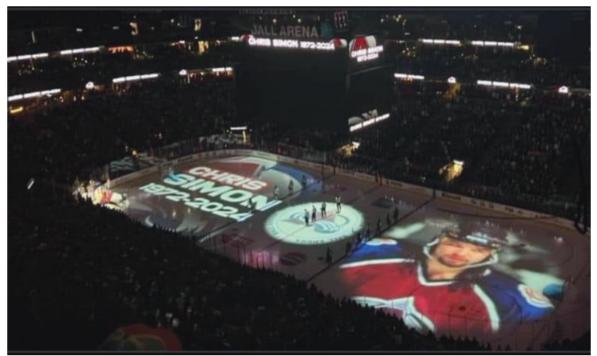


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IN TRIBUTE—The Colorado Avalanche paid tribute to Chris 'Naanoongshkaahs' Simon baa, who helped the team to a Stanley Cup in 1998, following the news of their former player's passing on March 18. Mr. Simon was 52. His funeral is being held today, Wednesday, March 27 in his hometown of Wawa. The beloved First Nations hockey icon has strong family ties to Manitoulin, specifically Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

photo courtesy Colorado Avalanche

Former NHL enforcer Chris Simon dead at 52, family suspects CTE

Chronic traumatic encephalopathy linked to early deaths through repeated head trauma

by Tom Sasvari

WAWA—While he was imposing, standing at 6'3" and 232 pounds, former National Hockey League (NHL) player Chris 'Naanoongshkaahs' Simon, who was born in Wawa, but has strong family ties to Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was known by friends, coaches and friends to be the kind of guy who was soft-spoken and The late Chris Simon with

always wanting to help others. ties to Wiikwe As Ted Nolan, Mr. Simon's coach Unceded Territory. while he was a member of the Soo



Greyhounds of the Ontario Hockey League (and later as a member of the New York Islanders of the NHL) described him, "he was a great big teddy bear.'

Mr. Simon took his own life at the age of 52 on Monday, March 18 in his hometown of Wawa. His family released a statement through his former agent Paul Theofanous on ties to Wiikwemkoong his passing: "The family strongly

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Island concussion specialist supports opinion of CTE's long-term negative effects

M'CHIGEENG—The family of the late National Hockey League (NHL) enforcer Chris Simon, who passed away on Monday, March 18, is convinced that he suffered from chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a condition suffered by many athletes who have suffered ongoing head trauma through their careers.

Derek Debassige, of Manitoulin Physio in M'Chigeeng, has a concussion clinic as part of Manitoulin Physio's practice and has studied CTE and its effects on athletes.

"I think these days we have different protocols in place and are much more robust in terms of new education protocols such as return to play guidelines, players who get hit in the head or suffer concussions still suffer brain injuries," Mr. Debassige said. "It is very important for one to give themselves and their brain the time to recover from a concussion or serious head injury.'

The Expositor contacted Mr. Debassige after the announcement last week that Mr. Simon passed away from suicide, his family says as a result of mental health issues caused by CTE. The retired NHLer was from Wawa but has strong familial ties to Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Mr. Debassige did not know Mr. Simon personally but had seen him play hockey. "I understand his death involved CTE related mental health issues. I don't know the extent of the injuries he suffered over the course of his career. I know he was a heck of a player, but he was also known as

"When it comes to CTE, over time a brain is affected by repeated head injuries, hits to the head and concussion," said Mr. Debassige. "Over time, before an athlete recovers from injuries and concussions, they get back into action and suffer an-

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Study indicates Ontario's near-North region may see over 60,000 area residents without doctors in 2 years

Manitoulin Island included in report

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

MANITOULIN—New data released by the Ontario College of Family Physicians reveals a troubling statistic: nearly 32,000 individuals residing in the Greater Sudbury, Manitoulin Island and Parry Sound area lack access to a family doctor. Shockingly, this figure may nearly double within the next two years if immediate action is not taken. Describing the situation as a worsening crisis, the college emphasizes the urgent need for intervention by provincial authorities.

According to Dave Courtemanche, a board member of the Ontario College of Family Physicians and the executive director of City of Lakes Family Health Team in Sudbury, the region is currently grappling with a significant healthcare crisis characterized by a mass departure of physicians from family medicine. This trend is evident province-wide, but its impact is particularly acute here in Northern Ontario.

While Mr. Courtemanche cites compensation levels for family doctors and heavy administrative loads as the maior culprits Dr Maurianne Reade, rural generalist and President of Professional Staff of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC), says that the issue

is much more complex.

"There are a variety of factors that have contributed to the current crisis we are facing," she said. "This dates back to the late '80s and mid-'90s when we saw big cuts to medical school enrollments which has caused a big gap in the training of doctors. And then of course, the onset COVID-19 pandemic aggravat-

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Ontario extends locum MD subsidy to September 30

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN'S PARK—As month-end deadline loomed on pandemic-era provincial government program that assists rural and Northern hospitals avoid temporary emergency room closures, a temporary six month extension has been announced.

The Temporary Locum Program (TLP) has been renewed a number of times, usually at the eleventh hour, and was to expire at the end of March. Hospitals have been informed that they will continue to be eligible for the funding until September 30.

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Indigenous police forces demand Ontario allow OPP to assist in enforcing BCRs

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and First Nations leadership told provincial lawmakers last week that their police services will no longer be able to keep First Nations communities safe once Ontario's new policing legislation comes into effect and they will go to court on the issue if the province doesn't come forward.

'They still want to control how the legislation is written and how much is given," Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare told The Expositor.

"We met with government members and we didn't hear any commitments to reach a timely resolution," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "The Attorney General and Solicitor General declined to meet with us, and the Minister of Indigenous Affairs, Greg Rickford, does not seem inclined to entertain our solution, which is to pass a simple regulatory change that recognizes our band council resolutions

The Community Safety and Policing Act was introduced by the provincial government in 2019 to modernize policing. Section 11 of The

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Patrick Madahbee Anishinabek Commissioner on Governance, stands with Sheshegwaning First Nation council members Angela McLeod, Ann Cada, Marie McLeod and Jennifer Sampson at the Sheshegwaning governance

Custom election rules prevail at Sheshegwaning

SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION—It took time and patience, but this Western Manitoulin First Nation has stuck to its guns, maintaining its right to use its own decision-making processes and recognizing its own traditional, customary voting protocol.

This is at the core of Indigenous self-government and Sheshegwaning, along with Aundeck Omni Kaning, Zhiibaahaasing and Rocky Bay First Nation have overcome objections by the federal government of Canada. The position taken by Sheshegwaning and the other First Nations has led to an amendment to the voting process for the Anishinabek Nation Governance Act. It echoes the community's position that the community and its council have final say over Sheshegwaning's voting process as a customary procedure.

"I think this is historic, it is precedent setting," stated Patrick Madahbee, Anishinabek Commissioner on Governance at a Sheshegwaning Governance celebration March 18. "You should be proud of the decisions made by your leadership to get to this point. Right now, the government has so many processes in place that don't make any sense. By staying with your original position, it means going forward

decisions for Sheshegwaning will be made by its citizens."

Joseph Laford senior, who provided an opening drum song said, "This day has been a very long time in coming. We have wanted to govern ourselves for a very long time. It was leaders like Patrick (Madahbee) that initially initiated this process years ago." Sheshegwaning pushed for the historical change in the voting process, and it was our leadership that pulled this all together, he said.

"I think it is a step in the right direction and we are taking the first steps in the process,' said Mr. Laford. "We should all be proud of

Sheshegwaning band councillor and deputy chief Ann Cada said, "On behalf of chief (Alana Endanawas, who was unable to attend the celebration due to illness) and council I would like to thank everyone for coming out here this evening for this celebration. We would like to thank our entire team for making this possible. We have waited a long time to be able to take the steps to govern our own community."

Ms. Cada said, "This is very significant for us. Now everyone in the community will be

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Lake Mindemoya shoreline development proponents, Split Crow present to council

by Michael Erskine

An anticipated presentation to tion would be short. Central Manitoulin's Finance and Economic Development Committee by Split Crow, the developers of a proposed 39-lot subdivision to be located on the shores of Lake Mindemoya proved largely anticlimactic, as the proponents had little to add to what was already known.

Committee chair Councillor Brian Mitchell informed those present that, following the presentation by Split Crow, committee members could ask questions, but that no questions would be allowed from members of the public.

The committee consists of Councillors Rose Diebolt, Derek Stephens, Dale Scott and alternate member Mayor Richard Stephens with staff member Jodee Webb in support.

Taking the lead on behalf of the proponent at the presentation was Gord Keatley, of Keatley Surveying in Little Current. Asked how long he would need for the presentation, Mr. Keat-

lev responded 'only a few min-CENTRAL MANITOULIN— utes' noting that the presenta-

Mr. Keatley noted that a number of studies required for the development remain to be completed, particularly environmental impacts, as various species' lifecycles in the proposed subdivision area on Tracey Road take place at different times of the year, while archaeological clearing of the areas of interest by Patrick Julig awaits

FALCONBRIDGE—Island competitors in this

year's annual 2024 Royal Canadian Legion Zone

H3 Public Speaking Competition held Sunday,

March 10 at Legion Branch 336 in Falconbridge

four speakers, junior - four speakers, and intermediate - five speakers)," noted Little Current Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 organizer

Charles Adam of Honora Bay. "All speakers are to be congratulated for their entertaining and

insightful speeches. It was a delight to have such

thoughtful and engaged youth participation."

"There were a total of 13 speakers (primary -

took a whopping five out of nine slots.

by Michael Erskine

improvements in the weather. The surveyor/agent noted that once those reports were completed, there would remain the matter of meeting stipulations set out by the municipality, but that the proponents felt it was time to "get in and have a meeting with Central Manito-

ulin." Mr. Keatley noted that concluded the presentation and that it was more of a "question

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Island public speakers take five of nine slots

Manitoulin, 4elements chosen as Festival Hub by Ontario Culture Days

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island and partner 4elements Living Arts has been chosen as one of the Ontario communities that will be an official fall festivals hub. Ontario Culture Days (OCD) announced the 13 Ontario communities selected last week. The festival will run from September 20-October 13 across Ontario.

'Manitoulin Island is an exciting addition to our festival hub network," stated Ruth Burns, executive director of OCD. "With 4elements Living Arts' remarkable contributions to Ontario Culture Days, this partnership signifies a natural progression in our

"The Manitoulin Hub represents an important destination in Northern Ontario," said Ms. Burns. "We look forward to celebrating the region's rich cultural and artistic traditions this fall."

The festival hubs serve as local community leads for Ontario Culture Days, helping visitors to find events and learn more about the festival. Hubs represent a selection of the diverse communities within Ontario and present a high volume of quality programming for all ages during the annual festival.

"If you're searching for a creative community to visit this fall, look no further than our festival hubs!" said Ruth Burns, executive director, OCD. "We are thrilled to announce our 2024 festival hubs from towns and cities across Ontario. Festival hubs provide on-the-ground representation and help get the word out about the hundreds of community events that will happen in their communi-

"Let's work together. What we will be doing as Four Elements Living Arts is hosting our annual Elemental Festival from September 20-21," said Susan Snelling, president of 4e. "We are seeking information from groups and organizations who are holding any type of cultural/arts events during this time (September 20-October 13) to let us know. Ontario Cultural Days will promote the event. We

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MSS, Wiikwemkoong robotics teams have successful first competitions in North Bay

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN-Both Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) and Wiikwemkoong High School FIRST Robotics teams had success at the first competition of the season, held in North Bay at Nipissing University this past weekend.

The MSS Metal Robotics #6865 team, "won the Engineering Inspiration Award for setting engineering excellence in the school and the community, and will interview for it at provincial championships in Mississauga (being held in April)," said MSS team mentor Yana Bauer.

MSS member Amara Wilson-Zegil won the safety all start award at the competition and Ms. Bauer was nominated by her team for the Woodie Flowers top mentor award and will compete for it at the provincial championships.

Chris Mara, mentor of the WHS #5672 robotics team told the Expositor, "We won the Judges Award For Cultural Ambassadors. Our design team had done a really interesting woodland theme which was integrated in the robot design with art, logo, team t-shirts and the three

The results were as follows: Primary: 1st place:

Arlo, Branch 514 Western Manitoulin; 2nd place:

Piper, Branch 177 Little Current; and 3rd place:

Anhad, Branch 39 Espanola. Junior: 1st place: Ri-

ley, Branch 514 Western Manitoulin; 2nd place:

Austin, Branch 503 Onaping Falls; and 3rd place:

Bria, Branch 564 Lockerby. Intermediate: 1st

place: Carmel, Branch 564 Lockerby; 2nd place:

Amber, Branch 177 Little Current; 3rd place:

The Expositor congratulates all of the partic-

ipants and assures each of them that they have

Rylee, Branch 514 Western Manitoulin.

done their communities proud.

panels that were displayed in the pit area at the competition.'

Mr. Mara also explained team members Pahquis Trudeau and Chyella George represented WHS at the opening ceremonies to the competition in grass and jingle dress dance.

As for the robots competition Mr. Mara explained, "It was definitely an uphill battle all day. The team had to do lots of trouble shooting and reassess-

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Manitoulin hosts egg-citing Easter events roundup

MANITOULIN—Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way! Here is a useful guide to the Easter events happening across Manitoulin Island this weekend.

Aundeck Omni Kaning

Aundeck Omni Kaning is hosting an Easter egg hunt on Friday, March 29 at 2 pm at the Four Directions Complex.

Assiginack
Manitoulin's oldest Easter egg hunt, the Township of Assiginack's, is back on Sunday. March 31 at the Fields family property on Highway 6, by Fields Marine, at 1:30 pm. The event is open to children up to age 12, but all are welcome to come and watch. Don't forget your basket!

Billings

The Township of Billings Easter egg hunt gets underway at 11 am on Saturday, March 30 on ...continued on page 14

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One Manitowaning Road opinion

<u>editorial</u>

Youth again demonstrate Manitoulin is the little Island that could

Congratulations are due to the youth of Manitoulin Island who have recently returned from parts away bearing accolades and plaudits for everything from hockey to public speaking to robotics.

In each case over the past few weeks these amazing young people have done us all proud with their accomplishments and have proven to be outstanding ambassadors for their communities.

Whether it is passing the puck to allow a teammate to score in a hard-fought Little Native Hockey League game down in Markham, wowing the judges in a FIRST Robotics meet in North Bay or telling it like it is in the Legion public speaking contest in Falconbridge, our youth never fail to demonstrate their dedication, hard work and determination to succeed. They provide a testament that does each and every one of us proud.

Manitoulin's youth have always seemed to punch way above their weight when it comes to placing their talents and skills up against those of their contemporaries in far larger communities, and they do so with the limited resources available in small rural centres—proving themselves to be "resourceful" in the truest sense of the word.

We would be remiss to not mention the families, parents, aunts,

uncles, siblings and other caregivers who have provided the support and encouragement that helps to enable Manitoulin youth to be all that they can be or become.

Each year, youth from Manitoulin Secondary School and Wasse Abin Wiikwemkoong High School travel to distant lands providing aid (in the case of the solar light programs at MSS), or learning about other cultures, as in the recent journey undertaken by Jason Thibault's class to Belize.

Wherever they travel, these intrepid young ambassadors have presented themselves with the unfailing polite decorum they have learned from their families, friends and neighbours.

It is often said that "our children are our future" and looking at these accomplished young individuals there is no mistaking the fact that the future looks bright.

These young men and women will, in turn, raise children who will doubtlessly go on to continue the traditions of success demonstrated by their parents.

Manitoulin has much to be proud of in these troubled times—and not the least of which are its youth. Once again, we say, well done one and all. Keep up the outstanding work.

letters

Memories of the late Brian Mulroney expressed

He acted as a dignified and civilized first minister

To the Expositor:

R.I.P. Brian Mulroney.

In 1985 I was employed by the Ontario Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs and found myself seconded to the Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat (CICS).

During my two year secondment I was the secretary to all cross-Canada intergovernmental conferences of: provincial-territorial deputy ministers; provincial-territorial ministers; federal-provincial-territorial (FPT) deputy-ministers; and FPT ministers; and responsible for the Health, Social Services, Justice and Juvenile Justice portfolios.

As part of its 1982 repatriation of its Constitution in 1982, Canada promised the Crown that it would hold at least two First Minister level Constitutional Conferences intended to attempt to define and entrench the rights of Canada's First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples within our Constitution.

It is noteworthy to say that the Assembly of First Nations, the Métis and Inuit peoples (as well as the Native Council of Canada) each had two delegates seated at the table of all FPT minister-level conferences held between 1982 and the second of the two guaranteed First Ministers Constitutional Conference held in 1987, a conference that I coordinated.

I provided this rather lengthy introduction as background to the context of the three occasions during which I got to personally see Brian Mulroney in action as our prime minister. Specifically, during the publicly televised 1987 First Ministers Constitutional Conference on Aboriginal Rights, during the impromptu in camera session held during said conference and during the first (1987) of two First Minister Meech Lake conferences.

While none of these constitutional conferences resulted in the desired ends, I should say that I was most impressed with the dignity, the comportment and the wisdom that Brian Mulroney exhibited as my prime minister during each of those occasions. (NB - and most particularly so during the closed session, sleeves rolled up, rather heated, no bars held back, down in the gutters behaviour exhibited by some.)

Our prime minister, I must say, acted in the most dignified and civilized manner I can only hope will always be becoming of our First Minister.

Do I agree with all he did during his tenure as prime minister? No. But I'll leave those to another day.

Gary Champagne Ottawa (formerly of Mindemoya)

4elements Living Arts seeks community input on direction

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With anticipated operating funding not being provided this year, 4elements Living Arts is seeking public input on what they should focus on as well as strategies on how to get there. In the meantime, the group has formed a plan that will mean an expanded annual Elemental Festival this

"We held a strategic planning discussion with members after our annual general meeting (held March 18)," said Susan Snelling, president of 4e. In past years, 4e has been recipients of Ontario Arts Council (OAC) operating funding, but the organization has been informed it will not receive this funding in 2023-2024. "There is no question that this will impact our future plans." She explained at the close of its annual meeting, "The meeting was opened up for community input on the direction 4e could consider and how they could address the very real capacity and resource limitations we are facing.'

In prior years the funding provided by OAC has gone toward operating costs for 4e and the group is very grateful for receiving this support. "So, we want to get peoples' thoughts as to where we are now, what we should focus on and strategies to help us get

"Yes, there are a lot of small non-profit organizations that are not receiving funding this year," said Ms. Snelling. "One thing that was emphasized at our meeting is that we need to collaborate and work in partnership with other groups and organizations. And one partnership we already have in place involves the annual Elemental Festival taking place September 20-21, 2024.'

'We are collaborating with NorthWords Festival of Words hosted by the Billings Library," announced Ms. Snelling. "They were

saying their members were feeling tired and stretched out, the same way we feel, so we are joining together to have an expanded arts and literacy program as part of the annual festival. It really makes sense for us to work together. By partnering, the festival will be bigger and broader and work with existing volunteer capacity.

"We will be exploring other partnerships and getting further input on what we should be focusing on and are asking for more public input," said Ms. Snelling.

"We want 4e to do well and we need new people and ideas to help take us there," said Ms. Snelling.

At the 4e annual meeting, Ms. Snelling provided the president's report in part. "4elements Living Arts is pleased to be delivering our vision and mission: engaged experiences of land, arts and community." The 4e mission "is to nurture and inspire community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island.'

"In 2022-2023, 4elements has continued with our artist in residence program, taking place in our mobile studio. The mobile studio is a live/workspace for artist residencies, allowing artists to spend a period of time immersed in a location to do land-based work," said Ms. Snelling. "Spencer Rice was our third artist in residence in the mobile studio, staying in Wiikwemkoong for their time with us in the fall of 2023. This residency was supported through an Ontario Arts Council Visual Arts grant. Spencer is an Indigenous visual artist who developed their technique and offered workshops as art of their residency."

"In September 2023, we offered the Elemental Festival in Kagawong and welcomed more than 300 community members to the festival," continued Ms. Snelling. "Candice

Irwin provided amazing coordination for the festival," she said, acknowledging her work and the work of volunteers. "The festival featured many remarkable performers and a special fundraising dinner offered by Mast. 4e received funding from the Canadian Heritage Local Festivals Fund and Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation) to support Elemental Festival."

"With funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, 4e has been offering arts workshops, exploring online and in-person options for delivering arts programming," said Ms. Snelling, who acknowledged the efforts of Lauren Satok and collaborators and Helen Siksek for providing two fascinating series of workshops.

Ms. Snelling praised Stephanie Hahn and Sharon Hunter who provided leadership for 4e in 2022-2023.

"Finally, a special note of thanks to Barbara Baker, Sharon Alkenbrack, Carly Valiente and Helen Siksek, dedicated board members who have recently finished their terms, or are finishing tonight," continued Ms. Snelling. "Non-profit arts organizations run on the time and effort of volunteers, and people who are willing to take on the responsibilities of board service deserve our thanks and gratitude. Barbara, Carly, Sharon and Helen, we appreciate everything you contributed, and 4elements is stronger for your contributions. We wish you all the best."

"We are pleased to say that our communities continue to engage with land-based arts, and we know that 2024 will be a time for exploration of effective ways to bring land, arts and community together," added Ms. Snelling.

Dorothy Stephen

Dorothy Stephen was living in Sedgefield, England with her family and husband Dave when she woke up at three in the morning one night in 1967. Dr. Jack Bailey was on the phone and he was welcoming them to their new home on Manitoulin Island. He had forgotten about the time difference and wanted to expedite his enthusiastic invitation to the new surgeon, Dr. Dave Stephen.

A few weeks later, the Stephen family were picked up by Joyce Bailey during a driving rainstorm. Dr. Stephen was well-received by the medical team in Little Current and the family soon made themselves at home. Dave was able to perform surgeries, while Dr. Bailey did the anesthetics. Before the arrival of the new surgeon, these operations were only done in Sudbury. Dorothy soon found her place, teaching at the Little Current Public School. The Stephen family was soon happily ensconced within the Manitoulin culture.

'I was born Dorothy Rose Darkins on November 4, 1929, in County Durham, England, to Harry and Olive Darkins. I had two brothers, Colin and Warwick. My mother Olive was really good with finances. She always kept the budget very well, even through the Depression. My main babysitter was an Alsatian called 'Wolf of Ingleside.' He was very protective of me, lying beside my pram and checking me regularly, but he was not good with other people or dogs. An Airedale, aptly named Dale, became my next protector but he would jump the farmer's six-foot fence and chase the chickens." An early memory was hail hitting the window. "It's raining rice pudding," Dorothy announced happily to her moth-

Dorothy was moved from the small rural school where she had started to a large urban school where boys and girls were totally segregated, each group with their own playground. When Dorothy was seven, she spent six weeks in isolation with scarlet fever. "Luckily, I got home in time for Christmas and a pile of presents, including two dolls that I kept into my adulthood."

Dorothy recalls her dad having a gas station with his father-in-law. He lost it during the Depression and became a

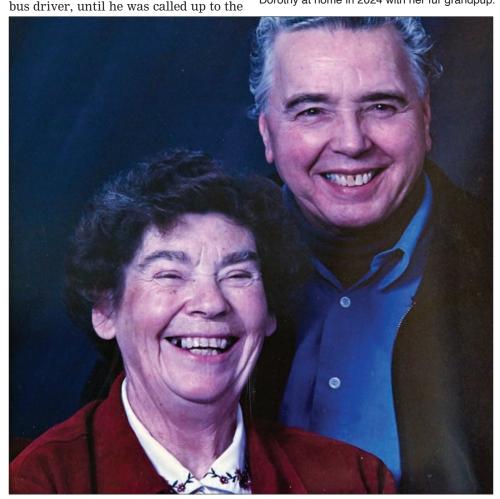


Now and Then
A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall





Dorothy at home in 2024 with her fur grandpup.



The happy couple on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Army Service Corps on September 1, 1939, in World War Two. That was hard for this Daddy's girl. "Mum wrote letters to Daddy every day. When we did something bad, Mother would say 'wait until your dad comes home.' Nevertheless, soon, we were all fitted with gas masks and our priorities changed. We became accustomed to the sirens which sent us to the Anderson shelter in our back yard."

"Once, on leave, Dad, with all his gear on, fell into our front door, right after a long raid. It was quite a surprise for us. We were so glad he was safe. Sometimes our mother would go outside the shelter and watch the searchlights zero in on a German bomber. Our local waterworks was hit once, and a large fire ensued. When Dad came home on leave, I stayed home but was chastised by my teacher for doing so. Soon my brother Colin and I were sent to our aunt and uncle in Nottinghamshire for the summer to get away from the bombing."

"In September that year I attended school but was terrified of the teacher who wielded a cane which he used on the boys' rear ends. Later that year our family moved to Scotland and shared a house with a Sergeant Major's family. We lived upstairs and shared the kitchen downstairs. At school I got in trouble nearly every day because I couldn't do 'analysis and parsing,' understanding the components of a sentence, and their syntactic roles." Dorothy joined the Girl Guides and eventually was the patrol leader. Later, she became Lieutenant of 'Thistle Patrol,' a group of younger guides. During camping trips, Dorothy was overseeing the younger participants while swimming. "One time our patrol met at the Scout's country camp to practice bridge-building with logs and ropes."

"In 1941, we moved to a place near Glasgow. I had to walk all the way there with Dad, on leave, because I had measles. Once there, I luckily had my own large bedroom. I remember hiding under the blankets, imagining monsters floating in the air. I recall the joy when Dad finally come home to stay in 1946. I was going to a better school, and I had started playing field hockey again with Dad cheering me on from the sidelines. He finally found work after the war with a flexible pipe manufacturer."

"I had a strange experience a few years after Grandfather Darkins died. He was a favourite ancestor. I mourned him for a long time, well after my marriage to Dave. (Dave's mother attended a séance and was told that I should 'let him go.' This totally surprised me as I had never told anyone about this connection.) About this time, I started knitting and writing poetry in the dark, deciphering my handwriting later."

Summer jobs included maintaining registration cards of citizens' locations for the Glasgow City Chambers. Another job was with the Robin Hood Gift Shop. After high school in October 1947, Dorothy attended teacher's training at the local college. "I remember eating hare soup and drinking strong coffee in a demi-tasse on an outing to a local farm where we were counting ducks and geese."

In 1950 Dorothy began teaching in a small school in a Dunbartonshire village run by Miss Annie Hunter. "When Miss Hunter learned of my interest in nature she introduced me to David Stephen in the next village. David was a naturalist, lecturer and writer. In 1951 David introduced me to his cousin, a medical student, also David Stephen. The medical student was warned that he would meet the local schoolmarm. We felt comfortable with each other, possibly because we were both in nature, among the trees, watching owls and building hides. Dave sent me a postcard from an exhibition he attended and I recall the frosty delivery of the card to me by my mother. Apparently, she was not pleased that I was already committed to a young man. Soon I was spending every weekend with Dave at his home, covering the five miles by bus or bike. I would often bring a dozen eggs with me.'

One time Dorothy and Dave were on a country road on a motor bike when "a big tour bus met us in a bend on our side of the road. We had to maneuver the bike away from the bus to the roadside. We got thrown off the bike by a wire fence but were not badly hurt. The bike was missing a headlight and now had a jammed fork side cover. We made some minor adjustments and managed to get back home." On a different bike, a Norton 500 twin, sometime later the connection with the sidecar broke and the bike veered to the left of the lamppost and the sidecar to the right. "We left the sidecar at a garage and continued on the bike. That was a cold trip for me, compared to the cozy sidecar." When they had the opportunity and the time to do so, the couple also enjoyed watching bike and car races

In 1955 Dave asked Dorothy to marry him. They planned their wedding for the following summer. Meanwhile, the couple took up archery and joined a club. They went to several meets where Dorothy won a bronze medal using her left hand and her master right eye. It seems the male participants had fiercer competition and Dave, despite his good effort, did not get a medal. "In July of 1956, Dave graduated as a doctor and we were married soon after, on July 17, 1956, in James Craig's Tearoom in Glasgow. It was set up like a church, with 40 guests. We honeymooned in St. Cyrus in Kincar-



A dapper pair on their wedding day, July 17, 1956.

dineshire."

Dave's first medical placement was with the wartime Ballochmyle Hospital in Ayrshire, where they stayed in the manor house with other couples for 18 months while Dave did his medical, plastic surgery and surgical rotations. Dave had several other placements over the next few years, starting at Perth General Hospital where Dorothy taught at an estate school. The older kids helped steer the course for both Dorothy and the vounger kids. The Stephens found accommodation by house-sitting while there. "We visited Switzerland and enjoyed the scenery, the cages with St. Bernard rescue dogs and the terrific view of Italy at the top of a ski lift. The Jungfrau

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Law & Order

Road rage leads to criminal charges

One person has been arrested and charged following a road rage incident on Highway 17.

On March 15, at approximately 9 pm, the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of an assault with a weapon on Highway 17 in Nairn-Hyman Township.

It was reported that persons in two vehicles had been involved in a road rage incident and stopped at the same truck stop. One driver brandished a knife and lunged at the other driver after being confronted. Police were able to locate the vehicle and arrest the driver.

As a result of the investigation, Dillaneous Duncan, 38, from Sudbury has been charged with possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, assault with a weapon, use plate not in accordance with regulations and driving a commercial vehicle, follow too closely.

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

Warrant executed in Sables-Spanish Rivers

Sables-Spanish Rivers
Two people have been charged after a search warrant was executed in Sables-Spanish Rivers township.

Shortly after 8 pm on March 19, the OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of members of the Manitoulin OPP executed a search warrant at a residence on Young Street.

Police arrested two people and located suspected methamphetamine and ecstasy. Police also located a firearm, ammunition, digital scale, packing material and over \$1,500 in Canadian currency.

As a result of the investigation, 37-year-old Zachary Delisle, from Sables-Spanish Rivers Township has been charged with two counts of possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of proceeds of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, two counts of possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to a prohibition order, unauthorized possession of a firearm and fail to comply with probation order.

The accused was held in custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on March 28.

Darwin Flamand, 30, from Sables-Spanish Rivers township has been charged with fail to comply with probation order. The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on April 15.

Six traffic cams in Sudbury now live

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—Islanders often make the hour-and-a-half journey pilgrimage into Sudbury for shopping, medical appointments and a host of diversions available in a larger urban centre. Starting on Friday, March 22 travelling Sudbury streets could become more expensive for the unwary heavy of foot traveller—six traffic cameras that have been in place for months have now gone live.

The City of Greater Sudbury began investigating the potential of so-called "red light" cameras back in 2021 and moved forward with the installation. The new Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras operate in much the same way.

The impact could be significant, as drivers who speed when passing the radar cameras will get a nasty surprise in the mail a few weeks later when a ticket arrives with a fine based on how fast they were going. The amounts are not insignificant.

Many drivers have become accustomed to observing an imaginary safe zone of five to 10 kilometres above the posted limit. A driver going five km/h over the posted speed limit will get a \$40 fine; driving 25 km/h over the limit will result in a \$170 fine. If the offence occurs in a community safety zone, the fines can double.

The City of Greater Sudbury expects to pull in a whopping \$1 million over the course of the year, with those funds being plowed back into road safety initiatives.

While the city won't confirm the threshold for getting a ticket, it is noted that going even one kilometre over the limit could legally lead to fiscal pain. The message is clear—stay below the speed limit

The images taken by ASE cameras are reviewed by Provincial Offence Officers and then tickets are issued to the owner of the vehicle regardless of who was driving. On the "bright side," the only penalty is a fine as no demerit points will be issued and the

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

lexia here with your Friendly "Frozen" Fly.
All my chatter and babble about the warm weather and sunshine brought back the harsh reminder that despite the spring equinox, we are still in the throes of the good and reliable Canadian weather and wind chill.

Winter's return ushered the good people of Providence Bay indoors and the Cranston Road chickens in a huddle. A little snow never stopped anybody around here. Sugar shacks are still smoking, sap is still flowing and everyone is enjoying an early maple syrup season. Ceilidh and I can also confirm that smelt season is also here as we found a wayward frog at the beach the other day and relocated him back to the pond. Word is if you hear or see the frogs, the smelts are here. Some folks have said they spotted some rainbow trout in the Mindemoya River. The songbirds are certainly back; isn't it wonderful hearing their song as the sun rises? Judy and Glenn Black announced the arrival of a spring lamb aptly named "Friday" as he arrived on Friday last. Judy, Nancy and I went to the March Happy Quilters meeting last week. It was a busy and fun-filled event. Show and tell featured so many beautiful blocks and Easter inspired pieces. Brenda Pakkala made a beautiful batik piece of Easter eggs for the March batik challenge. The company was terrific as were the treats. We had coffee, tea, banana bread, date squares, cold cuts and cheese, cookies and squares, I was very inspired by all the lessons and expertise shared. I also attended the Hawberry Quilters Guild meeting in Mindemoya last Thursday, always a wonderful time. Show and tell featured some incredible pieces. The Hawberry Quilters Guild is always open to new members. A fun, creative and charitable forum that supports local community with pride.

I had the great pleasure of attending last Thursday's Coffee Club meeting at the Providence Bay Hall. I had a wonderful time chatting with many local folks including Councillors Brian Mitchell and John Bisaillon. We chatted about all sorts of things including the wonderful people at "The Angel Bus" who recently purchased a used wheelchair accessible bus, providing transportation for Manitoulin Lodge residents and other medically vulnerable citizens of Western Manitoulin Island, at no charge. The Angel Bus accepts donations and provides locals with access to seasonal activities such as picnics, community activities such as school performances, theatre and music events, farmers' markets and shopping excursions and to attend medical appointments. A great service to know about for anyone in need of a ride!

Lonely Bay Potter Gertha Griffiths of Spring Bay and I chatted about the upcoming Island art tours and local musician Chris Walker and I chatted about his upcoming songwriting workshop. I was delighted to see Annette Murphy who I hadn't seen in many moons, we talked about quilts and family and she showed me all the board games, shuffleboards, table top and floor etc. I stayed on for coffee and treats and had a great time. I stopped in to say hello to Pam at the Post Office and bumped into Peter and Jan. As I headed home, I noticed fresh rabbit tracks in the snow! The Easter Bunny is In Providence Bay, kids! Looking forward to all of the Easter fun, festivities and fellowships this weekend.

Here's What's Happening: Providence Bay Arena,

Bradley McAllister memorial. 4 on 4 tourney marked the close of the skating season! Congrats and well done to all teams, players and organizers. See you all next season; keep em sharp!

Providence Bay Curling Club: Last bonspiel of the season was a great success, curling, music, fish fry and fun and just like that, the season is swept. Congratulations to all the teams and players and contest/draw winners.

Providence Bay Hall: Seniors drop -in on Thursday, March 28 from 2 to 4 pm with coffee, tea, treats, fun and games! Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club Coffee Club is Thursday, April 4 from 8 am to 1 pm. Quilters sewing bee, Friday morning downstairs.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Good Friday service 11 am. Hot Cross Bun Fellowship following the service

Island-Wide: Manitoulin Streams Island-wide garbage cleanup competition continues through to April 26. Keep up the good work keeping our beautiful Island clean! Visit: ManitoulinStreams.com.

Easter Eggs Hunts are Saturday, March 30 at 11 am, check your local township or municipality for registration and details.

Happy Peter Cottontail weekend everyone! Have a wonderful Easter with family and friends.

h, for peep's sake, it's Easter this weekend! We hope you have an egg-stra good time this long weekend. We at Team Fergmeijer are a big fan

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

of the Easter punny, and we know you are just dyeing to find out what puns we have in store for you. We hope we meet your eggs-pectations - we included so many Easter puns, it's not even bunny. As always, feel free to poach some of our egg puns if you like. Now, on a serious note, it's easy to go off the peep end on the holidays with plans and activities, so make sure you take some time for yourself. We don't claim to be eggs-perts, but it is always a good idea to get in some eggs-ercise to ensure you don't eggs-haust your social battery. No eggs-cuses when it comes to self-care!

This weekend! The Easter 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 Centre at 11 am that day and fill their baskets with goodies. Who will find the golden ticket? You'll have to come out to see! Thanks to the Billings Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee for hosting this event.

With the equinox last week, we're getting into the swing of spring with lots on the go in Kagawong! First up, "Come as You Are" on Saturday, April 13 and enjoy an evening of contemporary inspirational music (and sing-along) courtesy of Cia and Bill Savage at St. John's Anglican Church. The fun starts at 7 pm with refreshments provided. Donations towards repairing the front stained-glass window of the church are greatly appreciated

On the following weekend, the Billings Climate Action Committee is hosting an Earth Day event. Come out Saturday, April 20 for a community clean-up, a "junk in the trunk" sale, activities for youth and information on green technologies. Interested in being a vendor? Contact Vince Grogan at vgrogan@billingstwp.ca for more information.

On the same weekend, join The Island Singers as they celebrate their 60th anniversary! On Saturday, April 20 at 2 pm, at Manitoulin Secondary School, current and past members of the choir will be presenting a concert of classics and modern favourites. Tickets are \$20 and available at the door. Visit "The Island Singers - Manitoulin Island" on Facebook for more information.

Later on in May, Manitoulin Streams is hosting an outdoor angling trade fair right here in Kagawong! More details on the May long weekend event will be shared in the coming weeks. For more information, check out manitoulinstreams.com, or contact anglingtf.manitoulin@gmail.com or 613-857-9877.

Happy 29th birthday to former Kagawongian Micki B. who turns 29 this weekend. Someone once said that the best gift is the gift of laughter. So, we are gifting you with the entire back catalog of this column (teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com). You're welcome!

The township is currently seeking members for the new Ad Hoc Municipal Owned Water System Committee. If you are a resident of Billings and own property that currently derives or will derive a benefit in the future from the Kagawong Water System, you may be eligible to serve on the committee. If interested, please submit your application no later than April 5, 2024 at 4 pm to tmills@billingstwp.ca

Word to the wise: a boiled egg for breakfast is really hard to beat. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Purvis's boat is at the dock again for another year of fishing. Nets have been set out. When it first appeared, we saw it as an early sign of spring. But since then, it has snowed and been bitterly cold. We've been thinking it must be pretty cold out there fishing

My brother had an interesting story. His SUV, which is still under warranty, had a problem. He took it in and discovered that although some parts needed were available one part had to be ordered from Japan. It's been almost two weeks and the vehicle is still in the garage waiting for its part. Thank goodness the Ford truck is running well.

We are not without issues either. A group of us were cutting down old poplars which were starting to snap off part way up and were endangering our friend's house. One of the trees fell down very close to our truck. We now need a new tonneau cover and a replacement for the tailgate. We phoned McQuarrie's and they are sure that they can help us.

We saw a robin last week between M'Chigeeng and Kagawong and today we saw two robins in Meldrum Bay so spring is coming. Hopefully.

On Friday, March 15 at cards there were three tables and one sit-out. High lady was Rose Van Every with 71 points; high man was Donna K. MacDonald with 72 points; ladies' lone hands went to Elaine Bradley with two; men's lone hands went to Elaine McDonald with seven; most euchres went to Murray Duncanson with seven; the special prize went to Lisa Townsend; Karen Noble took home the juice; the money jar is safe for another week.

Have a good week.

...Custom election rules prevail at Sheshegwaning

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heard and considered in decisions. Your governance, your First Nation.'

Anishinabek First Nations traditional and customary community decision-making processes will now be recognized by Canada as the method of choice to add their communities of the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement Act fold. Schedule C-protocol for the Addition of a First Nation as a Party to the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement was given Royal Assent December 1, 2023.

'Tonight is very special and historical, Sheshegwaning led the way for First Nations across Canada to change the way we do business and to get Indian Affairs off our backs," said Mr. Madahbee. "Our communities and members will now be able to make decisions concerning our communities and what is best for the community and its members from the time of their birth to their death. When we started looking at governance, it was about how our community members want to shape their lives. It is not rocket science, it is good old common sense that you and all First Nations have all had for thousands of years. We are getting out of the shackles of government control. When we first started looking at our own governance, we looked at similar situations in other countries and the best advice we received was to take this in steps."

Mr. Madahbee said there are four main governance pillars: language and culture, elections/ voting, citizenship and operations and management and that all of which should be taken step by

"Sheshegwaning helped lead the way on the voting processthat we will do this according to customary processes," said Mr. Madahbee. "The thresholds the government had in place were ridiculous." He explained under the previous government threshold



The Sheshegwaning Ladies Hand Drum Singers performed several songs at governance celebrations held in Sheshegwaning First Nation on March 18.

communities had to adhere to a voting threshold that restricted their ability to gather enough support and pass the vote. Communities had to have 25 percent plus one of their eligible voters vote and the majority that did vote, vote yes. However, for most first nations, about 75 percent of their citizens live off-reserve making it nearly impossible to meet Canada's threshold requirement.

"You (Sheshegwaning) have gotten off to a great start," said Mr. Madahbee. "Decisions for Sheshegwaning will be made by its citizens. I have spent 50 years working for First Nations, and this process is a very good thing for the community. It will take time, and changes will be made but the most important thing is that it will be citizen driven.'

Leslie McGregor, executive director of B'Maakonigan told the packed Sheshegwaning Community Complex that the steps taken by Sheshegwaning, "is how communities advance. I would like to acknowledge the hard work that Chief Endanawas and council and the community has carried out."

Ms. McGregor said "B'Maakonigan and its dedicated team are committed to working closely with the First Nations involved, engaging with stakeholders and

government, and ensuring that the ANGA is implemented effectively and meaningfully."

B'Maakonigan is the administrative body responsible for overseeing the implementation of the ANGA, fostering collaboration, supporting capacity building initiatives strengthening relationships with self-governance enti-

"Ensuring the community and its members have control over decisions and processes carried out in the community is the big thing," Ms. McGregor told The Expositor. "Sheshegwaning and other First Nations (nine including Aundeck Omni Kaning and Zhiibaahaasing on Manitoulin) have broken the chains that have been on all First Nations in the past as wards of Canada. Changes are being made, and the process is going step by step, building capacity in First Nations. And the decisions will be made by members of the community."

The evening celebration led by master of ceremonies Joey Laford included the Sheshegwaning Ladies Hand Drum Singers, a fantastic dinner, sacred fire lit outside for the event outside, Elijah Manitowabi providing musical entertainment and many prizes and giveaways to those in attendance.

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...development proponents, Split Crow present

and answer" session.

Following the presentation, committee members were invited to ask questions of the proponents.

Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens noted that municipal staff had prepared a draft set of conditions and that the meeting was just the preliminary step and that as time goes forward everybody must have their concerns respected and looked after.

A short discussion was held on the history of subdivisions in the community, noting it has been a number of years since a subdivision has been created in the municipality.

Asked for a list of environmental studies and whether one would be a study of the groundwater and when they would be completed. The list was extensive, including vegetation, water quality, and septic beds but the proponents did confirm that the list does include a hydrological study, going on to note that the study has been completed and is already submitted.

Other questions centred on the extent of the development, access points and whether back lots would be created in the future.

Mr. Keatley noted that

...continued from page 3 expansion on the one side would not be likely as that property abuts an existing campground on the one side, while on the west side the drop to the shoreline becomes very significant. As for backlots, the surveyor noted that the cost and hit and miss nature of drilling water wells without striking gas or poor water could easily exceed the cost of the property and be prohibitive and "highly unlikely."

Asked if the development was at a standstill, Mr. Keatley noted that they had only just received the draft conditions and would have to analyze what would be needed to meet those conditions.

A stage three archaeological assessment also remains to be completed.

Councillor Scott inquired as to whether the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising had expressed their concerns on the development. It was noted that Chief Morgan Hare of M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN) has submitted a letter to the Manitoulin Planning Board.

Although the text of that letter was not presented to the committee, The Expositor has obtained a copy of the referenced letter. In that letter, Chief Hare indicates concerns the First Nation has given the magnitude of the project. "We find it very concerning that MFN was not notified nor was Billings Township, nor were Central Manitoulin residents and other lakefront property owners. As a neighbouring First Nation, this should have come to our attention as soon as possible so we can work together on finding a solution to ensure the residents and neighbouring communities were heard and their major concerns dealt with in a timely manner."

The letter goes on to cite several concerns, including the impact on water quality, loss of agricultural land and "further decline in the fishery. The chief asserts in his letter that adding nutrient loads to the ecosystem has not been addressed.

Chief Hare cautioned the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) that MFN has a flood claim submitted to the Government of Canada and another claim pending with the province. He also noted that the 1990 Manitoulin Agreement has not been implemented and therefore clouds the jurisdiction of both the municipality and the MPB over permitting access across any road allowance or

shore road allowance "especially for this type of development." In concluding his letter,

Chief Hare advised the MPB that MFN does not approve of the project or offer its consent to either the municipality or MPB to issue any permits that would allow the project to proceed. "MFN will be consulting our law firm to ensure that our rights are protected. This project may jeopardize the good faith dialogue between the Crown and First Nations to ensure the settlement of the 1990 agreement is completed."

A public meeting between Split Crow representatives and members of the public was scheduled to take place in the Central Manitoulin council chambers on Monday, March 24.





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The Wiikwemkoong High School #5672 Robotics team won the Judges Award for Cultural Ambassadors at the annual FIRST Robotics competition held at Nipissing University in North Bay



The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) #6865 Robotics team won the Engineering Inspiration Award at the annual FIRST Robotics competition held at Nipissing University in North Bay this past weekend.

...MSS, Wiikwemkoong robotics teams have successful first competitions

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ing (and didn't qualify for the championship round of competition). "We are all looking forward to (this) weekend's competition at McMaster University in Hamilton."

Members of the WHS includes team members Adrian Katt,

Shawongonabe, Tristan Wemigwans, Phoenix Hoy, Pahquis Trudeau, Chyella George, Hope Eshkibok, Brayden Pangowish, Reyley Wassegijig, Grace Pitawanakwat, Justice Manitowabi, Carmine Wemigwans, Liam Wassengesso, Ava Wakegijig, Ellie Leedham, Tamara

jig, Javier Cooper, Rakejah Wallace, Mercedes Aibens, Brianna Mishibinijima.

"Our team finished 17th among the 32 teams in the robot matches," said Ms. Bauer. "We are really excited about competing at McMaster University (this weekend)."

team include team members Tim Arabadzhyi, Phoebe Aeschlimann. Garrett Charbonneau, Elizabeth Elliot, McKinley Fox, Athena Gravelle, Addy Gray, Nevaeh Harper, Tanner Hooper, Kaden

Ryan Kuntsi, Dylan Kuntsi, Sebastian Mara, Xavi Mara, Robyn-Ashley Mc-Naughton, Alexis McVey, Connor O'Leary, Samuel Pennings, Isaac Quackenbush, Xander Thompson, Elias Titian, Alan Wilkin,

Amara Wilson-Zegil, Alex Wilson-Zegil and mentors Mike Zegil, Scott Willis, Ben Willis, Yana Bauer, Drew Thompson and Matt

4elements chosen as Festival Hub

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will help with coordinating all those groups that are holding events and let (OCD) know."

"We will have calls going out to groups and organizations and be posting on our social media for these groups to contact us about events they will be hosting," said Ms. Snelling.

The 12 other communities selected as community hubs include Brant, Gananoque and 1000 Islands, Guelph, Halton, Ottawa region, Sault Ste. Marie, Scugog, St. Catharine's and Niagara Region, Thunder Bay, Toronto,

"In response to the incredible community

engagement seen in 2022 and 2023, Ontario Culture Days is thrilled to continue the Festival Hub program into its third year. These hubs are strategically placed in cities and towns across the province. The hubs serve as focal points for visitors to discover local events and gain insights into the diverse cultures of the areas," a release notes.

In naming Manitoulin as a festival hub, "Manitoulin Island, 'Spirit itoulin Island, Island,' is a unique geographic feature that lies within the Great Lakes, and an arts and culture hub in Northeastern Ontario," OCD says.

OCD is a not-for-profit organization that celebrates artists and cultural groups in our communities.

"The OCD festival is an annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage taking place each fall across the province. Each year, we work with organizers of all disciplines to produce this province-wide festival. Organizers host programs throughout Ontario and invite the public to participate for free."

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MP Hughes recognizes **AMK Special Olympians** in House of Commons

OTTAWA—Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes rose in the House of Commons on March 19 to celebrate the achievements of athletes from Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) who recently competed at the Special Olympic Canada Winter Games in Calgary.

"From Manitoulin Island, skip Tyler Madahbee and team members Dylan Danville, Dayne Tipper, Austin Recollet and William Leclair brought home the gold for curling, and Matthew Bedard won three bronze medals in snowshoeing," said MP Hughes. "Elliot Lake's Adam Corbiere took home a silver in team and a bronze in singles in five-pin bowling.'

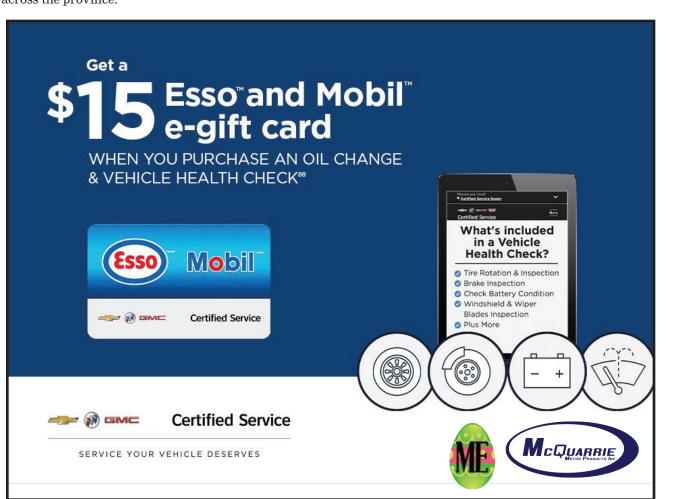
Every year, coaches, volunteers and employees make Special Olympics something to be proud of. It's important that we acknowledge all that they do to sup-

port and encourage our athletes," said MP Hughes.
The Special Olympic Canada Winter Games in Calgary 2024 was a qualifying event for the Special Olympics World Winter Games in 2025 in Torino, Italy.

"The oath of the special Olympics is 'Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt," said MP Hughes. "Our Special Olympians who participated at this year's winter games continue to exemplify this oath.



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ed an already dire situation, as many family doctors took an early retirement."

This trajectory is anticipated to continue its upward climb, particularly with a significant number of aging baby-boomer doctors preparing for retirement.

In response to this concerning trend, efforts are underway to address the shortage of family doctors. These include initiatives aimed at enhancing the appeal of family practice for medical school graduates, simplifying administrative tasks for family physicians to afford them more time with patients

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The scarcity of family doctors reverberates throughout the healthcare system, impacting even those patients fortunate enough to have one. Extensive research over the years has consistently shown that individuals lacking a regular family physician tend to rely more heavily on emergency room services and face increased likelihood of hospitaliza-

Experts emphasize that tackling Ontario's shortage of family doctors is a multifaceted challenge that cannot be swiftly resolved. Merely



Dr. Maurianne Reade

expanding the capacity of the province's medical schools is not a straightforward solution.

"Northern Ontario has experienced funding dis-

crepancies compared to the rest of the province," Dr. Reade went on to say. "We haven't been able to keep pace with funding streams and many recent residents are not choosing to go into family medicine. Also, our communities are not grantsufficient numbers doctor placements our growing comfor munities and aging populations. Here in Mindemoya, we were only awarded placements for seven physicians to run the clinics and emergency room."

Though the new program designed to expe-"practice ready" dite physicians from overseas, the housing shortage on the Island could be a deterrent for those who are looking to establish themselves here. "Finding ways to connect potential new doctors on the Island to community is also important to incentivize them to move here," Dr. Reade said.

"Something else that often isn't spoken of is the importance of encouraging our high school students here on

Manitoulin Island that might have strengths in the sciences and arts to pursue a career in medicine, whether that be becoming a doctor, nurse or physiotherapist. We need to encourage a longterm solution and let young people know they are a vital part of keeping our community strong and healthy. We can get stuck in the doom and gloom of it all, but I prefer to look toward actionable ways to maintain a healthy population," Dr. Reade said.

...Ontario extends locum MD subsidy

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Island Doctor Maurianne Reade discussed the program with The Expositor following the announcement of the extension. She noted that the program, which provides a top up payment to physicians is available to all physicians covering shifts in the ER.

Dr. Reade expressed concern that the program remains a temporary solution to a problem that has its genesis in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when the government began to limit the number of training spaces available to wouldbe doctors. In the intervening years, the number of physicians entering the field has not kept up with the demand or the retirement levels of doctors who are aging out.

'Governments have been too slow to recognize the issue," she said.

Prior to the extension of the TLP in September, 2023, the ER in Mindemoya was slated to be closed for 10 days in October 2023 to provide the heavily overworked doctors with relief. Other communities across the North Shore were also in peril of having to close their ERs.

Dr. Reade said that a more permanent solution to the doctor shortages must be found, particularly in Northern and isolated communities, but that any such solution would likely take several years to come to fruition.

Manitoulin is also facing a critical mass of retirements among its existing stock of doctors, with many patients in danger of finding themselves without a family doctor.

"We have a short-term solution, but we need medium and long-term solutions," she said.



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NHL enforcer Chris Simon dead at 52, family suspects CTE

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...continued from page 1 community is sharing in uously deal with anxiety, our grief. We will not be releasing any further details at this time and ask for privacy during this very difficult time. We appreciate everyone who shares in our tragic loss."

> Ryan Smitherman reported in Maple Leafs "Unfortunately, Daily, the effects from CTE caused Simon to contin

post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and depression following his career, which, according to his family, had ultimately led to him unfortunately (passing on). Further rumours have mentioned that Mr. Simon may have been on disability and social assistance at the time of his passing, which shows how big of an impact that CTE can have on a player's ability to care for himself, even after a lengthy NHL career.'

Mr. Simon, who was of Ojibwe heritage and proud of his Indigenous roots, played in over 800 NHL games over 15 seasons, registered 144 goals, including a career-high 29 with Washington in 1999-2000, to go along with 161 assists for 305 points. He added 10 goals, 17 points and 194 penalty minutes in 75 NHL playoff games. He helped the Colorado Avalanche win the Stanley Cup in 1996 and reached the 1998



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Stanley Cup final with Washington as well as the 2004 Stanley Cup final with Calgary. He played parts of five seasons in the Russian-based Kontinental Hockey League after his final NHL stop with Minnesota in 2007-2008.

Mr. Simon was also known as an enforcer and had 1,824 penalty minutes over the course of his ca-

Melanie Pilon, mayor of Wawa, who is a member of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and was voted in as Canada's first Indigenous mayor, also had familial ties to Chris Simon. "I was part of his extended family," she said. "Chris's grandfather Max Simon and my grandmother Violet Overton were cousins. They were part of the Mishibinijima family."

"Chris was living in Wawa," said Mayor Pilon, noting he had five children. "He had a very large extended family. It's very shocking, he meant so much to his family and he meant so much to the community and especially to Indigenous vouth. He worked with the Wawa Minor Hockey Association and had a special place in the Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre. He was very gracious with his time, and he hosted several coaches clinics for local vouth. And it was certainly not outside of his character to go into schools and speak to youth."

"No, I didn't know Chris really well, but any time I had the opportunity to speak to him he was a really nice person," said Mayor Pilon. "He would talk to people at the boat launch when he went fishing and always had a smile and encouraging word for everyone in the community wherever he went.'

"He lived his life and worked hard and shared his dreams and passions," said Mayor Pilon. "He was the dream; he instilled the dream in youth and adults that if he could achieve his dreams, we all could as well. Hope is contagious.'

"His death is shocking," Mayor Pilon added. Mayor Pilon, in speak-

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registered owners' driving record will not be impacted. Currently, the cameras are located at Bellevue Avenue between Picard and Ralph Streets, on Algonquin Road between Maurice and Field Streets, on Falconbridge Road between Donnelly Drive and Church Street, on Main Street in Val Caron between Justin Street and MR 80, on Hillcrest Drive between Brian Street and Mikkola Road and on Gary Avenue between Lasalle Blvd and Madison Avenue. But the city advises the cameras are portable and will be moved to other locations in the future.

There are 40 locations across the city that have been identified through traffic data and speeding complaints as being problematic.

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ing to Mr. Simon's immediate family said, "They wanted me to spread the message from the family that he had suffered greatly from the symptoms of CTE with repeated concussions he sustained. They ask for everyone's love and prayers for him to reach the spirit world and they encouraged all those who are suffering to know they don't have to suffer alone, that they need to reach out for help."

Marvin Assinewai of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK), past president of and executive member of Little Native Hockey League said, "I've known Chris for many years, at first mostly from his days playing in the OHL in the Sault. I know his parents and grandparents a lot more. But I got to know him a lot better as time went on."

"I remember when he was playing for Washington one year and he was injured and couldn't play," said Mr. Assinewai. "I sent their general manager George McPhee a note asking if he would allow Chris to come to the LNHL, and he did. Oh yeah, he was totally swamped by the kids. They loved him. The Capitals had given me permission to duplicate one of his pictures and we were handing them out to all the kids at the LNHL. He was signing his autograph on these pictures steady for three days.'

"And when he was home in Wawa and if I had a meeting in Thunder Bay, I would always give him a call and stop in. Especially when his playing days in the NHL and KHL were over. All he talked about was fishing and hunting," quipped Mr. Assinewai.

"Chico (Ralf, president of the LNHL) and I were planning to go up to Wawa and fish with him spring/summer." said Mr. Assinewai. "I tried to get in touch with him before the LNHL this year, but every time I called him I got a hold of his sister or uncle. They both got back to me on what had unfortunately happened. He was a great guy and will be missed."

"Dan Simon, who lives on the Island, is his uncle," Mr. Assinewai continued. "I played hockey with Dan and John Simon, Chris's dad. John was also a helluva player." He pointed out Chris Simon was inducted into the LNHL hall of fame in

Former NHL player Reggie Leach, who now lives in Aundeck Omni

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Kaning, said he didn't know Mr. Simon during his career, "but we became friends when we did stuff for the LNHL. And I saw him a lot in rinks. He was also part of the First Nation Alumni Hockey team. We worked on a lot of things together over the years involving hock-

ey."
"It was a shock to hear he was of his passing, he was such a young man," said Mr. Leach. "It is a great loss. He worked a lot with First Nation youth over the years.

"Oh my, yes he was a really nice guy," stated Mr. Leach. "Chris was very kind and respectful. We are all going to miss

"I know the whole Simon family," said Patrick Madahbee, of AOK, an executive member of the LNHL. "Chris's grandfather Max was a legend in this area when he played hockey in the 1950-1960s. And his father John was an awesome hockey player and should have been in the NHL."

"He belonged to a very tight knit family, and even though he lived in Wawa he was very proud of his heritage and his family here with lots of familial ties to Wiikwemkoong," said Mr. Madahbee, who has the on-ice name of "Mad Dog." "Guys like Chris and Stan Jonathon, they are heroes to all our youth."

"What a sad story to

hear about his passing, that was a tough one. said Gerard Peltier of Wiikwemkoong, played in the OHL in the 1980s, helping to win the Memorial Cup with the Cornwall Royals. "I knew Chris. Years ago, we had a hockey clinic in M'Chigeeng with myself Owen Nolan, Chris and others."

"It is very sad to see him go, especially as a young man and to leave a family," said Mr. Peltier.

Mr. Nolan explained, "I first knew of Chris when he was playing bantam hockey and was drafted into the OHL. He played for Ottawa (in the 1991-1992 season) and I was coaching the Soo Greyhounds and was asked by our general manager Sherry Bassin about trying to get Chris to the Sault. Sherry said that Chris had some issues, but I immediately said 'yes, get him for our team.' He turned that franchise around that

year. This was the second vear that we made it to the Memorial Cup. With Chris around, when we were playing road games, even our small guys seemed to grow about four inches taller and ...continued on page 12

a world of difference for that team in 1992."

"He was a great player, he could score, skate and played with a lot of



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heart," said Mr. Nolan. "But I still remember when he first got to the Sault he was still misbehaving and missing curfew. One of our staff members said we should get rid of him. I said no one is perfect and we have to work with him. I was tougher on him that most of the other players. His teammates loved him. I even had to suspend him at one point. Then one day I took him

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to the bus station and said 'I will buy you a ticket to Wawa if you don't want to behave and play here, I will understand if you want to go back to Wawa.' Thank goodness he changed his life and stopped misbehaving, going to school regularly and working even harder as a player."

"Chris was my favourite player because of what he had to overcome and becoming the player that we all thought he could be," said Mr. Nolan. "I talk a lot about perseverance, and he was the perfect example of that. A number of years later he won the Stanley Cup and took the cup back home to Wawa."

Later in his NHL career, Mr. Simon played for the New York Islanders with Mr. Nolan as coach. He had signed as a free agent. "He also had everything you needed to play, he had size and skill, could skate and shoot the shoot the puck and score."

"When we got him in the Sault I know we won some

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other. It is one thing to have a concussion, but we hear a lot of cases of athletes who have had repeated cases. The brain doesn't have the time to recover. You just can't keep stretching the neuro structure before you are facing serious issues."

"The head and body need time to full recover from an incident involving injuries," said Mr. Debassige. "We have all heard of the dramatic number of cases of enforcers in hockey who are suffering from CTE."

"Look for instance at a centre in football—two hits to the head in a practice and that can be a career for that player," said Mr. Debassige.

"In years past players had to deal with the same issues but the science was not there that shows how serious an injury to their head has been," said Mr. Debassige. "Repeated injuries to the head can have dramatic effects on mental health." Anyone who has suffered a head/brain injury needs to give themselves time to recover and for evaluation to take place.

CBC News reported March 19 that CTE is associated with repeated traumatic brain injuries, including concussions and repeated headshots. Death by suicide and drug overdose are common among athletes in CTE cases. It was noted the NHL has repeatedly disputed any

links between hockey and CTE.

However, a study of former NHLers published last year showed enforcers lived significantly shorter lives than their peers, CBC News reported. Researchers at New York's Columbia University came to that conclusion after analyzing data from 6,039 players from 1967 through the spring of 2022. The study found enforcers died on average a decade younger than comparable peers drafted at the same rank, were of similar height and weight and played the same position.

CBC News reported the researchers did not find more deaths among

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games before they even started because the other team was afraid of that train coming at them down the wing," quipped Mr. Nolan.

The coach and player kept in regular touch. "He will be missed. He had a heart of gold."

Mike Commodore, who played with Mr. Simon in Calgary posted online, "an intimidating guy on the ice...hell of a player as well. He couldn't have been nicer to me. RIP Chris. You will be missed.'

"Chris was a great guy, a beloved teammate and an important part of our first championship season," said Colorado Avalanche president and former teammate of Mr. Simon, Joe Sakic, in a statement. "He was a really good hockey player who could score goals, was a big presence in the dressing room and was the first person to stand up and defend his teammates. Off the ice he was an unbelievable guy and a caring father, son, brother and friend. He will be sorely missed.

As previously mentioned, in 2016 Mr. Simon was inducted into the LNHL in the alumni category as he had participated in the tournament during his youth, advanced to play hockey at a higher calibre and was instrumental in advocating for hockey development in their communities and continued to support partic-

Chris Simon gave back to and supported Anishinaabe communities and initiatives in many ways, including charities such as the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity where he joined Mr. Leach and participated in the annual Anishinabek veterans memorial golf tournament.

A post on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Facebook site March 21 states, "to the family of Chris Simon, his friends, community and his hockey fans: Wiikwemkoong offers its deepest condolences. Miigwech, Creator for allowing us this talented and gifted spirit to walk with us on Mother Earth. May his memory be a comfort and blessing to all."

Wiikwemkoong Tourism posted, "Our community is saddened to hear the passing of former NHLer Chris Simon. Chris is a local hockey hero with deep family roots in Wiikwemkoong. His grandfather Maxi baa was also a very talented player who would light up the local arenas across the North Shore and Manitoulin Island. In the 1990s Chris led a hockey school on Manitoulin Island with a group of NHLers, including the likes of Owen Nolan. The program inspired young Anishinaabe youth to follow their dreams and taught them to be leaders on and off the ice. We salute one of the toughest hockey players and fiercest warriors to come from Anishinaabe country. Baa maa pii miinwaa (we will see you again)!"

Chris 'Naanoongshkaahs' Simon's funeral will be held today, Wednesday, March 27 at 11 am at the Michipicoten Memorial Community Centre, 3 Chris Simon Drive, in Wawa. The funeral will also be broadcast live online. A large contingent of Wiikwemkoong family and friends plan to attend.



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the NHL enforcers than in the control group. "However, being an enforcer was associated with dying approximately 10 years earlier and more frequently from suicide and drug overdose than matched controls," the study read. Re-emphasis on player safety and improving quality of life after a hockey career should renew discussion to make fighting a game misconduct penalty in the NHL."

Mr. Simon is the latest former NHL tough guy to die at a young age, joining the likes of Bob Probert, Derek Boogard, Wade Belak and Rick Rypien, CBC News reported. It continued to note that the differences in cause of death between the enforcers and their fellow players was striking. The 2023 study found two neurodegenerative disorder deaths, two drug overdoses, three suicides and four vehicular crashes were attributed to the 331 players identified as enforcer/fighters, compared to just one car crash death among the age-matched control group.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, in a statement called Mr. Simon's death "tragic, but refrained from directly addressing the family's charges linking it to CTE, reported CBC News. "We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends," Mr. Bettman said. "On all these matters we wait to see what the medical experts tell us.

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Having said that, I think it's well documented all the changes that we've made over the last couple of decades to make the game as safe as possible."

Former NHL player Reggie Leach, who lives on Manitoulin, told The Expositor, "I think the NHL has to look into all of this. We have lost five or six players in the past few years involving enforcers. Even over the past couple of years we have seen cases of deaths. In my opinion there needs to be more help provided when players reach out to the NHL Players Association, coaches, team owners for support and help. They all need to step up.'



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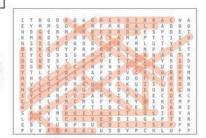
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Snowdusters hoping for last minute boost in sales for TC Memorial Poker Run

Event raises funds for student bursary in the late enthusiast's honour

by Tom SasvariMANITOULIN—With the Manitoulin Snowdusters Poker Chip Run ticket sales having dropped this year, it means that the dance that was scheduled to be held at the end of the event has been cancelled. The Snowdusters are hosting their second annual Poker Chip Run in memory of Todd "TC" Corbiere.

"The Poker Chip Run ticket sales have been way down this year," said organizer Chris Laidley. "We had about 50 people take part last year, but

"I guess with the lack of snow and nice weather, people have made alternate plans, and/or are travelling more and are not bored and looking for things to do. With the sales being what they are at this point, I am forced to cancel the dance portion of this year's event," said Mr. Laidley. "We are still holding the dinner (scheduled for April 6)."

Mr. Laidley explained, "to date (March 20), about 25 poker chip packages have been sold, and even

this year we are pushing fewer dinner/dance tick-to get 30." fewer dinner/dance tickets. With the support of Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre and the DJ I had booked, John Roy of Island Music Showcase, are not going to charge a cancellation fee, which is very nice of both of them."

Mr. Laidley said for the businesses that purchased the dinner/dance tickets with their sign-up package to be a stop on the run, he is asking that they contact him about how they would like to proceed with a refund for the dance portion of their purchase.

The Poker Chip Run started on February 1 and runs until April 6. There are 38 businesses participating this year, a few more than last year.

Mr. Laidley had explained earlier that participants on the run will travel to each stop, provide their participant run sheet and draw a coloured chip from a package. "At the end of the event we will hold a draw to figure out the value of the coloured chips and the person with the highest value at the end will win.'

A poker hand costs each participant \$30 each. The closing dinner (\$60 per participant) will take place at the Manitoulin and Conference Hotel Centre on April 6.

The Island businesses that have the poker chip run hands and tickets for the dinner include Betty's run make a purchase at Confectionery in Gore Bay, Loco Beanz in Manitowaning, General Store and Gas Bar in Birch Island, Buie's in Spring Bay, Herbert Fisheries in Killarney, and Laidley Stationery in Little Cur-

Participants can only get their participant sheet stamped for their own poker hand, said Mr. Laidley, who explained one of the new aspects of this year's event are new double point values. If participants in the poker chip any of the business stops, the value of the coloured chip drawn is doubled.

With the 2023 poker chip run, 11 Todd 'TC' Corbiere student bursary prizes of \$150 were provided to kids carrying on past high school in a trade.

"I am looking at the numbers, and the way we are sitting with donations that have come in, we will still be able to have some money for the bursary in TC's name," said Mr. Laidley in an email. "It will not be as much as

what we had last year at this point, but it will still help some students."

First prize in the poker chip run is five percent of what is raised through the event plus a gift certificate for \$1,000 toward any product offered by Wheels to Water, based in Sheguiandah.

Any business or individual who wants to donate toward the event can contact Mr. Laidlev at 705-862-2616 or by email at laidley67@gmail.com

...egg-citing Easter events roundup

small.

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the Kagawong Park Centre grounds, 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong. Open to all ages!

Central Manitoulin

Central Manitoulin's Easter egg hunt will take place at the Mindemoya ballfields on Saturday, March 30 at 11 am. The municipality has plenty of egg-citing activities cooked up for the little ones as well as a special egg-hunting activity for children 12 and under. Please bring your

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Gore Bay} \\ \textbf{The Town of Gore Bay and Betty's Con-} \\ \end{tabular}$ venience is inviting young and old to take part in an Easter colouring contest. (Colouring pages can be picked up at those locations.) There are categories from 1 to 55 plus! Please only one entry per person. Don't forget to write your name, age and contact number on the back and drop off your artwork at the town office by Thursday, March 28 at 4:30 pm.

Then on Friday, March 29 head to Manitoulin Golf, 25 Golf Course Road, for an Easter egg hunt at 11 am.

Branch #177 in Little Current. The Legion is having an Easter kids' dance on Friday, March 29 from 6 to 8 pm. \$5 per child. Drinks and snacks available for purchase!

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands famed Easter egg hunt at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah grounds take place on Saturday, March 30 at 11 am sharp. As usual, the grounds

Tehkummah

will be split into two sections: one for the

very small and the other for the not-so-

The Township of Tehkummah's Easter egg hunt is Saturday, March 30 at the Tehkummah ball diamond (at the corner of 2nd Concession and 10th Sideroad) for kids 12 and under. The hunt, for kids 12 and under, gets underway at 1 pm. Bring your own basket!

Wiikwemkoong

Buzwah Toys and Variety is hosting the 3rd annual Get Crackin' Easter egg hunt photo contest from Friday, March 29 at 2 pm to Monday, April 1 at 2 pm. There are over 50 large, painted eggs hidden throughout Wiikwemkoong and vou need to find them for a chance at great prizes!

Gather your family and friends and take pictures with as many of them as you can find and submit it to Buzwah Toys and Variety Facebook account. There are over \$6,000 in prizes to be won! Happy hunting!

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Debajehmujig hosts another successful Seed Swap

by Michael Erskine
MANITOWANING—
Good things come in small packages and if nurtured properly, those small things can grow and prosper. Nothing could be more true in that regard than seeds and there were plenty of seeds on hand at the annual Debajehmujig Storytellers Seed Swap.

"In terms of sharing cultural practices, I think at the heart of it is connection to the land and connection to people," said Debajehmujig Storytellers executive general manager Lynda Trudeau. "They are very much present today at the Seed Swap."

"This is a great day to come out and do your seed swap and an opportunity to start getting ready for your garden," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "I want to thank Debajehmujig for putting this on. It is a great place for people to come and gather and support as well."

As the piano stylings of musician Richard Mauti drifted in the air, people wandered among the tables and met with presenters and vendors set up throughout the Debajehmujig Creation Centre in Manitowaning.

There were plenty of presentations to take in, including Jenn Mezei who brought insights she had gained regarding 'Gardens for Pollinators' following taking a David Suzuki course on Workshops butterflies. on working with clay by potter Rolanda Manitowabi, Food Waste Diversion by Colen McKeever ecogrowthenviro.ca, children's programming with the incomparable duo of Kerri and Courtnee, makeup workshops for elders, 'Life with Lashes,' and a youth and elder fashion show put on by Little Feather Co, as well as a fish fry. Throughout the event there was plenty of storytelling to complement the day.

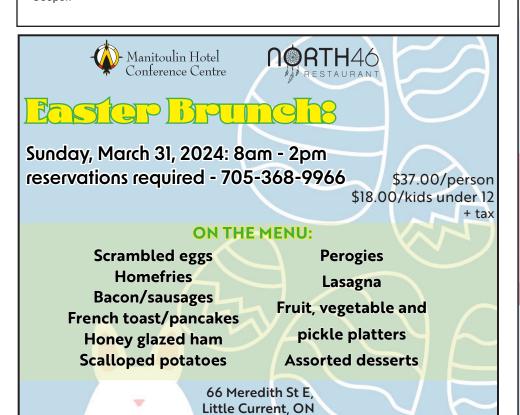


Dooganing girls Margaret Jackson and Janet Wemigwans take in the seed swap lunch.



St. Patrick's Day fun

The Assiginack Curling Club held its annual mixed curling bonspiel March 15-17. The first event winners included the rink from left in photo Rob and Joanne Mellan, Robin and Tom Cooper







Now and Then: Dorothy Stephen

...continued from page 5 (German for young lady) portion of a mountain seen on a subsequent rail trip left an impression.

It did resemble a young lady.

A one-year stint in the Isle of Man started in 1958. Alastair was born here, and the mode of transportation continued to be the bike and sidecar. After Shirley was born at their next placement, the Sutton hospital, the bike was traded for a car, the Hillman Husky. The family lived above the kitchen hospital but had no fridge. so Dorothy had to shop daily. She learned to drive the car, and this made life a bit easier until she was lost in a fog one day. She called Dave from a nearby house to rescue his family. In 1964, there was

a four-year placement in Sedgefield where Iain was born.

They had their sights on Canada next. They wanted to move to a place with four seasons, so Canada fit the bill. They came to Canada with three kids beset with chickenpox. Joyce Bailey picked them up in Sudbury during a powerful thunderstorm. They spent their early weeks at Little's Camp on North Channel Drive and the Wilde home while that family was away. A rental home on Meredith Street came next. "It had new-to-us space heaters in the living room and kitchen." Soon two-year old Iain escaped and tried to visit his father, but Dorothy caught him before he got to the main road. In May of 1968, the Stephens moved into their own home on North Channel Drive. Dorothy started to do supply teaching at the separate school despite her concern that the regulations and expectations might be different here. Dave assumed his role at the medical centre in Little Current.

That fall, Dorothy was asked to teach a remedial Grade 4 class at the Little Current Public School. She accepted. In 1973, Dorothy, after encouragement from Rachel Charette, began her artist career with an owl painting, and soon joined Ivan Wheale's class for further instruction. Over the years, many of her works have been given to relatives, friends, a few sold, and the rest decorate her home. Dorothy also decided to upgrade her education at Laurentian



The beloved Stephen's family catamaran in the Benjamans.

University and by 1981, graduated cum laude. Her family celebrated her success. "My favourite courses were geology and religion and the arts. For the latter course she submitted her painting of 'Jesus in Gethsemane.' a near copy of El Greco's version. This painting now hangs in the United Church in Little Current.

Dorothy lost the hear-

ing in her right ear due to a virus, but this did not slow her down. She was elated to help a Vietnamese boat family learn English after taking a short course. "They moved to British Columbia but travelled back here to thank everyone who helped them, including a stop at our home." Dorothy retired in 1991 for health reasons. "I was a free agent for seven years until Dave retired and we were a couple again." In 1999 Dorothy lost her sense of smell, due likely to another virus. Dave had to check out the food for freshness because she couldn't do the sniff test. and he happily complied. "Perhaps he didn't want to be poisoned," Dorothy adds, smiling. In 2002 Dorothy had her right knee replaced.

As for travelling, the couple have spent holidays abroad. "We had trips to Scotland and Ireland for reunions for Dave. Stonehaven was interesting because we could watch the fishing boats come in with their catch. Little shore cruises let us gaze at the multitude of seabirds on the cliffs. Aruba and Maui were enjoyable, too. The tropical fish in Aruba, among the coral, close to shore, and seen through a mask and snorkel, were amazing. In Hawaii we swam among sea turtles and saw humpback whales. Lastly, we enjoyed two cruises to the Caribbean and one to Alaska for our 50th anniversary.'

"My brother Colin, who worked in forestry, was killed by a drunk driver in South Africa. My other brother, Warwick, was an architect with The John Brown Shipyard. He designed miles of piping that went into the Queen Elizabeth Two," Dorothy shares. "I have three great-grandchildren now.

anchor locker. Foods, not canned, had all been sampled by the mice, so we removed the nest and quickly headed out to Crocker Island, thankfully leaving the mice behind.'

Most important event? "Our marriage and the six years of medical training which allowed us to travel and see lots of new vistas in Scotland."

Favourite pets? pets during the war, but as mentioned, we had a German shepherd named Wolf when I was a baby and he protected me. We also had an Airedale and



Dorothy the teacher in the 1970s

Alastair's son Chris and his wife Samantha have Caleb. Their daughter Kathryn is single and living in Sudbury. Jennifer and her husband Jussi have Romeo. Iain's daughter Tory and husband Mitch have Finn and they live in Stratford. Iain's second daughter, Alyssa, lives in Sudbury. Alastair, 'Al,' is here and helping me today. He and his wife Michele own North Channel Canvas, next to this house. All the family get together at Christmas time."

Some highlights you want to mention? "Sailing on the water with our two big boats, the Shearwater and the Wildcat, a catamaran. We had a short runabout, the Straycat, which the boys loved. They all gave us some glorious times on the water. Once, in the Benjamins, the kids were complaining about hearing mice. The next morning, we realized they were right. We found a nest at the bottom of the

a bull terrier. Lastly, we had a stray dog, Jake, who learned to release the snow shovel handle from its storage position, to knock on the door when he wanted to be let in."

Favourite season? "Spring when everything is coming to life. It's warmer and I can get out and about in the fresh

Favourite activities? "Jigsaw puzzles. I didn't have much time for reading. I was an outside girl, walking a lot and playing field hockey for many years.

"Stamps Collections? and coins but the stamps aren't worth much now.'

Favourite television or radio show? "Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

Favourite sport? "Archery, where I won a little prize one time."
Strengths? "Being a

special education teacher. I have always had compassion for people who need a little extra help. I ...continued on page 20

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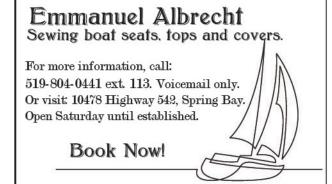
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Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Alon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) http://www.al-anon.org. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

Questions concerns or about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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Are you a cancer survivor need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are held monthly on a rotating basis around the Island. Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm, but support can be given over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer support group contacts: Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@ hotmail.com or Ann Cranston, 705-272-7531, bnannc@ gmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

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

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for sale

Four winter tires on rims, used two seasons, LT265/70R17, six studs, monitored valves, off a 2016 F150, \$450, Five all season tires on alluy rims, two years old, 245/60 R18 five stud off 2012 Explorer,\$450. Call 705-669-7186.

Ferguson tractor, 80 HP, new tires and back rims, rebuilt carb and tuned up. Asking \$3,200. Call Charlie, 705-368-0089. No foolish offers please.

For Sale

March discount on fencing, page wire, high tensil insulators, steel posts, etc. Also Tingley boots, birdhouses, halters, tie ropes and much more. Quality seed grass and grain seeds.

Phone (705) 988-3605, leave a message.

Kenneth Albrecht 28 McKechnie Road Tehkummah, ON



rental

One-bedroom fully furnished apartment for rent on the waterfront in Little Current. Move in condition with fully equipped kitchen, bedroom and bathroom, linen supplied. Washer and dryer on premises. Suitfor single, non-smoker quiet person with references. parking space. \$1,450 per month, utilities, satellite and Starlink highspeed internet included. First and last required. Available May 1.

Manitoulin furnished designer home surrounded by forest, two bedroom plus large yoga/gym area, two full bath, large den with two additional bedrooms. Lower split level, kitchen island, large walk out deck to large garden facing lake. Only 33 minutes to Mindemoya, walkable distance to Irish sourdough bakery and cocoa/espresso cafe. inclusive rate, furnished, only \$3,300 month for three to five months summer lease with excellent WiFi. Long term lease available 12 to 24 months with special rate without utilities or heat tanks. Please inquire with vour number and ideal lease term to: ManitouBlue@Proton. me. Avail May 1, 2024 through summer or 2025 to 2026.

personal

Single, honest, caring and easy going 69-year-old gentleman looking for a lady companion to share all that life has to offer. I don't drink or smoke. Feel free to drink if you do. Please only non-smokers are welcome. I live in Elliot Lake. I am willing to relocate if need be. I can move, I'm not a tree, lol! I am for real. If interested please call 705-923 8819. We will never know unless we try.

45-46c

coming events

Come one, come all to the Little Current United Church Hall on March 29 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. 44-45p

An evening of Contemporary Inspirational Music. Saturday, April 13 at 7 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Refreshments Kagawong. provided, donations appreciated. Proceeds of fundraiser to repair stained glass window. 44-47p

Little Current Fish and Game Annual Spring Roast Beef Dinner and Fundraiser at the Little Current Legion on Wednesday, April 3. Door prize and raffle; cocktails at 5 pm, dinner served at 6 pm. Only 125 tickets available, \$40 each, dine in only. Serving roast beef supplied, prepared and served by the Burt Farm. Included is a salad, main course and tea or coffee. For more information or tickets call President Lou Shortt, 705-368-2446; Garry Elliott, 705-368-3055; or Tony Ferro, 705-936-6565. Or you can pick up your tickets at The Manitoulin Expositor, Little Current.

Manitoulin Nature Club meeting on Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm. Beth Gilhespy, the new CEO of the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, will take us on a visual journey of the Niagara Escarpment's unique geology, with a focus on beautiful Manitoulin Island. Join us on ZOOM or in-person at the Trinity United Church, 6070 King Street, Mindemoya. \$20 for an annual membership or come check out your first meeting for free! Email manitoulinnatureclub@gmail.com.

Music in the Hall, Saturday, April 6 from 2 to 4 pm at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall. Popular music old and new with Nettish and Christian Lauder. Admission for adult, \$5; children under 15. free. Canteen will be open. Sponsored by the Tehkummah Seniors' Triangle Club.

Due to COVID-19 and recommended social distancing practices, the Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre continues to hold virtual Board meetings, with the next one scheduled for Thursday, March 28 at 6 pm. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For connectivity details, please send an email request to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.

in memoriam CHATWELL—In

memory of Bill Chatwell who passed away March 25, 2017 Time cannot steal the trea-

hearts. Nor ever dim the shining thoughts our cherish past im-

sures that we carry in our

For the memory of the one He loved so much still casts a gentle glow.

To grace our days and nights, Our paths where we may go. Forever loved, miss your smile and gentle touch. Wife Vera, children Bill and Melanie, Bob and Lou, Kim

and Bev, Kerry and Sandra, Bonnie and Myke, Connie and Mike, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Legion events

Come join the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion for a breakfast brunch on Sunday, April 7 from 10 am to 1 pm. \$10 per person. 42-45c

Kids' Easter Dance, Fri-March 29 from day, to 8 pm. \$5 child. per 42-45p

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



wanted

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



notice

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

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Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is now closed and will reopen soon with Spring items!

Remember your loved ones fondly in The Manitoulin Expositor

In Memoriam or Obituaries

Send an email to Debbie at services@manitoulin.com or call 705-368-2744

Death Notices

DANNY VIENNEAU



n loving memory of Danny Vienneau, **1**62 years who passed away at his residence on Friday, March 15, 2024. Much beloved husband of Juli, best Dad ever to Jade and fur-baby Daisy, who all were his world. Survived by his sister Linda (Mike), sister-in-law, Jill (Rick), and mother-in-law Fern (more like his

mom), whom he loved and adored with all his heart and would do anything for. Also survived by niece Tabitha (Jason) and nephews Roger Jr. and Shawn, as well as many cousins, aunts and uncles. Predeceased by his parents, Clifford and Elizabeth, brother Roger and father-in-law Doug. Danny was a proud Ironworker (recently retired) with Local 786, Sudbury. Danny loved his job as an Ironworker and worked with many union brothers over the years, enjoying all the camaraderie that came with it. He truly appreciated how many stayed in contact through the past few years during his illness. Danny's favourite place in the world was camp at Lake Kagawong. Whether it was hunting, fishing, working endlessly on projects or just relaxing, this was where he was the happiest. His wife will continue to enjoy their favourite place and his daughter will continue to fish in their favourite spots, forever knowing Danny is watching over them and wishing he could be there. At his request there will be no visitation or service. Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium with a Celebration of his Life to be held at a later date. Donations to the Northern Cancer Foundation – Cancer Center would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home. For donations or messages of condolence www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com.

FLORE-ANGE MARIE TOMASSINI "Florence"

(née Bertrand)



In loving memory of Flore-Ange "Flo-Lrence" Marie Tomassini (née Bertrand), 93 years, who passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at St. Gabriel's Villa in Chelmsford. Beloved wife of Ornato "Mason" Tomassini (predeceased 1998.) Loving mother of Denis

Tomassini (Cathy predeceased), Susan Simmons (Spencer Sutton), Richard Tomassini and Shirley-Ann Sagle (Blair). Cherished Nona of Monique (Andres), D.J., Angela (Stephane), Amanda, Lana (Andy), Adam, Pamela, Lee-Anne (Johnathon), Adele-Rose (Tyler Jay), Dawni-Lynelle (Kevin), Vanessa (John) and Cassandra predeceased (Kevin), great-grandchildren Jessica, Lianna (Amadeo), Nathan, Aryanna, Andy, Mackenzie, Alex, Seth, Noah, Natasha, Malcom, Lily, Maleah and Liam, and great-greatgrandchildren Veera, Vada and Willow. Predeceased by her parents Onesime and Rose Yvonne Bertrand (née Bigras) and siblings Raymond, Fernand and Conrad (Joan also predeceased). She will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Florence was a strong and determined woman, who after her husband passed away, she got her driver's licence at the age of 70 to maintain her independence. She was a past member of the WHEO and Golden Age Clubs. She enjoyed bowling and playing cards. The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the staff, nurses, PSWs and doctors at St. Gabriel's Villa, especially the Vermillion neighbourhood for going above and beyond, and taking such great care of "Momma Tomassini." Also thank you to the Alzheimer's Society for being so kind and helpful to not only Florence, but also her family. There will be no visitation or service. Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium with burial alongside her husband in the family plot in the Lasalle Cemetery. A Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Alzheimer's Society Sudbury Manitoulin Chapter or St. Gabriel's Villa would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home. For donations or messages of condolence www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com.

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

Death Notice

ARTHUR ADDISON



With heavy hearts and great sadness, we announce the passing of the life of Arthur Addison at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya on March 21, 2024 at the age of 88. Arthur was predeceased by his beloved wife of 67 years, Jean (Cook) Addison. The family home and friends within their

wonderful community of Silver Water on Manitoulin Island gave him great joy and support and that was always home whether on or off the Island. Arthur will always be remembered by his children Debbie, Pennie and Joe (Julie) as the supportive, kind gentleman who had a twinkle in his bright blue eyes at holidays, especially his epic annual Easter egg hunts. His grandchildren Sydney and Roslyn Addison-Rudat and Jacob Addison were his pride and joy and now grieve the difficult loss of their fun loving Grandpa. Predeceased by his parents Ted and Hazel (Edmonds) Addison, Arthur is survived by some of his favorite people, his siblings Kay (Allen) Everett and Danny (Joy) Addison. The family is so grateful for all the care and support of Dr. Reade over the years and the great team of support to keep Arthur happy and comfortable in his own home, namely Beth, Ruth and Katrina. The availability of the fabulous hospice suite where the doctors and nurses tended to not only our Dad's every need but also nourished our souls as we navigated this difficult time together was wonderful We will never forget your caregiving but also your kindness. There will be a visitation in Gore Bay at Simpson Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 between 6 to 9 pm. Funeral will be at St. Andrews United Church on Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11 am. Friends and family please join us at Silver Water Community Hall to celebrate Arthur's life with some refreshments and to share memories.



...Now and Then: Dorothy Stephen

...continued from page 16 remember one little child who couldn't speak at all in Kindergarten in Little Current. He tended to push people instead. I recall working extra hard with him and two other children and in the end, they seemed to be much more adept at communication. Scottish country dancing I enjoyed when I was younger. I still have the instruction books. Painting is also something I enjoy. My favourite painting is the one with the two gannets (white sea birds) I found in a Robert Bateman

Anything you still want to do? "Some birdwatching, perhaps and a boat ride in the summer. I love being on the water."

Your first impression





MCKINNY—In memory of Katherine McKinny.
Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always

Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Mickey, Dave, Bruce, Perry, Gary and Cynthia



Dorothy the painter.

after meeting Dave? "I liked him right away. I fell with a bang. At first, I wasn't sure if he felt the same, but in time I knew he did."

Any associations? "I was a member of the Women's Auxiliary."

A good family memory? "My husband and I had a good marriage, and I am proud of all the kids, grandkids and great grandkids."

If you could go back in time is there anything you would do differently? "Perhaps, if I could avoid the viral infection that affected my hearing or avoid the big public school that I had to attend as a small child, coming from a small country school, that might be a blessing but overall, I wouldn't want to change anything important. It all came together well."

Was there anything you dreamt about as a small child that came true later? "I always wanted to travel and see the world.

We did get to a lot of interesting places, including Switzerland, several other places and three excellent cruises."

Anyone who inspired you? "Aunt Bessie showed me how to do Norwegian knitting with all the lovely patterns. I copied one of her patterns."

Hope for the future? "No more war, peace and dealing with climate change as much as we can."

Recipe for happiness? "Having a good marriage and happy kids. Also, don't go to bed angry."

"I have been lucky in life. Living with a wonderful husband whom I loved dearly. I am very fond of Manitoulin. The people are very friendly. We came from our homeland to a new country and we have always been

happy living here. Our children grew up on the Island and they know this place and Canada best. We lived in a nice home. Manitoulin has lots of water for swimming and boating. We have enjoyed a lifestyle here we never had in Scotland. We know and appreciate our excellent neighbours and we can just pick up the phone if we need help. I recall falling one time and calling Al, who was away, but he called our neighbours and they came right away. They often pop in now just to say "hi." My son Al and his wife Michele live here and they take good care of me. I certainly don't miss big city life. I'm a country girl at heart. At 94, I am happy to spend the rest of my life here."



Alastair, Shirley and Iain feeding a deer an apple.

MUNICIPALITY



OF ASSIGINACK

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 Assiginack 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.assiginack.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 hfterguson@assiginack.ca or call (705) 859-3196 to arrange for an appointment.

Dated at the Township of Assiginack this <u>6th</u> day of <u>March 2024</u>. Heidi Ferguson, Clerk Township of Assiginack

Application for CONSENT

Under Section 53 of the Planning Act To be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 7:00pm



File No.: Con 2024-04 Applicant: Marjorie Collie Agent: Gord Keatley

Legal Description: Sheguiandah Township – Lot 4 Concession 14 RP 31R-3641 Part 1

Official Plan: Rural Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION: This is a request for Technical Con-

This is a request for Technical Consent to convey lands to an adjacent lot which will not lead to the creation of an undersized lot.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The request is being made for a severance of 15.24m to add to the adjacent lot owned by a family member.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: March 27, 2024

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands

14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 CONCESSION 1 TO NISHIP

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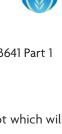
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...Indigenous police forces demand Ontario allow OPP to assist in enforcing BCRs

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Act states that the enforcement of First Nations' BCRs is not considered a mandatory part of safe and effective policing in Ontario, which First Nations maintain is discriminatory. The province had the chance to recognize First Nations' BCRs through regulations created before the Act came into effect, but did not, said Chief Hare. He explained that First Nation BCRs cover critical safety issues and are often used to protect vulnerable people and deal with dangerous offenders. First Nations can make BCRs under the Indian Act, but many First Nations rely on collaboration with provincial police to enforce them.

'They said they are looking at six BCRs on these issues," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. Minister Rickford "said there are 133 First Nation communities in Ontario and how and where they would start. My gosh, there are about 450 municwith and they are concerned on having to deal and its effect on Indigenous police forces. with 133 First Nation communities?"

"They don't want to recognize this," stated Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "We have been saying since the fall that the Act should provide for our own laws in our communities. I have a resolution from all our chiefs that on April 1, if the government hasn't come back to resolve this issue, that we go to court on this.

The meeting with Minister Rickford included not only First Nation community leaders but First Nation police chiefs from across the province.

"Criminals are getting more brazen while the province legislates that police should not be obliged to enforce First Nations BCRs," said James Killeen, chief of police of the UCCM Anishinaabe Police Services on Manitoulin Island. "We have had criminals tell us that they are coming to our communities because they know that there is nothing we can do to stop them. They are violently shaking people down for money and Ontario is taking away our ability as police to remove them. Ontario is legitimizing the idea through legislation that First Nations people deserve to be less safe based on race and ethnicity, which is racist and is against the basic concept of the rule of law."

"We see the opioid, homelessness and crime crises all around us, and in neighbouring communities like Belleville and Peterborough, and we need to stop that from coming into our communities," said Hiawatha First Nation Chief Laurie Carr in a press release. "We have worked well with the Ontario Provincial Police in the past to keep our community safe, so we do not understand why Ontario wants to get in the way of that relationship.



ipalities in the province that the province deals First Nation leaders are gravely concerned with the province's new policing legislation

photo by Giovanni Capriotti

Once again, Ontario is taking away our customary justice systems and undermining our communities' right to safe-

Whitefish River First Nation Chief, and former UCCM chief of police, Rodney Nahwegahbow explained, "I was a police officer for years before I became a community leader, and I am simply shocked that Ontario would put officers and communities in a position where they can't keep people safe because legislation tells them not to enforce laws "

First Nations leaders continue to voice their concerns that the legislation will make vulnerable people even less safe. "Police just need the tools to do their job," said Anishinabek Police Services' Chief Jeff Skye.

'I asked the minister 'what is it going to take to make the regulatory changes needed?"" said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "Wiikwemkoong (Unceded Territory) is targeting the drug issue by working on setting in place residential BCRs to ensure the health and safety of the community and better control over those who are allowed into the community and those who are not. They are targeting the drug issue and drug dealers. I am glad Wiikwemkoong is taking this position.'

"My leadership is very disappointed in the government," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "Our leadership is saying we can wait no longer. Our chiefs are in support of taking this to court so at least something might happen," he continued. "We don't want to go to court, we

would like to sit with the government and work together and come to a resolution. I reminded the minister that as First Nations people as we travel around the province everywhere we go, we respect your laws; they should respect ours. Our laws are pretty much the same as Ontario municipalities. They said they are working on six BCRs to deal with the issue of policing and other issues. We want to write our own."

"We had police chiefs at our meeting, and everyone—all First Nations—are concerned," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "We can't sleep at night knowing everything that is going on in our communities that could be prevented. And it would save a lot of the Ontario Provincial Police's time if we had our own policing laws," he added, noting First Nation laws are not recognized in the provincial court system.

"All First Nation policing services in First Nations communities have our own laws, but they are not being recognized," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "We can't sit back and wait for the province to come forward with their six BCRs for change.'

First Nations are now asking for Ontario to show it believes First Nations' BCRs are part of safe and effective policing by fixing the regulations, as they have voiced many times to the province. "We cannot allow our communities to be less safe due to an openly discriminatory law," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "If we do not see a real effort to fix the regulations by April 1 we will be left with no choice but to take it to the courts.

'I hope by April 1 I get a call from the province that they want to sit down and come up with a solution," added Ontario Regional Chief Hare.





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shared," and thanks to

the generosity of Millie sharing her prize with Manitoulin Pet Rescue, Melissa and Jennifer will be donating \$250 Manitoulin Pet Rescue.

You all "liked and

Thanks Millie for reminding us to be kind and share!



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Melissa Nicholson, REALTOR® 705-282-7738



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Jennifer Hooper, REALTOR® 705-862-1002



705-507-5910

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LOT 28, Con 10, Hwy 540,

N/A Hwy 540, Little Current MLS®#: 2113491, \$159,900

0 Doc Strain Drive, Gore Bay MLS®#: 2115564, \$65,000

Lot 27 Hayward Crescent, Little Current MLS®#: 2115567 \$57,000

WATERFRONT/VACANT

Lot 20 Steven St., Gore Bay MLS®#: 2109184, \$350,000

14970 Highway 540, Evansville MLS®#: 2114076, \$179,000



317 Main Street, Kagawong MLS®#: 2115228, \$369,000



Realtor

33 Bay Street, Mindemoya MLS®#: 2112654, \$700,000



Adam Rocha

Realtor

705-280-6343

327 Highway 540, Little Current MLS®#: 2113645, \$648,500



Karen Bond

Realtor

705-497-4006

94 Watson Bay Road, Tehkummah MLS®#: 2115367, \$2,500,000



Realtor

705-562-3496

1030 Ice Lake Road, Gore Bay MLS®#: 2114895, \$575,000



71 Corbiere Road, Spring Bay MLS®#: 2113707, \$295,000



13951 Highway 542, Gore Bay MLS®#: 2115229, \$355,000



130 Thorne Street, Mindemoya MLS®#: 2114944, \$697,500



129 Thorne Street, Mindemoya MLS®#: 2114887, \$667,500



195 Limberlost Lane, Mindemoya MLS®#: 2113337, \$649,500



454 Cardwell Street, Manitowaning MLS®#: 2115566, \$999,000



21690 Highway 540, Silver Water MLS®#: 2114024, \$529,000



99 Thorne Street, Mindemoya MLS®#: 2115462, \$297,500



75 Holmes Road, Spring Bay MLS®#: 2115461, \$869,000



1947 Highway 540, Little Current MLS®#: 2115456, \$849,900



141 Maple Lane, Mindemoya MLS®#: 2114791, \$425,000



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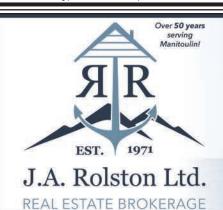


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Alan is a full-time licenced real estate agent of 11 years with JA Rolston Ltd., Brokerage and in addition has studied Advertising Design & Communications, Business Marketing /Commerce, the Sciences, New Media Studies: including Digital and

Social Media Marketing. Alan looks forward to providing an exceptional customer experience whether you are buying, or selling, your next home, cottage, and /or business on the largest freshwater island in the

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J. Alan Wright Broker Cell: 705-869-7568

Admittedly a workaholic, Al is always working on something. He recently went a step above the rest and obtained his full real estate broker's licence. His family ties to the Island date back to the late 1800s in the Spring Bay area and since 1905 in the Lee Valley area on the North Shore. Al and his family

often meet up at "the cabin" which they built together on Maple Lake situated on the LaCloche Mountain range. Al has decades of experience managing a thriving retail enterprise on Manitoulin and brings a high level of organization and work ethic to the team at J.A. Rolston Ltd. Brokerage.

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Al has been farming since he came to the Island in 1980. All owned and operated Red Lodge for many years. He is now a prominent cattle farmer at Hilly Grove south of Manitownaning. He has been a licenced agent with Rolstons for

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very well versed in the administrative aspects of the real estate business. Lori adds a very welcoming and comfortable experience to the office in her role as office manager!

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Meredith Morris Marketing & Rentals Manager

Canadian Automotive Institute and Northwood University with a degree in Automotive Marketing & Business Administration. She owned and operated several successful businesses for almost 20 years. She was the first woman to sit on

and chair both the Ontario Motor Vehicle Industry Council and The Hyundai Auto Canada National Dealer council. Meredith applies her extensive experience in marketing and business to the advertising at Rolston Realty and she manages their rental and vacation property division. With Rolson's since 2019

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Stephen Rolston has been with J.A.

Rolston since 1986. His family roots

on Manitoulin extend back almost

the Appraisal Institute of Canada for

drone operator and knows the Island

150 years. Steve was a member of

close to a decade. He is a licenced

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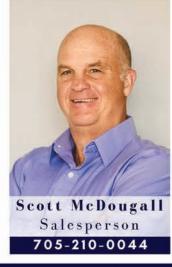


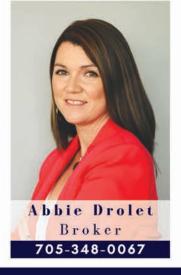
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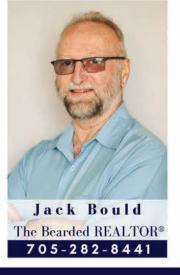


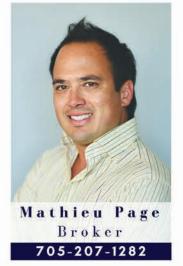
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Little Current, Ontario

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Mindemoya Curling Club women's championships attracts 16 rinks MINDEMOYA—The Marilyn Proulx The second event was won by the rink

MINDEMOYA—The Marilyn Proulx fink won the first event championship in the Mindemoya Curling Club annual ladies bonspiel, held the last weekend in February.

The first event winning team, which included Marilyn Proulx, Deborah Karn, Terry McKenzie and Nancy Cranston, was presented with the Joanne Lanktree Memorial Plaque by her two daughters, Sherry Forest and Susan Whynott.

The second event was won by the rink which included Shannon Drouin, Lenora Tann, Andrea Tann and Anna Love. This team was presented with the Ann Smith Memorial Plaque by Ann's daughter Kerri Smith.

The third event winning rink included Kennedy Lanktree, Sherri Marois, Leanne Lewis and Kerri Smith.

A total of 16 rinks took part in the bon-



Marilyn Proulx (missing from photo), Deborah Karn, Terry McKenzie and Nancy Cranston are presented with the Joanne Lanktree Memorial Trophy as the winners of the first event at the Mindemoya Curling Club ladies bonspiel. Presenting the team with the Joanne Lanktree memorial plaque are two of her daughters, Sherry Forest and Susan Whynott.



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Panther Points

The Manitoulin Panthers organization hosted the NOHA U15 B division Tournament of Champions this past weekend. The host team got off to a quick start Friday morning, downing the North Bay Trappers 4-1. Next up was a hard fought, penalty-filled tilt against the Powassan Hawks, which ended with the Panthers coming back to tie it on a 2-2 marker by Cooper Farquhar. Saturday morning saw another 2-2 result as the Panthers battled the tough Temiskaming Shores Puckhounds, while Saturday night, their position in playdowns secured and playing loose, fast hockey, the Panthers downed the Iroquois Falls side 8–2!

That left the Panthers in the Sunday morning semis against the Puckhounds, and the fans were in for a treat. The Hounds came out flying and were up by 2 after the first period. The second stayed scoreless and the clock was winding down on the Panthers in the third when, still down 2, Max McLeod ripped a shot in to make it 2-1 with under 5 minutes remaining. Anders Watson tipped a point shot in at 1:55 to tie it up and the teams played out regulation in an end-to-end battle. In overtime, the teams were again trading rush after rush when Memphis Shawanda gathered a rebound in his end, and, spotting Anders open near centre, hit him with a perfect stretch pass up the middle. Sent in alone, Anders made no mistake, roofed a wrister, elating the packed house home crowd, and the Panthers side was off to the finals against North Bay with a 3-2 win.

In Sunday's afternoon final, North Bay drew first blood and were up 1-0 at the end of the first. Things were looking bleak as the second wound down, but Anders notched the tying goal with just 3 seconds left. So, the season, and the championship, was down to the last 15 minutes to decide it. In the third, Anders got his second five minutes in, then completed his natural hatty with two minutes left. Now down 3-1, a desperate North Bay side pulled their goalie, and Cooper Farquhar put the game out of doubt with an empty netter, and your Manitoulin Panthers were 4-1 winners and the U15 B NOHA Champions.

Congratulations, Panthers team, goalies Declan McGonegal and Liam Stephens, players Charmaine Webkamigad, Brayden Armstrong, Ryan Carter, Roen Deschenes, Spencer Cortes, Lincoln Rancourt, Memphis Shawanda, Cohen Rajotte, Bryden Romaniuk, Chase Taylor, Colten Martin, Alex Bourcier, Colten Holmes, Max McLeod, Cooper Farquhar and Anders Watson. Congrats as well to Head Coach Scott Stephens, Manager Ashley Taylor, Trainers Roxanne Romaniuk and Curt Watson, Assistant Coaches Nelson Deschenes and Reid Taylor. Additionally, a huge shout-out to the rock solid team of Panther volunteers who did the town and the Island proud by running a flawless championship weekend.

Island lad wraps season with hardware!

Mindemoya's Jack Bridgeman and his U15 AA Nickel City Son teammates were off to Powassan for the NOHA U 15 AA Tournament of Champions this past weekend. Jack opened the game and his tournament with a natural hat trick, then set up goal #4 as the Sons, backstopped brilliantly by Jacob Beaudet, skated to a 5-0 win against the Hearst Kapuskasing Regional Express. Next up for the Sons were the host North Bay Trappers, quickly dispatched 3-0 behind another stellar performance between the pipes, this time from goalie Nico Guenette. Meanwhile, rival Copper Cliff Reds had strung together 3 wins, so when the Sons faced the Reds Saturday afternoon, it was a battle for 1st in round robin and a more favourable seeding going into Sunday's semis. The Sons came out flying, Jacob stood tall again in net and the end of the game saw the Sons standing in 1st with a decisive 4–0 win. With the 1st through 4th seeding set, the Sons' last game Saturday night meant nothing, and they played like it, saving their energies for Sunday while losing 3–1 to the Soo. Jack though, finished at the top of the round robin scoring table with 5 goals and 3 assists in 4 games.

Sunday's semi was against the HKRE side again, and the Sons burst out of the gate early, going up 3–0 in the first before taking a 4–0 lead. The Express fought back in the third period, notching 2 quick markers before Jack took the wind from their rally sails with his first of the game to add on to his 3 assists, and the Sons were off to the final. The Soo had beaten the Reds in the other semi, so a rematch of the Saturday night game was on, this time with the title on the line. The Soo potted a quick seeing eye marker, and then another puck pinballed its way in, and the Sons were down 2-0 early. Forced into a more defensive posture, the Sons struggled to find their game, and an aggressive Soo penalty kill nullified the explosive Sons' power play. Turned out it just wasn't in the cards for the Sudbury team, and the game would finish 2-0 for the Soo. Jack claimed the tournament scoring title with 12 points in 6 games, but individual accolades are little solace in team sport. Congrats to Jack and the Sons on their silver medal and a wildly successful season.

Bradley McAllister Memorial Tournament

The annual memorial to Bradley McAllister hockey tournament was again a success, attracting a full slate of 12 teams. Winning the Women's division was the Providence Bay Beaches who were undefeated with the impressive roster including: Alayna Cranston, Brooke Addison, Randi Lovelace, Whittier Gauthier, Kyla Vaillancourt, Harmony Kaiser-Fox, Abbie Heins, Hailey Prior, Jacey Varey, Janelle Manitowabi. One key player who was missing was Maddy Niven who had a prior commitment as the coach of the U18 Manitowaning Wolves at the Valley East Tournament where they won as the 'B' Island Champs as they were the only team to beat Gore Bay, who won it all! Maddy was so dedicated, she rushed back from Sudbury in time to see her team win and even get in the trophy picture!

Winning the Sportsmen "A" division was Team King, who are always competitive. The team includes a father and sons trio of **John Ainslie**, **Tyler King** and **Cole King** as well as **Mitchal Payette** and **Stuart Pearson**.

Inaugural tourney a hit!

Congratulations to **Ralph Gonawabi** who hosted his first ever tournament in Wiikwemkoong over the weekend. It was a co-ed, 3-on-3 format for youth and attracted over 35 players! Many thanks to the six volunteer coaches who helped out: **Shane Manitowabi, Bryan McGregor, Meeshan Maiangowi, Lyle Peltier, Ruby Trudeau** and **John Goodfellow**.

Players were selected by a draft style, making all four teams as equal as possible, resulting in games close and entertaining. Ralph secured sponsors for the ice time, refs, timekeeper, food, trophies and medals. Thanks to Prevention Services, Chase The Ace, Rainbow Ridge Golf Course, R.H.L. and Jen Recollect Catering. Team 4 ended up winning the championship. Their roster featured: Lennox Trudeau, Colin Goodfellow, Carlyn Simon, Peyton Kaboni, Seth Bennett, River Sagan, Mikita Wemigwans, coaches John Goodfellow and Ruby Trudeau. Ralph extends a chi-miigwetch to everyone involved and hopes to see you next year. Of course, thanks to Ralph for providing a great event for local youth!

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teams spoke to judges

For the first time in several years, MSS will have a yearbook for students to purchase as a keepsake of their time in high school. Creating the yearbook doubles as a co-op for the students putting it together. Coops give students work experience while simultaneously earning them toward their credits graduation. These students, Tessa Merrylees, Evan Moggy-Buie and Hailey Ferguson, have been working diligently since the start of the second semester to put this together. The yearbook will include memories

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

of school events, class photos, sports events and much more!

The MSS robotics team, Manitoulin Metal, traveled to their first competition this season over the weekend. Twenty-seven of the team's members took off for Nipissing University on Friday, March 22 where 31 other teams (and their

robots) met them. The team's robot, affectionately named Ludwig Von BEEtoven, competed in several matches against teams from all over Ontario, winning some and losing some. Manitoulin Metal placed 17th with their robot overall. While robots were whirring on the playing field, the business and build





Many hands make light work on the robot.



Students with the Chancellor of Nipissing University and their book, 'Robofriends and the Mowzone.'

about the team's outreach efforts like their elementary school visits, waste clean-ups, and international assistance to other teams, along with several other initiatives. The judges seemed very impressed with the team's children's book, 'Robofriends And The Mow Zone.' After three days full of robot repairs, strategy, interviews and fun, Manitoulin Metal is taking home the Engineering Inspiration Award that "celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school or organization and community." Lead Mentor Yana Bauer was also recognized as a Woodie Flowers Award nominee. Manitoulin Metal will be leaving for the McMaster tournament on Thursday, March 28 where 6865 will have the opportunity to compete again. For those interested, you can follow the team's journey @ frc6865 on Instagram and Facebook. It is almost midterms

and that means...parent-teacher interviews! The interviews took place on Wednesday, March 27. Teachers and their student's guardians conferenced about student progress and what the next steps should look like moving forward. Parent-teacher interviews also serve as a volunteering opportunity for students.

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

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The ideal candidate will possess a combination of experience and relevant education in municipal government. A CPA, CGA or CMA designation would be considered an asset. Strong communication skills combined with a solid understanding of municipal finance are a necessity. A detailed job description is available on the Municipal website.

The salary range of \$75,800.00 - \$105,000.00 and is complemented by an excellent benefit package.

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

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Expositor Correction

Kaelan Peltier was incorrectly identified in a Page 1 headline in the March 20 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor as Kaelan Shawana. The Expositor regrets the error and apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.



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:

CONTRACT positions: Sudbury:

Youth Cultural Outreach Worker: Closes March 29, 2024 Youth Outreach Worker: Closes March 29, 2024 After Hours: Youth Outreach Worker: Closes March 29, 2024

Manitoulin Island:

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All postings close at 4pm EST

To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at **hr@kgcfs.org**, ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at:

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

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by Dorah L. Williams

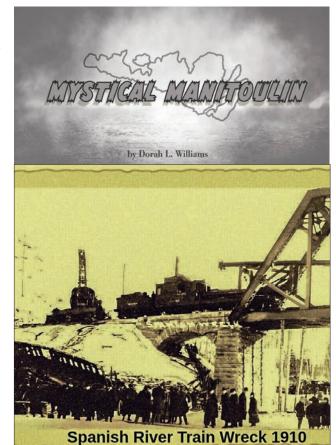
In moments of extreme duress, people often direct their entire focus toward thoughts of their loved ones and feel an overwhelming need to be with them-even if that requires transcending physical limita-

Let's explore this compelling concept with the following mystical anecdotes. Both readers share stories of century-old railway tragedies in Northern Ontario, which occurred only two years apart. But even more significantly, they both demonstrate the incredible determination and power of the human mind, will or spirit.

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

The Current River Reckoning

"When I was a young kid, I overheard my parents and aunt discussing some family history in hushed tones. Naturally, that piqued my curiosity, so I listened intently to what was being said, and



I've always remembered

They were discussing great-grandparents and saying it was thanks to fate that all of us are here today because of what occurred way back in 1908. My great-grandfather could have died in the tragedy, as others did, or he could have left my

altogether as was planned had his journey not been so dramatically changed on that date.

My great-grandparents were "courting" (as they called it in those days), my great-grandmother was "the girl next door." But his life's ambition was to be a train engineer and settle out west, and he was

always determined to do that. That would be a solo adventure, ending my great-grandmother's hopes of marrying him. They said their goodbyes, and he started off on his long journey. However, as his trip proceeded, it was abruptly interrupted at

Port Arthur (now Thunder Bay).

She didn't know when. or if, she'd ever see or hear from him again when they parted ways. But then she had a deeply disturbing dream, not too long after his departure, in which he appeared to her in great distress.

In this dream, he told her about the train wreck the Current River Dam. Five men had been killed. He was distraught and kept saying he was returning home and no

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EDUCATION MANAGER (OPEN UNTIL FILLED)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Whitefish River First Nation is a dynamic Indigenous community that is seeking a dedicated, innovative and detail-oriented Education Manager to join our team!

The primary function of the Education Manager is to oversee and manage the educational programs and services within Whitefish River First Nation. These activities include ensuring that the education system aligns with the cultural values and needs of the community members, implementing educational policies and initiatives, coordinating curriculum development and delivery, managing the budget and resources for education and collaborating with various stakeholders such as teachers, parents and government agencies. The Education Manager works towards providing quality education and promoting the academic success and well-being of all students within the First Nation community with the support and guidance of the Education Committee.

Responsibilities:

eadership and Administration:

- Develop and implement strategic plans and educational initiatives in consultation with the Education Committee.
- Establish policies that align with the cultural values of the Whitefish River First Nation community.
- Coordinaté and manage all education programs and services, including early childhood education, elementary, secondary, post-secondary and adult education.

• Collaborate with the principal, teachers, curriculum specialists and community members to develop culturally relevant and inclusive curriculum materials as needed.

Develop and manage the education budget, ensuring efficient resource allocation.

 Identify funding opportunities, write proposals and coordinate financial reporting to secure and maintain funding.

- Build positive relationships and maintain effective communication with parents/caregivers, students, teachers, Elders, First Nation leadership and government agencies.

 • Collaborate with external partners to enhance educational opportunities, access to resources
- and community involvement.

- Provide guidance and support to students, parents/caregivers and teachers on educational
- Implement strategies to enhance student engagement, attendance and retention.

Collect and analyze data on student achievement, attendance and other educational indicators

- Cultural Integration and Language Revitalization • Promote the integration of cultural values, Anishinabek knowledge, worldview and language
- throughout the education system.
- Provide education navigation and resources to students and parents/caregivers, including application assistance for post-secondary education.

- Supervise Shawanosowe School principal, day care supervisor, librarian, education assistant and bus driver(s).
- Conduct annual performance evaluations for supervised employees.

For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca **Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's or Master's degree in education, administration or a related field.
- Knowledge of Anishinabek culture, history and educational issues with a particular emphasis on local history and culture.
- Experience in Ánishinabek educational leadership and administration.
- Familiarity with education legislation, policies and funding mechanisms in Canada.
- Strong interpersonal communication and facilitation skills with the ability to build relationships and engage diverse stakeholders.
- Excellent organizational and project management abilities, including budgeting and resource management.
- Proficiency in data analysis and report writing.
- Sensitivity to cross-cultural and linguistic diversity within the First Nation community.
- Experience with program development and evaluation processes • Experience with education strategies and initiatives related to Indigenous education.
- Experience writing proposals, policies, procedures and reports.
- Experience working with schools, school boards and external education bodies.

Knowledge Requirements:

- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin (preferred) and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people. • Knowledge and understanding of the Anishinabek Education System and Kinoomaadziwin
- Education Body.
- Knowledgeable about federal and provincial legislation, regulations and programs related to
- Indigenous education operations and First Nation student learning needs.

 Knowledge of First Nation communities and funding structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices in program and service delivery.
- Knowledge of local education programs and services available to the WRFN band members.

Other Skills

- Excellent interpersonal, problem-solving and written and oral communication skills. Ability to work independently and within a team environment.
- Capability to handle challenges and conflicts professionally.

Candidates are requested to submit an application that will include an updated cover letter and resume detailing education, qualifications and work experience as related to the position, including contact information for two (2) professional references and one (1) character reference to:

> **Confidential: Education Manager** c/o Human Resources, Whitefish River First Nation 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

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

great-grandmother's life

FULL-TIME TEACHER

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Shawanosowe School

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of Teacher, commencing September 2024. Shawanosowe School is an Indigenous school governed under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. This community-centered school focuses on academic achievement while providing a grounding in culture and identity and nurturing children's gifts. WRFN is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that embraces diversity and enriches learning opportunities for students and staff at Shawanosowe School.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated:

- An understanding of the significant role that Anishinaabe Aadziwin plays in a First Nations school. Your appreciation for these elements will help foster a sense of identity and belonging among our students.
- Achieve academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents.
- To ensure all students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe
- Achieve academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and
- to communicate effectively with parents. Develops lesson plans and manages learning experiences, curricular and extracurricular to ensure that the needs of the class and individual students are
- Identify, select and modify instructional resources to meet the needs of students with varying backgrounds, learning styles and high needs.
- For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

Candidates must hold an Ontario Teaching Certificate with an active licence with the Ontario College of Teachers along with:

- Bachelor's degree in Education.
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior Intermediate.
- Additional qualifications in Special Education would be considered an asset.
- At least 3+ years of teaching experience.
- Must have excellent planning and organizational skills.
- Strong computer skills in various software and programs.
- Up-to-date First Aid and CPR.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities would be considered an asset.
- Knowledge of First Nation culture, traditions and language would be an asset (or the willingness to learn).
- Strong computer skills in various software and programs relevant to the position.

Candidates are requested to submit an application that will include an updated cover letter and resume detailing education and qualifications, including contact information for two (2) professional references and one (1) character reference to:

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

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...Mystical Manitoulin

...continued from page 3A longer wanted to work on the trains. He promised to return to her and his parents as soon as possible and never leave again.

The following day, the tragic news reached my great-grandmother the rest of great-grandfather's family and friends that there had indeed been a terrible train wreck that night in May of 1908 due to the CPR tracks and two bridges being swept away when the Current River dam burst in the catastrophic flooding in present day Thunder Bay (then Port Arthur) precisely as he had described to her in detail in her dream.

Everyone was horrified to hear the news, of course. The names of the three CPR employees killed in the accident were reported. But two more men who had also died were still unidenti-

My great-grandmother assured everyone he was not dead, though. She said he was distraught, unlike she had seen him before, but physically unharmed, and he promised to return to them soon.

recounted dream to many people at the time and apparently spoke of it occasionally throughout the rest of her life. But although she remained in awe of that experience, it must have seemed to those around her that she was in shock or complete denial. How could she know all that for a fact as soon as it happened, so far away? (Remember, this was in 1908, long before the days of 24hour news channels and social media, and even telephones were few and far between.)

In her dream, he said he would return home as soon as possible, no longer wanting to work on the trains out west. Sure enough, that is precisely what happened. Instead of completing his original journey, he headed back home as soon as he was able. They married soon afterwards and raised a family.

But it was said that experience "changed him" from the carefree, adventurous young man he had once been. He never spoke of that train wreck to anyone except my great-grandmother. And only that one time, in a dream the night of the accident. He somehow found a way to be with her, tell her what had happened, and show her

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how deeply that tragedy affected him."

The Worst Train Wreck

"I am 89 years old and have accumulated stories in my lifetime of strange happenings right across Canada. It all started with my own experience. I was so profoundly touched that it changed my cynical view of life and the hereafter.

So, in my lifetime, I would ask friends, family, and sometimes strangers if they ever experienced inexplicable happenings. Here is one of those sto-

I was in the habit of going to the library every Wednesday evening. I could not help but notice an elderly lady from my apartment block doing the same thing. In no time, we were going together and stopping at a little restaurant on our way home.

We discussed the books we enjoyed reading, and it was a good time. Eventually, I got around to asking her if she ever experienced anything unusual that she knew about or had heard about. She said she remembered her father telling the family of an apparition that occurred at the time of the region's worst train wreck.

The following Wednesday we went to the library and got all the details from the newspaper concerning the train wreck of 1910. This is how she remembers the story:

A salesman for an insurance company was on that train, probably in the dining car. It was Friday, January 21, 1910. CPR Train #7, consisting of seven cars pulled by Engine #115, was approaching the Spanish River bridge (on present-day Highway 17 be-

McKerrow and tween Nairn Centre). Suddenly, the second-class car separated from the front of it. turned sideways and rammed into the bridge.

Half the train plummeted into the ice 27 feet below, and the other half was engulfed in flames. The first-class car cut like a knife through a foot of ice and then disappeared from view. The dining car followed, standing on end, the kitchen section remaining out of the water. Meanwhile, the Pullman had jumped the embankment and flopped over on its side, injuring every occupant. The fate of the other cars was worse.

Inside the partly submerged dining car, the conductor groped around in the frigid water, trying to find a way out for him and 13 passengers. He helped several people cling to coat hooks or anything else they could hang onto just to keep above the water.

For some, his help was too late. Too badly hurt to move, they either drowned or had been killed on impact. Bruised, battered and cut severely on the head, the conductor finally found an opening. Breaking a window, he reached the surface and climbed on top of the car. Through the window, he pulled out a young boy and a man. Together, they broke a large hole in the roof and rescued those who remained alive.

Over 40 people perished in the wreck out of about one hundred passengers.

In the meantime, that very night, the salesman's wife was having her last cup of tea before bed when she heard what she thought was her husband's step on the porch. She opened the door to meet him. He stood there with a stricken look on his face, struggling to speak but able only to manage a gasp, and disappear.

This upset her greatly, and she ran to her neighbour's. A doctor was called. She was given a sedative and spent the night at her neighbour's.

The next day, her husband arrived home safely. He explained he had been in an accident. There was, floundering in the dark, cold water. He thought he was finished, but his next thought was of his wife. How would she manage without him?

The conductor who rescued him was later decorated with the Albert Medal by King Edward

Can the spirit of the living independently seek out another in exceptional circumstances?

Stories of visitations from apparitions of the deceased are intriguing but not uncommon. How fascinating, though, to consider that a living person could suddenly appear before us when they are in distress far away, or come to us in our dreams with vital and verifiable information in real-time that couldn't be known otherwise.

Perhaps the power of the mind and the determination of the spirit are capable of overcoming any obstacle when most needed.

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

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



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



ANNIE BALFE



Whether it's a volleyball, basketball, racket, weights or spikes in hand, Annie is always looking for an opportunity to move! Growing up in an active household, Annie has been immersed in the world of athletics from a young age, giving her a passion for sports that does not go unnoticed. Wrapping up her final years sporting the black and gold, Annie has proven to be a valuable asset to various MSS teams, bringing a high level of skill, competitiveness and laughs to Mustang athletics, setting the standard for the next generation

Before Annie was a Mustang, she was an Eagle, rocking the purple jersey for her elementary years. At Central Manitoulin Public School, Annie took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in cross country, flag football, three pitch, soccer, volleyball, basketball and track and field. The wide variety of different sports is something Annie loves about athletics. Although she was recognized as a standout player in various sports throughout her public school years, and contributed to successful volleyball and badminton teams, she had exceptionally stellar results in both cross country and track, consistently earning accolades for finishing in the top three on the Island.

With COVID pushing Annie to the sidelines for her Grade 9 year, she was eager to get involved in what she loves most in Grade 10. Her debut as a Mustang was made in basketball shorts, as she played on the senior girls' basketball team. Only being in Grade 10, Annie played a key role in helping her team to reach the NOSSA finals, earning a silver medal. Little did she know she would soon be back to another NOSSA championship. As if one sport a season wasn't enough, Annie was also dedicated to the cross country team. After sweeping the junior girls' division at NSSSA, Annie ran at NOSSA, placing 6th in Northern Ontario and helping her team to take the division champion banner home. This performance punched her ticket to the OFSAA Cross Country Championships, where she stood on the podium with a gold medal alongside her teammates! On to her third sport in the third month of the school year, Annie was a member of the junior girls' volleyball team that scored a perfect season in league play, taking their first loss at NOSSA. In the final court season of the team, Annie played singles in the junior girls' category, capturing a gold medal at NSSSA and NOSSA! Finally, as the warm weather prevailed, Annie busted out her spikes, jumping and sprinting her way to yet another gold at NOSSA and a stellar 4th place finish in triple jump at OFSAA!

Heading into her Grade 11 year, Annie missed the purple of her elementary school days and signed with the Lo-Ellen Park Prep basketball team. Annie made the commitment to travel across Ontario to play various teams at a high level. She explains that her love for basketball stems from the competitive outlet it provides. As her prep season wrapped up, Annie returned to MSS, where she played co-ed volleyball, badminton and track and field. This year, Annie returned to Lo-Ellen for the first half of her senior year, dominating the basketball court in Sudbury. Upon her return, she plans on playing badminton and competing in track and field once

When Annie finally takes off the black and gold or purple jersey, she can be found working out, studying or baking. In the summer months, Annie enjoys playing baseball in the annual Mindemoya tournament as well as swimming, spending time with friends and

Despite her busy schedule, Annie still finds time to dedicate to academics. She explains that her favourite class is calculus because she enjoys the challenge and thinking critically and loves the life

With her graduation approaching on the calendar, Annie has decided to hold on to the purple of CMPS and Lo-Ellen and continue to compete as a Mustang at Western University, where she will play varsity basketball while pursuing kinesiology. At the moment, she has aspirations to become a physiotherapist or a sports medicine

With Annie's dedication and fun loving attitude, she is sure to reach all of her goals on and off the court!



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Beach Sampling and West Nile Virus Students (2)

Full-time Temporary (between June 10, 2024 (negotiable) and August 30, 2024) - Recruitment #24-119 (Non-union)

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Resumés will be accepted until **April 3, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.** For all the details on this position and for application instructions, please visit www.phsd.ca or call Recruitment at (705) 522-9200, ext. 570. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, we will contact only those selected for an interview.



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