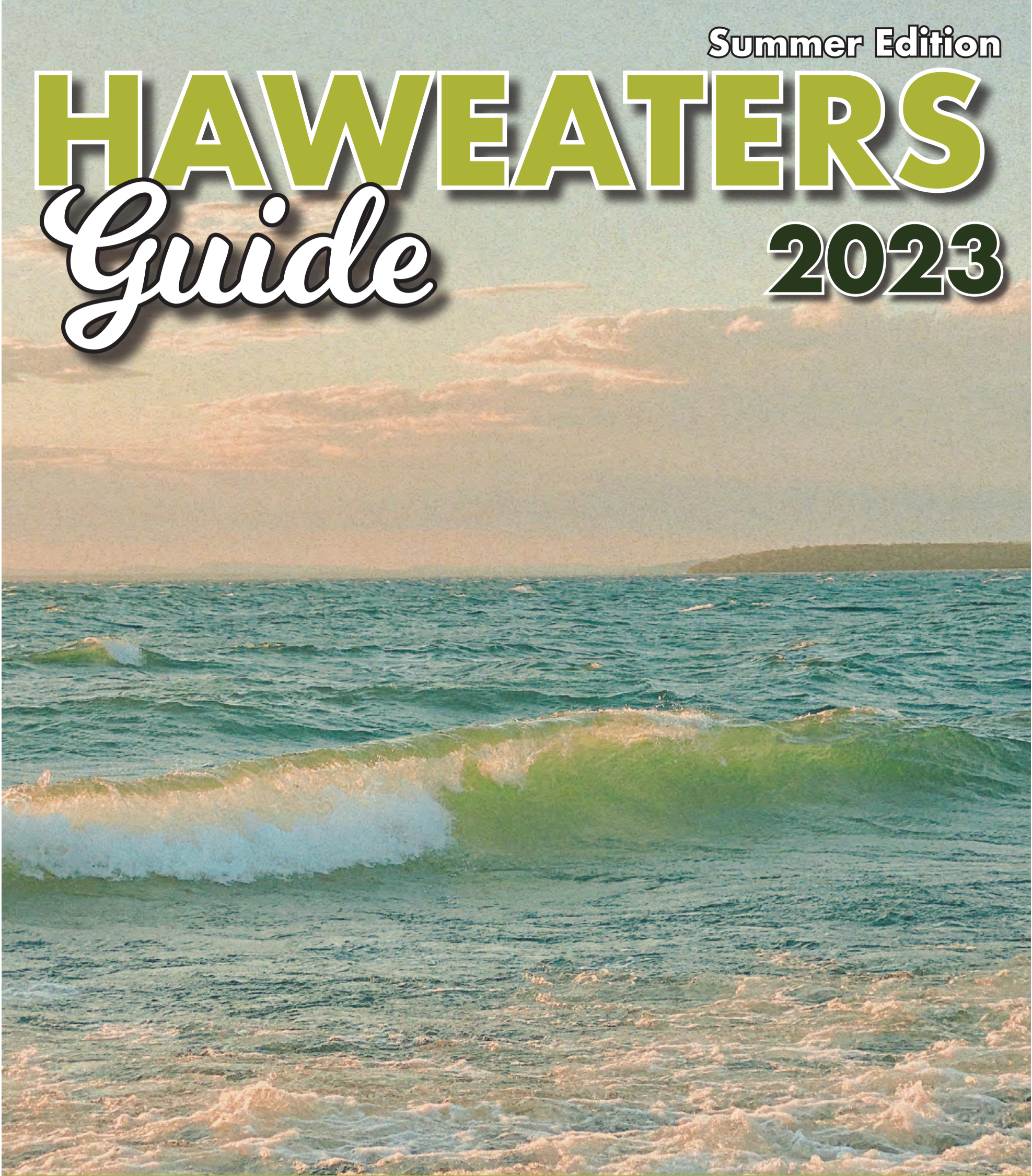
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Become a do-it-yourself bike mechanic with the help of Bike Kitchens

by Margery Frisch
 MANITOULIN—What is a bike kitchen? According to the research provided by Ashley Whyte of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA), “Bike Kitchens are some of the most historical and long standing co-ops. One of the main goals and objectives of Bike Kitchens is to provide education and promote responsible consumption through the repairing, recycling and reusing of bicycles.” The three Bike Kitchens recently sponsored by MICA offered

just that and more. Anyone who had the opportunity to attend one of these came away well informed. Rebecca Laurenti, of Breakaway Sports and Cycle in downtown Little Current was thorough in every aspect of bike maintenance and care, taking everyone in attendance through the important steps for safe cycling on a happy bike.

Components

Rebecca began by pointing out the areas of the bike, the first being the cockpit,

which includes handlebars and bike stem. This is the most customizable part of your bike and later in her presentation she spoke on bike fit.

The Body

There are three types of material for the body of the bike: steel, aluminum and carbon. “Carbon is super light. If you ever get a chance to ride carbon, it’s amazing!” she said.

Wheels

There are two types of



Rebecca Laurenti of Breakaway Sports and Cycle hosts a 'bike kitchen' in Mindemoya in June. photo by Margery Frisch

valve stems, the presta valve (you press it) is pretty normal for gravel and road bikes. The second type is Schrader – these are similar to a car tire valve. The wheels will always have information such as make, size, how much pressure you need. 700 x 32C PSI 50 – 100. “A lot of people think they need to pump their tires up to the max to get a really fast ride, but it’s actually proven that harder doesn’t necessarily mean faster. Middle PSI is best. Rule of thumb: rear tire is inflated a little bit less, because there’s

more weight back there, and front tire a little more.

Drive train

This includes your set, rear derailleur, front derailleur, chain and crank arms. “This is the most important thing to maintain. If the drivetrain is happy, then your entire bike should be pretty happy,” Rebecca said. That means keeping the chain clean, making sure there’s no grit and grime in there.

Types of bikes

The six different categories of bikes were mentioned. Hybrid – road/gravel; super

speedy road bikes, which are mostly just meant for the road – really thin tires, really high PSI; mountain bikes – fat tires, lower PSI, easily goes through trails, good suspension, either front or full suspension, usually straight handlebars; cruiser bikes where your positioning on the bike is drastically different – you’re sitting on your but, it’s an easy ride, the handles are a little higher. BMX bikes are the sixth type of bike in the general categories listed; it’s a super low ride allowing for tricks, etc.

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Island firefighters urge caution with extremely dry conditions

Protect yourself with tips from the health unit on dealing with wildfire smoke

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOULIN—With the prevalence of fires in Ontario and our region, and the still dry conditions, restricted fire zones remain in

Hawkins, manager, Health Protection Division of Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD), last week.

On June 3, PHSD posted a release that Environment

bec would result in deteriorated air quality.

Smoke from wildfires is a mixture of gases and fine particles from burning trees and plant materials. The

said Mr. Hawkins. “This will include such things as throat irritation, mild coughs, headaches, and eye, nose and throat irritation. These symptoms can typically be managed without medical intervention.”

This can aggravate existing problems, leading to worsening over time, if a person exposed to wildfire smoke has asthma or is a heavy smoker, for example. The top five percent of people that have severe health issues could suffer a heart

attack or even death in extreme cases, Mr. Hawkins explained. Older adults, pregnant people, infants and young children, people who smoke, people who work outdoors, people involved in strenuous outdoor exercise, and people with respiratory or cardiovascular conditions may experience more severe short-term or chronic symptoms from smoke exposure.

More serious symptoms could include dizziness, chest pains, irregular heartbeat, severe cough, short-

ness of breath, wheezing and asthma attack.

“From our end as public health, we have a number of suggestions,” said Mr. Hawkins. “The number one point is, if you have a higher risk of being affected by smoke inhalation, stay indoors if air quality is bad. Especially if, as we have seen in Quebec, BC and New York, where you couldn’t even see over a river. Stay indoors with windows and doors closed if possible, for all and particu-
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As of press time, there are over 430 wildfires burning across Canada. Manitoulin is listed in the high to extremely high risk category for wildfires.

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place. Meanwhile, as smoke from fires throughout Canada continue to affect air quality, public health officials are cautioning area residents that it could be a summer-long situation.

“Enjoy what you can this summer when the air quality is good,” stated Burgess

and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) had issued an air quality statement for Greater Sudbury and vicinity, West Nipissing, French River, Markstay-Warren, St. Charles, Gogama and Foleyet, that smoke plumes from local forest fires as well as forest fires in Que-

bec releases many contaminants into the air, such as fine particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and volatile organic matter and can impact health even at very low levels.

“So, for most people, they will feel temporary effects,”



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Rebecca described how a wide, comfy seat on a fast bike is not a good idea; your body is positioned differently than on a cruising bike, pitched further forward, and a wide seat would hurt you but more than a narrower seat. Rather than an ill-fitting seat, Rebecca recommended bib shorts, or padded cycling shorts, for a more comfortable ride.

Pre-ride inspection

This is always important, especially before a long ride. Rule of thumb: always bring a spare tube with you. It's important to know the proper size; know the size of tire you've got. It's best, she said, to go into a bike shop and ask for the proper tube based on the information on your tire. And always remember the valve that you need – presta or Schrader. She assured us, "This will impress them at the bike shop." Along with an extra tube, tire levers are a good idea. "But I'm going to show you today how to change a tire and a tube without. It is possible. It just takes a little more time. If you have a little pouch, to go under your saddle, you can stuff a tube in there; you'll need a little



No extra tube? No problem! Tie a knot in the one you have.

tire pump too. They're not super-fast, but they'll pump up your tire and get you back on the road."

So, the ABCs of your pre-ride inspection are air, brakes and chain and/or crank set. Check the air in your tires – a good squeeze

will let you know if you need air.

Brakes

Check your brakes. To distinguish between the two brakes, always think right is rear; check to make sure both are in good working

order. There are two types of brakes – rim brakes – the brake squeezes against the actual rim of the tire, they are easy to see and to fix. Disc brakes are harder to maintain; more expensive, everything's inside; not easy to fix on your own.

Before you go out on a ride, this is the most important thing: look at your chain – any debris, and gunk on the chain; back pedal a bit, pulling the rear tire up, pull the crank back and forth to make sure there's no wiggle room. Last thing, if you've got quick release tires – check them to make sure they're not loose at all.

How to fix a flat

The lengthiest part of Rebecca's presentation and the most important in everyone's mind was how to fix a flat tire. Even if you've forgotten to bring an extra tube, even if you don't have tire levers. She flipped the bike upside down. She took the front tire off, and because of the rim brakes, she explained the necessity of taking all the air out

of the tire, "and it should slide right out," she said, and it did. "Be careful with your fingers, there could be glass in there." Next, make space by squeezing the tube; there's an inner bead all around the tube, a bead that sits in a groove of the rim. "Pushing that into the actual well of the rim, so it's not going to catch. Squeeze, squeeze, squeeze. Don't be afraid you're going to break it – it's rubber." You must be careful when you take the tube out that you remember the placement of it in the tire. This is important because you'll need to put the valve back where it belongs. Constantly check for abrasions – glass or whatever punctured the tube. Also carefully check the tire, make sure there are no gouges, etc. Run fingers in the actual tire to check if there's something stuck in there. If you were prepared and brought a tube – super simple, just replace the tube. "If you didn't bring a tube, what you can do and it does work, is to tie a knot in the actual place where the puncture occurred – a sim-

ple knot. This is just to get you home. You don't want too much of a bulge...no tail on the knot. It does work, in a pinch. The trick is to get it back into the tire rim." Many cyclists, instead of carrying an extra tube, will carry a patch kit, a lot cheaper than buying 10 tubes. The kit has everything you need to patch your tube.

Check the rim, it's a good time to clean it as well. Make sure the rim tape (which protects the tube from the spokes) has no sharp bits. Another check, just so you don't put the tube back on the bike rim only to find there's another leak. Put the tube up to your cheek and listen for any hissing – air escaping. The valve stem hole is always lined up with the name on the tire – that's just bike etiquette. Start with the valve stem – you've got to be a little gentler with a presta valve. "Just make sure you're not twisting the tube. We're making space creation doing this without tire levers so always end at the valve trying to fit the tube in by pushing the air out making space – making sure the presta stem is in the open position. Push, push, push and it's in. Do another check, because sometimes when inflating the tire, the tube will pop out in this area where the valve is, if the tube is slightly bigger than normal, so just push that valve in, now it's deep into the tire."

Rebecca then pulled out a small bike pump and pumped up the tire, not too much, so she can put it back in place – with rim brakes, the tire can't be too inflated till it's in place, also making sure she had the quick release on the correct side. If the tire is found to have a hole, you'll need a temporary barrier between the tire and the tube – a gum or candy bar wrapper flattened out and placed between the two will prevent the tube from herniating and coming out of the tire and popping.

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Great Lakes water levels expected to remain near 100 year average

by Lori Thompson

LITTLE CURRENT—A joint presentation on future water levels by Georgian Bay Association (GBA) and Georgian Bay Forever (GBF) to Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) council on May 16 left the municipality and shoreline and island property owners quite concerned. However, the original presentation contained significant errors and has since been retracted. John Woodrooffe, president of the McGregor Bay Association (a GBA member association), corrected those statements on the public record at NEMI's June 6 council meeting.

In an email to The Expositor, Mr. Woodrooffe wrote, "Specifically, GBF stated that a recent Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) report predicts Lakes Huron-Michigan will rise about three metres above historic high levels in the next 80 years, flooding businesses on Water



High water levels in the North Channel in 2019 saw the docks at Little Current's Low Island Park completely submerged.

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Street in Little Current. However, the ECCC report predicts very little change in water levels beyond what has been experienced in the past 100 years."

Council was quite concerned after hearing the initial presentation, said NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin. "It got people nervous that their camps were going to disappear."

Mr. Woodrooffe explained to council that there will be fluctuations in water levels but not at extreme high and low levels, said Mayor MacNevin. "They're not expecting any real change from 100-year water levels."

The type of study that was done could not account for what will happen if water levels rise higher than historical limits due to limitations of the model used by ECCC, Mr. Woodrooffe said. What will likely happen in times of high water is that wetlands and trib-

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Removing the front tire was, apparently, the easier of the two, the chain being the complication in removing the rear tire. She then quickly showed us how to remove the rear tire. "Put the rear derailleur at the lowest gear – technically the highest gear, but your lowest chain ring – first gear - the smallest chain sprocket. Take the air out completely so you can slip the tire through the rim brakes. Loosen up the quick release and prepare to get your hands greasy. Pull up your rear derailleur, don't worry, you're not go-

ing to break it. Once you get the tire out and the flat fixed, you put it back in the same way it came out; pull the rear derailleur up... It's a little daunting for people because there's so much happening in the back. That's going to be your biggest problem on the road. Your next biggest problem is your chain."

Tom McQuay brought in a bike that he had found in recycling. Rebecca decided to degrease, clean and relube his chain. She sprayed Muc Off on the chain, cleaned it then added lube. "Lube is great but too much is not good for your bike." There's wet lube or dry lube, but for

our environment, wet lube is always recommended. She demonstrated a bike shop cleaning, with a chain cleaner, using a handy-dandy machine, not too expensive, but worth the work to keep your chain happy and keep it healthy. Once run through, she dried it with a rag, riding the chain of all kinds of gunk (an air compressor works well too, she said). She thoroughly cleaned Tom's bike chain, but discovered that his rear brake didn't work at all. So, she recommended he bring his bike to Bill at Breakaway for a new rear brake.

Bike Fit

The bike needs to be the right fit for you, especially in the handle bars. Most people believe the seat to be the most important fit on the bike, the reach, Rebecca says, is more important. "If you're sitting on a cruiser it's not so bad, but with the bended handle bars, there should be a micro bend in the elbows. Same with your seat, you need a micro bend in the legs. You can adjust the seat – forward and backward, up and down."

Safety

Rebecca concluded the bike kitchen by reminding

those in attendance of the importance of using hand signals facing traffic; she spoke about lights front and back and how they can make a difference on the road; reflectors are good, but they are not nearly as effective as lights, front and back.


"With the blinking red lights, even during the day," Maja Mielonen pointed out, "I find cars will give you a wider berth, when they pass."

Helmets were the next topic in safety – a proper fit is essential. "You don't want it sitting on top of your head, like a hat. You want it sitting half way down your fore-

head, encasing your head. The straps should be a little bit forward from your earlobe. We suggest tie it tight, then try to shake it off." We were reminded that helmets have an expiry date, but you just need to make sure there are no cracks in the plastic, and that your helmet is still in good shape.

Rebecca spoke for two hours, while changing a tire, cleaning gears, cranksets and chains and still, the people in attendance could have stayed longer, listening and learning from someone passionate about bikes.

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larly for those at high risk.”

“If you have asthma, follow your healthcare provider’s advice,” he added. “And avoid outdoor physical activities. It is not the

time to go out and cut a chord of wood.”

It is important to keep all your airways moist and make sure you stay well hydrated by drinking plenty of water, Mr. Hawkins said.

Breathing through moist cloths will help keep airways clean.

“If you have a raspy throat, make sure you visit places with cleaner, filtered air, such as libraries or take in a museum or shopping mall,” said Mr. Hawkins. “If the air temperature is comfortable in your home keep the windows and doors closed until the air quality has improved. Use the recirculation setting on air conditioner and HVAC systems to prevent smoke from entering. It is a good idea for people to follow the air quality index to find out what the air conditions are now, today, tonight and tomorrow.”

Individuals with high-risk health complaints should consider wearing an N95 mask, he said. “Most healthy adults and children will recover quickly from smoke exposures and will not suffer long-term consequences but people with asthma or bronchitis should stay inside or wear masks if outside.”

Mr. Hawkins urged people experiencing health issues due to smoke inhalation to call their healthcare provider or the hospital and reminded everyone, “As with anything else, we have to take precautions. When air quality is bad, or it’s hot, that’s not the best time to go



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of control, although the 235-square kilometre Barrington Lake wildfire is no longer growing.

Dwayne Elliott, Manitoulin Mutual Aid co-captain and Assiginack Township Fire Chief told The Expositor last Thursday the restricted fire zone which was put in place by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is still in place and is province-wide. “When the MNRF lifts the ban, then it will be up to the municipalities to decide if the restrictions remain in place,” he said.

“We are expecting rain tonight and tomorrow” and the ban could be lifted, Mr. Elliott said. “However, since it is so early in the summer season and so dry, I would imagine we are going to have the bans in place (throughout) this summer. We did not get much snow runoff this year so I would expect to see more problems.”

As for strategies being put in place locally, “not yet,” said Mr. Elliott. “We really don’t have a lot of problems when the fire bans are in place. People are, for the most part, respectful and they follow the fire ban rules,” he said, adding that fields are very dry around Manitoulin.

out.”

He said PHSD is recommending that people check on their neighbours in this heat, especially if there is a high senior population as there is on Manitoulin Island. “We are watching to see if there have been more hospital visits from people suffering from smoke inhalation but not sure we have the statistics from hospitals. It’s something our epidemiologist is looking at.”

“It doesn’t look like we are going to get a lot of rain in the region for a while so the air conditions can get bad again this summer,” continued Mr. Hawkins. “Normally one part of the country will have bad problems with fires during the summer, like Northern Quebec, but this year we have seen this from BC to Nova Scotia.”

Canada is experiencing its worst wildfire season of the 21st century.

Earlier this month, Emergency Preparedness Minister Bill Blair announced that more than 47,000 square kilometres have burned so far this year, with 431 wildfires currently burning across Canada. One of those continues to threaten the Alberta community of Edison, where 8,400 residents remain under an evacuation order. Hundreds of people in BC have either been forced from their homes or are under an evacuation alert as the 4,770 square kilometre Donnie Creek blaze continues to rage, having grown to be the second largest ever recorded wildfire in the province. A massive fire in Shelburne County, Nova Scotia remains out



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The legend of Providence Bay's 'burning boat'

PROVIDENCE BAY—When a full red moon rises over the shores of Providence Bay, a phantom ship is engulfed by hot red tongues of burning flames.

What could the mysterious ghost-like ship be? Are the secret whispers of a thousand stories of centuries gone by heard amongst the glowing embers of the ship's gutted frame? Or is the burning boat simply an illusion of the moonlight dancing upon the rippling waters of Providence Bay?

No one really knows. And it has been a good many years since the legend of this blazing vessel has been told amongst the townspeople of the tiny hamlet of Providence Bay. The legend has all but been forgotten.

Nearly 50 years ago tourists and locals alike used to line the shores of Providence Bay, directly in front of the Cornish's camping park, now Providence Bay Tent & Trailer Park, to try and catch a glimpse of this flaming enigma. Sometimes numbers would equal 30 or 40, and all would scan the



Will you spot the burning boat in Providence Bay this summer?

bay until three or four in the morning, looking for the legendary ship. And many times their search would be successful. Many a tourist has left Manitoulin with the never to be forgotten memory of a

fiery red ball of flames floating on the waters just off where the lighthouse used to stand. And some have even captured the spectacle on film.

Legend has it that the boat bursts

into sight in a huge ball of fire and then, for a time, the flames recede to allow the observer to see the outline of the gutted ship.

But skeptics claim that the boat can only be seen at night, because

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without the reflection for the huge red moon, the illusion is not possible. Sightings at dusk, they answer, a simply the result of a brilliant sunset playing the same tricks upon the waves.

Another theory tries to explain the hazy, smoky image of the burning boat. It has been said that the ship's flaming outline is almost like hot gases or heated air flickering for a moment and then erupting into flames.

Whatever it is, the puzzling legend of the burning boat will forever spark the curiosity of all those who know the tale.

But by no means take anyone's word for it. See for yourself. Mark your calendar for the full moons this summer—July 3, August 1 and August 30. It would be the perfect opportunity to watch a legend in progress. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and wait until the fiery apparition appears. It may be a night you will never forget.

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utaries will absorb some of that extra water and the outflow into the St. Clair River will double as it has in the past.

"There's no way to know what would happen other than what we learn from history," said Mr. Woodrooffe. "The science is not there yet."

The ECCC report was meant to support the fact that climate change will have an erratic impact on the levels. "While actual levels

are not predicted, the report indicates that water level cycles are likely to be shorter, so we are going to have to undertake mitigations more often," said Mayor MacNevin. "People here have lived with these historic levels for over 100 years and we've adapted. Water levels have caused an impact and we've had to adjust."

The Town of NEMI has had to adjust periodically for water levels, he pointed out. In the 1980s, they had to install two-foot add-ons to the town docks and remove them a

few years later. "We know what to expect at our waterfront," he said. "Council feels better understanding that with climate change we may have to deal with things in ways we haven't yet, but we're ready for it."

"We all need to keep calm and plan realistically," Mayor MacNevin said. "We don't want cottagers to panic that their cottages are going to be under water. That's not what the study was about."

GBA had published a newsletter with the errant prediction but that has since been

retracted. Mr. Woodrooffe has written a replacement article, which is forthcoming. The replacement article has been vetted by the ECCC report author and by the International Joint Commission, and was found to faithfully reflect the study findings, he said.

Lakes Huron-Michigan currently sit above the long-term average and are above the chart datum and are expected to remain high through fall 2023 but below the 2020 record high levels.



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This flaky dessert is all about the blueberries

Blueberries should be a delicious part of people's daily diets because this flavourful fruit packs a nutritious punch. Blueberries are a great source of antioxidants, which can help the body fend off various illnesses.

Native to North America, blueberries are available fresh, frozen and canned and are used in a variety of recipes. Plus, they're right at home whether one is serving breakfast, dinner or dessert. However, many people feel that blueberries are best eaten as pie filling.

Various pastries showcase blueberries, including the French galette. A galette is not a pie, but more of a freeform crusty cake. However, it is similar to pie, making it a welcome alternative to that popular pastry. This recipe for "Blueberry Galette," courtesy of the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council, is a delicious treat that's perfect for entertaining.

Blueberry Galette 8 portions

Crust

- 3 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 ounces lard or shortening, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and frozen
- 1 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and refrigerated
- 1/2 cup ice water
- 1 teaspoon vodka

Filling

- 8 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 3/4 cup sugar, plus 2 tablespoons, separated
- 3 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 lemon, zested
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon water

Crust

1. Combine the flour, salt and sugar in a food processor. Add the butter and lard.
2. Use the food processor to work the butter and lard into the flour by pulsing it until the butter is in pea-sized pieces.
3. Whisk the water and vodka together and add it to the flour/butter mixture a few tablespoons at a time. It will start to look shaggy, but not dry. It should hold together when you squeeze it in your hand.
4. Gently press the dough into a ball using a pastry scraper or your hands. Divide the dough into two pieces and create round disks. Wrap the dough in plastic and refrigerate for at least an hour, or overnight.

Filling

1. In a small bowl, combine 3/4 cup sugar, cornstarch, salt and lemon zest. Massage the zest into the sugar.
2. In a large bowl, toss together the blueberries and lemon juice. Add the sugar/lemon zest mixture and gently stir to coat the

blueberries.

3. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. On a floured surface, roll out the chilled pie dough into a 1/8-inch-thick-circle. Dust off any extra flour and lay crust onto the prepared pan.

4. Mound the blueberry filling in the middle of crust. Fold and crimp the dough up so that it covers at least 2 inches of the filling. Freeze the shaped galette for at least 15 minutes to chill the dough.

5. Preheat the oven to 425°F and set rack in middle of the oven.

6. Just before baking, beat the egg and water together and brush the edges with egg wash. Sprinkle crust with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar.

7. Bake for 30 minutes, then turn the oven down to 350°F and bake for an additional 30 minutes.

This recipe yields two 12-inch galette crusts. Extra dough can be stored in an airtight container for up to one month.

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Tips on how to keep your lawn looking green this summer

MANITOULIN—Homeowners' fascination with a lush, green lawn is something that has developed over time and is still "growing" strong.

Even though lush lawns are still coveted, due to drought, the financial climate and even invading insect populations, many people are taking inventory of their landscapes and deciding if a lawn is a priority, even going so far as to reinvent their spaces with lawn alternatives. Still, there are ways to keep properties green no matter which route is taken. Here's a look at some environmentally friendly ways to address a landscape.

Irrigate from below

There are many ways to water landscapes, but homeowners may want to take their cues from the commercial farming industry. Drip irrigation systems utilize a network of valves, pipes and tubing close to the roots of plants or under the soil. Such systems are more efficient than surface irrigation options, helping to save water and nutrients in the soil.

Water early

Scotts Lawn Care suggests watering a lawn in the morning before 10 am when it is cooler and winds tend to be calmer. This ensures water can be absorbed into the soil and grass roots before evaporation occurs. Watering midday may cause the water droplets on the lawn blades to heat up and actually scorch the lawn.

Plant a new grass type

Homeowners can experiment with eco-friendly grass seed blends that mix native grasses and may not require as much water nor ideal growing conditions.

Utilize green alternatives

Rather than focusing solely on grass, some homeowners are turning to alternatives like clover and even moss, particularly if their landscapes do not have the most pristine growing conditions. This may reduce the need for chemical fertilizers and herbicides. The result is still a green, inviting yard.



Be the envy of the neighbourhood with a lush lawn.

Watch the lawn height

Mowing too frequently or at too low a height may compromise the lawn's ability to thrive. Grass cut to the proper height develops a deep root system to better locate water and nutrients in the soil. That means homeowners may not have to water as much or as frequently. Taller lawns also shade the soil and the roots, reducing some evaporation.

Compost

Leave the clippings on the lawn to break down and fur-

ther feed nutrients to the lawn, helping it look greener and thrive. Furthermore, rely on supplementation with compost to reinforce the nutrient profile in the soil. Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as leaves and food scraps, into a valuable fertilizer. It doesn't take much to nurture compost in a yard.

Green landscapes are possible with a few tips that help conserve water and maximize natural resources.

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How to conserve energy while keeping the AC on

MANITOULIN—Air conditioning is a welcome luxury come the dog days of summer. Few people can imagine getting through a hot summer afternoon without turning their AC on, and that can make July and August some of the more costly months on the calendar in regard to energy consumption.

Though the months of July and August may not seem well-suited to cutting energy consumption, there are ways to conserve that don't require turning off the AC.

- Reconsider the location of your thermostat. Thermostats are sensitive to heat. Thermostats located near heat-generating appliances like lamps, televisions and computers may be fooled into thinking a home's interior is warmer than it actually is. That will keep a temperature-controlled AC running longer and more frequently than is necessary.



Cranking the AC is not the only way to cool your house down.

If necessary, move the thermostat to a part of the home where there are no electronics and appliances.

- Emphasize maintenance of the AC unit. Even the most energy-efficient AC unit will be forced to work harder, and consume extra energy, if it's not

well-maintained. ENERGY STAR-certified HVAC equipment can yield annual energy savings of 10 to 30 percent. But such products must be maintained. Annual maintenance appointments with an HVAC technician can ensure the unit is clean and refrigerant levels are correct, helping it run as efficiently as possible.

- Embrace natural ways to keep a home's interior cool. Cranking the AC is not the only way to maintain a comfortable temperature inside a home during the months of July and August. Closing curtains on especially warm days keeps the sun out and makes it easier to maintain comfortable temperatures inside without lowering the temperature on the thermostat. Avoiding the stove on

hot nights and preparing cold meals or firing up the grill outside is another way to keep the house cool.

- Address insulation issues. Cracks around windows and doors affect the temperature inside the home, making it colder in winter and warmer in summertime. Seal cracks around doors and windows to keep the cool air in during the summer. Keeping that air in should allow you to raise the temperature on your thermostat without compromising comfort.

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Keep the cottage creepy crawlies at bay with pest control

by Tom Sasvari

BARRIE—At this time of the year home, cottage and bunkie owners may see an influx of those creepy crawlies that, quite frankly, no one likes. A Canada-wide business headquartered in Barrie takes getting rid of these creepy crawlies seriously.

“There are two kinds of things that we do a lot of at this time of the year,” said Ruth Gowan of Abell Pest Control from company headquarters. “One is that we can do a spider treatment for clients in their homes, bunkies and cottages. A lot of people don't like a webbing mess caused by an abundance of spiders, and this is a service that we do a

lot in early summer.”

Ms. Gowan said a technician will spray around the house, cottage, bunkie roofline, eavestroughs and shutters. She also said that property owners can keep this kind of problem down by cleaning these facilities themselves.

“The other thing we can do at this time of year is a home protection plan, where a technician will come to your home or cottage and look after such things as carpenter ants,” added Ms. Gowan. “They live in and around and feed on food, crumbs and insects. Our technician will apply an insecticide barrier, and find their nest and spray this as well. This also goes for earwigs and

other creepy crawlies that people don't like to have around.”

How busy is Abell on Manitoulin Island? “We hired a seasonal person to be on the Island to do residential work,” said Ms. Gowan. “They will spend one day, for instance, in Mindemoya and the next in Gore Bay and so on down the line around the Island.”

Pest control has been a hot-button issue in parts of the country lately. A January article in the Ottawa Citizen indicated that bedbugs, for instance, are on the rise across Canada. While awareness is growing, a stigma about infestation inhibits treatment and effective education is needed



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to reduce that hindrance to effective pest control.

When John Abell joined the family business in 1976, his mandate was to nationalize the company. “I just took a process that worked in Ontario and through ac-

quisition and home growth, we expanded throughout Canada,” he stated. “Today, we're in Canada and have new locations in the upper United States.”

For the team at Abell Pest Control, it's not about just

going in, applying chemicals and leaving. The company has a new and thoroughly integrated pest management system that has pushed their pest control strategy to levels John Abell's grandfather might never have imagined. “A part of our training is the understanding of the pest, its nature, how they breed and what they eat,” said Mr. Abell. “With that knowledge, you can do more than apply pesticides. It can be temperature control, environmental changes, food sources management or storage practices.”

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How to find the right vacation rental for your summer getaway

MANITOULIN—Vacations present an opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life, often recharging mind and body in the process. In fact, using vacation time can reduce stress and improve overall health.

While there is a certain measure of work that goes into vacation planning, and for some it can be stressful to coordinate all of the details, vacationing benefits tend to exceed the hassle of planning. Anxiety can be avoided or at least reduced by finding optimal accommodations. For many, that includes a vacation home rental. Individuals can consider these tips when selecting a vacation rental.

Why a vacation rental?

There are many different accommodations available for week-long getaways or shorter excursions. Oftentimes vacationers prefer a little more space than a standard hotel room can provide. A vacation home rental can be the type of place that prioritizes space and distance from others — something that has become even more valuable during the global pandemic.

Another advantage to a vacation rental is the ability to prepare some or all of the meals on the property. That can help corral expenses normally reserved for dining out for three meals a day. Instead, vacationers can pick one or more opportunities for special meals at restaurants and then cook “at home” for the remainder.

Do your research

Travellers accustomed to staying in chain hotels and other resorts likely know what they are getting from the accommodations. That’s because these properties pride themselves on consistency. Whether you stay at a Marriott or Hyatt in one place or another, you’ll find similar furnishings, space and offerings.

When it comes to vacation rentals, things are a little less

predictable. However, scouring reviews on sites that advertise vacation rentals, or relying on the experiences of people you know increases the likelihood that you’ll find unique and satisfying vacation rentals.

Prioritize needs and wants

Vacation rentals can be narrowed down by your desired amenities and features. For example, you can search by the number of bedrooms or for rentals that are pet-friendly if you’re bringing a companion animal along. Maybe you need a property that is close to transportation or has shopping nearby? Make a list of desired items and then choose properties that check most, if not all, of those boxes.

Verify allowances

A beachfront property commands a premium price, as do rentals that are adjacent to specific points of interest



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or in major cities. If you’re willing to stay further away, you likely can save a considerable amount of money. Investigate parking options, public transportation or if beach towns allow golf cart rentals to make reaching amenities easier.

Check all rental policies

Read through rental agreements before diving in. Items to look at include cancellation policies and whether or not penalties will be charged. Some rentals pass cleaning fees on to the renters or re-

quire deposits that will be returned only if there is no damage to the property.

Ask for the exact address

Rental property advertisements post the best angles in photos to help disguise any shortcomings. Close-ups of the home may not showcase the neighbourhood in which its located. By having the exact address in advance, you can do a street view on Google, Apple or another online map and see what is around the property — including how close it really is to amenities. “Near the beach” can be anything from one street to a few miles away.

Consider exemplary hosts

Services like Airbnb and VRBO are two of the leading vacation home rental businesses. Airbnb has a category of Superhosts, who must boast at least a 4.8 rating to qualify. Superhosts tend to provide superior hospitality and respond to

messages quite readily. Similarly, VRBO has Premier Hosts. They also consistently provide great experiences for guests. Choosing hosts with these ratings can help you feel more confident that you’ll be getting a desirable rental.

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