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**SEA CADET INSPECTION**—Reviewing Officer Carmen Laidley, who was the first commanding officer of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets, inspects the troops at the Sea Cadets' annual review and 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. **SEE STORY AND PHOTO ON PAGE 5.** photo by Tom Sasvari

## Island couple wins \$500,000 in HSN draw

by Tom Sasvari

**KAGAWONG**—Allen Clark of Kagawong will now be able to buy a pontoon boat that he has been wanting for a while after having won the May draw of Health Sciences North (HSN) 50/50 take-home jackpot of \$526,698.

Asked if the purchase of an upgraded pontoon boat is first on the list of things the cash prize will go toward, Mr. Clark said on Sunday, "Well, it's very close."

Mr. Clark and his partner Joanne Wade were informed by a Foundations at HSN North representative of the win last Friday, May 31. Mr. Clark's first reaction that he had won was, "What?!" followed by "Hey that is good news!"

When the couple were informed of the win, Ms. Wade said, "Are you kidding us? I can't believe it. We are so excited, it's like a miracle."

Mr. Clark said, "No, I didn't believe it at first; I thought we

were receiving a fraud call. These days you can't help but be skeptical." To be sure, he had members of his family make some follow-up calls "to make sure it was true."

"We've been buying tickets for a long while now, Jim buying them one month and then I buy them the next month," said Ms. Wade. "This (win) is an answer to a lot of prayers."

As for the pontoon boat, Mr. Clark explained, "I have one, but the upholstery on it was bad when I first bought it, and it just got worse. I've been trying to find someone to fix it, and the best way to do it, but this may alleviate all of that. I think we will upgrade the pontoon boat we have and find one that is only a couple of years old and in good shape. We really like to fish so it's going to need to be rejigged to be able to fish from it."

The Health Sciences North Foundation, the NEO Kids

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## Indigenous court for Northeast in service First for the region, based in Sudbury

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
**SUDBURY**—Thursday, April 25 marked the opening of the first Indigenous Peoples Court in Ontario's Northeastern region, a landmark initiative designed to provide specialized legal, cultural and social services to Indigenous offenders.

The ceremony, held in a Sud-

bury Court of Justice courtroom, saw the attendance of First Nations members, judges, lawyers and the public, all gathered to witness the beginning of a new chapter in the region's judicial approach.

Keith Chapman, the Indigenous liaison officer at Sudbury jail, highlighted a crucial aspect of Indigenous justice, explain-

ing that Anishnaabe traditions do not include incarceration as a form of punishment. This cultural mismatch, he believes, contributes significantly to the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in Canadian correctional facilities.

Indigenous Canadians face disproportionate rates of incarceration. Despite making up only five percent of Canada's population, they constitute 32 percent of the prison population, according to the Department of Justice Canada. This disparity is not just a matter of current judicial practices but is also deeply rooted in intergenerational trauma. The legacy of residential schools, systemic racism, and the forced assimilation policies of the past have left enduring scars on Indigenous communities, contributing to higher rates of poverty, substance abuse, and involvement

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## New Island organization dedicated to turtle survival

by Tom Sasvari

**MANITOULIN**—The new Friends of Manitoulin Turtles group are trying to get 'Watch for Turtles' signage installed in places where turtles are predominant on Manitoulin and provide education to members of the public on how to protect turtles.

"One of the first initiatives we decided we need to do is to install turtle crossing signage in areas where turtles are close to and travel across roads and highways," said Amelia Wood, a member of the new 'Friends of' group. "We now have two signs located at the area of Newburn Road in Kagawong where there is a lot of turtle mortality. From the hill down to the swamp area on the side of the road is a death trap for animals, and we have a sign going up soon at Highway

6 at the boundary of Assiginack township."

The two signs in Kagawong were unveiled last week. "This is a great ecosystem and habitat for many species, like turtles, deer, bear, reptiles and invertebrates," said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker. "And turtles will travel across the road or lay

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## Spirit Island Redrum chapter honours fallen member

by Michael Erskine

**MANITOULIN**—The loss of a father, husband and good friend is always hard, but even more so when that loss is due to a tragic death at the hands of an impaired driver. This weekend members of the Redrum Motorcycle Club, Spirit Island Chapter gathered for a memorial ride across Manitoulin for their friend Jeff Robson and to raise money for his wife Denny and sons Logan and Dylan.

"We usually have our regular Island chapter run on Labour Day Weekend, but we felt it was important to honour our brother Jeff, it will be a year June 2 that he passed on," said club president Robbie Shawana.

There were 21 members of the club on hand

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Members of the Redrum Motorcycle Club, Spirit Island Chapter, gather for a photo before setting out on a memorial run in tribute to the late Jeff Robson. The 21 motorcycle club members raised funds for Mr. Robson's family, pictured in photo.

## Robinson-Huron chiefs object to legitimacy of Ont. Metis Nation

by Tom Sasvari

**ROBINSON-HURON**—The Robinson-Huron Waawindamaage-win (RHW), which includes 21 First Nations (including those on Manitoulin Island), passed a declaration that denounces the Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) and its claims to Indigenous identity and its recognition as a self-governing Indigenous group by the government of Canada.

The declaration was passed in May, according to a news release issued by the group last week. Both RHW and all chiefs in the treaty territory contend there were no distinct historic Metis communities within Robinson-Huron Treaty territory when the treaty was signed in 1850. "The declaration asserts the inherent rights and obligations of

the Anishinaabe to RHW lands," reads the release. "The spirit and intent of the Robinson-Huron Treaty is to share the benefits of the land; it does not include delegating jurisdiction to Canada to recognize or to enter into treaty with other groups in the territory."

The declaration comes as Bill C-53, federal legislation tabled last year, would affirm Metis rights to self-determination and self-government in Ontario and Alberta if passed, and provide the backdrop for continuing criticism from First Nations groups concerned about land and resource rights being given to Metis groups without their consent.

"We have done extensive research whether there was Metis territory, and there were no Metis communities when the treaty was signed," Earl Commanda, executive director of RHW told The Expositor. "They (Metis Nation of Ontario) are basing their claims that there were Metis around to enter into a treaty for territory. On the legislation being proposed we say no."

"When you look at the issue of who is a Metis person, in the west, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, yes, there are Metis people and Metis Nations, but not in Ontario," said Mr. Commanda. "We recognize Metis Nations and Metis people in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta, but not in Ontario. But for this (MNO) body to

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

## Gore Bay man cycling in Wounded Warriors ride in Normandy

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—While he has participated in the Wounded Warriors bicycle rides previously, Gore Bay resident Duncan Sinclair is looking forward to taking part in the Wounded Warriors Battlefield Bike Ride this year. It is called DDay80 in turn with the 80th anniversary of the Normandy, France landings.

"I really wanted to sign up for this ride, which coincides with the commemoration of the Allies landing in Normandy," stated Mr. Sinclair. "We lost lots of Canadian military in Normandy, and I want to take part in the ride, to honour them and raise money for programs that the Wounded Warriors benefit, with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) being the biggest one, along with service dogs, resilience camps and other programs that benefit our veterans, first responders and their families."

"The ride I usually take part in is the Wounded Warriors Ride for Mental Health (which takes place in Ontario) and I will be participating in that one as well in August," said Mr. Sinclair, who is a member of the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

"These battlefield bike rides are pretty special," said Mr. Sinclair. "Each year the organizers take 100 Canadians to ride in different parts of Europe where Canadian troops fought and died."

"I had signed up in 2020 for

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## Vehicle strikes car, Gore Bay Medical Centre, no one injured

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—Fortunately, no one was seriously injured after a two-vehicle accident that began with one vehicle leaving the driveway of the Gore Bay Medical Centre, striking another parked vehicle and then running into the entrance area of the building.

Constable John Robertson, with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) told The Expositor the OPP received a call of the accident at 11:45 am last Thursday morning. "A pick-up truck leaving the parking lot at the Gore Bay

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A two-vehicle accident took place last week in the downtown area of Gore Bay, with serious damage done to the pickup truck shown in photo and another vehicle, along with damage done to be front entrance of the Gore Bay Medical Centre. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured.



Carol Gilmore, in green, was feted in Providence Bay last weekend for her upcoming induction into the Great Northern Opry. She's joined on stage with top row, left, son Jeff Gilmore, grandson EJ, granddaughter Mackenzie, bottom row, bandmates Bruce Gibson, Donna Gibson, Kay Everett, and Roy Robertson.

photo by Alexia Hannigan

## Northern Opry inductee Carol Gilmore and friends tear the roof off at Prov performance

**by Alexia Hannigan**  
PROVIDENCE BAY—Like the songbird who greets us with her familiar song, Carol Gilmore's voice and gospel hymns and rhythms rang and filled the Providence Bay community hall last Saturday much to the delight of the full house present to celebrate her induction into the Great Northern Opry.

Several generations of the Gilmore family and members of the Great Northern Opry celebrated at the Providence Bay Hall with fellow musicians and friends. "You know, my parents

always had music playing in the house when we grew up and I learned to play at young age," Ms. Gilmore said. "I just can't believe that I have been given this honour for doing something that I love. I want to thank Ben Lentir and family and lastly, but not least, I want to thank God. He gives me the health and the ability to do what I like to do without thinking I should get a reward at the end. Being inducted is a real surprise—I feel very humbled by it. I'm just amazed at everyone that is here tonight; thank you so much for coming and for supporting what I like to do."

Ms. Gilmore's induction into the Great Northern Opry was indeed a labour of love. You could see and feel the bond shared by her bandmates and audience members alike. It was quite something to be a part of—everyone there knew it too. We were all a part of something historic and magic—a celebration of the trials and tribulations of the gospel of life, each milestone marked by the universal tapestry and treble clef of music. There was an energy and vibe that marked it as a uniquely sacred and special event.

Host Ben Lentir and band warmed everyone up with a few familiar and classic numbers

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## South Baymouth plans in motion for ferry's 50th

**by Michael Erskine**  
TEHKUMMAH—For half a century the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry has plied the waters between South Baymouth on the southern shores of Manitoulin Island and the community of Tobermory at the northern tip of the Bruce Peninsula. This summer, a committee of residents are setting up plans for events celebrating the 50th anniversary of the ferry that has provided a vital three-season link to the Island.

"We have a tentative title, 'Manitoulin Celebrates Chi-Cheemaun's 50th'," said Gary Brown, a former Owen Sound Transportation Company board member and once a long-time reeve of Teh-

## Residential School Survivor Summit focuses on healing and reconciliation

**by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**  
M'CHIGEENG—The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre hosted a two-day Residential School Survivor Summit at the Cultural Complex in M'Chigeeng, dedicated to sharing experiences and promoting healing among residential school survivors. Organized by Rob Brown and catered by Pam Roy, the event brought together a range of speakers to address traditional teachings, trauma recovery and intergenerational healing.

Darren McGregor emceed the summit, which opened with heartfelt remarks by Debbie Francis. Presenters included Josh Eshkawkogan, who shared traditional teachings; Will Morin, who introduced the Anishinabek Healing Model of Grief and Loss; and Teresa March, who discussed trauma and healing.

On the second day, Perry and Laurie McLeod-Shabogestic spoke on Mino Bimaadiziwin—the concept of living a good life. Anne Solomon shared her personal experiences of residential school and her journey of healing through art. Dan Garcia, a registered social worker with over 24 years of experience, provided insights into intergenerational trauma and the healing process. Mr. Garcia emphasized the importance of truth and reconciliation, noting that while the truth is being acknowledged, the reconciliation process is still in its early stages.

"Truth and reconciliation—we are in the 'truth' part of that process, but I don't think the reconciliation aspect has really picked up yet," Mr. Garcia said. "We need to heal and grow together and prosper together. There is a big imbalance in the relationship between First Nations and settlers. There is a lot to be worked out, and I am just a helper in that whole process."

Mr. Garcia highlighted the significance of community support in the journey toward reconciliation.

"Having allies and support to speak to the truth of history and the relationship and the imbalance is really amazing. I have been

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## Bluegrass in the Country this weekend in Providence Bay

**by Tom Sasvari**  
PROVIDENCE BAY—The organizers of the annual Bluegrass in the Country music festival are prepared for what is expected to be a great weekend for music lovers.

"We're gearing up for the event and are pretty excited to get the weekend started," stated Ben Lentir, chair of the volunteer committee. "Everyone is making final preparations and getting excited about the big weekend."

"We're really excited to have David Peterson and 1946 (band) from Tennessee being the featured performers for the weekend," said Mr. Lentir.

"And we are excited to have The Barrel Boys, a wonderful group all now based out of Ottawa as part of the other talented musicians and groups we have performing at the festival," said Mr. Lentir. "We have a great lineup."

Other performers included in the star-studded lineup include the Canucky Bluegrass Boys, Granite Hill, Avery Drive, Simply Blu, 2nd Line Bluegrass, Ben Lentir and Robbie Shawana.



David Peterson and the 1946 band who will be performing are the feature artists.

As a precursor to the weekend, "there will be an open mic night for all the campers who are here for the weekend. If they are here Thursday, they can take part in open mic, get on the stage and display their musical talent," said Mr. Lentir.

"The first Bluegrass in the Country show took place in 2009," continued Mr. Lentir. "This would have been our 15th year in 2024, if not for

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kummah. "The date for the celebration is set for August 10 and events will take place all day."

The events are being planned under the auspices of the South Baymouth Community Development Group made up of committed community volunteers.

"Most of the planned events will take place on OSTC property," said Mr. Brown, but he noted that some, such as a parade celebrating the venerable vessel, will travel down the streets of South Baymouth but most events are anticipated to take place in the vicinity of the downtown area of the town.

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**Why is Doug Ford obsessed with expanding alcohol access?**

Ontario Premier Doug Ford famously promised "buck a beer" during the 2018 election campaign... a promise that remains languishing in the house of broken mirrors, along with ending hallway medicine and building a road to the Ring of Fire. In fact, promising greater access and availability of booze seems to be a cornerstone of the Ford action plan.

To be fair, beer and wine were first unleashed on grocery stores in limited distribution by the Wynne Liberals way back in mid-December of 2015 (starting with beer and later adding wine in 2016), but the Ford Progressive Conservatives have apparently decided to up that game dramatically, expanding sales of both, and those other drinks such as cider and coolers, into convenience stores across the province.

This stance toward booze is remarkably perplexing when one considers the impact that alcoholism had on Premier Ford's brother Rob and his family—leading to a massive downward spiral for that Toronto mayor that went viral online and made Canada's largest city the laughing stock of nighttime television hosts around the globe. If anyone would be sensitized to the inadvisability of increasing access to alcohol one would think it might be Premier Ford. Not so.

The social costs of alcohol to our health system is well understood, while impaired driving is once again on the rise.

The Canadian Mental Health Association estimates that alcohol-related harms cost Ontario more than \$7 billion annually, topping the costs of harms from tobacco and the current opioid crisis combined. This includes a variety of acute and chronic health harms, with more than 200 disease and injury conditions and at least nine cancers adding to the butcher's bill. Alcohol is fingered in some \$5.9 billion in lost production—presenting a massive GDP hit as icing on the Progressive Conservative policy cake.

What makes this approach to one of society's more impactful vices even more perplexing is that Premier Ford is in such a rush to implement his new expanded booze regime that he is willing to pony up, by some accounts a billion dollars, to make it so a year earlier than the existing contract with the Beer Store would allow. Now that number, espoused by newly minted Liberal Leader Bonnie Crombie, might be subject to some review—what is generally agreed by all sides is that the cost of bailing on that contract will amount to more than an immediate \$252 million—with costs asso-

ciated with lost LCBO revenue and corporate tax holidays involved in the plan likely to well top that "conservative" amount.

The LCBO has long proven to be a vital cash cow for the provincial government, kicking up a whopping \$1.33 billion in 2022 alone—that on top of sales and other taxes. Conservatives have long floated the sale of the Crown agency only to be stymied by Ontario voters' attachment to the LCBO and its budgetary largesse. Underfunding services is a tried-and-true approach to privatization—see the current provincial government's approach to health services.

On yet another note, what is the rush? There is no need to spend a quarter billion dollars to make it all happen a year early—not to mention potentially a cool \$1 billion.

A cynical view might be that Premier Ford is hoping to call a snap election to take advantage of the current federal Liberal malaise and, since the buck-a-beer promise has long since gone skunky, the booze in corner stores might prove to be a winner with a significant portion of the electorate (not exactly a group known for thinking its gut reactions through). Recent polls show "a plurality" of voters support expanded alcohol sales—ah, good old populism and the population's well-being be damned.

The Ford government is probably the strangest collection of "conservatives" in this province's history. They have succeeded in delivering a 2024 budget complete with a \$9.8 billion deficit (despite rapidly accelerating revenues), easily out-pacing the Wynne government's final year's budget shortfall of \$7.9 billion (a tally that one might add included some pretty serious election year largesse).

Of course, dealing with the province's serious and accelerating crisis—say housing, mental health and addictions for instance—would cost considerably more than the mere \$1 billion boondoggle represented by the proposed booze bill—we must conclude that pulling the cork on expanded alcohol sales could be considered a bargain in the Tory vote-buying playbook.

In these days where bombastic populism seems to have trumped the development of effective public policy, the Ford expansion of access to booze may be a political winner—but in the end it will be the Ontario taxpayer who will pay the piper and it will be the ordinary Joe who will be poorer for it.

Premier Ford has proven in the past that he can turn his policy pronouncements around on a dime. We submit this as an instance calling for just such a u-turn.

**Canada Post minister musing leads to Canada Post concerns**

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—It may have been a simple off-the-cuff musing by the minister who oversees Canada Post, Jean-Yves Duclos, but his suggestion that Canada Post might consider ending daily mail delivery set off a firestorm of concerns. The comment came when the minister was questioned about the recent revelation that the Crown agency was facing an unsustainable \$748 million deficit for 2023.

The Expositor reached out to Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes to unearth some clarity as to what is transpiring at Canada Post.

"It's no secret that Canada Post has entered a rough patch in recent years," noted Ms. Hughes. "They posted a loss of \$748 million last year. The Crown Corporation has recently sold off subsidiary companies Innovapost Inc., responsible for their IT services, to Deloitte Canada, and SCI Group, their third-party logistics business, to Metro Supply Chain Inc. While those sell-offs are going to likely help their business in the short term, it only stands to reason that they will have to rely on outsourcing with increased frequency, which always costs Canadians more in the long run.



A media storm accompanied a suggestion by a government minister that Canada Post was considering cutting back daily on mail delivery, but was quickly squashed by all concerned.

"That being said, we've heard no specifics on any proposals to Canada Post's business model or changes to mail delivery. I haven't seen any announcement on possible future plans from the corporation. Canada Post's mandate is to provide good quality postal services to all Canadian citizens and businesses.

"If they are concerned about the future of their business, it may mean pivoting into a different business model such as e-commerce. It would

allow Canada Post to provide those last mile services for packages, which the U.S. Postal Service has done to some success when they started facing similar financial losses. CUPE has previously proposed postal banking, which can give Canadians, particularly those in rural and remote communities who may be losing actual bank branches in their communities more banking options. There are always options on the table."

Getting rid of daily mail delivery is not an option Canada Post is considering, the Crown corporation's president and CEO Doug Ettinger told MPs recently, going on to note that Canada Post has been asking for changes to its governing regulations, including around how often it has to deliver letter mail.

But Doug Ettinger told the House government operations committee that if anything, the Crown corporation needs to expand its op-

erations to compete with private companies in package and parcel delivery in order to compete.

Following the furor, Minister Duclos clarified his remarks, noting that the federal government was prepared to do "Whatever we need to support Canada Post in supporting Canadians, it will be envisaged, as we need Canada Post in the future."

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# Manitoulin Sea Cadets celebrate 20th anniversary



The 348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps along with current and past Commanding Officers Sylvain Boucher, Maggie King, Carmen Laidley, Denis Blake and Deb Goode pose for a photo at the 20th anniversary ceremonial review.

photos by Tom Sasvari

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M'CHIGEENG—The #348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps annual ceremonial review last Saturday was historic as it also marked their 20th anniversary.

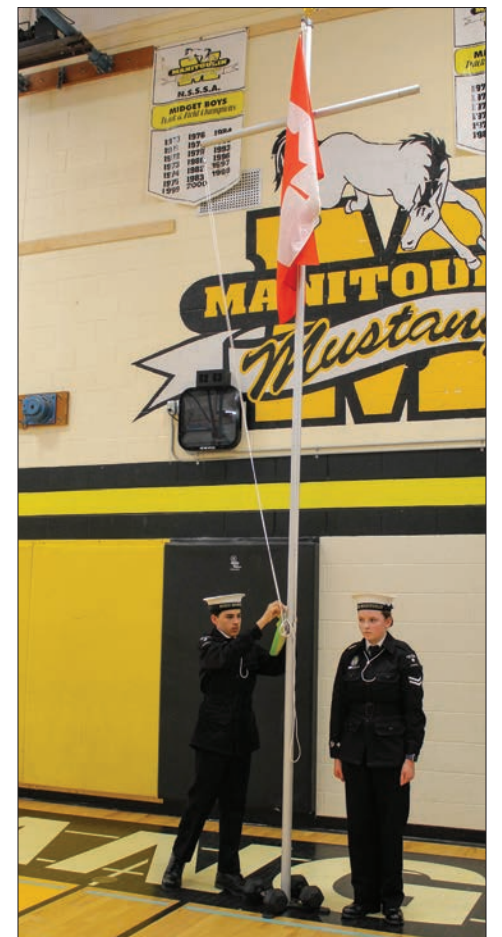
“The Corps began as a division of #134 Admiral Mountbatten Sea Cadet Corps at Sudbury, in the year 2000,” said Denis Blake, currently a civilian instructor, previously a commanding officer for the Corps, who was master of ceremonies for the special ceremony. “The founding members Ed Kift and Jeff Marshall, two Canadian Navy Veterans from Little Current, drive a small group of cadets to Sudbury for parade nights weekly for their training. This required dedication from everyone involved due to the four hours of driving on school nights. Assistance was also received from members of the Manitoulin and North Shore Navy Veterans Association.”

“As previously indicated, Carmen Laidley joined as an officer in 2002,” said Mr. Blake. “By 2003, the cadets were parading almost exclusively at Little Current and by 2004, they became a stand-alone Corps after receiving their charter and designated name of #348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps.”

Mr. Blake said, “at this time, I would like to introduce the Commanding Offi-



Reviewing Officer Carmen Laidley, who was the first commanding officer of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets, reviews the cadets at the Sea Cadets annual review and 20th anniversary celebrations.



A Manitoulin Sea Cadets hoist the Canadian flag during the 2024 anniversary revue with SubLieutenant Miranda McKay, right.

we are in the Robinson-Huron Treaty Territory, and that the land on which we are gathered is in the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe people of Mniidoo Mnising.”

The Corps was then marched on by its Regulating Petty Officer, Chief Petty Officer 2nd class, Lydia Pennings.

The Coxswain, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Savannah Crack prepared the Corps for opening colours.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Liam McLean accompanied guest Geraldine Ense-McGregor. “We are honoured to have Geraldine Ense-McGregor with us, who will lead us in an opening prayer and song. Afterwards, our Coxswain, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Savannah Crack will make a traditional gift of tobacco to our guest,” explained Mr. Blake.

The large group of people in attendance then stood for the national anthem, followed by one minute of silence for all members of the Canadian Armed Force’s veterans past and present.

“We are very honoured to have Carmen Laidley, 348 Manitoulin Sea Cadets very first commanding officer, here as today’s reviewing officer,” said Mr. Blake. He noted the reviewing party was comprised of Reviewing Officer Carmen Laidley, the current Commanding Officer of RCSCC 348 Manitoulin, Lieutenant (Navy) Sylvain Boucher, Lieutenant Commander Nadine Leblond, of the North Bay detachment, and Manitoulin Navy League Branch President Bob Jewell.”

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Among the many guests and members of the public who attended the 348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps 20th anniversary included former commanding officers from left in photo Maggie King, Denis Blake, Deb Goode and Carmen Laidley. Ms. Laidley, who was the Sea Cadets first commanding officer was the Reviewing Officer for the ceremony. The current Sea Cadets commander is Sylvain Boucher (inset).

cers for the Corps since 2004, who have joined us here today. First, today’s Reviewing Officer, Lieutenant (Navy) retired Carmen Laidley, from 2002-2008. Next, Lieutenant Commander Deb Goode, 2008-2009, myself, Lieutenant (Navy) (retired) Denis Blake, 2009-2012, Lieutenant (Navy) retired Maggie King,

2012-2017, and Lieutenant (Navy) Sylvain Boucher, 2017 to present day.”

“In addition, several officers and civilian instructors and volunteers have served with the Corps and helped make it what it is today,” said Mr. Blake. “To my colleagues, and on behalf of the current staff and everyone here today and the wider community, I say thank you

for your service. As you look around, I am sure you can take pride in seeing the results of your investment and commitment in the development of young people from the communities of Manitoulin.”

As part of the opening of the ceremony, Mr. Blake acknowledged and thanked the First Nations of Manitoulin Mniidoo-Mnising. “We acknowledge that



### Charges laid following collision

One person has been charged after a motor vehicle collision involving two vehicles in Wiikwemkoong.

On Thursday, May 23, while on patrol officers with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) were dispatched to the intersection of Wabanosse Street and Wikwemikong Way to the scene of a two-motor vehicle collision on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

An officer arrived on the scene and observed front end damages to both vehicles.

As a result of the investigation a male resident of Wiikwemkoong was issued a three-part summons and charged with driving while under suspension in contravention of section 53(1) of the Highway Traffic Act, owner operator of vehicle with no insurance in contravention of section 2(1)(a) of the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act and left turn-failure to afford reasonable opportunity to avoid collision, section 141(5) of the HTA.

### Police respond to break, enter and theft

On Tuesday, May 21, officers with the WTPS received a call of a break, enter and theft that occurred on Bay-



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view Heights on the WUT.

Officers attended the scene and spoke to complainants who explained that entry was gained through a window where an air conditioner was located. The suspect pushed through and entered, and approximately \$900 in cash was stolen. Nothing else was taken. There are no suspects identified at this time and the incident is still under investigation.

Anyone with information on this incident or any other investigation can contact the Wikwemikong Tribal Police at (705) 370-3141 or through the communications centre at 1-888-310-1122, or Crimestoppers at 1-899-222-TIPS.

### Police respond to theft call

On Wednesday, May 22, officers with the WTPS received a call of a break, enter and theft that occurred at a local business on the WUT.

Upon arrival officers observed a window smashed at

the store, with rocks around the area. Officers spoke to the owner who indicated that a few items were missing from the store, such as chips and ice cream.

The WTPS has no suspects at this time and the incident is still under investigation.

### Charged with uttering threats

On Wednesday, May 22, officers received a report from a complainant of a person who had uttered threats to them in December 2023 in Wiikwemkoong.

The officers spoke to the complainant who indicated that the threat was originally made and then a few days later an individual attended the complainant's apartment and was banging on the door. The complainant decided to make a report requesting charges be laid.

As a result of the investigation a male resident of Wiikwemkoong was placed under arrest and charged with uttering threats, in contravention of section 264. (1)(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada.

The accused is set to appear in Wikwemikong Court (provincial division) on Tuesday, June 25 to answer to the charge.

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## Friends and Neighbours

### Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Hello my June Bugs and Fireflies! Alexia here with your Friendly Fly!

I don't know about any of you, but May seemed to be a lot of hurry up and wait and three steps forward, 300 steps back. I was reminded how terribly frustrating and painstaking the past month has been while watching a baby snail make his way from our second story window to what I can only assume was up. I suppose that's all we can do in the face of certain defeat. Keep moving forward, keep your chin up, and press on! Perhaps it's a good thing that June is finally here, it really is a time to kick up our heels a bit, celebrate new beginnings, summer's bounty a time for some big shows on all fronts.

Our little township had been making a lot of noise and concessions around a certain new sound stage at the fairgrounds. Yes sir! We got our big guns and big diggers and built a sound stage. We polished up our boots, put on our best hats and warmed up a little with a good old fashioned Northern Opry at the town hall. We're good and ready for the big Bluegrass show this weekend and want to welcome all of you wonderful sound engineers, songwriters, songbirds, big boots and spurs to beautiful Providence Bay! You made it! Stay awhile and enjoy yourself.

It's showtime!

Here's what's happening:

Providence Bay arena and fairgrounds: Providence Bay/Spring Bay soccer, we're back in Prov this Saturday, June 8 from 10 to 11 am. Rec Day, Friday, June 14. Bluegrass in the Country this weekend! June 7-9 in support of the Special Olympics, <http://www.bluegrassinthecountry.net/>. Start times: 6 pm Friday, 1 pm Saturday, 10 am Sunday.

Providence Bay Hall: The Northern Opry was a huge success and celebration, congratulations to our inductees and thank you for the music! Exercise classes continue Friday mornings at 10:30 am. Mindemoya Taekwon-do continues Tuesday and Thursdays. Health and Wellness Expo at the Mindemoya Memorial Arena on Tuesday, June 11 from 10 am to 2 pm.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church Sunday Service, meeting at 10:30 am, 11 am service "subject to change."

The Mutchmor, great gallery, great coffee, vinyl, antiques and much more!

Huron Fish and Chips Co, great fare, fish and refreshments, stop by and say hello!

Huron Island Time, fantastic local art and collectibles, incredible ice cream flavours, smoothies, shakes and Caribbean inspired fare and delights!

Sand: Providence Bay Beach, walk, swim and play. Take in the breathtaking views and relax a little.

Saddles: Ceilidh, Carter, Brooklyn and Brantley had a really fun evening last week riding the trails and meeting Henry, Cisco, Copper, Cash, Gunner and Lucky with her cousin Gibby and auntie Katie G. Thank you Clayton and Carter, the kids had a blast meeting all the animals and horsing around on the hay bales. We even saw two baby foxes on the ride back to Prov. It was awesome.

On June 27, it's a social night game of pool in Spring Bay.

Stars: On the morning of June 7, you can see the peak of the shower, which runs from approximately May 29 to June 17. At this point, you may see as many as 60 meteors per hour, which is a pretty good rate and makes it among the more active showers in the calendar. However, as the name suggests, this meteor shower occurs primarily during the day; if you want to try and spot any Arietids, get up a few hours before dawn and look east for the constellation Aries. Best of all, the moon hits its 'new' phase on June 6, so it will pose no interference the next morning if you're up early looking for shooting stars.

Keep on keeping on, keep lassoing the moon, pull up your bootstraps and press on!

"Nothing in this world can take the place of per-

sistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on!' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race."

- Calvin Coolidge, 30th president of the United States

It's time for some music and fun in Providence Bay! Yippee-Ki-Ya. Yeehaw!

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer has gouda news - June 4 was national cheese day! And since we are super mature, we have included these grate cheese puns that we decided were gouda-nough to make you laugh. One friend said he didn't think cheese puns were a good idea for the column. Well, we disa-brie but concede the issue may warrant further analyswiss. However, since it's feta to be safe than sorry, we are putting the puns in for now, but worst queso scenario, we can remove them later.

It's never too late for spring cleaning! Manitoulin Metal, the MSS Robotics Team, is hosting an e-waste drive at the high school all this week. Bring your old televisions, computers, phones, DVD players, small appliances, audio/visual equipment, any size batteries or any other dead electronics to the high school weekdays from 3 to 5 pm and Saturday, June 8 from 10 am to 2 pm. The bins for depositing e-waste are at the back of the school.

Body Stories Dance is hosting free adult and teen Mindful Movement workshops throughout June and July at the Kagawong Park Centre! Workshops are Mondays from June 3 until July 15 (but not July 1), from 7 to 8:30 pm. Teens are welcome with a participating adult. For more information or to register, email [bodystoriesdance@gmail.com](mailto:bodystoriesdance@gmail.com) or call 647-213-1497.

Start your engines! The Kagawong Show and Shine car show is back! Join classic car enthusiasts on Saturday, July 13 from 10am - 3pm at Dig and Doug's Cedar Furniture on Main Street (free parking available right next door in the township lot). There will be lots of great cars on display for all to admire. Sponsored by the Billings Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee.

Happy 29th birthday this week to a pair of sassy young Kagawongians. Smart, funny, good looking... but enough about us. Happy birthday, ladies!

The Old Mill Heritage Centre is now open seven days a week! Don't miss the popular vintage camera and photographic exhibition (back by popular demand). There is also a new exhibit featuring local representatives who have gone on to have storied political careers. Be sure to stop in!

Team Aelick are gearing up for their Stroll for Liver on Sunday, June 9. Stroll on over yourself to <https://bit.ly/strollforliver> to donate to this worthy cause!

And coming up in the next few months: The Jabawong Storytelling Festival is Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6. The library book sale and local author showcase will be held Saturday, July 20, and the Manitoulin Art Tour is on that same weekend. And don't forget about Kagawong's huge market on Wednesdays throughout the summer, beginning Wednesday, June 26!

Billings Library is planning another beach movie night and they are taking suggestions! Email [billingsreads@gmail.com](mailto:billingsreads@gmail.com) to give your suggestion of a movie title for a community movie night by the water.

Tennis, anyone? The Manitoulin Tennis Club is back to meeting Sunday mornings at 10 am at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Players of all abilities are welcome, with lessons available in the near future.

Not everyone appreciates living in a rural community like Kagawong and the greater Billings area. Yours truly however, find the sheer podunkity (podunkitude? podunkery?) of living here is one of its greatest appeals. Have a great week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

On Saturday we went early into Silver Water for their ham and scalloped potato supper. We had two tables of us from Meldrum Bay. The two Meldrum Bay grandmothers, Diane and Norma were showing off their grandsons as we waited our turns. The meal was excellent, as well as the ham and potatoes there were delicious baked beans, macaroni and cheese and three different types of vegetables. We had a great time!

The warm weather has been wonderful. There are some boats at the docks, some trailers at the campground and there is gas and diesel available at the fuel pumps.

I was in the store here in Meldrum buying some staples and two children were there with their mother buying goodies. One had a bag of Spongebob candies that she was thrilled with, and the other girl and her mother bought specialty ice cream goodies. It was fun to watch the delight on their faces. You can get ice cream and coffee there but on Saturdays from 9 am to 6 pm and Sundays from 9 am 4 pm there will be breakfast sandwiches from Randi's Snak Shack available. So, if you drive to Meldrum, stop and try them out.

On Tuesday, June 4 there will be Kits and Quilts at the Hall.

On Friday night, May 24 at cards, there were four tables and one extra person. High ladies was Natasha McVey with 78 points and she also took home the juice; high man was Harold Rogers with 78 points; ladies' lone hands went to Brenda Carter with four; men's lone hands went to Lisa Townsend with four; most euchres went to Donna K. McDonald with nine; the special prize went to Anne Giffin; the 50/50 prize was won by Harold Rogers; the money jar is safe for another week. Thanks to everyone who came out.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, May 24 we went to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

I went to work at the auction in Ice Lake for Norm Morrell on Saturday. There was a big crowd and lots of items available.

Albert stayed home to have the recycle bins open in the afternoon. He said he had quite a few people out.

The Silver Water Recreation Centre put on a ham and scalloped potato dinner on Saturday night. They fed 75 people.

On Monday, May 27 we went to the Burpee and Mills Complex to play euchre. There were eight tables of players. Monday, June 3 will be the last night until September.

The fire department had practice on Tuesday.

We had a deer hang out in our yard on Wednesday evening. Maybe she will bring a fawn into view in a few days.

A few neighbours have reported fox pups playing in their yards.

Thursday afternoon, Gladys Duncanson and I had a swim. The lake water and the air was full of pollen so we did not stay long.

Thursday evening there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall. There were seven tables of players.

There will be an LSB meeting at the Silver Water Hall on Saturday, June 8 at 10 am.

On Sunday, June 9 there is lunch at the Silver Water Hall and everyone is welcome. There is a euchre tournament starting at 1:30 pm upstairs afterwards.

The June 6 UCW meeting is being held at Sylvia Pfiefer's house.

Get well to Bonnie Henry.

Condolences to the family of Joe Baker.



# ...Residential School Survivor Summit focuses on healing, reconciliation

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helped by people, Indigenous and settler alike, who are supportive and also speak up about these things we have been saying for generations. It gives me hope that things can change for the better for everybody," he emphasized.

The keynote speaker was Nathaniel Arcand, a Canadian actor known for his roles in 'North of 60' and 'Heartland.' Mr. Arcand, a Plains Cree from the Buffalo Lake Métis Settlement, stressed the necessity of ongoing events recognizing residential school survivors.

"It's important that we continue to heal," Mr. Arcand said. "The more that we can live here together in a good way, it's about acknowledging that this is native land and that this was originally here for us to share in the first place. We had no concept of ownership of the land, so it hurts to see a lot of the developments, mines and other things that are harming the land going up every-

where. This concept of stewardship of the land, this is an Indigenous concept and we need to be focussing on teaching our youth about real skills, not living off the land but living with the land," the actor said passionately.

### The Legacy of Indian Residential Schools in Canada

Indian residential schools in Canada, established in the 19th century, aimed to assimilate Indigenous children by removing them from their families and communities. These schools, funded by the government and run by religious organizations, were notorious for their harsh conditions and the physical, emotional, and sexual abuse inflicted on students. An estimated 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend these schools, with thousands never returning home.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC), which operated from 2008 to 2015, documented

the widespread abuse and neglect at these institutions. The TRC's final report included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of reconciliation in Canada.

The impact of residential schools continues to be felt through intergenerational trauma, affecting the mental, emotional, and cultural well-being of Indigenous communities. Events like the Residential School Survivor Summit play a crucial role in addressing these lasting effects and promoting healing.

The summit underscored the need for continued education, support, and collaborative efforts to heal from the past and build a more inclusive and respectful future. With contributions from survivors and community leaders, the journey towards reconciliation and healing is ongoing, striving to honor the experiences of those affected by residential schools and to create a society where Indigenous cultures are respected and celebrated.

# ...Gore Bay man cycling in Wounded Warriors ride

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the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands but we got cancelled (and again in 2021) due to COVID, so 2024 will be my first battlefield bike ride and my first time riding in a different country."

In 2019 Mr. Sinclair took part in his first Wounded Warriors bike ride, the Highway of Heroes from CFB Trenton to Toronto recognizing Canadian military and veterans. Since then, the Wounded Warriors incorporated first responders to the list of those. "I took part in the Wounded Warriors Ride for Mental Health in 2020 and every year since."

The Battlefield Bike Ride website explains, "the itinerary takes us on an exploration of the Normandy coastline, where Allied Forces launched their audacious assault against Nazi-occupied Europe. From June 10-14, we will experience the past and the present merge as we ride along the same roads that witnessed courage, sacrifice and unwavering determination."

"The ride is not just about cycling; it's about connecting with the past, feeling the weight of the sacrifices made, and celebrating the triumph of the human spirit. As you pedal through picturesque landscapes, you'll be a witness to the stories that unfolded here, stories of camaraderie, resilience, and ultimate victory."

"The ride will be a five-day 500 kilometre ride in and around Normandy to see where the Allies landed, sites, gravesites and talk to the locals there," Mr. Sinclair told The Expositor. "I understand the Normandy people just love us as Canadians."

Mr. Sinclair explained that the registration fee is \$500 and each rider must fundraise a minimum of \$5,000. "I raised just under \$10,000. Every penny raised goes to charities that Wounded Warriors has to benefit veterans." He noted he will be out of pocket of \$3,000 in expenses to pay for his flight and expenses. "No charity can help support an individual rider."

Mr. Sinclair said he is grateful for all those that have supported him on the upcoming ride, noting among them were Manitoulin Transport, CN Rail, Bousquet



Gore Bay resident Duncan Sinclair is excited to be taking part in the Wounded Warriors 'Battlefield Bike Ride' coinciding with the 80th anniversary of the Normandy, France allied landings.

Real Estate, Adventure 365. He designed a bicycling shirt for the ride which includes those corporations he has received support from.

Mr. Sinclair pointed out over the years he has raised over \$35,000 (including this year's ride) for Wounded Warriors Canada.

Those interested in making a donation towards Mr. Sinclair on his trip can go on the Wounded Warriors website, and indicate they are making the donation in his name.

# ...Bluegrass in the Country this weekend in Prov

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COVID. This year will mark 13 years of the bluegrass festival."

"We have a number of wonderful vendors on hand for the weekend, selling merchandise and food," said Mr. Lentir.

Mr. Lentir explained, "All the proceeds from the weekend goes to Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) to cover all their expenses for the sports events they take part in and equipment like curling brooms or baseball gloves. It covers their travel expenses provincially, nationally and some years, internationally."

# ...Vehicle strikes car, Medical Centre

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Medical Centre struck a parked vehicle (an SUV CRX) on (Meredith) street and then drove into the entrance breezeway of the medical centre."

A witness to the accident, who wished to remain anonymous, told The Expositor, "I heard the first impact of the two vehicles. I saw the Dodge Ram pick-up truck pull out from the parking lot hitting the SUV while it was parked on the street. The driver of the truck continued to strike the second vehicle with her vehicle, then suddenly stopped for a moment, pulled into the parking lane, and the truck accelerated and made a hard right turn hitting

Janet Anning, MSO coordinator and coach said, "Bluegrass in the Country is super important for us (MSO). It is the one fundraiser we do every year and covers our athletes and coaches' trips wherever we are going. And with this one event we only have to ask our sponsors for support this one time of the year."

"And what we like is that this is a fun event for everyone involved, and we get to give back to the community," said Ms. Anning. "We thank everyone who helps and supports us, all year."

Mr. Lentir noted, "the

Bluegrass committee would like to thank all our volunteers for making this a success. Without our volunteers on Manitoulin Island none of these events would take place."

"And we are very grateful to all our sponsors of the event—their support is very much appreciated," added Mr. Lentir.

Bluegrass in the Country takes place June 7-9 at the Providence Bay Fairgrounds. "On Friday we open at 6 pm, and Saturday evening things get started at 1 pm," said Mr. Lentir. "There will be a gospel show at 10 am on

Sunday morning."

The music lineup Friday night sees 2nd Line Bluegrass performing at 6 pm, Ben Lentir at 7 pm, Granite Hill taking to the stage at 8 pm and Simply Blu performing at 9 pm. On Saturday, the music starts at 1 pm with Avery Drive and continues until 5 pm (for supper break) with performances by Simply Blu, Granite Hill, 2nd Line Bluegrass. After the supper break the Canucky Bluegrass Boys take to the stage at 6 pm, The Barrel Boys at 7 pm and David Peterson and 1946 at 8:30 pm.

On Sunday, the gospel show will start at 10 am, with Ben Lentir opening up the music for the morning, followed by Robbie Shawana and The Barrel Boys.

the entranceway of the medical centre building."

"The pickup truck had gone over the curb (in front of the parked vehicle) striking the SUV," the witness explained. "The driver of the truck hit the car with both the front and back end of the truck."

The driver of the pick-up truck was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The owner of the parked vehicle was in the building at the time of the accident.

The two vehicles sustained damage in the accident, along with the medical centre building entranceway. The accident is still under investigation.

## Manitoulin Pet Rescue

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# ...South Baymouth plans in motion for ferry's 50th celebration

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The residents of Tehkummah, and especially the community of South Baymouth, have every intention of outdoing their friendly rivals in Tobermory. To that end, the committee is inviting all the communities on Manitoulin Island to take part in making the celebra-

tions a success. "All of the First Nations and towns are invited to participate and we will be sending invitations to our MP and MPP," said Mr. Brown. "The ferry benefits every community on Manitoulin." To that end, he said, the committee is actively seeking volunteers.

Mr. Brown cautions

that the list of planned events is a definite work in progress, but noted that, so far, response has been positive.

"The Ministry of Transportation will be making a presentation and the OSTC has a display booth that they will be setting up," he said. "The display booth will feature some of the historical videos of

'How We Got Here' that have been shown onboard the ferry."

The committee is seeking visits from tall ships, hoping for an antique car show and is encouraging the OSTC to offer half-price return trip tickets on that day.

Richard Thomas, who has written a book on the 50th anniversary of the Chi-Cheemaun, will be on hand.

Among the locally in-

spired events are a farmers' market, barbecue and bake sale and the aforementioned parade that will feature the local fire department and Island businesses. A street dance will have everyone, well, literally dancing in the streets.

Parking is planned to be largely accommodated along the streets of the community especially near the ferry terminal.

"But don't hold us to

any of this just yet," cautioned Mr. Brown. He notes that the celebration events are still very much a work in progress and nothing has been written in stone just yet.

The Expositor will be reaching out to the committee over the course of the next few weeks to provide updates on the planned events—so stay tuned.

# ...Northern Opry inductee Carol Gilmore

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like 'Love Bug' and the Dwight Yoakam classic '2 Doors Down' sung by George Williamson on the bus last year and "because Carol said it was her favourite."

Mr. Lentir introduced his bandmates accordingly. "Maurice Labelle on keys, Larry Karn, me, Ben Lentir, George Williamson and Jeff Pyette on guitars, Tim Shaw on drums and Jeff Duroche on bass. I also organize Bluegrass in the Country," remarked Mr. Lentir, "so you'll see and hear a lot of us play next weekend as well. We've got musicians from everywhere coming out to play including an inductee coming all the way from Ten-



The apple doesn't fall far from the tree. Carol Gilmore's son Jeff, left, sings alongside daughter Mackenzie.

photos by Alexia Hannigan



Carol Gilmore, seated, front, is joined by her brothers and sisters and their spouses Wray and Carol Turton, Gloria Cameron, Roger Will, Sharon and Harry Lines and Linda and Bruce Turton.

nessee." Mr. Lentir clearly has his hands full with more than just a guitar.

The audience was then introduced to previous inductees Mr. Karn and Mr. Williamson before drummer Tim Shaw wowed everyone with his rendition of 'Wipeout' shortly before the first break. The second set began with bandmates Mr. Labelle on keys, Ms. Gilmore's son Jeff Gilmore, Mr. Lentir and Mr. Pyette on guitars, Bob Cassiotti on drums, Jeff Duroche on bass and of course, the honorary inductee, Ms. Gilmore herself with her '77 acoustic slide.

Ms. Gilmore organized herself and the band on chords and songs and with the holler of a "C!" kicked off the second set. Surrounded by friends and family Ms. Gilmore did what she does best—made everyone relax and smile. A few songs into the set she paused and reflected, "You know, volunteers spend hundreds of hours doing musicals, Island Singers, whatever we can get to go to that involves music. Miss Ferguson, who allows me to alter costumes for the MSS musical, you people who came tonight thank you so much and my little group down here in the blue shirts. Ms. Gilmore went on to introduce her band. "In the paper it said that I started

this band; no no no, I did not start this band. I'm fortunate that they allow me to play. We've got Kay Everett from Silver Water on keyboard, Donna Gibson from Little Current plays the rhythm box, Bruce Gibson plays the mouth organ and Roy Robertson, who we call our fearless leader, plays the accordion (Mr. Robertson couldn't play that evening having injured his wrist a few days before the show). Ms. Gilmore joined her son, song and setlist in hand. She was proud to declare she is the keeper of all of the songs and setlists. Ms. Gilmore's siblings were urged to come to the stage and said, "So maybe we can get the two brothers and the two sisters can come up and sing 'Whispering Hope.'" You could see and feel the bygone harmonies and memories being conjured up with every note as Ms. Gilmore, surrounded by her brothers and sisters, broke into some old favorites like 'Behind the Barn' and 'Amazing Grace.'"

"This is really cool," said Mr. Gilmore. "I remember this one growing up, you guys all singing this one all together." Then came the big surprise as Mackenzie Gilmore, "Kinzie" as she goes by, came to the stage to sing 'Home Now' to her grandma and there wasn't a dry eye left in the place.

The big finish was Ms. Gilmore's young grandson EJ Gilmore who walked on and sang 'Give Heaven some Hell.' Ms. Gilmore's legacy will indeed carry on with every song.

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# ...Island couple wins \$500,000 in Health Sciences North draw

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Foundation, the Northern Cancer Foundation and the HSN Volunteer Association announced that Mr. Clark had won the Sudbury jackpot.

The Sudbury Star reported that since the HSN 50/50 draw was started, \$25 million has been given away to lucky winners, and in turn, the support people provide by buying tickets has allowed HSN to support new cancer research, purchase vital equipment for HSN's healthcare experts and helps to support equitable access to health now and into the future.

"That is the great thing about all of this," said Mr. Clark. "It is certainly helping the hospital which is

very important."

"What is also nice is that between the two of us we have received a lot of text messages and calls from people sharing in our happiness," said Ms. Wade. "You hear so many bad things on the news these days, but there are a lot of good people and good things taking place."

**RIGHT:** Allen Clark of Kagawong won the May draw of Health Sciences North (HSN) 50/50 take-home jackpot prize of \$526,698. In photo, Mr. Clark and his partner Joanne Wade are flanked by his granddaughters Haley (holding Mr. Clark's great grandson Clark) and Paige VanderWeerden.



# ...Indigenous court for Northeast in service

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with the criminal justice system.

Margaret Linklater, an Indigenous court worker with over six years' experience with N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre in Sudbury spoke with The Expositor, saying that while there hasn't been an official sitting in the new court, she is hopeful.

"Our first client won't be sitting in the new Indigenous court until June," Ms. Linklater said. "Everything has a process, and while there has been so much paperwork and hoops to jump through, I am really hopeful for how much change that the IPC will have the power to make."

The Indigenous Peoples Court aims to address these systemic issues by emphasizing restorative justice principles. Unlike traditional courts, this court will focus on healing and rehabilitation rather than punitive measures. Federal correctional facilities have already begun integrating restorative justice programs for Indigenous offenders, including the use of low-security healing lodges as alternatives to conventional prisons.

Lawyer Ari Goldkind, speaking to True North, praised the initiative.



The Sudbury District Courthouse is the home of the Indigenous court, Northeast region.

"Anything that can address systemic or culturally specific issues, with a team of well-versed experts, to keep Indigenous Canadians from returning to custody while simultaneously keeping the public safe is always a good thing."

A key feature of these courts is the use of sentencing circles. This process brings together all parties involved, including community members, to share their experiences and perspectives before sentencing, fostering a more inclusive and healing approach to justice.

Sharon Nicklas, chief judge of the Ontario Court of Justice, noted to CBC News, "The people that come before these courts often feel they have an opportunity to be heard more than they are heard in the traditional court

process."

Ms. Nicklas also emphasized the impact of incarceration on Indigenous peoples, stating that "it affects the entire community, their families. When these individuals are incarcerated when they come out they have lost what little they had in the first place, in terms of shelter and support. I believe this largely accounts for recidivism. There is nothing left for them except the lifestyle that might have gotten them in trouble in the first place."

"The type of justice we see in the current carceral system doesn't jive with Indigenous beliefs and values. We believe in repairing wrongs with all parties involved rather than this punitive form that we see in the justice system," she stressed.

The new Indigenous

Peoples Court in Sudbury will primarily focus on sentencing but will also offer some trial management services. Its opening marks the establishment of the 20th such court in Ontario, reflecting a growing recognition of the need for culturally sensitive judicial processes to address the unique challenges faced by Indigenous communities.

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# ...Robinson-Huron chiefs object to legitimacy of Ontario Metis Nation

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claim Metis Nation status, it impacts treaty rights for trapping, fishing and gathering. They enter into agreements with the MNRF (Ministry of Natu-

ral Resources and Forestry). This all effects on our Anishinabek rights and impacts our rights to hunt, fish and gather. MNO doesn't have these rights."

RHW chiefs recently conducted their spring

gathering of chiefs in Assembly, held in Sudbury on May 15 and 16. Over two days, discussion took place on topics such as the environment, territorial land use and occupancy, government relations,

and sovereignty. During the assembly, RHW Chiefs passed a declaration denouncing the (MNO), their claims of false Indigenous identity, and Canada's recognition of the MNO as a self-governing group. "The declaration asserts the inherent rights and obligations of the Anishinaabe to RHW lands (referred to as N'daakimaan). The spirit and intent of the Robinson Huron Treaty is to share the benefits of the land, it does not include delegating jurisdiction to Canada to recognize or enter into Treaty with any other groups in the territory."

"Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin Chiefs express that there are still many issues that need to be addressed, such as: Canada's failure to seek RHW's consent or consult with RHW Chiefs and their First Nations regarding jurisdiction and delegation of authority; Canada's recognition of a concentrated group of mixed-blooded people as a Collective; the Collective's acknowledgment of members that self-identify as Metis without reliable research methodology; the lack of recognizable society in the territory's "historic Metis communities" that signify nationhood (language, ceremony, culture); the MNO, a corporation representing the "Red River" Metis living in Ontario, is falsely recognized as an organization that can negotiate self-government agree-



ments; Canada's flawed recognition of the MNO as a Nation capable of entering Treaty."

"RHW chiefs strongly assert that there were no distinct Metis communities within RHW at the time of the signing of the Treaty in 1850," said the release.

The RHW declaration passed by consensus on May 16 states in part, "The MNO is a corporation that was established in 1993 to represent the Red River Metis living in the Ontario region. The MNO evolved to represent individuals of mixed ancestry following the 2003 Supreme Court of Canada Powley decision and misapplied the Powley text to expand its membership. The MNO began making unfounded and egregious claims in First Nations ancestral and Treaty territories which led to the Chiefs of Ontario to terminate the 2004

Political Protocol with the MNO in 2010 due to MNO asserting alleged rights, which conflicted with established First Nation inherent and Aboriginal rights acknowledged by Treaty. RHW, the Chiefs of Ontario and the Manitoba Metis Federation, the National government of the Red River Metis, maintain that the 'six new historic' communities represented by the MNO did not exist at the time of effective colonial control and therefore cannot be eligible to be recognized as having section 35 rights. There is ample expert academic research to support this position. The MNO does not meet or adhere to the national definition of Metis established by the Metis National Council in 2002."

The Assembly of First Nations, which represents more than 600 chiefs

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photo by Comrade Roy Eaton

**...Island Redrum chapter honours fallen member**

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for the run that, in addition to travelling the breadth of the Island, the Redrum members dropped in to the Aundeck Omni Kaning Powwow, before heading back to the Shawana home for a dinner.

“There will be no alcohol,” noted Mr. Shawana, “given how Jeff died.”

With the coming of summer weather, two-wheeled vehicles, both motorized and non, will be sharing the road. The Expositor joins with Redrum

members in asking that drivers stay especially vigilant for those harder to see vehicles when travelling the roads—and don’t drink and drive. It only takes a split second for a family to lose their loved one and it should never happen to such a senseless and preventable cause.

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# Powwow season gets off to a great start in AOK

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The kickoff to the Island powwow season took place this past Saturday under clear and sunny skies as Aundeck Omni Kaning hosted its annual jingtamok (powwow) at the community park and powwow grounds on the shores of the North Channel.

The grand entry featured a huge number of dancers in every regalia imaginable and the central arbour was packed with guest drums while the eagle staffs were borne into the dance arena under the dulcet tones of MC Robert Stoneypoint. This year, the pageantry of the grand entry culminated in a special presentation to a beloved member of the Aundeck Omni Kaning community, community wellness worker Mandy McGraw, who also heads up the organization and preparation of the powwow.

“I hope you are all here ready to dance hard and bring out the greatest spirits ever. I would like to honour a member of our community with an eagle feather who works hard behind the scenes and who does not always



Mandy McGraw, right, was bestowed with an eagle feather for her good works for the community during the annual powwow she helps to organize. She's seen with Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa Patsy Corbiere.

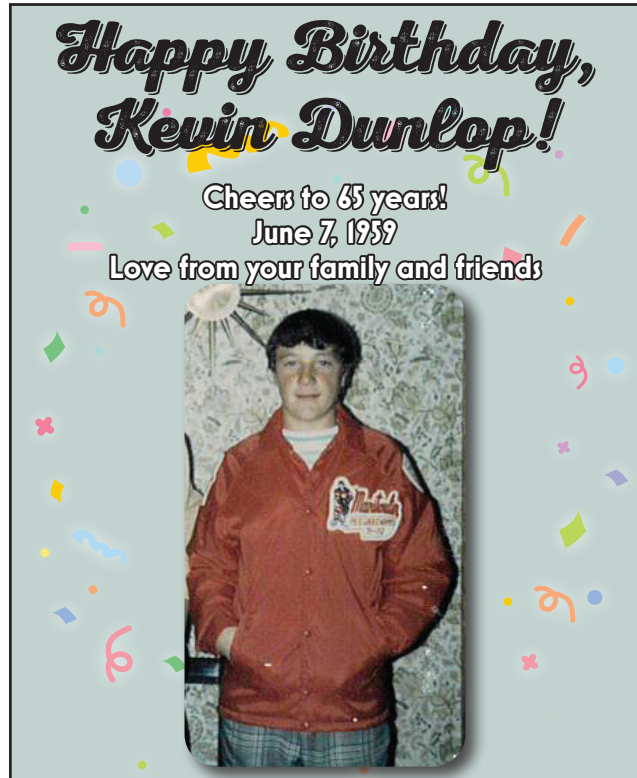
get the credit she deserves,” said presenter Katherine Barnes-Edwards as she presented one of the highest honours an Anishinaabe community can bestow upon an individual.

“Mandy has worked hard to bring culture to the community,” said Ogimaa Patsy Corbiere, who noted that Ms. McGraw created the community eagle staff that made its first public appearance at the powwow. “I am very proud of her. She helped with the staff—this is the first year we are carrying it into the powwow, but the issue is she is a woman, so she went through all the ceremonies to be able to carry that eagle staff. She helped with all the regalia you see for all the AOK First Nation children and adults. She made her own jingle dress to bring peace to this community and she has worked hard. I am very proud of her for having the heart that she has to try and bring unity to this community and everywhere that she goes.”

“I was very surprised, I wasn't expecting that,” said Ms. McGraw, “To be honest, if I had known, I probably would have tried to run away,” she laughed. “I am not much of one for recognition.” Although humbled by the attention, Ms. McGraw admitted it was pleasant to have her work recognized and appreciated. “It is nice every once in a while.”

Ms. McGraw quickly deflected the conversation away from herself to note that the community would be hon-

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Lynndra Peltier is crowned first princess of the traditional powwow.



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A line of jingle dress dancers make their way around the arena.

## ...Powwow season off to a great start

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ouring the youth in the community. “We chose ‘Honouring Our Youth’ as the theme,” she said. “We have been encouraging our youth to get back into the culture, to make regalia. We will be honouring them in a special later today, they don’t know that yet.”

Powwow royalty were crowned, including Junior Princess as Lynnra Madahbee-Peltier and Senior Miss as Nayeli Abotossaway.

The powwow is traditionally a First Nation’s invitation to everyone to come and visit the community and it is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones—as well as picking up some great Indigenous artisan work from the many vendors on hand.

“It’s a record number of vendors,” said Ms. McGraw.

Longtime veterans of the powwow trail, David and Blanche White were

on hand despite some serious health issues being experienced by Mr. White, stemming from a serious car accident a couple of years ago. The irrepressible Odawa trader could be found discussing the various hides and furs the couple had for sale with customers at their booth. But it isn’t just artisans and artists who take to the powwow trail.

Alicia Thompson from Georgian College was one of the “vendors,” but her goal was to attract potential students to Georgian and explain what the college has to offer. TD Canada Trust manager Pam Stephens was on hand with members of her staff to share what the bank has to offer.

Mya, Paul, Mercy and Aris had travelled up from Toronto to enjoy their first powwow experience and the family declared it delightful. US Marine Private First Class Caleb Corbiere of Wiikwemkoong had travelled all the way up from

his base in North Carolina to attend his first powwow as a veteran. “I went to some when I was a kid,” he said. “But this is very different.”

Members of the Sergeant Golden Silver Star Memorial Rifle Team were on hand to fire a salute in honour of the warriors who have defended the land, and team leader Wayne Golden, himself a US military veteran, welcomed Private Corbiere to the powwow. The rifle team, which participates in many AOK events, has been “unofficially” adopted by the band, noted Ogimaa Corbiere.

Ms. McGraw issued a heartfelt chi-miigwetch to her powwow committee members for their hard work in helping to make the 2024 jingtamok a resounding success. The committee members were Vanessa Nebesnuik, Carrie Madahbee, Shannon Madahbee, John Gerhardt-Esquimaux and Beverly Wilson.

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# ...New Manitoulin Island organization dedicated to turtle survival

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 their eggs on the shoulder of the road. This signage is a great initiative to try and protect the turtles and their eggs. Billings township is happy to be part of this initiative.”

“The signage has been donated by Theodore Flamand, coordinator of the Wiikwemkoong Species at Risk program,” said Ms. Wood. Billings provided the hardware for mounting the signs and the posts. She pointed out the Friends of group is fundraising to install permanent signage, and Mayor Barker encouraged her group to send a letter to Billings council requesting support for this.

“We want to educate people on turtles, as there is a lot of misinformation out there on them,” said Ms. Wood. “We want to provide information to the public on how to identify and get to know the four species of turtles we have locally on the Island, Blanding turtles, common snapping turtles and midland painted. Those three species are found on the land and live in ponds the majority of the time. Northern Map Turtle can be found on the big water, and the biggest risk to them and their eggs is with boats.”

As humans, “we’ve built infrastructure that has impacted wetlands and in turn turtles,” said Ms. Wood. “Turtles are wanderers, and their populations have been knocked down significantly over the past 200 years. They were here before the dinosaurs.”

Ms. Wood pointed out the Friends of Manitoulin Turtles group actually started, “in January of last year we held our first Zoom meeting, and we have been meeting by Zoom almost every month since. We had a booth set up last week at the Manitoulin Streams Outdoor Angling Trade Fair and it was the first time that everyone in our group actually met.” “Right now, we are at six members and we are always looking for more to join our group. And now that we are getting out, volunteering to man booths at events like the trade fair, we can provide displays of different turtles, provide information on them, and display nest protectors for turtles,” said Ms. Wood.

“The formation of our group all started last year through Mr. Flamand. He’s been doing a lot of work in Wiikwemkoong involving turtles and expressed an interest in getting groups started for all of Manitoulin Island,” said Ms. Wood.

“Our members are located across the Island, representing various committees,” said Ms. Wood, noting that Mr. Flamand stepped back a bit, “but is still providing the friends of group with a lot of background support and information. He has been tremendously helpful through all of this.”

Ms. Wood said the building of turtle mounds are very important to attract turtles to build their nests,

keep them off roads/highways and provide a safe area for them to lay and nest their eggs. “There are a lot of options for building turtle mound areas. The challenge is Manitoulin Island lands are all privately owned. But landowners can provide areas to attract turtles and keep them on their properties (instead of potentially fatally crossing roads and highways.” She pointed out that once turtles lay their eggs, there are nest protectors available that protect them and their eggs. “Wiikwemkoong has several nesting enclosures at Prairie Pointe Marsh using chicken wire with gravel at the base. There was one built in Sheshegwaning First Nation last year and another is slated to be constructed in Zhiibaahaasing First Nation this or next year.”



Amelia Wood, a member of the new 'Friends of Manitoulin Turtles' group along with Billings Township mayor Bryan Barker pose at one of the two newly installed 'Watch for Turtles' signs on Newburn Road in Kagawong.

Homeowners can also build turtle mounds to attract them to lay their eggs there, as well as nest enclosures on their property that will keep turtles from travelling on the road.

“We are working with Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) and PhD candidate Reta Meng under Dr. Patricia Chow Fraser, who are allowing us to share their data collection for turtle sightings, and road kills, for future remedies.”

On the Friends of Manitoulin Turtles site May 26 it is explained, “If you see a turtle on the road, we want to know! If you see a dead turtle or any other dead animal, we want to know that too.”

“It’s as easy as 1, 2, 3. 1. See a turtle, alive or dead, or any other dead animal. Answer the questions (on the survey) and hit Sub-

mit.”  
 “If you don’t have the time to do it right when you see the animal, that’s okay! Submissions can be added at any time,” the site explains. “McMaster University and Whitefish River First Nation are gathering data along Highway 6 and on Manitoulin Island to help us all gain a better understanding of the impacts roadways have on wildlife. This research may be used to help identify locations for wildlife crossing signs or other measures.”

“Friends of Manitoulin Turtles loves to hear about turtles. If you see a turtle and don’t know if you should use the survey, or you just want to share a cool turtle encounter, email us at manitoulinturtles@gmail.com, or shoot us a private message on Facebook.”

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# Fort Sheg rises again—as new Fort Sheg Bargain Surplus store opens

by Michael Erskine  
SHEGUIANDAH—Ryan McNabb and his partner Alana Everson and friends were kept hopping throughout the day during the grand opening of Fort Sheg Bargain Surplus. Mr. McNabb is the owner of Sudbury's Canadian Liquidators North Inc. and for the past 15 years he has been working in the liquidation industry but purchased the building known as Fort Sheg four years ago.

"I remember Fort Sheg as a kid, even it wasn't Fort Sheg, people called it that," he said, going on to note his deep connections to Manitoulin. "My godmother Joanne Wade still lives in Sheguiandah, I have been



Alana Everson and Ryan McNabb outside Mr. McNabb's new business, Fort Sheg Bargain Surplus. photos by Michael Erskine

The business will be selling liquidation groceries, name brand clothing and bedding and a host of other items, as well as hosting a rebirth of the Manitoulin Flee (sic) Market with a 3,000-square foot section dedicated to selling second-hand material that will be familiar to any of that former Flee Market business customers.

"It gives people something to do on the Island," he said. "Fort Sheg has al-

ways been a destination for people on the Island, so here we are, and we are now doing it."

"So, starting this upcoming week we will be open Wednesday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, right to November 1," said Mr. McNabb. "Come winter hours we will probably dial it back to four days a week." The businessman said that decision will be a work in progress. "We will see how it goes."



'Elwood' Vic Theriault of the Bluez Brothers performs following the grand opening.

coming here ever since I was a baby."

"People have been asking me what I was going to do with this place ever since I bought it," said Mr. McNabb. "I collect antiques and memorabilia; I was looking for a place to park them."

Mr. McNabb said that Sudbury has been good to him, but that he "has always loved the Island, so here I am—I am rebooting Fort Sheg."



The clothing section was as busy as the rest of the store during the grand opening.

Mr. McNabb could be forgiven for being a bit breathless throughout The Expositor interview, he had not only just spent the entire day manning the cash in a very busy store filled with bargain hunting shoppers, but topped his day off with a high-energy free performance as drummer with Sudbury's popular tribute band the Bluez Brotherz Showband and Revue (if you missed the show at Fort Sheg, you can catch them next week at Sudbury's Trevi Restaurant on Lasalle Boulevard).

With members Vic Theriault, Don Thibert, Ryan 'The Hammer' McNabb, Daniel Blair and Maurice Richard Brunet

pounding out the blues standards the band had the audience dancing in the streets.

"Yes, we do grand openings," laughed Mr. Theriault, who said the band were open to playing more shows on Manitoulin, "but not for free," he added with a grin.

With the recent loss of Barney's Bargain Barn from Little Current, Fort Sheg Bargain Surplus will be a much-needed addition to the Island's business mix. The business is located at 9685 Highway 6 South in Sheguiandah, just a few miles/kilometres from Little Current.

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**The circus comes to Manitoulin**

by Michael Erskine  
 LITTLE CURRENT— Lights, cameras and action... oh so much action! Circus Genoa held two performances at the NEMI Rec Centre hall recently that saw the arena stands and floor packed with excited children and their parents.

The acts came at the audience in lightning quick succession, complete with plenty of flashing lights, booming music and lots and lots of action.

Tumblers, acrobats, high ladder performers, clowns, hoop performers and jugglers, oh my! The rapid-fire action was perfectly geared to the attention spans of the internet generations, with few taking more than several minutes.

One of the best received performances of the evening was by Mexico City clown Tonito Alexis, whose antics had the children and adults alike in stitches. Most of the performers hail from either Mexico and South America, including Guatemala, Columbia and Argentina, putting a decidedly Latin vibe to the acts.

The show has had a great run across Western Canada, noted an assistant manager at the circus, but it is in Ontario that they have had the greatest number of crowds turning out for the shows.

Unlike many circuses of the past, there were no animal acts in the Circus Genoa lineup, a fact that probably makes travelling around the world a lot easier. The dearth of elephants and big cats did nothing to dampen the mood however and it was evident from the screams of delight and laughter that a good time was had by all.

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# ...Manitoulin Sea Cadets celebrate 20th anniversary

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After the arrival of the reviewing party of the playing of the general salute, the guard was then inspected by the reviewing officer accompanied by Guard Commander Chief Petty officer 2nd class Landon Aelick, followed by an inspection of the remainder of the Corps by the entire reviewing party.

Mr. Blake explained that Ms. Laidley was born and raised in southwestern Ontario, near Owen Sound. In 1978, she joined the Grey and Simcoe Foresters which is a Canadian Forces Infantry Unit. A year and a half later, she joined the Royal Canadian Air Force as an administration clerk. She served at CFB North Bay, Nation-



Manitoulin Sea Cadets Commanding Officer Sylvain Boucher, presents the Roger Szydziak Outstanding First Year Cadet Award to leading cadet Laszlo Vernarsky.



The Manitoulin Navy League branch Outstanding Third Year cadet was awarded to petty officer 2nd class Austin Flikweert by S(Lt) Tina Davidson.

al Defence Headquarters at Ottawa, the Recruiting Centre at Hamilton and a Service Battalion and finally at the Recruiting Centre at London. She left the Canadian Forces at the Rank of Sergeant.

In 1991 Ms. Laidley and her husband Bruce, and son Jonathan moved to Manitoulin Island. In 2002, she was approached by Ed Kift and Jeff Marshall to help form a Sea Cadet Corps on Manitoulin. She agreed and enrolled in the Cadet Instructor cadre and competed the required training as quickly as possible, said Mr. Blake.

After the inspection was completed, as well as the march past and march off, the cadets demonstrated two different forms of drill. The first was the drill without arms demonstration team, this year represented by 15 cadets and the Drill Commander, CPO 1st Class Savannah Crack.

Mr. Blake noted that several members of the Corps were in attendance, and they were asked to stand in order to be acknowledged. "I would like to thank them for travelling to join us in this celebration." They were then invited on deck with

Chief Petty Officer Lydia Pennings leading them in a short drill session, and they obviously did very well. "Cadets, you still have it," stated Mr. Blake.

The cadets then presented their next drill, Drill with Arms, which was presented by the cadets from the honour guard, along with some of the senior cadets.

"Continuing with the history of our corps, I would like to share the slate of Corps Coxswains who achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer First Class since the Corps inception," said Mr. Blake. "First was Jeremy Cosby, presently a member of the Royal Canadian Navy; next Teresa Shain, in Toronto working in movie production design, including the series 'Handmaid's Tale,' as well as having been awarded an Oscar along with her colleagues on the movie 'Nightmare Alley.' Followed by Nick Macaluso, presently an educational assistant for the Catholic School Board at Sudbury; Jess Wilkin, who works in retail; Chrissy Benoit, a former member of the Royal Canadian Navy, living in Halifax;

Andrew Blake, protection services, Vale Mining company in Sudbury; Matthew White, retail, Sault Ste. Marie; Courtney Kanasawe, of Wiikwemkoong; Mason Dugas, member of the Canadian Forces, Royal Canadian Engineers; Cindy Hu, a chartered professional accountant in Waterloo; Brad Sayyae, information technology specialist, in Sudbury; Becky MacDonald, music teacher, Miranda Mackay, presently a nurse at Manitoulin Health Centre, a sub-lieutenant with the Corps in the role of training officer and marksmanship coach; followed by Abby Harper, nursing student,

Sault Ste. Marie; Rhys Allison, officer cadet, presently completing his first year at Royal Military College, and lastly, our current coxswain, Savannah Crack."

Mr. Blake explained, "In 2012, the corps hosted new cadets from the Espanola area and once their numbers of cadets was sufficient, the Corps, #357 Hero then achieved their charter, led by Lieutenant Commander Deb Goode."

"In April 2018, after a successful fundraising effort, six cadets along with staff members flew to France for the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge, along with

25,000 other Canadians and spent a week touring northern France and the City of Paris," continued Mr. Blake.

Mr. Blake also shared some of the activities that the Corps engaged in the past year. The Manitoulin Navy League acquired two inflatable boats, outboard motors, as well as several VHF radios, which allowed for on-water and radio training for the cadets. The corps took part in biathlon training, Remembrance Day ceremonies.

and winter training where the cadets took first place in the marksmanship portion of the

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

**Spring Luncheon** on Wednesday, June 5 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at St. Francis Anglican Church, 6201 Hwy 542, Mindemoya. Take-out only. Free delivery in Mindemoya. Soup, sandwiches and dessert. \$15. Walk-in or pre-order by phoning 705-210-0409. **1-3p**

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**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**

**services**

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

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**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**

**notice**

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

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**yard sale**

**Indoor yard sale and bake** sale at Trinity United Church Manitoulin, 6070 King Street, Mindemoya on Saturday, June 8 from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations can be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, the week of the sale. Please no TVs or large furniture. **52-3p**

**All Saints Anglican Church,** Gore Bay will hold a rummage sale Saturday, June 8 from 9 am to 2 pm with proceeds going to our Community Outreach Projects. Donations will be gratefully received anytime from now until Thursday, June 6 by calling 705-282-7066 or at the church, 30 Meredith St., all day Friday, June 7. Please come, browse and enjoy a coffee on us. "Something for everyone." **1-3p**

**Yard Sale,** Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at 62 Queen Street, Manitowaning, beside the LCBO. Something for everyone! **2-3p**

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

**...legitimacy of Ontario Metis Nation**

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across Canada, passed a resolution last year calling for the federal government to quash the legislation. The Anishinabek Nation, which represents 39 First Nations in Ontario, has also passed a similar resolution.

As was reported previously, the Metis Nation Saskatchewan pulled its support for Bill C-53 last month over concerns about the other two groups it recognizes. The Manitoba Metis Federation is also opposed to the extension of self-government to MNO, as they feel they don't meet the definition of Metis.

The Manitoba Metis Federation (MMF) and the Chiefs of Ontario co-hosted Indigenous identify fraud summit in Winnipeg in May. Both organizations passed a joint resolution calling on the federal government to cease all negotiations with MNO, and for Ontario to quash the identification of the six new Metis communi-



Robinson Huron Waawiindamaagewin Executive Director Earl Commanda and Dokis First Nation Chief Gerry Duquette. **photo courtesy Anishinabek News**

ties.

The MNO issued a statement following the identify fraud summit. "It is deeply disappointing that we have reached a point where once firm allies cannot sit down and discuss the issues currently affecting our peoples," said MNO president Margaret Froh in the statement. "Despite the MMF's best effort to confuse and distract people from our achievements and rights recognition, and to undermine every Metis government, we stand strong in

who we are and are singularly focused on supporting our citizens as their democratically elected Metis government."

Over a decade long legal battle, more than a dozen judges have affirmed the existence of a rights-bearing historic Metis community in the Sault Ste. Marie region. The community also possesses a right to hunt protected by section 35 of the 1892 Constitution Act.

**MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK**



**Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Township-Initiated Zoning By-law Update**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack will be holding an in-person statutory public meeting to consider a Township-initiated zoning by-law amendment and is notifying the public in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act.

**Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment:**

The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to update the Township's zoning by-law. The Township zoning by-law currently in effect is by-law No. 80-20 and By-law No. 80-21, first approved by Council in 1980. Since 1980, the Township zoning by-laws have been amended from time to time through approval of privately initiated zoning by-law amendment applications and through general amendments/reviews initiated by the Township. In October 2018, a new District of Manitoulin Official Plan was approved to be consistent with Provincial policies. The Planning Act requires municipalities to update their zoning by-law after an update to their Official Plan. Pursuant to the Planning Act, this update will bring the Township zoning by-law into conformity with the District of Manitoulin Official Plan.

**Public Meeting:**

A statutory public meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to provide information regarding the Township-initiated zoning by-law amendment. The public meeting will be held at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON.

**Location of the Subject Lands:**

The proposed zoning by-law amendment applies to all lands within the Township and therefore a key map has not been provided.

**What is the Township of Assiginack Zoning By-law?**

It is a by-law passed by Council to implement the District of Manitoulin Official Plan to control the use of land and the use and construction of buildings/structures. For example, it states:

- How land may be used;
- Where buildings and other structures can be located;
- The type of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used;
- The minimum and maximum lot sizes, parking requirements, building height and setbacks from a property line; and
- Other building and land use controls as deemed appropriate.

**What stage is the Township at with its Zoning By-law Review?**

Township staff and the Township's planning consultants conducted a public open house on March 27, 2024. Comments received from the public at the open house and during the subsequent commenting period have been incorporated into the second draft of the zoning by-law as appropriate.

**Representation:**

Any person may participate at the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation regarding this matter. Written submissions can be sent electronically to [hferguson@assignack.ca](mailto:hferguson@assignack.ca) or can be dropped at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please ensure your name and address are included as required for the public record.

**Appeal Rights:**

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Assiginack before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Assiginack to the Ontario Land Tribunal, and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

**Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment:**

A copy of the notice of passing will be sent to each person who has filed with the Clerk a written request for a notice of passing.

**Additional Information:**

Additional information relating to the Zoning By-law update will be available on the Township's website on June 4th, 2024, or for inspection on weekdays by appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please contact [hferguson@assignack.ca](mailto:hferguson@assignack.ca) or call (705) 859-3196 to arrange for an appointment.

Dated at the Township of Assiginack this 29th day of May 2024.  
Heidi Ferguson, Clerk

**Friends of Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.** Meeting will be held via ZOOM.

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

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## ITO awarded NOHFC funds

ONTARIO—Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) is one of the groups and organizations that is receiving funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). The Ontario government is providing more than \$2.8 million through the NOHFC for 89 job placement opportunities in the Sudbury region. This investment will help businesses expand operations and grow Northern Ontario's workforce.

"Our government is steadfast in its commitment to strengthening the northern economy, actively supporting projects through the NOHFC that facilitate career advancement through on-the-job training right here in Greater Sudbury," said Greg Rickford, minister of Northern development in a release. "Together with our northern partners, we're addressing skilled labour shortages head-on by building sustainable, good-paying careers that uplift individuals and meaningfully contribute to the prosperity of our northern communities."

Included in the funding is \$35,000 being provided to Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) to hire a project administrator and event support, create and manage ITO assets and marketing material, manage communications, collect and report data and conduct market research.

"Indigenous people continue to be underrepresented within mainstream labour market pools and we remain committed to the growth and prosperity of Indigenous workforce development initiatives, alongside trusted partners and allies like the NOHFC that share a common vision. Miigwech for this opportunity," said Sherry Mayer, vice president of operations, ITO.



## Law & Order

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### RIDE checks to continue

Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) checks are continuing. "The WTPS takes a zero-tolerance approach to drinking and driving in our community. By calling 911 and reporting suspected impaired drivers to police, everyone can assist in keeping our roads, trails, and waterways safe by reducing impaired driving collisions, injuries and potential deaths."

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**Township of BILLINGS Request for Quotation**

The Township of Billings is requesting proposals from qualified individuals/firms to provide for the supply and installation of security monitoring cameras (10 total) at defined locations in Billings Township.

Quotes must be submitted by:  
**July 5, 2024 @ 12:00 pm to [finance@billingstwp.ca](mailto:finance@billingstwp.ca)**

For more details, please visit:  
<https://billingstwp.ca/administration/requests-for-proposals/>

**Notice To Creditors And Others**

All claims against the Estate of Richard C. Drake/Duck'n Drake Marine of Mindemoya, who died on October 30th, 2023, must be filed with the undersigned by the 29th of June, 2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims which the undersigned then has notice.

Dated May 29th, 2024  
Mark H. Drake

Executor for the Estate of Richard C. Drake

2596 Rockville Road  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK**

The Township of Assiginack invites user groups and community members with an interest in the development of the Roller Mills as an Arts and Entertainment Centre to attend the Open House on:

**June 11th, 2024 from 4-6 p.m.**

at the Municipal Council Chambers located at 156 Arthur Street in Manitowaning.

Interested parties are invited to stop by and have a chat with Chris Perry of Perry & Perry Architects Inc.

**Application for CONSENT**  
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act  
To be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 7:00pm

**File No. :** Con 2024-07  
**Applicant:** Julian and Cynthia Tonge  
**Agent:** Tulloch  
**Legal Description:** Howland Township – Lot 16 Concession 6  
**Official Plan:** Rural Area  
**Zoning:** Rural

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:**  
This is a request for Consent - the landowner owns +/- 80 acres fronting on Columbus Mountain Road and would like to create two additional lots from this one being 1.92 acres and one being 3.3 acres to put on market.

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**  
The request is being made for the creation of two new lots to sell.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

**IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND** this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL** against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: June 5, 2024  
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands  
14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

**Application for CONSENT**  
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act  
To be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 7:00pm

**File No. :** Con 2024-06  
**Applicant:** Richard Lathwell  
**Legal Description:** Howland Township – Lot 13 Concession 1  
**Official Plan:** Rural Area  
**Zoning:** Rural

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:**  
This is a request for Consent - the landowner owns a plot of 300 acres and wishes to sever off 100 acres to sell to an abutting land owner.

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**  
The request is being made for a severance as the 300 acres under ownership has been combined into one plot.

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# Wiikwemkoong Comicon returns June 8 and 9

by Michael Erskine  
**WIIKWEMKOONG**— Buoyed by the success of last year's inaugural Comicon in Wiikwemkoong, Curtis Kagige decided to up the game this year with an event to be held Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9 at the Wiikwemkoong Thunderdome (aka arena). This year the event is being billed as Wikwemicomicon'24.

Mr. Kagige may be better known as an artist and hip hop dance performer.

"I have never been to a major Comicon myself," admitted Mr. Kagige, but he said that he was inspired by what he has seen posted online about events taking place across Turtle Island. What he wasn't entirely prepared for was the amount of work involved in hosting such an event. Still, he remains excited about Wikwemicomicon.

This year's event will include the ever-popular cosplay, where talented and gifted artistic individuals create costumes based on their favourite comic book characters. Registration is online at [wikycosplay@gmail.com](mailto:wikycosplay@gmail.com). There will be cash and prizes to be won.

Mr. Kagige said that there are still spaces for vendors, but not to wait too long as they are starting to fill up.

"This is a comic book style event," said Mr.

Kagige. "But it is open to just about any kind of pop culture event.

In addition to vendors plying their wares, the Wikwemicomicon presents an opportunity for comic book and graphic novel hobbyists to come together to trade and exchange.

Mr. Kagige said that he is trying to establish a core group that will assist in building up the event to the point where it will eventually attract visitors to his community. In the meantime, Wikwemicomicon offers an opportunity for fans to come out and enjoy themselves, mix, mingle and just have fun.



**DEBASSIGE**—In loving memory of Darren Debassige, June 5, 2010.

Remembered by Dawn, Damien, Bear, Taylor, Danielle, Bryce and Lily

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**WAINRIGHT**—In memory of Karen Anne Wainright, 1943-2022.

In memory of my wife and our mother who passed away two years ago.

So many things we miss about you. The phone not ringing, being able to see you at home in your favourite spot talking to someone. The way you always thought of others before yourself. Your extensive knowledge of our family history and your impressive worldly knowledge.

Your family and friends gathering and cooking large meals is greatly missed and talked about often; we have such great memories of those occasions. We know you would love to be present and we believe you are. We share many laughs and enjoy old memories and making new ones.

The pain of you not being here will never go away.

Thinking of you always and love you forever, Terry, Cindy, (Rod) and Carolyn (Pete).

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**The Dawson Citizens Improvement Association (DCIA)** Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the following sponsors who supported our annual Meldrum Bay ATV Ride. A special thank you to all property owners permitting access across their private property for this annual event. Al's Garage, McQuarrie Motors Gore Bay, Jake's, H&R Noble, Brokerlink, Wahl Water, Randi's Snack Shack, Stop 540, BJ & Addison OK Tire, Berry Boats, Bank of Montreal Gore Bay, M&R Jewellery, Castle Lumber M'Chigeeng, Ryland's, Manitoulin Transport, Loco Beans Gore Bay, 540 Ends, Uptop Sports, Ginger Morrison, Dave Lloyd, John and Wendy VanEvery, Jed Haines, Norma Nelder, Denis Cunningham and Trevor McVey. The event would not be successful without the generous donations from our sponsors as well as the numerous volunteers who make this event happen. A sincere thank you to all.

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**The Sheguiandah Seniors' Group** would like to, from the bottom of our hearts, thank George Williamson and his great friends for bringing toe tapping entertainment to our hall and help support our ongoing expenses.

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# Death Notices

## CAMERON THEODORE SPEC OCTOBER 19, 1921 - MAY 26, 2024



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Cameron Theodore Spec on May 26, 2024 at the age of 102. He is predeceased by parents Gertrude and Howard Spec; his sister Audrey McKenzie (Gordon) and brother Robert Spec (Ruth). He is predeceased by wives Viola of 49 years and Jeanne of 7 years as well as son Craig (Ola). He will be sadly missed by Yvonne Jacques partner of 20 years. Always remembered by daughter Kathy (Richard) and son Howard (Margaret). He will be missed by his grandchildren Stefan, Justin, Jennifer, Lora, Amanda, Sarah and Kayla along with his great-grandchildren Cameron, Seth, Max, Stevana, Ignatius, Viola and Eleanor. Cam was born in the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) station house in Eau Claire, Ontario. In 1950 he took a position at the CPR "coal dock" and he spent 40 years working with them in Little Current where he resided for 65 years before moving to the Ottawa area. During Cam's years in Little Current he served his community well, holding several positions on local boards including; the Rainbow District School Board, the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation (LAMBAC). After Cam retired from the CPR, he was the proprietor along with wife Viola, of Island Florist. They also earned real estate licences and were agents of Lewis Runnalls and later James Bousquet. Cam was an avid curler and spent many happy hours at this sport (and the clubhouse) especially enjoying the many bonspiels he played in. He was a sought out player until retiring from playing at the age of 95. He also enjoyed gardening and his vegetable garden produce enhanced many delicious meals over the years. He loved to socialize and anywhere he went he made friends easily. He built the family cottage from the ground up and it continues to be testimony to his love of family and friends. We will all truly miss our father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He was an inspiration to all and a truly kind and outgoing man. May he rest easy as his journey has been long. Cremation has already taken place and an interment service at Holy Trinity Cemetery along with a Celebration of Cam's Life, will be held on a future date to be announced.

## IDA ADELINE GREEN



Ida Adeline Green of Pleasant Valley Road, Massey passed away at her home on May 27, 2024 at the age of 93. Dear daughter of the late Herbert and Georgina (nee Campbell) Holman. Loving mother of Florence Maltais of Sudbury, Adeline Tows of Massey, Betty Kay of Waterton, Herbert Green (wife Katrin), Marion Lajambe (husband Edgar) all of Pleasant Valley, Laurent Frappier of Washago. Dear sister of the late Ivy Paradis, Theodore, Angus, William Holman and Inez Aelick. Cherished grandmother of many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Ida will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a graveside service will be determined at a later date at Mountain View Cemetery, Little Current. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home LTD, Espanola.

## Burial Service

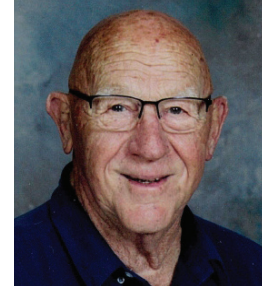
## DONALD "KIRK" STRAIN



Please join us in Celebrating the Life of Donald "Kirk" Strain on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at 11 am for a graveside service to be held at the Gordon Cemetery. After the service you are invited to a light lunch at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 514, Gore Bay.

## JOSEPH KNOX BAKER

NOVEMBER 10, 1936 - MAY 25, 2024



In loving memory of Joseph Knox Baker, a resident of Gore Bay who died on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at the age of 87. Beloved husband of the late Patricia (Pat) Lewis Baker. Son of the late Harris and Annie Baker Brother of Keith (Jolene) Baker of Whitby and Myrna Baker of Toronto. Dear father of Randy (Lori) Baker of Perth, Brenda (George) Zawadzki of London and Gregory of Sarnia. Cherished grandfather of Courtney and Devin Zawadzki and Sarah and Stuart Baker. Joe worked in Western Canada and sailed on the Great Lakes before joining Ontario Hydro where he worked for 35 years, retiring to Kagawong in 1993 then to Gore Bay in 2004. Joe enjoyed the outdoors and working in his shop. He especially enjoyed curling and travelling. Joe joined The Lions Club as a charter member in Warren and spent a lot of time doing charitable work. Cremation entrusted to Simpson Funeral Home with interment in Burpee and Mills Cemetery on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 11 am. If so desired, donations may be made in Joe's honour to the Alzheimer's Society, Canadian Cancer Society or a charity of your choice.



## DALE WILMER MCCAULEY JUNE 21, 1950 - MAY 6, 2024



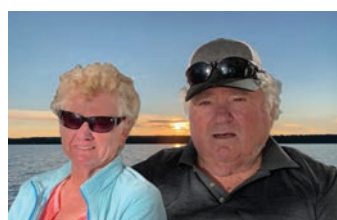
In loving memory of Dale Wilmer McCauley, who passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the age of 73 years. Born on June 21, 1950, he was predeceased by his parents Gerald McCauley and Elaine McCauley. He will be forever missed by his wife Carol Ann McCauley and his children Douglas McCauley, Katherine Jones-Mckinnon, Crystal Corbiere (Les), Ian McCauley (predeceased) and Stephan McCauley (predeceased). Dale will be missed by his siblings Karen (Wayne), Sharlene (Jim), Cathy (Jim predeceased), Linda (Andy predeceased), and Larry (predeceased) (Diane). Will always be remembered by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at the Tehkummah Hall. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).



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## It's a bird! It's a plane! It's the Manitoulin Kite Fest!

by Isobel Harry GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—The fourth annual celebration of kites in Gordon/Barrie Island took off last Sunday, June 2 under heavy skies that did nothing to deter the enthusiastic crowd.

Funded entirely by donations and volunteers, the festival is hosted by the Western Manitoulin Community Garden in a wide open green space the size of several football fields donated for the event by the McLaughlin family.

Adults and children ran hither and yon, pulling on the strings that tether the kites, teasing them into the wind until they rose, seemingly miraculously, into the heavens, pops of cheerful colour in the dark sky.

It was a fun day for all, with the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay providing a welcome table with a supply of kites and repair materials; a rock painting station was facilitated by Sarah Earley and Scott Miller where kids' creative efforts would ultimately decorate the Heart Garden; and a fire truck brought for the occasion by the Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island Volunteer Fire Department was open for touring and climbing into. Gore Bay Lions Larry Hunter, Eric Ruediger and Charmaine Jewell were on hand with free barbecued hotdogs and drinks for those needing to replenish their energy, and for those just having a relaxing day out.

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Kite flyers of all ages enjoyed the fun and fresh air at the Manitoulin Kite Festival.

Food Store, Buoy's Eatery, Betty's Convenience, Occasions Party Supplies and Rentals and Manitoulin Transport who donated the prizes of gift certificates, beach towels, books and many more, the organizing committee was led this year by Heather Patterson. Cole McLaughlin prepared the site and provided assistance.

The fun, free, healthy

photo by Isobel Harry outdoor activity highlights the nearby community garden, where allotment plots are available annually to be planted for a small fee.

Winners of this year's pile of prizes were: Adrienne, Vasily, Xaden, Nixon, Robertson, Riky, Luna and Veanna. Congratulations to all for a wonderful event!

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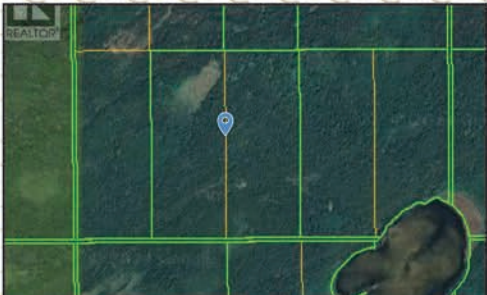
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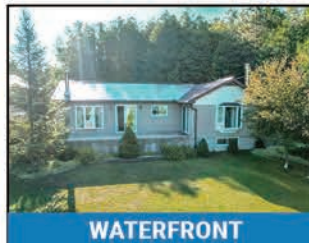
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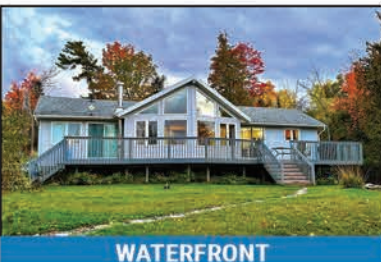
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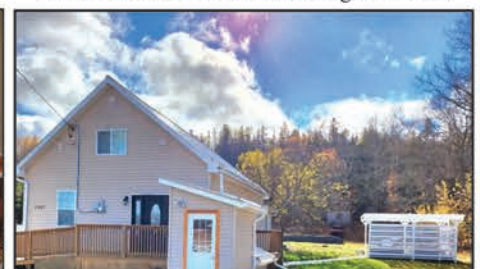
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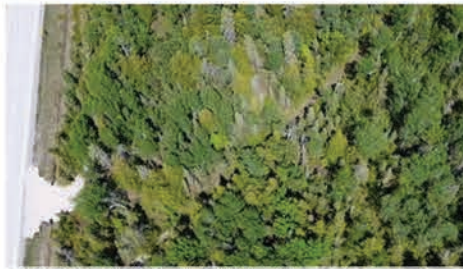
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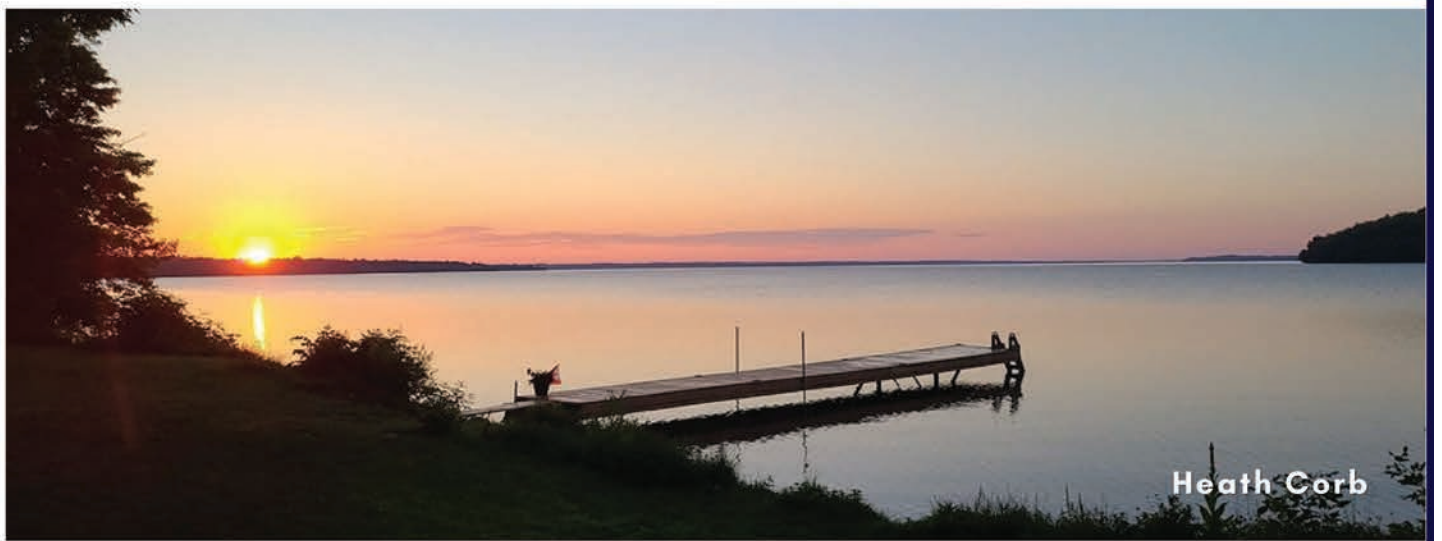


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## Quilt presentation honours Elder Pauline Debassige

*Bonds of friendship tightly sewn together through the years*

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Friends are among the most precious of the gifts we receive in life and lifelong friends especially so. This past week a group of elders came together at the M'Chigeeng home of long-time educator Grace Fox to celebrate one of their own and reminisce about the days of old and to honour their friend with a handmade quilt.

Elder Pauline Debassige may be best known in her community as a longtime school bus driver, but she has worn many diverse hats during her long and fruitful life. In her youth, she was as like-

down several years ago by former chief Joe Hare baa, noted Ms. Fox. The group lamented the loss of their space, but that has not stopped them from doing little projects together.

There was plenty of laughter and conversation, recalling earlier days, many of them at residential school. Ms. Fox noted that, although there were many negative things about residential school, she and her friends did not experience them.

"We spoke our language," noted Ms. Fox. "The nuns would send us up on a hill and tell us to go and keep ourselves



Friends Elaine Brant, Rosemary Wakegijig, Molly Migwans, Grace Fox, Pauline Debassige, Levina Johns and Darlene Maracle gather behind a handmade quilt that was presented to Ms. Debassige in honour of their long association and friendship.

by Michael Erskine

ly to be found changing a tire or working on a car or truck as preparing a meal for her family.

"I came to M'Chigeeng as a high school graduate to go to teachers' college and she was the chief's lady and she was so smart and so beautiful, such a nice lady," recalled Ms. Fox. Some good-natured teasing was voiced by one of Ms. Debassige's friends, "What happened to you?" resulting in laughter.

Ms. Fox explained that, a couple of months ago, she was at Ms. Debassige's home and was shown some fabric pieces. "You make quilts, would you take these pieces and make a quilt for me?" Ms. Debassige asked her. "Of course I will," replied Ms. Fox. "I had Kim Aelick come and help me, Levina (Johns) came and helped me." With many hands, the quilt soon took shape and was completed.

The group of elders have long been friends and often worked together on projects at a former elders centre, closed

busy. We would talk in the language among ourselves. When we came back down the hill, we spoke English again."

For many residential school survivors, the elders explain, their experiences are recalled with mixed feelings, not all of them negative, as although separated from their families (often with encouragement from parents and guardians to attend as it was considered economically advantageous to learn English and the skills at the school) but they were there with their friends and siblings and found joy in their games and shared experiences. To be clear, expressing those stories is not a politically correct "truth" these days, but it is their truth as they see it and not for this writer to challenge.

Following the gifting of the quilt, the friends sat down to a meal catered by Pam Roy consisting of fish pie, corn soup, salads and a host of delicious desserts, all leavened with plenty of conversation and laughter.

## Manitoulin Sporting Life

### Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



#### Huge Mustang team heading to OFSAA!

It is heartening to see Manitoulin Secondary sending such a substantial team to the all-Ontario track and field championships in London at the Western University Stadium. The team had to qualify for this week's event at last week's NOSSA hosted by St. Joe/Scollard Hall in North Bay.

The top individual highlights (starting from the youngest) from the Bay include: **Jack Bridgeman** who punched his OFSAA ticket with a second in high jump; **Morgan Deadman** took third in high jump; **Jonah Balfe** - 2nd javelin; **Wyatt Williamson-Wright** - 1st 3000m, 2nd 1500m; **Fia Flanagan** - 3rd high jump; **Mya Balfe** - 2nd long jump, 2nd triple jump, 2nd discus; **Jack Carter** - 3rd long jump; **Emery Watson** - 3rd javelin, 5th discus; **Sadie Bridgeman** - 2nd long jump, 5th 200m; **Mac(Kenzie) Green** - 3rd 800m, 4th 1500m, 4th 2000m steeplechase; **Brodie Pennie** - 1st 1500m, 1st 3000m, 3rd 800m; **TJ Green** - 4th 800m, 4th 1500m, 4th 2000m steeplechase; **Maren Kasunich** who is coming off a nagging injury - 2nd 3000m, 2nd 2000m steeplechase (she is still the record holder here!); **Saraya Eshkawkogan** - 3rd long jump; **Annie Balfe** - 1st triple jump, 1st javelin, 3rd discus; **Colin Lindner** - 1st javelin.

Transplant Islander, **Brooke Gibeault** competing for Lo Ellen is also London bound thanks to a pair of firsts in the 100m hurdles and shot put!

In the relays, MSS was 5th in the open women's 4 x 400m thanks to **Annie Balfe, Sadie Bridgeman, Mac Green, Ava Corbiere** and **Mya Balfe**. This team took bronze with **Greyson Case, Alan Wilkin, Andrew Cooper, TJ Green** and **Wyatt Williamson-Wright**.

In the individual aggregate tallies, **Mya Balfe** was third in her Junior division, **Wyatt Williamson-Wright** 4th, **Annie Balfe** 1st and **Brodie Pennie** 1st.

After all the results were considered, these were the lucky 13 selected to represent the North: **Mya Balfe, Annie Balfe, Jack Bridgeman, Sadie Bridgeman, Greyson Case, Andrew Cooper, Fia Flanagan, TJ Green,**

**Maren Kasunich, Colin Lindner, Brodie Pennie, Alan Wilkin, Wyatt Williamson-Wright.** Congratulations to all the Manitoulin kids who came out and competed!

#### Rocked the Rock

Last week I mentioned that **Aurel Fox-Recollet** won the Sudbury Rocks 10k, but of course there were many other locals who were also participating in one of the various distances offered. In the 5k, hats off to **Denise and Derek Graham, William McComb, Emily Deegan, Kara Peltier, Jamie Peltier, Sarah Odjig** and **Terry Beaudry** joined the 700-plus runners.

In the 10k distance Aurel and 337 other runners participated including Islanders: **Daniel Young, Lorilee McGregor, Roxanne Mandamin, Andy Waugh, Mila Odjig, Sierra Pangowish** and **Shannon Manitowabi**.

Participant numbers understandably drop as the distance gets longer and the hearty 250 half-marathon runners took in the 21.1 km course. They included: **Jessica Stere, Iain McGale, Bronwyn Cooper, Marilee Bentley, Jason Spooner, Andre Rivers** and **Luke Armstrong**.

Finally, the tough of the tough who ran the full 42.2 km marathon included only **Christian Kaiser-Fox** of M'Chigeeng amongst the just 63 finishers!

#### Rainbow Ridge Mixed Open 4-Peat?

It doesn't flow like a 3-peat maybe but I'm sure the winners of this year's event don't mind. **Kathryn Corbiere** and **Justice Corbiere** shot a two-day total of 143 to win their fourth title in a row! Just a few strokes back, winning the first flight with a 148 were **Roxanne Corbiere** and **Rene Paquet**. Taking the second flight with 161 were **Quinton** and **Kendra Recollet** while the third flight had a tie at 175 between the pairs **Mike Assinewai - Nancy Kinoshameg** and **Zachariah Pitawanakwat - Justine Keeshig**.

The next major event is the RRCG Men's Open on the July 12 -14th weekend.

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#### Blackfly tennis rules!

Some of the participants in the Manitoulin Tennis Club 'Blackfly' tournament included in photo **Bryce Mastelko, Keith McKeen, Joanna Rosenbaum, Jon Best, Emily Deegan** and **Mick McCormick**.



# Wikwemikong Tribal Police members compete in Sudbury Rocks Marathon

by Tom Sasvari  
 SUDBURY—For the first time as a group of officers, several members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) took part in the annual Sudbury Rocks Race on May 26.

“We had seven of us taking part,” said Jamie Peltier, sergeant with

WTPS. “This was the first time we have taken part in this event as a unit and we had shirts made up for our team,” he said, noting he took part in the race five years ago, and other officers have taken part in the past as well.

“Jason Spooner our acting chief of police (who took part in the half mar-

athon) is big into fitness, and he encouraged us to take part as well,” said Sergeant Peltier. “Three officers participated in the 10-kilometre run, and the rest of us were in the five-kilometre race.

“A couple of our officers have had family members who have had cancer so that is why they wanted



Several Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service officers, in photo Constables Sierra Pangowish, Daniel Young, Lance Kitchikake and Tom Van Drunen, along with Sergeant Bill McComb, acting chief of police Jason Spooner, (along with Sergeant Jamie Peltier, missing from photo) took part in the annual Sudbury Rocks Race.

to take part as well,” said Sergeant Peltier.

“Fitness has been encouraged for a healthy lifestyle with the WTPS staff also participating in February’s Heart and Stroke Month. Staff walked a whopping 1.5

million steps for the month,” continued Sergeant Peltier.

Constables Sierra Pangowish and Daniel Young, Sergeant Bill McComb, A/COP Spooner, Constables Lance Kitchikake, Tom Van Drunen and Sergeant

Peltier took part.

More than 1,600 people took part in the race, with organizers estimating that the race raised more than \$100,000 for the Northern Cancer Foundation.

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# Fifth annual Stroll for Liver hopeful of community support

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—The organizers of the fifth annual ‘Stroll for Liver’ event held in Kagawong are hopeful that members of the public will again support them in this year’s fundraising campaign. The Stroll for Liver event is a fundraising event for the Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF).

Wayne Aelick, who along with wife Anna spearhead the Stroll for Liver event each year, knows the importance of having a healthy liver after having gone through a liver transplant in 2017.

The Stroll for Liver fundraising event is tak-

ing place in Kagawong on Sunday, June 9. Walkers will begin their five-kilometre stroll at 11 am from the Park Centre and continue through the picturesque village of Kagawong.

Mr. Aelick explained, “We have raised less than we had hoped to going into the stroll event. We have raised around \$10,000 in funds with well over half of that amount being on the bird and bat houses that we make and have sold so far this year.”

“Our fundraising goal for this year is \$25,000 and so far we are not even halfway to that amount,” said Mr. Aelick, noting he

understands how difficult it is for everyone these days to donate toward any cause, with the economy being the way it is and costs for necessities like food, housing and transportation being so high.

“Whatever people can afford to donate, or join in the walk, would be very much appreciated,” said Mr. Aelick.

In 2020, the local Stroll for Liver fundraising event raised \$4,571, \$15,503 in 2021, \$18,758 in 2022 and last year’s (highest total yet), \$24,037.

“Some of the proceeds that we make from the sale of bird and bat houses goes toward buying

things like nails and glue. Most of the other materials like the wood is mostly made up through donations,” continued Mr. Aelick. “And whenever we attend a market to sell the bird/bat houses we pay the costs of a vendors table,” he said noting they attend several different markets each summer. He explained as well that Andrew Orr and Orr’s Valu-Mart in Little Current will be holding a fundraising barbecue for Stroll for Liver on June 15.

“All the funds we raise goes to the Canadian Liver Foundation for research and education,” added Mr. Aelick.

If you wish to join Team Aelick or make a donation to support the CLF on behalf of Team Aelick, you can do so online at: Stroll for Liver 2024, or via cheque payable to Canadian Liver Foundation and mail to: Anna and

Wayne Aelick, 30 Maple Drive, Kagawong, ON POP IJO or send an electronic funds transfer to: awaelick@hotmail.com. Donations of \$20 and over will receive a tax receipt from CLF.

## Kagawong fishing platform now open to the public

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Except for educational signage to be installed to complete the project, an outdoor fishing (angling) platform has been constructed and is open at the waterfront marina in Kagawong.

“The angling platform is open to anyone and allows anyone who has accessibility issues but wants to fish the opportunity with a ramp leading up the platform. The angling platform is designed to be used by everyone,” said Seija Deschenes, coordinator of Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA).

“The angling platform is not quite finished,” said Ms. Deschenes. “We have to create educational signage and have digital designers working on this. The signs will provide the visitor information on the different species of fish in the (Kagawong) River, information on fall spawners (salmon), the salmon run and their life cycle. There will also be information provided on invasive species and species at risk.”

Ms. Deschenes noted there are invertebrates found under the bridge, and black ash trees were planted



The new fishing platform is now open.

along the bay (across from the platform). There will also be educational materials provided on the stream restoration that MSIA has taken part in over several years on the Kagawong River.

“And we are waiting for some Ojibway language to be included in the educational signage,” continued Ms. Deschenes.

The new, large angling platform project was completed late last fall. “We are hoping to use the angling platform when we conduct stream restoration tours, have schools and visitors, and tourist groups on hand,” said Ms. Deschenes. She explained that vortex weirs have been created to provide for deeper water pools as part of future climate change impacts, habitat for different species of fish, invertebrates and bugs, and refuge areas for species of fish.

Funding for the angling platform was provided by FedNor, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation. “We are looking to install a similar angling platform in Wiikwemkoong (Unceded Territory) again with educational signage,” said Ms. Deschenes.

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3. Participate in program and service delivery as required or assigned.
4. Identify and manage program resources and assist with the preparation of program budgets.
5. Work in collaboration with Mnaamodzawin Health Services staff, community health staff and related agencies.
6. Participate in networking partnerships with staff, communities, agencies and community groups.

**Skills/Qualifications:**

1. Early Childhood Educator (ECE), Developmental Services Worker (DSW) or Social Service Worker (SSW) with at least 2 years of experience in their field, or related experience in the health field.
2. Knowledge of child development, maternal and pre-natal health, parenting and social services.
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### AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### BAND MANAGER

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**JOB DUTIES:**

- Provide leadership, supervision and direction to all Program Coordinators for the effective and efficient administration of the programs and services of the First Nation, ensuring achievement of annual goals and objectives and compliance with program budgets.
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In moments of extreme duress, people often direct their entire focus toward thoughts of their loved ones and feel an overwhelming need to be with them—even if that requires transcending physical limitations.

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When we most need to be with our loved ones, especially in our darkest moments, can we make it happen through the sheer power of mind over matter? The following shared stories testify to this incredible possibility and are a reminder that perhaps nothing is impossible:

by Dorah L. Williams

COVID has been part of our collective consciousness for over four years, and we have all experienced its effect on society. But over a century ago, after struggling through "The Great War," the world was hit with something much worse. And, as with all life-and-death situations, the fortitude of the survivors was incredible.

The following shared experiences, from the descendants of those who persevered through that period, illustrate the horror of that virus' impact on everyone in its path, but also the awe-inspiring resilience of the human spirit in even the severest of situations:



**The Spanish Flu**

"It was 1918, and tens of millions of people worldwide would die from a deadly virus known as the Spanish Flu.

In what is still considered a big event on the Labrador coast, a supply ship brought winter supplies to the communities. But the ship also carried one sick crew member, and despite warnings from the missionaries, the elated Inuit poured on board as they had done twice yearly for more than a century. Within days, Inuit lacking any resistance to this disease began falling.

For three months, a young girl named Martha barely moved from her home, eating hard-tack and drinking melted snow. So many died about her that the few remaining Moravian priests who maintained the outpost had given up trying to collect the bodies. Instead, they sought refuge from the winter, huddled inside a few meagre buildings.

Martha's grandparents lay dead beside her. The sled dogs, wild with hunger, dragged their bodies away. There was a dog that looked after her, remembered Martha. When there would be too many dogs in the doorway, fighting, this dog used to stay close to her, keeping

the others away.

Martha was found and almost shot by men, killing off the dogs. Only 129 of nearly 500 Inuit in Okak and the nearby community of Hebron survived the winter.

Further south on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence was a little community of fishermen called Mutton Bay. They were also infected by the same supply ship.

This is my father-in-law's documented story from when he was a young man of seventeen:

"All summer, I went from house to house fetching water, bringing in firewood and helping to dig graves.

We also had to bring food to the sleigh dogs, who were put on an island in the bay for the summer, as they were too dangerous to leave in the community. All this kept those still in good shape busy, as so many were sick.

One day, I did not feel so good and went home. I remember thinking as I hung up my coat, "Well, me son, you will not be wearing this coat again for a long time." And passed out. I thought I was going to die, and so did my family.

When I wasn't out of it, they would spoon-feed me, and my two broth-

ers would head out to the fishing grounds and would not get back until dark. While they were gone, I kept drifting in and out of consciousness.

Suddenly, I found myself hovering over my father's boat, watching them as they struggled to retrieve the catch boat that had broken loose

from the main boat as it headed to a rocky reef. The catch boat carried their fishing gear and cod trap. It was worth \$12,000 in 1918. A lifetime of work to pay for it. But they fought and got a line on her.

It was dangerous business. I saw it all.

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**(Multiple positions available)**

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

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

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

**Qualifications:**

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

**Requirements:**

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence.
- Ability to work outside normal business hours and weekends and on call as required.
- Must have a relevant diploma and work experience.

**Salary:** \$ Commensurate with qualifications

**Closing Date: June 21, 2024 @ 4:30pm**

**To Apply:** Please complete the application online at:  
[gwek.bamboohr.com/careers](http://gwek.bamboohr.com/careers) to apply.  
Contact [mmaracle@gwek.ca](mailto:mmaracle@gwek.ca) with any questions.

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

 **Combined Indigenous Courtworker**  
**N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre – Espanola and Gore Bay**

**Job Purpose:**  
Provide advocacy to Indigenous people who are involved in the Canadian justice system to help them better understand their rights, options and responsibilities when appearing before the Ontario Courts of Justice. By ensuring Indigenous people have access to legal representation and making referrals and recommendations to the individuals whom you work with. Every effort should be made to present these plans of action to courts for consideration.

**Skills/Qualifications:**

- Diploma or degree in the Justice, Social Services or related field of study
- Knowledge of the structure and procedures of the Criminal Justice System
- Knowledge of the Criminal Code and Young Offenders Act and other relevant acts
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality
- Must possess excellent interviewing and counselling skills
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Knowledge of Aboriginal language and culture an asset
- Computer literacy - must have experience with Microsoft Office and Outlook
- Collecting statistical information for reporting purposes
- Must be honest, empathetic and respectful as these attributes are fundamental to being an effective Courtworker
- Knowledge and experience with Aboriginal culture and traditions
- Ability to work within a team-oriented environment
- Work experience in client advocacy and client liaison with various service providers
- Must possess valid Ontario Driver's Licence, have access to a reliable vehicle and be willing to travel when required
- Superior ability to work within deadlines and under minimal supervision
- Must be able to work with mainstream justice personnel and authority figures in an appropriate manner so as not to cause a detriment to the clientele served, the courtworker program, N'Swakamok or its affiliates
- Must include up to date CPIC which includes Vulnerable Sector

A letter of application, resumé and three work-related reference letters must be received no later than **June 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm** to the attention of:

**Ms. Marie Meawasige, Executive Director,**  
**N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre**  
**110 Elm Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3C 1T5**

Applications for this position will be accepted in person, by mail or email: [apatisiwin@nfcsudbury.org](mailto:apatisiwin@nfcsudbury.org)

We would like to thank everyone who applies, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted and preference will be given to Indigenous applicants.



# ...Mystical Manitoulin by Dorah L. Williams

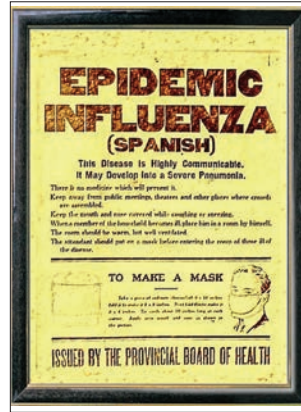
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When they came home, the first thing they did was check up on me to see if I was awake. Before they had a chance to tell me what happened, I told them I saw it all right from my bed. They had to believe me as what I told them was exactly what happened."

**Against All Odds**  
 "My late mother was born during the epidemic over a century ago and naturally had no actual memory of her birth. But she had often been told about the events surrounding her early arrival, and she passed that family history on to me.

She was a no-nonsense woman, and if she said this happened as it was told to her, then I'm sure it did.

Her birth was very unexpected, being more than two months early. But her family always said that the timing of her early arrival must have been "due to Divine Providence."



Because you see, as she was so prematurely coming into the world, her father was feared to be leaving it. He was gravely ill with that influenza and wasn't expected to live long enough to meet his new baby, who wasn't due to be born for quite a while yet.

Her pregnant mother was unable to be with him as he was quarantined in his mother's home, with only her there to tend to him. He was delirious with fever and didn't know his wife had gone into labour two months early, as he lay close to death miles away from her.

His mother didn't tell him about the birth. The baby was so premature and not expected to survive, and if his death was as near as it seemed, my grandmother wanted it to be as peaceful for him as possible.

Finally, though, when his end seemed all but certain, he opened his eyes and smiled at his mother,

who sat by his bed, holding his hand and praying.

"She's like a wee doll but covered in so much hair!" he said, describing the new baby he had just seen, to his mother's astonishment.

When she asked how he knew, he explained. He thought he was dying and wanted to see his wife one last time. The next thing he knew, he found himself back in his home and looking right at her. He watched her cradling their tiny newborn baby in her arms as she lay propped up in the bed, crying. He described the others who came in and out of the room; some were also crying, and he repeated the conversations he overheard (later confirmed to be true).

My mother was extremely small at birth and had poorly developed eyesight and a lifelong asthma condition. But she was tough as nails and sure beat the odds of such a premature baby's survival rate in those days. Her father fought successfully for his own life, too, against the killer flu that claimed so many. He later would simply explain that he saw he could not leave his family at a time like that, so he didn't.

That hair covering most of her tiny body did not remain for too long, and a family portrait taken a couple of years later showed her as a small but very happy toddler,

sitting on her beaming father's knee. She was his namesake, christened the feminine version of his name. Throughout her life, though, she was always known as "Dolly," her father's pet name for her.

So, did my grandfather have an out-of-body experience when he was at death's door?

Everything he claimed to hear and see that day was later verified by those there, and my mother's tiny body, covered in that temporary hair (medically known as lanugo), looked exactly as he described. I've seen her first photograph taken not long after her birth. Her appearance was somewhat startling, so his shocked description of her small size and abundance of hair was very accurate!"

Out-of-body experiences have been documented throughout history. Many families likely have their own accounts that demonstrate the deep connection between loved ones, especially during times of extreme duress. These stories illustrate that our most profound connections aren't limited by the physical realm and can provide the comfort and strength needed during such challenging times.

Many thanks to those who shared their stories for this column of Mystical Manitoulin!



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

**We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:**

**Manitoulin Island:**  
 (2) Child Well-Being Worker (Contract): Closes June 14, 2024  
 Receptionist (Casual): Closes June 14, 2024

**Sudbury:**  
 Case Aide: Closes June 14, 2024  
 Data Entry Clerk (Contract): Closes June 14, 2024

**Manitoulin or Sudbury:**  
 Health and Safety Officer (Contract): Closes June 14, 2024

**\*All postings close at 4pm EST\***

To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at [hr@kgcfs.org](mailto:hr@kgcfs.org), ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at: [www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities)

At KGCFs, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within 3 months of the application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.

**Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.**

**Your Dollar Store With More**

**Employment Opportunity Store Manager**

The Wikwemikong Development Commission is seeking a highly motivated and well organized individual to fill the position of Store Manager. The Store Manager reports directly to Enaadaamaagehjik General Manager and will be responsible for the operations of Your Dollar Store With More.

**General Duties:**

1. Develops, maintains and administers a sound business and organizational plan for the business, which includes an operating, human resources, business and marketing plan.
2. Hires, develops and supervises all key employees of the business and ensures that all employees have the necessary certification.
3. Consistently assures that the business is operated in accordance with all applicable local municipal, provincial and federal laws.
4. Oversees the care and maintenance of the business' physical assets and facilities.
5. Ensures the highest standards in customer service and will work toward and achieve ISO Certification.
6. Analyzes financial statements (income and expenses) relative to budgeted goals and takes corrective measures as necessary.
7. Oversees the Point of Sale's Operational systems and ensures inventory is maintained.
8. Ensures the accuracy and accounting of all sales transactions.
9. Will be responsible for the cash management procedures.
10. Prepares and presents financial and operational reports to the Wikwemikong Development Commission's Board of Directors on a monthly basis.
11. Responsible for hiring, scheduling, supervising and directing the work of employees in the retail store.
12. Will attend to all marketing and sales activity to attract customers and organizations to patronage the store, will attend required trade shows, visiting organizations and tend to all media relations.
13. Participates in outside activities to enhance the presence and brand of the Your Dollar Store With More in the local community and regional communities.
14. Will research and actively pursue other goods and products for resale.
15. Other applicable duties/responsibilities as assigned.

**Qualifications:**

- Must have 3-5 years related management experience in operating a business, with a proven track record of leading a professional, efficient, high quality, service-oriented operation.
- Post-secondary education in business or commerce is an asset.
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be highly organized, efficient and detail-oriented.
- Must have excellent interpersonal/relationship skills.
- Demonstrate ability to work in a fast-paced, multi-task environment and flexible hours.
- Must be proficient in the use of computers, accounting/database software and Point of Sale systems.
- Must have extensive human resource background in supervisory, coaching and staff development experience.
- Must have a strong business aptitude and passion for the retail industry.
- Must have a valid G driver's licence and access to a vehicle is required.
- Must be bondable, therefore, a clear and current CPIC (last 90 days) will be required upon hiring.

**Deadline: Until Filled**

**Salary & Benefits:** Pending qualifications. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit covering letter, resumé and three recent work-related reference letters (last three years) to:  
**Wikwemikong Development Commission o/a Enaadaamaagehjik**  
**2102 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0**  
**For more information, contact Mary Lynn Odjig, General Manager/EDO at 705-859-3001**



**ENAAADMAAGEHJIK O/A WIKWEMIKONG DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**Employment Opportunity Business Development Specialist**

This is a professional position with primary responsibility for attracting new businesses and investment to the Wikwemikong Community. This position provides face-to-face contact and support for business sectors, as well as manages information gathered from various sources. Will have significant autonomy to assist in the development of industry clusters, work with established industry groups and organizations to address short and long-term growth objectives.

Duties generally include:  
**Business Development:**

- Development and preparation of business plans and/or proposals.
- Will be required to undertake and/or direct industry research and economic market analysis to determine economic development opportunities suited for Wikwemikong.
- Identify opportunities for joint ventures for development conduct negotiations concerning joint ventures.

**Research & Development:**

- Is accountable for gathering data regarding potential business opportunities and markets that Wikwemikong may benefit from and conduct intensive research pertaining to potential development, product development and product distribution.
- Will review and analyze business proposals and perform required due diligence where required.
- Keep up to date on the business trends locally, regionally, nationally and globally.
- To ensure investors remain informed, will maintain communication with clients regarding project activities.

**Administrative:**

- To ensure the preparation and accuracy of all documents generated by the Economic Development Department are completed based on time sensitive parameters.
- Assemble data and prepare periodic and special reports and correspondence.
- To prepare reports, proposals and recommendations for presentation to project specific stakeholders, e.g. community, Chief and Council and WDC Board of Directors.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree or college diploma in economics, business administration, commerce or public administration or related field.
- Minimum of three (3) years of progressively responsible experience in business development area during which professional capability has been clearly demonstrated.
- Comprehensive computer software knowledge including word processing.
- Proven record of success to develop project proposals and development of business plans.
- Performance of due diligence and risk assessments on business prospects and investment opportunities.
- Knowledge of business development strategies and tactics.
- Proven written and presentation skills.
- A valid G driver's licence and access to a vehicle is required.
- Knowledge of Anishnabek culture and language is an asset.

**Salary & Benefits:** Based on qualifications. Please submit covering letter, resumé, current CPIC and (3) three recent work-related references (one year) to:

[mldjig@wikydevcom.ca](mailto:mldjig@wikydevcom.ca) or to:  
**Wikwemikong Development Commission o/a Enaadaamaagehjik**  
**2102 Wikwemikong Way**  
**Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0**  
 For more information or job description, contact:  
**Mary Lynn Odjig, General Manager/EDO at 705-859-3001.**  
**Deadline: Until Filled**

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please note the selected candidate will be required to submit a current CPIC.



# Manitoulin Island observes Decoration Day at the Manitoulin Cenotaph

by Alicia McCutcheon

**MINDEMOYA**—For the first time in recent memory, inclement weather moved the annual Manitoulin District Cenotaph Decoration Day service indoors to the J.H. Burt Memorial Arena in Mindemoya. The sounds of the venerable Sudbury and District Pipe Band reverberated from the barn roof as they fulfilled their commitment to the ceremony, the 86th time the pipe band, in its various forms, has played at this event, non-stop, since 1938, according to master of ceremonies Comrade Jim Woods.

The two Island branches of the Royal Canadian Legion, #177 and #514, take turns hosting the event and this year it was Branch #177's turn however the usual emcee, Comrade Roy Eaton, is currently in Europe marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings at Juno Beach, where his uncle landed and fought 80 years ago, so Branch #514 Past-President Jim Woods, assisted by Lt. Denis Blake of Branch #177, ran the service which had been written by Comrade Eaton before he left.

"This shows (Comrade Eaton's) dedication to all veterans, the Legion, the communities and the residents of Man-



Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes lays a wreath on behalf of the Government of Canada.



Dignitaries gather in front of the assembly at the beginning of the Decoration Day observances held in the J.H. Memorial Arena in Mindemoya due to inclement weather on Sunday, June 2.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

itoulin Island and all Canadians that he and we should never forget what they sacrificed for us," Comrade Woods told the large gathering. "I hope you enjoy today's service and leave this solemn place of gathering with a renewed sense of what we owe to those who gave us so much to be thankful for."

Following an innovation by Legion Chaplain Rev. Whitney Bruno and the singing of O Canada by Comrade Tammy Bryan-Walsh. Special recognition was given to MPP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, Flora Wilson Chartrand, District H 1st Deputy Commander and Gary MacPherson, Zone H-3 1st Deputy Commander, Sgt. Wayne Golden of the Sgt. Charles Golden Ceremonial Rifle Team and Pipe Major Stuart Gagan.

After the standard Legion ceremony that concludes with the Act of Remembrance, the Sgt. Charles Golden Ceremonial Rifle Team offered a salute outside the arena (for the sake of delicate ears).

Wreaths were then laid, assisted by a cadet from #348 Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps, in the following order: MP Carol

Hughes, Government of Canada; MPP Michael Mantha, Government of Ontario; 2nd Deputy Commander John Lewis, Legion District H; 1st Deputy Commander Gary MacPherson, Legion Zone H-3; President Leslie Burnett escorted by 1st Vice President Duane Deschamps, Branch #177; President Marilyn Clarke, Branch #514; Robert Lamb, Canadian Armed Forces; Larry Ross, who served in the United States Army, Indigenous veterans; Ed Duncan, Army Navy Air Force Veterans Branch 176; Brian Bird, Manitoulin North Shore Naval Veterans Association; President Bob Jewell, Manitoulin Navy League; Lt (N) Sylvain Boucher, Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps Manitoulin 348; Mayor Richard Stephens, Central Manitoulin; Noah Albers, NEMI Fire Department; Past District Deputy Grand Matron Vanesa Jo Woods, Order of the Eastern Star, Spanish River chapter; Noble Bruce Gordon, Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club; Master of the Doric Lodge Brent Forsyth, escorted by Past Master Mike Terry; President Noble Dick McIvor,

Sudbury Shrine Club; Det. Sgt. (retired) John Lewis, Ontario Provincial Police; Det. Sgt. (retired) John Lewis, UCCM Anishnaabe Police; Monic Shaw, Manitoulin paramedics; Selena Bruno, Youth Memorial; Sub-lieutenant Tina Davison escorted by Comrade Linda Bowerman, Women's memorial; Diane Musgrove in honour of Theodore McGregor; Annette Cada in honour of the Cada family.

"We once again thank all who joined us today in this tribute to veterans,"



Larry Ross, who served in the United States Army, laid a wreath on behalf of Indigenous veterans.

Comrade President Woods said. "In particular, the members of the Sudbury and District Pipe Band who, with their attendance here today, are carrying on a tradition started by the Sault-Sudbury Regiment in 1938. They have maintained this commitment to attend Manitoulin's Decoration Day on the first Sunday in June since that time."

"We also thank Sgt. Wayne Golden (retired) and the members of Sgt. Charles Golden Memorial Rifle Team for being with us once again."

All present were then invited back to Branch #177 for a light lunch and fellowship.

The ceremonies ended with a benediction by Rev. Bruno and the singing of 'God Save the King' led by Comrade Bryan-Walsh and the marching off of the colours.



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## JOB OPPORTUNITY OFFICE and LOANS ADMINISTRATOR

This key position in the organization requires an individual who has excellent computer and numeracy skills as well as the personal suitability in working directly with business clients. An educational background in Office or Business Administration (Accounting) is preferred along with strong organizational and self-motivational skills. Naishnaabemaang shwii go washme ndawendaagod

This individual will perform the following duties;

- Manage the receipt of all incoming calls as well as incoming/outgoing correspondence;
- Ensuring orderly functioning of the office, ordering office supplies and overseeing office equipment, etc;
- Preparing general office correspondence;
- Managing all organization digital files;
- Organizing Board meetings and preparing digital meeting kits;
- Preparing and processing client claims for approved financing;
- Entering data into the loans/investment database;
- Registering liens on loan security;
- Processing creditor's life loan insurance;
- Issuing client account statements;
- Managing the organization's website and social media;
- Helping to organize workshops and events; and
- Being a strong support to the organization in meeting its mandate and service standards.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. A six (6) month probationary review is applicable. Please submit a letter of application and resume with three (3) references by **noon on Friday, June 14th, 2024** to: [dmdahbeebeach@waubetek.com](mailto:dmdahbeebeach@waubetek.com).

While all applications for the position are appreciated, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.



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## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

The Waubetek Business Development Corporation is seeking a Business Development Officer who will work with individuals applying to our Indigenous Women's Entrepreneurship Program (IWE).

### Qualifications:

This important position in the organization requires an individual with post-secondary education in business administration and work experience in banking and/or assisting small businesses. All applicants require:

- The ability to prepare business analyses, as well as financial projections/cash-flow statements;
- Proficiency in the use of various types of business and communications software and databases (word processing, spreadsheets, loan databases, etc.);
- Excellent written and oral communication skills; and
- Experience in delivering workshops and public presentations related to business programs, entrepreneurship, marketing, etc.

### Duties:

- Providing business development services to guide applicants through the development process;
- Preparing business analyses along with financial projections to assess business viability for management/Board approval;
- Establishing and administering a business mentorship program;
- Organizing online and in-person business workshops to support new and existing Indigenous women entrepreneurs; and
- Tracking program deliverables and preparing program reports.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The deadline for applications is **Friday, June 21st, 2024**. Please submit a letter of application, your resume and two (2) work related letters of reference to Waubetek's General Manager at the following email using the subject reference "IWE Business Development Officer Position": [dmdahbeebeach@waubetek.com](mailto:dmdahbeebeach@waubetek.com)

While all applications for the position are appreciated, only those invited for an interview will be contacted.





**Learning on the land**  
Grade 6 students from Holy Redeemer Separate School in Richmond Hill visited Manitoulin Island under the auspices of Wiikwemkoong Tourism last week, stopping in at such landmarks as the Cup and Saucer Trail, Ojibwe Cultural Foundations (and Lillians in M'Chigeeng) and the archaeological site in Sheguiandah. This was the first of many school trips hosted by Guides and teachers included, from left, Joanne, Irene, Vince, John, Kyle, Tracy, Jack and Lauren.  
**photo by Michael Erskine**

**M.S.S. Kids in the Halls**

**Alexandra Wilson-Zegil**



Students dressed up for Undercover Agent Day.

MSS students are always kept busy, even as the end of the year approaches. From community clean-ups, to presentations, to contests, there is always something going on! Let's take a look at what happened this week.

It is the moment we have all been waiting for, the winners of the Headstrong photo contest have been announced! For the past few weeks, students have been asked to submit photos that show the beauty of Manitoulin Island, in a campaign promoting mindfulness. Students snapped pictures of sunsets, the Northern Lights, Lake Huron, sunflower fields and more. It must not have been an easy job for Headstrong to determine the winners! On Tuesday, May 8 the morning announcements revealed who captured the best photos. Congratulations to the third place winner Destiny Migwans, second place winner Myah Gravelle, and first place winner Bradley Slaught.

On Tuesday, May 28 tryouts for a mixed softball team began, with an additional tryout on Friday, May 31. Everyone was welcome to join and show off their softball skills in preparation for the tournament on Tuesday, June 4.

Grade 11 students had visitors from Laurentian University on Tuesday, May 28. Representatives from the university spoke to students who will be applying to post-secondary

schools in the fall about the application process and university life. With application season right around the corner again, these presentations are important for our future Grade 12s.

There are still spots left on this fall's Stratford trip! The annual MSS Stratford trip allows students to witness the theatrical talents at the Stratford theater festival. This year, students will see 'Romeo and Juliet,' 'Something Rotten,' 'Twelfth Night' and 'Le Cage.'

Friday, May 31 was Undercover Agent Day. Students showed up in sunglasses, dark outfits and combat boots. This spirit day was in honour of the ongoing game of Spymaster currently being played.

Wednesday, June 5 is World Environment Day. To recognize this, members of the MSS robotics team are hosting a community clean-up. Students will spend two hours after school cleaning up the surrounding shoreline and forest. Thank you to all the students who come out to help!

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

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**OUR LANGUAGE**  
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Manitoulin Secondary School

**PLAYER PROFILE**

by Mackenzie Green

Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

**ANDREW ROSE**

You may see him at the rink, on the tennis courts, or serving a birdie, but Andrew has the biggest smile on his face with a volleyball in hand. Whether it be digging up spikes, hitting left side or right side attacks or setting dimes, Andrew is completely in his element! As a senior Mustang, Andrew has contributed his skill, sportsmanship and unwavering dedication to multiple years of volleyball teams. These valuable qualities have made him a fantastic teammate on basketball, badminton and tennis teams throughout his years at MSS. Wrapping up his final year in the black and gold, Andrew has undoubtedly played a substantial role in Mustang athletics and established himself as an excellent role model for the next generation of Mustangs!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Andrew sported the blue and grey as a Coyote, attending Little Current Public School for his elementary school years. From a young age, Andrew jumped on every opportunity to be active, signing up for each sport offered. You could find Andrew on the trails or track as he competed on the cross country and track teams, shooting threes as a member of the basketball team, hitting home runs for the three-pitch team and on the field participating in soccer and flag football. In elementary school is also when Andrew began playing volleyball. Reflecting on his time as a Coyote, Andrew recalls the highlight being when his team won the Rainbow District wide soccer tournament for two consecutive years! Outside of school sports, Andrew was also a committed member of the Little Current Flyers minor hockey team.

The first year of Andrew's high school experience was impacted by COVID, limiting athletic opportunities. However, Andrew approached this with a positive attitude. He explains that with extra time at home he began watching high level volleyball which inspired him to pursue a path in the sport. Andrew recognizes that this influenced the rest of his high school career greatly. Upon return to sports in his Grade 10 year, Andrew began playing volleyball for Northern Chill Volleyball Club based out of Sudbury. For Chill, Andrew played at a high level, competing against teams across the province. This year, Andrew's team placed an astonishing fifth at provincials, which was the highest placing of any of the teams hailing from Chill this year. It was also the highest rank of any boys' team wearing the Chill jerseys. Recently, Andrew has wrapped up his club volleyball career at Nationals in Edmonton! When asked his favourite sport, Andrew is quick to respond, "Volleyball!" He explains that he loves working with a team to achieve a common goal.

Andrew can also appreciate that other sports allow him to unwind from daily stress, socialize and keep active. His keen interest in sports led him to be involved in a wide variety of teams throughout his time at MSS. In Grade 10, he played on the junior boys' volleyball team, helping them to capture a silver at NSSSA, punching their ticket to NOSSA. They also took silver against Lockerby at NOSSA. He stayed on the court for the following season as he competed on the junior boys' basketball team. In his first year as a senior, he played on the boys' volleyball team again. This time, they took the banner home as the NSSSA champs. They hosted NOSSA and took silver again against L'Horizon. Andrew opted to stay on the court for the following sport season: badminton! As a first year senior, he took on the men's singles category at NSSSA and NOSSA. Following the badminton season, he took on tennis playing in the open men's doubles category. Wrapping up his Grade 11 year, Andrew was selected to captain the U19 Indigenous Team Ontario men's volleyball team! He represented Ontario, competing against other Indigenous teams from across the country as a setter. Andrew recognizes this as a great achievement as the highlight of his high school sports career! Upon his return, he began his final year of high school at Lo-Ellen Park. Andrew transferred back to rep the black and gold one last time for the co-ed volleyball team!

It is not just athletics that Andrew is dedicated to! He puts as much effort into his studies as sports. Other than gym class, Andrew picks Kinesiology as his favourite class. He explains that he loves learning how the human body functions and how to best maintain it. Throughout his years as a Mustang, Andrew has also been involved in RDSB Student Senate, the Athletics Association and Student Council.

Outside of the classroom, Andrew enjoys the outdoors spending his free time swimming, fishing, playing ultimate frisbee, hiking and, of course, playing beach volleyball in the summers. He also has ample experience working in the community at a restaurant, as a clothing store cashier and alongside his grandfather on his farm.

In only a few weeks, Andrew will retire as a Mustang, moving on to the next chapter. Andrew's dedication and hard work helped him to sign with the Centennial College Colts men's volleyball team where he will pursue a Bachelor of Science in nursing through Toronto Metropolitan University. With his attitude and drive, he is sure to excel just as he has at MSS!

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