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HONOURING A HALF-CENTURY OF LNHL FUN, FELLOWSHIP—From left, Chico Ralf, acting president of Little NHL; Patrick Madahbee, Little NHL executive member; Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow; M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief Morgan Hare; Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) Chief Patsy Corbiere, WRFN Band Manager Murray McGregor stand behind Jim McGregor, the sole surviving Little NHL founding member following a special ceremony that saw him presented with an eagle feather and wrapped in a star blanket. The other founding members were the late Jim Debassige and Norman Debassige of M'Chigeeng; the late Earl Abotossaway of AOK; and the late Rev. Len Self. **photo by Peter Carter**

Final legal hurdle cleared for Robinson-Huron annuities

by Tom Sasvari
ONTARIO—In an historic court decision, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice has issued a partial judgment to finalize the settlement for the past compensation in the Robinson-Huron Annuities Case.

"It is an historic agreement and decision—the court recognizes the case that had been put before it and the negotiation efforts of all the parties involved," stated Angus Toulouse, chief of Sagamok First Nation and a Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHT-LF) spokesperson. "It took a long time to reach this point."

"It's great news," stated Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation and one of the plaintiffs in the court case. "It is a big win and quite an accomplishment. And it is an historic agreement as all parties agreed, and it gives an edict for the Canada and Ontario governments to provide \$5 million each," she said, pointing out, "there was a lot of risk in this whole process."

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Drug traffickers will be target if Wiiky passes residency rules

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—The challenges being presented by the current opioid crisis and the accompanying violence and gang activity that accompanies an influx of drugs into the community are being tackled by chief and council.

An earlier proposal to place a gate at the entry to Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory had broad community support, noted Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi, but the legal pylons, time and effort needed to navigate that concept dictated council take a different approach.

To that end, Wiikwemkoong band council has been working on setting in place the residency bylaws needed to ensure the health and safety of the community and better control who is welcome within its borders and who is not—specifically southern gang drug dealers.

"We are getting close," noted

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Little NHL gala celebrates 50 years of fun, fellowship

by Peter Carter
MARKHAM—No wonder everybody who meets Ted Nolan likes the guy.

The Garden River-born former NHL player and coach was talking to a packed dining room at the luxurious Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre and Spa Saturday night.

He was saying exactly what the crowd needed to hear, which was, the Little NHL hockey tournament is life changing.

As a kid, the former Detroit Red Wings player and Buffalo Sabres coach competed in the Little NHL and though he said he couldn't remember too much about those early games, he does recall one Alvin Manitowabi from Wiky having such a powerful slapshot that Nolan's older brother, a goalie, "stepped away from the net" to avoid being hit.

At that time, 44 years ago, the Little NHL tourney took place in Espanola. "It changed me as a young man and created a lifestyle for myself. This tournament was a turning point for me. It was the first time in my career that I felt a part of the community."

"Getting into the major leagues was not the important aspect of this thing," Mr. Nolan added. "The most important aspect of this thing is to teach good decision making and good citizenship."

The speech was one of many at the pre-tournament banquet Saturday. The event started Sunday and ran to the following Thursday.

This year, the City of Markham is host, with 245 registered teams (38 of which are women) and approximately 4,000 players. Five hundred and seventy four games will be played in 12 arenas. Players range in age from seven to 17 and came from all over the half a million square miles that comprise Ontario. Two of the first people I ran into were Patrick and Rylee Kipling, a father/daughter duo freshly in from Kenora. They'd had to drive to Winnipeg to catch a Toronto flight. Pat Madabee, who until very recently was acting president of the Little

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Discount and 'free' stores closing in Little Current

Barney's Bargain Barn ends 20-year Island run

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—"It is one of the hardest decisions we have ever had to make," said Rodney Deforge (aka Barney) of the closing of Barney's Bargain Barn in Little Current. The closure includes the store and the free food distribution centre. Mr. Deforge cites the high cost of transportation as the key element in making that decision, but also notes the toll the business was taking on he and his wife's health.

"If you are operating in Southern Ontario then it might cost you a couple of hundred dollars to pick up and deliver a load," said Mr. Deforge. "It costs us around \$2,100 a load and we have at least three a week coming in." The costs were in the range of \$10,000 to \$12,000 a week. "We couldn't carry the cost of that," he said, noting that the store attached to the free food centre simply couldn't sustain the revenue stream/cash flow needed.

When his contract with Second Harvest came up, Mr. Deforge said he was faced with a tough decision.

"We are not as young as we used to be," he said of he and his wife and partner Lynette. "We put in about 18 hours a day," said

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Assiginack School takes robotics gold

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—The Assiginack Public School Lego Robotics team has advanced to the provincial technological skills competition two months from now after finishing first overall in their division at the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) technological skills competition held at Cambrian College in Sudbury in late February.

"The students did a great job at the competition," stated teacher Margit Alberti, coach of the Assiginack team. She explained RDSB hosted its 17th annual technological skills competition at Cambrian College in Sudbury on February 29. "The girls were super excited to go and were determined to make it to Toronto. I was acting as their coach and as judge of their event, so I couldn't give them

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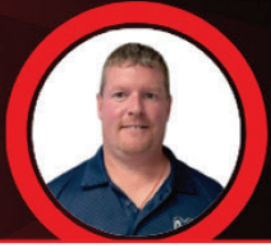
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Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi is joined by Wiikwemkoong Anishinabemowin Manager Andrew Manitowabi, spokesperson, and Junior School Kindergarten teacher Ngwaagan Eshkibok, elders and families to cut the ribbon to officially open 'Mooshkin Anishinaabemowin Gamig—We speak our language fully in this house.'

photo by Michael Erskine

Language house opened in Wiikwemkoong

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—It was a bright day in every way as the sun shone down on the elders and young families gathered for the grand opening of Mooshkin Anishinaabemowin Gamig—a centre for full immersive language learning that has been in the making for nearly a year.

"This is a place for young families to bring back the Anishinaabe language," said spokesperson Ngwaagan Eshkibok. She explains that the upstairs of the house, which is closely laid out like a home with kitchen and bedrooms for naptime, but also resembles a classroom with language aids posted on the walls, is an Anishinaabemowin-only site—no English. "Upstairs is Anishinaabemowin only, but downstairs is bilingual," Ms. Eshkibok said. "A lot of the older children don't understand the language well."

"This is the beginning of the reclamation of our language," said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi, who was on hand to cut the ribbon and unveil the sign at the grand opening. "This

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Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi is joined by Wiikwemkoong Anishinabemowin Manager Andrew Manitowabi unveil the sign for Mooshkin Anishinaabemowin Gamig.

40th Porter Clark Purvis Thibault Memorial Tournament minor hockey's biggest fundraiser

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The 40th annual Porter Clark Purvis Thibault Memorial Hockey tournament will definitely go down in history as one of the best ever. Great hockey with close games were the order of the day.

In the Sportsmen A division, the Jagerbombs defeated the Manitou Monsters in the cham-

pionship game by a 4-2 score. The team was presented with the Godfrey Porter Memorial trophy by members of the Porter family including Eldene Longhurst, Jeff and Annie Porter. Members of the Jagerbombs included Ryan Lanktree, Justin Lanktree, Steve Green, Devin Lockyer, Parker Dickinson, Brandon Orford, Greg Trudeau,

Jake Pitawanakwat, Hunter Smith, Dawson Campbell, Jarvis Debassige, Diggy Debassige, Carson Shawanda, Robert James and Julian Wemigwans.

Goaltender Julian Wemigwans was presented with the Rick Rayner most valuable player award by Aaron and Stacy Rayner.

Nick Lane, president of the Western Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (WMMHA) on its behalf said, "I would like to thank all of you for participating in the 40th anniversary of the Porter Clark Purvis Thibault hockey tournament. This is our biggest fundraiser for the minor hockey association and all the proceeds raised go back to the hockey association to keep registration costs low for families of players."

The Over 40 A division championship was won by Team Blodgett, who defeated Team Orford by a score of 4-2. This is the first time the Blodgett team has won this division. Team Blodgett got out to a 3-0 lead in the game with team Orford scoring two goals to make it close.

Members of Team Blodgett included coach Ken Blodgett and players Chad Chevette, Roger Hayden, Joel Lock, Chris King, Perry Como, Mark Sanchez, Don Wright, Steph Madore, Chris Deschene, Kurt Noble, Kyle Noble, Scott McDougall, Tom Lockyer, Curtis Flanagan. Team Blodgett

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Gore Bay set to increase taxes by almost six percent for 2024

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—In order to be a thriving full-service community, the Town of Gore Bay has invested in many amenities to support recreation, culture, arts, health and wellness, tourism and senior services programs. The town has also invested in its infrastructure, both new and old, to ensure it maintains its brand as a service centre for Western Manitoulin and as a destination of choice.

In order to do this the town council has approved a 5.92 percent property tax increase, which equates to a \$13.66 increase per month on the median household assessed value and a two percent allocation to capital reserves.

A release provided after a council meeting last week also indicated, "Over the past few years, we have depleted all our reserves for our facilities (arena, community hall, town office, public works operation centre, our fleet and equipment). Our asset management plan indicated we would need to invest an additional four percent each year over the next 20 years to address our gap. To this end, in 2024 we approved a two percent allocation to capital reserves. This additional funding will increase the total property tax by \$18.20 per month per median household assessed value."

As well, "to ensure we continue to provide high quality water and sewer service we approve a seven percent increase to the rates for 2024. This amounts to a \$6.17 increase per month for a residential property."

Mayor Lane said after the council meeting of March 5, "In an effort to assist our residents due to the pandemic over the last three

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Manitoulin celebrates triumphant Special Olympic winter athletes

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Over 100 people from across Manitoulin Island packed the Freshwater Community Church on Thursday of last week to show the pride they have for the medal winning Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) athletes and coaches from the Canada National Winter Games in Calgary.

"Manitoulin Island is so proud of all of you, and we hope you feel that love and pride," stated Karlene Scott, master of ceremonies for the special celebration as everyone stood up and gave the MSO team a standing ovation.

Everyone was on hand to celebrate the accomplishments of six MSO athletes and four coaches who attended the games. The MSO gold medal curling rink included skip Tyler Madahbee, vice Dylan Danville, second Dayne Tipper, leads Austin Recollet and William Leclair, coaches Ellen Holroyd and Janet Anning; MSO snowshoer Matthew Bedard who won three bronze medals at the games, coach Joanne Mellan; and MSO coach Sandy Graham who coached the Team Ontario five pin bowling team at the games.

The athletes and coaches were led into the church by piper Dave Beaton, Manitoulin Sea Cadets and youngsters holding up the names of each of the MSO athletes and coaches.

"We would like to welcome everyone here tonight for this amazing evening as well as celebrate our special Olympians who have just returned from the national games in Calgary. Our gold medal winning curling team, snowshoer Matthew Bedard who brought home three bronze medals and coach Sandy Graham, who coached the Ontario five pin bowling team," said Ms. Scott. She thanked all those who took part in the opening and "most of all of you here this evening taking time from your busy lives to be here."

Mr. Bedard read the Special Olympics Oath, "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Ben Lentir chair of the Bluegrass in the Country festival

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Dr. Maurianne Reade feted by Canadian Association for Medical Education for work with NOSM

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Island physician Dr. Maurianne Reade has been recognized with an award from the Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME).

"Yes, it is very nice to be recognized for this award," Dr. Reade told The Expositor, along with two other faculty at NOSM (Northern Ontario School of Medicine) this year (Dr. Anne Robinson and Dr. Barb Zelek), whom I highly respect. It is something that makes me feel I am in great company."

"CAME is pleased to celebrate this year's recipients of the 2024 CAME Certificate of Merit which promotes, recognizes and rewards faculty committed to medical education in Canadian medical schools," a press release from CAME states. "The CAME Certificate of Merit Award consists of a certificate and the opportunity to write an article for the CAME Voice. The CAME awards committee has no role in adjudicating the CAME Certificate of Merit Awards. While sponsored by CAME, the Certificate of Merit Awards are adjudicated locally by CAME Board school representatives and their committees."

"Dr. Reade is a rural generalist and preceptor on Manitoulin Island. A previous president of Physician Clinical Teachers Association (PCTA), her more recent activities include pandemic response and rural workforce challenges. Maurianne's research interests include vaccine confidence and medical education," CAME said in a virtual Zoom recognition.

Dr. Reade is a rural family physician, educator and health care leader based in

Mindemoya. Following medical school at the University of Alberta and an early career in Western Canada, she has made Manitoulin Island her home since 2001. Dr. Reade is a member of several collaborative teams providing patient care at the Manitoulin Health Centre, at the Manitoulin Central Family Health team and at the M'Chigeeng Health Centre.

Dr. Reade is an associate professor at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine NOSM and

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MSS gymnasts will compete at Northern Ontario championship

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Several members of the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs gymnastics team have qualified for the Northern Ontario championships after the team posted excellent results at a recent competition.

"Our team did very well," stated Heather Theijmeijer, co-coach of the team along with Jill Ferguson. "Our athletes qualified for the Northern Ontario championship," she said, explaining that with no other secondary school on the North Shore fielding a gymnastics team this season, the competition they took part in last week was equivalent to the annual North Shore championships.

The MSS gymnastics team had their first competition of

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editorial
Whither are the Island science fair projects?

Science fairs have long been key entry points for youth to engage in STEM subjects (that's science, technology, engineering and math) and have served as rites of passage for many of the greatest scientific minds. It was with some dismay that The Expositor noted an absence of Island Rainbow District School Board student projects at the recently held Sudbury Science Fair.

The first science fair was called The Children's Fair and was held in 1928 at the American Institute in New York City with the stated goal of connecting students with nature.

Science fairs steadily expanded from there to include diverse scientific topics including physics, engineering, astronomy and biology. By the end of World War II, science fairs had a new purpose: grooming the scientists of the future.

For 50 years the Sudbury Regional Science Fair has been doing just that.

Manitoulin Island's scientific chops have been well demonstrated over the years, including competing favourably at both the national and international level in the Science Olympics and, most recently, the stellar work being done by the Island's budding young engineers and scientists in the realm of robotics.

It is puzzling, therefore, to discover no Island students competing in the board level runoffs to take part in the Sudbury Regional Science Fair. There are three boards that send students to the competitions, but only one, the Rainbow District School Board, serves Manitoulin. Those schools outside of those boards can also register projects to compete. So, what gives?

Given the focus that is being given to promoting student success in the STEM fields in Ontario schools these days, it would be sensible to expect that Island students would be front and centre in any

regional science fair.

The interest being expressed by students in the various robotics teams at Island schools makes it clear that Island students are engaged in the STEM fields that underpin science fairs. It begs the question, 'why are they not at the science fairs?'

When the old Manitoulin School Board was subsumed into the Rainbow District School Board there were concerns that the distances between schools under the new board would see Manitoulin's students shortchanged when it came to participation in inter-mural sports and other interactions. In the realm of sports, Island athletes have continued to make strides at regional, provincial and national levels, despite the distances involved—just as they have done in a number of academic fields (the aforementioned robotics and Science Olympiads a case in point).

An Island-wide science fair is something that would make sense and help to promote interest in the sciences, which, sadly, have taken a bit of a public relations hit from being caught up in the various COVID pandemic conspiracy theories and mandate push-backs and the climate change denialism.

Our lives have been made measurably better through advancements in science and science provides the best case hope in meeting the challenges we are currently facing due to human impacts on the Earth's environment (which are fast becoming existential threats to humanity's very existence).

When it comes to making the world a better (and safer) place, it is patently clear that we need all minds on deck. Science fairs are often where sparks ignite into full blown careers in the sciences, we need to encourage participation as much as possible.

letters
Lafarge plans celebration of the late George Gardner
His charismatic presence will be forever missed

To the Expositor:
Lafarge Canada celebrates Father George Gardner's life and his extraordinary contributions to the Whitefish River Terminal. Recently, his presence and support were instrumental in the negotiation and signing of the Terminal's 50-year agreement. Throughout the years, Father Gardner's dedication to the community was both unwavering and sincere.

In 2017, in order to honour Father Gardner's life, Lafarge built a waterfront pavilion and named it "The George Gardner Wassai Giizhagaad Bright Day Pavilion". As an organization, we were all deeply saddened by the news of his passing at the beginning of this year. His community involvement was a testament of his great stature and respect. The local team will always remember him as the remarkable person he was and we will do our best to follow in his footsteps - his charismatic presence will be forever missed.

Please join us in honouring Father George Gardner's fruitful life.

Howard Scruton
Operations Manager Whitefish Terminal
Northern Ontario



The George Gardner pavilion at the Lafarge lease in Whitefish River First Nation.

Student immunization record assessment activities begin

SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is conducting its annual review of immunization records for students attending secondary schools in its service area.

The Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) R.S.O. 1990 requires all students under the age of 18 to have an up-to-date immunization record or to have a valid immunization exemption to attend school in Ontario. As outlined in the legislation, public health must collect and maintain immunization records for students in its service area. Under the ISPA, the medical officer of health can issue suspension orders to students who do not meet the requirements of the ISPA, preventing them from attending school until their records are updated.

To start the annual record review process, an immunization notice will be mailed to all secondary students in Grade 9 to 12 for whom public health does not have an up-to-date immunization record. This could mean the student's most recent vaccine records have not been received by public health or that the student is overdue for one or more vaccines. The notice specifies which of the required vaccine(s) are missing for the student's record and how to update the information with public health.

Public health will be working closely with local school boards, students, parents and guardians in the coming months to ensure that immunization records are updated and that required vaccines that have not been received are administered and reported to public health so that students can avoid suspension.

"At this time there are about 1,700 students enrolled in secondary schools across our service area who will receive a letter asking

them to provide immunization information to public health," said David Groulx, a manager with public health's Vaccine Preventable Diseases team. "Students who do not have the required immunizations will be advised in the letter to get vaccinated and to report this information to public health. It will also provide a potential date of suspension for the student if the information is not received. A second letter will be mailed four weeks later for those who remain outstanding with the ISPA requirements, and the suspension will take effect on the date indicated in the notice if the information has not been received."

It is anticipated that first notification letters for elementary students will be mailed out later in 2024. Catch-up clinic appointments will be offered by PHSD during the summer so that children can obtain any vaccines that they are missing. Parents and guardians of elementary students are urged to ensure their child's immunizations are up-to-date and reported to public health over the summer months to avoid suspension.

Vaccines against diseases that are designated under the ISPA are free, safe, and effective, and protect against cases and outbreaks of diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, pertussis and chickenpox.

In Ontario, parents and guardians are responsible for reporting immunizations for their school-aged children to a public health unit. Health care providers are not required to report immunizations for their patients to public health.

Please refer to Ontario's Publicly Funded Immunization Schedule (Ontario government) for information about vaccinations your child can receive free of charge to have the best protection.



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Little Native Hockey League Tournament opening day was filled with fun

by Aspen Debassige

MARKHAM—A steady crowd of coaches, hockey players and enthusiasts arrived by busload to brave the return of winter during the Opening Day Festival to kick off the 50th Anniversary of the Little Native Hockey League tournament at the Markham Civic Centre on Sunday, March 10. The day was jam-packed with entertainment, food and activities to keep the little ones busy prior to the actual start of game play on Monday, March 11, which also marks the beginning of the March Break holiday for most Ontario schools.

Ron MacLean and Anthony Stewart from Hockey Night in Canada co-hosted the official opening ceremony giving *semaa* (tobacco) to elders and a warm welcome to all in attendance despite the frigid temperatures that dipped close to -10 with the wind chill. Both hockey announcers were very



Arianna tries her hand at one of the shoot out ranges set up at the festival.



Jumpstart had lots of visitors to their hockey arch where players could sharpen up their shot!



Kayla Peltier, left, and Reese Peltier, right, of Sugar Bears were selling delicious treats to all visitors, including cotton candy to Nova Debassige (middle)!



Players were very excited to see Ron MacLean and Anthony Stewart co-host the official opening ceremonies for the Little NHL this year!

ready for the week-long tournament. McGill University was on hand with the Snipe Light shooting drill activity along with hockey shoot-out practice from Jump Start and Top Shot from the city of Markham.

Ontario Power Generation, sponsors of the tournament and drone show, were on hand to support teams and show off their robot dog, 3D printer and hockey bot. Fuel the Fire TV also took part in the day, helping snipers increase their focus and attention by shooting archery and practicing their breathing technique. The Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation had giveaways for players and as always, are big supporters of the LNHL tournament.

It's been over five decades since the founders came up with the idea for the LNHL tournament. That's 50 years of First Nation children competing, growing up and seeing



The First Nation Drum and Dancers provided both visual and auditory pleasure to families through music and dance.

honoured to be asked to be a part of the opening festival. Mr. Stewart, returning for the second time to coach in the tournament and sponsoring the Tyke division this year, marveled at the incredible "sense of excitement, culture and community" that the tournament brings to every city that gets to host the event, something that according to Mr. Stewart "is something missing at this time in the hockey world."

The Six Nation Women singers, led by Sadie Buck, entertained the crowd with a song

from their original repertoire followed by a heartfelt version of 'O Canada' from July Black. Ms. Black, known for her alteration of the words of the national anthem, did not disappoint the fans in attendance as the words "on Native land" were met with cheers and clapping in support of the lyric choice.

Ogimaa Claire Sault, chief of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, was on hand along with other political representatives from local politics. Chief Sault spoke with pride about the theme of the

Little NHL tournament this year, Honouring our Water. She remarked that "it takes a village to raise a child and that she is proud to be a part of that village." Frank Scarpitti, the mayor of Markham and the town council were also on stage to welcome the 245 teams travelling from all across Ontario. Knowing that these teams were comprised of approximately 4,000 players, Mayor Scarpitti remarked that he and his council agreed that "our youth are the fountain of hope."

Chico Ralph, the acting president of the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) executive, was also on hand to greet the people in attendance. The executives are key players in the smooth sailing of such a massive endeavour. It was the executive committees and founders of the past that realized the need to grow hockey opportunities for First Nation children playing the sport over 50 years ago. They knew that although logistics, location and tournament formats would change many times over in the coming years, the fundamental founding principles would continue to be honoured for decades to come.

Sportsmanship, citizenship, respect and dedication were the pillars that the LNHL foundation is built on. For the Island founders, Jim McGregor, Norman Debassige, Earl Abotossaway and Jim Debassige, the hockey rink was just another classroom, albeit a little colder. As great coaches, they also knew that there is no such thing as losing. You win or you learn and if you happen to come up short on the score-board at the end of the third period, what



Neil Debassige of TV's Fuel the Fire instructs Taylor Trudeau on safe and proper archery practices.

is most important is that you continue to try and try again. That is the essence of sport and the essence of this tournament - to pursue greatness. The hope is that this pursuit will follow players off the ice and into the rest of their lives.

Over the course of the opening day festival children had a chance to practice some of these skills whether they were playing in the tournament or not. Tournament sponsors and organizations set up their booths to provide encouragement to teams and perhaps some last minute skill tweaking to get

that there is a place for them in Canada's favourite sport. The LNHL tournament is and will continue to be a place for the next generation to see themselves by watching their siblings, friends and players from other communities chase their dreams. The tournament has grown bigger than the game of hockey itself, it has become what the founders had always hoped it would be: a reminder for us about the importance of standing together in unity.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is continuing an investigation into a motor vehicle collision

On Sunday, March 3 at approximately 1:40 pm, WTPS received a call of a motor vehicle accident that occurred in the Kaboni Beach access road area on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

Officers located a truck overturned on its roof on the access road to the beach area. There were no signs of occupants or witnesses in the area. The vehicle was described as a black GMC truck.

The area was canvassed by WTPS with negative results locating witnesses to the accident. Police called for a tow truck and had the vehicle removed.

The matter is still under investigation.

Anyone with information

on this incident or any other investigation can contact the WTPS at (705) 859-3141 or through the Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Mischief to dollar store

In the early morning hours of Monday, March 4 (approximately 2:40 am), WTPS received a call of an alarm at the Dollar Store and More location in the main village area of the WUT.

Officers attended the scene and located the business which appeared to have one damaged window. Entry did not appear to have been gained. The officers were not able to locate any suspects in the area where the mischief took place.

The matter is still under investigation.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police responded to 53 calls for service during the weekend of



Law & Order

March 1-3, 2024.

Manitoulin OPP warns public of frauds

Since January 1, the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has responded to 16 fraud related occurrences.

The type of fraud incidents that are targeting the public are in the areas of bitcoin, cryptocurrency, business, and financial scams.

On March 2, the Manitoulin OPP were notified of a Reader's Digest fraud where a member of the public received a letter printed on a Reader's Digest letterhead. The letter stated they had won one million dollars during a sweepstake draw. The letter went on to request the recipient to send money to pay for taxes owing on the winnings and to cover the exchange rates.

The recipient also received two cheques from Reader's Digest to be deposited in their bank account to help pay the duty tax owed, which was an attempt to make the fraud seem more legitimate, the OPP said.

The OPP provided some tips for protecting yourself from fraud. Do not open emails from people you don't know. Do not click on any links in an email unless you are sure it is safe; Look at the branding carefully. Scammers tend to use logos, email or postal addresses that are very similar to the real ones. Check carefully to see if there are slight differences in spelling or the logo in order to fool you; be careful whenever there is a link. Malicious links can come from your friends and contacts if their accounts have been compromised; Secure your personal information. Before providing any information, such as Social Insurance Number, account numbers or passwords, be sure

the website is secure; be suspicious of telephone calls that require you to act immediately and request money; be careful what you post online. Scammers can use details you share on social media platforms to easily gather names and details about your life; Use unique and strong passwords for all social media and email accounts.

"Always remember, any legitimate agency will never request a payment by online currency such as bitcoin, pre-paid credit cards or pre-paid gift cards. Awareness is key when it comes to recognizing frauds as there are many forms out there, and the more quickly you can identify any discrepancies the less likely you will fall victim," the OPP continued.

If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or your nearest police authority. Also, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or report it online at www.antifraudcentre.com.

OPP launches fraud prevention month campaign amid rising fraud rates

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

ONTARIO—As March marks Fraud Prevention Month (FPM), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and its partners are intensifying efforts to combat the surge in fraudulent activities. This year's campaign, themed "20 years of fighting fraud – where are we now?" aims to shed light on the evolving nature of fraud over the past two decades.

The prevalence of fraud in Ontario ranks among the highest nationwide, prompting the OPP and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) to amplify awareness about the growing threat and the importance of reporting incidents, particularly among vulnerable populations.

In 2023, the CAFC recorded a staggering \$554 million in reported fraud losses, surpassing the historic figures of \$530 million in 2022. Alarming, 75 percent of these losses stem from cyber-enabled fraud, a trend expected to escalate annually. Despite these figures, only five to 10 percent of victims report scams or frauds to authorities.

According to CAFC data from 2023, the top five fraud categories affecting Canadians daily include investment frauds, spear phishing frauds, romance frauds, job scams and service frauds. These scams collectively

accounted for millions in reported losses, with Ontario victims bearing significant financial burdens.

Modern fraud tactics leverage sophisticated technology, including spoofed websites, VoIP-spoofed telephone numbers, remote-entry software, and phishing texts, posing substantial threats to individuals and businesses alike.

Mike Bickerton, detective superintendent and director of financial crime services at the OPP, stresses the importance of public awareness and cyber literacy in combating fraud. He emphasizes, "One of the strongest and most effective methods we have to combat fraud is through enhanced public knowledge and cyber awareness."

Throughout Fraud Prevention Month, the OPP, CAFC and partners will disseminate fraud prevention information to empower individuals with the necessary tools to recognize and thwart fraudulent schemes.

In the event of falling victim to fraud or suspecting fraudulent activity, individuals are urged to report the crime to local law enforcement and the CAFC. Reporting, even in cases where no financial loss occurred, is crucial for tracking and combating fraud effectively.

As part of the campaign, the OPP encourages the public to follow their social media channels using hashtags #FPM2024, #kNOWfraud, and @canantifraud for week-

ly updates and resources throughout March. Together, proactive measures and community vigilance can help mitigate the impact of fraud on individuals and businesses across Ontario.



Gore Bay night lights up

The night sky was alight with fireworks to cap a great Family Fun Day in Gore Bay. The firefighters put on the show, hosted by the Gore Bay Spirit Committee.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team O'Fergmeijer

Fiddle dee dee! 'Tis only a few days until the greenest of celebrations: St. Patrick's Day! Team O'Fergmeijer has a friend coming up from Boston for the occasion. He's totally the life of the party. He's more of a clover than a fighter, and always has the best advice. Our favourite is: in the pursuit of hoppiness, you can't give in to beer pressure. It will only lead to making poor decisions and you don't want to reach the pint of no return.

With the ice breaking up on the North O'Channel already, we're sad to announce that the Kagawong outdoor rink is now closed for the season. Thanks to Andy O'Preyde for heading up a team of volunteers to keep the rink open as much as possible this winter. Please stay off the surface until the ice and slush is removed.

There is a special town hall meeting coming up on Tuesday, March 19 from 2 to 4 pm at the Park Centre to present the final draft of the township's Five Year O'Strategic Plan. The discussion will be led by Capital O'Park and there will be an opportunity for community members to ask questions and provide feedback.

Why cook when you don't need to? Come on out for the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at the Kagawong Park Centre on Saturday, March 23 from 5 to 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 at the door, with kids under 11 only \$12, with all proceeds going to the O'Jabbawong Storytelling Festival this summer. Take-out is available. For more information contact Diane O'Larocque at 705-919-1751.

Mark your calendars! The Easter O'Bunny is hopping back into Kagawong on Saturday, March 30 for the annual Easter egg hunt! Youth of all ages are welcome to come by the Kagawong Park O'Centre at 11 am that day and fill their baskets with goodies. Who will find the Golden O'Ticket? You'll have to come out to see! Thanks to the Billings Parks, Recreation and O'Wellness Committee for hosting this event.

The Billings Climate O'Action Committee is planning on hosting an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 20! The event should include community clean-up, a "junk in the trunk" sale, activities for youth and information on green technologies. The committee is

currently looking for vendors interested in presenting green solutions with either a booth or in a discussion panel. Contact Vince O'Grogan at vgrogan@billingstwp.ca for more information.

Happy 29th birthday to Kim O'N and Mike O'M who are both celebrating their big days this week. You guys don't look a day over 29! (Of course, the O'ptomist recently told us we need a stronger prescription, but we stand by our statement.)

Town council approved a new Municipal Owned Water System O'Ad-Hoc Committee. The town will be issuing a call for members on their website soon (billingstwp.ca).

There have been sightings of geese so far, but no reports of seeing O'Sandhill cranes or of hearing their melodious coo. Will YOU be the first to hear the majestic coo of the cranes? Keep your ear to the ground and your eyes on the sky (also on the fields) and be sure to send in the date and time of your sighting/sounding to fergmeijer@gmail.com to participate in our annual Sandhill Crane challenge!

Some timely advice: Never iron a four-leaf clover. You don't want to press your luck. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

March 1 was euchre night here in Meldrum. There were three tables. High lady was Myra Duncanson with 98 points. That was a remarkable score and she was the lucky lady who got to bring home the money jar. Congratulations Myra. High man was Bob Benedict with 71; ladies' lone hands was won by Rose Van Every with three; men's lone hands was won by Rick Bradley with three; most euchres was won by Harold Rogers with eight; Brenda Carter won the 50/50 draw; Lois Wismer was the winner of the special prize.

Sunday was our monthly church service here in Meldrum Bay. Jamie Nelder spoke and Lynette picked out the hymns. We all gathered afterwards for a really nice lunch with lots of visiting. Some could not stay because they were working in the sugar bush, but brought their contribution to the lunch anyway.

Here in Meldrum, maple syrup is running in earnest.

The smoke is coming out of the chimneys of the sugar shacks where the sap is being boiled down.

There is a lot of open water in the bay. We did see an eagle standing on the ice. But the ice was so clear it looked like he was standing on the water.

Have a nice week everybody.

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, March 1 we went to play euchre in Meldrum Bay where there were 12 players.

On Monday morning, Albert Meijer and I went to town. We did a lot of shopping for the roast beef dinner. When we got home, Brenda Carter and I went for a long walk and started picking up cans and bottles off the roadsides.

Monday evening, several of us went to the Burpee and Mills Complex to play euchre. There were seven tables full of players. Nikki Middleton announced there would be no euchre on Monday, March 11 due to March break plans.

On Tuesday afternoon, there was chair yoga at the hall and fire practice was in the evening.

On Wednesday there was line dancing at the hall at 7 pm.

On Thursday at 11 am there were 26 people at St Andrew's Silver Water United Church attending the World's Day of Prayer service. It was about Palestine. Most of the group went to Stop 540 for lunch. Sara and her crew did a great job. Afterwards, we went back to the church for the UCW meeting where lots of plans were discussed. There will be a fashion show on May 11. The UCW yard sale will be June 15. The Canada Day picnic will be June 29.

On Thursday evening there were six tables of euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall. Congratulations to Harold Rogers who won the money jar.

Gladys Duncanson and I had several walks this week and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Safe travels to anyone with plans for March Break.

Happy St Patrick's Day on Sunday, March 17. There will be a potluck supper at the Silver Water Community Hall to fundraise for the Angel Bus.

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(held annually in June and is the MSO biggest fundraising event) said, "Congratulations to our special Olympic athletes. What an honour to be here this evening for this celebration."

Mr. Lentir explained Bluegrass in the Country started in 2010 to help MSO but has become a phenomenal festival. "That is due to all the support we have from sponsors and volunteers. This year's festival is being held June 7-9 and we have a wonderful lineup of musicians, with proceeds from the event going to a great cause (MSO)."

The MSO curling team has, for many years, practiced every week at the Providence Bay Curling Club. "It is a great honour to be here to represent our curling club," stated Jack White, PBCC president. "On behalf of the club we appreciate so much being able to help support the (MSO) curlers. To see the payoff of a gold member makes our members proud." He also praised the efforts of curling club members Marc Lefebvre, Heather Niven and Herv Leclair who help to coach the curling team.

"I came back to Providence Bay in 2013 and joined the curling club," said Mr. White. "It has been such an honour to be part of the membership of PBCC and for the club to be able to help the athletes excel has been awesome."

Both Wendy Friesen and Lise Shaffer, Supportive Independent Living workers at Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) both bade congratulations and best wishes to the MSO athletes and coaches. "We see how hard these athletes worked. You represent Manitoulin Island in such a great way. CLM is proud of the athletes, coaches and volunteers."

Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin, noted how proud the municipality is of MSO in presenting a certificate of congratulations to each of the athletes and coaches.

Jackie White, on behalf of the municipality of Assiginack, commended the athletes and all who that support them. She also acknowledged the families of the athletes who drive the athletes to practices faithfully and cheer them on. "The curling team brought home the gold medal. Wow! It takes a lot of determination, hours of practice and effort to be able to win and wear a gold medal."

"And to Assiginack's own Matthew Bedard, you have our hearts," said Ms. White. "We have no idea how hard you have worked, especially with no snow this year." She acknowledged the efforts of his coach Joanne Mellan and Steve Redmond who helps with Mr. Bedard's



Over 100 people from across the Island attended a special celebration last Thursday evening to recognize the gold medal winning Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) curling team and bronze medal snowshoer Matthew Bedard along with coaches and volunteers. In photo from left is coaches Sandy Graham and Ellen Holroyd, curlers Tyler Madahbee, Dayne Tipper, Austin Recollet, Dylan Danville, William Leclair, snowshoer Matthew Bedard, coaches Joanne Mellan and Janet Anning.



Manitoulin Special Olympic curling and snowshoeing coaches and volunteers from left, Joanne Mellan, Janet Anning, Ellen Holroyd, Sandy Graham, Heather Niven, Herv Leclair, and Marc Lefebvre.

dryland practices. "Matthew, your winning three bronze medals makes us burst with pride."

"What these athletes have accomplished is incredible," said Angela McLeod, representing Sheshegwaning First Nation on behalf of council and the community. She presented a beautiful painting to MSO athlete Dylan Danville.

Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning said, "I would like to congratulate all the athletes and coaches. There are a lot of families here tonight, and all those in the community who were not in Calgary stood beside all of the athletes and coaches."

"Tyler (Madahbee) is one of my favourite relatives," said Chief Corbiere. "And the reason for this is that he is always happy, Tyler gives me a big hug every time I see him. And he has good ideas that he shares. We are proud of him and all of the athletes, coaches and volunteers."

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha also offered congratulations to the athletes on winning medals at the nationals. "To me (MSO) always makes me proud. And at the Bluegrass festival every I am always welcomed with a smile from everyone."

"MSO has always brought me so much pride," stated MPP Mantha. "But it takes an entire community of individuals to accomplish so much. Congratulations, you guys did an awesome job."

Ms. Scott read a letter of congratulations to all the MSO athletes



MSO curler Dylan Danville, left, is presented with a beautiful painting by Sheshegwaning First Nation councillor Angela McLeod.

and coaches from Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes, noting, "every year I am blown away with all the participating special Olympic athletes, coaches, volunteers who achieve so much. You represent Manitoulin Island in the best possible way and Manitoulin Island is so proud of each and every one of you."


Katherine Tipper gave a huge thank you to all the families of MSO athletes and the MSO coaches. "If it wasn't for the coaches there would be no special Olympics program. I don't think people truly understand how much you do. When our teams go to things like the nationals it is definitely not a holiday for them or the athletes. You are all amazing."

MSO coach Janet Anning said the celebration, "was overwhelming, it was fantastic. On behalf of the coaches and athletes we would like to thank the community for everything. We

were so overwhelmed and excited when we received the welcome home Sunday night on our way back from Sudbury and the celebration Thursday evening. We want to thank the whole Manitoulin community for all the emails and Facebook posts congratulating the team. And to the Providence Bay and Mindemoya curling clubs (the Mindemoya club where MSO had practiced for its first 10 years of existence) and where Tyler and Dylan are both members in the club. Everyone has been so supportive and welcoming of our curlers."

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Manitoulin Pet Rescue



Handsome Tabbies Jimin and Joonie

This sleepy duo was born on September 14th to a feral mom that we live-trapped. They were a surprise! Both neutered, Jimin and Joonie are up to date on their vaccinations.

To adopt one or both, please contact Kathy Jewell at 705-377-4121 or via FB Messenger. Adoption fees are \$325 per cat or \$300 per cat if you are adopting both.

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Bahá'í Writings

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...Mooshkin Anishinaabemowin Gamig opened in Wiikwemkoong

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represents our community coming together to preserve and enhance our language, culture and traditions.”

Ogimaa Manitowabi explained the wording on the sign. “Mooshkin means fully, Anishinaabemowin is the language and gamig means house,” she said. “We speak our language fully in this house.”

The upstairs contains a livingroom and kitchen, bedrooms for the children to have a nap and a couple of craft and meeting rooms. Downstairs the house takes on more of a classroom vibe, with plenty of language aids and a large screen television dominating one room.

The television, a smart TV connected to the internet, helps access language

aids built by the dedicated language group.

The grand opening was only one part of a day filled with language opportunities and speakers that began at 10 am with a pipe ceremony by Stanley Peltier and Techio Mishibinijima at the Wiikwemkoong arena followed by opening remarks from Wiikwemkoong Anishinaabemowin Manager Andrew Manitowabi and Ms. Eshkibok and a history of the house.

A guided tour of the house located at 61 Amikook Street in Wiikwemkoong followed after a ribbon cutting and sign reveal at 1 pm.

Following the opening, participants returned to the arena for language games, drumming by Gordie Odjig and Henry Mandamin, storytelling by Steven George and others.



The downstairs rec room of the Mooshkin Anishinaabemowin Gamig is bilingual.

Calling all artists!

Manitousin Centennial Manor is looking for artists interested in working with us to produce some artwork that can be displayed outdoors on the side of the Manor in our new courtyard area.

We are looking for ideas that will fit the project theme.

It may be one large depiction or a series of smaller pictures.

For those who are interested and would like more information, please contact:

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...MSS gymnasts will compete at Northern championship

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the season last week at the Sudbury District Secondary School Athletic Association (SDSSAA) qualifier. The gymnastics meet was held over two days, with MSS competing on March 4 against other level 1 and 2 gymnasts. Thirteen schools from the region were there with all schools except MSS based in Sudbury.

In level one Grace Penne placed third on beam, fourth on bars, sixth on vault and 10th on the floors. “Grace was also



Members of the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs gymnastics team have qualified for the Northern Ontario championships after a very strong showing at a recent competition. The MSS gymnastics team includes from left, coach Heather Theijsmeijer captain Maren Kasunich, Aspen Debassige, Mackenzie Green, Saraya Eshkawkogan, Grace Pennie, Hailey Ferguson, and coach Jill Ferguson.

the level 1 all-around champion, beating out the second place gymnast by only 0.07 points,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

Mackenzie Green placed third on the bars, fourth all-around, sixth on beams, eighth on floor

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loves to share her passion for rural medicine with medical learners. In addition to her usual clinical practice, she is interested in emergency preparedness, point of care ultrasound and working with Debajehmujig Storytellers on medical education projects. Dr. Reade received a Certificate of Special Competence (emergency medicine) in 2012 and the Physician Leadership Institute Certificate in 2019.

A total of 46 individuals were recognized with awards from across Canada by CAME at the virtual awards February 29.

and 10th on vault, said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

“Both Mackenzie and Grace qualified for NOS-SA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Association) championship in all events, and they will be vying for the level 1 team award at that event,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

In level two, “Captain of our team, and reigning vault champion from 2023, Maren Kasunich took the gold again on vault, and placed sixth on the beam,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

Saraya Eshkawkogan placed second all-around, fourth on floor and bars, sixth on vault, and eighth on the beam.

Aspen Debassige placed third on the beam, and seventh on bars.

Hailey Ferguson placed ninth on beam.

“It should be noted that all four of our level two athletes placed in the top 10 on beams, no mean

feat,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

“All our level two athletes will compete in their events at the NOS-SA championship,” continued Ms. Theijsmeijer. “Aspen will also compete in the floor and vault. Like level one, this team will be vying for the level 2 team award.”

The second day of last week’s competition saw levels 3-6 compete, but MSS only fielded athletes in levels one and two.

Coaches Ferguson and Theijsmeijer are extremely proud of the team. “With half of the team members being new to the sport, each athlete overcame personal obstacles to be able to achieve the outstanding results posted here, and represent the Island with pride,” said Ms. Theijsmeijer.

The NOSSA championship will be held Tuesday, March 26 at Gymzone in Sudbury.

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...Final legal hurdle cleared for Robinson-Huron annuities

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"It is the largest First Nation settlement ever in Canada," stated Chief Corbiere. "And it is about moving forward positively. It also sets the stage for a renewal of the compensation amount provided by the government, and it sets the stage for other First Nation claims such as Northern (Superior), which is going through the same type of case."

Duke Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT), who was also a plaintiff in the case and on the negotiation team for RHTLF said, "it has been a long time coming. And it provides the mandate for leadership toward the implementation of the treaty."

"It is the largest First Nation settlement in the country," said Chief Toulouse. "We all need to celebrate this achievement. This court decision resolves the last 20 years grievance and sets the stage to move forward the treaty agreement and funds to the communities."

"On February 26 the Chief Justice of Ontario Geoffrey B. Morawetz issued a partial judgment giving effect to the settlement agreement for past compensation effective on that date," said Chief Toulouse. "This gives effect to the settlement agreement and is the last step before the governments pay the settlement of \$10 billion dollars." He pointed out the governments will be able to take up to 60 days to get these monies to the RHTLF.

"The judge called the settlement agreement a historic agreement and commended all the parties for concluding the negotiations," an RHTLF release states. "By reaching this milestone we have completed all the steps required to finalize the settlement agreement. Once the RHTLF receives the funds, it will distribute the funds amongst the 21 First Nations in the territory based on the terms of the Compensation Disbursement Agreement. Each First Nation will make their own decisions on per-capita distributions and amounts to be held for collective use."

"The \$10 billion settle-

ment that was announced in June 2023 is for past compensation only," the RHTLF release read. "The settlement is a huge step forward towards renewing our treaty relations, but we still have to work together to resolve the future of the \$4 gratuities."



"It will be up to the communities on distribution of the funds they receive, and each will make the decision on how much each receive and how much will be held for collected use," said Chief Toulouse.

Chief Toulouse also pointed out, "one other part deals with beneficiaries who are not currently members of the 21 communities. They will have to go through an application process and information on this will be coming out soon."

"With the court settlement agreement, the governments will have to pay their share of the \$10 billion within 60 days or interest will be accrued," said Mr. Peltier. He pointed out as is the case with most of the First Nation communities involved, "in my community there has not been any firm decisions on where the compensation amounts will be shared. We are going through the internal process and consulting with our community members."

"People need to understand that this is an historic agreement, and it is all about working together as communities," said Chief Corbiere. "All members of our communities should be proud that we went through this whole process. I'm glad I was one of the plaintiffs and have been part of the negotiation litigation management team since 2011. When I started as chief, we started to put funding in place and received a loan from

the Bank of Montreal to go through this litigation. It's certainly good news that at the end of the day we won."

Chief Corbiere said in her community, band members are being consulted on how the funds AOK receives will be shared. "People have to be open minded and move forward with the approach as to how this is going to benefit the community."

The case resolves an aspect of a grievance that has been outstanding for 150 years and it sets the stage for renewal of the relationship going forward.

As has been reported previously, the settlement

provides past compensation to Robinson Huron Treaty beneficiaries, after not seeing an increase to annual treaty payments for a period of nearly 150 years, as wealth generated in the territory through resource revenues from the mining, forestry and fishing sectors continue to grow for the province. The annual treaty payments to Anishinaabe beneficiaries, also known as annuities, have remained at \$4 per person since 1875. Prior to that, the annuities were \$1.60 per person.

Ontario has since taken its appeal of both the stage 1 and stage two court decisions to the Supreme Court of Canada.

During court hearings for the Supreme Court appeal this past November, Ontario argued that the treaty should be interpreted to mean that the province should determine the increase to the annuity and not the courts.

The province has also argued that awarding past compensation for historical treaty breaches is inappropriate, and the RHTLF should only be entitled to receive dec-

larations from the court at a future hearing for stage three of the annuities claim court case.

The RHTLF has said the province has a legal obligation to increase annuity payments over time. It's anticipated the Supreme Court will hand down a decision on the province's appeal this year.

The First Nations included in the Robinson Huron Treaty are Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Aundeck Omni Kanning, Batchewana First Nation, Dokis First Nation, Henvey Inlet First Nation, M'Chigeeng First Nation, Magnetawan First Nation, Mississauga First Nation, Nipissing First Nation, Garden River First Nation, Sagamok Anishnawbek, Serpent River First Nation, Sha-

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The Robinson Huron

Treaty was signed on September 9, 1850.

Chief Toulouse added, "the next phase of this process will be on renewal of the compensation agreement. Hopefully, this gets underway in the next few weeks with the governments."

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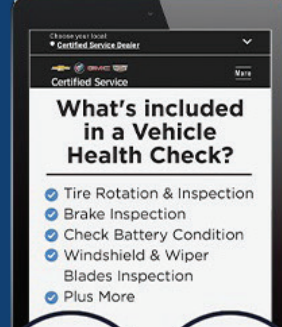
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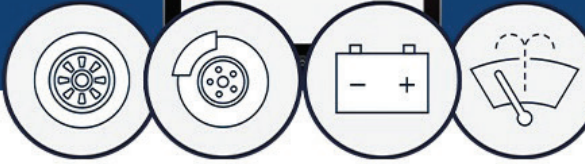
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...Barney's discount 'free' stores closing in Little Current

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Mr. Deforge. "It's a lot of work. The average person wouldn't want to do it." One of the rumours floating around the community was that Barney's

had lost its charitable status. "No, no," he laughed. "Barney's was never listed as a charity. It is a not-for-profit corporation. I have never written a char-

itable donation receipt for the business." Mr. Deforge, who is a pastor, explained that while his church Cornerstone Christian Charities does have charitable sta-

tus, he has always kept the two entities entirely separate. He said he is very proud of the fact that over the past 19 years Barney's Bargain Barn has been able to bring in \$61 million in food and admits that the loss of the free centre will create "a big hole" in local food security. But added that events have led to "time being up" for the operation.

free centre volunteer Paul Richer. "A lot of people depend on the free centre every week, that and the cheap food available in the store." Things will not happen overnight, however. "We have three warehouses on the Island," he said. "It will take time to clear all of them out." He notes that items are purchased three months in advance of a season. "In the summer you would normally be buying Christmas

stock." His warehouses therefore are filled with items geared to spring and summer. Mr. Deforge anticipates that the final closure will take place by May. The property where Barney's Bargain Barn is located had been leased originally, but Mr. Deforge's church has purchased the land and buildings and plans are in place to turn the building into a new church for the community.



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Barney's Bargain Barn and accompanying "free store" will be closed in the coming months after the owners failed to renegotiate a contract with their donors, Second Harvest. **Expositor staff photo**

Public input sought on proposed Assiginack arts, entertainment centre

MANITOWANING—The Township of Assiginack is interested in determining the feasibility of owning and operating an arts and entertainment centre. And public input is being sought. "It's something that we are still considering and are looking into," Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid told The Expositor. "There will be lots of public involvement and consultation as we go through the process." "The Township of Assiginack is interested in determining if it is feasible for the community to own and operate an arts and entertainment centre. We are

exploring the use of the Roller Mills building on our waterfront as a location," said Mayor Reid. Mayor Reid explained, "this facility would house community theatre, other arts performances, provide a vendor's market, be a facility for event rentals and more." "We are in the preliminary stage of exploration which involves us working with an architect and beginning with public consultation which we hope to undertake after Easter. We look forward to hearing feedback from the community."

A message from the
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...Assiginack Public School takes LEGO robotics gold

...continued from page 1 any guidance. I did help the other teams though.”

Along with the annual competition for secondary school students, new this year was an elemen-

tary school competition that saw 160 students from Grades 7 and 8 competing in five different categories including character animation, construction, LEGO Mechanical Engi-

neering, LEGO Robotics and tv/video production.

“The Valley View Public School team were fierce competition and were a solid team, supporting one another throughout. They really knew what they were doing and their sensor code worked every time,” said Ms. Alberti. “The Little Current Public School team were less experienced but worked hard for the whole competition. They made huge gains in building, programming and teamwork. If they had had a few more hours, they would have been hard to beat.”

Ms. Alberti said the Assiginack team had to build their Lego robot with several attachments/tools for the robot to accomplish tasks that include moving the robot across a table, pushing, pulling, lifting and dropping an object, and doing all of this accurately.

“The runs were done in front of the teams and scored together to make sure judging was fair,” continued Ms. Alberti. “All the students were both precisely fair and kind to their competitors. When the girls found out they had won, they jumped around for a bit before commending their competitors. The teams all acknowledged what they learned from each other about code, building and teamwork.”

“The school board extended the competition



From left River Labell, Jaleena Huang, Ava Hartley and Iris Spry of the Assiginack Public School Lego robotics team that has advanced to the provincial championships. The team took first overall in the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) technological skills competition.

to include intermediate grade students in the five categories,” said Ms. Alberti. “I am on the planning committee, and we selected the five categories for the competition.”

“And our school was one of the three entered in the Lego robotics,” said Ms. Alberti.

Members of the Assiginack Lego Robotics team include River Labell, Ava Hartley, Iris Spry, Jaleena Huang and coach Ms. Alberti. They will compete at the Skills Ontario competition in Toronto in May.



Gold medal winners! The Assiginack Public School Lego robotics team finished first in their division at the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) technological skills competition. The team includes in photo left, River Labell, Ava Hartley, coach Margit Alberti, Jaleena Huang, Iris Spry. The team has advanced to the provincial technological skills competition.

...passes residency rules

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Ogimaa Manitowabi, who said she expected to have something to present to the community in the near future.

The issue is not limited to Wiikwemkoong, with many communities struggling to find solutions to the ongoing crisis and the infiltration of drug dealers into their neighbourhoods. Wiikwemkoong, explained Ogimaa Manitowabi, is taking a proactive approach to the issue and exploring all options—including some that are outside the “box.”



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...40th Porter Clark Purvis Thibault Memorial minor hockey's biggest fundraiser

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was presented with the Platt Purvis Memorial trophy.

In the Sportsmen B division the Wet Bandits defeated Average Joes in a tight 2-1 game. Members of the winning team included Evan Peltier, Jake Robinson, Josh Robinson, Nate Cooper, Kyle Greenman, Bryce Draper, Keegan Clarke, Nick Purvis, Austin Purvis, Aiden Chimlek, Chris Goudas, Noah Hare, Sam Assinewai, Boston Thibault, Lucas Sprack, Eric Varey. They were presented with the

Hiram Clark Memorial Trophy by members of the Clark family including among them Holly Clark and Hye Clark.

The Over 40 B division saw M'Chigeeng handle the Gore Bay Fossils by a score of 10-1. M'Chigeeng took a 5-0 lead after the opening period on their way to victory.

The M'Chigeeng team included Bryan Corbiere, John Ense, Shane Laidley, Scott Madahbee, Joe Toma, Travis Corbiere, Sheldon Migwans, Todd Fox, Sundance Hare, Greg Mishibinijima, Patrick Peltier, Bert Panamick, Ed

Simon, Jeremia Corbiere, Keegan Peltier.

New in this division this year was the presentation to the winning team of the Randy Thibault Memorial Trophy. Mr. Lane explained the trophy, "is new this year for the B division in memory of Randy Thibault for all the tremendous contributions he made over 40 years of being involved in minor hockey in Gore Bay and on the Island."

Members of the Thibault family including Tara and Brad Hawke, Abby and Hailey Hawke presented the plaque.



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...Little NHL gala celebrates 50 years of fun, fellowship

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 NHL, said some players actually started their trek to Markham, back in their homes, on snowmobile.

But also significant—and the reason for the extraordinary hoopla this year—is that 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the tournament. In 1971, the Little NHL, now a household reference on Manitoulin, had its genesis at the old arena in Little Current, with a total of 17 teams from the local Indigenous communities competing. (The math doesn't quite work because of the COVID interruption.)

As Mr. Madahbee recounted, in '71 he was too old to play but participated by reffing—all of the games.

"I think we got paid with hot dogs and hot chocolate," he laughed, adding "and Lloyd McGregor cleaned all the dressing rooms."

Soon as more teams were invited, the competition outgrew Little Current and in 1980 moved to Espanola where a young Mr. Nolan played and where I, as a young reporter for The Espanola Standard newspaper, first covered the competition.

That year also saw the first girls play.

Later, a continually growing Little NHL invaded Sudbury then outgrew that city, eventual-



Three pioneers Jim and Lloyd McGregor and Pat Madahbee were all at the original tournament in 1971.

photos by Peter Carter

ly ballooning to become one of the biggest annual minor sporting events in Canada.

On hand for the celebratory supper Saturday were local politicians Markham Mayor Frank Scarpetti and Ontario's Minister of Culture, Tourism and Sport Neil Lumsden.

Several Little NHL alumnus like Nolan and former Pittsburgh Penguins Captain Dan Frawley were there too, as was one of the first female Little NHL competitors, Wiky's Jeanette Bondy. Ms. Bondy went on to play for the University of Toronto's Varsity Blues.

But most importantly, at the centre of everybody's attention, all evening long, was the inimitable and "always smiling" James "Jim" McGregor of Whitefish River, one of the four founders of this important cultural phenomenon.

Speaker after speaker showered praise on the former chief for his endless contributions to his community and the tournament. "A tremendous hockey player himself," Mr. Madahbee said. "He's a bashful man who never asked for recognition." (Sidenote: For fun, Google the guy. Almost every entry starts with a variation



Elijah Maniwabi performs at the 50th anniversary gala in Markham.

on "McGregor was honoured recently for...")

Back in 1970, Mr. McGregor, James Debasige of M'Chigeeng and Clayton Abotossaway of Aundeck Omni Kaning met with the late Rev.

Len Self, an educational consultant with the then Department of Indian Affairs to design a sporting event that would bring Indigenous athletes together. Up to that point, the Indigenous teams didn't have a league and it was difficult for a variety of reasons for Indigenous kids to play on non-Indigenous teams.

The four men came up with the first Little NHL and they built it on four pillars: Education, citizenship, sportsmanship and respect.

Which is precisely what Mr. Nolan was talking about.

As Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere told the crowd, "The tournament is not about winning. It is all about building relationships with other First Nations."

After all the speeches and presentations in Markham Saturday, and minutes before Crystal Shawanda and her amazing three-man band hit the stage, Whitefish River Chief Rod Nahwegahbow, on behalf of the thousands of people whose lives have been made immeasurably better by his work, presented James MacGregor what Pat Madahbee described as the highest honour possible—an eagle feather.

The Saturday gala was followed Sunday by a Little NHL family fun day in

downtown Markham. Read next week's Expositor for more Little NHL news.

2024 Little NHL 50th anniversary Hall of Fame inductees

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Two Manitoulin First Nations receive search and rescue vessels

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory received search and rescue vessels this past summer through the Indigenous Community Boat Volunteer Program, funded by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

“The 2021 Stanley 26’ x 9’6 Search and Rescue vessel was built by Connor Industries in Parry Sound and was procured through the Indigenous Community Boat Volunteer Program funded by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard,” said WRFN Economic Development Officer Stuart Wilson.



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From left are the WRFN Lands Team including Economic Development Officer Stuart Wilson, Brianna McGregor, Consultation Coordinator Stephen McGregor, Lands Officer Keith Nahwegahbow and Lands Manager Kathleen Migwanabi. photo by Tammy Nawehgahbow

Mindemoya Thunder U15 champs

MINDEMOYA—The Mindemoya Thunder Under 15 hockey team has won the Manitoulin Island Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) playoff championship.

In a fantastic, tightly contested final with M’Chigeeng, the Mindemoya team won the third and final game of their final series by a 3-1 score on Monday, March 4 in front of a packed stands at the M’Chigeeng First Nation arena.

The two teams had split the first two games of the best two out of three final, with Mindemoya winning the opening game at home 3-2, February 26. Game two was played in M’Chigeeng on February 7, with Mindemoya winning 5-3.

The Mindemoya Thunder won all its regular season games (having lost a game to Little Current in a tournament held in Sault Ste. Marie earlier this season) but had not lost a league game until the first game of the finals against M’Chigeeng.

The team includes coach Darren Brown, assistant coaches Steve Redmond and Jon Balfe, Erin Lariviere, and players Preston Riberdy, Adam Spry, Scarlet Mohr, Kaci Lariviere, Charles Skippen, Tom Redmond, Ethan Ense, Josh Daniso, Jonah Balfe, Brinley Watson, Corrie Brown.



Expositor correction

In the March 6 Page 3 story ‘Northern Ontario Women Program gets renewed funding, new website,’ The Expositor referred to the Canada Development Futures Corporations. This should have read Community Futures Development Corporations (CFDC). The article also states that successful clients will be reimbursed at 95 percent. This should have read 90 percent. The Expositor regrets the errors and any inconveniences they may have caused.

“They were delivered to the community in the summer of 2023. The vessel represents a significant step forward in enhancing search and rescue capabilities within the WRFN.”

“Over the past months, the WRFN Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) has diligently trained its members, ensuring they are prepared to undertake vital search and rescue operations,” continued Mr. Wilson. “With a goal to commence full operational duties by summer 2024, the team is eager to serve the community and surrounding areas, bolstering safety and security on the water.”

As part of its community engagement for the project, WRFN held a naming contest for the vessel and former The Expositor graphic designer Brianna McGregor provided the winning entry— Naadmaage Jiimaan. “That means ‘Helping Each Other Boat,’” explained Ms. McGregor. “I was proud to be able to provide a culturally appropriate name for the boat.”

“The name beautifully encapsulates the essence of unity and mutual assistance, reflecting our shared commitment to community well-being and safety,” said

Mr. Stuart. “The naming of ‘Helping Each Other Boat’ symbolizes unity, resilience and the unwavering commitment of the WRFN and its auxiliary team to safeguarding lives and ensuring the well-being of all who traverse these waters.”

“WRFN CCGA is always looking for new members to join in our mission to ensure the safety of our community on the water,” continued Mr. Stuart. Community members interested in becoming part of the team can contact Mr. Stuart for more information at edo@whitefishriver.ca or by telephone at 705-285-4335 extension 2216.

Wiikwemkoong is also planning to hold a naming contest for their new search and rescue vessel, noted Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi, who added that a number of issues had delayed the process but that she anticipates things will be moving to that end very soon.

“It’s an exciting opportunity to improve safety on the water,” she noted. Wiikwemkoong has always been a maritime community closely linked to the water.

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Ontario farmers demand improved mental health support amidst unique challenges

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

ONTARIO—Farmers in Ontario, a minority group facing distinct challenges, are advocating for enhanced mental health services as they grapple with isolation, stigma and occupational stressors.

Living within a context that often restricts access to mental health resources, Ontario's farmers endure cultural and social stigmas surrounding mental health issues, compounded by their remote and socially isolated locations. While government support historically focuses on economic aid and risk management for businesses, there exists a noticeable deficiency in mental health assistance tailored to the farming community.

A recent study sheds light on the heightened risk of suicidality among farmers, identifying key factors that exacerbate

this vulnerability.

Financial uncertainty: Farmers confront significant stress stemming from financial unpredictability, attributed to factors beyond their control. Dependency on favourable weather conditions for crop yields, coupled with mounting debts from high operational costs, exacerbates this strain. Additionally, economic variables such as tariffs and trade agreements further compound financial instability.

Barriers to mental health services: Access to mental health care remains a challenge for farmers residing in rural and remote areas. Limited availability of services due to sparse populations, coupled with deficient internet infrastructure, impedes access to virtual support. Moreover, prevailing stigma within agricultural communities surrounding mental health issues often deters farmers from seeking help, fearing social repercussions and breaches of confidentiality.

Isolation: The nature of agricultural work, often solitary and remote, contributes to feelings of isolation among farmers. While some embrace self-reliance, others grapple with a sense of loneliness and disconnection. Inadequate support networks exacerbate this isolation, leaving farmers to navigate challenges without adequate assistance.

Blurred work-life boundaries: The integration of work and home life poses challenges for farmers, blurring boundaries and intensifying stress. The pressure to maximize productivity, especially during favourable weather conditions, leaves little room for relaxation. Additionally, family dynamics within agricultural enterprises, including generational differences and farm transitioning, compound tensions in both work and home environments.

Access to firearms: Farmers and ranchers, often with easy access to firearms, face an increased risk of suicide. The lethality of firearms exacerbates this risk, underscoring the urgent need for preventive measures and mental health interventions.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) asserts that farmers' mental health warrants special attention and sustained investment from all levels of government. OFA emphasizes the necessity for collaborative efforts between federal and provincial

authorities to implement the ten recommendations outlined in the House of Commons Standing Committee on Agriculture Report, titled "Mental Health: A Priority for our Farmers."

These recommendations align with OFA's longstanding advocacy for broadband internet access in rural areas, consideration of agricultural impact in policy regulations and the protection of farmers' rights.

Recognizing the multifaceted nature of mental health challenges in agriculture, OFA calls for accessible and culturally relevant resources to promote wellness and resilience among farmers. They highlight the urgent need for sustainable research, evidence-based programming and heightened awareness specific to farmer mental health.

To address these pressing concerns, the Farmer Wellness Initiative has been launched, providing a telehealth line offering mental wellness support to Ontario farmers and their families. Funded by both provincial and federal governments, the initiative ensures round-the-clock access to free counselling sessions with trained professionals who understand the unique demands of agricultural life.

Moreover, various resources and support networks are available to farmers, including the Ontario Mental Health Line, Distress and Crisis Ontario centres and the Grain Farmers of Ontario Counselling Directory, among others.

Efforts to enhance mental health support in agriculture extend beyond crisis intervention. Partnerships with organizations like the Canadian Mental Health Association and Workplace Safety and Prevention Services aim to raise awareness and provide training specific to farmer mental health.

Community strategies to combat farmer suicide

Enhanced access to mental health supports: Rural communities must ensure accessibility to in-person, online, and telephonic mental health services. Information campaigns aimed at destigmatizing mental health issues and promoting help-seeking behaviours are crucial in this endeavour.

Foster social connection: Creating opportunities for social engagement within farming communities can mitigate feelings of isolation and promote emotional well-being.

Tailored support services: Developing targeted mental health services specifically tailored to the needs of farmers should be prioritized as part of a national strategy.

Healthcare provider training: Equipping healthcare professionals with the necessary skills to identify signs of distress and depression among farmers is essential. Enhanced training can facilitate early intervention and support for at-risk individuals.

By addressing these multifaceted challenges and implementing targeted interventions, communities can play a pivotal role in safeguarding the mental health and well-being of farmers.

While challenges persist, stakeholders recognize the importance of fostering a supportive environment where farmers can seek help without fear of stigma or isolation. By addressing the unique factors contributing to mental health challenges in agriculture, communities can work together to safeguard the well-being of Ontario's farming population.



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New immigration program aims to strengthen rural communities

by Michael Erskine
 SUDBURY—The Rural and Northern Immigration Pilot (RNIP) has been successful in connecting businesses and employers in remote communities with the skilled newcomers they need to thrive according to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and to that end, the Honourable Mark Miller announced two new pilot programs aimed at creating a permanent rural immigration program.

“Rural and northern communities face unique economic and demographic challenges. However, through the RNIP, rural communities have been able to attract and retain skilled workers that they’ve needed for years to ensure their economic growth,” said Minister Miller. “That is why we will make RNIP a permanent program and why we are introducing these two new pilot programs. We’ll continue to work closely with these communities, as we work to connect businesses with the skilled workers they need to thrive.”

The two programs being announced, the Rural Community Immigration Pilot and the Francophone Community Immigration Pilot, take note of the need to ensure that rural communities continue to have the ability to access programs that address labour shortages and help local businesses find the workers they need, according to a FedNor release heralding the announcement.

The Rural Community Immi-

gration Pilot will launch in the fall of 2024 and is intended to provide “pathways to permanent residence for newcomers who can help to overcome critical labour job shortages and want to live long term in these smaller communities.”

“Modelled on the success of the RNIP and as part of our Francophone Immigration Policy, we are also launching the Francophone Community Immigration Pilot in the fall of 2024,” noted the minister in making the announcement. “The pilot will focus on increasing the number of French-speaking newcomers settling in Francophone minority communities outside of Quebec and will help ensure the economic development of Francophone minority communities, while also helping to restore and increase their demographic weight.”

The community application process will open this spring to select communities, who will then participate in the pilots and will share more details in the coming months.

“As we work to establish RNIP as a permanent program, these new pilots will help attract and retain skilled foreign workers in rural and Francophone minority communities, contributing to their economic and linguistic vitality,” noted the minister. “IRCC looks forward to continued collaboration with these communities as we work together to strengthen our immigration programs.”

“Employers across the region from many sectors have been

calling for more ways to build their workforce due to unprecedented skilled worker shortages,” said Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Energy and Natural Resources and to the minister of Official Languages. “Working hard with our government, we implemented the highly successful RNIP program, and now, by launching the Rural Community Immigration Pilot and the Francophone Community Immigration Pilot, we will further support a pathway towards RNIP becoming a permanent program. This will broaden the scope for employers to build stronger workforces and contribute to our local economy serving residents in both official languages.”

“We’ve seen first-hand both the impact and importance of RNIP. RNIP has proven to be a great asset to attracting skilled labour and growing the population of Sudbury,” noted Sudbury MP Viviane Lapointe. “Not only has the program directly addressed gaps and challenges such as the labour shortages, but it also continues to drive economic prosperity for our communities in ways that will have a generational impact.”

As of December 31, 2023, 4,595 newcomers received permanent residence through the RNIP, helping address labour shortages in key sectors such as health care, accommodation and food services, retail, manufacturing, scientific and technical services.

On February 21, 2024, IRCC extended the deadline for current RNIP communities to recommend candidates for permanent residence until July 31, 2024. IRCC also increased the number of candidates that communities can recommend. These changes allow participating communities to take part in the pilot for a longer period and continue meeting their labour needs with skilled candidates.

On October 31, 2023, IRCC re-

leased ‘An Immigration System for Canada’s Future’—a report that lays out a pathway aimed at strengthening Canada’s immigration system to better meet the needs of the country and of newcomers. As part of the work to implement the actions identified in the report, IRCC continues exploring opportunities to enhance regional immigration, including through the Rural Community Immigration Pilot.

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New funding program to promote Ontario farmers, farmers' markets

GUELPH—A new cost-share funding program was announced February 21 that will support marketing projects to promote Ontario farmers at farmers' markets across the province. The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is contributing \$50,000 to the initiative as a result of a first-ever partnership with Farmers Markets Ontario (FMO).
 "Farmers markets are one of

the strongest direct links between farmers and consumers, and OFA is proud to partner with FMO to strengthen those connections even further," said OFA president Drew Spoelstra. "This new partnership is an excellent complement to the OFA's Home Grown campaign, which focuses on raising awareness of the bounty of food, fibre, fuel and flowers we produce here in On-

tario." Under the new program, funding will be available for marketing and awareness projects to promote and support local farmers who are participating at farmers' markets. Individual farmers' markets can apply to FMO for up to 50 percent of their total project costs to a maximum of \$2,500 in grant funding. The program will be administered by FMO.

"Active and prosperous farmers' markets contribute vibrant, healthy communities and we are excited to launch this new collaboration with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and shine a spotlight on the farmers who play such key roles at local markets," said Elmer Buchanan, vice chair of FMO and director with the Peterborough County federation of agriculture.

"More than a million Ontarians shop at farmers' markets, making FMO members a pillar of a strong and growing local food value chain in our province." Application forms and program will be available through Farmers Markets Ontario in April. Applicants must be a member of Farmers' Markets Ontario to apply.

Ottawa accused of withholding billions in carbon tax rebates

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

CANADA—The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) has levelled serious accusations against the federal government, claiming that over \$2.5 billion in carbon tax revenues, collected since 2019 from small businesses across Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, has yet to be returned. This comes despite promises that a portion of these funds would be rebated to small businesses, farmers, and Indigenous communities.

As the carbon tax is set to rise to \$80 per tonne on April 1, the urgency for the government to act on its promises has intensified. Dan Kelly, president of CFIB, expressed concerns over the absence of a system to return the carbon

tax revenues, especially with the tax's expansion to the Atlantic provinces last July. The CFIB's findings suggest that small businesses bear 40 percent of the carbon tax's financial burden but have been allocated a mere 10 percent of the revenue, which has largely remained undistributed.

Amid increasing pressures, some Indigenous organizations have initiated legal action against the federal government, underscoring the widespread frustration with the current carbon tax system. Mr. Kelly criticized the government's selective approach to rebates, noting that only businesses in specific sectors are considered for rebates, leaving many to shoulder the tax's full weight.

However, The Expositor spoke with Mike Johnston, a Providence Bay

farmer who said the carbon tax issues hasn't had much of an effect on their operation because if they do only 250 acres of cash cropping per year—canola, barley and cattle feed. "We don't use any propane for heating and really on natural drying for our crops. Heating for home is wood and hot water. We applied for the farm exemption for diesel fuel so it hasn't affected much as far as that goes. Aside from the purchase of inputs we are not overly concerned about the rebate at the moment. Most of the farmers on the Island don't use dryers to my knowledge. Most of us use large fans, choose a dry date where the weather is good and blow air through the harvest."

Further complicating the issue, the CFIB is alarmed by potential government plans to reallocate funds intended for small business rebates to cover increased rural consumer rebates. This shift in allocation, confirmed by the Deputy Prime Minister's office,

would effectively reduce the already promised support for small businesses.

In response to the growing financial strain on small enterprises, the CFIB demands immediate action from the federal government. Their calls include the swift return of the \$2.5 billion owed to businesses in the affected provinces, the establishment of a straightforward rebate system for ongoing carbon tax revenues, and legislative changes to exempt certain fuels from the tax.

Additionally, Premier Doug Ford of Ontario has announced proposed legislation requiring a referendum for any future provincial carbon taxes, highlighting the growing discontent with the federal government's handling of carbon pricing.

The CFIB is demanding swift action from the federal government to disburse the funds equitably. As pressure mounts, Ontario's share of this sum, exceeding \$1.3 billion, amplifies calls

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WINNIPEG—Canadian Agricultural Safety Week (CASW) takes place March 10-16 and this year farmers, farm families, farm workers and farming communities are encouraged to consider how they plan for #FarmSafetyEveryday.

CASW is an annual national initiative delivered by the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association (CASA) that raises

awareness about the importance of safe agriculture. Your Farm, Your Family, Your Success: Safety is Our Heritage is the final part of a three-year safety campaign.

This year, organizers are focusing on providing practical safety advice and encouraging conversations about farm safety while showcasing how safety directly contributes to the success and

sustainability of farming operations.

"There is no question that farm accidents can have a devastating toll with physical, psychological, and financial consequences," said Andrea Lear, CASA's chief executive officer. "But we also know that many on-farm incidents are preventable. That's why we want to provide Canadian producers with the tools and resources they need to protect the health and safety of everyone who lives and works on or visits farms and ranches. Canadian Agricultural Safety Week serves as a reminder that farm safety is important year-round and that by working together, we can ensure a safer agricultural sector."

"Every year, CASA raises awareness about the importance of safety on Canadian farms through CASW, which takes place during the third week of March. This year's sponsors are CN, Syngenta Canada, Canadian Canola Growers Association, Fertilizer Canada and Parrish and Heimbecker."

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Singer-songwriter to release Manitoulin-inspired album this spring

MANITOULIN—A singer-songwriter and fiddler with close ties to the Manitoulin region is releasing an album inspired by the people and places she was introduced to on the Island.

“I am releasing a new album, ‘Between the Green,’ which is based on my artist residency on Manitoulin with 4elements Living Arts,” Georgia Hathaway told The Expositor in an email.

Originally from Toronto, Ms. Hathaway was “looking for a way out of the big smoke. They had always felt a deep connection to nature, but after going through several brain injuries they felt that connection was becoming essential,” a release explained.

“After my fourth concussion, it was pretty clear to me that I needed to do some big healing. I needed a retreat,” Hathaway explained. “When I found out about an artist residency on Manitoulin



Georgia Hathaway, a singer-songwriter and fiddler with close ties to Manitoulin is releasing an album soon, inspired by the people and places she was introduced to on the Island.

Island, I immediately went for it.”

The organization behind the residency, 4elements Living Arts, is a hub for land-based and community arts throughout the Island.

“In the summer of 2022, Ms. Hathaway packed her bags and set out to live off-grid in a mobile studio that was parked in a forest on a local farm run by Chuc and Linda Willson, called ‘Ravenswing.’ It was a big change from the hustle and bustle of city life, and a chance to rediscover and rejuvenate themselves. Georgia developed such close relationships with people she met on the Island, one of the songs on the album is about Chuc and Linda.”

“The songs on the album are inspired by the people and places I encountered while on the Island, but each of them also speaks to an aspect of my personal journey,” said Ms. Hathaway. “One of the

songs is about the ‘Alvar,’ a rare ecosystem on the Island that thrives in a harsh climate, but it’s also about resilience and learning to live through challenges.”

Writing and producing the album has been its own healing a work, according to Ms. Hathaway, who returns to the Island every year to perform, run workshops and collaborate with local artists such as dancer, choreographer, and teacher Candice Irwin (Body Stories Dance).

“It’s been so great to continue a relationship with Manitoulin and the surrounding area. It feels like a second home to me now.”

‘Between the Green’ will be released on April 11 with a cross-Canada tour, including shows on Manitoulin on April 28 and at Knowhere Public House in Sudbury on May 3.

Textile recycling will soon be a reality on Manitoulin, thanks to new bins

by Tom Sasvari

BRUNSWICK HOUSE FIRST NATION—Several communities on Manitoulin Island will soon have colourful pink bins delivered to them that will be used to collect used textiles from local residents for resale and recycling.

“We will be delivering the pink boxes by the end of the month on the island and be launching the program in April,” stated Jarret Paquette, who along with his mother Doris Mitchell operate Sic Sox Circular. “We’re hoping to have eight bins located on the Island, in Little Current, Kagawong, Gore Bay, Evansville, Providence Bay, Mindemoya, South Baymouth and Manitowaning. I know Vince (Grogan) is still working on getting permission from the communities to have the bins located across the Island.”

“That’s the idea, to service the whole Island,” said Mr. Paquette.

As was reported previously, Mr. Paquette and his mother Doris Mitchell, launched Sic Sox Circular in the community of Brunswick House First Nation near Chapleau, last fall. They plan to repurpose unwanted textiles

into a new type of home insulation and recycle the rest in a recycling facility at Brunswick House.

Clothing, bedding and pillows, indus-

trial textiles, shoes, handbags, and even stuffed animal toys can be dropped in the bins, which are emptied once a week when donations are transported to the recycling facility at Brunswick House.

Items that have still have lots of life in them will be resold through the Sic Sox Thrift Store in Chapleau and online.

Mr. Paquette noted that one of the bins will be located outside the Park Centre in Kagawong. “We are hoping to get the bins set up in places where there is public access to use them at any time. Once a week at least we will have a driver clean out all of the bins.”

Vince Grogan, a Billings township councillor who has spearheaded the Island Waste Management Resource Committee said, “in a perfect world all of our used textiles and clothing would be used for something.” He said data shows that on average each person throws out 47 kilograms of clothing and bedding per year. “If Sic Sox can divert 60 percent by recycling 60 percent of what they pick up and 40 percent is used for spray insulation foam, that would definitely have an impact on the amount of items going to landfills on the Island.”

“I am proud of the fact that we are now associated with Jarret and his mom and grateful for what they are doing,” said

Mr. Grogan. He added the launch of the bins on the Island will take place April 2.

Currently, Sic Sox Circular has boxes set up in 18 communities in Ontario and another 40 are ready to ship out. Conversations are ongoing with additional communities to expand the network.

Mr. Grogan gave a delegation to the Northeast Town council encouraging buy-in from the Island’s largest municipality into the Island-wide Waste Management Committee.

Following a presentation, Mr. Grogan asked council to consider two things: setting up battery recycling kiosk through Call2Recycle and a textile recycling kiosk through Sic Sox Circular at the landfill and a per capita donation toward the committee which would go toward hiring a staff member. In the Northeast Town’s case, this would work out to \$13,500.

Mr. Grogan told council that the committee envisioned this being a one-time fee and that once set up, it would run itself.

At its March 5 meeting, council discussed Mr. Grogan’s asks. CAO Dave Williamson began by noting that council had already passed its 2024 budget, of which \$13,500 for this committee was not a part.

“But you could pull it out of reserves,” Mr. Williamson added. “My recommendation is that you take it under consideration but work to reduce the carbon footprint and increase recycling in the municipality.”

Mr. Williamson also noted that there could be issues with the Ministry of Environment to having a battery collection depot at the landfill other than the designated hazardous waste day held each summer. Councillor Michael Erskine noted that Breakaway Sports and Cycle collects batteries now in downtown Little Current through Call2Recycle. Mr. Williamson thought that would be more to the point as private industry has more leeway with such things than municipalities would. The CAO went on to note that he would check with the ministry as to whether they could host a textile recycling bin under its operating certificate.

Breakaway Sports and Cycle works with Call2Recycle and acts as a depot for people to bring in their rechargeable and single-use batteries weighing 5 kg or less each. No wet-cell, damaged or defective batteries accepted. The kinds of batteries accepted are alkaline, lithium primary, lithium ion, nickel cadmium, small, sealed lead acid nickel metal hydride and nickel zinc.

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Great Lakes Island Alliance hosts short-term accommodations discussion, success stories and regulatory challenges shared

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GREAT LAKES—In an effort to address the complexities surrounding short-term rentals, the Great Lakes Island Alliance (GLIA), of which Manitoulin Island is a member, recently convened a meeting chaired by Matt Preisser from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). The session featured insightful discussions led by Lisa Brush of the Stewardship Network, alongside various stakeholders, highlighting success stories and regulatory hurdles faced by communities grappling with the issue.

Kicking off the meeting

with a positive note, participants shared success stories, exemplifying the benefits of short-term rentals within communities. One notable example was Cedar Cove in North Port Bay, Michigan, where a family home was transformed into a rental property following the owner's passing. Despite initial concerns, the property's transformation garnered positive feedback from neighbours, showcasing the potential for harmonious integration of short-term rentals.

Illustrating the importance of regulations, attendees emphasized the need for clear guidelines to govern short-term rental operations effectively. In North Port Bay, for instance, a regulatory

process involves an annual registration form and requires a designated individual available 24/7 to address any issues arising from rental properties.

The discussion then shifted to Madeline Island, Wisconsin, where local governments are grappling with managing a significant portion of homes allocated to short-term rentals. Concerns were raised regarding the impact of short-term rentals on housing availability for year-round residents and the need for balanced regulation to minimize negative repercussions.

Moreover, issues of absentee landlords and the strain on local resources, such as water and septic systems, were highlight-

ed, particularly on Michigan's Beaver Island. As communities navigate the intricacies of short-term rental ordinances, there's a collective emphasis on thorough data collection and community engagement to craft effective regulatory frameworks.

Addressing staffing challenges, participants discussed the need for adequate personnel to oversee compliance and enforcement of rental ordinances. Concerns were also raised regarding noise disturbances, safety regulations and the impact of short-term rentals on employee housing, particularly in areas like Mackinac Island's business district.

Challenges persist, including the shortage of

seasonal worker housing and the need for multi-level education to ensure responsible rental practices.

As discussions concluded, stakeholders reiterated the importance of collaboration and proactive measures to address the

complexities surrounding short-term rentals effectively. Moving forward, GLIA remains committed to fostering dialogue and developing sustainable solutions to navigate the evolving landscape of short-term rental management.

School boards approve 2024-2025 school year calendar

SUDBURY—The Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelle (CSC Nouvelon), Rainbow District School Board (RDSB), Sudbury Catholic District School Board (SCDSB) and Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord have approved the school year calendar for 2024-2025.

"The 2024-2025 school year calendar will be the same for all English and

French-language schools in Greater Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Sudbury East (including Warren, Markstay, Noelville, St. Charles and Killarney).

The 2024-2025 school year for students will begin on Tuesday, September 3 following the Labour Day weekend. There will be no early dismissal.

In addition to the first day of school, the school year calendar includes the dates for the Christmas break, March break, statutory holidays, secondary school examination days and professional activity days in 2024-2025.

Labour Day is September 2, while the first day of school for students will be September 3. Thanksgiving will take place October 14 while the Christmas break will be from December 23 to January 3.

The Family Day holiday will be celebrated on February 27. A school board designated holiday will take place March 7 while the mid-winter break will be from March 10-14. Good Friday is April 18 with Easter Monday on April 21. The Victoria Day holiday will take place May 19.

The last day of school for students will be June 27.

For secondary school students the first semester will run from September 3 to January 30. Second semester will start on January 31 to June 27.

Examination days for secondary school students will take place January 24-30 and from June 23-27, 2025.

Seven days for professional development activities will take place during the school year including August 30, September 27, November 1, November 29, January 31, March 31 and June 6.

The school year calendar for 2024-2025 is available on school board websites.

...Gore Bay set to increase taxes by almost six percent

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years the total tax increases were 5.5 percent, while inflation went up 14 percent. That is an 8.5 percent gap and the town needs at this point to catch up. All investments in this budget ensure we will continue to be a full-service community today and into the future."

At its meeting last week council passed a motion to accept the proposed 2024 budget. However, it was a split vote, with three councillors in favour of accepting the budget and three councillors voting against it. "I agree to accept the proposed budget," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at the meeting. His vote tipped the side for approval of the budget.

In casting the deciding vote Mayor Lane said, "I know there were some reservations among council, but I feel we have done the right thing. We are not on council to make friends."

Those councillors who voted in opposition to the proposed budget were actually in favour of the increased budget, but voiced concerns after the meeting with one line item, namely the purchase of a new one-ton truck with plow that cost over \$100,000.

Councillor Dan Osborne told The Expositor after the meeting, "I was against a certain line item that would have kept us from raising the budget as high as we did. Overall, we are looking at a 7.2 percent budget increase with the inclusion of putting away two percent toward future infrastructure costs. The item I had a concern with was the purchase of a truck with a plow."

"In my view this is not a necessity," stated Councillor Osborne. "Overall I think it was a good budget, and if we had taken this item out it would have reduced the budget a little bit." He explained for the three years total tax increases have been kept below the rate of inflation to help local residents. So, the budget increases have not been keeping up to inflation. When COVID hit, people were out of work and struggling so we held the budget down, but now having a budget increase rate makes sense."

"In the big scheme we are bringing down the tax increases because we are borrowing from ourselves and paying ourselves 5.56

percent in interest every year for the next 10 years to pay for equipment and replenish our reserves," said Councillor Osborne. "No one wants to see taxes increase. I'm a taxpayer in this town as well."

Both Councillors Kelly Chaytor and Rob Dearing said they understand and agree the budget is good except for the purchase of the truck. "I am fine with everything in the budget except for the one fleet purchase," said Councillor Chaytor. With the truck (and a trackless replacement) we are looking at costs well over \$200,000 in equipment purchases, which is a lot for a small town."

"I don't disagree with the budget increase, but probably with how the funds are spent on new equipment," said Councillor Dearing.

"I'm happy with the budget and the reasons for the increase because we have to catch up," said Councillor Terry Olmstead. "The cost of living last year went up six percent and our tax increase was at two percent. You can only do this for so long, then reality hits."

Councillor Ken Blodgett said, "I think it's a good budget. People should be satisfied with it and the reason for the increase. We had no one show up at the open public part of the meeting to bring forward any concerns."

"I think it's a good budget at a 5.5 percent increase. We have some capital investments and some equipment that is old and needs replacing. And we're building more reserve funds so if something happens the funds will be there," said Councillor Blodgett.

"In the first year of this council term, a bold strategic plan was developed and in 2023 momentum began in delivering value to the residents and businesses of our community," the release says in part.

"Accomplishments include passing several important bylaws that promote the appearance and safety of our community, modernization of our administration, introducing a new pay structure to attract and retain top talent, establishing The Lodge (walking) Trail, improvements to the boardwalk including new bridges, installation of a new EV charger, one of the most successful Harbour Days ever, enhancements to the Harbour Centre, community hall and museum. We have also partnered with St. Joseph's Health

Centre and Jarlette Health Services to work toward the construction of a new 64-bed long term care home. This will ensure we continue to offer this important service to Western Manitoulin residents close to home."

"We are continuing to build on this momentum into 2024, with over \$2 million in major capital investments planned such as completion of a new/modern airport terminal, new three-season public washroom adjacent to the pavilion, refurbishment of the Ron McQuarrie Gazebo, converting the former Water Street playground into a landscaped passive waterfront park, design to revitalize and beautify our downtown, final design of 65 new slips at the marina, Kinney Street bridge restoration, design of a west bluff trail, marina roof replacement and fuel tank replacement, upgrading the watermains and storm sewers in the north part of town, public works fleet replacement to maintain and improve community safety service levels.

"In alignment with the bold strategic priorities, we will be investing in the following enhanced services to build on to our existing base services. These include igniting our community spirit by offering more programming and events for all ages, developing a comprehensive marketing plan to promote tourism and assist our local economy walking trail maintenance, enhancing our youth soccer program, investing in our people to attract and retain top talent, working with our local doctors and private partners to attract and retain doctors."

"Overall, obviously I voted in favour of the budget," Mayor Lane told The Expositor. "This was a budget we had to put in place this year. Some of the numbers will concern some people but the budget has been too low for the last three years. It didn't even match the cost of inflation."

"Hopefully the numbers will not be the same next year," said Mayor Lane. "We have a plan in place to put money aside every year to handle other expenses in the future. And I understand the concerns with the equipment purchases but our equipment is older, and we have been talking about purchasing a new truck since I was the mayor previously. Overall, I think this is a very responsible budget."

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coming events

St. Patrick's Day potluck supper, Sunday, March 17 at 5 pm at the Silver Water hall. Admission is a cash donation with proceeds for the Angel Bus. Our objective is to raise \$500. Hosted by the Silver Water United Church.

41-43p

Come celebrate St. Patty's Day with us at the Sheguindah Seniors' Hall, March 17 from 4:30 to 6 pm. Serving Irish stew, bread, pistachio dessert, tea and coffee. \$25 each.

41-43p

Come one, come all to the Little Current United Church Hall on March 15 from 7 to 9 pm (and every two weeks after that) to enjoy George Williamson and colleagues for a night of entertainment. Donation towards Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank appreciated.

42-43p

Knox United Church rummage sale in Manitowaning is now having "Bag Days." Fill a large bag for \$5 or a small bag for \$3. The silent auction is also running again. Open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. The rummage sale will be closing on Saturday, March 23.

43-44p

Spaghetti dinner, Saturday, March 23, 5 to 7 pm, at the Kagawong Park Centre. \$20 at the door, kids under 11, \$12. Take-out available. To place a take-out order contact Diane 705-919-1751.

43-44p

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Legion events

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42-45c

The Wings are back at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current from 5 to 10 pm, downstairs, on Thursday, March 14 and Thursday, March 28.

42-44p

Join the Royal Canadian Legion for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday, March 16 at 6 pm. There will be Irish stew, games and green beer.

42-43p

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42-45p

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In loving memory of Brenda Yvonne Chisholm (nee Cosby), who passed away peacefully on March 3, 2024, at her home in Rockville, at the age of 69. Daughter of Alexander Cosby (predeceased) and Pearl Chambers (predeceased). Stepdaughter of King Chambers (predeceased). Daughter-in-law of Junior Chisholm and Doris Chisholm (predeceased). Beloved wife of 50 years, and best friend, of Brock Chisholm. Loving mother of Stephen Chisholm (Becky) and Stacey Heins (Jason). Doting grandma of Cole Chisholm (Brooke), Abbie Heins, Madison Skippen, Samantha Chisholm and Bella Ferguson. Great-grandma of Myles Chisholm. Dear sister of Lois Bond (Gerry), Russel Cosby, Helen Chisholm (predeceased) (James predeceased) and Phyllis Norris (predeceased) (Robert). Sister-in-law to Ruth Chisholm (predeceased). She will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Brenda was a people person. She loved meeting new people and welcoming them into her circle. She enjoyed yearly events such as Country Fest, Bluegrass in The country, the Blyth Steam Show, the Massey Fair and her quilting retreat. Most recently she enjoyed a bus trip to the Great Northern Opry and planned to make it a yearly tradition if her health allowed it. She worked at Foodland right up until her diagnosis, for no reason other than she loved to be around people. She made an impression on everyone she met with her infectious laugh and warm smile. Brenda loved hosting events. It could be smaller events such as family dinners or bonfires, but she also tackled bigger projects such as shore lunches at Buck and Bingwood (the fly-in fishing resort she and Brock owned in Hornepayne) and events such as Christmas in July, stone soup, potlucks and car shows at Uncle Steve's. Brenda was a woman of many talents. She was a wonderful baker and quilter. She was a member of the Hawberry Hoedowners Square Dancing Club for many years. Painting, knitting, crocheting, you name it, she tried it. She always had numerous craft projects on the go. She particularly loved doing crafts with her grandkids, who meant the world to her. Her fighting spirit allowed her to meet her great grandson Myles, who brightened her final days beyond imagination. Brenda will be greatly missed, but we all take comfort in knowing she is reunited with her parents, sisters and beloved dog Cinnamon. We have no doubt there is one heck of a party going on up in heaven! Brenda asked that a Celebration of Life be held in her honour. Please join us at the Rockville Hall to celebrate, on what would have been her 70th birthday, April 27, 2024 from 1 to 4 pm. Donations to the Mindemoya Hospital Chemo Room, in lieu of flowers, would be appreciated. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at


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in memoriam

HARASYM—In loving memory of our precious baby boy, William James Morris Harasym, who left us on April 10, 2004.

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Caring for them day by day.
We may find comfort knowing
In our Father's home above,
Our William is happy
In the sweetness of His love.
Lovingly remembered by
mom Marilee, brother Landen,
sister Hailee, Grandpa and
Grandma Harasym, Aunt Mal-
lory and Uncle Mitchell

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BROWN—In loving memory of Goldwin Brown (Goldy), July 28, 1934 to March 12, 2010.

Dad
We hold you close
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To walk with us
Throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.
So rest in peace, dear loved one
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The crown you've truly won.
Love, Garfield, Nancy, Peggy,
Rob and family

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MCGREGOR—In loving memory of Dean McGregor. Missing you, Missing us
Naomi

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MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGNACK



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

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assinack will be holding an in-person public Open House to consider a Township-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment and is notifying the public in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act.

Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment:

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

Public Open House:

A public Open House is scheduled for **March 27, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** to provide information regarding the Township-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment. The public Open House will be held at the **Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street in Manitowaning**. The format of the public Open House will be a drop-in where you will have the opportunity to review the **draft** proposed new Zoning By-law, ask questions related to the proposed draft, and provide input in advance of the Township hosting a Statutory Public Meeting.

Location of the Subject Lands:

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment applies to the entire Township and therefore a key map has not been provided.

Additional Information:

Additional information relating to the Zoning By-law update, including information about appeal rights, will be available on the Township's website (<https://www.assinack.ca/by-laws/>) on **March 8th, 2024**, or for inspection by appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please contact the Clerk at hferguson@assinack.ca or call (705) 859-3196 to arrange for an appointment.

Dated at the Township of Assinack this 6th day of March 2024.
Heidi Ferguson, Clerk Township of Assinack



spirituality

Satan
Curses
Disobedience
Sunday
Counterfeit
Mystery Babylon-goats
Mental confusion
Spiritual blindness
Bondage
Death
Sickness
Evil- mark of the beast
Reject parts of the bible
Lies

Yahweh
Blessings
Obedience
Sabbath
True Church
Sheep
Wisdom
Understanding
Freedom
Life
Health
Good- Mark of God
Accept all the bible
100% truth

The key identification mark of the true church is the sanctifying of the Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset. The sin of not sanctifying God's Sabbaths, like all other sins, creates the curses. These curses always include bondage (to Satan in Mystery Babylon), mental confusion and spiritual blindness. Sunday Christians do not understand that Sunday is the Trojan horse by which Satan has infiltrated the church. The basic problem with these sinners is that in general they do not realise that they are in bondage, they may even sing songs about freedom. Like the scribes and pharisees in Jesus' day, they do not recognize that they are spiritual blind the same is true for the Laodicean church REV.3:17. Those people may be sincere, intelligent well educated and know the bible (Satan is intelligent and knows the Bible too) but the first step to wisdom and understanding is obedience to the decalogue, DEUT 4:6. As the sanctifying of the Sabbath is part of the decalogue, the first thing that happens is that wisdom and understanding goes out of the door with the Sabbath, and spiritual blindness and mental confusion DEUT 28:28, 2COR 4:4 comes in its place. God still loves these sinners (Sunday Christians) in Mystery Babylon, but like with all other humans, God has given them the freedom of choice, whether they obey or disobey his commandments, the first step of getting out from under the curses, bondage, blindness, and confusion is recognising that it is not your conscience that decides what sin is. Neither the people (denominations) you associate with, but it is God's word, God's law, that decides what sin is. JOHN 3:4 says, "Sin is the transgression of God's law." That means not sanctifying the seventh day as the Sabbath is as serious a sin as murder and adultery, and it has the same consequences, separation from God, IS. 59:1+2 and it joins you with Satan in his rebellion.

The next step is confession of sin. That means you say "yes, I have been sinning by not sanctifying the seventh day Sabbath as God has commanded." And the third step is repentance. That means you start sanctifying God's Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset by separating it from the other six days a week by not doing any unnecessary work or buying or selling on the Sabbath. For years I have offered a \$1,000 reward to the first person who can prove from the bible that the sanctifying of the Sabbath is not a condition for the entering of God's Kingdom. Nobody has ever yet tried to claim that reward. Of course, the Bible clearly says this, otherwise I would not dare to say it is thus say the Lord.

Hank Reckman
Prophet of Manitoulin
Search for Truth Biblical Ministries
Box 210,
M'Chigeeng, Ont.
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Death Notices

**CLAYTON BERG
1976 - 2024**



It is with heavy hearts and immense sadness that we share the passing of Clayton Magnus Berg, who passed away at Manitoulin Health Centre (Mindemoya) on February 14, 2024, at the young age of 47 years. Loving husband of Nathalie Fert. Survived by his children KyleLee and Alia; stepchildren Victor and Leana; his sisters Robin and Kristine; his brothers Karl and David. Dear son of the late Trond Berg and Carol Berg. The family wishes to acknowledge Lauren, Kathleen and all the team at Mnaamodzawin Health Services; Ruth Guy, palliative care registered nurse and all the staff at the Palliative Care Suite of Mindemoya Health Centre for the care and compassion shown to them. On a later date, on Victoria Day weekend, the family would like to invite you to their home for a Celebration of Life, as Clayton wished. Cremation services by Simple Wishes of the North Sudbury.

**KENNETH NEWTON
1945 - 2024**



It is with heavy hearts and immense sadness that we share the passing of Kenneth Newton, who passed away at Health Sciences North Sudbury, Thursday, February 22, 2024, at the age of 78 years. Son of the late Kenneth and the late Katheryne (Winters) Newton. Survived by his loving wife Marion Newton (Young.) Ken had a wonderful career and he enjoyed his work with the Toronto Metro Police. During his retirement years, he could be found working in his flower gardens at his home in Mindemoya. Kenneth also had a great affection for his five Scottish terriers known as his "fur babies." A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Cremation services by Simple Wishes of the North.

**DONALD ROY CARPENTER JR.
May 4, 1954 - March 4, 2024**



In loving memory of Donald Roy Carpenter Jr. born on May 4, 1954 and passed away peacefully at Pembroke Hospital on March 4, 2024 surrounded by family. He was predeceased by his parents Donald Sr. and Gayle Carpenter. Survived by his wife Dorothy Carpenter; brother Brent Carpenter; sisters Karla Lovelace (Carpenter) and Jennifer Carpenter; his children Dereck Carpenter and Shannon (Carpenter) and four grandchildren.

**JOSEPH ARTHUR CHISHOLM
September 30, 1933 - February 27, 2024**



In loving memory of Joseph Arthur Chisholm, who passed away peacefully at home on February 27, 2024 at the age of 90. Beloved father of David Chisholm and Donna Chisholm-Mallen (Kevin Mallen). Loving grandfather of Jesse Leblanc. Cherished sibling of David, Anna, Francis and Mary. Cremation has taken place.



**SCOTT FREDERICK MOSES
March 15, 1961 - March 3, 2024**



In loving memory of Scott Frederick Moses who passed away March 3, 2024. A man of honour, who dedicated his life to serving his country in the military. It was during his service that he met the love of his life, Margaret (Planchet) Moses, with whom he shared 42 years of earthly love, and now, an eternity together. On March 3, Scott passed away peacefully in his sleep at home, surrounded by his beloved family. He is now reunited with his parents Jean and Stanley Moses and grandson Logan. He is survived by his children Daniel (Patricia), Jennifer (Darren), as well as Megan (Connor). He loved being a father, but his favourite title of all was Papa (M). He is going to be dearly missed by his grandchildren David Moses, Lillian Phelps, Kurtis Moses, Logan Phelps (2018), Alexis Phelps, Marylin Moses and Ramsay Phelps. The Celebration of Life was held on Friday, March 8 from 3 to 6 pm at the Providence Bay Community Hall, 11 Mutchmor St., Providence Bay. In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask those willing to consider making a donation towards a commemorative tree fund in Scott's memory. This living tribute will help pave the way towards a greener future for his beloved grandchildren and generations that follow. This enduring gift will keep Scott's memory alive in the most beautiful way. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.



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

...Ottawa accused of withholding billions in carbon tax rebates

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for urgent intervention.

With each active, incorporated business in Ontario poised to receive \$2,637 from the earmarked \$1.3 billion, the CFIB emphasizes the critical need for immediate settlement. Ryan Mallough, CFIB's Ontario vice president, laments the prolonged delay, assert-

ing, "It's deeply unfair that five years into the program, Ottawa is still sitting on \$1.3 billion it owes to small firms."

Recent announcements by the federal government exacerbate concerns, as the reduction of financial relief from carbon tax revenues for businesses in 2024 has been slashed from nine percent to five percent. Julie Kwiecinski, CFIB's Ontario director of provincial affairs, condemns the move, highlighting the strain on small business owners. "Ottawa is already taking future funds out of small business owners' pockets," she remarks.

The CFIB is demanding the immediate reimbursement of the \$2.5 billion owed to Canadian small busi-


nesses, including the \$1.3 billion for Ontario firms.

Ms. Kwiecinski reiterates the urgency of rectifying the flawed carbon tax rebate system, emphasizing, "The federal government must immediately fix the broken carbon tax rebate system. Small businesses deserve to be treated fairly."

As small businesses across Canada unite in the fight for equitable treatment, the CFIB encourages entrepreneurs to add their voices to the cause by signing their petition. With mounting pressure, the federal government faces increasing calls for decisive action to honour its commitments to Canada's small and medium-size enterprises.

The CFIB's stance is backed by a recent survey indicating that over half of the small businesses oppose the current carbon pricing system, with many expressing concern over the impact of future tax increases on their operations. The federation is rallying small businesses to sign a petition calling for fairness in carbon taxation, emphasizing the need for the government to recognize and address the financial hardships faced by these critical contributors to the Canadian economy.

As debates over carbon taxation continue, the CFIB's push for transparency, fairness and immediate action reflects the broader concerns of the small business community in Canada. With legislative changes and potential legal challenges on the horizon, the issue of carbon tax rebates remains a contentious topic, with significant implications for the future of small businesses across the nation.



MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK

TENDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Resolution #10-01-2024

Sealed tenders clearly marked with the Tender Name will be received under this resolution and by the undersigned until the closing date:

Friday, April 26, 2024 by 4:00pm

The tender form can be located at:
<https://www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders>

All tenders to be presented on forms contained in this document to:

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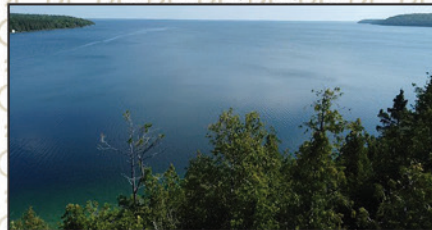
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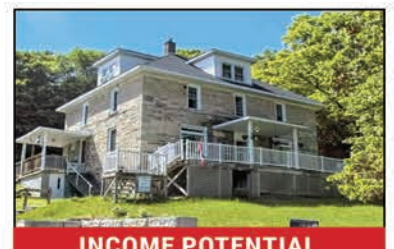
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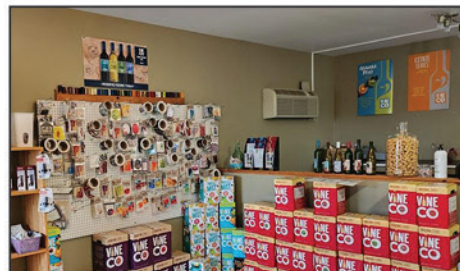
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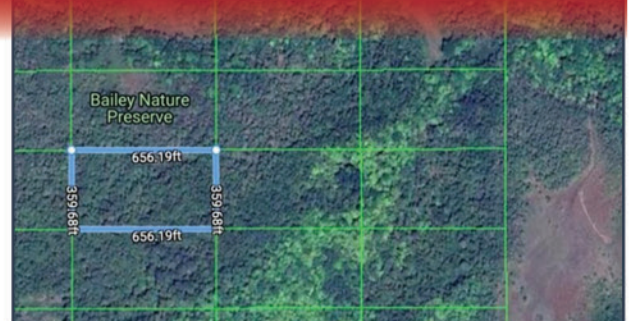
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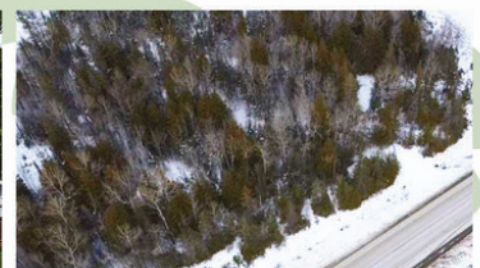
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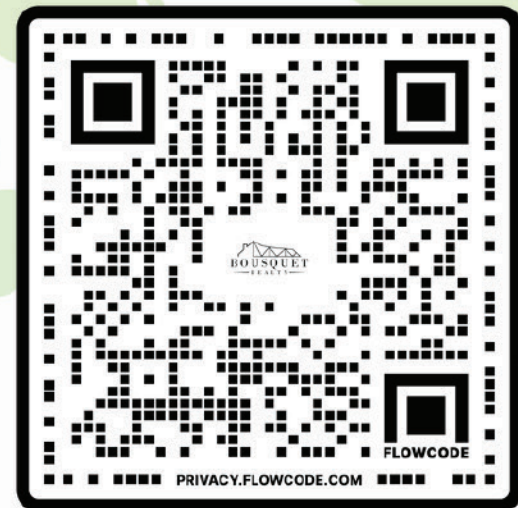


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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Honora comedian performs at the Michael J. Fox Parkinson Foundation fundraiser

by Michael Erskine

HONORA BAY—Retired teacher Charles Adam embarked on a new career as a standup comic following his career at Manitoulin Secondary School. Even a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease did not sway him from his new vocation, he just incorporated it into his act. Mr. Adam has since climbed the laughter ladder to some pretty

Your journey with Parkinson's is an inspiration to us all. Your ability to persevere and continue doing what you love is truly commendable. Thank you, Charlie, for sharing your talent with us and for reminding us that laughter knows no boundaries."

"It was an amazing experience," said Mr. Adam of the experience of tak-

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Charles Adam and Steve Hytner (aka Kenny Bannia from Seinfeld) take a moment for a photo at the fundraiser.

impressive heights since his onstage debut at Sudbury's Crown of Comedy in 2015—including being invited to a recent onstage stint at the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research fundraiser held at Jokers Theatre and Comedy Club in Richmond Hill.

Mr. Adam has also appeared at Yuk Yuks NTS in Ottawa and the Thunder Bay Comedy Festival. He went on to win the 'Drop the Mic' competition at the Timmins Comedy Festival. Perhaps the most poignant of his gigs was being invited recently to perform at the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation fundraiser at Jokers Theatre and Comedy Club in Richmond Hill.

A note from Marc Price, comedian liaison for the Parkinson's fundraiser speaks volumes about his performance at that particular venue. "Dear Charlie, I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your incredible performance at our show in Richmond Hill. Your talent as a comedian is truly remarkable and it was an absolute pleasure to have you join us. But beyond your undeniable comedic skills, I wanted to acknowledge your strength and resilience.

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Charles Adam is joined in this photo by Marc Price who you might know better as Skippy from Family Ties.

as Mr. Adam is producing a show on Manitoulin.

No stranger to Manitoulin stages, Mr. Adam has, in fact, performed at a number of venues on the Island, but if you missed those you will have another opportunity come May 31 at The Anchor Inn as he will be performing along with three of his comedic colleagues: Dan Allaire, Lewis Hill and Clint Gibbons.

Dan Allaire has made the rounds in clubs and venues in Ontario, Que-

bec and Nova Scotia over the past eight years, including headlining Yuk Yuk's in Ottawa-performing at their clubs in Toronto, Oshawa, Niagara Falls and Halifax as well as various 'On Tour' shows. Mr. Allaire recently showcased for the 'Just For Laughs' festival and entertained at HumourFest in Quebec City as well as the Portland Maine Comedy Festival.

Lewis Hill comes with an "energetic and interactive style," bringing "the party to every show!" His humour is both self-deprecating and quite deprecating, but he does it "with a big smile on his face." Mr. Hill has also been known to pull out the guitar and play a few hilarious tunes.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Island Elementary Basketball!

The annual Island Elementary Basketball Championships took place last Tuesday with both Little Current Coyotes teams earning bragging rights for their impressive twin, 4 and 0 road to victories!

In the boys' event, the L.C.P.S. squad included **Liam Stephens, Roen Deschenes, Luis Anaya, Max King, Collin Goodfellow, Asher Manitowabi, Kjell Smith, Nohlan Mathews, Ryan Carter** and Coach **Jen Casement**.

The girls' team was coached by April Aelick with help from L.C.P.S. after-school alumnus, **Niomi Tomaselli** and **Kayla Lockeyer**, who were standout players before graduating to MSS.

The winning roster featured **Arabella Otosquaiob, Azalea Anaya, Rose Preston, Hazel Cooper, Emma Beattie-Barnes, Kirsten Bowerman** and **Myla Edralin**.

Off His Rock, Hockey!

As the season winds down, with only the Tournament of Champions in North Bay to go, Mindemoya's **Jack Bridgeman** is finishing out his U15 AA year with the Nickel City Sons as the leading goal scorer in the North, and third overall in points. His team had an impressive season that saw them skate to an 18-2-8 first place record, earn a win at the regional Silver Stick to qualify for the International Finals in Port Huron and play Sunday hockey in every tournament they travelled to, including the President's Day Classic in Buffalo where they were up against American AAA teams. The Sons were consistently ranked in the top 20 of the notoriously southern skewed provincial rankings. Good luck in North Bay, Jack, and bring home that banner!

MLPs to Provincials!

The Manitoulin U-18 Panthers were a team destined to win their berth to the Ontario championships, but only if they trained hard all season. Thankfully their preparation was stellar and brought them to a four-point series against their North Bay rivals.

The girls played tough against the Bay side in the first game, narrowly dropping their first game and then winning their second to set up their path to the Provincials with only a tie needed to advance. Their deciding game was this past Tuesday (March 5th) in front of a packed house in Espanola. In the pre-game prep talk, Captain **Emery Watson** reminded the team of Coach Scot's rallying statement, "If we score, we might win. If they don't score, they are never going to win!"

Fans were on the edge of their seats as the Lady Panthers held North Bay to a 0-0 tie until 1:35 left in the game when North Bay pulled their goalie, as they needed a win and two points! However, after a beauty pass from team Captain **Watson, Zahara Dube** made a smartly timed shot on the empty net to score the only goal of the game. The team then fin-

ished with a very impressive defensive game to hang on to the lead and secure the win.

Congratulations on strong performances from **Hope Eshkibok, Gracie Gibson, Shaye Ominika, Tessa Prior, Camryn Ramsay, Paung Trudeau, Izzy Hughson** and **Ciera Sokolosi** between the pipes, the team secured their spot at their first ever Ontario Provincial Championships representing the region, which takes place in North York on the April 11-14th weekend.

Congratulations to team staff: **Scot Hughson, Sonya Stencell, Al Laginski, Naomi Wolfe** and **Marcie Hughson**. The Island is well represented and proud of you!

C.M.P.S. Eagles can curl!

Ten students from Central Manitoulin Public School in Mindemoya travelled to Sudbury to play at the Coniston Curling Club Annual Elementary Curling Bonspiel back on Monday, February 26th. 16 teams from all northeastern boards participated in the event, each playing three, four-end games. Matches were based on a point system and were also able to earn points by drawing to the button.

Both teams represented CMPS and Manitoulin Island very well. Team A won all their games and earned the highest points and won the bonspiel and took home the championship trophy. This is the first time the trophy was won by a team from Manitoulin. The team also received a banner to hang at the school. Team B won their final game and had very close games during the bonspiel. Both teams showed sportsmanship on and off the ice.

The teams featured: Team A- **Spencer Johnston** - Skip, **Devon MacKelvie** - Vice, **Parker Johnston** - Second and **Shawn MacKelvie** - Lead. Team B was b - Skip, **Oliver Symons** - Vice, **David Cooper** - Second, **Sammy Watson** - Lead and **Charlie Orford** - Alternate and **Alice McIntosh** - Alternate.

Both teams were coached by **Angela Johnston** and **Patti Jo Woods** (Teacher at CMPS). They would like to acknowledge the support of their local clubs (Mindemoya Curling Club & Providence Bay Curling Club) for allowing them to use their facilities to practice for the event; the volunteer parents who drove students to the event; the coaches for dedicating their time and the Coniston Curling Club.

Beware of Bobcats!

Track North's Bobcat Program is back again for the 2024 season!

If you have children in Grades 3 to 8 that are interested in learning the fundamentals of track and field in a beautiful outdoor setting at the Laurentian Community Track, then check out the link below. Bobcat Program practices start April 30th and run for 8 weeks until June 20th!

A good sport is good for sports
chipstoquips@gmail.com



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if you can't make any of the dates, call 705-368-3524 to set up an interview

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64 Meredith Street East
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FINANCE MANAGER

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

The Finance Manager will be responsible for managing the overall financial activities of the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) including accounting operations and reporting, budgeting, and external audits; financial analysis and planning; cash flow and internal controls; and recommending the initiation, improvement, development, implementation, monitoring, and modification of the organization's financial policies and guidelines. Additionally, the Finance Manager will provide guidance to senior management, support to Chief and Council, and Committee relationships through clear communication of financial reporting and analysis, and is the primary interface with external parties on financial matters, including bank relations, customer/community invoices, project reporting, etc.

Key Responsibilities:

- Performs all duties and responsibilities in accordance with WRFN plans, policies, standards, procedures and as directed by the Band Manager.
- Manages the overall administration of the financial affairs of the WRFN consistent with the approved vision, mission and value statements of the WRFN.
- Manages the overall administration of the financial affairs of the WRFN.
- Provides leadership and support in consultation with the Band Manager and the Finance Committee, to the WRFN community and the Chiefs and Council in the planning, management and reporting of the WRFN financial affairs.
- Provides support to the WRFN Chief and Council in the orientation of new members of the Council.
- Provides information and support in the development and review of the Finance Committee Terms of Reference.
- Ensures monthly financial statements and report packages are prepared in accordance with WRFN policies and professional accounting standards, reviewed with Program Managers and amended as required.
- Implements and maintains an accounting system that meets the identified needs of the organization and provides timely and accurate information on actual cash receipts and disbursements.
- Acts as a resource person to senior management and the Chief and Council, including explaining and interpreting financial reports and assisting in the preparation of annual budgets and forecasts.
- Identifies potential issues, problems and risks related to WRFN operations pertaining to fiscal and operational matters.
- Excellent written and oral skills, including the ability to draft briefing notes, position papers, recommendations to leadership and deliver presentations to fellow employees and leadership.
- Provides expertise to the WRFN on accounting and auditing standards, best practices and ethical and moral financial issues in accordance with the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada Handbook.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a related discipline (Accounting, General Business Administration/ Commerce)
- Professional Accounting Designation: Certified Professional Accountant CPA - CA, CGA or CMA
- Preferred Post-Secondary courses or formal training to include: Planning, Management, Leadership, Conflict Resolution, Teambuilding, Effective Communications, Human Resource Management and Report Writing.
- Minimum of eight to ten (8-10) years' post-designation accounting and financial experience including three to four (3-4) years at the senior financial management level, including the leadership and management of employees.
- Preferred First Nations experience as a Senior finance professional.
- Experience in financial planning, financial budget development and managing complex and diverse financial reporting requirements.
- Corporate and auditing experience is an asset.
- Experience in risk assessment and management.
- Experience in government revenue and taxation.
- Experience working with WRFN-related accounting software including Microsoft Office, Sage Intact, Sage 300 and other integrated accounting software.

Personal Qualifications and Other Skills and Knowledge:

- Knowledge of WRFN culture, language and traditions.
- Knowledge of WRFN organizations and entities.
- Knowledge of and a commitment to General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).
- Excellent interpersonal and people management skills.
- Demonstrated leadership and management skills.
- Ability to organize, prioritize and manage workload.
- Exceptional integrity and professionalism.

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

Applications must be submitted by: March 22, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: FINANCE MANAGER
Whitefish River First Nation
c/o Human Resources
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

Miigwetch (Thank you) to all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Rainbow board and student services union reach tentative agreement at local level

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) and the federation representing Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP) in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island have reached a tentative contract agreement at the local level.

The employee group is represented by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) District 3. There are approximately 40 employees in this bargaining unit.

PSSP include psychometrists, psychologists, psychological associates, speech and language pathologists, social workers, Indigenous support workers, attendance counsellors and the administrator of performing arts.

The new deal, if ratified, will be in effect from September 1, 2022, to August 31, 2026, aligning with the professional settlements at the central bargaining table.

"We commend the bargaining teams

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SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY INTERPRETIVE GUIDE NEEDED FOR THE NET SHED MUSEUM IN MELDRUM BAY

June 28-August 16, 2024

Youth aged 15-30 can apply for this job.

Duration: 7 weeks; open 6 days a week.

Hourly wage \$18.00, travel expenses negotiable.

The interpretive guide will manage the museum and deal with the public who wish to view the artifacts and learn about the history of Meldrum Bay and the Net Shed Museum.

For more details, please contact:

Linda Lapointe at **416-522-3885** or send her an email at l.lapointe@on.aibn.com

Submit a resume with covering letter by email above or mail to:

Linda Lapointe, 22 Leader Lane, #337

Toronto, Ontario M5E 1B0

Deadline for submission: April 26, 2024



HOUSING NAVIGATOR (2ND POSTING) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-time - Term (One-Year Contract)

Salary: \$55,000 - \$65,000/year (+ group benefits and pension)

Hours: 35 hours/week

Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a Housing Navigator to provide immediate, tailored assistance to address housing crises. The role works with individuals to connect them to community/local resources for ongoing housing stability and self-sufficiency.

The Housing Navigator will work under the direct supervision of the Housing Manager to provide social housing support services to Whitefish River First Nation members. This position is responsible for assisting members and families in their search for housing, whether on or off-reserve and offering guidance on home purchasing. The Housing Navigator will offer mobile services, ensuring services are provided for all members. Travel will be required for this role.

The Housing Navigator will be responsible to:

- Collaborate with the Housing Manager and Band Manager to develop and implement effective strategies that support the housing needs of Whitefish River First Nation members.
- Provide guidance and assistance to members and families in their search for appropriate housing options, both on and off-reserve.
- Offer support and resources to individuals interested in purchasing a home, providing valuable information on the process and available programs.
- Conduct assessments to accurately determine the unique housing needs and preferences of members, ensuring personalized assistance.
- Stay up-to-date with housing policies, programs and legislation, ensuring accurate and precise information is provided to members.
- Facilitate connections with relevant agencies, organizations and programs, enabling members to access crucial housing-related resources and support services.
- Collaborate with community partners and service providers to develop engaging housing workshops, information sessions and related initiatives.
- Other duties as requested.

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preferably possess a background in social work, community services or another related field.
- Commitment to supporting the housing needs of Whitefish River First Nation members.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, enabling effective engagement with individuals and families.
- Knowledge of housing policies, programs and resources applicable to Indigenous communities is highly valued.
- Proficient in conducting thorough assessments and providing personalized recommendations based on member preferences and needs.
- Strong organizational skills to maintain accurate records and documentation.
- Proven ability to establish and nurture collaborative relationships with community partners and service providers.
- Flexible and adaptable, capable of delivering mobile services and traveling within the community and surrounding areas.
- Familiarity with Indigenous housing programs for both on and off-reserve members is advantageous.
- Must be highly self-motivated with an ability to work independently.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends as needed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 18, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: HOUSING NAVIGATOR
c/o Human Resources
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188
Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

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

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...Rainbow board ink tentative agreement

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from the board and the federation for working together to achieve this tentative agreement locally," said RDSB chair David Farrow. "Our student services personnel are an integral part of the team of caring adults who nurture

student success in Rainbow schools."

"We value our work with students and are pleased to have reached this local tentative agreement with Rainbow District School Board," said Don Watson, president of the PSSP Unit. "We look forward to presenting the agreement to our membership for ratification."

Manitoulin Resort Employment Opportunity

Manitoulin Resort, located in Manitowaning, is now hiring a seasonal **Grounds Maintenance Person.**

Hours are based on experience and preference. Enjoy a job that offers something different each day rather than the "same old boring." We prefer the ideal applicant to have some experience in plumbing, chainsaw usage and general maintenance. With proper training, you will "operate a honey wagon" to pump out units twice a week and drive a tractor and side-by-side. We work in a friendly and cheerful environment, which makes the day more enjoyable. As part of our "family," you will also be privy to additional perks of the resort.

Email resumes to info@manitoulinresort.com
or mail 152 Holiday Haven Road, Manitowaning, ON, P0P 1N0.
The position will commence mid April based on weather. Wage to be discussed—based on experience and skills.



PROPOSAL WRITER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: One-year contract (flexible schedule)
*Expected start late March to early April
Salary: \$30-\$50/hour

The Proposal Writer will be responsible for preparing effective proposals on behalf of the Whitefish River First Nation. Working closely with Chief and Council and various departments, the Proposal Writer will research, assess and draft proposals, ensuring they align with the strategic objectives and funding priorities of the First Nation. The successful candidate will have exceptional writing skills, attention to detail and a strong understanding of government funding programs.

Key Responsibilities:

Research and Analysis:

- Conduct thorough research on available funding opportunities for the WRFN.
- Research and distribute general information on funding opportunities and new program announcements.
- Liaise with government agencies, First Nation communities, industry and other prospective partners.
- Analyze funding criteria, guidelines and priorities to determine the best fit for proposed projects.

Proposal Development:

- Write clear, concise and persuasive proposals that effectively articulate the First Nation's needs, goals and vision.
- Create well-organized outlines and develop proposal content, ensuring key messages are conveyed effectively.

Funding Requirements and Compliance:

- Stay up-to-date with reporting requirements and compliance guidelines for government grants and funding programs.
- Ensure proposals meet all necessary criteria, including supporting documentation and compliance with funding guidelines.

Relationship Building:

- Establish and maintain strong relationships with government agencies, funding organizations and partners/collaborators (if relevant).

Proposal Tracking and Evaluation:

- Maintain an accurate and up-to-date record of all proposals, including submission dates, outcomes and lessons learned.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (e.g. Communications, Public Administration or Business Administration) or equivalent work experience.
- Proven experience in proposal writing, preferably within the public sector or for First Nation governments.
- Familiarity with government funding programs, grants and reporting requirements.
- Possesses exceptional interpersonal skills and a friendly and professional demeanor.
- Comfortable in a high-performing and fast-paced environment; demonstrate ability to achieve high-performance goals, meet deadlines and adapt to changing circumstances.
- Excellent research, analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills with exceptional attention to detail.
- Ability to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders and effectively manage multiple projects simultaneously.
- Proficient in using relevant software and tools for proposal development (e.g. Microsoft Office Suite, project management software).

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.
- Sound understanding of Indigenous Peoples' rights, history and governance structures.
- Knowledge of Jordan's Principle and understanding of Indigenous rights, issues and reconciliation efforts.
- Knowledge of First Nation communities and funding structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices as a central and vital part of program and service delivery.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 18, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Please submit your resume and a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and interest in the position to:

**CONFIDENTIAL: Proposal Writer
c/o Human Resources**

**Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188
Birch Island, ON P0P1A0**

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

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Help Wanted!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: DIETARY AIDE

(Part-time Permanent Opportunities: Days, Evenings) – Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Starting wage is \$20.23 plus vacation pay and 13% in lieu of benefits

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Serves food to residents according to individual diets and preferences. Observes time limit for meal serving. Maintains foods at proper serving temperature.
- Assists cooks to clean and prepare such uncooked food as salads, vegetables and fruits. Follows basic instructions in preparing such simple foods as breakfast items, basic desserts and garnishes.
- Clears plates and trays, loads and operates dishwasher. Cleans pots, pans and cooking utensils as per procedure.
- Participates in proper storage and labeling of dietary supplies and food, including leftovers.
- Adheres to established departmental policies, procedures regarding quality assurance, fire, safety, environment and infection control.
- Assembles nourishment carts. Stocks unit kitchenettes.
- Participates in facility meetings as assigned. Attends in-service education programs.
- Other duties as assigned by Supervisor.
- Prepares food in accordance with Dietary Dept. standards, reads recipes, works independently and thinks critically.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Successful completion and/or enrollment in a Food Service Worker Program meeting the requirements of the Ontario Long-Term Care Homes Act required. If enrolled, must complete program within three (3) years of hire date.
- Previous dietary experience preferred in LTC home, 0-1 year(s).
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time.
- Ability to read and write English as well as understand simple verbal and written instructions in English.
- Ability to work safely follow established safety practices and procedures.
- Must be able to do moderate to heavy lifting.
- Successful candidate must be available to work days, evenings, weekends and statutory holidays.

Interested applicants can forward their resume to the attention of:

**Brad Dubreuil, Manager of Food Services
Manitoulin Centennial Manor**

Address: 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Phone: 705-368-2710 ext.314 Fax: 705-368-2694

Email: brad.dubreuil@exeassist.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

UCCM Building Material Supply Limited Partnership
is now accepting applications for a:

FINANCE CLERK

UCCM (Castle) Building Material Supply Limited Partnership is a First Nations-owned corporation. It is a progressive retail outlet providing products and services to member First Nations and the general public.

The Finance Clerk oversees the bookkeeping and financial reporting for the corporation as well as the monitoring and implementation of internal financial controls. Duties include processing of accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, monthly remittances, bank reconciliations and preparing bank deposits. Other responsibilities include filing, working with auditors and assisting with year-end inventory count.

Required Skills:

- Demonstrated ability to process financial transactions.
- Strong working knowledge of accounting principles.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Good working knowledge of computer applications.

Required Qualifications:

- Financial and/or accounting diploma or degree preferred.
- Previous experience working in a financial capacity required.
- Experience in a retail environment will be deemed an asset.

Remuneration:

- Based upon qualifications and experience.
- Benefit package and pension plan available.

To apply:

Interested applicants are invited to submit their cover letter, resume and 3 work-related references to:

**UCCM Building Material Supply Limited Partnership
P. O. Box 295, 386 Hwy 551
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
Attention: Charles Beaudin, manager**

By email to: charles@uccmcastle.com or info@uccmcastle.com
By fax to: 705-377-5113

Deadline to apply: April 12, 2024 at 5:00 pm

Only applicants selected for an interview will be notified.

Caution advised as black bears emerge early from their hibernation


ONTARIO—The Ontario government and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are issuing a public advisory as black bears are beginning to come out of hibernation earlier than usual in some parts of the province. With the mild winter weather and lack of snow this year, there have been reports of black bears emerging from their dens prematurely.

During this time of year, natural food sources for bears are scarce, prompting them to seek alternative food sources such as garbage and bird feeders. To mitigate the risk of attracting bears to residential areas, the public is urged to take simple precautions: store garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids, preferably indoors if possible; wait until pickup day to put out garbage; remove bird feeders for the spring and summer months, offering birds natural alternatives such as flowers, nesting boxes, and fresh water; clean food residue and grease from outdoor barbecue grills, including grease traps, after each use; keep pet food indoors; always leash your dog when outdoors, as unleashed dogs can lead bears back to their owners and potentially trigger defensive bear attacks.


Bears entering communities are not necessarily a threat, but it's crucial to know who to contact in case of an encounter. The province operates a non-emergency, toll-free Bear Wise reporting line (1-866-514-2327), available from March 1 to November 30, 24/7. In cases where a bear poses an immediate threat with threatening or aggressive behaviour, individuals should remain calm and dial 911 or contact their local police department.




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Help Wanted!





The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team, located on beautiful Manitoulin Island, just off the swing bridge, is seeking motivated and experienced individuals to join our healthcare team:

Two full-time Nurse Practitioners

You will complement an interdisciplinary team of health professionals and physicians that provide primary care for patients living in Little Current and the surrounding area.

Qualifications:

- BSCN NP certificate or Masters of Science Degree
- A current certificate of competence and good standing, registered with the College of Nurses in the extended class
- A member of NPAO

Requirements:

- Evidence of liability insurance
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence
- Knowledge and proficiency in current, evidenced-based methods and practices of primary care delivery with an emphasis on health promotion and risk reduction
- Prior experience and knowledge of computers and TELUS PSS Suite electronic medical records would be an asset
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Exhibit an ability to be open and work with other team members
- Must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination

Experience:

- Working with a multidisciplinary team of primary care physicians and other health professionals
- Working with residents in long term care and/or mental health and/or acute care would be an asset
- Working with Indigenous people
- Working in a community and/or a primary care setting

Compensation:

- Available to work 37.5 hours a week
- Top Ministry of Health salary with full benefits and ongoing educational days
- \$2,000 signing bonus
- 6 months' accommodation allowance

Applications for the above position, including resumes and references, will be accepted until **Friday, March 29, 2024.**

Send To: **Judy Miller, Executive Director**
By email to jmiller@nemfht.ca or fax (705) 368-1259



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

FULL-TIME position:

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CASUAL positions:

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



Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson

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CHASE TAYLOR

From the summer days on the field to the winter evenings at the arena, Chase can be found constantly on the move with a smile on his face! As a rookie Mustang, Chase brings a positive attitude and enthusiasm to all of his athletic endeavours. His involvement in sports from a young age has instilled a love for athletics that is evident in every minute of game play. Chase has already established himself as an excellent all around player, creating a promising athletic future for his time at MSS!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Chase was an Eagle at Central Manitoulin Public School. Even at a young age, Chase capitalized on every opportunity to play school sports, signing up for basketball, soccer, baseball and volleyball. His love for team sports shines as he reminisces on his elementary years, noting that his best memories were travelling to other schools to compete with his friends.

This year, Chase has wasted no time in transitioning to high school sports. So far, he has already made a NOSSA appearance with the junior boys' volleyball team. Along the way, he and his team picked up a gold NSSSA medal, advancing them to compete at NOSSA in Sudbury. Looking forward to the upcoming spring sports, Chase plans on taking his passion and skills to the MSS softball team!

Growing up playing hockey, Chase has a special attachment to the sport that provided him with great friendships and memories over the years. For many years, Chase has been a member of the Manitoulin Panthers Hockey Association. This year, he was honoured to receive the position of assistant captain on his U15 team! Chase has a special love for hockey because of the opportunities it provides to meet new people, learn new skills and engage in a fun team sport. Although this will be his last year playing for the Panthers organization, he is excited to see what his next chapter will bring!

Not only has Chase grown up with a love for the rink, but he has also discovered a love for the field! In more recent years, Chase began playing baseball for the Sudbury Voyagers elite baseball team. Here, he has made countless new friendships and taken his skills to the next level. He notes that one of his favourite things is travelling with his team and competing outside of the province. Between multiple baseball and hockey practices each week, Chase is always found on the move!

When Chase takes the black and gold jersey off, he can be found staying active while walking his dogs (Mini and Molly). Chase finds that they are a great motivation for him to continue to be active and enjoy beautiful weather. When the warm weather finally forces him to hang up his skates, Chase loves to bike, swim and hang out with friends. He can also be spotted in the community working at Timberlane.


Not only has Chase taken advantage of the amazing sports programs offered at MSS, but he has also taken interest in the offered tech courses. He thrives through brainstorming, problem solving and enjoys being hands on. He notes that learning to use new tools has made learning exciting and something he looks forward to each day! Chase has also been enjoying his math class and is eager to continue his learning.

One reason why Chase excels in athletics and academics may be because of his parents. Chase notes that his mom inspires him. She has always supported and encouraged Chase through more competitive levels of hockey and baseball. He acknowledges and appreciates the countless hours his parents have dedicated driving him to late night practices, games and supporting him at every tournament! Chase also notes that his dad has been a huge inspiration and has helped him throughout his hockey career.

Although Chase still has three more years rocking the black and gold, he is interested in a career in welding following his graduation. He takes a deep interest in the trades and is excited to continue to further broaden his skills.

With Chase's hard work and dedication, he is sure to continue to be a standout Mustang in all his athletic endeavours!


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