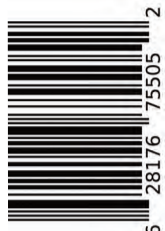


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## The monarchy in Canada: two viewpoints

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Sparked by the Saturday coronation of King Charles III as Canada's new head of state, The Expositor asked two Manitoulin Island students of history to reflect on the occasion, the past and the future. They are Professor Wayne Hunt of Mount Allison University and Kagawong and Dominic Beaudry of Wiik-wemkoong Unceded Territory, a lifelong educator.*

### The coronation as a making and unmaking of history

by Dr. Wayne Hunt

Canadian economist John Kenneth Galbraith once observed that by the laws of thermodynamics a bee cannot fly before adding, wryly, that the bee is thus a very insecure insect. The same point can be made, with emphasis, about the British monarchy.



Several centuries ago, in making the case for a departure from old world values and hierarchies, Thomas Paine wrote that a hereditary king was as paradoxical as a hereditary doctor or hereditary mathematician; closer to our time, the Labour politician and

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### A new leader to proceed with colonization

by Dominic Beaudry

Not my king. I view this event as a tragic manifestation—as a theft of Turtle Island, an abomination.



Our people self-governed in our ancient civilization and the colonizer never consulted with due respect but instead provided humiliation and degradation.

This despicable celebration is the continuation of an heir with savage imagination. The royals have ruled with lies and fiction to charge with their greed and massive corruption.

The Anishinaabe will not partake in this fictitious celebration—we will plan for a meaningful and true reconciliation.

Canada does not require a royal commemoration. This so-called king will only bring destruction and human devastation.

He is our king only in their imagination. We are Anishinaabe, an ancient civilization.



Staff carriers Sherry Peltier and Stitch Manitowabi lead a walk on Red Dress Day, May 5, a day dedicated to raising awareness around Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited people in Canada. The walkers made their way from Little Current to Whitefish River First Nation. **SEE RED DRESS DAY STORIES ON PAGE 11.**

photo by Michael Erskine

## 'Red Alert' program proposed to help missing Indigenous women

by Tom Sasvari

OTTAWA—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) along with the Anishinabek Nation and the Chiefs of Ontario are all in support of the House of Commons supporting a motion last week declaring the deaths and disappearances of Indigenous women and girls a Canada-wide emergency and calls for funding for a new system to alert the public when someone goes missing.

"This could go a long way to finding these women before they are murdered or reported as being missing for a long time," stated MP Hughes. "Yes, I was definitely in support of this motion."

"Indigenous women continue to be subjected to violence and the number of those who never return to their families continues to rise," said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe. "MMIWG2S+ is a crucial priority for the Anishinabek

Nation as it is for other Indigenous nations and communities across the continent."

Grand Council Chief Niganobe recently wrote to the federal and provincial governments to raise concerns and support the creation of an interagency Red Dress

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## UCCM Police Service denied federal funding after human rights suit

*UCCM one of three Indigenous police services suing federal government, now denied extension of support*

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—A group of First Nations police forces in Ontario, including the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS), is suing the federal government as it has stopped providing funding to the police due to an impasse in negotiations. The curtailment of funds threatens the continued operations of the police services.

James Killeen, chief of police for the UCCM APS told The Expositor on Friday that as of March 31, the tripartite funding agreement (including the UCCM APS, the federal and Ontario government) expired. Now the federal government has discontinued funding to three police services, the UCCM APS, Treaty Three Police Service and the Anishinabek Police Service, because the three police services have not signed a new police agreement.

The three police services have now filed an expedited judicial order to flow federal funding.

Chief of Police Killeen advised that, "across Canada, only First Nations policing has funding that is stopped or threatened to be cut off when an agreement expires. This is not something that is experienced with federal (RCMP), provincial or municipal police services. It is very distinct to First Nation policing. It makes no sense, and it causes a lot of anxiety for our officers and community members."

The Globe and Mail reported

May 5 that documents filed in federal court last Wednesday by the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario, which represents the province's nine Indigenous-run police forces, acknowledged the three police forces have stopped receiving federal government funding. Their operations are paid for through the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program, a federally administered program under which the federal government shares the costs of policing in Indigenous communities with provincial governments.

The Expositor previously reported that the program is plagued by funding shortages and other problems. The federal government has said it is preparing legislation that would create a new financial system for Indigenous policing, but the plan has not yet materialized.

The group's legal action seeks an expedited judicial order directing the federal government to give funds to the affected reserves, which the court filing says are already dealing with "high crime rates, addictions and mental health challenges."

The three affected First Nations police forces had funding contracts that expired on March 31. Negotiations for new contracts have broken down, according to the filing, and the police chiefs say their forces don't receive any new money without

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## Island child care in manpower crisis

*Parents, employers, encouraged to voice concerns to province*

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Islanders are being strongly encouraged to voice their concerns about the current childcare crisis to the province. This includes families whose children are on a waiting list for childcare at Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), employers who can't hire staff because parents without access to childcare can't work, and all childcare agencies in the district.

"We need support from the government to pay

staff properly and value the true work we provide," MFR Children's Services Program Director Diana St. Pierre told The Expositor.

In a letter to parents whose children are on the childcare waitlist at MFR, Ms. St. Pierre invited parents to help advocate for better childcare funding in Ontario. "The waitlists in our district are long and continue to grow, as well as in all of Ontario," she wrote. "The province's Canadian-wide Early Learn-

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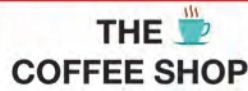
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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



The Rotary Club of Gore Bay recognized several members of the club and members of the community for their volunteer efforts with a prestigious award last week. Paul Harris awards were presented to back row left to right Dave Rogalsky, Tom Sasvari, Peter Carter and front row, seated, Mona Lewis.

## Rotary Club recognizes club, volunteers with prestigious Paul Harris Awards

by **Expositor staff**

GORE BAY—While the Rotary Club of Gore Bay has had a fantastic year supporting the community and many causes, the club, at its annual dinner held last week at Waters Edge Restaurant in Gore Bay, recognized two of its members and four other members of the community for their efforts with the prestigious Paul Harris Award, including The Expositor's own Tom Sasvari.

"The Paul Harris Award is the highest honour a Rotary Club can bestow on an individual," said Rotarian Marlene Bowers. "Tonight, we are here to recognize the significant contribution's tonight's recipients have made in our community."

"Many of you must be wondering who Paul Harris was and why we give an award in his name," said Ms. Bowers. "The short answer is Paul Harris was a Chicago lawyer who founded the Rotary with three of his friends. The Paul Harris Fellow Program was established by Rotary International in 1957."

"The symbolism in this award recognition is to say thank you for making a difference in your community and in the lives of less fortunate people in the

world," continued Ms. Bowers. "By accepting this pin, you will join a family of well over 950,000 Paul Harris Fellows worldwide. Besides members of your club, you stand with notables such as Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Anan, Prince Charles, Indira Ghandi, Luciano Pavarotti, King Hussein of Jordan and Pope John Paul II."

"The Paul Harris recipient goes above and beyond in serving our community through promoting change and understanding," continued Ms. Bowers. "No act of goodwill is too little."

"Our first recipient tonight is (Rotarian) Peter Carter," said Rotary president Keith McKeen. "Peter has been in the Rotary Club for five years. He is a big part of the club now and it was Peter who started the (Bay to Bay Bicycle Century Bike Ride) which raises thousands of dollars every year for good causes. The Ride is probably our biggest fundraiser every year with funds going towards food insecurity on the island to Manitoulin Family Resources food bank and the Lyons Memorial United Church for its food

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## C.C. McLean school student qualifies for provincial public speaking competition

by **Tom Sasvari**

GORE BAY—Amara Wilson-Zegil, a student at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay has qualified for the Royal Canadian Legion provincial speech competition for the second time. In her speech Amara manages to link Marvel comic character Wolverine to Winston Churchill over the course of four-and-a-half minutes.

"My speech is about fear," Amara told The Expositor. "I wanted to talk about the different fears people have, and how they can develop their public speaking abilities. I spoke about the science behind fear, different types of fear and how one very famous person, Winston Churchill had the fear of public speaking but moved on from this to become a great orator."

Amara, who is 13, competes in the Grade 7-9 division.

"Imagine yourself as one of the world's greatest superheroes," states Amara in her speech, talking about Marvel comic character Wolverine, "who would not step on a plane, go up a ladder or on rooftops, as he had a fear of heights. Five percent of the world's population has a fear of heights, about 400 million people in the world, like Wolverine, which would rather stay on the ground."



Charles C. McLean Public School student Amara Wilson-Zegil, second from right, receives an award for winning her division at the Royal Canadian Legion Zone speech competition held in Onaping Falls in April. Amara qualified for the provincial competition held this past weekend in Stouffville.

In the case of Winston Churchill, who would go on to become one of the world's greatest orators, Amara said that he also had gloss phobia. "Winston Churchill was a hero to many, but years before he became famous when he was elected as a new member of parliament (within the British government), he froze for three entire minutes."

After that failed attempt at public speaking Mr. Churchill vowed to become a refined presenter and spent years practicing his technique, meticulously outlining his

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## Former Expositor staffer launches historical web series

by **Michael Erskine**

SUDBURY—Warren Schlote is a man of many hats. Former railroad man, multi award-winning Expositor staff writer, CBC radio host/researcher/technician, jazz pianist, clarinet player, cinematographer and now, producer. This past Thursday witnessed the launch of Mr. Schlote's latest YouTube series 'Living History,' in which the intrepid producer explores Ontario locations where artifacts of history are still visible today.

"I decided to take time away from my many jobs to work on a project



Warren Schlote discusses a deadly train crash in his first episode of 'Living History,' out now.

## Gayle Payette receives prestigious N. Ontario Hockey Assoc. award

by **Tom Sasvari**

M'CHIGEENG—For her close to 30 years of volunteering efforts in minor hockey locally and provincially, Gayle Payette was nominated by all members of the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) and was awarded with the prestigious 2023 Angus Campbell Merit Award by the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA).

"It's a great honour to receive the Angus Campbell Merit Award," stated Ms. Payette after receiving the award at the NOHA annual meeting in Timmins, last Saturday. "I actually shed a couple of tears when I received the call from Sue (Shepherdson, NOHA president) the other day."

"And then I got to thinking, 'what have I done to deserve this?' So, I thought about my years of hockey involvement and of all the great connections that have been made and the most important

thing that came to mind was the players," said Ms. Payette. "Each of us have stepped up, committed, put forth our best effort for the players and the love of the game. I

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Gayle Payette, right, is presented with the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) Angus Campbell Merit Award by Sue Shepherdson, president of the NOHA.

## No final decision made on fate of Norisle despite calls for its disposal

by **Tom Sasvari**

ASSIGINACK—While a suggestion had been made for a resolution to be brought forward for the disposal of the SS Norisle from the Manitowaning harbour by an Assiginack councillor at a meeting last week, all options are still on the table as far as its future.

"We all received the email today from the (Norisle) Steamship Society," said Mayor Brenda Reid at a council meeting last week. "They did not provide much in news. I'd like to report something has taken place, but we didn't receive any news on that or a timetable when this will be provided. So, I am reporting that we are still looking at all options. We are having trouble getting in touch with a salvage company to find out what they can do. We will have to continue to look at all options."

Councillor Dwayne Elliott noted the letter from the steamship society indicates they have \$1 million in government grants.

"Do we know what the expected cost of this whole project would be?" asked Councillor Janice Bowerman.

"I will let that come from them," said Councillor Rob Maguire. "I need to hear this from the horse's mouth, but funding is accessible."

"Anyone worth their salt in business knows there is going to have to be funding accessible and know the issues the Norisle has," said Councillor Elliott. "I think it

would be better to have an actual resolution in place for the disposal of the Norisle. And we need to get information on what this is going to cost. This conversation has been brought to the table numerous times. And we have no direction from the society. We need direction from the society and what the plans are. We have a letter, but it doesn't tell us enough."

Councillor Maguire said that "there is history behind all of this that council may not be aware of. Some items are sensitive issues

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## Midway part of Haweater 2023 slate of events

by **Alicia McCutcheon**

LITTLE CURRENT—Lights, camera, action! The Little Current Lions Club is getting ready to roll out the red carpet on another edition of Haweater Weekend in August as they welcome Haweaters from near and far to 'Haw-lywood.'

Haweater Weekend co-chairs Lion Bruce Burnett and Lion Lori Draper were eager to share the big news with The Expositor that the Lions have secured a special surprise for Haweater, August 4-6.

"Gable Concessions will be setting up on Friday (August 4) through to Sunday evening at the NEMI rec centre parking lot," Lion Lori said. "They are bringing with them a minimum of six midway rides, game trailers and a food trailer" with all your favourite carnival food offerings.

Another new offering at Haweater 2023 is the Haweater Cup Bass Derby as part of the Huron Bass Tour Classic on Saturday, August 5. Only 30 teams can register for this new event with a winner-take-all cash prize on offer—\$9,600. Ten percent of the entry fee is also being kicked back to the Lion Club.

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anti-monarchist, Tony Benn, said that hereditary monarchies made as much sense as hereditary airline pilots. So, the question is: why are they still with us? From this, other questions follow, starting with why, at Charles III's coronation, was Charles III confirmed as King of Canada and King of other Commonwealth Countries? One question follows upon another—questions that came to my own mind as I participated in a recent conference in London, England on relations between Canada and the United Kingdom.

At that event, a former UK High Commissioner to Canada quoted poll after poll to show the declining relevance of the monarchy for a younger demographic in each and every Commonwealth Country as many places considered severing formal ties with the monarchy. In this particular reading of events, the British monarchy had uncomfortable links with the most excruciating excesses of British imperialism, including the slave trade.

But this was not the view of the monarchy that I could see on the streets of London on coronation weekend. Flags everywhere, street parties everywhere, and despite the rain, happiness everywhere—on full public display. Not everyone, however, gave full-throated support to the monarchy. Protestors too were out in force, festooned not with Union Jacks, but with placards that read 'Not My King,' or more unsettling in its implications, 'I Did Not Elect Charles!' as if the ballot box was the only way to bring people together in societies. (But of that, more later. For now, it is simply important to note that people have a legitimate right to protest in a democratic society and this right was cut short by the actions of the police, who too quickly followed recent Conservative government legislation in curbing protest



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movements. Too many of these people were taken away in handcuffs.)

The truth is that the monarchy survives because it is above politics. King Charles has always had strong views on environmentalism and public architecture. His is a view, not always in fashion, that we should be stewards of the land and that we should hold this view as a sacred trust stretching from far in our past to far in the future, for generations yet to be born. It was thereby fitting that prior to the coronation ceremonies he met with our first Indigenous Governor General, Mary Simon, and other Indigenous leaders from Canada. The coronation itself was an amalgam of old and new. From the past, came long-venerated symbols and ceremonies, with the most sacred being the private anointment of the King with holy oil, along with the declaration that he is Defender of the Faith, rather than, as he has many times declared, to be Defender of Faith. (A provision missing in the Canadian version of the ceremony.) Charles insisted on a multifaith ceremony, and this

was much in evidence.

When it comes to a description of what followed in Westminster Abbey words fail. The spectacle was magnificent. This was British ceremonial practice on display for the entire world. The actor, Stephen Fry, a close friend of the King, described it as "extraordinary and remarkable," descriptions that in themselves do not come close to taking in what was actually happening. The music was for the heavens, sublime in every way, but I suspect that first among equals in this respect will be the singing of Sir Bryn Terfel's rendition along with the choir of Westminster of 'Kyrie Eleison'—and performed for the first time in Welsh at a coronation. Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' was equal in beauty but did not match the historic context. There were many scene-stealers, starting with the youngest generation of Royals who took their place in the sacred ceremonial practices but for many of the television-watchers, it was Queen Camilla's day. She secured her crown, along with her place in history.

For the more politically minded, it was Penny Mordaunt's day. Last year, Penny Mordaunt was a star in decline. After a career in the armed forces, she served as Secretary of Defense and ran, unsuccessfully, for the top job. Then came her personal resurrection. As Lord President of the Council, she carried the sword of state and exchanged it for the jewelled sword of offering. The sword of state dates back to the seventeenth century and weighs eight pounds. Mordaunt did countless press-ups to strengthen her arms. She did not want to falter at this key moment. But she need not have worried. Social media posts from partisan opponents lit up with praise for her. After the next election, with Labour slated to take power, she might have a second political life.

The ceremonies were less about the assembled dignitaries than about how the broader public or set of publics, read their own dreams and aspirations into events. This is about fairy tales to be sure, but it is also about the power of the tabloid media to make a soap opera out of the life

of those who are working Royals. Monarchy survives because it creates a space for itself—one that money and market forces cannot fill and one that partisan political forces could not fill. Think about it. Who would Brits elect as sovereign? Boris Johnson? Sir Keir Starmer? Or would it be a populist on the order of Nigel Farage? And in Canada who would be elected? We have individuals of probity and repute, but look at how our former Governor General, David Johnston, is doing in his role of special rapporteur into foreign interference (read interference from China primarily but not exclusively) in Canadian elections.

Why do constitutional monarchies persist? Maybe it is because we cannot let money take hold of public life. Perhaps. Perhaps too we need a sense of the sacred and a sense of causes bigger than ourselves. State power was on display at the coronation with the branches of the military on full regalian display, but it was very much fused with the spiritual power of a state religion, the Church of England.

As the Economist recently noted, of the world's 20 top democracies, half are constitutional monarchies. In contrast with the larger ceremony, 70 years ago, when Charles's mother was crowned, the political and administrative and creative classes on display here were more diverse and inclusive. That can only be counted as a positive sign and give hope to the future. Charles made clear that like his mother he was there to serve rather than be served and that institutions such as the Prince's Trust will give hope to numerous lives where hope is in short supply.

At the end of the day, this coronation celebrates charitable work and community-building. Hear, hear!

## 129-year-old Sheguiandah United Church set to be demolished

by Alicia McCutcheon

SHEGUIANDAH—The 129-year-old Sheguiandah United Church on Townline Road will soon be demolished as the building has fallen into disrepair. The country church was decommissioned by the United Church of Canada with a special service in September of last year.

As was reported previously, this decision to end more than a century and a quarter of service to five generations of Sheguiandah area citizens was made by the church's board, trustees and its small congregational membership following more than one year's discussion. In recent years, the church has been open only for Sunday services during the summer months.

Sheguiandah United Church trustee Tom Batman, who has strong family ties to the church, told The Expositor that the demolition will be imminent, but assures the public that it will only be the skeleton of the building and its foundation that remain. Everything else has been removed from the building and those items with personal or historical value returned to members of families who had originally donated them to the church.

"Anyone who was a donor can be sold back their items for \$1," Mr. Batman explained. "We were able to get most of the items rehomed."

Mr. Batman had just last week delivered the organ, which was a gift from the Batman family, to Tehkummah. "It couldn't have



Members of the congregation gathered for a photo outside the church in 1946. Familiar surnames of those gathered include Stringer, Batman, Lewis, Orr, Jaggard, Hembruff, Burnett and Trotter.

gone to a better place," he said.

The silver, such as the baptismal font bowl, chalice, bread plate etc., will be placed in the Batman room of the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah for safekeeping. Mr. Batman said he hopes the museum will consider giving the historic church a small display.

"The church is in very, very bad condition," Mr. Batman, who is also a contractor, continued. "The floors are starting to go, especially in the back hall, and the main rectory is leaking. The smell of mildew is strong."

Before the building is torn down, the stained glass will all be removed by Mr. Batman's construction crew, he assured, and those who may be interested in acquiring some of the glass can contact him.

"I am a trustee and a member

of the congregation," Mr. Batman said. "It's the end of an era." As was reported in the August 7, 2019 edition of The Expositor, "This is the second church built on the property, originally granted to the pioneer church trustees

in 1877. The property was originally granted from "the Lands, hereafter described, are part and parcel of those set apart for the use of the 'Ojibwas and Ottawas of Manitoulin Island Indians,'" as is quoted from a copy of the original grant to the trustees for the then fledgling Methodist Church of Sheguiandah.

"The first building was begun in 1875 and completed in 1877 on the half acre that was granted. It was built chiefly by Adam Trotter and Robert Lewis who cut the timbers and erected the building after their day's work and in their spare time. When the building was ready for plastering, Mr. Trotter sold a cow to pay the

to build a permanent structure. A motion passed on October 10, 1893 to move the old church to the back of the lot and build the new church at the front, where it stands now. There were 29 parishioners of the new church and they agreed to pay their promised amount as soon as the subscriptions totaled \$350. The present church was built in 1894 and was ready for dedication in February of 1895.

"The story of additions to the building continued 55 years later when the Honora Bay United Church had been closed for a few years and the Sheguiandah United Church Ladies' Aid Society purchased its building for \$200. Volunteers dismantled the building in sections and moved it by horse and wagons to Sheguiandah and rebuilt it for a hall behind the present church. A kitchen was made and equipped so meals and other activities could continue. On June 26, 1952, the new hall was officially opened and dedicated by Rev. Elmer Tofflemire and was followed by a strawberry social." The strawberry socials at the Sheguiandah church continued for many years and into the 21st century.

"It's a surreal feeling, I grew up in this church," Mr. Batman shared. I have some very mixed feelings, but it's a different world. I feel I've done what our elders would want, and with great respect and dignity."



Congregants and well-wishers gathered for a decommissioning service of the Sheguiandah United Church in September of 2022.

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mason and by 1877, the first church was completed, debts were paid and a good old fashioned revival was held.

"In 1893 a congregational meeting was held and it was decided

# ...UCCM Police Service denied federal funding after human rights suit

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These police forces note in the court document that they are now using their last remaining funding. But the bigger concern is that their offices may soon stop patrols if no one can pay their salaries. Chief of Police Killeen said, "We have probably enough funds to continue for three

months."

"Once funding evaporates for these services, the consequences will be immediate and profound: 45 First Nations communities, with approximately 30,000 individuals, will no longer have access to police services," the court filing says.

In their lawsuit the police chiefs say the federal

government's actions are unlawful because a federal human rights tribunal ruled last year that Canada discriminates against First Nations by underfunding policing. This means the government has a legal obligation to ensure there is always "policing at a standard comparable to what is available in non-Indigenous communities,"

the court filing states. The government has not yet filed a response.

As has been reported, in negotiations to date, the three police forces have opposed a federal policy that seeks to place limits on what the funding can be used for. The police chiefs say the policy prevents First Nations from accessing specialized policing services.

The UCCM APS is one of nine First Nations police services to have filed a complaint to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal on the chronic underfunding of their police service. They are one of three First Nation police forces that launched the complaint

and one of the three who are actively involved.

Treaty Three Police Service Chief Kai Liu, president of the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario, told the Globe and Mail that a fix is needed urgently. "Unless we have a surplus, or money in the bank or some form of live credit, all operations come to a complete stop," he said. He said his force has not run out of money yet. If it does, he said, it is likely that the Ontario Provincial Police would try to fill any policing gaps.

The Globe reported Police Chief Liu wrote Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week to ask him to intervene. "Since

the funds for these three services are running out and a public safety crisis looms, we are resorting to the federal court on an emergency basis," the letter says. The Prime Minister's Office referred questions to the office of Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino. His office in turn directed questions to Public Safety Canada, which did not immediately provide a response.

Lawyer Julian Falconer, who is acting on behalf of the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario said the group is trying to negotiate an interim one-year extension of the expired funding agreements, the Globe and Mail is reporting.

## UCCM Police Service welcomes new constable

M'CHIGEENG—The United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) is pleased to welcome an experienced constable to the ranks.

"Constable Catherine (Catie) Peltier hails from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and is no stranger to our UCCM communities," said James Killeen, UCCM APS chief of police. "Ms. Peltier graduated from the Police Foundation Program at Cambrian College in 2012 and joined UCCM as a Special Constable."

"Constable Peltier was sworn in April 27, 2023. Cathie has been an officer since 2015 starting with the Wikwemikong Tribal



United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service Chief of Police James Killeen, right, welcomes Constable Catie Peltier to the service.

Police Service, has completed her Scenes of Crime Course, Criminal Investigators Training and Standard Field Sobriety Testing. UCCM Police is pleased to have Catie join our team as she brings numerous trainings and policing experience," said Chief of Police Killeen.

"Outside of work Catie and her family can be found outdoors, travelling with family and friends," said Chief of Police Killeen. "She enjoys being a new mom to her tiny

human who allows her to enjoy the little things. Please help me in welcoming Constable Catie Peltier to the UCCM Police Service when you see her out in the communities."



Federal funding is required to keep cruisers on the road.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fermeijer

Fear naut! The MS Chi-Cheemaun is once again setting sail for the mighty Manitoulin, and you guessed it: we've decided it's about time that we cruise into the deep waters of boat puns to kick off this week's column. We figured that with the nice weather, we might as well do it schooner rather than later. So, break out your anchor-chiefs to wipe away your tears - they will be tears of laughter of course, it's not like our column is ever an oar-deal. We'd hate to be considered keeljoys.

The waterline work on Old Mill Road has started. That road will be closed as the work requires excavation of the roadway to install a new water main and service connections. Residents will have access to their property but may have to use Newburn Road via Graham's hill at times.

Not only is the fire hall rebuild making good progress, but the Billings Fire Department is also updating its tools and equipment to help keep the community safe. The department has received The Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada Lifesaving Equipment Grant which will allow the department to purchase ten sets of Innotech Energy bunker gear which will help keep firefighters safe from heat and hazards they face while carrying out their all-important duties.

Did you know the township will accept your old batteries for recycling? Drop them off at the town office battery recycling box.

What does Jack Sparrow use to store his dinner leftovers? Pyrex of the Caribbean.

Calling all business owners within the municipality of Billings Township! Come out to the Billings Business Group meeting tonight (Wednesday, May 10th). Starting at 7 pm at the Park Centre in Kagawong, take the opportunity to meet other business owners and discuss issues of concern and opportunity! Contact westman@lambac.org or 705-282-3215 for more information.

Want to treat Mom and yourself this Mother's Day? Bring her out to the Anglican Church Mother's Day Lunch, Saturday, May 13th. The church is offering delicate sandwiches and delectable desserts from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Don't limit yourself just to Mom. Bring dads, uncles, siblings, cousins and neighbours two-doors-down. All are welcome!

As the spring insects begin to emerge, instead of swatting at the blackflies grab a racquet and come out a-swingin' at the annual Blackfly Tennis Tournament hosted by the Manitoulin Tennis Club. Mark Saturday, May 20 on your calendars (rain date Sunday, May 21), and contact ctheijsmeyer@gmail.com for more information.

A catamaran in the frostbite series race lost its mast and was nearly overturned by a large wave. The headline in the club newsletter the next day was "Cata-frostic Dismaster."

Go fly a kite! No, really. On Sunday, June 4th in Gore Bay you can go fly a kite in the Kite Festival! From 1 to 4 pm you can enjoy kite flying at the Western Manitoulin Community Garden. It's a free event and fun can be had for all ages.

Enjoy the barbecue lunch, get crafty at the Make a Scarecrow station, and a Pop-up Play area for the littles. There will also be community service people and their vehicles for viewing and questions. Bring your own kite or use one the festival provides.

First it was the geese and the sandhill cranes, and now the colourful cabanas have begun their near-annual migration up the hill from the picnic pavilion to the Park Centre. That means the summer market season is just around the corner! Stay tuned for more details.

We wanted to make sure this week's column had a ferry-tale ending. Have a great week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

We have had a lot of rain but also some beautiful sunny days as well. My husband and I have gone for walks in the woods and drives in the countryside. It has been beautiful. We have been listening to the spring peepers, identifying interesting migrating birds, and counting new baby calves. It is amazing how quickly the calves grow.

The garden is full of dandelions, but the garlic is growing up beautifully as well as the asparagus. I had some asparagus for supper tonight and it was delicious.

Rose's sister Donna has been up staying with Rose and we were over visiting with her. Poor Donna, we spent most of the time raving about our Tesla and how wonderful getting through its first winter turned out to be.

Meldrum is busy planning for future events. May 20th is the annual ATV ride. It is always a great time, and a lot of work is done getting access to interesting areas to ride in. Once again it will include a lunch and door prizes. The campground will be open for those who want to stay over.

On the 24th of May weekend the store will be offering hot dogs if you come for a visit and arrive hungry.

On the 24th of June there is a Poker Paddle being planned by Joe Weston. It will be on Lily Lake. Everyone has enjoyed this event over the last couple of years.

Have a great week.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

The income tax deadline has come and gone for another year.

Monday, May 1, Doug and Brenda Carter took Sara-Lyn Arnot and myself to euchre in Burpee. There were six tables of players.

Tuesday, Albert had another appointment with Sarah Smith-McEvoy. The massages are helping his back a lot.

Wednesday, I took another load of liquor cans to Mindemoya.

Thursday, May 4 the UCW meeting was held at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water. There was a good crowd, lots on the agenda, and we were finished in an hour.

Thursday evening was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall. We had four tables of players. Congratulations to Chris Bigras for having 82 points and taking home the money.

Brenda Carter and I walked on the days when it was dry enough. We are picking up lots of cans and bottles. Albert sorts them when we get home in the garage.

We have two deer coming to the yard each evening. They are quite thin and happy to have any vegetable and fruit scraps put out for them.

The daffodils are starting to bloom in my yard. I have lots of purple violets. The forsythia bush is covered in yellow flowers. I have no asparagus yet but I have had reports of neighbours eating their first ones.

Condolences to the family of Shelly LaFord. Condolences to the family of Mary Buie. Condolences to the family of Brian Lang. Condolences to the family of Frank Cada. Condolences to the family of Emily Falls.

Congratulations to Tori (Slomke) and Thomas Hayden on the birth of their daughter, Lennon Susan Lorraine Hayden, and to all the grandparents, and great-grandmothers, Kay Everett and Sheila Slomke, and great-grandparents, Penny and Jim Strain.

Get well wishes to Melody Hore.

### Barrie Island

George and Carolyn Calback visited and had supper with Darlene Orford on Tuesday.

Murray Montgomery's daughter Erin has moved here recently and helping him on the farm.

Sandy Miller and daughter Fiona and her son Griffen from Ottawa are here for a few days visiting with Oliver and Barb Runnalls as well as Scott and Enid Runnalls.

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

# ...Gayle Payette receives prestigious NOHA award

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respectfully accept this prestigious award on behalf of each and every player and on behalf of all volunteers that give their heart and soul.”

“I am also dedicating this acceptance to my family, my husband Mike and our son Mitch and my mom who is no longer with us,” continued Ms. Payette. “They have always been so supportive and understanding, and to Jackie White, a lady that goes over and beyond all the time and commits to doing what is best for the players. I truly believe that she should be standing here. She always puts others before herself. Thank you!”

“I am very grateful to MMHA and each hockey association for their heartfelt letters of support,” said Ms. Payette. “I am truly honoured and proud to be a part of a great hockey community and family.”

The Angus Campbell Merit Award is named after the founder of the NOHA and is an order of merit in hockey, awarded by the NOHA to an individual for outstanding service to the game other than as a player. Such outstanding service must have been for a period of not less than 10 years continuous duration. This award may be presented to any person who has rendered such service to any organized hockey associa-

tion or member clubs anywhere in the NOHA.

Manitowaning Wolves executive (Dawn Roque, Katie Cyr, Christine Cassidy, Jackie White) was one of the MMHA organizations that supported the nomination of Ms. Payette.

“Our hockey association could literally sum up our relationship with Gayle by saying we always had her on speed dial, and she was always more than happy to help us solve our issues or answer our questions.”

“From simple advice on how to handle a hockey situation, assistance in navigating NOHA policies and procedures, to taking call after call to help us through stressful and difficult issues, Gayle has always been there for us,” the Wolves letter continues. “Gayle always presented herself in a manner that was open, respectful and fair. She listened to all sides of an issue and then proceeded to assist in whatever way she could that would benefit the parties in equitable and impartial conclusion. We are honoured to send in a letter of support for Gayle for this nomination, we don’t believe a better candidate could be found.”

Sarah Quackenbush, on behalf of the Little Current-Howland Minor Hockey Association (LCMHA) wrote, “I am writing to

express the Little Current (MHA) enthusiastic support for Gayle Payette to be considered for the Angus Campbell Award for outstanding service to the game of hockey. Gayle has been an exemplary volunteer and advocate for the sport of hockey for nearly three decades, and her tireless dedication to the game has made a significant impact in the communities she serves.”

“Gayle’s contributions to hockey are numerous and far-reaching,” Ms. Quackenbush continued. “She has served on numerous committees, has played an integral role in organizing tournaments, clinics, and other events that have helped to foster a love of hockey in countless young players. Gayle’s dedication to the sport has also helped to create a sense of community and belonging among players, coaches, and parents,” continued Ms. Quackenbush. She pointed out Ms. Payette has been a tireless advocate for Indigenous hockey players at the provincial and national levels.

Nick Lane, president of the Western Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association said, “We can’t recommend Gayle enough for her initiative, impact, commitment, inspiration, and leadership in all her volunteer work for the community and

minor hockey on Manitoulin Island and across Northern Ontario.”

“Gayle once said, ‘volunteers don’t necessarily have the time, but they have the heart,’” Mr. Lane continued. “Well, we say with close to 30 years of volunteering and all the time spent with minor hockey, Gayle must have a tremendously large heart. Gayle is a positive role model and an asset to minor hockey everywhere. (WMHA) believe Gayle is a deserving recipient for the 2023 Angus Campbell Merit Award.”

“For myself, I truly benefitted from Gayle (and her family) for many years,” Greg Lockeyer wrote. “However, it was during my five years as District 7 referee-in-chief that I reaped the rewards of Gayle’s knowledge and experience. Gayle was always truly supportive of all officials within our district, and I knew I could reach out anytime if I needed to consult on a situation.”

“When I was humbled last year to be the recipient of the 2021-2022 Angus Campbell Merit Award, I was able to sit back and look at my involvement with hockey over the decades and also other community activities,” wrote Mr. Lockeyer. “When asked if I would support the nomination of Gayle Payette as this year’s recipient, it was

a no-brainer. I wholeheartedly believe if it was not for the support I had received from Gayle (and family) over the decades, that my nomination for the award would not have been successful.”

“The hockey community and community as a whole has been blessed to receive the riches that Gayle has provided over the many years,” added Mr. Lockeyer.



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# ...No final decision made on fate of Norisle

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and should be discussed in camera. I can share something in camera about this.”

It was noted by Councillor Bowerman that since 2007 the steamship society has received \$1 million in grants, but they aren’t talking about any personal funds being put into the project. “We gave them a mandate to the end of April to come back with a proposal, and now this letter has come in at the eleventh hour. I would like to hear from them. My biggest concern is what the costs will be to dispose of the ship?”

“I agree,” stated Councillor Jennifer Hooper. “We have no cost numbers and no concrete evidence of anything new taking place. Written letters will not save the Norisle. We need a set of financial numbers, and timelines. We can no longer discuss this. Council has been talking about this for 16 years.”

“Meanwhile the ship continues to deteriorate, and there will be an environmental disaster if we don’t get rid of the ship,” said Councillor Hooper. “I know you (Councillor Maguire) want to save the ship and how passionate you are about this, but we need numbers and actions not words.”

“My first commitment is to the township and council,” said Councillor Maguire. “However, I also believe in the Steamship Society and what they can do for the ship and Canadian heritage.”

In the letter to council dated May 2, Steamship Society members John Coulter

and Wayne Fischer wrote, “as a courtesy to the Mayor and Council we provide the following short update on our progress with endeavouring to raise funds for the Norisle project. Since our privileged invitation by the town in 2007 to assess Norisle for a potential repurposed operating future we have worked diligently to evolve a future for your important Canadian Heritage Ship which is the last of her type in Canada.”

“As you are aware, our consideration that she would be a successful Great Lakes 4/5 star Canadian flag cruise ship was validated by a year-long independent study and to that end since 2007 we have received approximately one million dollars in government grants, industry support, and donations towards her preparation for dry-docking and the required total repurpose refit. This has resulted in all of the preparation work being completed that will save such work and financial investment during the refit period,” the Steamship Society letter continues.

“Unfortunately, unlike many nations and particularly the United Kingdom and Europe, Canadian heritage preservation and particularly marine heritage does not have a similar history of respect and is therefore a challenge,” the letter continues. “Our

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The fate of the Norisle continues to hang in the balance.

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# ...Former Expositor staffer, Warren Schlote, launches historical web series

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of me knew it was important, my brain just couldn't make the connection to things in my daily life."

But seeing physical evidence of historical events and ruined edifices began to pique his interest and he began to think about how he could bring the history behind those physical remnants to life in a different and captivating way. "If you see something in this series that interests you, you can actually climb in a car and go see it for yourself," he explained.

Being a former railroad man, it seems appropriate that the first installment of Mr. Schlote's 'Living History' series details the story behind a tragic passenger rail accident near Caledon that claimed the lives of seven people and injured

hundreds of others—but it is the positive legacy of that tragic event that provides the focus of the video. That accident led to the establishment of medical facilities.

"There are ramifications that have echoes for generations," said Mr. Schlote. Another episode in the series details the incredible story of the Dionne Quintuplets—how a group of five babies became an amazing tourist attraction, an economic stimulus during the Great Depression, and a case study in government overreach. "There is a 20-room mansion paid for by the Dionne Quintuplets that they knew nothing about," he said.

Currently, the series consists of 10 short documentaries, with 14 planned for certain and possibly

expanding to 16.

"I'll be putting one out each Thursday," said Mr. Schlote, "but in between I will be putting up 'footnote' videos and interesting observation clips, as well as bonus videos on other interesting places."

Manitoulin will feature in episode seven, 'A Tale of Two Bridges,' where Mr. Schlote explores the differing attitudes of communities served by swing bridges—contrasting Little Current with Wausauskasung First Nation. "It's an interesting divide," said the filmmaker.

Another video featuring the Island explores the world of octagonal buildings—although Little Current's contribution is actually hexagonal in shape.

Mr. Schlote has financed the web series completely

out of his own pocket. "I wanted to challenge myself to see what I could do," he said, adding that he found working at The Expositor to be a huge boost in developing his research skills. "It was great working with people who know so much about the Island," he said.

"I also want to thank The Expositor for letting me

borrow their videography equipment," said Mr. Schlote. "It has really helped me to produce quality material for the series."

Mr. Schlote is currently working feverishly to complete editing the remainder of the series before returning to the airwaves with CBC Sudbury later this spring.

His series can be found by searching 'Warren the Reporter' on YouTube or at LivingHistory.ca, where one can also read 'Out of the Shadows,' Mr. Schlote's multi-award-winning collaboration with The Expositor and photographer Giovanni Capriotti.

## ...Midway part of Haweater 2023 events

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Registration is now open for the Haweater ball tournament and anyone interested in putting a team in can contact Lion Bruce by calling or texting 705-348-8901.

The Haweater Classic 5K run is back for 2023 with Dr. Ben Quackenbush leading the charge this year.

The Haw Classic Car Cruise-In will also return on Saturday. This year the classic rides will be located at the Island Business Centre on Highway 6.

Want a glimpse into your future? A psychic will be offering readings at the LC Collective downtown.

And don't forget to keep an eye out for Olaf from Disney's 'Frozen' and his Min-

ion friend who will be wandering the downtown core all weekend.

And what would a trip to Haw-lywood be without music?

The Manitoulin Brewing Company Block Party is back in the downtown post office parking lot Saturday by popular demand. Stay tuned for announcements on what great bands to catch live on stage.

On Friday night, the Lions will be hosting a Classic Country Dance with special guests Joe and Beth Arnold of Island line dancing fame. On Saturday the Lions famous Hawfest is back at the complex and on Sunday, close out the weekend with the street dance before the fireworks light up the sky.

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### Notice of Meetings

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### Important Message to Little Current Water Users

Please be advised that OCWA will be flushing waterlines between May 1st and 12th during the hours of 8 am - 5 pm Monday to Friday. If your water is discoloured during this period let it run until it clears. **Feel free to contact the Town Office with any concerns you may have at 705-368-3500.**

### First Junk in the Trunk of 2023

May 20th from 9 am - 1 pm at the NEMI Recreation Centre parking lot  
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The Museum is open for the season and museum staff are excited to welcome you back! Our Hours of Operation will be Monday to Sunday, 9 am to 4:30 pm.

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Join Paulie Nodecker in making a summer wreath for your door. NEMI Rec Centre, May 13th from 12 to 4 pm. Cost is \$30. Register by email [lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca) or call 705-862-2538

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May 17th at 6:30 pm in the kitchen at the NEMI Rec Centre. Cost is \$20. Register by email [lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca) or call 705-862-2538

### The Annual Spring Clean-up Week is scheduled for the week of May 15 to May 21, 2023

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Sunday 10 am to 5 pm

Starting May 21st the landfill will be open Sundays from 10 am to 5 pm.



# ...Manitoulin child care in manpower crisis

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ing and Child Care plan offers to create access to families with a promise of a \$10 a day fee for families, which is wonderful for families, but only if they can access it. This plan lacks the resources to support the staffing needs to fill childcare programs and as we all know, without staff, childcare isn't accessible. Without childcare, parents can't work!"

There are at least 50 families on MFR's childcare waitlist and more waiting to access Assiginack and Gore Bay Childcare Services. The letter was sent to all parents "wanting to have their voices heard" on the issue.

"It affects the economy greatly because we have people that could be hired for jobs in the community who can't work because they can't access childcare," said Ms. St. Pierre.

"Agencies like ours are hugely lacking the support for staff, for families able to access the program, so MFR and other childcare agencies need proper funding for staff wages," she continued.

MFR is asking all families and employers who are impacted to send a letter to the provincial government on the last day of May to have their voices heard.

"What is happening is we have employers calling us," Ms. St. Pierre said. "They need to hire someone but we don't have enough staff to provide childcare for these families' children. We have educated individuals who want to work in different sectors but can't because of a lack of staff in childcare to provide this service to families."

Ms. St. Pierre said the need for childcare in the district grew by 100 children in the last three months. "This trend will continue," she added.

MFR has the space for more children but doesn't have the people to hire to provide the services. Staff-to-children ratio is a concern, as is staff wages. Non-early childhood educators are not eligible for wage increases, explained Ms. St. Pierre. "We are seeing people applying who are eager to work in childcare but as soon as we tell them the wages, they tell us that is not going to work."

MFR currently has 11 staff in childcare and need 28 to be at full capacity (in Mindemoya and Little Current).

Andrea Lewis, spokesperson for Gore Bay Child Care and Assiginack Child Care said both are in support of the MFR letter. "We are in the same crisis as they are," she said.

There are 56 children on the waitlist in Gore Bay, 39 in Manitowaning's family group room and another 14 waiting for the school-aged children's program in Manitowan-

ing. "For us to run fully, we would need to hire at least five employees in Gore Bay and three more in Manitowaning," Ms. Lewis said. "Parents are calling and asking where they are on the waitlist. We unfortunately have to tell them there is no wiggle room."

The letter will be sent to Ontario Minister of Education Stephen Lecce and Canada's Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Karina Gould, and will be cc'd to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland and Peter Bethlenfalvy Ontario's Minister of Finance.

The letter reads in part "A childcare staffing shortage, driven by low wages, is threatening the accessibility of childcare for families. Across Ontario, childcare centres are closing rooms and limiting enrollment because they cannot retain staff in their programs. Lack of licenced childcare is a barrier for parents to return to or enter the workforce or education, thus putting a strain on families, hindering economic participation, and forcing parents to remain at home to care for the children."

The letter explains the high demand and growing waitlists for childcare spaces in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District and states, "Ontario's current approach to the implementation of the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care plan will not solve this growing crisis alone. The agreement is putting Ontario on the path to reducing childcare fees to an average of \$10 per day, which will create a demand for more childcare spaces when a workforce shortage already exists."

"The Province of Ontario committed to creating an additional 86,000 licenced childcare spaces in Ontario without an explicit solution for increasing the number of RECEs (registered early childhood educators) and childcare staff to fulfill this commitment."

The letter also points out the wage disparity between RECEs employed by school boards and those employed in licenced childcare centres. "For childcare to be high quality and accessible, workers need: a real salary scale starting at \$25 per hour for all childcare workers and \$30 per hour for RECEs; benefits and pensions; paid sick days; professional development time; and paid programming time."

Letter writers are requesting that the Province of Ontario "launch and financially support" an accelerated ECE program to be completed within 14 to 16 months, similar to the program for personal support workers (PSWs) launched in March 2020, where funding supported the costs of tuition, books and other mandatory fees to help address the shortage of PSWs in Ontario.

"In recent years the recruitment and retention of qualified RECEs and childcare staff has been a challenge that has been inflamed by the COVID-19 pandemic," the letter continues. "The childcare and early needs sector needs proper funding to support wages, decent work standards, strengthening program quality and pathways to acquire upgraded qualifications, especially for those of rural, remote and marginalized communities."

The RECE workforce will continue to exit the sector without meaningful investments into these areas. The letter urges the government to invest in childcare that specifically address the needs of education and creates "the decent work conditions that allow not just the Manitoulin-Sudbury District, but all of Ontario's communities to thrive."

Ms. St. Pierre said they wanted a specific date (last day of May) as to when the letters are going to be sent to government. "This is all Ontario," she said. "Letters have gone out to childcare agencies in the district and we encourage (everyone) to send in letters voicing these concerns to the government. The bigger the voice, the better."

## Learn to Sail this Summer!



The Little Current Yacht Club is offering CANSail 1 & 2 sailing camps again this summer! For everyone ages 8+. Beginners welcome! Offering week-long lessons in Little Current, Gore Bay and new this summer, Wiikwemkoong!

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# ...‘Red Alert’ program proposed to help missing Indigenous women

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On May 2, an NDP motion calling on the federal government to recognize the ongoing genocide of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people (MMIWG2S+) crisis as a Canada-wide emergency was adopted unanimously by all parties in the House of Commons. The motion was tabled by NDP critic for Women and Gender Equality Leah Gazan (Winnipeg Centre) to urge the federal government to deliver immediate and substantial investment, including a Red Dress Alert system to notify the public when an Indigenous woman, girl or two-spirit person goes missing. It also calls on the government to reverse the planned \$150 million cut in funding for women’s shelters and invest in building more transitional housing and shelters for victims of gender-based violence. In addition, there was a take-note debate that lasted until midnight May 2, on the Red Dress Alert given that murders and disappearances of aboriginal women, girls and two-spirited people is a “pan-Canadian emergency.”

“Less than a week ago, the remains of an Indigenous child (eight years old) were found in the Cree Nation of Samson, Maskwacis, Alberta,” said MP Hughes.

“I am pleased that all parties recognize the urgency of this ongoing genocide,” said Ms. Gazan. “I support relatives of lost loved ones, human rights advocates and survivors who are calling on this government to take action to end this unrelenting violence. We are not disposable, our lives are precious, and we deserve justice.”

Ms. Gazan told Canadian Press following the vote, “the truth is the truth. It’s one thing to acknowledge the truth, it’s another thing to act on it.”

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said advancing reconciliation with Indigenous people is one of his top priorities since forming government in 2015. In 2019, he accepted the findings of a national inquiry into murdered and missing indigenous women and girls, which said the crisis amounted to a genocide.

Prime Minister Trudeau has since been criticized by groups such as the Native Women’s Association of Canada for failing to deliver on his commitments to fulfill the many recommendations directed at the federal government.

Statistics show Indigenous women continue to disappear and to be the victims of violence at a higher rate, twelve times more than non-Indigenous women.

MP Galan says now that this motion has passed, the government must show they’re serious about ending violence

against Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people by reversing their decision to cut \$150 million for women’s shelters and investing in a Red Dress alert. “Families and communities have waited far too long for this federal government to act. Now that the Liberals recognize this violence as a Canada-wide emergency, they need to speed up their delivery of resources and funding to stop it.” She explained the public alert system would send a notification to phones, televisions and radios when an Indigenous woman disappears, and her vision is that it would work like an Amber Alert, which is an emergency notification that goes out when a child is missing and believed to be in danger.

“Supporting the growth of these projects and initiatives will save lives and ensure the protection of our future generations,” said Grand Council Chief Niganobe. “This action is also part of the Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.”

The full text of the motion adopted states, “That, given that: (i) on October 27, 2022, the House unanimously recognized that what happened in residential schools was genocide, (ii) the decades of insufficient action from all levels of government have failed to address the effects of this genocide, including the crisis of violence against Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people with the urgency it deserves. (iii) Families in Winnipeg and throughout the country continue to experience the tragic loss of a loved

one to this crisis,” the House call on the government to (a) declare the continued loss of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people a Canada-wide emergency, and (b) provide immediate and substantial investment, including in a Red Dress Alert System, to help alert the public when an Indigenous woman, girl or two-spirit person goes missing.”

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# Walkers trek from Little Current to BI in remembrance of MMIWG2S+

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Following a sunrise ceremony, a group of men and women set out to walk from the Little Current to Birch Island to mark May 5, Red Dress Day, a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited (MMIWG2S+) people in Canada.

First held in 2010, and inspired by the work of Métis artist Jaime Black, Red Dress Day commemorates the more than 4000+ Indigenous women and girls in Canada who have gone missing or been murdered in the last 30 years. That artist's work, The REDress Project, focuses on the issue of missing or murdered Indigenous women across Canada. As an installation art project based on an aesthetic response to a critical national issue, The REDress Project has been installed in public spaces



Walkers trek across the bridge on Red Dress Day, the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirited people in Canada.

photo by Michael Erskine

throughout Canada and the United States as a visual reminder of the staggering number of MMIWG2S+.

After offering tobacco in a teepee-enclosed sacred fire and a light breakfast, the walkers made their way

across the Little Current Swing Bridge and along Highway 6 to Whitefish River First Nation.

"We started with a sunrise ceremony this morning, there were a good number of participants," said

Meg Cywink, who organized the event in conjunction with Whitefish River First Nation. "We held water ceremonies, berry ceremonies and offered people a chance to share their thoughts and feelings about

today."

Ms. Cywink is a strong MMIWG2S+ advocate in Canada. Her sister, Sonya Mae Cywink, was found murdered on August 30, 1994. She was 31. Her murderer has never been found. Ms. Cywink and her family have been tireless in their push to find their sister's killer and to raise awareness of MMIWG2S+.

"This is a special day to recognize MMIWG2S+," said Whitefish River First Nation Chief Rodney Nahwegabow. "I think being involved in something like this is important to bring awareness to the public. I think that is the first step in

addressing the social concerns that come about because of issues such as human trafficking, and the fact that our women need to be protected as a sacred part of our Indigenous community—but also that all women need to be protected because they are sacred."

Ms. Cywink noted that a red granite monument, one of two being established across the North to commemorate MMIWG2S+, will be unveiled on June 21 in Whitefish River First Nation. The monument is sponsored by Women in Gender Equality Canada and Indigenous Affairs Ontario.

## Manitoulin Secondary School recognizes Red Dress Day

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Indigenous women are killed at 12 times the rate of non-Indigenous women. It's a statistic that's repeated every year on Red Dress Day, a national day to raise awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit (MMIWG2S+) people.

"How can we change the statistics so more people, Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit people do not go missing and can't be found, and not put men in correctional institutions?" asked Jean Debassige, Native language instructor, Indigenous studies, at a Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) assembly last Friday.

"How are we going to avoid this? By understanding, care, love and support," she said. "Take it. Do I have that agreement with you? Understanding, care and love?"

Indigenous Graduation Coach/Student Success teacher Dianne Debassige said that in coming together as a community, "what we are doing here today" is one of the keys to

changing the statistics. "Collaborating with other families, Indigenous peoples and communities is a way to support one another and build each other up."

"We all have sovereignty over our bodies and stories," Dianne Debassige continued. She said we need to trust that people, especially women, are capable of making decisions about their bodies, safety and lives, and that we all need to support, not shame or stigmatize, other people. "No one in life is more or less valuable than anyone else. We must unlearn stereotypes about people who use drugs, trade sex, experience homelessness or housing security, etc. This includes encouraging conversations about how to reduce harm associated with these behaviours."

"Red Dress Day acknowledges the crimes and hate perpetuated against two-spirit individuals," said Dianne Debassige. "Unlearning homophobia and transphobia is required to support two-spirit, trans and gender non-con-

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# Music is our Medicine brought Island choirs to MSS

by Michael Erskine  
M'CHIGEENG—Choral music remains vibrant on Manitoulin Island and never more so than on Monday, May 1 as Island Singers joined the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Choir in bringing a spring concert, 'Music is Our Medicine,' to the MSS stage.

The event provided a captivating evening of musical entertainment, as The Island Singers under the direction of conductor Chris Theijsmeijer, and the MSS Choir under the direction of conductor (and music teacher) Matt Fowler, combined to craft an unforgettable program.

The evening's presentations included solo performances by Mike McCormick (of comedy group Arrogant Worms fame) on guitar, who brought a hilarious interlude with his composition 'Surprise Song'; the traditional English ballad 'Fare

Thee Well' was performed by Ethan Theijsmeijer on guitar; and Fredrick Chopin's Nocturne in C# minor was performed with elegance, delicacy and poise by MSS student Mason Animikwan.

Following Mason's performance, the audience sprang to its feet in spontaneous ovation. Mason initially appeared somewhat taken aback by the audi-

ence reaction, then, upon recovering his poise immediately began to deflect the audience toward the other evening performers.

The evening began with The Island Singers performing a traditional spiritual 'Wade in the Water' with Arik Theijsmeijer and Mike McCormick on piano. Conductor Theijsmeijer explained at the beginning of the four-song set that

many of the traditional songs first sung in the southern US, had double meanings encompassing both spiritual and underground railroad missives for the enslaved seeking freedom. Filling out the set were 'The Glory Train,' 'Cat's in the Cradle' and 'Four Strong Winds' (written by Canadian roots icon

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# ...MSS recognizes Red Dress Day

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Resisting and shifting victim blaming approaches, languages and narratives about who can go missing or face violence will help in changing the story, she said.

Two-spirit people did not live among the community, Jean Debassige explained. They lived on the outskirts because they were considered holy. “Most people have one spirit, male or female, but two-spirit people are blessed with both. They can communicate on both sides of the border.”

It was the job of two-spirit people to look after the community, who went to them for counselling and acceptance. “Obviously, most of us didn’t have a problem with two-spirit people but our country did,” Jean Debassige said.

Women, boys, girls and two-spirit people kept going missing and couldn’t be found.

“I wanted my message today to be about love,” added Jean Debassige. “Why love? For one thing, it is the first teaching of the Seven Grandfather teachings. How we teach, come by, and recognize love: that is where I want to go. Yes, I understand the statistics, but what do you or I do to bring change? Education is about change.”

May 5 is the day set aside to honour the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, boys and two-spirit people in our communities and throughout the country. A Winnipeg artist named Amy Black first used the red dress as a



A Red Dress ceremony was held at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) on May 4. In photo is MSS principal Dave Wiwchar, Jean Debassige native language instructor Indigenous studies at the school (who was one of the speakers during the event) and Karen McGraw, educational assistant staff advisor for Three Fires Confederacy at MSS.

show of support in 2010.

“My students asked me if they could make dresses in white, black or other colours,” said Jean Debassige. She told them no: the colour red means something. “It represents the four quadrants of the medicine wheel. Red represents love, fire, energy, passion and blood. It reminds us to care for one another and Mother Earth.”

“It is important that she (Amy Black) chose red,” said Jean Debassige. “Blood has been spilled.”

The red dress has become a strong symbol of MMIWG2S+ in Canada and the United States. “We are sisters, mothers, aunties, grandmothers and grandfathers, cousins, neighbours, people who care, friends, students and educators,” Jean Debassige said. “We have so much to love.”

Unfortunately, MMIWG2S+ is “regular and common,” she said, and we fail to really think about it except on May 5, she added.

“It is something we should pay attention to every day.”

People often think ‘it didn’t happen here’ or ‘it didn’t involve me’, but MMIWG2S+ concerns everyone, said Jean Debassige.

“We wear red on May 5 to encourage support of the missing and murdered women, girls and the two-spirit people,” said Dianne Debassige. “Public mourning shows we care, even when it seems society doesn’t.”

MSS Principal David Wiwchar, who had earlier delivered the opening acknowledgment recognizing that we live on traditional Indigenous treaty lands, invited everyone to take part in a walk of awareness around the school perimeter following a closing prayer by Jean Debassige.

The entire school took part in the MMIWG2S+ walk around the school.

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## ...Music is our Medicine brought choirs to MSS

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Ian Tyson), the latter two choral arrangements were by Canadian Larry Nickel of Cyprus Choral Music Fame.

The MSS Choir then took to the stage, with a rendition of Ben Pasek and Justin Paul's 'A Million Dreams' complete with solos by Taylor Goodfellow and Cameron Meawasige, followed by Pinkzebra's popular graduation song 'I am Still Your Dreamer,' closing with the jazz classic 'Choo Choo Ch'Boogie' as arranged by Kirby Shaw.

The Island Singers then split into smaller groups, with the women performing Rodgers and Hammerstein classic 'I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair' to hilarious effect, followed by a Jane Best arrangement of the traditional tune 'The Lace-maker's Song.' Mr. Theijsmeijer informed the audience that Ms. Best originally devised the choral work in honour of her friend Tini Pell. The men then assembled in line to deliver a nicely choreographed rendition of Tobin Stoke's 'Hunker Down.'

The Island singers consisted of sopranos Lydia Ann Burlein, Annalee Cooper, Michele Cooper,



The Island Singers and the Manitoulin Secondary School choir joined forces on stage.

Emily Deegan, Wendy Gauthier, Laura Hunter, Pirkko Lewis, Kirsten Nelson, Holly Scott and Heather Theijsmeijer; altos Cecilia Baumann, Maya Baumann, Donna Beam, Helen Eade, Barbara Grigg, Lianne Hovingh, Ramona Jaggard, Stephanie Steele and Willa Wilson; tenors Peter Gordon and Dick Maloney; bass Ray Baumann, Roger Brazil, John Diebolt, Chris Litster, Arik Theijsmeijer and David Williamson; accompanist Mike McCormick and conductor Chris Theijsmeijer.

The Manitoulin Secondary School Choir consisted of Phoebe Aeschlimann, Mason Animikwan, Garret Charboneau, Divine Commanda, Ben Dewar, Taylor Goodfellow, Zack Hill, Katelyn Lentir, Hannah McDonald, Robyn-Ashley McNaughton, Cameron Meawasige, Faer O'Leary, Lydia Pennings, Georgia Roy, Ella Tasse, Novella Therrien and conductor Matt Fowler.

A short intermission was

provided, with a snack table fundraiser for the choir who are travelling to Toronto and performing in front of the legislature.

Following the aforementioned solo musical performances, the Island Singers reunited and accompanied by Sonya Mulder on violin, brought 'Windy Nights' followed by 'Lacrimosa' (from Mozart's 'Requiem') and Haydn's 'Gloria.'

The two choirs then reassembled for a combined effort on 'Over the Rainbow' and 'What a Wonderful World,' with Mr. Fowler on standup bass. This number included a trio of Melanie Hunt, Ethan and Kirsten Nelson on ukelele.

The choirs closed out the evening with 'For the Beauty of the Earth' by Folliott Sandford Pierpoint and John Rutter and were rewarded with a standing ovation.

### Provincial funds for planning board zoning bylaw work welcome news

GORE BAY—The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) received some unexpected but welcome news in terms of funding for work it had carried out in the unorganized townships of Robinson and Dawson.

"The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has approved funding of \$11,036 to the planning board under special business case funding for zoning by-law number 2022-05 for the townships of Robinson and Dawson," stated MPB secretary Theresa Carlisle at an April 25 board meeting. "We received all the funding that we had requested (in December 2022)."

It was explained that the MPB had originally absorbed all the costs of the zoning bylaw for the unorganized townships of \$16,036 but had received \$5,000 in funding previously from the ministry towards this.

Now, the MMAH has provided the rest of the costs involved in the zoning bylaw process.


"They (MMAH) said all the expense requests were valid," stated MPB GIS technician Jake Diebolt.

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# ...recognizes club, volunteers with prestigious Paul Harris Awards

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cupboard, and Gwekwaadziwin Miikan the year before.”

“We provided \$14,000 to the food banks last summer through funds raised in the bicycle rally,” said Mr. McKeen.

Gore Bay Rotary member, “Dave Rogalsky has been with the club for four years,” said Mr. McKeen. “Dave is one guy you will see a lot in the community, he is a Gore Bay firefighter and a Rotarian. He does a lot of

community work and is a very good Rotarian and also very deserving of this award.”

Paul Harris Fellow Award recipient, “Mona Lewis is a very big supporter of the Rotary Club,” said Mr. McKeen. “She helps out a lot by providing plates of cookies and many vegetables for our annual fall produce auction and other events.”

“Everyone knows our next award recipient, Tom Sasvari,” stated Mr. McKeen. “Tom is the kind of guy you want at all your functions. Tom is also a buddy of mine; he

was one of the first people I met when we moved to the Island. We worked together at the Manitoulin Recorder in those days and now he is the editor-in-chief at The Manitoulin Expositor.

“Tom is very helpful to the Rotary Club and actually all service clubs on the Island by covering so many of our events,” said Mr. McKeen. “Tom is also a member of the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club. He helps the Rotary Club so much, covering and promoting our functions and events, before and after.”

Mr. McKeen noted that two other members of the community who were unable to be in attendance will also receive the Paul Harris Fellow awards, Dean Moss and Robbie White. “Dean, who owns Dean’s Valu-Mart in Gore Bay, is one of those behind-the-scenes people that has been so supportive of the Rotary Club over the years,” said Mr. McKeen. “Dean helps us with our food supplies at our various fundraisers.”

“Robbie White is our auctioneer,” said Mr. McKeen. “He helps us immensely at our annual Harvest Fall Produce Auction.”

Mr. McKeen provided a year in review for the Rotary Club, noting the club continues and always has supported the Polio Plus program to help people around the world that are less fortunate. He also noted the Bay-to-Bay Bicycle Rally, the annual Rotary Fish Dinner, the support the club provides

by working the bar and donating proceeds raised toward the annual Frosty Cup fundraising hockey tournament and the fall produce auction. The club also donates towards Christmas gifts for residents of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay, provides a student bursary to Manitoulin Secondary School students who continue their post-secondary education, the Rotary Youth Leadership training program award it sponsors, Manitoulin Family Resources Christmas hampers, Manitoulin Special Olympics, the Angel Bus, and new this year a donation to the Misko-Aki Discovery Centre in Gravenhurst.

As part of the annual dinner meeting Mr. McKeen officially handed over the club president gavel to Jack Clark (who will serve as club president for the fifth time this year). “I was happy to take over for Marlene (Bowers) who did such a great job as president. And with Jack taking over this year we will have another great year.”

Mr. Clark presented the Lions past presidents’ pin to Mr. McKeen. “On behalf of the Rotary Club I would like to thank Keith for stepping up as president and doing an amazing job,” said Mr. Clark.

“I’m sure we are going to have an incredible year,” said Mr. Clark. “I would like to pay it forward and say now, thank you to all the club members for all your hard work, patience and understanding. We all look forward to an incredible year.”

## ...provincial public speaking competition

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speeches and being deliberate about his diction.

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flying.”

“Public speaking gives you an opportunity for growth and opportunity,” said Amara.

Amara competed four times, once locally, and in Sudbury, Chelmsford and Onaping Falls over the past month-and-a-half in order to qualify for the provincial finals.

“The first competition I had was in the (C.C. McLean) school library,” said Amara. “Then I went on to the area competition, then the zones in Onaping Falls April 22 where she qualified for the provincial championship.

This is the second time she has reached the provincials. “I qualified for the provincials two years ago,” said Amara, noting that her speech at that time focussed on the 1966 Batman television series.

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### ...No final decision made on fate of Norisle

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success with the restoration of RMS Segwun which now has over 30 years of self-supporting operation and is a foundation support of the Muskoka tourism sector is a classic example of the success heritage steamships have had globally.

"Although we have had positive and unfortunately negative events in our efforts to progress the Norisle initiative we are now engaged with developing industry and government discussions that we trust will provide a positive path forward. Such initiatives require prolonged negotiations and development that are usually between multiple parties and in most cases the timing is beyond our direct control and the three years of the pandemic was clearly a challenge to such endeavours," the Steamship Society continued.

"We are not in a position of determining the eventual success of such initiatives, but we are encouraged by the renewed progress to date. We have made important advances in developing a relationship with a shipyard that has assisted us in providing 2023 costs and indicated a willingness to provide assistance with the project and to assist in our fundraising," the letter explains. "In regard to timing we are not in

control of an end point and although we cannot guarantee a level of success, we can assure you that our long-term faith in Norisle's future and the thousands of personal hours and financial donations we have invested have been provided based on our belief in Norisle's importance for future generations. We trust that this will provide a level of understanding of our ongoing efforts. Thank you for supporting your ship and Canadian marine heritage."

Mayor Reid noted that council does not have all options in front of it. She asked council to think about all the options for the ship before a resolution on its future is passed. She told The Expositor after the meeting, "we received the letter from the Steamship Society, but there were no dates, costs, times or expectations outlined. And so far we haven't been able to get a hold of a salvage company."

"We're getting into deep water as the ship continues to deteriorate," said Mayor Reid. "We will continue to look at all options." She said council members have been asked to consider this issue further and what they feel should be done with the ship before it comes back to the next regular council meeting.

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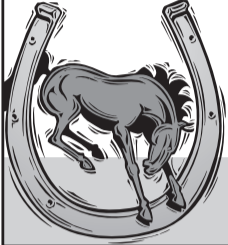
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The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking proposals for a vendor to rent the Government Dock pavilion at Lake Mindemoya in Mindemoya, ON for the summer of 2023. The facility has been used as a canteen and retail sales space in the past.

Walk-throughs of the facility can be arranged prior to EOI deadline by contacting Denise Deforge at ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca or by calling 705-377-5726.

Sealed EOIs clearly marked as to contents will be received until:

**Friday, May 26, 2023 at 4:30 pm EST**  
**To: Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk**  
**The Municipality of Central Manitoulin**  
**6020 Hwy 542, PO Box 420**  
**Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0**

Password-locked proposals will be received via electronic submission (email) at ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca

*Late EOIs will not be accepted. For more information visit: www.centralmanitoulin.ca/administration/proposal-requests*

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**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN**

**TENDER FOR MUNICIPAL PARKING LOTS SNOW PLOW FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT**

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The lower or any tender will not necessarily be accepted, and tenders are subject to the approval of Municipal Council.

Tenders must be submitted on an official tender form available at the municipal office during regular office hours, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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**Death Notices**

**RANDALL ALBERT IRWIN CORMACK**

**March 16, 1958 - May 1, 2023**



In loving memory of Randy Albert Irwin Cormack who passed away unexpectedly at the age of 65 in Little Current, Manitoulin Island. The place he loved. Beloved husband to Christine, proud father to Jacob (Debra) and Rachel (Curtis), and stepfather to Liam (Kate). Devoted son to Jacqueline (Robert), Ron (predeceased) and son-in-law to Desmond. Dear brother to Derrick (Victoria), brother-in-law to David and uncle to Dexter, Tyson, Willow and Hailie. Last but not least, Randy was an extremely joyful grandfather Gumpy to little Elliot. Randy grew up in Toronto starting out in the Peel Regional Police and moving shortly after to the Toronto District School Board (he loved playing his bagpipes for the school children every Remembrance Day) where he worked until his early retirement. In 2016 he made Manitoulin his home and passed away in the place he called paradise. He lived a life full of humour, thirst for knowledge and a deep appreciation and love for his family and friends. Randy will be greatly missed. There will be no funeral service but rather a Celebration of Life which will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [www.islandfuneralhome.ca](http://www.islandfuneralhome.ca).

## Death Notices

### LORRAINE MARGARET JENINGS

'Laurie'

(nee Ryan)

July 17, 1957 - April 26, 2023



Laurie passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side at her home on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Born on July 17, 1957 in Woodstock, Lorraine Margaret "Laurie" Jenings (nee Ryan) of East Linton, was in her 66th year. Survived by her husband and best friend of 48 years, Greg Jenings. Loved and cherished mother of Justin Jenings; beloved daughter of Stella Ryan and the late Doug Ryan; loving sister to Ollie and Richard Ryan; loved daughter-in-law of Maude Jenings and the late Nelson Jenings; and sister-in-law of Delynn Cutting (Doug) and Darrell Jenings. Dearly missed by her best buddy Gail Simpson. Laurie will also be missed by her nieces, nephews, and great friends. Laurie had a knack for interior design and decorating. Laurie and Greg could tackle any house and turn it into a beautiful home. They eventually discovered a love for Manitoulin Island where they embarked on many new adventures and met great friends. Laurie and Gail could be found serving you at the famous Garden Shed Café in Tehkummah. If you had never 'tasted the secret' then you missed out! They were #1 on the Island for many years and no crowd was too big or too small. Laurie especially loved the winters she got to spend in Florida, escaping the Canadian winters. Laurie loved hosting and cooking for a crowd; alongside Greg they always had their door open and would welcome anyone. Laurie also loved her spare time with Justin, spending quality time and enjoying each other's company. Laurie loved her family and friends and would do anything for them; she selflessly put everyone above herself. She leaves a legacy behind that will never be matched. Our hearts are broken and we already miss her dearly. There will not be any service at this time. Arrangements entrusted to the Brian E. Wood Funeral Home, 250 14th Street West, Owen Sound, ON. 519-376-7492. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Chapman House Hospice or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Condolences can be sent to Laurie's family by visiting her memorial at [www.woodfuneralhome.ca](http://www.woodfuneralhome.ca).

### JANE ROHN

JUNE 4, 1943 - APRIL 23, 2023



It is with profound sadness that the Rohn family announces the passing of Jane Rohn of Manitowaning, Ontario on April 23, 2023. Jane was the wife of Bud Rohn, whom she missed daily since his passing 11 years ago. He was the love of her life and she passed peacefully, wanting to be with him again. Jane, a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, friend and community member, will be greatly missed. In chatting with people who knew her, she was described as a force of nature, feisty, opinionated, lovely, intelligent, funny, always ready for a chat, and a woman who fiercely loved her family. She loved Manitoulin and her home on the water, where she spent her days reading, sewing, baking, playing computer games, gardening and riding around on her riding lawnmower with the trailer behind her, filled with brush she had just cleared. At 79 years of age, she was incredibly independent; there was nothing that woman couldn't do! Jane was born in Smiths Falls on June 4, 1943 to Ethan and Shirley Row (predeceased) and was a sister to Dick (predeceased)(Rita), Judy (Roger), Maureen (Colin predeceased) and Leslie (John). There, she met and married her one true love, Bud and was welcomed into the Rohn family by Betty (predeceased) (Frank), Bev (Leo predeceased), Barbara (Maurice) (both predeceased), Sandra (Barry predeceased) and Sharon (predeceased). Jane was a strong, wise and loving mother to Pam, Shawn (predeceased) and Colleen (Jeremy), and an adoring grandmother to Lauren, Jayden, Joel and Dexter. She loved keeping up on the news about her nieces, nephews and cousins. She had many friends, who became family, and we all have wonderful memories, touching experiences and hilarious stories that will help us through this deeply difficult time. Out of respect for Jane's wishes, there will not be a formal service, but a Celebration of Life will be held in the future. In lieu of flowers, Jane wished to follow in Bud's footsteps and leave a legacy for the township of Assiginack. Donations can be made, in her memory, to The Assiginack Recreation Programming Reserve, Box 238, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0.

### GEORGE KENNETH

LAWSON HAGEN

March 18, 1952 - April 29, 2023



In loving memory of George Kenneth Lawson Hagen, 71 years, who passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at the Maison McCulloch Hospice. Beloved husband and best friend of almost 50 years to Sharon (nee Billard). Loving and devoted father of his two sons Andrew and Tyler (Sabrina), and his fur babies Rusty (predeceased) and Addy. Much loved and adored Papa of Mikayla and Luca. Cherished son of Ken and Pearl Hagen (nee Sewell) and son-in-law of Jack and Audrey Billard (nee Banfield) (all predeceased). Dear brother of Martha-Jane Hagen (predeceased), Mary Beaulieu (Guil) (both predeceased), Robert Hagen (Linda), Daniel Hagen (predeceased) (Suzanne), Susan Richer (Larry) (both predeceased), and brother-in-law of Sandra Mosley, Madge Budgell (Wilf predeceased) and Terry (predeceased) (Anne). He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, family, neighbours and his many friends. George was born in Sudbury on March 18, 1952. He met Sharon in 1969, and they married on December 29, 1973. Together they raised their family in Lively and in the last 12 years enjoyed retirement at their camp on Lake Manitou on Manitoulin Island. George was a respected Police Constable with Sudbury Regional for 32 years, retiring in January 2009. A true northerner, George loved being outside and in the bush. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and most importantly, trapping both in Sudbury and on Manitoulin Island for over 40 years. Trapping was his passion, and he was very meticulous and took great pride in his work. He spent countless hours at his trap line on Lake Agnew. He was a trapper instructor, and proud to be the past President of the Sudbury Trapper's Council and the Manitoulin Trapper's Council. Being the father of two boys, he was very involved in hockey. He was a past coach and manager for the Walden Minor Hockey Association and Lively Hawks and the past President of Walden Minor Hockey. An avid Toronto Maple Leaf's fan, he loved cheering on his team and was very happy they made it to the playoffs. He was also involved in teaching the snowmobile safety program for students in the Sudbury area. Above all, family was the most important thing to George. He was the best Papa to Mikayla and Luca and loved taking them on adventures, scavenger hunts, teaching them about nature and playing chess with them. He enjoyed going out for breakfast and having coffee with his many friends and family. He was a mentor to many, and although we will miss him deeply, he has left us with enough love and memories to last a lifetime. The family would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all who took part in George's care over the past two years. Especially to the angels on earth at the Maison McCulloch Hospice for taking such amazing care of George and his family during his final days. Also, a special thank you to nurse Tara with Bayshore for her care. Friends may gather at the Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home, 233 Larch Street, Sudbury on Friday, May 26, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm. A memorial service will be held in the R.J. Barnard Chapel on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 1 pm. Friends may gather at the funeral home on Saturday after 12 noon. For those unable to attend in person, the service can be viewed via live stream at <https://view.oneromstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY4Mjk3MTU3MDI0ODkxMiZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJm-NvcHlfbGluaaw==> Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Maison McCulloch Hospice would be greatly appreciated. For donations or messages of condolence [www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com).

## Celebration of Life

STACY MCGAULEY

Family and friends are welcome to attend a Celebration of Stacy Diane McGauley's Life on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 2 to 5 pm at 56 Water Street, South Baymouth (across from the marina).

### HELMUT WILL

February 24, 1932 - April 21, 2023



In loving memory of Helmut Will, who passed away peacefully at the Michael Garron Hospital in Toronto, on April 21, 2023, at the age of 91. Helmut was born in East Prussia on February 24, 1932, to Anna and Johann Will. Beloved husband to Bruni; loving father to Gary (Lisa) and Susan; grandpa to Adam, Carly, Alex and Paris; and great-grandpa to Thomas and Willow. He is also survived by his sister Hildegard and brother Gerhard in Germany. Helmut came to Canada in 1956 and found a job in two days. A year later he convinced the love of his life Bruni, to join him in Canada. They were married on June 15, 1957 at St. Patrick's Church in Toronto. Helmut persevered through determination, hard work and resilience. He was a production manager at Automatic Staple Manufacture in Toronto for many years. He loved sailing and his sailboat, named "Suzy 2", which he would take out every weekend on Lake Ontario and later in Providence Bay. Helmut loved Manitoulin Island, especially Providence Bay which was discovered on a family trip in 1966. He purchased a couple of building lots and began to build the cottage in 1975. Once he retired, he expanded the cottage into a permanent home. Helmut was proudly self-sufficient, being able to fix anything that needed fixing and never needed to rely on others for help. He loved gardening, building his rock garden and raising his honeybees. He was always a hard worker and a generous friend and will be sadly missed by the many people who loved him.

#### *He Only Takes the Best*

God saw you getting tired  
And a cure was not to be,  
So, He put His arms around you  
And whispered, "Come to me."  
With tearful eyes we watched you  
And saw you pass away,  
Although we loved you dearly  
We could not make you stay.  
A golden heart stopped beating  
Hardworking hands at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us  
He only takes the best.

#### *My Hero*

You held my hand when I was small  
You caught me when I fell,  
You are the hero of my Childhood  
And my later years as well.  
And every time I think of you  
My heart still fills with pride,  
Though I will always miss you  
I know you're by my side.  
In laughter and in sorrow  
In sunshine and in rain,  
I know you're watching over me  
Until we meet again.

## Burial Notice

LARRY CASE



A graveyard service will be held for the late Larry Case on Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 10:30 am at the Mountain View Cemetery in Little Current. A luncheon will follow at the Tehkummah Hall. Friends, please accept this as your personal invitation; family members have received theirs.

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

# Gore Bay council approves transfer of funds to Harbour Days celebrations

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—With this year's edition of the Gore Bay Harbour Day's celebrations marking its 10th anniversary, town council has given its support to transferring funds from the previous Summerfest reserve fund to alleviate any possible shortfalls in funds to host the event this year.

"There will again be a full schedule of events and entertainment for the 10th anniversary of the Harbour Days this year," said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a council meeting last week. He pointed out the event had to be cancelled for two years due to the pandemic or it would be marking its 12th anniversary this year.

"There is always lots of good music and fun for the whole family," said Mayor Lane.

Mayor Lane explained, "most of the Harbour Days events are funded through private donations and sponsorships."

Mayor Lane explained that previously, the town hosted

a Summerfest event at Smith's Park every year prior to the Harbour Days celebrations. "Summerfest continued until about 2011-2012, and there is still a Summerfest reserve on hand. The committee would like approval to access the reserve funds from Summerfest to help fund Harbour Days this year."

"Summerfest was a very successful event as well, and they always had great bands," said Councillor Ken Blodgett.

While it was a very good event, Mayor Lane pointed out the event was geared towards adults. "Harbour Days is more inclusive and has broader family appeal. At some time in the future maybe we could look at having another Summerfest celebration in the summer or fall."

Mayor Lane pointed out hiring lead bands for these types of celebrations can run into as much as \$4,000 along with providing accommodations for band members.

There is about \$11,000 in the Summerfest reserve

funds. Council agreed to have the Summerfest reserve funds transferred to the Harbour Days funds to cover any shortfalls this year and rename it Harbour Days reserve funds.



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

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

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



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



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**Lake Huron lot** in the Shrigley Bay, Ocean Point Area w/over 165 ft. of frontage & about 5.98 ac. of forest. Accessed via Poplar, Ocean Point & Watt's Lake Roads. Remote private site w/east boundary surveyed. Driveway started. Limestone outcrop & shingle beach. \$129,000 (1596)

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



**Barrie Island Hunting Acreage** w/ year round access on the East Line. Tree covered 100 ac. w/a mixture of forest & wetland including a creek traversing the full length of 3300 ft. Check out the recreational possibilities for you & your family including the access to the North Channel just 3.2 km down the road. Seller will hold a mortgage w/50% down. \$147,000 (1590)

**Ainslie Road newly created bush lot of 8.9 ac. w/ 297.9 ft.** of year round road frontage. This makes it 1,318.9 ft more or less of depth to the west. The one to the south is Lot A to be renamed once surveyed. Hydro & telephone are available. \$69,000 plus HST (1585)

**Lake Manitou Estate Lot** w/full sunset view consisting of 3,300 ft. of frontage & 18 ac. of forest. Over 3000 ft. on the westerly shoreline & 342 ft. southeasterly on a protected bay. Good bush road & power line traverses the complete length, accessed via Silver Bay & Nighswander Rds. Your choice of excellent building sites. \$997,000 (1591)

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

**Ainslie Road newly created bush lot of 8.9 ac. w/297.9 ft.** of year round road frontage. This makes it 1,318.9 ft. more or less of depth to the west. The one to the north is Lot B to be renamed once surveyed. Hydro & telephone are available. \$69,000 plus HST (1586)

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



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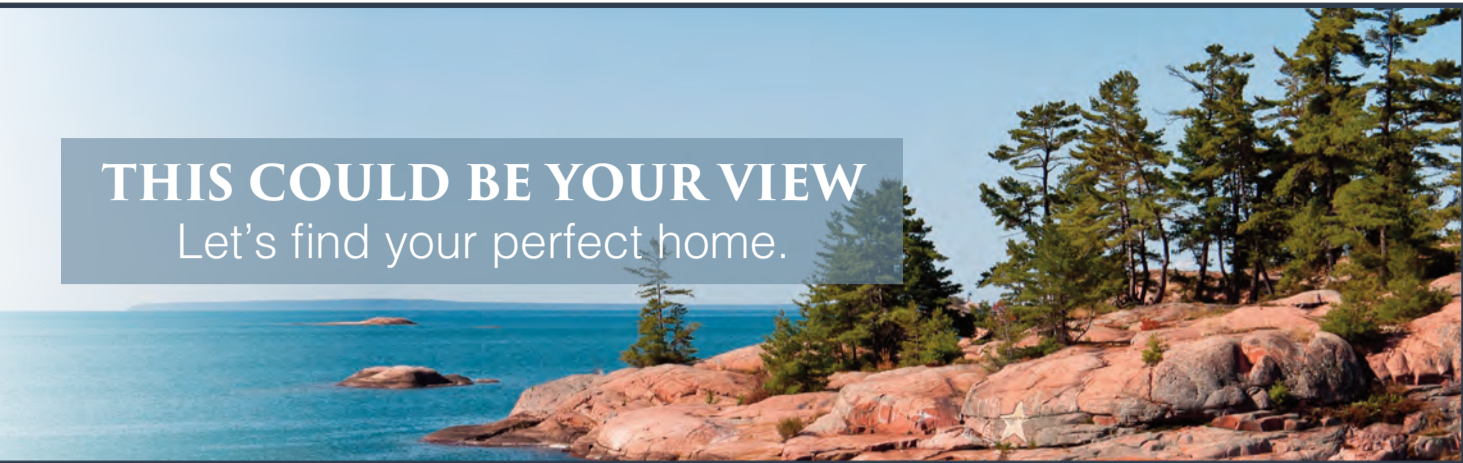
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Wasse-Abin Pontiac elementary school won the school cleanup award, collecting a total of 319 bags of garbage.

## Island garbage cleanup competition exceeds goals

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The second annual Manitoulin Island garbage cleanup competition was a huge success this year and the number of garbage bags that were filled far exceeded the goals.

“Our goal this year was to have 300 bags of garbage collected from over 70 kilometres of Manitoulin roadsides, streams and shorelines,” said Liam Campbell, environmental technologist with Manitoulin Streams which hosted the competition. “The total results this year were an overwhelming 546 bags of garbage collected by 600 individuals from 178 kilometres of roads, streams and shorelines!”

“We can’t thank the citizens of the Island enough and need to give a special shoutout to all the youth of Manitoulin,” stated Mr. Campbell. “In total 68 percent of the garbage collected was done by students, particularly the students from Wasse-Abin Pontiac School in Wiikwemkoong.”

The contest ran from April 3 to May 3, with prizes eligible to be won in fun family and individual competitions. “This year’s event was a huge success with 40 submissions for our contest, despite the less than ideal spring weather we had through the month of April,” continued Mr. Campbell.

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory won the community clean up award, with 273 people collecting a total of 386 bags of garbage. Assiginack Township was second with 41 bags of garbage collected by 73 people. Central Manitoulin was third with 31 bags of garbage collected by 54 people, followed by NEMI with 26 bags of garbage collected by 11 people. A total of 142 people took part in the garbage clean up in Gore Bay/Gordon-Barrie Island with 21 bags of garbage collected. And in Billings 20 people were able to fill 20 bags of garbage.

The School Clean-up award went to Wasse Abin Pontiac elementary school which collected 319 bags of garbage. Assiginack Public School (Manitowaning) collected 16 garbage bags with Charles McLean Public School (Gore Bay) collecting a total of 15 bags of garbage.

In the business cleanup award category, the Assiginack Fire Department collected 14 bags of garbage followed by Bousquet Realty collecting 12 bags of garbage and the Little Current United Church collect-



Winning the award for tallest coffee cup stack in the Manitoulin Island garbage cleanup competition was Roen Deschenes, who stacked 20 cups he had found in collecting garbage.

ing 11 bags of garbage.

The Garbage Cleanup Hero award was won by Jamie Pyette who collected 19 bags of garbage over seven days. The Tallest Coffee Cup Stack award was won by Roen Deschenes (who collected a total of 20 cups).

“And the Garg-AGE-Gap award goes to Luka, Lily Laende and Grandad, a 68-year age difference,” said Mr. Campbell. He added, “while the event may be over, we still love to see eco-heroes out in the community, so if you get out and collect any more garbage this year send us a photo and we will showcase the important work of cleaning up trash and protecting Manitoulin Island’s environment.”

## Island martial arts team posts excellent results at Canadian championships

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Empower Martial Arts team members participated in the Canadian Budoka Karate Championships, with several first to third place finishes garnered by individuals.

Local competitors included David Joyce, age 12, Sarah Joyce, age 10, Tommy Joyce, age 7, Emma Chaytor, age 10, Cameron Chaytor, age 8, Parker Johnston, age 10 and Aria Wright, age 10, said Anya Wright, sensei of Empower Martial Arts, which is based in Gore Bay.

“Parker finished first in

forms and fourth in self defence,” said Anya Wright. “Sarah placed first in self defence, third in forms and third in spar-

ring. Cameron placed third in both forms and sparring. Emma placed second in forms and third in self-defence.”



Back row, left, is Cameron Chaytor, David Joyce and Tommy Joyce. Front row left is Sarah Joyce, Emma Chaytor, sensei Anya Wright, Aria Wright and Parker Johnston.

## Manitoulin Sporting Life

### Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



#### Small but mighty!

An elite, yet small track team from Manitoulin competed at the season warm-up Black Fly Relays last week.

**Maren Kasunich** finished second in the 800m and lead all the way from start to finish first in the women’s 3,000 metre with a time of 11:12!

**Alan Wilkin** smashed the 400m 60 second threshold to finish second in a time of 56.9! Alan, just 18, was only beat by a man seven years his senior in the open event. Alan was also fourth in the 800m and ninth in the 3000m.

Sixteen-year-old **Xavier Mara**, similarly, ran in the Open 800m men’s race and was tenth in 2:26, just ahead of a 27-year-old guy!

Finally **Brodie Pennie**, who has a great work ethic towards his training, is once again reaping the benefits. He ran to a bronze medal in the 800m and gold in the 3,000m in a blistering 9:25!

Interestingly, I was in a Sudbury sporting goods store on Saturday when I overheard two high school students talking about the meet. One inquires how the other did and he replies, “Brodie beat me!” Of course, my ears perked up as he continues, “...he got fast!” “Well, he was always fast,” I thought to myself but I was curious that they were on a first-name basis with Brodie. After chatting them up it turns out that the runner was none other than **Sam Rice**, Brodie’s sometimes nemesis in cross country over the years. Keep on surprising them, Brodie!

#### Mountain Bike Racers triumphant

Spring is in the air and the scent of mud and chain oil permeates the trails. The Manitoulin Mountain Bike Racing sent a large team of nine riders to the Hardwood Single Track Classic in Barrie.

Eight of the team rode in the 21km race and **Alex Anstice** grinding out the 42km marathon.

Amazingly they had three youth on the podium! **Tobi Brown** finished 3rd in the 17- to 34-year-old men’s category. In the

under 17 category, **Bradley Slaght** finished 1st; **Nathan Quackenbush** finished 2nd; **Isaac Quackenbush** finished 4th despite a crash and a broken wheel!

**Alex Anstice** finished fifth in the men’s 35-49, 42km race. The rest of the adults on the team only revealed there were no podium finishes but they had a great time racing on old, tired legs!

If anyone is interested in joining the mountain bike club, or the race team you should check them out on Facebook at Manitoulin Mountain Biking, or email them at ManitoulinMTB@gmail.com

#### 3 on 3 Panthers

Here are some follow up details on the 3-on-3 tournament that was covered last week from Panther coach **Scott Stephens**.

A group of nine kids from the Manitoulin Panthers, along with a friend from Lively with Manitoulin roots, participated in the Sault Open Ice 3-on-3 hockey tournament. This was the first year that this popular tournament has run since the pandemic. They won the U13 championship out of a pool of eight teams.

Congratulations to the team, featuring: **Liam Stephens, Bryden Romaniuk, Spencer Cortes, Memphis Shawanda, Ryan Carter, Cohen Rajotte, Lincoln Rancourt, Roen Deschenes, Alex Bourcier and Josh Ruppel.** Way to go team!

#### Pike Masters, pick monsters!

The Wiikwemkoong Anglers first pike derby of the season was held over the weekend. A good omen for the season was that a couple of nice 40 inchers were caught and because their derbies are catch and release they are back out there!

Taking the top prize was **Duke Peltier** with a two fish total length of 72 inches. In second was **Isaac Sloss** with 70.5” and third place went to **Jeff Bailey**, hauling in 65.4”!

The next derby in their series is in two weeks on May 20. Tight lines!

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# C.C. McLean students work with Gore Bay Fish and Game to raise Chinook salmon

by Tom Sasvari  
GORE BAY—Thanks to the efforts of students and staff at Charles C. McLean Public School (C.C. McLean) in Gore Bay, and with the support of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC) healthy Chinook salmon were stocked in Bickell's Creek last week.  
"On behalf of the GBFGC, a big thanks goes out to all those who had a part in this project at the school," said Ches Witty of GBFGC at the release of the fish at Bickell's Creek last



Grade 6/7 students of Charles C. McLean Public School stand behind the bridge along with school custodian Richard Panton, Chris Robinson and Ches Witty, both members of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club.

Thursday morning. "The fish are really doing well, and we would like to say a special thank you to Richard (Panton) for all his expertise and efforts (to raise the fish in the school)."  
Mr. Witty told the Grade 6/7 class students, "in four years these fish will be back

here at the creek to spawn." Richard Panton, custodian at C.C. McLean, who led the fish raising project in the school pointed out, "we had a low hatch rate of the fish we had been provided, but those that hatched lived and look good."  
Zach Robinson, Grade 6/7 teacher said, "the students

have been helping Richard in raising the fish for a few months now. The fish tank they were raised in is in the school hallway, and the fish were raised from eggs to what we see today. (Student) David Joyce helped Richard quite a bit."  
"This was the first time I

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- Participate in proper storage and labelling of dietary supplies and food, including leftovers.
- Assemble nourishment carts. Stock unit kitchenettes.
- Prepare food for the residents (dinner, sauces, desserts, etc).
- Clean production area and equipment.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Safe Food Handlers Certificate
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#### FINANCE MANAGER

Department: Finance  
Classification/Level: Senior Management (\$78,000 - \$135,200)  
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Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

**POSITION SUMMARY:**  
As an integral part of the Senior Management team of the M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN), the Finance Manager shall have extensive experience in the financial management sector with a strong financial vision, insight to match and proven track record of success to manage and direct all the organization's finances. Responsibilities include preparing annual budgets, complex data analysis, budget forecasting, overseeing accounts, advising, and making strategic financial recommendations that will promote long-term financial stability, growth, accountability and transparency.

The Finance Manager's role is diverse and will take the lead in long-term planning, development and implementation of accounting policies and financial operations compliance for all departments; and will be directly involved with strategic planning ensuring execution is compliant with regulatory legislation and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The Finance Manager will work with Enaagdenjiged to develop, monitor and evaluate budgets, financial codes and regulations, policies and procedures and recommend changes for improvement; and will coordinate the establishment and maintenance of internal financial control processes for monthly financial reporting. The Financial Manager is results-oriented and strategically fosters growth and development; will promote accountability and transparency of the M'Chigeeng First Nation's sustainability and will ensure the Finance Department adequately supports the overall goals and objectives of the M'Chigeeng First Nation.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**  
The Finance Manager will work with the Department Management team on strategic vision, including fostering and cultivating stakeholder relationships, as well as assisting in the development and negotiation of funding from all partners or government agencies. In addition to providing advice to the Enaagdenjiged in the management and financial and business planning activities including:

- Direct and administer all financial.
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- Lead and support organizational budgeting processes.

Manage MFN funds in a fiscally prudent manner to ensure adequate cashflow to meet the First Nation's needs. Interact with the Department Managers to provide consultative support to planning initiatives through financial and management information analyses, reports and recommendations. \*\*For a complete job description, please request to the following: [andream@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:andream@mchigeeng.ca)

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
**Preferred**  
Certified Chartered Accountant with a bachelor's degree in finance, business administration or accounting with minimum five (5) years' direct work-related experience.  
**Minimum**  
College Diploma three (3) years in Finance or Accounting with minimum seven (7) years of equivalent work experience coupled with experience in management, full accounting cycle which includes budgeting, A/R, A/P, Payroll, control, and interpretation of financial statements.  
Essential general management skills, including financial management and budgeting, strategic planning, business development, marketing, human resources management, etc.  
Extensive knowledge and experience in business and financial acumen would be strong assets.

**OTHER SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE:**

- Excellent financial acumen and familiar with governments and other agencies funding agreements.
- Experience managing, training and mentoring staff and conducting annual performance evaluations.
- Strong leadership style with uncompromising sense of integrity and high ethical standards.
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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER

**Department: Family Resources**  
 Salary Range: CS – 2 (\$45,396 - \$55,484-\$54,648)  
 + Group Pension and Benefits  
 Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

**Position Summary:**

Under the supervision of the Family Resources Manager, the Community Support Worker will provide short- and long-term prevention and early intervention services and programs for children, parents, and families of M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN).

The CSW will develop, assist, and support after-hours programming in the community, which is primarily the objective of this position, and may require transport of youth, children, and families. The successful CSW will be knowledgeable of M'Chigeeng's values and traditions. In addition, positive teamwork and inter-department communication is crucial, as the CSW will be making necessary outside referrals, as well as connecting clients to services within the community. Establishing and maintaining cooperative and collaborative working relationships with co-workers and community members is crucial. CSWs promote healthy lifestyles and healthy child parenting, while also recognizing and reporting child abuse or neglect in the community.

**Essential Functions**

- Delivery of advocacy and referral services to and for M'Chigeeng First Nation Band members.
- Delivery of education programs and services in relation to short and long-term prevention services for band members.
- Delivery of counselling services when required, life skills training and coaching.
- Delivery of proactive workshops and/or training in relation to parenting and children's services.
- Development and implementation of parenting programs for community members.
- Development and implementation of cultural awareness activities.
- Ensure effective and efficient operation of program through monthly reports, staff consultations and meetings, case conferences and community meetings.
- Maintain community linkages as it relates to the delivery of prevention services and programs.
- Ensure high level of confidentiality in all areas of prevention services.
- Understand and able to implement knowledge of family systems.
- Maintain linkages internal and external to the organization to ensure effective and efficient operation of preventive services to community members.
- Work closely with the employees working directly with youth.
- Ability to apply effective programs in relation to Child & Family Services.

**Qualifications & Requirements:**

Diploma in or related to the field of Social Worker equivalent education and experience.  
 Good understanding of conflict resolution and mediation processes.  
 Ability to engage children, relate with youth with understanding and in a strength-based approach and promote strong healthy family values.  
 Proficiency with various computer software applications.

**Other:**

Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.  
 Strong decision-making, analytical and problem-solving skills for the unpredictable nature of work.  
 Knowledge and experience in involving families, community, community supports and other systems in case planning.  
 Have excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize to meet deadlines.  
 Must have knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, and customs.  
 Ability to speak and understand the Ojibwe language would be a strong asset or the willingness to learn.  
 Self-motivated, ability to work independently with minimal supervision and is a team player.  
 Willing to work flexible hours and weekends and ability to work under stressful situations.  
 Must have or be willing to obtain First Aid /CPR, Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills.  
 Certification in ASIST and Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVC).  
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\*\* The successful candidate must submit a Police VSS prior to the start of the position.

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 Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!! (4<sup>th</sup> Posting)

#### DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR

**Department: Health Services**  
 Salary Range: \$70,200 - \$85,800 + Group Pension and Benefits  
 Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

**Position Summary:**

Under the supervision of the Nursing Supervisor, the Diabetes Nurse Educator will perform professional nursing, consultation, and educational services for members with diabetes. The Diabetes Nurse Educator will act as a health care consultant by providing information on the management of diabetes for members of all ages of the M'Chigeeng First Nation.

**Essential Functions:**

- Provide education related to diabetes and the disease process; medication, diet, and nutritional monitoring; foot care, prevention, and care of complications; blood glucose monitoring and the techniques of self-monitoring and injection.
- Develop and implement educational programs for diabetic staff, members and families.
- Advise patients as to long-term complications.
- Provide clinical resource and consultation to the health team and visiting practitioners.
- Assist patients in monitoring blood glucose for the purpose of medication control and adjustment for both insulin and non-insulin dependent diabetics.
- Assess, monitor, and implement treatment plans for patients at various stages of the disease. The focus is on prevention of complications and management of stable diabetes.
- Provide ongoing assessment and recommendations to the treatment team and patient/family for adjustments in the plan of care as required.
- Document assessments, interventions, and plans, including recommendations and goals, progress notes and discharge summaries.
- Coordinate community outreach diabetic education including in-school settings.

**Qualifications & Requirements:**

- Diploma in Nursing, BScN preferred.
- Basic and/or Advanced Foot Care Certification and experience providing foot care is an asset.
- Current and good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO).
- At least two (2) years' recent clinical experience, diabetes education and management.
- Preferred Certification as "Certified Diabetes Educator" or willing to obtain certification within two years of employment.
- Valid First Aid and CPR.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe people.
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset or the willingness to learn.

**Other:**

- Excellent knowledge of diabetic education services.
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to determine appropriate course of action in more complex situations.
- Ability to work independently, exercise creativity, be attentive to detail, and maintain a positive attitude.
- Ability to manage multiple and simultaneous responsibilities and to prioritize scheduling of work.
- Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality.
- Ability to handle difficult situations involving patients, physicians, and others in a professional manner.
- Knowledge of community, social and health resources.
- Ability to mobilize the community and make connections to work together to help patients.
- Ability to develop a trusting relationship with members and staff through open honest communication and genuine caring for the client's situations.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office, PS Suites EMR and general office procedures.
- Must have a valid G Licence with access to own vehicle.

**Closing Date: May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 12 p.m.**

If you are interested in this new opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current reference contacts (two work-related and one character reference) and copies of education qualifications to:

**DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR**

c/o Human Resources  
 M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
 M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0  
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# Manitoulin Sea Cadets take part in Seamanship Inter-Divisional Competition

**by Tom Sasvari**  
 MANITOULIN—Members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadet Corps (RCSCC) 348 Manitoulin joined other cadet corps in Sault Ste. Marie the last weekend in April for seamanship training.

Sylvain Boucher, Lt. Commanding Officer RCSCC 348 Manitoulin explained, “on the weekend of April 28-29, sea cadets from across Northern Ontario gathered in Sault Ste. Marie for the Seamanship Inter-Divisional Competition (SIDC). There were approximately 80 cadets in attendance, 21 of whom

make up (RCSCC) Manitoulin. Other cadet corps included RCSCC Tiger from Timmins, RCSCC Brilliant from North Bay, RCSCC Admiral Mountbatten from Sudbury, RCSCC Captain Kidd from Elliot Lake, and the host for the weekend, RCSCC Royal Sovereign in the Soo.”

“The cadets in attendance ranged in age from 12-18,” said Lt. Boucher. “They participated in many seamanship training activities over the weekend, which is ‘the art or skill of handling, working, and navigating a ship,’ according to Merriam-Webster.

The cadets were divided into teams comprised of two or three members from each corps.”

“On Saturday, the cadets participate in eight learning stations,” said Lt. Boucher. They included basic ropework of seven different knots with varying applications on a marine vessel, and how to rig tackles (pulley systems) using both “luff” and “two-fold purchase” set-ups; Heaving line, the technique of throwing a long line with a target stationed 35 feet away. This is used to pass lines from your vessel to the short, another vessel, or personnel in the water; boatman’s call, identifying pipes (tunes) and executing notes on a small, handheld whistle, traditionally used to deliver commands over the sound of the water; crew and other noises onboard a ship; monkey’s fist key chain. At this fun station, the cadets made personal key chains, creating a ‘monkey’s fist,’ a woven ball traditionally placed at the end of a heaving line to add weight; gyn-a gyn setup is a tripod of three large spars (poles) that are lashed together and

raised using pulleys. This tripod is used for raising and lowering supplies between upper and lower

decks on a ship; Scop 2, Radio communications, including procedures, checks, safety, urgency, and

distress calls; Naval communications, using the phonetic alphabet, used for

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## ...Gore Bay Fish and Game


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experienced this (a class raising fish) and it was nice to see the kids get to see the fish from the time they hatched, and grow to a big enough size that they were stocked here in the creek,” said Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Witty explained GBFGC got the fish eggs last fall in Kagawong River. The school had previously been provided the fish tank and equipment to raise the fish over the fall and winter for planting in the spring.

“This was the first year we have planted the fish since COVID-19,” said Mr. Pantou. “All the kids in the Grade 6/7 class showed interest in the program, and David Joyce and Michael Harper especially liked to help. The students were very helpful in raising the fish. They were there quite a bit. The kids love it.”

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

At the  
**Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs (Childcare Centre)**

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**TWO (2) REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS**  
 Term: Full-time Regular  
 Classification Level: **RECE Salary Grid (\$40,995.20 - \$50,055.20)**  
 \* With \$2.00 Hourly Wage Enhancement (subject to approval year to year) + Group Benefits and Group Pension

**Position Summary:**  
 The Registered Early Childhood Educator (RECE) is under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisor and is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, fostering development and safety. The RECE will oversee the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children ages newborn to 12 years.

**Qualifications:**

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and registered with the College of ECE.
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset.
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment.
- Knowledge the Anishinaabe culture, history, and language or the willingness to learn.
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.

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**TWO (2) - ONE ON ONE - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR ASSISTANTS**  
 Term: Full-time Term  
 Classification Level: **TA (\$16.15 to \$24.23 / hour)**

**Position Summary:**  
 Under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisor, the one-on-one ECE Assistant is responsible for the provision of classroom support and one-to-one instruction with identified students.

**Responsibilities:**

- Assist and support early childhood educators in carrying out programs that promote, physical, cognitive, emotional and social development of children.
- Assist and support educator in providing an environment with experiences that will foster the development of the children (i.e. social, emotional, physical, and intellectual).

**Qualifications:**  
 Completion of early childhood assistant certificate program or post-secondary courses in early childhood education.  
 At least two years' work-experience in a childcare centre.  
 Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families would be an asset. Excellent interpersonal skills, dependable and reliable.  
 Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset; or must be willing to learn.

Conditions of Employment for all positions:

1. Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of TB tests and immunizations
3. Employee Medical Information Form

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**ON-CALL CASUAL JANITORS**  
 Classification Level: **CW-2 (\$19.69 - \$24.07/ hour)**

**Position Summary**  
 The Janitor is responsible for keeping the Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs clean and sanitized. The Janitor works under the supervision of the Head Custodian.


**Qualifications:**  
 High School Diploma or Equivalency with at least one-year work-related experience.  
 Current WHIMIS CPR & First Aid Certifications or willing to acquire.  
 Ability to read and understand labels/instructions for application of cleaning chemical products.  
 Ability to work with minimal supervision and in a team environment, to maintain effective working relationships with all Day Care staff.  
 Maintain professional attitude when interacting with children, parents and visitors.

**Application Closing Date: OPEN UNTIL FILLED!**

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current references (two professional and one character) and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

**CONFIDENTIAL: "INDICATE POSITION"**  
 c/o Human Resource  
 M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0  
[employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

**Department: Family Resources**  
 Salary Range: CS - 3 (\$46,147 - \$54,648) - + Group Pension and Benefits  
 Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

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**Position Summary:**  
 Under the supervision of the Family Resources Supervisor, the Family Support Worker, on behalf of on-reserve M'Chigeeng First Nation children, youth and families will assist in promoting community well-being by enabling and improving standard of living through community-based preservation programs with the inclusion of Anishinaabe culture and lifestyle.

**Essential Functions:**

- Establish supportive and trusting relationships that reduce risk, promote healthier lifestyles, and support children and youths' connection, stability and attachment to the family and community.
- Establish and maintain caring relationships and effective communication with parents, children and youth.
- Practice strict confidentiality, privacy, ethical and non-bias approaches.
- Conduct client intake and assessment procedures and work with clients to develop needs assessment and a plan of care to include physical, spiritual, emotional, medical, schooling, self-identification, social, identified family needs and ensure follow-up of aftercare plan(s).
- Liaise effectively with the Foster Care Program, CAS, biological/ foster parents and other service providers.
- Respond and act on inquiries and referrals in a timely and professional manner and maintain contact with CAS and other involved social service agencies to keep abreast of client cases.
- Perform other duties as assigned that are reasonably related to the role.

**Case Management/Administration**

- Ensure client records and files are current, accurate, properly stored and secured ready for court subpoenas and that files are properly closed.
- Coordinate and transport individuals to appointments as needed.
- Assist youth in identifying and accessing educational and vocational resources, recreational pursuits, and other appropriate community contacts and resources.
- Assist to plan, lead/co-lead, coordinate and evaluate group education, counselling and/or support activities for youth, parents and/or families.

**Qualifications & Requirements:**  
 Social Services Diploma, Native Child & Family Worker, Child & Youth Worker Diploma or Diploma in related field. Experience in front-line service delivery of Indigenous Child and Family Services. Ability to interpret and apply a wide range of Social Work practices and principles and Native-based methods designed to help families achieve healthier lifestyles. Knowledge of the Child & Family Services Act is an asset. Working knowledge and training in interviewing techniques for children and families. Good understanding of conflict resolution and mediation processes. Ability to engage children, relate with youth with understanding and in a strength-based approach and promote strong healthy family values. Proficiency with various computer software applications. Experience in assisting the planning and leading of counselling or support groups.

**Other:**  
 Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Strong decision-making, analytical and problem-solving skills for the unpredictable nature of work. Knowledge and experience in involving families, community, community supports and other systems in case planning. Excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize to meet deadlines. Must have knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, traditions and customs. Ability to speak and understand the Ojibwe language would be a strong asset or the willingness to learn. Self-motivated, ability to work independently with minimal supervision and is a team player. Willing to work flexible hours and weekends and ability to work under stressful situations. Must have or be willing to obtain First Aid /CPR, Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills. Certification in ASIST and Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NVC). Must have a valid G Licence with access to own vehicle.

**\*\* Successful candidate must submit a Police VSS prior to start of position.**

**Closing Date: Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in this employment opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current reference contacts (two work-related and one character reference) and copies of education qualifications to:

**FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER**  
 c/o Human Resources  
 M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
 M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0  
 Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: [employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

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# ...Cadets take part in Seamanship Inter-Divisional Competition

...continued from page 4A radio communication, and international signal flags, used traditionally to communicate between vessels or between a vessel and harbour; naval navigation, a game set up to teach on-the-water right of way, buoys, and emergency procedures.

Throughout each of the stations, cadets earned points with mini competitions, completing the lessons, and for enthusiasm and encouraging other team members, said Lt. Boucher.

“Saturday night, the cadets participated in Swim to Survive, a program offered by the local community centre through the Lifesaving Society,” said Lt. Boucher. “This program emphasizes the basic skills needed to survive falling into the water. The cadets also enjoyed a free swim in the pool.”

On Sunday, the cadet teams designed and built model boats using household items such as milk jugs, duct tape, and paper, continued Lt. Boucher. “The materials to build the boats were ‘purchased’ by the teams using the points they had scored during Sat-



Learning the ropes!



Members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets 348 Manitoulin took part in many different seamanship training activities in Sault Ste. Marie recently.



Members of the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets 348 Manitoulin set up a Gyn, at a seamanship training weekend the cadets had with other cadet groups in Northern Ontario in Sault Ste. Marie.

urday’s stations. The boats were put to the test in a tub of water and judged on buoyancy, stability in strong seas and creativity.”

Lt. Boucher added, “throughout the weekend the cadets enjoyed opportunities for good food and created friendships that will last a lifetime. The seamanship skills they learned will come in handy as they spend the summer boating with their families here on the Island, participating in summer training and camp programs across the province, or perhaps in the

future through other sea cadet opportunities or nautical careers.”

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Looking for student with own transportation to do outside yard work. Please call 705-669-7186 references needed.

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### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE VACANCIES

The Justice of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee is seeking to appoint justices of the peace to the Ontario court of justice in court locations across Ontario



THE ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE OF ONTARIO  
L'ASSOCIATION DES JUGES DE PAIX DE L'ONTARIO

Applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. on Wed., May 31, 2023 For applications and information on qualifications for appointment please visit: [www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/jpaac/advertisements/](http://www.ontariocourts.ca/ocj/jpaac/advertisements/)

For information about the types of trials and hearings a justice of the peace presides over please visit: [www.AJPO.org](http://www.AJPO.org). This is a full-time appointment that requires travel within the province.

There is a webinar explaining the position and the application process, including what to expect during the classification process linked to the application site.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CLERK**

*Department: Health Services*  
Salary Range: CA – 3 (\$42,120 – 51,480)  
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

**Position Summary:**  
Under the supervision of the Health Services Department Manager, the Medical Transportation Clerk will assist with the medical transportation services for members of M'Chigeeng First Nation. They will ensure the FNIHB Medical Transportation Directive is followed and implemented.

**Essential Functions:**

- Ensure transportation initiatives on behalf of clients are maintained by providing instructions to drivers, review of special needs of clients where applicable.
- Assist community members with all non-insured health benefit applications and follow up with all required documentation.
- Ensure that the medical transportation policy is implemented.
- Complete all documentation and provide written authorization and verified statements to the Administration department on a bi-weekly schedule.
- Maintain accurate file systems and up-to-date records at all times.
- Complete and submit financial expenditure reports.
- Have knowledge of computer and software for the efficient operation of delivery in transportation support.
- Complete all administrative duties pertaining to long distance and emergency transportation services according to the non-insured health benefits program of Health Canada.
- Complete an annual work plan and final reports that outline goals and objectives.
- Assist in community education and awareness activities as it relates to health programs and services.
- Provide general administrative/clerk support services when required.
- Perform other duties as assigned that are reasonably related to the role.

**Qualifications & Requirements:**  
Grade 12 or equivalent.  
At least one (1) year of administrative work experience in a First Nation or Indigenous organization.  
Working knowledge of computer and software for the efficient operation of delivery in transportation support.  
Valid First Aid and CPR or willingness to update.  
Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe people.  
Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset or the willingness to learn.

**Other:**  
Strong organizational and interpersonal skills.  
Ability to determine appropriate course of action in complex / emergency situations.  
Ability to work independently, exercise creativity, be attentive to detail, and maintain a positive attitude.  
Ability to manage multiple and simultaneous responsibilities and to prioritize schedule of work and client appointments.  
Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality of all medical and financial information.  
Ability to handle sensitive situations involving members and others in a professional manner.  
Knowledge of community, social and health resources.  
Ability to mobilize the community and make connections to work together to help members.  
Ability to develop a trusting relationship with members and staff through open honest communication and genuine care for the member's situations.  
Must have a valid G Licence with access to own vehicle.

\*\* Must submit a Police VSS prior to start of position.

**Closing Date: Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in this employment opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current reference contacts (two work-related and one character reference) and copies of education qualifications to:

**MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CLERK**  
c/o Human Resources  
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M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0  
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## ADMINISTRATOR

Located in Little Current.

Excellent remuneration and start at three weeks' vacation pay for the qualified applicant.

Experience with office administration and strong personal and computer skills an asset.

Send résumé to [info@cassondentistry.com](mailto:info@cassondentistry.com)

[www.cassondentistry.com](http://www.cassondentistry.com)

**MNAAMODZAWIN**

HEALTH SERVICES INC.

### Community Health Nurse – Permanent Full Time

**Overview:**  
The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in five First Nation communities, in collaboration with an inter-professional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership, and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise and advanced judgment. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities.  
The successful candidate shall possess:

**Required Competencies:**

- Integrity and Respect cultural diversity
- Dependability
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Adaptability
- Critical Thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

**Qualifications and Work Experience:**

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/ spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishnaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

**Deadline: Friday, May 19, 2023 at 12:00 pm**

**Submissions:**  
Send resume, cover letter, vulnerable sector check, three (3) references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

**Human Resources**  
**Mnaamodzawin Health Services**  
**Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540**  
**48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning**  
**Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0**  
**705-368-2182 ext.271**  
**hr@mnaamodzawin.com**

# The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Thursday at 4 pm

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## WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE New Recruit Officer - Full-time – Permanent

**Position:** Recruit Police Constable  
**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment. The New Recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, June 2023. **All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link [www.oacpcertificate.ca](http://www.oacpcertificate.ca).**

**Summary:** The New Recruit Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong Territory.

### Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace, prevent crimes, other offences, provide assistance, and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community; Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

### Basic Requirements:

- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Copy of OACP certificate, include all accompanied documents such as hearing/vision assessments, two-week fitness log, and OACP waivers.
- Copy of valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights code.
- Any relevant certificates related to the position being applied for.
- Candidates with a strong application may be asked to attend the fitness pin test, by invitation only.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three reference letters to:

Attention: Staff Sergeant, Chris Wesley  
[christopher.wesley@wtps.ca](mailto:christopher.wesley@wtps.ca)

**Deadline to Apply for June Intake: May 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM**

Please note, applications will be screened and only those selected will be contacted for an interview

## MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Solid Waste Operations Supervisor (Full-Time)

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of full-time Solid Waste Operations Supervisor.

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

Further information including a job description is available on our website at: [www.centralmanitoulin.ca/employment](http://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/employment)

Resumes will be received until Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 2 p.m. or until a suitable candidate is found. Applications can be addressed to:

Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk  
Municipality of Central Manitoulin  
6020 Highway 542  
P.O. Box 420  
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0

[ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca](mailto:ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca) • Phone: (705) 377-5726 • Fax: (705) 377-5585



## WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE (1) Special Constable – Court Officer Permanent

**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police,  
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for Special Constable – Court Officer. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary as a condition of employment. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link [www.oacpcertificate.ca](http://www.oacpcertificate.ca).

**Summary:** The Special Constable – Court Officer program is a great opportunity for members to learn on the job roles and responsibilities. The WTPS will be accepting applications who possess experience in the court system, and will be responsible to the Chief of Police.

### Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Knowledge of relevant sections of legislation such as the Criminal Code, Young Offenders Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act, Family Law Act, provincial offenses and municipal by-laws to coordinate court proceedings, prepare briefs and other court documents. Knowledge of court processes, procedures, operations and scheduling to coordinate and monitor court proceedings.
- Knowledge of processes and procedures for prisoner search to conduct searches of prisoners and persons taken into custody at court proceedings. Knowledge of basic prisoner care as prescribed by policy to attend to and escort persons in custody. Knowledge of relevant sections of WHMIS and workplace safety to take DNA samples and escort prisoners.
- Knowledge of application software programs to prepare, update and maintain court-related records and to register sex offenders. Organizational skills to coordinate and track all arrangements and documentation pertaining to detachment case files being processed in court.
- Problem-solving skills to assess documentation and information requirements for crown prosecutors et al, and follows up with paperwork that has not been included in crown briefs or has not been prepared, in the process of managing case files.
- Act as a liaison with services with the court and monitor the progress of files through the court system.
- Provide court security services for the detachment, the court, and to participate in the escort of offenders.
- Ensure the preparation and proper completion of all related information and documentation by uniform officers.
- Assist WTPS Officers with community's policing and safety concerns.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Perform shift work that include weekends and holidays.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

### Requirements:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 18 years of age.
- Post Secondary Diploma in Law and Security or related program.
- Copy of OSSD and Post-Secondary Diploma/Certificates.
- Copy of OACP Certificate, include all accompanied documents such as hearing/vision assessment, two-week fitness log, and OACP waivers.
- Copy of valid Class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certification.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation cultures and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.
- Documentation detail you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have a valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights Code.

Employment packages can be emailed to those interested. Please send in your request for an employment package to Staff Sgt. Chris Wesley at [christopher.wesley@wtps.ca](mailto:christopher.wesley@wtps.ca). Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume and three work-related reference letters to:

Attention: Staff Sergeant, Chris Wesley  
[christopher.wesley@wtps.ca](mailto:christopher.wesley@wtps.ca)

**Posting Deadline: May 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM**

Please note: All applications received will be screened for content and only those selected will be extended a personal interview.

The grass is green and the sun is shining...apart from the regular Northern Ontario May snowfall. Regardless of the depressing snowy and rainy weather, students are still bustling around the halls of MSS as we race toward the end of the school year.

On Wednesday, May 3 a group of Grade 9 and 10 student leaders went to the Stand Up Speak Out conference at Cambrian College. This annual conference is run by the Student Senate, a group of student ambassadors from schools across the Rainbow District School Board. The conference featured a motivational speaker and escape artist Scott Hammell. Mr. Hammell taught students important lessons like achieving the impossible is possible if you break it down into small parts. For example,

he showed students how to escape from a straitjacket or how to trick their audience by taking the focus off of them. The conference also had many break-out rooms and team-work activities. Break-out rooms had a variety of different topics to choose from including, mental health, truth and reconciliation, LGBTQIA2S+, environmentalism and many more. Later in the conference, students were broken up into groups and had 20 minutes to create a pitch for a LEGO mascot they made earlier in the day. These pitches were presented to the entire auditorium and were

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



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil



Scott Hammell escaping a straitjacket and cracking jokes



The Rainbow Board's mental health lead speaking in a break-out session.

judged based on the loudest applause. Students went home with new energy and inspiration for leadership

at their schools. For those in Grade 10, if you are interested in being a part of the student senate

an application form was sent out the day of the conference.

On the same day, Manitoulin Metal was interviewed by FIRST Canada on their Twitch channel. A few members of the team spoke about what the world championship they attended meant to them and their experiences there. The interview was hosted by Karthik Kanagasabapathy, a celebrity in FIRST Canada.

Exciting news for sports fans, both tennis and track and field are hosting try-outs now! Sign-up sheets went out last week and tryouts are being

hosted throughout the next week. Track and field athletes have a pre-NSSSA event on May 17 at Central Algoma Secondary School.

Spymaster is in full swing this week after students got the names of their targets on Friday, May 5. The purpose of Spymaster is to "pin" your target with a clothespin, once you do this your target is out and you get their target. This process continues until there is one person standing. The competition commenced on Monday, May 8 and will continue for the next couple weeks as participating students lurk around the school trying not to get "pinned."

That is all for this issue of Kids in the Hall. I hope everyone has a wonderful week! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!

# Travelling Science North exhibit at OCF celebrates Indigenous ingenuity

by Michael Erskine  
M'CHIGEENG—Science North's travelling exhibition, Indigenous Ingenuity, has landed in the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) lobby, bringing interactive displays that highlight and celebrate many of the ingenious inventions of Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island.

"We started in September 2022 at the Montreal Science Centre with a 10,000 square foot exhibit," said a Science North spokesper-

son. Together with Indigenous Tourism Ontario, Science North reduced the size to a more mobile 1,000 square feet. "We have been working on this for over two years."

"Indigenous peoples from North America have long demonstrated a great sense of ingenuity, using nature as inspiration," notes Science North's website. "The world we know today is influenced by their innovations and scientific knowledge. The exhibition invites



Head to the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation to visit the Indigenous Ingenuity exhibit on now.

visitors to experience the innovative processes that give rise to Indigenous

knowledge by: observing nature as a source of inspiration, listening to bearers of knowledge, experimenting with scientific princi-

ples and sharing acquired knowledge by passing it on to others."

The Science North Exhibit highlights traditional crafts such as wild rice harvesting, snowshoes, canoes and dogsleds through interactive and hands-on displays, as well as presenting digital storyboards providing legends from Indigenous groups across Canada.

There are four regions underpinning the displays: Arctic, lakes and rivers, mountains and forest and mountains.

Among the hands-on dis-

plays is an innovative hand-held maze that deftly demonstrates consensual decision-making. With handles placed around a large circular board containing a maze and within the maze there is a ball, participants must work together to move the ball to its destination.

The OCF stop is the fifth on this tour and will be in place until May 19. "We usually stay about four to eight weeks," sthe spokesperson noted. "We will be back in Wiikwemkoong at the high school gym in November and December."

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For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit [www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team](http://www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team).

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Wednesday, May 17, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**Bob Clement** Board Chair      **Bruce Bourget** Director of Education      [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca)

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### Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Seeks Applicants Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, as the committee responsible for bringing forward suitable candidates to the Board, is seeking applications from persons within the District of Manitoulin who are interested in serving as Directors. The Committee encourages applicants from all geographical areas of the Manitoulin Region.

MHC is a two-site hospital corporation, with locations in Mindemoya and Little Current, whose Mission is "To contribute to the health and well-being of all who come to us in need." The Board governs the organization, and is responsible for issues such as strategic direction, capacity, quality, collaborative ventures, risk management and fiscal soundness of the organization. Towards these activities, Directors act in the best interest of the hospital corporation, ensuring through appropriate governance endeavours that the hospital fulfills its mission.

**MHC selects Directors based on an identified need from within MHC's Board of Directors Skills Matrix. Consideration is given to individuals having the following experience or background:**

- Business/Finance/Accounting/Insurance;
- Human Resources/Labour Relations;
- Law/Justice;
- Marketing/Fundraising/Public & Government Relations;
- Public Sector Administration/Education/Health Sector;
- CEO/Senior Executive/Management;
- Community-Based Organization and Engagement;
- Other relevant skills desirable to the Board.

Diversity of skills, knowledge and viewpoints is desirable for a high-performing Board, and so the Board encourages applications from suitable individuals with an interest in serving in this capacity. Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons/ persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

**Interested persons are asked to submit:**

- A cover letter indicating the reason(s) why they wish to sit as a Director;
- A resume outlining skills and qualities they will bring to the Board;
- A description of any past experiences in serving other non-profit associations, organizations, or community groups; and
- Three (3) references

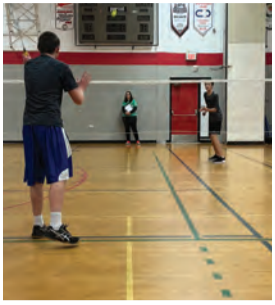
**by 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, May 31st, addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, by email to [lmastelko@mhc.on.ca](mailto:lmastelko@mhc.on.ca).**



Manitoulin Secondary School

**PLAYER PROFILE**

by Mackenzie Green



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**IAN MCCAULEY**

With a swing of a racket, Ian is completely in his element! Whether it's making a sneaky net shot, sending a clear to the back of the court, or smashing the birdie, Ian enjoys every minute on the court. However, his love for athletics translates beyond the badminton court; his racket can easily be swapped out for a basketball, hockey stick or tennis racket. No matter the sport, Ian brings a high level of competitiveness and intensity, all with a smile on his face! Almost halfway through his high school career, Ian has established himself as a great athlete, a status that is sure to hold true for the rest of his time at MSS!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Ian attended Lakeview School, located in M'Chigeeng First Nation. Throughout his public school years, he could mainly be found on the field, as a member of the soccer and three-pitch team. When reflecting upon his involvement in elementary sport, Ian easily recalls a memorable moment. He cherishes the memory of winning a competition in an Indigenous Games tournament that his school took part in. It was also at this time that Ian discovered his passion for the sport of badminton. He notes that badminton took the top spot as his favourite sport in elementary school.

Moving into Mustang athletics, Ian decided to pick up a new racket, challenging himself in trying out for the tennis team. In his second year sporting the black and gold, Ian played basketball as a forward, but dabbled in the centre position. As the basketball season came to an end, Ian began gearing up for badminton. He became a dedicated member of the team and was selected to play in the men's junior singles event. He put his skills to the test in his most recent NSSSA appearance, where he captured a silver medal. His accomplishment punched his ticket to compete at NOSSA in North Bay this past week! As NOSSA wrapped up the badminton season, Ian looks forward to another tennis season just around the corner.

Although Ian participates in a variety of sports in his free time, including hockey, volleyball and basketball, he has found that badminton holds a special place in his heart. Ian explains that when he was younger, badminton provided the opportunity for him to bond with his dad, spending quality time together. Now, when playing this fast racket sport, the memories flood back and Ian is reminded of how much he enjoys it. Ian also notes the intensity of badminton often pushes his body to the limit, one of the things he appreciates most about sport.

When Ian finally steps off the court, he can be found enjoying the great outdoors. As soon as the warm weather rolls around, Ian loves to stay active by swimming, fishing and camping. He finds motivation to stay fit from his cat, Bella and dog, Missa who he enjoys taking for runs. Hunting is also among the list of Ian's favourite hobbies. He cherishes these activities because they allow him to spend time in nature and with his family, which is important to Ian. However, when a rainy day strikes, Ian is perfectly fine with working on his video game skills.

In the classroom, Ian is particularly fond of phys ed and science. He explains that gym class is always so much fun and with his friends it is very enjoyable. However, science also sparks his interest as he finds the majority of information quite intriguing, especially chemistry and space science.

His interests have likely influenced his plan to pursue a career working for NASA, or possibly teaching. Whatever Ian decides, his hard work and commitment to constant improvement will surely set him up for success, in and out of the game!

Huge congrats to Ian who has been selected to represent Team Ontario in softball for the Indigenous games, hosted in Halifax this summer!

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# NEW-ish to Manitoulin

## Welcome to Manitoulin, Lois and Randy Morritt

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.*

by Heather Marshall

If moving frequently and making many new friends in the process is your fancy, there's no life like the ministry as Lois and Randy Morritt discovered during their nearly 50 years of marriage and ministering to small congregations across Ontario.

Randy was born and raised in Collingwood. After finishing high school in 1970, he moved to Beamsville to attend Great Lakes Bible College where he studied to become a Church of Christ minister. During his second year there he met Lois Huntsman who was raised in Beamsville and a Grade 12 student Great Lakes Christian High School at the time. Part way through her last year of high school she transferred to the Bible College.

It turned out the two had met years before at a church summer camp, but their relationship only began while in college. After dating for about a year and a half the couple married in July 1973 following Randy's graduation with a Diploma of Biblical Studies (Honours). That was the starting point of what would become an itinerant life with moves every few years as Randy took on new positions as pastor in churches throughout southern and southwestern Ontario and, eventually, Northern Ontario too.

Their first stop was Hamilton where Randy started out his preaching life. Their eldest child, Jennifer, was born there in 1975 during their stay that lasted two-and-a-half years. That posting was followed by a move to Port Colborne where, two years later, their son Benjamin was born during a historic snowstorm that hit the area. Their third child, Bruce, was born in 1979 in Sarnia, their next destination, where they settled down for roughly three years. With the growing demands of raising a young family, Randy supplemented his part-time preaching salary by working as a process operator for Shell Canada.

Caught in the sandwich generation, the couple moved back to Beamsville in the early 1980s to help Lois's elderly parents who were finding it increasingly difficult to run their mink farm. Lois and Randy ran the operation for about three-and-a-half years but closed the business down when they



Lois and Randy Morritt

were not able to make a needed expansion.

When the local Beamsville church offered Randy a full-time position as pastor the family went back on the ministry circuit. After about three years, the church wanted to sponsor the Morritts to go to a mission site, but it was not an opportune time to pick up roots. About the same time, the Great Lakes High School was looking for a food service manager, a position Randy took on while he preached for several smaller congregations that needed a minister. He had worked in a food kitchen in a hospital as a teenager. Lois joined him at the school as an assistant in the kitchen.

Randy's next job was in a packaging plant in Oakville, a job he held for three years. He served as a replacement pastor to fill in as needed at numerous congregations in the region during that period. At one point he returned to the original church he began preaching at in Hamilton in the early '70s. Among the numerous stops along the way was a six year stay in Meaford in the Georgian Bay area where Randy preached full-time before returning to his childhood congregation in Collingwood where they lived for another three years.

The couple's taste of living in the mid-North whet their appetite for opportunities further north in Ontario. In 2008 they moved to Thessalon where they stayed for eight years, the longest they stayed anywhere. By then, Randy was ready to at least semi-retire, a good thing as it turned out when their son Bruce, living in St. Catharines, needed help with childcare after his marriage broke down. For the next six years,

Lois and Randy helped to raise their grandchildren and, as he had done so many times before, Randy went back to preaching in Hamilton and other nearby communities.

The couple expected to live their remaining years in Southern Ontario, slowing down to enjoy a well-earned retirement, when Randy was asked to consider making one more move, this time back to Northern Ontario to serve as pastor at the Ice Lake Church of Christ on Manitoulin. As their son's children were becoming independent and he no longer needed their full-time support, Lois and Randy were immediately tempted as they had loved their time living and working in Thessalon. They toyed with the idea for several months and consulted with their children before making the trip to the Island to check things out in August 2022.

"My initial reaction to the invitation was to ask 'are you sure you want me here? I'm 70!'" says Randy, "but I was definitely keen to make the move. I just didn't want to impose that on Lois as she was near our family and her hometown of Beamsville, and I wanted to make sure it would be a good move for her."

"I wasn't hard to convince," says Lois. "We had visited Manitoulin once previously when we had attended a wedding years earlier, and we knew we loved the North, so we concluded this would be a good fit. We decided this should be our next—and, we hope, final—stop."

With the help of their sons, who moved up their personal belongings in October, Lois and Randy started settling into their new home next door to the church in early November 2022. They're now looking forward to their new Northern life.

"We have no preconceptions but great expectations. We've been well received by members of the congregation and local people we've met since arriving. There are so many good people here. We're looking forward to getting to know more about the community and becoming involved in local activities. We want this to be our long-term destination."

*\*Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAMarshall@proton.me*



No flies on these Mustangs

Five Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs runners took part in the 2023 Laurentian Black Fly Twilight meet, held May 4 in Sudbury. In photo MSS runner Brodie Pennie is sitting behind the lead runner, and MSS runner Alan Wilkin is at the back of the pack in the 800 metre race. Mr. Pennie would go on to finish third setting a new personal best time of 2:05.77 breaking his provincial race time of last year. Mr. Wilkin would finish the race near his personal best with a time of 2:13.