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CHILDREN'S DECORATION DAY TRIBUTE—Decoration Day, the first Sunday in June at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph, sees the Sudbury District Pipe Band attend the ceremonies as they have done every year since at least the 1930s. The march was on led by Parade Marshall Comrade Ron Steeves. **FOR STORY, MORE PHOTOS, SEE PAGE 5.**

photo by Tom Sasvari

Manitoulin will field U-18 Lady Panther team in 2023-2024

Will play in Northern league

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Panthers hockey organization has announced that it has entered into establishing a new female hockey team that will play in the Ontario Womens Hockey Association (OWHA).

“We will begin the 2023-2024 season with an under 18 (age) team named the Manitoulin Lady Panthers,” a post on the Panthers organizations website May 17 reveals. “We are just as excited to announce that this team will be coached by Kennedy Lanktree. Kennedy brings with her years of coaching experience from house league to AA from boys to girls and many years of playing hockey under the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) and OWHA umbrellas. The Manitoulin Lady Panthers are lucky to have her heading up our first-ever female team.”

“It is very exciting,” stated Ms. Lanktree. “The idea was brought up about having a female team this year and a proposal was made and approved to join the league.”

Tamey Assinewai (president of the Manitoulin Panthers executive) said, “last year we had six girls on an U15 team, and one player had travelled back and forth the year before to North Bay. It has always been hard for young female hockey players on the Island to find a place to play.” The U15 team girls are moving up this year. “And one of the players’ moms said maybe we should be trying to get a girls team started on the Island. So, we decided to

investigate how much interest there was.”

“The interest was huge,” stated Ms. Assinewai. “So we did the work and sent in an application to the OWHA and were approved to join.”

“Kennedy played girls U13 Pee-wee in Sudbury and with the Lady Wolves so she understands how important this is,” said Ms. Assinewai.

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MNRF completes spring fish planting

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has completed its fish stocking program for lakes around Manitoulin Island for this year while the ministry’s Upper Great Lakes Management Unit (UGLMU) is looking at similar stocking numbers for Lake Huron, specifically the North Channel and Georgian Bay this year, although its plans for stocking are still ongoing.

“Lakes that were stocked by the Sudbury district MNRF this past winter and spring included Otter (Whitefish) Lake, Lake Manitou and Tobacco Lake,” said Derrick Luetchford, resource management coordinator of MNRF Sudbury district. “The ministry stocked 1,500 splake into Otter (Whitefish) Lake, with Lake Manitou receiving 41,354 lake trout.

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Island visitors to Nova Scotia evacuated due to forest fires

by Michael Erskine
HALIFAX—When Mindemoya’s Laurie Landry woke up and looked out the window last week, she was greeted by a sky filled with billowing clouds of grey smoke. Ms. Landry is currently visiting her son Jonathan in Nova Scotia, something she does about twice a year. This year will prove to be among the more memorable of visits as a few moments after looking out the window of her son’s home, the provincial emer-

gency alert began sounding on their cellphones.

For the next several days mother, son and Foxy the dog would find themselves displaced into a Red Cross emergency shelter and wondering about the fate of Mr. Landry’s house.

“We were out the door within 15 minutes,” she said. “There wasn’t any time to waste as the fire was very close.”

Ms. Landry and her son joined over 14,000 people who were evacuated

as raging forest fires swept across the province. At last estimates, some 200-plus buildings have been damaged and the fires are far from contained. In fact, with strong winds and no rain relief in sight in the near future, that tally of destruction was expected to rise dramatically in the days to come.

Ms. Landry and her son gathered up Jon’s pet dog Foxy, packed what essentials they could gather in the short time available and set out for the nearest community of Hammond Plains.

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Arson suspected in abandoned house fire on M’Chigeeng FN

Fourth event where arson suspected in four months

by Tom Sasvari
M’CHIGEENG—The suspected cause of another structure fire in M’Chigeeng First Nation last week is suspected to have been caused by arson.

“There was a fire last night (Thursday) in the community, at an abandoned house on Lakeview Drive at Highway 551,” said Andrew Corbiere, acting fire prevention officer for the M’Chigeeng Fire Department. “There was no one inside the house and no one was hurt.”

Mr. Corbiere said the cause of the fire is suspected to be arson, “but we have called the Ontario Fire Marshal and it will be up to them to confirm this.”

One of the reasons the fire is suspected to have been caused by arson is that there was no hydro service in the house.

The M’Chigeeng Fire Department had called in the Central

Manitoulin Fire Department for back up assistance in putting out the blaze.

“We actually got two calls about the fire at the same location,” said Mr. Corbiere. “The first call came in at 10 pm, and we were there fighting the fire until about 12 (midnight). Then we were called back to the location at about 2:30 am and were on the scene until about 3:30 am putting out the fire.”

As was reported in last week’s edition of The Expositor a fire that took place two weeks ago was also suspected of being caused by arson, destroyed a vacant building in M’Chigeeng that belonged to Richard and Miriam Williams, that the Williams family had hoped to turn into an abattoir. The latest blaze last week means there have been four suspicious structure fires in the community over the past four months.



FIRST COMMUNITY POWWOW OF SEASON HUGE SUCCESS—Dancers of all styles make their way around the Aundeck Omni Kaning powwow arena. This powwow has been proclaimed by organizers as the biggest in the powwow’s history. **SEE STORY AND PHOTOS ON PAGE 12.**

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Two students at Charles C. McLean Public School were presented with medals and certificates for their efforts in the provincial Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Literary Contest. James Hartin, a Grade 4 student, placed third in the Legion district H junior poem contest in Onaping Falls. Sydney Cunningham, a Grade 5 student, placed third in the district junior essay division. From left are Jim Woods, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 youth education chair, James Hartin and Sydney Cunningham.

GoFundMe fundraiser initiated for long-time NEMI resident diagnosed with terminal cancer

LITTLE CURRENT—The family of long-time Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) resident and employee Tim Moore is hoping that the Island community will help the family with the expenses as Mr. Moore has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

"I am starting a GoFundMe page to ask for help in supporting my father Tim, who has recently been diagnosed with a terminal cancer," wrote Brittany (Tim's step-daughter, who has initiated the campaign on behalf of her mother Lisa Moore and the family). "Every day we pray for an ounce of good news but are met daily with the reality that his cancer and symptoms are not getting any better. The prognosis was a shock to the family and the time we have left with him is short and precious. We are determined to



A GoFundMe fundraiser has been initiated for long-time NEMI resident Tim Moore, who was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer.

make the most of the time we have left with him."

Mr. Moore is 59 years old and has worked for the town of NEMI

for 25 years.

Brittany wrote, "Tim has always been kind, selfless and dedicated to others his whole life. He has been a loving husband, father and grandfather." Mr. Moore's immediate family includes his wife Lisa, daughter Brittany and granddaughter Hayden (granddaughter). He also has a sister, Lori and his mother Eunice.

Brittany explained, "The cancer has left him in pain and is now growing rapidly and aggressively. My mother is taking time off work to care for him at this time. Treatments are covered, so far, but travel, medical costs and hotel stays are becoming financially stressful to the family."

"I am hoping by making this GoFundMe page, they can receive some needed help and support

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Manitoulin Lodge recognizes valuable efforts of volunteers

GORE BAY—Volunteers of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay were feted with an appreciation event last week.

"Good afternoon. It is great to see everyone on this gorgeous day," said Gloria Hall, activities coordinator of the Manitoulin Lodge at the volunteer appreciation gathering on May 30.

"I want to start off by thanking each and every one for taking the time to volunteer your precious time," said Ms. Hall. "Whether it is with hair care, helping residents to the salon to get their hair done, providing music and song for an entertaining afternoon, helping with bingo-helping residents to find numbers and pictures, ladies' and men's breakfast-a monthly event where volunteers

cook and serve a breakfast for Lodge residents, pastoral care-providing weekly inspirational spiritual services, supper club-a program in the winter where residents help with the preparations and enjoy the fruits of their labours served by the volunteers, Angel bus drivers-who drive our bus to various appointments and outings, Angel bus companions-volunteers who accompany a resident to an appointment, special events volunteers-volunteers who help with monthly special events and days, pet therapy-volunteers who share their pets with us, one to one visitors-volunteers who visit residents, volunteers who help with outings, be it picnics, dress rehearsals, community events etc."

"These are just a few ways that volunteers help. We have a core of volunteers who meet monthly to help plan events," said Ms. Hall. "And residents volunteer as well, helping to fold laundry sometimes, and put out the tablecloths for the dinner tables. And our Lodge staff are volunteers as well. Volunteering encompasses a lot of different people."

"Each and every one is appreciated," said Ms. Hall. "Many of our events wouldn't happen without the help of volunteers. When I call you to help, I always hear 'yes, I can be there'."

"It's hard to come up with adequate words to tell you how much

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Gloria Hall, activities coordinator at the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home speaks on the importance of the volunteers at the Lodge at an appreciation event held last week.

Sheguiandah's Judy Martin receives prestigious award at international quilt show

by Tom Sasvari

SHEGUIANDAH—Sheguiandah quilter Judy Martin has been awarded for one of her works at an international quilting show.

"I received the Handwork Award at Quilt National," said Ms. Martin. She received the award at Quilt National, which opened on Friday, May 26 and will be open for the summer.

"Ned (her husband) took me down for the opening of the show and to receive the award in person for my quilt, 'Under Drifting Stars.'"

"The quilt (91 inches high and 86 inches wide) was entirely hand-stitched," stated Ms. Martin, whose work was selected last fall for the international show. A total of 80 quilts are chosen every year for Quilt National, with 647 entries from 20 different countries, other than the United States, being submitted.

'Under Drifting Stars' describes the feeling you get when you pull the blankets over you at night, you dream, and this quilt is to depict



Sheguiandah quilter Judy Martin is shown with her award-winning quilt 'Under Drifting Stars.'

that, going into that space, privacy, feeling safe and dreaming," said Ms. Martin. This is her fourth Quilt National.

Quilt National 23 is based in Athens, Ohio, in a renovated dairy barn and runs until early

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Former Angel Bus takes on new life as Manor shuttle

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—A former Angel Bus has found a new home at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, now operating as an outing shuttle for the residents of the long-term care facility in Little Current.

"It took me nine years to get this bus," said Julie Omnet, "ever since I first started this has been a dream of mine."

"The board was fully behind this," said Manor Administrator Don Cook. "They quickly realized that this would be a great thing for the residents."

The bus can currently carry up to 10 passengers, noted Ms. Omnet. "I can drive it with a G licence if there are 10 or less if we wanted to take more I would need an F licence. We have three more seats we could put

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Manor administrator Don Cook, left, is joined by residents Jean Pearson, Bill Trainor, activities coordinator Julie Omnet and resident Marie Cranston beside the Manor's new shuttle bus. The new-to-the-Manor vehicle formerly served as the Angel Bus out of Gore Bay.

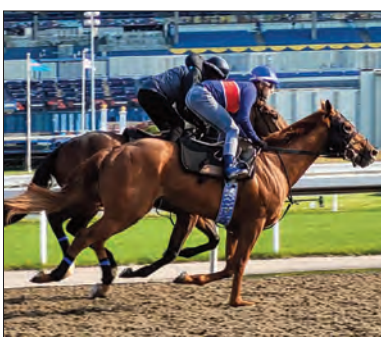
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Racehorse Clive Cross makes his Woodbine debut

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—He got bumped at the starting gate, then he had to endure traffic and getting dirt thrown into his face but even then, Clive didn't give up. And although it wasn't the start that his trainer and owners had hoped for, all of them say that Clive Cross will be okay and will become a good racehorse.

Clive Cross, who is owned by Manitoulin Island friends Steve Doane and Mark Varey, made his long-awaited debut in the world of horse racing on May 27 at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. He was taking part in the maiden option claiming six-furlong race for three



Racehorse Clive Cross, who is owned by two Manitoulin Island men made his racing debut in May. In photo, Clive in foreground, is shown going through a training session.

year olds and up.

"He'll be back," stated Krista Cole-Simpson, Clive's trainer last week. "I thought the way he was working out and his training times that this horse was going to be right there. But at the start of the race, he got bumped and cut off. But that's horse racing."

Ms. Cole-Simpson explained she has been working with Clive since 2022. "Steve and Mark brought him down in July of last year to train. He was with me training from July to November, then out on the farm for the winter and came back in

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Canadians have more in common than what separates us

It must be something in the water.

Any Islander who has experienced tragedy and adversity in their lives, be it from fire, flood or other mishap, has experienced the outflow of hospitality and support coming from their friends, neighbours... and even some of those people they normally don't get along with very well.

Perhaps it's an island thing. The kind of empathy and support experienced by Manitoulin Islanders when faced by adversity is currently being experienced by Islanders visiting fire-ravaged Nova Scotia. But maybe these virtues extend beyond the shores of our island homes—maybe it's actually a Canadian thing, or just the better nature of human beings coming to the fore in times of crisis.

Sadly, we see so much of the negative in this world of ours that it can tend to blind us to the vast amount of good taking place in the world around us.

The recent election in Alberta was something of a tight-run thing, despite the returning majority of the United Conservative Party in that province. The increasing polarization showing up in the polls and on the streets of Canada's most prosperous province has been closely followed by academics during that election, and what they found might prove surprising to many, and hopefully provide a few bridges along the rocky road of divides.

Although electors in that province are staunchly entrenched in their respective tribes, in-depth polling by the boffins at the University of Alberta has uncovered remarkable similarities in both solitudes (read leftward leaning NDP and rightward tipped UPC). Those who identify as being in either camp hold far more similarities in outlook and personal "ideology" than one would expect to see at first blush.

What really divides the members who historically vote for the UPC or NDP is not what those parties stand for in policy or demeanor, the academics report. It isn't so much of a right—left thing, as the bulk of both parties' supporters self-identify as moderate centrist and share a very similar, if not identical, worldview. Yet nearly in lockstep, both exhibit something of a rabid antipathy towards those holding up the other banner (don't let us even consider the traditional centrist party,

the Liberals, echoes of the now ancient National Energy Policy have ingrained a pathological reversion to that label).

In essence, what divides us is what divides us. The labels we have historically attached to ourselves, whether UPC or NDP in Alberta's case, appear to hold far more sway at the ballot box than either party's actual election platform planks. This has an unfortunate side effect.

It has often been said in safe party ridings that "a chihuahua could get elected as a (place partisan affiliation here) in this riding." Unfortunately, when the writ comes down, this leaves party candidates free to appeal to the fringes in the knowledge that their "base" will still be in place come the day after.

All of us, no matter where we identify on the political spectrum, would do well to consider the findings sighted from the heights of the ivory tower. We, all of us, have by far, much more in common than we have dividing us.

This is something that elected politicians at Queen's Park and Ottawa's Parliament have, by and large, long understood. Often striking up lifelong friendships, engaging in social interactions outside of the office or debate floor. As for the rough and tumble of Question Period or the hustings, well, as the late Michael K. Williams character on television's *The Wire* Omar was wont to say, "it's all in the game, brah." Much of a positive nature has been accomplished behind the scenes by dedicated members of all parties, despite their adversarial stances under the glare of the media's gaze. At the end of the day, whether left, right, centrist or an amalgam of all of the above, each serves constituents' needs and in the solutions to those needs can often be found common ground.

As we head into what promises to be a somewhat challenging future, with changing climate-induced crisis, a world teetering on the brink of an unthinkable global conflict and a host of potential personal tragedies, let each of us try to step back from the madness of tribalism and seek to chart a common path, guided by our similarities and not our differences. Given what the Alberta studies have shown, it will be easier than you think.

letters

Military helicopters should assist in fighting some forest fires

A good idea that we should all get behind

To the Expositor:

Due to climate change, forest fires are becoming more of a problem every year. We need to have more resources available to react quickly and effectively. And Canada's military has helicopters that are being used mostly to prepare for war. Although this is a necessary and difficult task, during heavy forest fire season these resources could be better used for fighting the more dangerous and potentially immense forest fires. Helicopters may be used with buckets or belly tanks and other uses. And the skill to do these tasks is similar to military tasks.

A very experienced pilot who also flew water bombers in BC for 10 years, Peter Lauren has tried to convince the federal and provincial government to implement this idea for many years. The governments have given him little or no response. Understandably it will not be easy to accomplish this. The military will be reluctant because they are heavily tasked, understaffed and underfunded. The federal government

will be reluctant because forests are a provincial responsibility. And the provinces are often reluctant to ask for support from the federal government. But perhaps this could be accomplished to work smoothly through the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre.

In order to convince the governments to do this, the public has to contact many different politicians and officials to show support for an idea that is overdue for implementation. As many people as possible have to contact public servants such as the following and tell them to get this done: MP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Minister of Public Safety, federal minister of Natural Resources, Minister of National Defence and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

If we all get together, we can convince our governments to work together a little more to be more efficient and effective.

Fred Trudell

Weengushk students head west on Journey for Knowledge

M'CHIGEENG—The Journey for Knowledge program at Manitoulin Island's Weengushk Film Institute (WFI) saw participants embark June 1 on "an unparalleled and transformative four-week cultural exchange trip across Canada and the US."

Led by two knowledge keepers and an elder, seven youth headed out on an extended road trip westward, starting out from M'Chigeeng with their destination Alert Bay on British Columbia's Pacific Coast. While there, the group will visit the community of Namgis First Nations on Cormorant Island. Along the way, they will make numerous stops at First Nations across the country providing an unprecedented opportunity to discover the many nuances of Indigenous culture and traditions.

"I'm looking forward to walking alongside the many cultures we're going to encounter and to see how our values and beliefs differ," said Presley Meawasige, 26, who hails from Sagamok First Nation. "I can't wait for my mind to be opened to the possibilities we're about to experience."

The WFI contingent will make stops at seven other First Nations communities across Canada, including: The Pays Plat First Nation, an Ojibway community near Rossport northeast of Thunder Bay; Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation near Fort Alexander, along the Winnipeg River in Manitoba; a Metis community in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and Piapot First Nation, a Treaty 4 First Nation in Regina, Saskatchewan.



Film students and knowledge-keepers gather in front of Weengushk before setting out on a cultural exchange.

"They will exchange life experiences with youth from these communities, participate in ceremonies and learn the stories and histories of other cultures," noted WFI publicist Jeremy Katz. "Additionally, they will venture south of the border to visit the White Earth Indian Reserve in Ogema, Minnesota; the Lac Vieux Desert Indian Reserve in Michigan's Upper Peninsula region; and significant sites in South Dakota, including the Wounded Knee Memorial, Crazy Horse Memorial and Dignity of Earth and Sky."

"This unprecedented experience, and inaugural groundbreaking program, sets the tone for connection and reconciliation for all," he continued.

"WFI is a leading Indigenous film and media arts school," said Mr. Katz, noting the educational institute is "proud to have created the transformative Journey for Knowledge pro-

gram, an immersive 10-month land-based learning experience centered around the four pillars of Indigenous culture: food, sharing history, land and language."

The program "recognizes the importance of Indigenous-led education, with elders and knowledge keepers guiding and sharing their wisdom with participants and is accredited through Laurentian University.

"I've seen first-hand the impact the land-based training program has had on our youth," said Dr. Shirley Cheechoo, C.M., WFI founder and executive/artistic director. "They have a willingness to share all this knowledge they have gained from the elders, knowledge keepers, to share with other indigenous communities across this land."

For more information about the 'Journey for Knowledge' program or WFI, readers are invited to visit www.weengushk.ca online.

Decoration Day marks 102nd anniversary of first cenotaph unveiling at Monument Corner

by Tom Sasvari

SPRING BAY—Many people from around the Island took time on a beautiful sunny, warm day to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect the lives and freedom of all Canadians.

“Good afternoon, everyone. It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you here today on behalf of Western Manitoulin Branch 514 and Little Current Branch 177 of the Royal Canadian Legion on this, our 102 anniversary of the unveiling of the first Cenotaph here at Monument Corner and Highway 542,” stated Comrade Jim Woods, of the RCL Branch 514, who was master of ceremonies for the Decoration Day service held this past Sunday.

“They stepped forward as young as 16 to make sure the oppression was not allowed to take from us what our people had worked for and built to make our country what it is,” said Mr. Woods. “Our yearly ceremony is but a small debt we owe them. They gave their all, even their life. I am proud to stand here today as a son of a veteran, for without their sacrifice I would not be able to do this.”

“Our present veterans and service persons keep giving us this opportunity and we owe so much to them as well,” continued Mr. Woods. “I salute them. I have one request to you the public, please never for-



Members of the Royal Canadian Legion and Anavets parade into the Manitoulin District Cenotaph led by the Sergeant Charles A Golden Silver Star Rifle Team and a colour guard.

photos by Tom Sasvari

Gagan, and the Rouse by Comrade Eaton, followed by the Act of Remembrance by Comrade Jim Woods and the rifle salute by the Sergeant Charles A. Golden Rifle Team.

The laying of wreaths ceremony took place with representatives being accompanied by members of the Sea Cadets. Those taking part included: Silver Cross representative Georgina Cada; MP Carol Hughes; MPP Michael Mantha; CAF Comrade Robert Lamb; RCL District H Chaplain Gary MacPherson; Zone H3 representative 1st Deputy Commander Gary MacPherson; Indigenous veterans Audrey Stone; RCL Western Manitoulin second vice-president Beverly Wright; RCL Little Current Branch 177 president Leslie Moore and past president Ruth Eadie; Manitoulin North Shore president Comrade Jim Kiviahoh; Navy League Manitoulin president comrade Bob Jewell; Manitoulin North Shore Naval Veterans first vice-president Comrade Roy Eaton; Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Manitoulin Squadron 348 Commander Sylvain Boucher; Spanish River Chapter 237 Order of Eastern Star Worthy Matron Alice Varey; Sudbury/Manitoulin District Masons of Doric Lodge Keith Legge; Haweater Unit of the Sudbury Shrine Club Noble Bruce Gordon; Sudbury Shrine Club President Sam Khowny and Dick McIvor; International Shrine Day Ambassador

nation and our values, from the Battle of Ridgeway right through to our current missions. We also express our deepest appreciation to their families,” said MP Hughes.

Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin told the gathering, “Each year, many thousands of Canadians take pause and gather to recognize the Allied Invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944. Military leaders, Royal Canadian Legion members, clergy members, and politicians like myself traditionally deliver messages, offering words of thank to those who served or made the ultimate sacrifice. As well, we generally also include a sense of the intense pride Canadians can feel because of our herculean contribution. Canada’s contribution held strong like ship’s anchor rope on that day when the momentum of World War II swung in the Allied Force’s favour. It will forever be remembered as a day of unparalleled unity in Canadian history.”



The Sergeant Charles A. Golden Rifle team delivers a salute to all CAF members.

our children and children to go into CAF. They need our help and we need to build up our armed services.”

Noble Barry Tooley; Manitoulin detachment of the OPP Constable Adam Trux; Municipality of Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens; Bernie Andrews; Keith Flaherty in memory of his father Thomas Flaherty and Barbara Russell Flaherty in memory of her dad Frederick Russell; Comrade Linda Bowerman at the Women’s memorial and CMPS student Bella Ferguson, granddaughter of a World War II veteran.

Mr. Woods thanked the many people who helped organize and put on the ceremony, veterans, the Sudbury and District Pipe and Drum Band, guests and all those in attendance.



Central Manitoulin Public School student Bella Ferguson-Van Horne, along with cadet Rhys Allison lays a wreath at the Manitoulin Cenotaph children’s memorial.



Mayor Richard Stephens lays a wreath on behalf of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin.



Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes paid tribute those who served their country while speaking at the Decoration Day service. Master of ceremonies Comrade Jim Wood is in the background.

get what they did, what they gave and what they still do. I ask you all to please promote remembrance. This is the only way we can pay them back for their sacrifice and commitment to our well being for what we have today. May God bless them.”

Mr. Woods’ statements were made after the parade on the cenotaph grounds, led by Parade Marshall Comrade Ron Steeves.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Joel Lock. After the parade came to attention, the national anthem was led by the Central Manitoulin Public School choir led by teacher Ellen Ferguson.

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing said, “As we mark Decoration Day here today to pay tribute to those who served our country and have been laid to rest here on Manitoulin Island, we remember all Canadians who served and put their lives on the line to defend our



Audrey Stone, assistant to AOK Chief Patsy Corbiere, speaks on behalf of Indigenous people of Manitoulin at Decoration Day.

RCL District H Chaplain Gary MacPherson said both his father and uncle served in the CAF “I look out at the crowd today and I see the wonderful cadets, the police officers and firefighters. We have to encourage



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha recalls the sacrifices of those who liberated Europe.

On behalf of Indigenous people of Manitoulin, Audrey Stone, assistant to Chief Patsy Corbiere of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOK) delivered a message on behalf of Chief Corbiere. “Chief Corbiere sends regrets for not being able to be in attendance here today,” said Ms. Stone. “Thank you inviting me to today’s ceremony. I am very sorry to miss such an important event.”

Chief Corbiere in her letter read by Ms. Stone said that she had selected Ms. Stone who was instrumental in putting together a celebration in AOK for a ceremony and a new wall in AOK which displays the names of veterans in the community and a salute by the AOK rifle team.

“CAF members are ordinary people whose service to their country is extraordinary,” said Ms. Stone.

The Last Post was performed by Comrade Roy Eaton, followed by one minute of silence, the Lament by Pipe Major Stuart



Georgina Cada, the Silver Cross representative, lays a wreath at the Decoration Day service.

Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service brings positive changes and improving community relationships

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is continuing to work toward making some positive changes and improving community relationships as it struggles with being able to provide police services on a 24 hour, seven day a week basis.

“Certainly, our men and women are doing amazing work in the community,” stated Acting Chief of Police Jason Spooner. “Our officers do a tremendous job providing 24/7 safety and security in the community on a wide array of calls for service.”

“We all know the struggles that the police service has gone through over the last little while, but in the three months I have been here I have seen positive changes being made.” He pointed out that he and Acting Staff Sergeant Chris Wesley were seconded by the police service from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).



Kids of all ages lined up for donuts and coffee.



Marie Eshkibok-Trudeau joins Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service Acting Chief of Police Jason Spooner during the Coffee with a Cop event.

“We have focussed on improving our relationship with the community and schools.”

WTPS held a ‘Coffee with a Cop’ promotion on May 23 in conjunction with police week 2023. “This was an event one of my staff had suggested and it was a very successful event,” said Acting Staff Sergeant Spooner. “There must have been 100 people on hand during the day. Officers took visitors on a police cruiser tour, while there was Tim Horton’s coffee, donuts and Timbits on hand, along with freezies for the children.” The event was organized by Crisis responder Raven Manitowabi with the assistance of summer student Sierra Pangowish.

Acting Chief of Police Jason Spooner and Acting Staff Sergeant Chris Wesley were on hand to talk to members of the public

who visited. Acting Sergeants Jamie Shawanda and Michael Deacon were happy to serve a few students and community members as well. Constable Gabriel DiSalvo was available showcasing the police vehicles and ATV to the students.

WTPS will see an increase in officer complement of 14 officers over the next three years. “We have nine openings currently,” said Acting Chief of Police Spooner. He noted it is getting tougher for all police departments to recruit new officers. “At one point there was a lot more interest. We are at a disadvantage on Manitoulin because we are remote, and finding housing can be difficult.”

However, “we now have a police residence that allows off-Island officers, say from Sudbury, to use as accommodations while they are here,” he said. The WTPS is renting this house from the community.

“With this residence we can set up so that our officers who are on patrol can use this house, and we can include in job advertisements that this house is available for officers from other areas to use to serve on the WTPS,” continued Acting Chief of Police Spooner. “So, if an officer is hired from another area but works here and is on a four-day work schedule they don’t have to drive home, they can stay in the house here.

This could become a model effort for recruiting officers in the North, and we feel it should help in increasing the number of officers that apply for a job with our police service.”

“It has been a troubling couple



Gavin Eshkacogan, right, presents an officer with the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service with a bag full of Tim Hortons treats recently. Gavin had purchased the donuts using his own funds.

of years for policing all over,” said Acting Chief of Police Spooner. “Its unfortunate but it’s the reality of the current world we live in. A lot more things are magnified in terms of mental health and drug addiction.”

“Everyone is trying to look out of the box in the area of recruiting,” said Acting Chief of Police Spooner.

Acting Chief of Police Spooner said, “we recently signed a one-year agreement with Ontario and the federal governments for funding. We will reassess where we are in a year and where we want to be.” He said WTPS is looking to start up a crime unit (detectives), and now have a drug enforcement officer community street crime unit. WTPS has a mental health crisis worker and is looking to have a court unit to manage court case files. They are also hoping to add a third special constable and just recently hired a human resources manager.

“Currently we have nine vacancies on our police force,” said Acting Chief of Police Spooner. “Our complement of officers is now 31 after signing the agreement with the governments, and we hope to be hiring nine in the next year.”

“Our priorities over the summer include recruitment, drug enforcement and traffic education and enforcement,” added Acting Chief of Police Spooner.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fermeijer

Turns out that Team Fergmeijer has a real issue with procrastination. We never seem to finish anything. It’s like we have a black belt in the partial arts. In an effort to overcome this, we have started making lists. And instead of calling it a ‘to do’ list, we’ve started writing ‘side quests’ at the top to make it seem more fun and interesting, and man has that not worked at all.

At the time of writing, there is a total fire ban in place in Billings Township due to the dry conditions. Check in with the township for up-to-date information (billingsstp.ca and FB.com/billingstowshipkagawong).

This Sunday! On June 11, Team Aelick will be heading out for the annual Stroll for Liver in Kagawong, and you can join them! The 5km stroll starts at the Park Centre at 11 am and will make its way through the village. You can support Team Aelick and the Liver Foundation by donating online (<https://tinyurl.com/teamAELICK>).

Billings Library has officially announced that their first annual NorthWords festival is coming to Manitoulin on July 21 and 22! NorthWords celebrates all the ways in which we use language. With the support of the Ontario Arts Council, authors Shelley Pearen and Claire Ross Dunn, poet Sophie Ann Edwards, playwright Kirk Dunn and artist Michael Cywink are bringing their creativity to the festival. You can get full details on all the events and featured guests on the festival Facebook page (FB.com/NorthWordsFest) or email NorthWordsFest@gmail.com.

Speaking of authors, our most faithful readers know that yours truly have a cookbook in the works. It has been a definite learning process and although we’ve made a lot of mistakes along the way, adding more cheese than what a recipe calls for has never been one of them.

Happy 29th Birthday wishes go out to Morgan E, Trish T and two Kagawongians who really know how to crack us up. Don’t worry about aging: you only look as old as the last selfie you took!

Candice Irwin of Body Stories Dance Instruction is holding drop-in dance classes for children throughout the month of June at the Kagawong Park Centre. There are opportunities for youth aged 3 and up exploring creative movement and contemporary dance. Classes are \$15 at the door. Check out the Kagawong Facebook page for more information.

Mark-et on your calendars - the first Kagawong market of the summer will be Wednesday, June 28! The market is moving up into the covered rink, colourful cabanas and part of the Park Centre parking lot. Markets will continue throughout the summer on Wednesdays.

Need a last-minute idea when visiting Kagawong? Make the snap-shot decision to visit the vintage camera exhibit at the Old Mill Heritage Centre!

The Manitoulin Tennis Club is up and running for the summer! Players of all ages and abilities are welcome to come out to the courts at Manitoulin Secondary School in M’Chigeeng for fun and fitness Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. First Sunday and Wednesday of

every month there are free lessons for new players! Visit Manitoulin Tennis Club on Facebook for more information.

Rumour has it the Billings Climate Action Committee has some summer plans afoot! Don’t forget to check out their blog at <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/> for regular updates.

It’s shocking to think that someone out there has eaten the most potato chips in the world, and they have no idea of their achievement. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

The card game on Friday night was well attended with five full tables. High lady was Irene Trick with 99 points. High man was Steve Gugelyk with 88 points. Ladies’ lone hands went to Lois Wismer with five. Men’s lone hands went to Bob Benedict with five. Most euchres went to Brenda Carter with 11. The juice went to Diane Jones. The money jar was split between Steve and Irene. Congratulations to both. Those are amazing scores.

After the Sunday morning church service, a group from Meldrum went to Silver Water for their euchre tournament. Although some did well none of our Meldrum Bay people were among them. I did not go but they were telling me that they had a really great time. Everyone was really friendly and more interested in having a good time than in being competitive. I was also told that the lunch was really good.

I have been away in the Sault working with my brother to take care of my aunt’s affairs, who has passed away. It is so good to be back home again. The best part of being away is coming back.

It is very hot and dry and I am sure everyone is hoping for rain.

Have a great week.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday, May 26 we travelled to Meldrum Bay to play euchre. There were five tables. Congratulations to Irene Trick and Steve Gugelyk who split the money jar.

Saturday, May 27 we had a market in our yard in the morning. A lot of yard sale items were sold but there is still plenty more to sell. The UCW ladies have baking, yard sale items, the Best of the West cookbook, Robinson Township history books and more to sell. Doug Carter won the 50/50 draw for a second week in a row.

Saturday afternoon, the recycle bins were open from 1 to 2 pm. We had many households out to empty their containers. Both bins are full and need to be emptied before the next open date of June 12. Thank you to everyone who brought liquor containers. After they are sorted, we will get them turned in for the deposits.

Sunday, May 28 there was a church service in Meldrum Bay and then Silver Water. At 12 noon, there was lunch in

the Community Hall. Eight tables of euchre players stayed for the tournament in the afternoon. The winners were tied. Murray Duncanson and Guy Bigras and DonnaKay McDonald and Joyce McDonald each had the highest score. Mike and Brenda Swank were just two points behind them and won the second prize. There were lots of winners of 50/50 draws and door prizes at the end of the day. Thanks to everyone for coming out.

Monday, we went to play euchre at the Burpee Complex. There were seven-and-a-half tables. They are working on organizing a tournament for June 25 with a potluck supper afterwards. Stay tuned for more details. It would be their last euchre until fall.

Wednesday, May 31 I went to Silver Lake for the first swim of the season. It was a very short swim but nice and refreshing.

Games night started on Wednesday at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Thursday, June 1 I went to the lake and had a longer swim. I was amazed at how much warmer the water felt a day later. I had a visit with David Hill and his partner Annie who were enjoying the water.

Thursday afternoon, the UCW meeting was held at 1:30 pm at the home of Sylvis Pfeifer. There were 15 in attendance, and they have a long list of events planned.

Thursday evening, we had five-and-a-half tables at euchre. Murray Duncanson won the money jar. Thanks to Sara-Lyn Arnot for the homemade loaves of bread for prizes and thanks to the people who donate snacks every week.

There will be a Local Services Board meeting at the Silver Water Community Hall in the basement on Wednesday, June 7.

Saturday, June 10, there will be a ham and scalloped potato dinner at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Saturday, June 17 the UCW is holding their big yard sale in the basement of the Silver Water Community Hall starting at 9 am. There will be muffins and coffee for sale.

Condolences to the family of Danny Braun.

Condolences to the family of William Lloyd.

Condolences to the family of James Howard.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Lillian Greenman spent a few days with Natalie Hayden in Lively last week, also visited Pauline Johnston one afternoon who lives nearby.

Enid Runnalls returned home Thursday from a three-week holiday in Europe with friends. She spent a week in Paris, France, a week in Sweden and a week in Berlin, Germany. She had a great time with all the sights, food, people and all the activities; hiking, bike riding, visiting art museums, a boat cruise and going to a Nordik Spa.

...Sheguiandah's Judy Martin receives prestigious award at international quilt show

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September. After that the show travels for two years.

Quilt National is an exhibition that has been held every second year since the 1970s.

Ms. Martin explained previously, "what makes this show different is that you have to submit a quilt that provides a medium which reflects contemporary life today in the form of a poet/artist. In this case, I sent a large drawing,

painted on cloth with iron water (that has rust particles in it) and the cloth reacts and turns into an ink black colour. I stitched over the dots with embroidery, and you can see the thread on my quilt."

The full drawing is of sky and water with a horizon line dividing the two. The water section dots are embroidered and in the sky section, the dots are outlined.

Ms. Martin was accepted into the Quilt National in 2017 for 'Soft Summer Gone' and won two awards for surface design (using natural goldenrod dyes). "This quilt was purchased by the International Quilt Museum in Nebraska."

...Former Angel Bus takes on new life as Manor shuttle

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in."

Currently, however, there are no plans to expand Ms. Omnet's licence.

While the bus can only carry 10 residents on outings, everyone has an opportunity to get out and about on an outing, taking turns.

"This bus really makes a difference for our residents," said Ms. Omnet, who noted having access to the bus will relieve pressure on the activities budget. Previously, the Manor would hire a bus from a local company, which not only proved to be expensive, but also created scheduling issues, as the bus company wanted to either shut down the service during the summer months or the Manor would have to commit to a certain number of outings through the period.

"The summer is when I really need the bus," noted Ms. Omnet. "That's when we can get out the most." Renting a bus for the number of times the bus company needed to be able to supply the service would have put too large a strain on the vehicle. "The bus company was really great to us,"

said Ms. Omnet, but the number of rentals needed simply wasn't in the cards.

Enter the news that Gore Bay's Angel Bus group was getting a new vehicle.

"I called up to find out how much it would cost to purchase the old Angel Bus," said Ms. Omnet. "They already had an offer, but when they discovered why we wanted it, they said they would rather sell it to us." In fact, the Angel Bus operators even came down quite a bit in the asking price.

"We have been very fortunate to have generous donors," said Ms. Omnet. "We will be continuing to raise funds to help operate the bus."

The plan, explains Mr. Cook, is to sell advertising space on the bus. "For, say, a thousand dollars a year, we print out your banner and place it on the bus." Mr. Cook explained that the hope is to not cut into the Tree of Lights or other fundraising efforts.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the bus are advised to contact Mr. Cook at Manitoulin Centennial Manor to work out the details.

...Manitoulin Lodge recognizes valuable efforts of volunteers

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your support means. You are all hard working, unique and selfless individuals who make such an unforgettable difference to

positive energy to whatever you are doing. You have a heart of gold."

"If gratitude is worth millions, then you are a billionaire," stated Ms. Hall.

ask for rewards, but we hope our tokens of appreciation will be a reward for you just the same. Make sure to take one home with you," said Ms. Hall. "Volun-

event," said Ms. Hall. "Residents and staff thank and appreciate everything you do. Please enjoy the snacks we have provided."

"We here at the Manitoulin Lodge are so fortunate to have all of you here, who provide so much time and make a difference in the lives of the residents," added Ms. Hall.



Volunteers of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home were feted at a volunteer appreciation event last week.

many," continued Ms. Hall. "Thank you for your energy and passion you give to the residents and Manitoulin Lodge."

Ms. Hall said as volunteers, "You are remarkable human beings with a big heart for others. You bring

"Thank you for all the priceless work you do as a volunteer. Kind-hearted and dedicated volunteers, you've shown a great example to us, and we want you to know just how appreciated all of you are."

"I know volunteers don't

teers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart and make it work."

The gathering of volunteers, residents and Lodge staff members then took part in singing several songs, included 'Bye Bye Blackbird,' 'Catch A Falling Star,' 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands,' and others.

"We would like to thank everyone for coming out today for this appreciation

MP Hughes calls for fair bargaining for First Nations and UCCM policing

OTTAWA—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) called on the federal government to restore funding to three First Nation police services, including the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services, in the House of Commons on May 29.

"As of March 31, funding has stopped flowing to Treaty Three, Anishinabek Police Service and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services," said MP Hughes. She asked the federal government to do its part to restore funding to the three First Nations police services who have had their funding cut by the federal government. Under the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program (FNIPP), Indigenous policing contracts are funded through tripartite agreements between the federal government, provincial or territorial governments, and First Nation or Inuit communities.

"Police services under the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program, unlike other policing services, are under threat because of contract imposition instead of fair negotiations," said MP Hughes. "An expedited judicial order against the federal government has been filed just to

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from friends and family," wrote Brittany. "We are grateful for any amount that is contributed, big or small or even just a share. Please send prayers for this difficult time as well. No one should have to go through this diagnosis alone, and with your help, we can make sure that Tim receives the care and support he deserves."

A fundraising goal of \$15,000 has been set. "About \$8,300 has been raised so far (as of May 31)," said Brittany.

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Blue Sky Net says rural, urban digital divide remains strong

by Tom Sasvari

NORTH BAY—There is a significant digital divide between rural and remote communities and large urban centres for high quality internet access. That was one of the findings in a recent report by federal Auditor General Karen Hogan. A study by Blue Sky Net backs up those findings.

Ontario communities, 187 had populations under 1,000 and only 41 of these communities had at least 50 percent of their households able to access 50/10 Mbps internet.

Blue Sky Net has been partnering with the Canadian Internet Registration Authority (CIRA) to conduct speed tests throughout Northern Ontario to better

household coverage,” said Ms. Church, reading from the report.

The report outlines, “As shown in the by-district year-by-year glance at Northern Ontario speed tests, there has been a drastic improvement between the years 2020 and 2022/2023.”

Key considerations during this time period include

eral government currently states that as of 2021, 91 percent of Canadian households had access to fixed high-speed internet, the recent report by Auditor General Hogan found that there was a significant digital divide between rural and remote communities and large urban centres.

The federal and provincial governments have made financial contributions pursuant to realizing these broadband access targets and to date, there are 73 projects throughout Northern Ontario in varying states of planning, construction and completion. These 73 projects represent projects from the Universal Broadband Fund and the Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program.

However, Ms. Church said, “We have never heard an update on the announced projects in July 2021. We’ve never heard an update.”

“We know areas like Manitoulin Island are

underserved,” said Ms. Church. “As ongoing studies try to move the yardstick along for Manitoulin Island, we need to hear from the elected officials as to what is happening. The federal and Ontario government announced this big project in 2021, and (there

has been) no update since. There has been absolutely nothing done since the report. No news isn’t necessarily good.”

Blue Sky Net recognizes that high-speed broadband is not a “one solution fixes all” landscape and that “a

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The Auditor General found that rural and remote communities were currently at 59.5 percent high-speed internet access. Similarly, using the latest available data from the federal government, Blue Sky Net found that of the 285 Northern Ontario communities, only 74 had at least 50 percent of their households able to access 50/10 Mbps fixed high-speed internet. Of those 74 communities, only 47 had at least 75 percent of households accessing 50/10 Mbps internet.

Blue Sky’s study also found that smaller communities in Northern Ontario felt this impact the most. According to Census Canada, of the 285 Northern

communities, 187 had populations under 1,000 and only 41 of these communities had at least 50 percent of their households able to access 50/10 Mbps internet. Although these speed tests can also be taken by cell phone and satellite internet users, this shows a somewhat positive trend toward improved broadband access in Northern Ontario.

“What it looks like for Manitoulin Island? Nothing different from the last time we did a study of broadband in Northern Ontario,” said Susan Church of Blue Sky Net. “With the exception of Gore Bay’s new entrance from Leapfrog, the Island is still very underserved.”

For broadband access in the Manitoulin District, “There are 17 communities with only one, Gore Bay, with at least 50 percent

of their households able to access 50/10 Mbps internet. Between 2020 and 2022, 31,895 speed tests were recorded; throughout that time, the media speed test result improved from a 4.99 Mbps (download speed) to 20.21 Mbps in 2022. Although these speed tests can also be taken by cell phone and satellite internet users, this shows a somewhat positive trend toward improved broadband access in Northern Ontario.

Both the federal government of Canada and Ontario’s provincial government understand the importance of high-quality internet access. In fact, both have set a target for 50/10 Mbps internet access speed. The federal government is aiming for every household by 2030 and the province of Ontario for every Ontario household by 2025. Although the fed-

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...continued from page 7 get basic core funding back. There is deep concern about increasing crime rates, which puts the safety of First Nations communities at risk.”

Treaty Three Police Service, Anishinabek Police Service and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service have not accepted an imposed contract as it does not respond to the dire needs that they are experiencing within First Nation communities. This has resulted in funding being cut since March 31, 2022, said MP Hughes.

“The Crown has a legal obligation to ensure First Nation policing is an essential service, negotiated based on identified needs and funded at a standard comparable to non-Indigenous communities,” said MP Hughes. “Let’s not repeat the mistakes of our colonial past. Let’s ensure these Indigenous police services immediately have the resources and specialized training they require to better protect their communities. They need a fair contract with clear terms of references and adequate funding now.”

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Annual Mother’s Day Luncheon and Bazaar held on Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Our Auxiliary Raffle Draw was as follows:

- First Prize**
Queen size quilt (in memory of Adam McDonald) Mark Munro, Kagawong.
- Second Prize**
Queen size quilt by Island Quilters, Sharon McMullan, Mindemoya.
- Third Prize**
Queen size sunflower afghan (in memory of Adam McDonald) Caroline Haines, Little Current.
- Fourth Prize**
Signed Auston Matthews Jersey, won by Kathy Blanchard, Worthington.
- Fifth Prize**
Framed Shanaham Jersey, won by Jeremy Gordon, Mindemoya.
- Sixth Prize**
Lap Afghan by Aggie Cuthbertson, won by Barb Brethat, Mindemoya.

Thank you Margaret Cadieux, President and all of our Auxiliary members.



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Join us via Zoom by using the following:
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Our Council meetings are held on the First and Third Tuesday and Thursdays of the month.
For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca

Property Standards

In order to keep our town beautiful, we are requesting that all property owners maintain their properties in a neighbour friendly state.
As per our bylaw, all grass must be cut by June 15 if voluntary compliance is not achieved the Town will have the lot cut and all charges will be added to your tax roll.

McLean’s Mountain Fund

Organizations within the Municipality are encouraged to submit a request for funding to the McLeans Mountain Fund for financial support to enhance your community group.

What’s Happening at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah

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...Island visitors to Nova Scotia evacuated due to forest fires

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"We wound up travelling down a bush road, well, you couldn't even really call it a road, the car was bottom out all the time," she said. "We were directed down there as the main Route Hammond's Road was packed. Normally, there is a chain across the trail to keep out the ATVs, but somebody, I'm guessing an emergency worker, had cut the chain."

Everyone was tense given the emergency situation, but Foxy was especially anxious. "We were all bouncing around inside the car and we couldn't open the windows because of the thick smoke. It was really jarring."

The refugees arrived at the nearest hamlet, Hammond's Plains, but that community is too small to have much in the way of emergency shelter.

The Red Cross has put in place emergency accommodation at Halifax's Canada Games Centre and Ms. Landry spent the night, like hundreds of other refugees, sleeping on a cot. Foxy had other arrangements in another area of the sports complex. "Pets couldn't stay with their owners," explained Ms. Landry. "Some people are afraid of dogs, and a few are allergic."

When it comes to evacuated from their son's home in Nova Scotia while visiting from Mindemoya.

"People have been amazing," said Ms. Landry. "The Red Cross is helping out people with all kinds of food, clothing and other necessities."

Foxy is also being kept comfortable. "Foxy is in another area with kennels and there are toys and a couple of people looking after

them, feeding them and taking them for walks."

The hardest part of the ordeal at this point for Ms. Landry and her son was not knowing the status of his house. Given the rapidity of the blaze's spread and the dense smoke that enveloped them as they left the area, their anxiety is not at all

knowing that there is still a home to return to.

Holly Scott of Mindemoya is also in Nova Scotia visiting her daughter Leah and the new baby, and she described the incredible level of hospitality being exhibited by Nova Scotians toward their refugee neighbours.

in a heartbeat.

With more time to consider choices, Ms. Scott describes the eerie feeling of having to decide what to take and what to leave behind in an evacuation. "There is identification, of course, but when it comes down to it, you realize how little you need to take with

similarities between Nova Scotia islanders and those of Manitoulin—especially in the realm of hospitality and the drive to help those

displaced by the fires. "People have been amazing," she said. "It is the same kind of hospitality we see on Manitoulin Island."



Before the evacuation order, Laurie Landry captured thick smoke from the wildfires headed their way.



Laurie Landry and Jonathan Mallette were evacuated from their son's home in Nova Scotia while visiting from Mindemoya.

unfounded.

Thankfully, Ms. Landry is reporting that local firefighters have since provided photographs of the house showing that it has passed through the ordeal unscathed. Her son has moved into a cottage and it will likely be a week or so before he can return to his house, there is comfort in

"People were really quick to take on doing what they can, filling in and watching each other's backs," she told The Expositor. Ms. Scott is visiting family not far away from where the fires are raging. "We are waiting for the call to be evacuated. We know it may be coming."

"The skies are grey with smoke," reported Ms. Scott. Strong winds continue to fan the fires and there were concerns that, although the forest fires were still 10 kilometres away, the unpredictable shifts in the winds could change the fire's direction

you." With a new baby in the family (a large part of the reason for the trip), diapers and baby bottles figure large in those decisions.

Leah's husband Michael is a pilot, away a fair bit, and Ms. Scott was there to help with the children.

Ms. Scott noted the many

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Ms. Assinewai said the Panthers executive will be meeting with OWSHA league officials this week. "We will be in the B division, the same division as the (Panther) boys (teams). But Kennedy hopes to have the team in a tournament in early September to see if being in the B division is a good fit for the team. If not, we can apply to join the league A division."

"It is very exciting," stated Ms. Assinewai.

"This will be the sixth year I have been coaching," said Ms. Lanktree. "I have coached in house league, Sudbury one year and now a local girls hockey team. When I was growing up I had to go to Sudbury many years to play hockey, then the Ice Angels team was created."

"It is huge that we now



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have a Panthers ladies' team," said Ms. Lanktree. She pointed out tryouts for the team were held the last weekend in May, with players from Manitoulin, Espanola and Sudbury taking part. Ms. Lanktree will share the coaching duties with assistant coaches Scott Hughson and Sonya Stencell, while Marcie Hughson will be the team

manager.

The team roster includes goalies Izzy Hughson and Ciera Sokolski, and players Aaliyah Osawamick, Hope Eshkibok, Gracie Gibson, Emery Watson, Abbie Heinz, Ali Laginski, Shaye Ominika, Zahara Dube, Tessa Prior, Ava Corbiere, Paungbiisohn Trudeau, Nelly Toulouse Abitong, Zaagaasge Toulouse, and Kara Peltier.

A new team logo is being designed and the logo and team jerseys will be revealed soon.

"We are all super excited; hopefully all goes well and the season will be a success and the team will be in place for many years into the future," said Ms. Lanktree.

It is anticipated the team will play in the Northern Ontario league.

...completes spring fish planting

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Tobacco Lake is scheduled to receive 5,000 walleye later this summer."

Ronald Green of the UGLMU told the Expositor in an email, "Lake Huron, specifically the North Channel and Georgian Bay had the following fish stocked in 2022: 1,036,524 lake trout, 165,547 rainbow trout, 166,413 brown trout, 159,794 chinook salmon and 65,000 walleye. Plans for stocking in 2023 are similar to 2022 and are currently ongoing."

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Friends of Manitoulin Turtles calls on public to report turtle sightings

MANITOWANING—A spokesperson for the Friends of Manitoulin Turtles (FMT) group says local residents should not be discouraged that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and a team of biologists don't feel that there is enough turtle activity on two areas of highways in Assiginack township to warrant signage alerting drivers of turtles crossing.

"People should not be discouraged," a spokesperson for FMT (who wished to remain anonymous) told The Expositor last Friday. "The MTO has a lot more hurdles to go through to get this type of action taken than municipalities. There is a turtle crossing sign on Highway 540 at Ice Lake."



Friends of Manitoulin Turtles is hoping to raise funds for turtle crossing signs.

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The spokesperson said, "our ad hoc group is collecting documentation as the whole Island for turtles. We are starting to collect information where turtles have been seen and will continue to collect information and are asking for the public's assistance on this."

"We will collect information on dates, the observer's name and places that they

have seen turtles," said the FMT spokesperson. She pointed out the Friends group started earlier this year, "and we are asking for members of the public, locals and visitors to the Island to email us their sightings of turtles and locations. For instance, if a turtle is seen 600 metres

south of High Falls. And we would like this information in relation to any road on Manitoulin Island."

"We know the cost of signage is very high, and we may in the future fundraise for this," said the FMT spokesperson. "But our first step is to have people send us an email with infor-

mation on where turtles have been seen, date they were seen and the observers name to island-turtles@yahoo.com

As was reported in last week's edition of The Expositor, at the urging of at least one Assiginack resident and township councillor Jennifer Hooper, the

MTO said it would conduct a site visit to review the locations where turtles are dangerously crossing the highway (and in some cases getting run over by passing vehicles) to see if some kind of public notification can be put in place.

Councillor Hooper said the local resident had indicated two locations where turtles are crossing the highway, one is right before Highway 6 and the rock cut just past Manitowaning Mill and at Ivy Lane to Queen Street.

Councillor Hooper said last Thursday evening, "as promised, the MTO representative and a team of biologists came today to do an assessment of the areas of concern. They have very strict criteria they have to follow, for many reasons. Unfortunately, they did not find enough indicators of turtle activity to warrant signage. They did, however, direct me to an app called "inaturalist" which enables the average person to connect with an online discussion group for identification and tracking of all forms of wildlife. In this way, we can keep track of turtle activity. If we discover endangered turtles, such

as Blandings, are using the area to cross, that may call for further action on their part."

The FMT spokesperson said, "we are always looking for more members to join our group, and they can indicate this by contacting us on our email."



Assiginack passes zero percent increase budget

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—As has been the case for many years, Assiginack Township council has passed a zero percent municipal budget increase for the year.

"When was the last time there was an increase (in the municipal tax rate budget)," asked Councillor Rob Maguire at a meeting last week.

"We think it has been at least nine years," said Alton Hobbs, township deputy clerk. "We didn't have an increase in the tax rates during the previous term of council and the term before that."

While confirming that the municipal budget for this year is for a zero percent increase, Mayor Brenda Reid said many projects are still moving forward.

"One change we made is that we are tendering out for having half of the roads resurfaced this year, and then in three years we will have the other half of the township roads resurfaced," said Mayor Reid. "This will mean basically three times the normal amount of roads will be resurfaced."

The budget includes the rebuilding of the current salt shed building at the public works building, finishing the High Falls bridge area with landscaping, picnic tables and a ramp to the bridge. As well, the Pioneer Home museum needs new cedar shakes and a small storage building. The township is putting money into the budget for work to be done on either, and the museum board will decide which project will go ahead this year.

"We are putting money into renovating the entrance to the landfill (that will allow for both an entrance and exit)," said Mayor Reid. The township is purchasing a new plow truck for public works that will be paid off over five years, and street lines will be repainted.

Engineering cost funding of \$60,000 has been put in the budget for possible use at the arena or other places in the township, with final decisions on where this will be used to be made.

Council is also striking a new parks and recreation committee this year, the first time such a committee will

be in place in Assiginack in several years. "The committee will include two councillors, and we are putting out a request for three other people to join the committee," said Mayor Reid.

"We are putting in funds for new equipment, one being to replace the motor in our public works department Branson tractor, and (\$5,000 out of reserves) for repair of the stairs to the marina (beside the municipal office)," continued Mayor Reid. Funds of about \$40,000 have been taken out of township reserves for repairs of some of the docks at the marina, and the solar panels on the public works garage will be replaced. "We are also

looking to put up a columbarium at the cemetery. We may also use funds for access to the cenotaph and if not this year, then it will go into next years budget," said Mayor Reid. "We have also started a reserve (fund) for a (new) chiller and brine pump at the arena."

"We also have a grant of \$81,000 a year over five years to rehabilitation of infrastructure affected by resource development in the township," said Mayor Reid.

"We have added \$30,000 toward gravel work this year, with another \$15,000 towards ditching," said Mayor Reid, who pointed out it will be up to the township roads superintendent which roads this work will be carried out on.

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Expositor correction

The front-page story 'Billings Twp. latest municipality to enact citizen code of conduct' contained a factual error. The story indicated that Central Manitoulin had also previously enacted a code of conduct for citizens. It had not. Council had discussed such a bylaw but had, in the end, decided not to implement such a bylaw—relying instead on the municipal procedural bylaw. The Expositor regrets any inconvenience the error may have caused.

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Wiikwemkoong hosts energy symposium with eye to the future

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—The Wiikwemkoong arena hosted a two-day Energy Symposium May 24-25 that saw expert presenters from the community, Hydro One and a host of communities across the region, various consultants and green energy companies provide informative and detailed presentations on all aspects of energy planning and impacts.

“We are informing the community about where we are at with the energy plan, the projects completed, what they said they were going to do with the energy plan in previous years,” said Energy Community Champion Sioux Manitowabi “Get the community fully engaged on how we have to plan for climate change, how we have to modernize. How we have to push to use our sovereignty and how we use that sovereignty with our projects and infrastructure to make life more comfortable for members of the community.”

“We are Anishinaabek people, we have utilized the land, the land is becoming vulnerable, and we need to plan where we put our infrastructure,” he said. “There are things we need to start looking at. These are just the first steps of opening discussions. We need to let elders know we are using traditional knowledge as part of those discussions.”

Mr. Manitowabi pointed



Dr. David Pearson, professor emeritus of Natural Sciences at Laurentian University, provides an overview of how climate change will impact the weather and what those impacts hold in store for communities. Spoiler alert, it isn't just about warmer weather, as changes to the jet stream will mean unseasonable colder weather for many.

photos by Michael Erskine

out that Wiikwemkoong is at the forefront of biomass utilization and solar micro-grids are already well-installed in the community. The symposium also allowed for learning about the best practices taking place in other communities across the North. “We are looking to work with Indigenous groups and non-Indigenous groups.”

Emeritus professor of Natural Sciences at Lau-

rentian University Dr. David Pearson delivered a presentation on the insight he has gained from visiting numerous communities across the North, providing visual examples of the impacts that climate change is already having on those communities and the vital importance of taking steps now to help deal with those impacts into the future.

Unlike some climate sci-

entists and activists who eschew discussion of planning for the inevitable impacts of climate change on the grounds that such discussions will take away from actions to combat those changes, Dr. Pearson notes that those changes are already upon us and the danger presented by flooding and other consequences of rising temperatures, especially in remote Northern communities are dire.

Some of those impacts are not intuitive. Dr. Pearson gave the example of the water from melting snow in communities that do not typically have ditches to direct water away from homes and buildings settling in crawl spaces where it encourages mould and other health hazards. Communication is the first step in planning to deal with the unfamiliar issues engendered by climate change impacts, he notes.

“It’s enormously important that people talk to each other, from different communities and in this case the satellite communities within the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory,” said Dr. Pearson.

Across the two days attendees at the conference heard from Community Energy Champions Gina Simon (Michipicoten), Alyssa Warren (Georgina Island) and Ryan McGregor (Whitefish River); a solar energy boat project from Mitch

Souliere; Wiikwemkoong Housing Developments, Future Planning and Infrastructure from Housing Manager Russel Pitawanakwat; Public Works Infrastructure, Program Overview and Landfill Improvements from Public Works Manager Norm Assinewai; Community infrastructure and Energy from William Assinewai, Community Energy Plan from the CIPS Group; Micro Green Energy from Lewis Redford; VORTEX—EV Technology and Battery Backup Systems from a company representative; and Agricul-

ture in Wiikwemkoong from Anette Peltier.

Attendee Tabitha Peltier was the happy winner of a solar powered cell phone charger and said that she found the symposium extremely enlightening and well-worth the effort to attend even without her prize.

All of the presentations will be available for access online thanks to the efforts of Ashley Manitowabi and his company Galloping Horse Productions by searching @gallopinghorse3380 on YouTube.

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AOK celebrates its 31st annual Jiingtamok—‘Remember, Connect and Revive’

by Michael Erskine
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Driving into the parking area of the Aundeck Omni Kaning powwow grounds this past week, one is struck by the vast number of vehicles lining the roads and filling the newly expanded parking lots to the brim. This year the Jiingtamok, themed ‘Remember, Connect and Revive,’ was blessed with record numbers of attendees, vendors and dancers.

Host drum Blacklodge Singers travelled all the way from Washington, DC, and proved to be a significant draw to the event, with co-hosts Young Bisineh being no slouches on the drum either.

Mista Wasis provided master of ceremonies duties, with the redoubtable Robert Stoney-point acting as arena director. Head dancers were



Hannah knows it just isn't a powwow without a glass of lemonade.

Mike Ramsdin and Mariah Abotossaway and junior dancers were Lusian Behm and Chantal Atkinson.

Despite some threats of rain, the weekend remained dry, although smoke from the raging forest fires



Blacklodge Singers were a major draw to this year's record-setting attendance at the Aundeck Omni Kaning Jiingtamok.

across the North Shore proved challenging for those with allergies or asthma. Unfortunately, the fire ban imposed across the Island and Northeastern Ontario led to cancellation



Certified tattooist and body piercer, Anishinaabe kwe, social worker, social justice advocate, art-based peer engagement facilitator, the one and only Crystal Kimewon works on Mason.



Vendor Roger Madahbee of Sagamok displays his wares.

of the planned fireworks.

The powwow began with a sunrise ceremony at dawn at the sacred fire, with grand entry taking place at 12 pm-ish and 7 pm on Saturday and 12 pm on Sunday.

“Welcome to our community,” said Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere as she carried the

photos by Michael Erskine
 community flag to its posting alongside of the arbour. “We hope you all enjoy yourselves today and tomorrow.”

Powwow coordinator Mandy McGraw said she was grateful to her powwow committee members,



Powwow traditional men's dancers artist Melvin Madahbee and retired political operative Pat Madahbee wait for the grand entry to begin.

Vanessa Nebesnuik, Beverly Wilson and Mariah Abotossaway for their efforts. For Ms. McGraw and her team organizing the powwow is a work of passion—all done as volunteer effort.

“We have had some great sponsors this year,” noted Ms. McGraw, especially Cole Munro, which donated not only the water and ice,

Charles Golden Silver Star Rifle Team provided a 21-gun salute. The rifle team has been adopted by Aundeck Omni Kaning as its base community. Comrade Roy Eaton did honours on the bugle for the ‘Last Post’ and ‘Reveille.’ Veteran Wayne Golden, founder of the rifle team, directed the team in its observances.

A family of visitors from



Jimmy Mayhew and Nathan Stephens enjoy some traditional powwow fare.



This jingle dress dancer shows the dance moves to her young charge.

but provided the fish for the feast. “I also have to thank chief and council,” she said. “As well as Noojmowin Teg and Mnaamodzawin for their support. These things matter,” she said.

As part of the powwow veterans’ greeting, the veterans of the Sgt.

Mississauga who were taking in their first powwow said it all with their bright and broad smiles.

The powwow provided an opportunity for old friends to catch up, and for the making of new acquaintances.



Visitors from Mississauga, Nikita Aaron Savin and Vinaya were all smiles at their first powwow.

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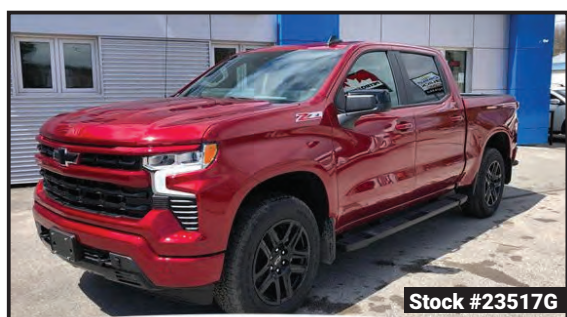
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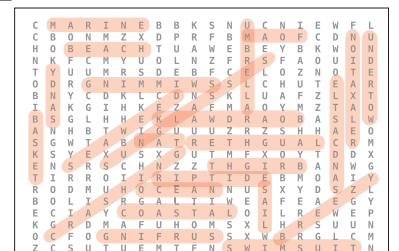
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Manitoulin Metal Robotics #6865 fete donors, sponsors at appreciation dinner

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Members of the Manitoulin Metal Robots #6865 team took the opportunity last week to thank the many amazing supporters, donors and sponsors that helped them raise \$50,000 for the team to take part in and win a Robotics World Championship FIRST Impact Award in Houston, Texas this spring.

“We are here to show our appreciation for all those who supported the team, showcase and provide highlights of the season, and to hear the FIRST Impact Award finalist presentation,” said Yana Bauer, a mentor of the MSS team at a community appreciation dinner hosted by the team, parents and school last Thursday. The event included the dinner for all supporters, a chance to meet the team and ‘Bumble Bee’ the robot (including a demonstration), interactive activities, presentations and a silent auction.

“We are very proud and humbled by the accomplishments of this team,” said Ms. Bauer. “It was an incredible year, and it is thanks to the team and to all of you who helped support the team. We would not have been able to go anywhere near where we did without all of your support. There was the jaw dropping success in the fundraising campaign, and all the encouragement, love and financial support the team



From left, MSS students Jocelyn Kuntsi, Alex Wilson-Zegil, and robotics team drive members Ryan Kuntsi and Nevaeh Harper present a demonstration of the team robot ‘Bumble Bee’ at a Manitoulin Metal robotics community appreciation dinner event.

received.”

A special gift was presented to Helen Siksek who along with her husband splits time living in Kagawong in the summer and Dallas, Texas the rest of the year. She was one of the many unsung heroes who helped support the team. She was in Dallas when she read about the MSS team having qualified to compete in Houston at the Worlds in this newspaper, and she sprung into action deciding she had to be travel to Houston, getting in touch with Ms. Bauer and volunteered her support with driving

the team back and forth from their hotel to the competition site and back, using her car, running errands, and made a mini-kitchen in her hotel room so she could make sandwiches every night, with snack bags and a water bottle for all members of the team every morning as they participated in the competition.

“Helen was such an amazing supporter of the team,” said Jocelyn Kuntsi, co-captain of the MSS team. “We all love Helen.”

Members of the team got up on the MSS stage and

introduced themselves before talking about and showing by way of video and photographs their journey through the first competition of the season in North Bay, the McMaster University Robotics championship, the provincials also held in Hamilton and the World Championship.

Three students, Alex Wilson-Zegil, a Grade 10 student, Grade 9 student Addy Gray and Grade 12 student Jocelyn Kuntsi then presented the Impact Award speech that helped the team win the First

Impact Award Finalist award.

“Picture this, we’re driving down the windy road to Sheshegwaning, a small First Nation on Manitoulin Island. Surrounded by thick, green trees, 20 kilometres of the same thing. Two roads diverged in the woods, and that’s when our bus driver turns around and asks us, ‘does anyone know which way we go?’”

“Did you know you can download maps to use offline? Yeah, we did not do that,” the students said. “Someone from the back said go left, so we did. Twen-

ty nail-biting minutes later, we arrived at St. Joseph’s Anishinaabek Elementary School. We were greeted by a gym full of excited students, and an ever more excited principal who later explained that they rarely get presenters because of their remote location.”

“Despite the road bump, we made it. You know, we definitely could have used a map. As a team, we have lots of goals to work towards. Sometimes it’s small, like driving to an elementary school, but usually

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to William Scott of Mindemoya, Ontario, who after completing his Honours Degree in Earth Sciences, finalized his Masters of Paleontology (Laurentian University) on May 17, 2023.

He defended his thesis entitled

BIOSTRATIGRAPHY OF THE SEKWI AND ROCKSLIDE FORMATIONS (LOWER TO MIDDLE CAMBRIAN; WRIGLEY LAKE AND SEKWI MOUNTAIN AREAS; NTS 95M AND 105P, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, CANADA): IMPLICATIONS FOR BASIN DEVELOPMENT AND REGIONAL CORRELATION with passion, ease and deep knowledge. We wish you the best of success in your next chosen path William!

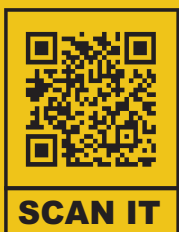
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...Racehorse Clive Cross makes his Woodbine racetrack debut

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Ms. Cole-Simpson, who was featured in the Canadian Thoroughbred magazine in February in a story titled, 'Krista Cole-Simpson: On Her Way to the Top' told The Expositor, "I grew up my whole life riding horses. When I was in my teens living on the east coast, I worked with standard bred and quarter horses. When I moved to Ontario I started to work with thoroughbreds and quarter horses."

Mr. Doane said Clive "could not have a much worse start. And being that it was a short six-furlong race and being so far behind at the start his jockey Leo Salles told us he thought at the time, "I'm going to educate him. So, he took him into traffic where he got dirt thrown in his face and then he took him outside the other horses where he started to make a good move. If he had a better start who knows? His jockey and trainer are certainly still optimistic about Clive. They see something in him and so do we."

"Keep in mind as well this was Clive's first race and there was so much he has never had to deal with before, like seeing a big

crowd, being in the paddock and racing with 12 horses," said Mr. Doane.

"Clive's jockey was very impressed with him and how he tried to fight back and said that he could have beat this class of horses. It's sad what happened at the start but that's racing," said

Mr. Varey said Clive could race again in the next month or so if he is healthy. "And if he stays healthy I can see him racing six more times this year. Clive is in great shape and should be able to handle it."

"I'm positive about his future, I'm not going to give

"He will be fine. He came up a little hyper the last couple of days with the look of what just happened? He is certainly wide-eyed now," she quipped. "Clive will be back."

As evidence of how highly Ms. Cole-Simpson thinks of Clive, in the article in

year-old Clive Cross, named for the late Dave Cross, Jr. for new owners Mark Varey and Steve Doane of Manitoulin Island. Clive Cross is another son of Reload."

"In horse racing you need luck," stated Ms. Cole-Simp-

son. "You can have the best horse, but you still need luck. What happened at the start of the race is the type of thing that happens, but it isn't the horse's fault."



Clive's jockey gets him into position in the chute at Woodbine in his maiden race. Notice the jockey's special Manitoulin-themed jersey.

Mr. Varey. "Do we still have hope in him? Oh yeah. I saw him in his training sessions, he is a fast horse and could have beat the winner of this race time if he had got off to a good start."

up on him. This was the first race of his career, and he has never run along with more than three horses before," said Mr. Varey. "His jockey took him in and out of traffic and when he took him on the outside and asked him to go Clive did. His jockey said 'don't count him out, his results the next time will be a hell of a lot better.'"

"This is all a learning curve for Steve and I," said Mr. Varey. "But we are definitely not giving up on Clive. We will see what happens next time he races. People have not seen what Clive is capable of. Sunday just wasn't his day."

Ms. Cole-Simpson said Clive, "is a good-looking colt, a little pushy sometimes, but he's not mean, he would never hurt you. He's got those big chipmunk cheeks which is cute. Yeah, he likes food and sleeping."

"I was confident going into the race that he would be in the top three, before things got off to a bad start," said Ms. Cole-Simpson. "Clive got a good lesson, and he is big enough maybe next time he will be able to push his way through. He did everything good in leading up to the race and was calm in the paddock."

Canadian Thoroughbred a lot of the focus was on how she developed Candy Overload, the Ontario-bred son of local stallion Reload, from a yearling into a graded stakes-paced sprinter. However, there is one paragraph near the end of the article that reads, 'Krista rides her horses at Northern Dawn each day throughout the winter and is helped at the barn by her husband Damian Simpson. One of the unraced horses she is excited about is the three-



Racehorse Clive Cross enjoys some quiet time prior to his debut race May 27 at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto.

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'Loudly in the Library' a grand performance from youth dancers

by Margery Frisch
MANITOULIN—The auditorium at Manitoulin Secondary School in

M'Chigeeng was hopping last Saturday afternoon. The music was loud and the crowd was large. When the

music stopped and the room darkened the crowd hushed in anticipation of 'Loudly in the Library,' a

Candice Irwin is the creative director and choreographer of Body Stories. In conversation she explained that the program honours her two favourite places as a child—the library and the dance studio. "Reading is where I first learned how a great story can transport you to a new world and dance taught me how I could bring stories to life," she said.

Wild Things Are,' 'The Hobbit,' 'The Little Engine,' 11 titles in all, something for everyone and for every age group, Ms. Irwin herself played the Wild Robot in one of the final segments of the show.

The children put on an amazing performance in front of a packed and appreciative audience. Ms. Irwin

was surprised and pleased at the size of the crowd. She expressed her gratitude for the support of the families, the technical and design support, as well as the many volunteers needed to keep such a large group of children silent back stage. Well done, one and all!



Candice Irwin, right, and some of the youngest members of the ensemble have crept into the closed library, intent on causing mischief.

The cast of Loudly in the Library takes a bow alongside Body Stories creative director Candice Irwin.

photos by Margery Frisch

Body Stories end of season presentation.

Both Friday evening, June 2, in Manitowaning and Saturday afternoon, June 3, in M'Chigeeng, Loudly in the Library was performed, the culmination of 10 weeks of hard work from a total of 90 students, ranging in age from three to 13. The premise of the story: a group of kids sneak into the library after hours hoping to cause some trouble, but once there, they discover instead a world of magic and wonder. By opening the books after hours, the books magically come to life.

Loudly in the Library is the embodiment of her wish to share the experience and the magic of words and interpretive dance with others, especially children. As the dance instructor at Body Stories, Ms. Irwin teaches more than the technical side of dance, she also wants her students to find their own creative voice. "A lot of the movements you will see them do in the performance are dance moves they've created themselves," she said, proudly.

"It's true," seven-year-old Lily Massicotte said. "I took ballet for a while, but I like this type of dance better. It's improv," she explained. This was the first time their recital was performed on a stage. When asked what that felt like, seeing so many people out in the audience, Lily replied, "Actually, it was very scary."

Each dance segment of the show was the title of a children's book, and the children danced to music while the spoken words enhanced the magic of the performance. 'Where the

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Residents and staff of Community Living Manitoulin pose for a photo during a wrapup barbecue event held May 26.

Barbecue celebrates Community Living Month

by Heather Marshall
MINDEMOYA—Residents and staff of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) wrapped up Community Living Month with a bang, celebrating the occasion with a sun and fun filled barbecue in Mindemoya on May 26.

The annual, province-wide awareness campaign promotes meaningful inclusion for the more than 100,000 people in Ontario who have an intellectual disability and their families. People with an intellectual disability face challenges in their cognitive functioning that affect areas of daily living. Because of this, they often face negative stereotypes and assumptions that underestimate their strengths, contributions, and potential, and exclude them from many parts of society.

Community Living Month's "Inspiring Possibilities" theme underlines that the uniqueness and innate value of each person should be celebrated, supported, and acknowledged as vital to the well-being of the whole community.

"We've made it our mission to increase public understanding that people with an intellectual disability belong and have equal rights," says Adrienne Farquhar, CLM Executive Director. "We're working to build a community where everyone has respect and acceptance, and equal opportunities to grow."

Community support for the barbecue made clear that Island merchants and citizens embrace that phi-

losophy. Generous donations of both supplies for the event and cash to help cover costs from roughly a dozen businesses across Manitoulin helped make the barbecue a great success. And turnout was excellent with an estimated 125 to 150 people who stopped by to say hi and have a hot dog or hamburger, including Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens. Staff and individuals from Community Living Wikwemikong Anishnabek (CLWA) also joined the celebrations. Like CLM, the non-profit organization brings people in Wikwemikong Anishnabek living with a developmental disability and their communities together.

Equally encouraging, many guests bought raffle tickets or made donations to CLM totalling \$400 so the agency can provide additional social and educational outings for individuals living in the group homes. While the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services provides core funding to cover day-to-day CLM operations, the agency relies on the generosity of the community to subsidize special activities and to help fill the financial gap for major capital expenditures such as specialized vehicles to transport CLM residents, some of whom have mobility challenges. The agency's current vans are approaching the end of life and will soon need replacement. CLM wants to purchase newer modified minivans as well as other vehicles to support people

Island-wide, whether residents in the group homes or those involved in the independent living program who also require transportation. The specially equipped vans exceed \$100,000 in price, so the agency hopes people will dig deep and take part in future fundraising activities to provide residents with a safe and modern ride.

Community Living Manitoulin has ambitious fundraising plans that will roll out over the coming months to help meet these needs. It is counting on the ongoing support of the community to help it achieve its financial goals so it can improve the quality of life of the individuals it serves.

"The tremendous support we've received to this point has energized all of us at CLM," adds Ms. Farquhar. "It gives us great confidence and hope for ever-growing community inclusion and the great possibilities that poses for the future."

[Disclaimer: Heather Marshall is a volunteer member of Community Living Manitoulin's Board of Directors]



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Manitoulin Service providers host fun discovery day for parents and children

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—There was certainly a lot for children and adults to see and do with the Manitoulin Service Provider Network (MSPN) holding a fun-filled day of games and prizes to help attract caregivers and children. MSPN is comprised of several organizations on Manitoulin whose services are important to parents and their children, but many caregivers may not have been aware of how or where to access those services.

The MSPN family fun screening day was held on May 27 at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) with a very large crowd of adults and children enjoying the days events and activities.



Public Health Sudbury and Districts provided free bicycle helmets to youngsters at the Service Providers Day event.

photos by Tom Sasvari



This youngster was one of many who enjoyed the kids obstacle course at the Service Providers day event.



Two very young children are enjoying playing with toys in a sand box.

“We are all members of MSPN,” said organizer Katherine McQuarrie of Gore Bay Child Care. “We were all on hand to raise awareness of the services that are available through the network.”

“MSPN planned and organized this event with the goal to improve the awareness of available services and create seamless access for families and children ages prenatal to 18 years on Mani-

toulin Island,” said Ms. McQuarrie.

Like many such gatherings, the MSPN family fun screening day had been put on hiatus during the pandemic.

“We had public health (Sudbury and Districts) on hand (who handed out free bicycle helmets and bicycle bells,” said Ms. McQuar-

rie. “They had a dietitian come and provide information on bike safety and Healthy Babies, Healthy Children.”

Manitoulin Family Resources brought an obstacle course and provided information on Home Child Care Service and EarlyON Centres.

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Trying to coax a smile out of a little one in the shade during the Manitoulin Service Providers Family Fun Day festivities.



Young Katherine Ross is at the helm of the Manitoulin OPP police boat.

Learning Centre for All were able to bring a pop-up play of loose pieces with them for the children to play.

As well, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police officers were on hand with their police boat and to talk about marine safety.

Among other network members were representatives with booths

set up for Compass Resource Centre, Gore Bay and Assiginack Child Care, Manitoulin and Sudbury District Service Board, Mnaamodzawin Maternal Health, which hosted a Child Passenger Safety Association of Canada event, Health Sciences North Infant and Child Development and Children's Community Network.

“We had asked the local fire departments if they wanted to be involved in the event,” said Ms. McQuarrie. “They were very gracious and supportive. The Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI), Gore Bay, Central Manitoulin and Billings Fire Departments came out and put on a barbecue lunch for everyone as well as showing the children the fire trucks and handing out replica fire chief helmets.”



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Open mic at NEMI Public Library attracts local talent

by Margery Frisch

LITTLE CURRENT—"I'm confused," said Aida, standing at the mic, "I thought you were supposed to be quiet in the library," the audience laughed appreciably. The audience, an eclectic crowd, was gathered at the NEMI Public Library on Thursday, May 25 for 'Open Mic,' which featured a variety of acts, both musical and literary. Aida was one of several young people who took part.

"I was very pleased with the turnout," said Laurie Cook, the organizer of the event, "and I was especially happy that we had some students share their talents. As well, our resident historian, Sandy McGillivray took part, playing his harmonica and telling history stories. That was great!"

Barry Hamilton got the place rocking right at the start. He had everyone tapping their toes and, at times, joining in on the chorus of such tunes as 'Hey Good Lookin',' 'Goodbye Joe,' changing up the tempo with 'I Can't Help it (if I'm Still in Love with You)'—definitely a Hank Williams fan and a great entertainer. Barry performed the following night along with others at Café in the Woods.

This writer was up next, reading excerpts from her novel, 'Caught Up,' published in 2020. The audience was generous and kind in its response.

Cole Hughson and George Williamson followed with a variety of songs—a tribute to Gordon Lightfoot being part of their set. Their timing, their sound and their combined guitars had the audience thoroughly engaged. Cole and George have been play-



Brianna LeGree sings 'Flowers' without accompaniment.



Cole Hughson plays in tribute to the late Gordon Lightfoot.

photos by Margery Frisch

ing music together for about four years (and Cole is just 17). Beginning Friday, June 16, they will take up their summer practice of playing at the Cenotaph in Little Current. Donations are gratefully accepted, and all money donated is given to the food bank; well worth the trip downtown on a summer Friday night.

Interspersed with their music came Brianna LeGree, bravely singing 'Flowers,'

without accompaniment. She was followed by Aida, Hazel and Morgan, also singing a capella. In addition to their song, they added a few jokes to their repertoire.

The hours flew by and some who were there to read were unable to do so—the dinner hour had come and the audience dwindled. Ellinor Leonard and Laurie Cook herself, both members of the Writers' Ring, a

group of writers that meet at the library on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, were left out of the lineup due to time constraints.

"The music was lovely and very generous of the musicians to share their time with us," Ms. Cook said. "I'd also like to thank the library staff and committee members who volunteered their time. We are very fortunate to have a great special events committee. There's just something about libraries that brings out the best in people," she added.

In addition to all that was going on in the main part of the library, snacks were available in the activities room, where a video played in a loop on the big screen; a project by the Creativity Club—thank you notes they had drawn and written to sponsors and helpers. The snacks were provided by many volunteers.

"I'd very much like to do another just 'literary' afternoon where we only have people reading/reciting," Ms. Cook said. "The problem is with the nice weather; Saturdays are not a big draw so maybe we'll wait till later in the fall when people aren't out gardening etc. (although gardening doesn't stop till the snow flies)," she added with a laugh.

The NEMI Public Library is so much more than the books that line its walls and fill its shelves. There's a lot going on there. To learn that's happening, check out their Facebook page which boldly states: "Connecting Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to information, education, entertainment and one another." And it's all true.

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Grade 7 Pontiac students qualify for Canada Super Spelling Bee

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—Two elementary school students from Wasse Abin Pontiac School in Wiikwemkoong recently participated in the Canada Super Spelling Bee.

“Two of our Grade 7 students, Grant Trudeau Lecuyer and Adam Enosse took part in what is called the Canada Super Spelling Bee,” said teacher Natalie Parrington, along with Seven Oshkabewisens, educational assistant. “We had a series of spelling bees at the school and these two students excelled in these events.”

“The Canada Super Spelling Bee accepts the top three spelling champions from a school to compete. We actually had a third student that could have competed, but the student didn’t feel they were ready for this competition,” said Ms. Parrington.

The national championship



Left, Adam Enosse and Grant Trudeau Lecuyer, both students at Wasse Abin Pontiac School in Wiikwemkoong participated in the recent Canada Super Spelling Bee.

took place at the Nepean Sportplex on May 27. “There were competitors from as far away as British Columbia, Calgary and other places across the country,” said Ms. Parrington. She explained at the national competition, “there were no age divisions, they had all the students from Grades 2-8 take part. And the way it works is that everyone takes part in the first round of spelling a word and if they spell it correctly they move on, but if the word is spelled incorrectly, they are out of the competition. Our students were speakers 53 and 60.”

“The competition was shown live on YouTube,” said Ms. Parrington. “Our two students at 53 and 60 had the opportunity to see a lot of students go through ahead of them. And there were probably between 10-15 eliminated in the first round before they even got to the stage.”

Grant and Adam were eliminated in the first round. “They were disappointed, but it is amazing to get that far in the first place. And the studying they had to do to get ready was incredible.”

The organizers of the event had sent out a 300-word list for students to look at to get ready for the competition, said Ms. Parrington. “They studied after school, at home and on the way to the competition. They didn’t receive the word list until the end of March so they had April and May to study. And the list of words were not easy to spell.”

“We are incredibly proud of our two students for working so hard to get there, and the resiliency they showed to participate in a national competition like this,” added Ms. Parrington.

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spirituality

Instruction
Most of what we believe depends upon the instruction we receive. When the instruction we receive is faulty (wrong or plain lies), we may not expect our beliefs to be sound, we will think wrong, make wrong decisions, and take wrong actions. There is not one subject where the New Testament spends more space on than on warning against false doctrines (wrong beliefs or Satan's lies). As the New Testament spends so much space on it, it is essential that we make sure that what we believe is the truth.

Today there are over 45,000 denominations, cults and sects in Christianity, with all kinds of conflict in doctrines, yet all or most claim that what they believe and teach is the truth. But it is evident that two conflicting doctrines can't both be right. For example, people who sprinkle infants and call it baptism and people who teach that only complete immersion in water after coming to faith in Jesus and repentance is correct baptism can't be both right. And people who go to church on Sunday (and call Sunday the Sabbath) and people who say that we must sanctify God's Sabbaths from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset, cannot be both right. Most of the instruction we receive comes in general, from parents, teachers, religious leaders, society around us (peers) and books. But it is evident that that instruction or information may be wrong.

About 45 years ago, I read some statistics: when children from Christian parents attended a Denominational School (Roman Catholic, Reformed, Mennonite, seventh day Adventist, Baptist, etc.) about 80 percent remained in that denomination, but when children from Christian parents attended a public school, only 50 percent remained Christian. More recently I read similar statistics, only now when children from Christian parents attend the public school only 20 percent remain Christian. This downward trend is clearly the result from the public school system throwing out the Bible and prayer and from their wrong instruction.

God warns that when we reject his commandments (His word, the Bible); all kinds of curses will be the result. Those curses include mental illness, all kinds of diseases (COVID, SARS, West Nile, cancers), natural disasters (floods, wildfires, tornados, earthquakes, etc). These curses have reached a pandemic level and it is solely the result of people rejecting God and His word. One of the main reasons why God has put prophets on this world is to point out the sins and the false doctrines and call people to repent. Pretty soon people won't repent anymore, see REV. 9:19+20, 16: 9+11. However, it is not yet too late to repent and escape eternal damnation. Of course, repentance also promises restoration and blessings for our temporary (this) life. To make sure that what we believe is right, we must listen to sound instructions from God's word and investigate and all instruction that is not 100 percent in agreement with what the Bible teaches. We must reject.

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services

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

coming events

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

notice

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help wanted

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Legion Events

June is Senior Citizens' Month and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 177 in Little Current invites all seniors to a no frills, twoonie luncheon with entertainment on Tuesday, June 13 from 11 am to 1 pm. Price is \$2. Serving sandwiches, pickles, desserts, tea and coffee. 52-4p

Little Current Legion Branch 177 wing night is back! Thursdays from 5 to 10:30 pm. To pre-order please call 705-368-2661, if ordering before bar opening leave a message with your name, phone number and your order. Wings and mozza sticks: six for \$9, 12 for \$18. Cheese balls: 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. 2-3p

yard sale

HUGE Trunk/Yard Sale with exciting draws and a bake table. Put on by FOMOS (Friends of the Mindemoya Old School) at the Lions Pavillion, behind the Old School on Saturday June 10, 9 am to 1 pm. All proceeds go to revitalizing the building. For more information you may contact us through the website, mindemoyaooldschool.ca; Facebook Friends of the Mindemoya Old School or by email at mindemoyaooldschool@gmail.com. 52-4c

Yard Sale, off Hwy 540 left to Noble Side Road to 409 4th Line, Gore Bay. Friday, June 9, Saturday, June 10, Sunday, June 11 and Friday, June 16, Saturday, June 17, and Sunday, June 18 from 9 am to 3 pm each day. You do not want to miss this sale. 1-4c

Yard Sale, Saturday, June 3 and Saturday, June 10 from 9 am to 1 pm at 220 Rosewood Lane, Green Bay (by Sandy Beach). 2-3p

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...Manitoulin Metal #6865 fete donors, sponsors at appreciation dinner

...continued from page 13 bigger, like designing our own robot, or leading the global FIRST community to take more environmental action.”

“It can be hard to find where to start,” the students said. “We needed some sort of guide to more efficiently reach our destination. Now, we are excited to share with you our roadmap for the future.”

The students noted the roadmap consists of community, action and outreach. “Each curated landmark has a purpose into building a sustainable and inclusive community. FRC 6865 was founded in 2018 by eight students and two mentors.”

“Our team now includes 22 students, (10 female, 12 male) and four dynamic mentors,” the students said. “We are aided by our generous community sponsors and our growing alumni network. And we are grateful for the help of teams like 5672, 1325 and 4039.”

“However, our heart comes from our community on Manitoulin Island,” stated the students. “After qualifying for worlds, we realized we had to fundraise over \$50,000 dollars in under a week, in a community of less than 15,000 people. Over the past few days, we have been experiencing the most beautiful and humbling example of the pride in our team.”

“We are here today because over 230 community members and local businesses believed in our team. We are proud to say we have achieved 100 percent community engagement,” the students continued. “We are so grateful to have so many rooting for us as we help



Manitoulin Metal #6865 poses for a photo during a donor appreciation event held last week.

pave the way for science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) on Manitoulin.”

The students explained, “when we go to competition, we are often known as the ‘green team.’ And its not because of our team colours. Living in such an environmentally rich area, each team member holds a strong sense of responsibility to sustainability.”

“We have started many initiatives that produce measurable results through sustainable action, from collecting more than 20,000 dead batteries, to planting over 100 trees, to cleaning up over 50 bags of shoreline waste and holding three annual e-waste drives. We even help take care of over 200,000 bees in the school apiary.”

“In the FIRST community, we have worked with other teams with the carbon calculator we created to promote carbon neutrality among FIRST,” the students continued. “We take FIRST traditions like buttons and shirts and offset the carbon

cost. Integrating environmental action has to be considered in all aspects of our team. It is a priority to embed green practice in the engineering of our robot. Practices like using recycled metal for machine parts or sourcing local materials.”

“This year we fundraised to purchase 21 tonnes of carbon offsets, covering our entire carbon footprint. Lots of this was done through team fundraising. But we really felt our impact when a local business offered to sponsor our carbon offsets for the world championships; providing that our green lens goes beyond our team.”

“Our map takes us from place to place where we both teach and learn,” the presenters said. “Over the past few years, we have started several new traditions. First, is working more hands on with elementary schools to inspire new demographics. Manitoulin youth are often faced with a lack of opportunity due to being in widespread

remote communities.”

“This roadblock exists especially within the STEM field,” they said. “After competition season last May, we took action and visited all six elementary schools on Manitoulin to teach about robotics. This included running presentations to over 1,000 students across 121 kilometres. We had students try many activities from designing buttons, to building with Lego kits, to FTC races, to driving our competition robot.”

“Almost 30 percent of our team this year comes from grade nines who attended those presentations.” Addy said, “I was one of those students last year and it helped widen my perspective in STEM.”

“Our coding team also worked with FIRST Canada to do CanCode sessions in four different elementary schools,” said the students. “Exposing Manitoulin’s youth to STEM is a great opportunity for kids to explore their interests without feeling restricted by our location.” The team has



Helen Siksek, left, who was of invaluable help as a volunteer for the MSS Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team was presented with a gift by Christine McNaughton, on behalf of the team and parents of the team members at a community appreciation dinner last week.

also expanded its outreach on social media to include TikTok, receiving over 10,000 views on several of our posts.”

“One of our biggest initiatives was the launch of our environmental STEM conference. We invited both our Manitoulin community and the entire FIRST community. It included a sunrise ceremony, a keynote on Indigenous practice and environmental sustainability, tree planting, a design challenge, and a group discussion.”

The students said, “We are well known for our community leadership. From speaking with over 300 community members at our Providence Bay Fair booth, to running school spirit

events with our robots, to volunteering at the community Christmas craft fair.”

“Even though our actions are local, the impact is global. It’s hard to name one destination, which is why we are using a map to connect the many goals in our communities with each other. We have been working on that connection through action. Producing this dynamic map to the future to continue growing as a team as individuals and in innovation to help STEM across Northern Ontario, reaching communities like Sheshegwaning and beyond. And to lead FIRST toward a sustainable future so that all teams are known as ‘green teams’.”

...rural, urban digital divide remains strong

...continued from page 8 diverse array of techniques will be required in order to ensure the 50/10 Mbps broadband access target” for every household achieved, she added.

The geography and

topography of Northern Ontario are both unique and beautiful, but present challenges to network developers as well: the hard bedrock is costly to blast through for fibre and cable, and our forests and hills may block line-of-site technologies such as fixed-wireless broadband.

The majority of regions throughout Northern Ontario still do not benefit from 50/10 Mbps access, and this issue is further exacerbated when viewing communities further away from urban centres. One of the major contributing fac-

tors in this digital divide between rural and urban centres is the cost of developing terrestrial networks in areas where the return on investment for internet service providers (ISPs) is diminished due to the longer distances between households and communities, lower population density and the cost of overcoming geographic challenges.

Both the federal and provincial governments have made terrestrial high-speed broadband access a priority and significant investments into infrastructure throughout Northern Ontario have already been made. It is encouraging to see both signs of improvement from

users taking the connected north.ca CIRA speed test and seeing investments made by governments to help subsidize the cost of developing broadband networks in areas where ISPs require financial support to access communities and households. The 73 identified announced in-progress and recently completed projects indicating that improvements to broadband access are imminent and we look forward to tracking these results upon the release of updated ISED national broadband data.

Blue Sky Net says it is continuously committed to mapping Northern Ontario broadband access to the property level and monitoring broadband projects in order to ensure that governments and ISPs are not only reaching as many households as possible but also do so with cost efficiency.

church services

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

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Sacrament of confirmation at Our Lady of Canada Roman Catholic Church invites ages from 12 and older. Please contact Father Louis-Martin Cloutier at 705-377-4985 or by email, lmcloutier@jesuites.org. No later than June 14.

2-3c

You are invited to Fairview United Church, Hwy 542A Tehkummah, Ontario on Sunday, June 18 at 2 pm. We will be presenting a closing service (Decommissioning). Come and share in this time of remembrance and celebration of our 126-year-old church. Everyone welcome.

3-4c

services

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Christian Counselling: Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com.

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services

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Death Notices

MORDEN EARL LEESON



Morden Earl Leeson, a man who delighted in his life and family, held on to both as long as anyone could. Morden Leeson passed away on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at the Manitoulin Health Centre hospice in Mindemoya, with his beloved wife Bertha close to his side.

A tireless farmer, avid outdoorsman, astute businessman and self-taught jack-of-all trades, Morden was above all else a devoted family man who took immeasurable pride watching his children grow and thrive and start families of their own. He loved to laugh and to make people laugh and was always ready with a story about one of his many adventures. Morden made an 11-year journey since his cancer diagnosis, yet remained optimistic until his very last days and his heart was warmed by the visits and well-wishes from family and friends. Much-loved son of the late Earl Leeson and Eileen Leeson. Morden will be dearly missed by Bertha and by his children, Ben (Susan), Luke, Shauna (Jason) and Jesse (Lacey), and by the many grandchildren who brought him so much joy. Special thanks to the staff at the Northeast Cancer Centre in Sudbury, the MHC in Mindemoya and Assinack Family Health Team, especially the doctors and nurses whose care and compassion in a difficult time did not go unnoticed. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Manitoulin Health Centre Hospices are greatly appreciated. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 1, 2023 with his Internment at Hilly Grove Cemetery at 2 pm.

Burial Notice

DALE LANKTREE



The family of Dale Lanktree invite you to join in a Celebration of his Life on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Burial will take place at the Mindemoya Cemetery at 11 am, followed by a light luncheon at the Mindemoya Curling Club (103 Thorne Street). We hope those who knew and loved Dale will

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MSS Choir performs at Queen's Park

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Lifelong memories to cherish are made while attending high school and this year, students in the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Choir collected some spectacular experiences. Some 16 students, ranging from all grades (but the bulk in still in Grade 9) performed at Queen's Park and took in the sights and sounds of the Big Smoke.

The journey began on a Thursday, when the choir settled into their hotel on Highway 427 before boarding the Go Train and heading into the city and taking in a production of the famed Lin-Manuel musical 'Hamilton.'

"It was a great production for the students to relate to because 'Hamilton' is a great mix of pop, hip hop and choreography," said guidance councillor Chris Theijsmeijer, who accompanied the students on the trip. The students also gained a glimpse into American history.

On Friday the students performed at the legislature (which is not currently sitting) and took in a guided tour of the seat of provincial government.

Next on the Friday agenda was a visit to Ripley's Aquarium and a wander around the halls and exhibits of the Royal Ontario Museum.

"Some of the students had never been on a subway," said Mr. Theijsmeijer.

A unique experience on the trip was enjoying the Toronto Symphony's rendition of the soundtrack to



Students in the MSS Choir perform on the steps of Queen's Park during a recent trip to Toronto.

Star Wars episode eight, 'Last of the Jedi,' performed by the musicians as the movie played on a screen overhead.

Finally, there was the trip to the Eaton Centre, offering the students to get in a bit of shopping while in the big city.

As the students were walking down to Union Station, about a block away, they passed a bar with an open front. The crowd inside was watching the final Maple Leaf game and the winning overtime goal that knocked the Leafs out of contention for the Stanley Cup was scored just as they passed.

The choir members then had the experience meeting as over 10,000 fans disgorged from the bowels of the Scotiabank Arena.

The MSS Choir trip was made possible through the fundraising efforts of the students, including the Christmas Concert, bake sales, a frozen Topper's Pizza fundraiser among the efforts. Students also paid a small amount to cover the remainder of the cost of the trip.

The trip might have lasted only a couple of days, but the memories made will last a lifetime.

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191 Beach Road on a forested, level, lot of 1.6 ac. looking out to Elizabeth Bay with a full sand beach of 200 ft. This 1.5 storey home, with a cottage feel is 1885 sq. ft. with 4 bedrooms, bath & open great room plus heated glassed porch. The interior is all vaulted with hand hewn rafters & beams. The 2 lofts are joined by a walkway. Heated by oil stove & electric. Guest house 12x22 ft. with sauna & shower & garage 12x26 ft. Appliances included. \$499,000 (1576)



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

Providence Bay sand dune building lot in the McDermid subdivision at the north end of the Village close to the Lake Huron sand beach & boardwalk. Lot 19 with 200 ft. fronting Cedar Crescent & 100 ft. on McDermid Drive is a tree covered sandy lot with year round access & hydro. \$59,000 (1600)

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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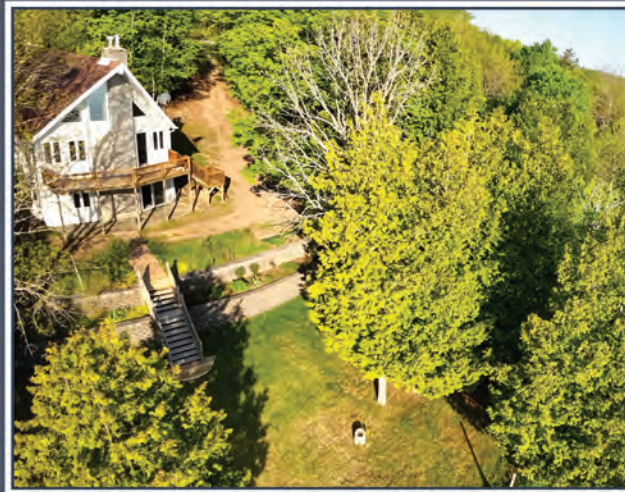
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Manitoulin Passage Ride returns to original form

by Margery Frisch

MANITOULIN—A sea of cyclists gathered at South Baymouth's Chi-Cheemaun ferry terminal on June 3, waiting for the ferry to bring even more cyclists to their event—the Manitoulin Passage Ride. A cheer went up from the crowd when the ferry arrived. Once the vehicles had been discharged, the flow of riders wheeling their bikes off the ship seemed endless. Cyclists from all over Ontario and some from Quebec were pres-

ent. Participants sported T-shirts from Oakville, Thunder Bay; there were riders from Toronto, Port Perry, Sault Ste. Marie, Ottawa, Sarnia and Windsor.

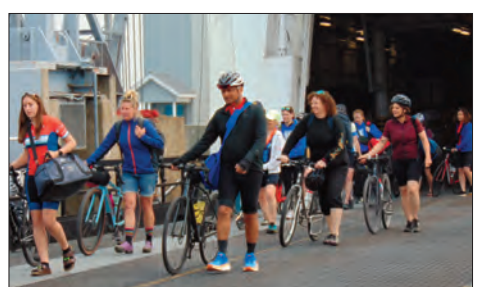


More than 200 cyclists took part in the 2023 Manitoulin Passage Ride.

While the Chi-Cheemaun loaded its cargo of vehicles heading back to Tobermory, the cyclists registered, got their t-shirts and gathered en masse. As the ship glided off behind them, a photo was captured of all the cyclists—an annual photo op tradition, an important part of the experience. This year's event was sold out once again, though the final tally at the end of registration was more like 220. Still, a formidable sight as they set out on Highway 6.

"The Manitoulin Passage Ride started in 2011," explained Maya Mielonen, organizer of the event, and president of MICA.

"(First) we celebrated the paved shoulders on Highway 6, then we kept on celebrating—the Georgian Bay Cycle Route, the paved shoulders on 540, the paved shoulders on 551," she explained with a laugh, "And we kept celebrating..."



Cyclists disembark from the MS Chicheemaun.

This is the eleventh event, COVID preventing it from happening for two consecutive years in 2020 and 2021.

Ms. Mielonen is very proud, and rightly so, of the work Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) does for the Island. "We attract cyclists," she stated. "We offer five to six weeks of all-inclusive cycle tours in June and September, to make sure that our accommodations and eateries have a good season; bringing shoulder season tourism to the island." The Passage Ride also brings much in the way of financial support to Island businesses.

"My wife and I did one of the cycling tours last September," said Glenn Johnson of Thunder Bay. "We wanted to come back to the Island, but we didn't want to do another tour, so we decided to try this, and we brought four other couples with us," he added.

The ride consists of three routes: short, medium and long. "But they don't have to commit to that," Ms. Mielonen explained, "they can switch and change and do



Lines of bicycles harken back to the days of horse lined streets, but without the byproducts.

whichever they feel like. There are support stations every 35 kilometres, the first one being in Mindemoya. And a vehicle sweeps them, making sure they get to point B. The routes are all flagged and the support stations have water and fruit and some power bars and things like that. And on Sunday they have a choice again short, medium and long and they get lunch at the Tehkummah hall catered by the Triangle Club. That's their fundraiser, so we bring money in to all the communities."

It was a windy ride, the sun, shrouded with the smoke of distant forest fires, did not seem intense by the water's edge, but inland, climbing endless hills, the humidity crept in and the temperature climbed. Still, the cyclists gathered at Maja's Garden in Mindemoya, where there were refreshments and live music, were buoyant and energetic. There was much laughter and the enthusiasm as strong as it had been hours before, with many ready to carry on to Providence Bay.

While the Chi-Cheemaun was once free for the event cyclists, Brenda Sawyers said, "I totally understand—the (ferry) has lost a lot of revenue these last few years. But that did not deter me in the least." Brenda is from Toronto, arriving in Tobermory on Friday, leaving her vehicle there to cross to the Island with her bicycle. "Tomorrow's going to be a very long day," she said with a sigh, "but it's totally worth it."

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



The Classic is back!

After three years of Covid and hiatus the Mindemoya Classic is back! The run, paddle and pedal triathlon will once again, be part of the Central Manitoulin Lion's Club's Homecoming Canada Day Weekend festivities. The Classic can be for singles or teams of two or four. Whether you want to beat a personal time, beat a team of your friends or just finish your leg of the relay, the Mindemoya Classic will be on Sunday, July second this year!

The "challenge for everyone" triathlon is under new management too! Thankfully the kind and energetic souls behind Breakaway Sports have thankfully added the family event to their Breakaway Race Series for this summer.

The Race Series actually kicks off with the Canada Day 5 and 1K fun run on Saturday the first on Low Island in Little Current.

The Series also includes the Manitoulin Mountain Bike Challenge on June 25th held in the beautiful Mclean's Park on New England Road in Assiginack township just off Highway 6, south of Manitowaning.

The fourth in the series is the annual Haw Run. Actually the Haw runs include your choice of a 1, 5 or 10km distances. Several masochistic runners have taken in

both the five and dime for extra fun!

The headquarters of the August 5th race is at the NEMI library and is just one of many activities that will be part of Little Current's annual Haweater Weekend on the Civic holiday.

Finally, on September 2nd the series finishes off with The Mclean's 6 hour relay that is a fun mountain bike race accessible to everyone. Great for the serious competitor, the recreational weekend warrior or the entire family!

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Manitoulin MTB Racing!

The Manitoulin Mountain Bike Racing team - high school division, travelled to the regional championships in Durham last week on Thursday.

Coach, Ben Quackenbush took three riders down. Tobi Madigril-Brown finished 3rd for the senior boys, Brad Slaght 3rd for the junior boys and Xavier Coleman finished 4th for the midget boys. Amazing showing, guys!

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Mustangs win NOSSA banner at tennis championships

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) hosted the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association's (NOSSA) tennis championships last week, scoring enough points overall to secure the NOSSA tennis championship banner.

"It was great weather and a good time for all," said coach Chris Theijsmeijer. "MSS had the most entries for any of the

schools and collected a large number of team points and won the NOSSA banner for the second time in its history."

The Mustangs secured a second-place finish, a third-place finish and a fourth-place finish. Two students, Aspen Debassige and Emery Watson will be going on to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships June 5-6 in Toronto having placed second in

girls' doubles.


Mr. Theijsmeijer noted that only first and second place finishers qualify for the provincials. "Unfortunately, many of our players and teams came third," he said, "helpful for team points, but not enough to move on."

Still, the Mustangs didn't go down easy, with Aspen and Emery losing out to a team from Sudbury in a very close final match, 8-6.



In the photo, from left, are: kneeling, Ian McCauley, Keannu Bisschops; middle row, Grace Pennie, Abby Hawke, Tessa Merrylees, Aspen Debassige and Emery Watson; back row, Jack Pennie, TJ Green, Eli Lock, Andrew Rose and coach Chris Theijsmeijer. Absent from photo is Ava Corbiere.

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ROLE DESCRIPTION:

- Prepare long-range, unit and lesson plans which follow Ontario curriculum guidelines.
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START DATE: Monday, August 28, 2023.

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Little Current Yacht Club sailing lessons return

by Michael Erskine
MANITOULIN—One of the prime motivating factors behind the founding of the Little Current Yacht Club was to encourage and expand the joys of sailing beyond the boundaries of the club membership. To that end, one of the first programs the club instituted was the formation of sailing classes. The classes proved to be very popular, but the advent of the pandemic forced the classes into hiatus. This summer, they are back in an expanded format.

"We are absolutely delighted to have the classes up and running again for the first time since 2019," said Club Commodore Jeff Marsh. "The youth sailing program provides opportunity for kids to learn how to sail. This year we are offering the courses in three communities."

The program may be aimed primarily at youth, but adults also have an opportunity to learn how to sail through custom classes. Bryce Mastelko and Katie Chapman have been hired as instructors for the season. Mr. Mastelko has taken on the lead in organizing and setting up the classes.

"Right now, Gore Bay classes are filling up the fastest," said Mr. Mastelko, who noted the other communities featuring the classes are the traditional Little Current group at Low Island and, new this year, Wiikwemkoong.

"We have been very fortunate to have NEMI and Wiikwemkoong helping to sponsor the classes," said Mr. Mastelko. "They have really help us to keep the costs down and the classes accessible."

Classes usually consist of six small sailboats, with two students in each. The instructors, in the meantime, are close by in a "coach boat" Zodiac-style inflatable. "That allows for a quick reaction if there is an emergency," said Mr. Mastelko.

This year the coaches have managed to secure a larger vessel that will enable them to offer the next two levels of sailing instruction.

"We can offer adult classes on the Island in the evenings and weekends," he said.

"People can sign up right up to the start of classes," said Mr. Marsh, "but we anticipate the classes will be full up before the start."

"Our CANSail Program started as an extension of the Canadian Yachting Association program with their instructors coming to town to teach a one week program for Level One, Two and Three," explained Mr. Marsh. "In 2009, we took a big step towards expanding our program by hiring our own instructor, who tailored the program to our needs and expanded the number of weeks. Since then, we have acquired six Pico boats and a dinghy chase boat. In 2015 we were able to provide an 'Introduction to Sailing,' 'Taste of Sailing,' 'CANSail 1,' 'CANSail 2,' 'CANSail 3' and individual instructions to both youth and adult students. We also introduced a racing night for the participating students that proved to be very successful."

Little Current Yacht Club is offering the 2023 CANSail program under the direction of Ontario Sailing. CANSail programming is designed to be a set of progressive learn-to-sail standards focused on providing sailors with a solid foundation of core skills, explained Mr. Mastelko. "The CANSail system allows sailors to learn and progress in any type of boat and consolidate key skills before adding more complex skills."

Classes are scheduled in Wiikwemkoong July 3 to 7; in Gore Bay July 10 to 14 and again July 17 to 21; in Little Current July 24 to 28, July 31 to August 4, August 7 to 11 and August 14 to 18. All courses are \$200 per week per student.

The Government of Canada, TD, Orr's Valmart and Sam Nardi are also sponsoring the program. Contact Mr. Mastelko at cansail@LCYC.ca for adult course options and pricing.

Signing up for the classes is as easy as navigating to LCYC.ca and following the link labeled "learn to sail" or by contacting cansail@LCYC.ca. Payment can be made by credit card, e-transfer, cash or cheque.

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Sheshegwaning artist's work appears on Women's World Championship hockey sticks

by Tom Sasvari

THUNDER BAY—If you happened to tune in to this spring's 2023 IIHF Women's World Championship and caught a glimpse of the incredible artwork on the 'player of the game' hockey sticks for players at the tournament, the works included those of Sheshegwaning First Nation artist Angela Jason.

"I have pretty much been creating art since as far back as I can remember," stated Ms. Jason, who noted she is originally from Sheshegwaning. "Jason is my married name. I am a member of the Sampson family (Sheshegwaning). I came up to Thunder Bay for school in 2006 and never left."

Ms. Jason explained she had "read that Indigenous Tourism Ontario is a partner with Hockey Canada and a call was made for artists to put in proposals to design hockey sticks, 25 most valuable player sticks for the tournament."

There were about 80 artists who submitted proposals for designs with four artists chosen, all Indigenous artists from Ontario. Along with Ms. Jason, the artists included Shenoa Simon from Chippewas of the Thames, Shawna Boulette Grapentine from Rainy River and Cathie Jamieson from Mississaugas of the Credit, who also created 25 player-of-the-game hockey sticks each for the tournament held in April.

"I thought initially I would be able to submit my proposed designs digitally," said Ms. Jason. "But this wasn't the case, and I had three weeks to paint the hockey sticks. I was sick for one of those weeks so didn't do any work that week."

"It was definitely involved, designing something to put on a hockey stick shape," stated Ms. Jason. "On the blade of the stick I did a profile of a woman's face on a black background surrounded with the provincial and territorial floral style. The design represents all the women's backgrounds from all the different countries that they represented at the tournament and the strength they have."

"Yes, there were a lot of late nights and planning that went into all of this," said Ms. Jason. She had cut out numerous stencils and outlined each stick, painted those parts white and then completed her design.

While she has always done art, she didn't start painting regularly until eight years ago. "I started painting and from there my curiosity peaked to many other forms of



Artist Angela Jason, of Sheshegwaning First Nation who now lives in Thunder Bay, displays two of her digital art designs at The Creative Company.


mixed art," she said.

Ms. Jason is an in-residence artist at The Creative Company in Thunder Bay. She had moved to Thunder Bay in 2006 to study at Lakehead University. "I came up here to go to school and never left." She left a previous job at Nishnawbe Aski Nation to focus on her artwork during the COVID-19 pandemic beginning full-time at The Creative Company in May 2022. She is a self-taught artist whose artwork includes drawings, acrylic paintings, digital art and stained-glass art.

Ms. Jason is currently working on an art piece for a bat exhibit for the Toronto Zoo. "They are using a sea can with a portable exhibit inside and artwork on the outside. That is what I'm designing," she said noting, "it is going to depict the creation story of the bats."

"This work has to be done by June 9," said Ms. Jason. "I guess I like working in various types of art and in tight timelines."

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FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

Annual Salary: As per the WRFN Salary Grid (\$62,113 to \$75,748)

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Direct and coordinate human resources activities, such as employment, compensation, benefits and training;
- Advise management and staff on all government policies related to human resources, human rights, labour law and/or other relevant legislation;
- Research for current and changing government legislation and develop company policies to ensure compliance accordingly;
- Investigate all complaints of discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, grievances, acts of violence and workplace disagreements;
- Organize professional development and training opportunities;
- Develop and maintain a human resources system that meets management information needs;
- Assist in the recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, termination, and professional development of staff for WRFN; plan and conduct new employee orientation;
- Provide information on benefits programs such as life, health, dental and pension plans;
- Oversee a time management system for staff;
- Assist supervisors and department managers in the management training in promotions, performance review including appropriate documentation of these activities;
- Assist in developing forms and to support managers with new hires; and
- Work with the IT department on systems supports for new hires/employees.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- A diploma or degree in a human resources-related field with a minimum of 5 years successful demonstrated human resources experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Extensive knowledge of the Labour Relations Act, Human Rights Legislation, Occupational Health, and Safety Act, the Employment Standards Act, and other related legislation.
- Understanding of issues and requirements related to information privacy and access and confidentiality.
- CHRP designation would be an asset or working toward the designation.
- Sound knowledge of current HR trends, issues, techniques and practices.
- Must have practical experience and knowledge of employment legislation governing First Nations
- Experience and/or training in privacy legislation a definite asset.
- Knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek culture, traditions, teachings, community dynamics an asset.
- Valid Class 'G' driver's licence and access to reliable transportation.
- Must have advanced computer skills.

SKILLS:

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL:

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P 1A0

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

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Applications must include the following:

Cover letter, current resume, and three (3) work related reference letters (with contact information).

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Police Record Check before employment.
We thank all who apply, however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Popcycle Express brings tasty treats

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Just listen for the distinctive bells coming down the street and residents and visitors to Gore Bay will know the Popcycle Express is on its way.

Young entrepreneurs Sadie Hardy, who is 11, and her brother Lincoln, nine, will be travelling the main streets of Gore Bay this summer on the Popcycle Express bicycle cart chock full of tasty treats.

"Sadie and Lincoln will start their business on June 9," said Deanna Hardy. "They will be taking turns driving the cart on the main drag and back streets of Gore Bay. They will have a variety of treats in the cart for sale including popsicles, ice cream sandwiches and drumsticks, and will run the cart all summer."

"People will just have to listen for the jingle bells to when they are out with the cart," said Ms. Hardy.



Sadie and Lincoln Hardy have launched a new Gore Bay Business.

Pool League wraps up successful season

SPRING BAY—It's time to put away the pool cues and take out the golf clubs as the Manitoulin Pool League games have finished for another season.

Held at the home of Joyce and Ray Digout of Spring Bay, the group of avid players meet on a weekly basis from October until early May and finished with a barbecue and tournament, complete with cash prizes.

The top player of the A team this season was John Szewczyk of Mindemoya, followed by Pierre Labonte of Billings township and Don Thompson of Providence Bay.

The B team honours went to Jim Emery of Gore Bay followed by John Stew-

art of M'Chigeeng First Nation and Joyce Digout of Spring Bay. For more information or to join the league, call 705-988-3143.



From, left, are Manitoulin Pool League B team winner Jim Emery of Gore Bay and A team winner John Szewczyk of Mindemoya.

MSS celebrates annual powwow

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, MSS student correspondent

M'CHIGEENG—Wednesday, May 24 was Manitoulin Secondary School's annual powwow. For those unfamiliar, a powwow is a collection of dances and gatherings that are traditional to Indigenous cultures. This year's powwow theme was 'Uniting Our Culture.'

"The Three Fires Confederacy thought this theme was appropriate for us as we progress in our teaching, learning and creating a school that embodies Truth and Reconciliation," says Karen McGraw, a leader in organizing the powwow and a staff member at MSS.

All high school students, elementary schools and community members of the Island were invited to join in this yearly celebration. The event started at 12:30 pm with a grand entry of flag bearers, dancing and drumming. The drumming and singing was done by the Red River Drum group, of which Ms. McGraw is very grateful for. Principal David Wiwchar delivered the land acknowledgment, extending a warm welcome to students from various schools across the Island, as well as chiefs present and community members in attendance. Native language teacher and Elder Jean



Rainbow District School Board Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison, third from left, is joined by MSS Acting-principal Dave Wichar to her right with community leaders, staff and student organizers.

Debassige delivered an opening prayer in Ojibwe and English.

"There was a lot of young people in regalia and ribbon skirts, which we were happy to see," said Ms. McGraw.

Head dancers Sonya Jacko-Cywick and Pahquis Trudeau led the dancing for the day. The fan favourite was the Potato Dance. Everyone had to grab a partner and a small potato. With your partner you had to keep the potato held in between both of your foreheads while dancing around the circle. There were a variety of other dances, some featuring dancers while others invited everyone onto the floor.

Three Fires Student Council, consisting of Chief Jorja Peltier, Markus Otosquaiob, Danica Peltier and Lauren Osawamick would like to thank every-

one who attended and look forward to next year's powwow here at MSS.

"Keep making your regalia and keep on two stepping," Ms. McGraw encouraged.

This annual event is a very important one to MSS. It brings together communities for a couple hours full of dancing, drumming, singing, and laughter. It is a great celebration of culture and an event that forms bonds across Manitoulin.

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- Full-Time Line Cooks
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- Part-Time Housekeepers

Please apply in person Monday to Friday between 9:00am-5:00pm with resume to:

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

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More info can be viewed at <https://manitoulinhotel.com/careers/>

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UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS of MNIDOO MNISING JUSTICE PROGRAM

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have a post secondary degree/diploma in social services, law or Indigenous studies, with a focus on FASD.
- Must have knowledge of Canadian criminal procedures, Criminal Code of Canada, and related court decisions regarding Anishnaabek.
- Must have the ability to produce superior written documents for submission to court.
- Must have a minimum of three years' experience working directly with Anishnaabe clients providing social or legal services.
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe culture and issues they face.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, and be a positive role model.
- Must have the ability to maintain work plans, files and correspondence.
- Must have knowledge of services available for Anishnaabek in the Districts of Manitoulin, Algoma and Sudbury.
- Able to speak and/or understand Ojibwe is an asset.
- Must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.
- Must provide a clear current Criminal Record Check, and if selected, a clear Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Remuneration: \$50,000.00 annually and benefits

Closing Date: Friday, June 9, 2023 at 12 noon

Mail/drop off (no fax or email submissions): 1) cover letter; 2) resume; 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence; 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a direct supervisor/manager; 5) current (within the past three months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-FASD" to:
Hazel Recollet
Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

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INDIGENOUS HEALTH CARE NAVIGATOR TEMPORARY FULL-TIME (WITH POTENTIAL TO BECOME PERMANENT POSITION) (NON-UNION POSITION)

The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) requires an Indigenous Health Care Navigator to work on a temporary full-time basis at both of its Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites.

The Indigenous Health Care Navigator will work at MHC to create pathways among hospital and community-based services to support Indigenous patients who self-identify, with a focus on patients and programs in both the emergency department and in-patient units. The Patient Navigator's work will help to build, strengthen and sustain relationships with Indigenous communities and community organizations. The navigator will provide guidance to staff regarding the needs of Indigenous patients and community.

This position recognizes MHC's commitment to health equity, to creating a culturally safe organization for Indigenous peoples and other structurally marginalized groups, and to educating future healthcare providers about health equity.

First Nations, Inuit, Metis or Indigenous persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- Minimum of a diploma in Health Sciences, Social Sciences or in a related field, from a college
- Current Certificate of Registration with a regulatory college of the applicable professional discipline
- Knowledge of Indigenous Nations, community engagement and cultural protocols
- Strong decision-making, problem-solving, and judgement skills
- Experience building and nurturing relationships with Indigenous communities, Leaders, Elders, Healers, Language Speakers, Oral Historians and Knowledge Keepers
- Proven ability to work collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team and/or independently
- Good interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
- Awareness of Indigenous cultural safety training, anti-racist practice and trauma-informed care
- Vaccines (COVID-19 and others) are a requirement of the job unless you have an exemption on a medical ground pursuant to the Ontario Human Rights Code

Preferred:

- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin an asset

Please apply to recruitment@mhc.on.ca stating Job Number 2023-NU-02
Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

"Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas."

Manitoulin Horse Club hosts barrel racing workshop

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—There is a lot more to winning barrel racing than going hell-bent for leather through the course and National Barrel Horse Association racing champion and coach Laurie Fisher was holding court this past Saturday and Sunday at the horse ring in Little Current, taking Manitoulin Horse Club members from age 10 on up to... well, we don't need to go there... through exercises aimed at helping them get the very best performance from their mounts.

Ms. Fisher's workshop was hosted by the Manitoulin Horse Club (MHC) and such is her reputation as a coach and barrel racer that the weekend slots were filled in short order.

"We have riders from not only Manitoulin, but all across the North Shore and beyond," said MHC director Kayla Jansen. "Laurie is an amazing coach."

Ms. Jansen explained that, in addition to learning drills and skills, balance and horsemanship and ways to get their horse working around a barrel racing pattern, "it is not just about barrel racing, it's about confidence and horsemanship for the horses, it's about how to move body parts," she said, "being able to maneuver their shoulders and hips while staying calm. Not just



Manitoulin Horse Club barrel racing student Avery Barnes of Little Current takes her mount through the pylons.

about how to push for the win, but how to make you and your horse a better team. These drills are lots of bending maneuvers and lots of halting. It's amazing how slow you must go to get a really, good fast time in a barrel race."

"Laurie is teaching where your body position should be, how to open doors to allow the horse's body to move as they are going through the pattern and make the horses comfortable so competitions can be fun and not scary for the horse and rider."

Some challenges in barrel racing can be overcome with some simple knowledge of horse psychology, for instance taking the horse into the chute and

photo by Michael Erskine

simply moving around in the space, rather than launching directly into a race around the barrels.

Horses can experience anxiety if they always associate going through the gates of chute at the start of the race. By becoming comfortable with the chute, the horse can be more relaxed and focussed when they are actually about to engage in a competition. If the horse is more relaxed, that allows the rider to also be more relaxed, and then both can become a better team and experience better results.

The MHC also held a barbecue and welcomed spectators and supporters to come out and help support the club.

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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Vice Principal - Indigenous Education (Manitoulin Secondary School), Vice Principal - Manitoulin Secondary School and a Capital Analyst.**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Friday, June 9, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

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MANITOULIN CENTENNIAL MANOR
is looking to hire a Summer Student in the Activity Department.

This FUN position will be 8 weeks at 35 hours a week, various shifts starting at mid-late June.

Students must be enrolled in the fall semester for school in either high school or college/university and provide a CPIC.

Experience working with seniors and persons with dementia is an asset. Excellent communication, organizational and time management skills. This position is made possible through Canada Summer Jobs, an initiative of Employment and Social Development Canada.

To be eligible for these positions, participants must: Be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of employment, be Canadian citizens, be permanent residents or persons to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act and be legally entitled to work in Canada on hire.

Please forward resumes to Julie Omnet - Activity Director at jomnet@extendicare.com

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION
JOB POSTING



Position: Family Promotion and Support Worker
Location: Sheguiandah First Nation Band Office
Accountability: Director of Operations
Employment Status: Full-Time Permanent
Hours of Work: Regular Band Office hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm)
Tentative Start Date: ASAP

JOB PURPOSE:
The Family/Community Promotion and Support Worker will reduce the need for child protection services by providing support to families and communities, encouraging educational programming and building confidence to influence positive changes by utilizing best practices and services that are community based and culturally appropriate.

KEY JOB FUNCTIONS:
Family Promotion:

- Provide individual and family support direct services for child welfare clients
- Assessment and service planning for individuals and families
- Advocacy and liaison services
- Family and parent education
- Educational and skill development and planning
- Information and referral services and planning
- Service planning and conference involvement as it relates to child welfare, court and plans of care
- Collaborative and planning services
- After hours services related to child welfare matters

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Certificate or Diploma in a social work or social services field (Native Community Counselling Care and Development, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Social Services, Child and Youth Worker or Education, Social Work).
- Minimum 2 years work experience in a social services setting is considered an asset.
- Experience in facilitating workshops, activities and events; and report writing.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills as well as proficiency with Microsoft programs.
- Must hold a valid Ontario driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Current CPR/First Aid Certification.
- Knowledge of the Sheguiandah First Nation organization and programs.
- ASIST/Safetalk training is considered an asset.
- Ability to speak the Ojibway language would be an asset.
- Successful candidate must provide Vulnerable Sector Check/CPIC.

We thank all applicants for their interest but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference may be given to qualified Sheguiandah First Nation candidates (please identify). Please submit an application that includes a cover letter, resume and 3 references marked "FAMILY PROMOTION AND SUPPORT WORKER" via email Yvette Assiniwai, Director of Operations

Sheguiandah First Nation
142 Ogemah MiiKAN
Sheguiandah, Ontario P0P 1W0
Please fax, 705-368-3697 or
Email at reception@sheguiandahfn.ca

DEADLINE TO APPLY: June 14, 2023 4:30 PM

Freshmart M'CHIGEENG
MFN GROCERY STORE INC.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Produce Lead Hand

Employment Status: Regular Full-Time (Subject to a three-month probationary period)

Position Summary:
This person will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of the produce department.

Reporting Relationship:
The produce Lead Hand will report to the Store Manager.

Essential Functions:

- Maintain inventory levels and order products as needed
- Ensure product quality and freshness
- Create schedules and manage staff
- Train and develop staff on product knowledge and customer service skills
- Monitor sales and adjust pricing as needed
- Maintain a clean and organized department
- Work with vendors to negotiate prices and manage relationships
- Provide excellent customer service and resolve any customer issues or complaints
- Manually put away orders from the truck to stock shelves
- Prepare fresh cut fruit and vegetables trays
- Other duties as required

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred

- 2+ years of experience in a produce department or retail environment
- High school diploma or equivalency
- WHMIS, Food Handler's Certificate, Health & Safety Certificate, Customer Service Training Certificate
- Have knowledge and/or experience with Anishnabek culture, history and customs
- Understanding and fluency of Anishnabemowin is a strong asset

Minimum

- Previous experience working within a grocery/retail environment is a strong asset
- Have knowledge and/or experience with Anishnabek culture, history and customs is preferred
- Ability to lift up to 50lbs

Interested applicants may apply at:
404 HWY 551 M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
Drop off your resume off c/o Sean Gray MFN Grocery Store Manager
OR email resumes to gsmanger@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

Only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted.
For a complete job description, please contact Sean Gray at gsmanger@mchigeengfreshmart.ca

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Township seeks funds to turn old church on the hill into a community hub for social activities

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings township council is seeking funding to have renovations completed on the historic Old Church on the Hill in Kagawong to make it a community hub for social activities.

A notice of motion had been put forward by deputy mayor Dave Hillyard and mayor Bryan Barker at the December 19 meeting of council, regarding direction for staff to research

funding opportunities to renovate the church.

“This is a great idea,” said councillor Vince Grogan at last week’s council meeting.

“If we can find funding to do renovations, it would be great,” said Councillor Hillyard.

“During the election (campaign) this was a big issue of discussion among local residents,” said Councillor Hillyard.

Council passed a motion

that notes the Old Church on the Hill is of historical significance, and is an asset to the township, which owns the church. At the current time, the church requires renovations for water and septic service, as well as renovation to be handicapped accessible.

A staff report indicates the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program supports green and accessible retrofits, repairs or upgrades of

existing public community buildings and the construction of new publicly accessible community buildings that serve high-needs underserved communities across Canada.

The GICB program has two main funding streams: a continuous, non-competitive intake for small and medium retrofits, and a

scheduled, competition intake process for large retrofits and new builds.

Council passed a motion that reads in part, “be it resolved that the council of the Township of Billings hereby directs staff to research GICB funding for renovations to the Old Church that will enhance the historical character of

the building and address the servicing and accessibility constraints to turn the Old Church into a community hub for social activities and further bring a report back to council prior to the cut off date for funding.”

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Community Living Manitoulin (“CLM”)
External Job Opportunity

Full-Time Permanent Primary Counselor DSP II – Hope Terrace

CLM has an immediate opening for a full-time permanent primary counselor (DSP II) position at Hope Terrace as per attached job description.

Focus: The health and welfare of the individuals CLM supports must be the primary focus. Also, there will be a focus on such things as; medication, program writing, and implementation and counseling skills.

Education Requirements:

- Developmental Service Worker Diploma/Human Services Diploma
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to recognize anxiety and respond appropriately with supports
- Excellent counseling skills, teaching skills
- Excellent time management and organizational skills essential
- Proven ability to work independently and make decisions in the field
- Behavioural knowledge
- Excellent medication knowledge

Health-Related Requirements:

- Current T.B. test (if willing to obtain/if required)
- COVID vaccination

Current Certificates and License Requirements:

- Current Safe Management Certificate
- Current First Aid Certificate

Start Date: Following Agency direction.

Hours of Work:

- Shift hours may vary based on the assigned area and per the Collective Agreement.
- As a member of CLM’s staffing pool, staff may be assigned to any area, shift hours vary and are assigned to time periods over the 24-hour day, seven days per week to fulfill operational service obligations. The successful candidate recognizes that in the future management may assign staff to work within programs/homes other than the program/home to which staff has applied.

Rate of Pay: As per the Collective Agreement DSP II category.

Submit written application to:
Carol Fellin, HR/Finance Admin
Community Living Manitoulin
Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Telephone: 905-699-9522 Email: cfellin@clmanitoulin.com



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for two full-time positions:
Solid Waste Operations Supervisor as well as a Roads Superintendent

Solid Waste Operations Supervisor (Full Time)

The Solid Waste Operations Supervisor will manage the day-to-day operations of the Municipality’s solid waste services and will support the implementation of the long-term Waste Management Plan that was approved by Council in 2022. This position will supervise landfill attendants and will assist residents in their use of the Municipality’s waste transfer facilities, as well as coordinate waste diversion programs, public education initiatives, planning, data tracking and compliance management.

Roads Superintendent (Full-time)

The Roads Superintendent will manage the day-to-day operations of the Roads Department, will supervise the roads department operators, will lead asset management activities for the department and will act as part of the senior management team to plan and implement public works projects.

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

Resumes will be reviewed as they are received. Applications can be addressed to:
Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542 | P.O. Box 420
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca | Phone: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585

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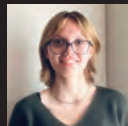
Five to seven stories per week are expected under the Local Journalism Initiative program, which will run in The Expositor and on its website, and will also be published on a national LJI website. This is a continuing position; there has been an LJI reporter covering these same beats for the past two years.

To send a resume and application, or for more information, please email editor@manitoulin.com or call (705) 368-2744.

We can’t wait to hear from you!

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

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

We have officially made it to June and down to the few final weeks of school before summer break. It is getting more and more difficult to stay inside when warm, sunny days are so frequent. Now that it's nice outside you see students playing basketball, having picnics on the lawn, and walking around the track during lunch. The only thing bogging these students down are exams which are just around the corner.

Last Tuesday, May 30 there was a bake sale hosted by the musical theater club to raise money for next year's production. A variety of cookies, cupcakes, and other sweet treats were sold to support things like sets, costuming, and licenses for next school year's musical.

Manitoulin Metal hosted their annual e-waste drive this week. From 3 to 5 pm Monday, May 29 to Friday and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, June 3 community members could drop off any old electronics for the MSS Robotics team to collect and dispose of properly. This helps keep recyclable or toxic materials out of our landfills.

Tuesday, May 30 was Shadow Day, an annual MSS tradition. Shadow Day is when MSS opens its doors to Grade 8 classes across the island to help prepare these incoming students for high school. In the morning there were a couple presentations given by staff and student leaders to help familiarize students with the differences between elementary school

and high school. Following that there were a couple ice breakers to help students make friends with their future classmates. The Grade 8s got to witness a regular lunchtime at MSS and afterwards were able to follow current Grade 9 students to their third period classes. Hopefully all of our incoming Grade 9s feel more prepared for the next step in their schooling and are ready to take the next step in their lives.

Wednesday, May 31 four MSS students went to Science North to attend a Climate Action conference. The group departed from the school at 7:15 am to make it in time for a day full of fun activities, eye-opening discussions and guest speakers. These students returned to MSS with new

ideas and plans to make MSS an even more eco-conscious school.

On Thursday, June 8 MSS will be celebrating their incredible Grade 12 students at their graduation. Congratulations to everyone who is moving forward and taking these important next steps!

Last Friday, May 26 our school hosted the NOSSA Tennis event where our talented players showcased their skills. The team that accumulated the highest points overall won, and we're proud to announce that MSS secured the NOSSA banner for the second time ever. Well done to all our participants!

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



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



ALEXIS MCVEY



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Whether it be breaking personal bests on the field, conquering the court or making layups, Alexis is always looking for an opportunity to be involved! She consistently puts forth her best effort, bringing enthusiasm and a positive attitude to each practice and game. In her second year on the Mustang roster, Alexis has established herself as a great all-around player, ready to jump on any team with an open mind. With her passion for sport and commitment to sportsmanship, Alexis is set for an awesome second half of her athletic career at MSS!

Before becoming a Mustang, Alexis could be found styling the red of the Charles C. MacLean Colts. Even in her elementary years, Alexis was eager to participate in athletics. She could be spotted on the court as a member of the basketball and volleyball team, on the field playing three-pitch, soccer and flag football. Through her exposure to a variety of sports, Alexis recognized that her love for basketball was unmatched. She explains she has always enjoyed training, learning new techniques, and evaluating her game to reach that next level.

Moving into the world of high school athletics, Alexis has continued to stay heavily involved. In Grade 9, she made her debut sporting the black and gold at NSSSA badminton. This year, she was a member of the junior girls' basketball team, who went undefeated in league play. They went on to capture the NSSSA banner, punching their ticket to NOSSA. She notes that this experience ranks as one of her most memorable moments in high school sports so far! Transitioning out of basketball, Alexis made a repeat on the junior girls' volleyball team. Again, her team finished the season of league play without a loss. Making another NSSSA appearance, Alexis helped her team to bring home yet another banner, and they were on their way to NOSSA. In the Northern Ontario championships, the girls fought to the finals and clinched the silver medal! As volleyball came to an end, Alexis had her sights set on participating on the track and field team. She has recently competed at NSSSA in shot put, javelin and discus and will put her throwing to the test at NOSSA shortly!

When not competing for MSS, Alexis uses her time to stay involved in the school. Throughout the school year, she is also a member of the robotics team, exploring her interest in building and learning new skills. In addition to athletics and robotics, she can be spotted on stage participating in the school musical. On top of everything, she is always willing to give a hand in student initiatives pertaining to the athletic association or student council. Alexis demonstrates that she is very committed to creating a great school environment and helping students enjoy their high school experience!

Amid her busy schedule, Alexis finds time to stay on top of her school work, showing as much dedication to her academics as athletics. She is especially keen on science, exposing that she enjoys learning about the world on a deeper level.

Outside of school, Alexis dedicated her time to working for Canadian Yacht Charters in the summer as well as volunteering at Manitoulin Country Fest, Bluegrass in the Country and Special Olympics baseball.

Following graduation, Alexis plans to pursue a career in the sports medicine field, hopefully working for a NBA team! She looks forward to combining her life for athletics with her interest in medicine and working with high level athletes.

With Alexis' ability to always show up with a smile on her face and hard work to pursue her passions, her current accomplishments as a Mustang are sure to only be the beginning of Alexis' success!

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Soil and seeds key to regenerative agriculture

by Maureen Strickland, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Over 30 members of the Manitoulin Nature Club (MNC) hopped on Zoom Friday evening March 31 to talk soil and regionally adapted seeds with Peggy Baillie, co-owner of Three Forks Farms.

Ms. Baillie was introduced by MNC member Rick Peterson who noted that besides being known for organic vegetable and chicken, "They (Three Forks Farms) have a huge track record of supporting other local businesses, doing educational events and you can get advice on organic farming from them when you stop by the on-farm shop or markets."

Ms. Baillie said her goal for the presentation was to tell those attending what Three Forks Farms does, talk about organic agriculture and explain how organic agriculture has the power to impact the environment.

Her hope is that everyone will learn a bit more about "agriculture, seeds and ecology."

Three Forks Farm is certified organic and Ms. Baillie explained the Canadian Organic Certification in detail.

The Canadian Organic certification system is very robust and provides management guidelines for each type of crop along with a list of permitted substances.

Three Forks Farms is audited by a third party annually. This includes a review of records they are required to keep on every component of production as well as sales records confirming they only sell what they produce.

Ms. Baillie pointed out that, "Ontario is one of the only provinces in the country that allows people to

use the word organic, when they are not necessarily certified organic."

Practicing organic agriculture is a way of improving things, not taking them away.

"We work along side nature to feed the planet," said Ms. Baillie.

A big part of this approach is fostering soil health says Ms. Baillie, "If you feed the soil, the soil will feed you."

The group learned that there is more happening under the surface of the soil, than above it, in the world of agriculture.

Three Forks Farms feeds their soil using a variety of methods.

They rotate pasture raised chickens over land that will eventually be used for growing crops. The chickens are nutrient dense through grazing on pasture and their manure fertilizes the soil.

Cover cropping is used to feed the soil as well as suppressing weeds, leading to a decreased need for soil inputs.

Three Forks Farms practices reduced tillage. "You don't want to break up the healthy soil," said Ms. Baillie. She advised that tillage should only be done two to four inches below the soil surface and no deeper than six inches.

Producing adapted seeds local to the region is also a key part of the regenerative agriculture work at Three Forks Farms and something that Ms. Baillie is clearly passionate about.

Ms. Baillie pointed out that "Canada produces under five percent of the seeds required to grow all the food that Canada produces." Meaning, Canada imports 95 percent of the

seeds planted in this country.

Ms. Baillie then gave examples. For instance, most cucumber seeds are imported from hot and dry California. These seeds are not adapted to Canada and do not thrive. To increase yield, inputs are required. By having regionally adapted seeds, specific to the climate the need for inputs to maximize yields is reduced.

Because of this Three Forks Farms is selecting plants through generations that are highly adapted to Manitoulin Island conditions to produce seeds that they use for their crops, but which are also sold locally.

Ms. Baillie is working on growing and adapting seeds for short season melons.

"People in Northern Ontario should have access to local melon," said Ms. Baillie, while showing a slide of a juicy orange melon against a lush green field and clear blue skies.

Besides direct attention to the soil and adapted seeds as part of their organic and regenerative agriculture strategy, Three Forks also utilizes passive greenhouses for three season production and fosters the next generation of farmers.

"We do a lot of teaching on the farm, we want staff to understand why we do what we do, the way we do it," says Ms. Baillie.

The Manitoulin Nature Club has a guest speaker at their monthly meetings.

The monthly meetings are for members only. You can become a member of the Manitoulin Nature Club by contacting ManitoulinNatureClub@gmail.com

Royal Canadian Legion Branch in Gore Bay holds annual executive elections

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—The Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 514 in Gore Bay has held its annual executive election for 2023-2024.

"We have an excellent executive in place," stated President Marilyn Clarke after the executive election meeting May 28. She is joined on the executive by immediate past president Jim Woods, first vice president Trevor Wright, second vice president Beverly Wright, third vice president Michael Lalonde, secretary Annie Porter, treasurer Leigh Major and sergeant at arms Jim Kiviaho.

Ms. Clarke also said that recently the RCL Branch #514 received an achievement award from the RCL zone command. "The Legion Ontario Command 2022 Achievement Award was presented to Western Manitoulin Branch #514 in recognition of attaining 100 percent or more of the previous year's membership. This means that the large majority of our current membership will continue for another



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay held its annual executive election for 2023-2024. In photo left is Sergeant at Arms Jim Kiviaho, first vice-president Trevor Wright, president Marilyn Clarke, treasurer Leigh Major, second vice-president Beverly Wright, immediate past president Jim Woods, secretary Annie Porter and third vice-president Michael Lalonde.

year, and along with that we have 26 new members who are paid up in membership for 2023-2024."

The RCL Branch 514 will be holding a general membership meeting on June 14 at 8 pm.



HOROSCOPES (June 4-10)

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, things may not progress the way you want them to unless you become a little more persistent. Figure out how to walk the line to achieve your goals.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, many things are going right with your life. But now it's time to get a handle on your love life. You may have to put in some extra effort, especially this week.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Gemini, keep things on the lighter side when conversing with coworkers this week. Now is not the time to delve into controversial discussions in the workplace.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Cancer, as you try to become more organized, try not to get too overwhelmed by the scope of the task at hand. Tackle one thing at a time and keep making progress.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, situations may seem like they are a matter of life or death this week, but there's a good chance you're just being overly dramatic. Try to go with the flow.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, emotions are running wild and you're worried about what others think of you. Embrace a point of view that relies more on the rational than the emotional.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, after a few stops and starts, you and your romantic partner are on quite a roll. Enjoy that you both are in tune and aspiring toward shared goals.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, it's possible you feel blocked on all sides regarding your employment. While you can't get ahead right now, there are some opportunities coming.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Be careful about speaking before thinking through your words, Sagittarius. Knee-jerk responses can have unexpected consequences. Take time to form your opinion.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
This week is bound to be pretty intense, Capricorn. But you'll find a way to skirt through it relatively unscathed. Rely on a few friends as sounding boards.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, try not to cut off channels of communication with loved ones as you deal with a few difficult issues. Others are willing to step up and help as needed.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
Pisces, others will not always see the world the way you do. Interactions this week can be a little stilted or even frustrating.

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Level: Intermediate

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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

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CLUES ACROSS

- In a place to sleep
- Chemical compound (abbr.)
- A way to fish
- Classic Linklater film “___ and Confused”
- Legume
- Indonesian island
- Smooth, creamy substance
- Arctic
- Wood sorrels
- Defied
- Cattle
- Tableland
- Honorably retired and retaining one's title
- Repossession
- Danced
- Adult males
- A type of section
- Type of Japanese animation
- Satisfaction
- Fit
- “Ain't No Sunshine” singer
- Failure
- Israeli city
- French river
- Cavalry-sword
- Nocturnal S. American rodent
- Liquefied natural gas
- Afflicted
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- Large body of water
- ___kosh, near Lake Winnebago
- Impudence

CLUES DOWN

- Payroll firm
- Unit of transmission
- Rockers Better Than ___
- Bambi is one
- Highest parts of something
- Correct behavior
- Batty
- Cyprinid fishes
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Site of the famous Leaning Tower
- American rocker Snider
- W. African language
- Symbol to mark for removal
- ___ Squad
- Resident
- Federal savings bank
- Paddle
- Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- One point south of due east
- Winter melon
- Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
- Anger
- Central European river
- First responders
- Spanish noble
- Persons with absence of skin pigment
- Defunct airline
- Small island (British)
- The extent of something from beginning to end
- Capital of Bangladesh
- Dutch cheese
- Imitates
- A contest of speed
- Swiss river
- Prejudice
- Actor Idris
- UNLV's are Runnin'
- Criticize

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