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THE LITTLE CURRENT OF THE FUTURE? — Little Current Public School students Shane Cranston, Ada Nichols and Owen Ferguson stand proudly behind the Future City they and their fellow students in Ms. McGraw's class researched and designed as part of an engineering challenge their class took part in.

photo by Michael Erskine

'Little Current of the Future' conceived, designed by Grade 6-7 LCPS students

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—The future looks to be in good hands after touring results of Ms. McGraw's Little Current Public School students' Conscientious Coyotes efforts as part of 'The Future City Experience' engineering challenge.

"The Future City Experience is a design challenge that uses

the engineering design process to have students research, design and build a model of a city 100 years into the future," explained Ms. McGraw. She noted that in the spring of 2023 she had signed up for a program called 'Engineering in the classroom.' "Unfortunately, there were no engineers in our local area that were part of the

program." Undaunted, Ms. McGraw took advantage of an alternate opportunity that "would connect us with engineers through social media." That program was Future Cities.

This year's focus of the challenge was to design a city in response to the climate crisis. "The class decided to focus on a few local issues that were of concern to them," said Ms. McGraw. "The first was garbage and the projected life of the NEMI landfill, the second was recycling or the lack of recycling, and the local sewage lagoon and the overflows that have occurred in previous years."

The months-long project saw the students combing through

year, and hunter participation has been shown to decrease as well," said Larissa Nituch, science operations supervisor with the MNRF. "The state of Wisconsin, which has lots of

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Ontario deer herd untouched by chronic wasting disease

by Tom Sasvari
ONTARIO—Chronic wasting disease (CWD), which is a fatal and untreatable disease for cervids (including deer) was not detected in Ontario monitoring and surveillance carried out by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) in 2023. However, experts warn the province is far from being in the clear when it comes to CWD and protecting wildlife from this threat, especially when Ontario is surrounded by other provinces and states where the disease has been confirmed.

"For sure, CWD has significant impacts on the deer, wildlife populations where it is present, as well as economic and biodiversity effects as we have seen in other jurisdictions where CWD has been confirmed. In the US jurisdictions where CWD has been confirmed, they have spent as much as eight times more on management than they normally would. Where CWD has been found, there have also been 10-20 percent declines in deer and other cervid populations each

Regional Chief Hare states Ont. Indigenous Affairs minister demands lawsuit against province and Canada be withdrawn, threatens to otherwise stall projects

by Tom Sasvari
TORONTO—The Chiefs of Ontario (COO) have launched a constitutional challenge litigation against Ontario and Canada for failing to provide First Nations with equal access to justice and the rule of law as other Canadians. This discrimination causes serious harm and hardship to First Nations. COO was directed to commence this lawsuit by a unanimous resolution passed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly after years of attempting to work with the Ford government on addressing serious flaws with its new Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), which explicitly excludes the enforcement of First Nations bylaws

from mandatory police functions. The Act was passed by the legislature in 2019 and came into force on April 1, 2024.

A statement of claim filed by COO says Ontario Indigenous Affairs Minister Greg Rickford made threats of retribution. According to the statement on Friday, December 8, 2023, Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare wrote to the Solicitor General and the Attorney General indicating that COO would be bringing this action, including a claim under the Human Rights Code. He also expressed a desire to work collaboratively together and avoid litigation if possible.

It is stated in the claim that

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NE Manitoulin Family Health Team adds midwife to staff

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Manitoulin Family Health Team (FHT) has a new staff member. Emma Witkowski is a midwife who will now be sharing the deliveries, pre- and post-natal care of Island mothers alongside Dr. Ben Quackenbush. Ms. Witkowski will be taking over the obstetrics duties formerly held by Dr. Ken Barss, who retired May 1.

Ms. Witkowski hails from Markdale (home of Chapman's Ice Cream), a couple of hours drive down the Bruce Peninsula

and a ferry ride away, but has lived at various locations across the province. She tells The Expositor that Manitoulin, however, feels like home.

Ms. Witkowski has a Bachelor of Science, with minors in women's studies and creative writing, from the University of Toronto. Following that, she enrolled in the four-year midwife program at Laurentian University, graduating just under the wire. The notoriously difficult-to-get-into midwife program (there are only five programs nation-wide) was one of the many programs axed during Laurentian's financial crisis. Ms. Witkowski was in her last year of studies when the announcement was made.

She shares that her fourth year was spent at Countryside Midwifery Services in Milverton and she loved every moment of it.

Ms. Witkowski and her partner Patrick had come to Manitoulin for an anniversary getaway. She was keen to show off the place she'd discovered while at Laurentian. Both fell in love with the Island and thought it might be a nice place to make a home, so when the opportunity arose, they took the chance.

The two are now nicely settled just outside of Mindemoya. Patrick is the manager at Mindemoya Home Hardware and Ms. Witkowski is the FHT's

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Double gold!!!

The Team Ontario Aboriginal Under-18 male and female hockey teams, which included several players, coaches and team staff from Manitoulin Island, both won the gold medal in their divisions. In photo is a group shot of the two teams together with their medals and championship banners. The Ontario female team included Ava Assinewai, Mackenzie Ferguson of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) and Sequoia Nebenionquit who has family ties to Wiikwemkoong. Tommie Lee Recollet of Wiikwemkoong was a coach on the team. Kyle Ferguson of WUT was a member of the Ontario male team, along with Kohyn Eshkawkogan of M'Chigeeng First Nation. Ashton Pitawanakwat was an alternate on the team. Head coach and assistant coaches of the team were Brendan Biggers and Brent Assinewai, both of WUT, along with Dustin Peltier, general manager of the team. The annual tournament was held in Grande Prairie, Alberta.

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Speeders beware! As the sign reads the town of Gore Bay will reduce its speed limit to 40 kilometres per hour in town. The new speed limit will take effect on May 17.

Speed limits reduced to 40 km in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Speeders beware! There will be a new reduced maximum speed limit in the Town of Gore Bay later this week.

“It’s all about community safety,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane to the new speed reduction.

“Effective Friday, May 17, the town is implementing reduced speed limits to enhance safety. Be aware of new limits posted throughout town,” the town states in a press release. “The speed limit will be reduced to 40 kilometres per hour throughout the entire Town of Gore Bay unless it is otherwise posted. Drive responsibly and prioritize the well-being of our community.”

“Obviously this is being done as a community safety issue, and we had brought this up at a council meeting last fall, in discussing how many cases there are of drivers speeding through town,” said Mayor Lane.

“We just can’t have people driving the speeds some have been travelling in the downtown and residential areas,” said Mayor Lane. “And the new speed limit will bring us in line with a lot of other municipalities that have reduced their speed limits from 50 kilometres to 40, for safety reasons. NEMI (Northeastern Manitoulin and the

Islands) has been 40 kilometres throughout the town for years.”

Mayor Lane noted that in the downtown area the maximum speed limit is 35 kilometres per hour, which will remain in place. He explained the decreased speed limits will be 40 kmh when vehicles enter the town off the highway at both entrances and will be 40 unless posted otherwise.

“The local police are on board with this and there will be additional police presence on the weekend and hopefully at other times as well,” said Mayor Lane. “They may give warnings at the start, but they will have to issue tickets to let everyone know we are serious.”

Last November town council had passed a by-law to authorize the reduced speed limit. “Now therefore the council of the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay enacts as follows: that the speed limit for motor vehicles travelling on the highways be reduced to 40 kilometres per hour throughout the entire Town of Gore Bay unless otherwise posted and that signs be erected in a conspicuous place at each approach to this section of highway identifying the newly posted speed limit.”

‘Nature’s Gifts,’ new works of artist Ivan Wheale to be unveiled at Perivale Gallery season opening Saturday

SPRING BAY—Nature’s Gifts, an exhibition and sale of the newest works of Ivan Wheale, will open on May 18 at Perivale Gallery in Spring Bay. This exciting collection (which will continue until the gallery’s seasonal closing on September 15), features original works in a variety of dimensions for every budget and space.

“We look forward to welcoming you to view the outstanding works by this beloved iconic

artist,” said Shannon McMullan, operator of Perivale Gallery.

Mr. Wheale will be in attendance at the gallery to welcome visitors to an opening reception on Saturday, May 18 from 2-4 pm.

“Ivan Wheale’s paintings in watercolours and oils are strong studies in realism, capturing the atmosphere, texture and nature of the Northern Ontario landscape,” a press re-

lease states.

“Ivan was born in Sunderland, England in 1934 and settled in Canada in 1957. After living in Sudbury for a few years, he moved to Manitoulin Island in 1975 where he now lives and works,” Ms. McMullan said. “Ivan is a self-taught artist whose work appears in numerous public and corporate collections including the Queen’s Collection, Windsor Castle, the Government of Ontario, the Provincial Buildings, Ottawa, and the Lieutenant Governor’s office, Queen’s Park, Toronto.”

Mr. Wheale, “is the recipient of many awards including an Honorary Degree from Laurentian University, the Rotary International Paul Harris Award and the Canada Council. He was listed in the American Artists Survey of Leading Contemporaries in 1989. He has held over 94 solo exhibitions including three touring exhibitions circulating Ontario, and a fifty-year retrospective at the Centennial Museum in Sheguiandah.”

“Mr. Wheale has also contributed to over 65 group exhibi-

Burns Wharf brings ‘The Addams Family’ to Manitoulin Island!

M’CHIGEENG—A boisterously ghoulish and fun romp, ‘The Addams Family’ is the most ambitious show by the Burns Wharf Theatre Players in its 16 years of putting on great musical theatre, according to show producer Lynn Dee Sproule.

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equal number of songs and a cast of 19, crew of 15 and a lot of makeup!

Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family—a man

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The curtain opens on ‘The Addams Family’ May 24.

Sheguiandah United Church donates funds to Centennial museum and hall, proceeds of sold church property

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—Members of the United Church community gathered at two locations recently in order to deliver donations to two worthy causes, the maintenance of the Howland Seniors’ Hall and the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah. Spokesperson Tom Batman, whose settler family is commemorated in a period room within the museum, delivered the \$10,000 cheques in two small ceremonies.

Mr. Batman noted that the money being presented came from the sale of the United Church property in Sheguiandah following the decommissioning of the church. He said that securing the funds for local organizations had proven challenging, but in the end the trustees and congregation of Sheguiandah United Church had been successful. “It was a long process,” he said.

Mr. Batman noted that Gail Cronin, who was unfortunately away during the ceremonies, was responsible for the lion’s share of the work in securing the funding. The Sheguiandah congregation had “no control” over the fate of the funds derived from the sale of the church property, he noted, and what followed the sale was a two-year negotiation over how the funds would be used. The United Church has a set formula for where such funds are distributed, including the church archives and Indigenous outreach programs.

“You do a great deal for the community,” said Mr. Batman in presenting a \$10,000 cheque to the Howland Seniors.

He noted that a huge picture is being created to commemorate the church, a collage of the many weddings that took

place in the church. He expressed hope that the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah will someday have a display

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Assiginack receives four tenders for Canada Post, bank building

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Assiginack Township Council has received a total of four tenders for the possible purchase of the municipally owned property that houses both the Canada Post Corporation and the Bank of Montreal, in Manitowaning.

As had been previously reported, at a meeting in January, Assiginack council had declared the municipal property at 115 Arthur Road to be surplus and authorized municipal township staff to advertise for the sale of the property.

At a meeting April 30, council was apprised that a total of four tenders had come forward. They included bids from Sheppard Custom Building of \$5,000, Nardine Gbrial, Mena Guiguais and John Boules for \$1, Douglas Hancock for \$120,000 and a tender bid of \$40,000 from Ryan Willoughby.

“We need to defer this to in-camera meeting as there is supplementary information we need to look at,” said Mayor Brenda Reid.

She told the Expositor after the meeting council made no decision to allow them time to further reflect on the tenders that have been received.

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Why do Conservative governments seem to hate the Charter

There seems to be a strange disconnect between what Conservative leaders say about freedom and rights and what it is they actually do once they have their hands on the levers of power and find those hands constrained by those very rights and freedoms.

We can all recall the spectre of opposition leader Pierre Poilievre meeting with the protestors who had locked Ottawa residents in a transport horn-infused hell for weeks on end and caused billions of dollars in economic damage while blocking border crossings while the Ontario provincial agencies inactive (under the purview of a Progressive Conservative government) charged with keeping the peace stood by. We are sure the fact that those protestors, ostensibly outraged by the imposition of mandates aimed at protecting public health but clearly fueled by an antipathy to the current prime minister, played an integral role in that decision.

It is an interesting sidenote that the largest portion of the "mandates" the so-called "Freedom Convoy" protestors were purportedly incensed over were actually provincially mandated by the provinces.

It was then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Mr. Poilievre's predecessor atop the Conservative throne, who authorized spending over \$1 billion rounding up of thousands of citizens, journalists and innocent bystanders and placing them in cages during a world summit that had previously cost other nations \$128 million to host all-in. Perhaps that could all have been avoided had those protestors been waving F*ck Trudeau banners.

These are the same tough on crime "get those damn Natives off the train tracks and out of the valuable timber stands and pipeline path" crew who railed at those "illegal" occupations threatening our economic freedoms. Maybe those protestors should have invested in some banners aimed at fornicating with the nation's leader—but not-so-fast and hold on a minute.

Mr. Poilievre, like his Conservative or conservative-minded provincial colleagues, has threatened to ride roughshod over our nation's Charter of Rights and Freedoms should that odious liberal standard complicate his chosen path (It is important to note that the Charter has never been invoked at the federal level).

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been castigated by the Con-

servative opposition for invoking the Emergency Act in order to return peace and order to the streets of Ottawa (He did so without resorting to invoking the notwithstanding clause to override any pesky court challenges to his reach). Much has been made of the fact that this was the first use of the Emergencies Act since its inception—but the Emergencies Act replaced the much more draconian War Measures Act when it was deemed to be too heavy a hand.

In hindsight, one investigating commission has said the Liberal government's invocation of the act was justified, one lower level of the courts has determined it wasn't (although admitting that the federal government did not have all of the information at the time the court had), the Supreme Court has yet to weigh in on the matter. Meanwhile the residents of the nation's capital can sleep through the night—thanks to the soft-on-crime Liberal leader.

When it comes to the rights and freedoms of Canadian citizens, Conservative leaders are quite willing to pick and choose those instances where the Charter is simply "inconvenient" and stand ready to pre-emptively override its provisions for expediencies sake.

Governing a country as diverse and geographically dispersed as Canada is challenging at the very best of times, and the temptation to clutch at simplistic and kneejerk reactions in order to "lock them up" when it comes to finding solutions to those challenges is dangerously addictive for those on the right of the political spectrum.

After years of dealing with a global pandemic and the ongoing challenges presented by the continued disruption of supply chains and poor-to-no provincial action in response to crisis (note housing falls squarely on the provincial beat, as does health and with it the addiction crisis) our nation is angry, frustrated and, if current polls are any indication, not going to take it anymore.

Given that the nation may well have another year in order to weigh the respective merits of the potential changing of the guards over our collective rights and freedoms, it would be a wise exercise to place into the balance beam what the contenders say they will do and view the results of what they did (or didn't do) when they had their hands on the levers of power.

Glen Hare seeks re-election as Ontario regional chief

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—Glen Hare is once again this year putting his name forward in the upcoming election for Ontario Regional Chief.

"One more round is what I'm hoping for if I get elected," stated incumbent Ontario Regional Chief Hare who has put his name in the ring in the election taking place on June 12 at the Six Nations of the Grand River.

"There are lots of issues facing us now and in the future, but there are three main things I would like to focus on if elected. One of the issues with Canada and especially Ontario, that I think we need to do a whole lot of work is the online staking by mining companies on our territories. These companies with deep pockets go into our territory especially in the North and just do what they want without any benefit to the communities they are digging and mining in."

"We called for a moratorium on new mining sites, but this was not heard by the government, so we now need to take action," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. He stressed, "we are definitely not opposed to economic development and job creation, but share the wealth and benefits with the First Nations that you are carrying on this work in."

"The Metis Nation issue is another one that



Glen Hare

needs to be addressed," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "The claims being made by the Metis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is amounting to identity theft. They are stealing the identity of our people, and building up their organization, but they are not legitimate Metis people." "Across Canada we only recognize the Red River Metis of Manitoba," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "In Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta the claims they are making to be Metis people aren't legitimate, even though they are being recognized as a government by the federal government. We are definitely not going to stay quiet on this issue."

"One of the other ma-

nor issues out there that is affecting us and needs to be looked at is the recognition of laws and bylaws in our policing system," he said. "The bottom line is that when we travel to municipalities and communities I for one respect the laws. But when people come to our territory it seems to be an open season. The government doesn't recognize our laws and bylaws for policing and enforcement and because of this drug dealers will come to our communities because our laws are not recognized by the court system. So, we have decided that we have to go to the courts on the issue of First Nation policing laws and bylaws not being recognized by the government."

Ontario Regional

Chief Hare said there are many other issues that need to be looked at, with a lot more work that needs to be done on child welfare reforms, for one.

Under his leadership the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) has supported and advocated for the treaty territories in the Green Belt issue, by challenging the relationship with the province and the Ministry of IAO on 'Building Homes Faster.' COO advocated strongly in health and land resources, education and food security following the COVID pandemic.

On the child welfare settlement, the COO has had a successful result although there is more to do on the reform. And on the Metis Nation issue, COO was on Parliament Hill lobbying the government to kill Bill-53.

Currently the COO is working on water, health and police legislation by advocating for housing and the need for funding infrastructure.

Regional Chief Hare holds the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) portfolio. The water legislation is ongoing as COO continue to work on getting rid of the boil water issue in many First Nation communities.

Regional Chief Hare said that if reelected he will continue to focus on the resolutions that were developed by the last COO fall assembly.

As the former chief of

M'Chigeeng First Nation, Mr. Hare consistently attended courts to help keep families together, preventing Children's Aid Society apprehensions, his campaign brochure notes. "There are many such situations that have been helped by Glen's determination to protect our inherent rights. He speaks from the heart and strongly defends the rights of the children."

Mr. Hare has a lot of political experience, having been the Ontario Regional Chief for three years, having served on the AFN executive as Anishinaabe Grand Council Chief, Deputy Grand Council chief, Robinson Huron Regional Chief, M'Chigeeng First Nation chief for 12 years and as a councillor for eight years. He has also served on the UCCM Police Commission. He brings with him years of political experience in dealing with the provincial and federal governments. Foremost, he has held various positions over the years working within council, regional and national levels in First Nation politics. He has been to many of our First Nations and has seen and heard firsthand many of the issues that our First Nation citizens are dealing with," his campaign brochure reads.

Dr. Ken Barss discusses the joys of small town medicine

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Doctor Ken Barss is bidding a fond adieu to Manitoulin after more than a quarter century of providing medical care to Island residents and he admits the hardest part of retiring from his practice as part of the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team is leaving the people, but the time has come. He and his wife Sue and daughter Kelsey are moving to Ottawa to be closer to his family in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal—as well as those back in his native Nova Scotia.



Dr. Ken Barss relaxes in his Little Current home as he discusses his career in rural family medicine on Manitoulin Island.

photo by Michael Erskine

Manitoulin was actually a last-minute add-on to the tour of Northern Ontario communities Dr. Barss took part in when deciding where to move from his practice in British Columbia. The medical professional had settled into a community on the Sunshine Coast in that province, but the work there was not to his liking, with many incidents of drug overdoses and violence presenting in the emergency rooms there.

“There are two different streams in BC,” noted Dr. Barss. “There are the people who are really healthy, active, and then there is this other group bent on destroying themselves.” The dichotomy was interesting, he said.

“Medically, being the new kid in town, there were always people coming to me seeking drugs,” he lamented. The practice here on Manitoulin was a much different story (although the drug problems are on the rise here now as well) and his family were soon captivated by what the Island had to offer. A set of five kayaks sitting outside the Barss residence plays witness to some of the attractions

that led to their decision to settle on Manitoulin.

“We enjoy the outdoors a great deal,” admitted Dr. Barss, who noted the family’s Boston Whaler across the street and a sailboat that gets good use each season.

But now the four Barss’ kids are in their 30s and most have moved away for their own careers.

“It makes sense for us to move to Ottawa,” he said. “We love Manitoulin, and it is hard to move, but for Kelsey there are not the opportunities here for her.”

“All our kids have developed strong friendships on the Island,” noted Dr. Barss, noting the family’s roots are deep here.

“We all have really strong connections.”

Dr. Barss said that his decision to pursue family medicine as a career was in large part due to the variety and challenges of family medicine. “I think I would still make the same choice again,” he said. “There is a lot of negative press about family medicine, especially rural family medicine, but I still think it is the best. I had thought about obstetrics and even psychiatry at one point. The biggest thing for me, though, was the ongoing relationships.”

In small rural areas there is still a lot of trust in doctors in rural areas, he noted. “I think in urban areas there is a lot of pressure to refer to specialists,”

he said, but noted that here a lot of people do not want to have to travel off-Island if they can avoid it.

The life of a rural physician is never dull, he said, and many times he has found himself challenged by what is presenting in the emergency room. He recalled a trauma coming in that involved three injured patients that saw him racing from patient to patient, stabilizing their wounds until a colleague could come in to assist.

Another incident that any Island resident can relate to was being caught at the bridge.

“We were dealing with a case where seconds mattered,” he recalled, “but when we got to the bridge it was already swinging. The EMS person had forgotten to call ahead.” Luckily, the bridge operator noticed the ambulance’s arrival and immediately swung the bridge back. In this case the result had a happy ending and the patient went on to recover.

“In rural medicine, it is never routine,” he said. “That is one of the reasons I went into rural family medicine.” Dr. Barss said that he would recommend rural family medicine to anyone interested in a practice that is challenging and rewarding in ways that being a specialist cannot provide.

“You get to know your patients and you see them on a regular basis,” he said. “As a specialist, you may see someone once or twice, maybe a follow-up.” In a rural family medicine practice, you follow the lives of your patients, sometimes literally from beginning to end.

Dr. Barss was effusive in his praise of the collegial atmosphere of the family health team

and the reception he and his family received when settling onto the Island. He noted that the relatively rare turnover in the practice speaks volumes for the working atmosphere.

He also lauded the teamwork that takes place between allied health professionals, noting that the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team does a very good job of distributing the load onto those best suited to meet the patient’s needs, leaving the critical issues that call for a doctor’s specific skills for the doctor to deal with.

“You never hesitate to call in a colleague,” he said. “I think we work really hard on getting along.” That isn’t always easy when dealing with a group of highly trained professionals who have their own opinions.

The working relationship with the students coming in from the Northern Ontario School of Medicine is also a positive part of working on the Island.

Dr. Barss does actually have a black bag. “I do have one, it’s a bit covered in dust right now, we all got them when we started out and carried them with us everywhere. After a while, you realize the hospital has everything you need,” he laughed.

Dr. Barss will be working part-time in Ottawa, but spending more time with family and some of the other things he enjoys doing. “The kids wanted us closer, but I realized it is time for me to have a change,” he said. “I find that as I get older, I like to be able to focus on one thing at a time. When I was younger, I enjoyed the challenge of having a dozen things coming at me at once.”

Manitoulin postal worker living the dream as Canada Post Nunavut superintendent

by Tom Sasvari

IQUALUIT, NUNAVUT—A Manitoulin Island woman has had the experience of a lifetime as a superintendent for the Canada Post Corporation, which, under her guidance, now has two post offices in Iqaluit, Nunavut—one of the busiest Canada Post outlets in all of Canada.

“There is no comparison, nothing can compare to it,” said Natalie Hartley, who has been spending the past few months working for the Canada Post Corporation and working in Iqaluit. “This place has a piece of my heart. It has that home feeling to it for me. I feel very connected to the people and the land.”

“I can confirm this is the busiest post office I’ve ever seen,” stated Ms. Hartley. She began her career with the Canada Post Corporation in 2011, having started in the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Post Office on a part-time basis four hours a week for four years. “Then I became the full-time postmaster in Manitowaning in 2015-2016, and after that I had the opportunity to transfer back to Wiky. In the meantime, I was offered a field support roll, ordering equipment and helping to staff



Canada Post Corporation has two offices in Iqaluit, Nunavut including this recently newly opened office.



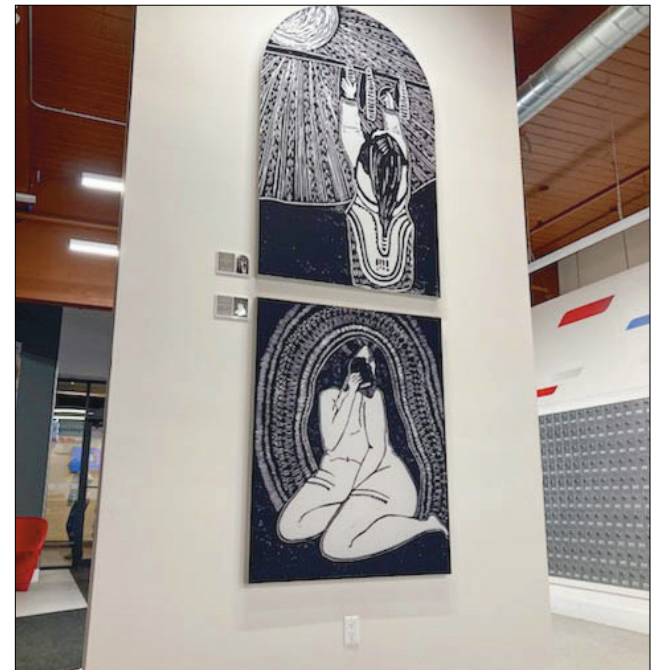
Natalie Hartley, of Manitoulin Island, has been having the experience of a lifetime, being a superintendent for the Canada Post Corporation in Iqaluit, Nunavut. The community has two post offices, including one that was opened recently.

available, I would take it.”

“It is absolutely a great company to work for. I have a great, supportive team and bosses, peers and upper management who have mentored me along way who gave me the ability to progress,” said Ms. Hartley.

“And now I am in Iqaluit, while my family is still living at home in Manitowaning,” said Ms. Hartley. “My partner lives with me in Manitowaning along with my two stepsons Hunter and Taylor and stepdaughter Danika and our two roommates. They have all been living in Manitowaning while I am on this temporary position here.” She pointed out that mom Christianna Jones and stepdad Peter Baumgarten live in Manitowaning, as do her father- and mother-in-law, Mike and Joyce Sprack.

She had been approached last August by her manager at Canada Post if she would be interested in becoming



Shown in photo is some of the beautiful artwork adorning the new Canada Post Corporation office in Iqaluit, Nunavut.

ing the superintendent for the Iqaluit area. “I said at the time I would like to but in September I had to have a hip replacement so I didn’t think I could.”

“Then when I got back from my leave after Christmas, and I noticed they were looking for someone for the superintendent position again. I reached out to my manager and told them I was interested.”

“One of the reasons I was interested is because Iqaluit is a remote community, I could (again) work in an Indigenous community and am very interested in the culture. Being Indigenous, I wanted to come to a level of understanding about living and working in an Indigenous community,” continued Ms. Hartley.

“I go back home (Manitowaning) once every six weeks,” said Ms. Hartley. “It has been an amazing experience,” stated Ms. Hartley. “Going in, I wasn’t sure what to expect. It is like a small city, the Toronto of Nunavut,” she quipped. “It is very diverse and there are lots of things to do. My brother asked me ‘is there anything to do up there and if there is even a movie hall.’ It is down the hall. There is always something going on. There is actually more going on here than on

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Break and enter being investigated

On May 6 at approximately 11:30 pm, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) received a report of a break and enter at a residence in the main village area of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

Officers arrived and found that unknown suspects had gained entry into the residence by prying open a window. It is not known at this time what was taken from inside the residence or the amount of damage caused.

The matter is still under investigation.

The WTPS would like to encourage community members to continue to report any suspicious persons or activity to police. Anyone with information on this incident or any other investigation can contact the Wikwemikong Tribal Police at (705) 370-3141 or through the communications centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

RIDE programs to continue

The WTPS conducted several reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) checks throughout the main village of Wiikwemkoong over the May 3-5 weekend. Approximately 340 vehicles were checked. One criminal charge was laid as a result.

The WTPS would like to commend the community



Law & Order

members of Wiikwemkoong for driving safe and sober.

Now that the warm weather and summer months are approaching, the WTPS will continue to conduct RIDE checks throughout the community of Wiikwemkoong.

Motor vehicle accident being investigated

On Saturday, May 4 at approximately 11:55 pm, the WTPS received a report of a motor vehicle accident that occurred at the band administration office in the main village of Wiikwemkoong.

Officers arrived at the scene and located a black Ford Escape. It appeared that the vehicle had driven into the side of the building causing damage. The suspects had fled the scene prior to police arrival.

This incident is still being actively investigated.

The WTPS responded to 62 calls for service on the weekend of May 3-5.

OPP urges caution, report that 370 motorcyclists have been killed in past decade

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are urging mo-

torcyclists and other motor vehicle operators to exercise safety after they reported that 370 motorcyclist deaths have taken place over the past 10 years.

An OPP release explains that between 2014-2023, excessive speed, failing to yield right of way, driver inattention and losing control were factors in more than 50 percent of motorcyclist fatalities in OPP jurisdictions. Alcohol and/or drugs accounted for 17 percent of the deaths. Following too closely, making improper turns, lane changes and passing were among the other factors.

In motorcycle fatalities that involved other vehicles, 54 percent of the factors that led up to the deaths were on the part of the drivers of the other vehicles involved. Thirty percent of the fatalities happened at intersections, and 38 percent were on provincial highways.

"The OPP and its valued partners at Moto Canada are counting on all drivers to help make it a collision-free riding season by sharing the road safely and staying alert," the OPP said in the release. "Motorcyclists are reminded to make themselves visible, wear protective gear, ride sober and within the speed limit, and make every decision a safe one while riding. Drivers are urged to keep a watchful eye out for motorcycles and contribute towards a safe driving environment, not just for motorcyclists, but all road users."

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay

Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your Friendly Fly! And Flys. Base hits, Black Flies and Eagle's on'. That's what everyone is on about now as baseball, flailing around swatting bugs and festival season is in full throw. Quite a spectacle, playing sports while trying not to get bitten or inhale "surprise" protein pests. Bravo to all our senior and junior athletes taking one or a hundred or so bites for the team, you are all champions! We must continue to keep our game faces on as we transition into summer and the more steadfast days of summer sun, fun and visiting friends and neighbours. Continue planning and planting those lovely gardens, our Island-wide tide of hyacinths, daffodils, tulips against the blooming and blossoming trees, long and winding country roads and lingering sunsets colour reveal and lovingly etch landscapes and poetry into our minds and hearts once more. Natural and noteworthy these lovelies nestle well into the corner pockets of most gardens. Lemongrass, lemon balm, bay leaves, geranium, marigolds, alliums, catnip, chrysanthemums lavender, rosemary, sage, oregano, basil and mint. Remarkably resilient, these boast bug deterring beautiful fragrances. Robins bathing riverside remind us to keep bird baths and bee water stations filled to keep the balance. Perhaps you received some new garden gifts for Mother's Day? All of those treasures and trinkets are what make our Townships, homes and gardens unique and welcoming. These are the places where we celebrate life with friends, family and loved ones. Where we remember the people closest to our heart and cherish moments and memories of old and new. I hope May brings wonderful one's for you.

A lot of folks have returned to Providence Bay from down south and from other important trips. Wendy and Wally Friesen, Jackie Patterson, Chris Bryan, Lance and a few other locals have returned from their travels and are ready to get down to it in time for the busy open season to begin! Welcome back everyone!

Here's What's Happening:

Providence Bay Arena: Youth soccer continues Saturdays 10 to 11 am (weather permitting). Providence Bay and Spring Bay Recreation Committee coaches are looking for parent volunteers this weekend and next soccer families can respond to coaches via email and check for the upcoming practice and Providence Bay Soccer Club tourney schedule.

Providence Bay Fair Grounds: Exciting announcement for musical performance by CCMA Entertainer of the Year Jade Eagleson Saturday, August 17 contact Providence Bay Agricultural Society for more information.

Providence Bay Hall: Lions Club meeting Wednesday, May 15 at 7 pm in the lower hall. Exercise class continues Friday morning May 17 at 10:30 am

Spring Bay Hall: Yoga continues Wednesday, May 15 at 6:15 pm.

Mindemoya Hall: Taekwon-do continues Wednesday, May 15 at 6 pm.

Family Wellness Night and barbeque dinner at Central Manitoulin Public School on Thursday, May 16 from 5 to 8 pm in Mindemoya.

Island Quilters Guild Meeting on Thursday, May 16. Providence Bay Community of Christ Church:

Sunday, May 19, 10:30 am meeting, 11 am service.

The Heavens: Eta Aquarid meteor shower continues to be active in the early twilight morning hours until May 27. Comet chasers and imagers will delight in the Comet 13P/Olbers diatomic carbon-green halo as Olbers courses past the hydrogen-red tadpoles of IC 410 from May 16 to the 18. The waxing moon will be visible on clear nights and will be full on May 23rd. This orange full moon is also known as the "corn planting moon" or "flower moon."

Providence Bay beach and boardwalk: The ice cream is cold, the coffee is hot, bathrooms and change rooms

are open at the beach, ready or not!

May 15 is Happy International Day of Families. Bring flowers to someone Day, Straw Hat Day, National Chocolate Chip Day, Dinosaur Day and Slushy Day!

"You can't hit a home run unless you step up to the plate." - Theodore Roosevelt.

Kagawong

Team Fergmeijer

Our faithful readers will know that long weekend is Team Fergmeijer's favourite sport. Usually, our Saturdays and Sundays are spent with our bodies fighting off illnesses (what with our weekend immune systems and all), but a long weekend means extra time that we can jam-pack with all the things we love. Starting with a nap or two. Yep, long weekends mean less multi-tasking and more multi-slacking!

This weekend! Manitoulin Streams Outdoor Angling Trade Fair is right here in Billings, on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, 19. This event will be more than just a trade fair, it will include food, music, games and a fishing derby. Whether you are a business owner, an angler, a tourist, or a local, the Trade Fair is the place to be this May long weekend! There is something for everyone, including the kids! Check out the Manitoulin Streams website for more information (www.manitoulinstreams.com).

Welcome to Veronique Dion, the new chief administrative officer/clerk for Billings Township! We look forward to meeting you. And if you need any official puns for any reason, you know who to call.

It must really be spring because the Chi-Cheemaun is back in action! You can check out the sailing schedule on the Owen Sound Transportation Company website: www.ontarioferries.com/ms-chi-cheemaun/, or in Manitoulin's Magazine, found in local businesses, campgrounds and tourism information locations across the Island.

The museum has launched a new program to honour veterans who lived in Billings Township. Families of veterans are invited to contribute towards the purchasing of a banner that will feature their loved one's name, photo and regiment. Banners will be displayed throughout the village in the fall lead up to Remembrance Day. Contact the museum (oldmillheritage@billingswp.ca) for more information. And don't forget that the museum will be open this weekend 10 am to 5 pm (Friday-Sunday).

With all this sunny weather, things are definitely heating up! Kagawong is becoming quite the hot spot as well. Check out all the activities going on in Billings over the coming months: Team Aelick are gearing up for their Stroll for Liver in early June. Visit <https://bit.ly/strollforliver> to donate to this worthy cause. The Jabbawong Storytelling Festival is July 5 and 6. The library book sale and local author showcase will be held July 20 and the Manitoulin Art Tour is on that same weekend. And don't forget about Kagawong's huge market on Wednesdays throughout the summer! If you have (or know of) any other events and activities, let us know so we can let everyone else know! Email us at fergmeijer@gmail.com.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Leslie M, who is turning 29 this week. You might be expecting us to make a funny joke here, but we know better. We respect our elders.

We don't normally include personal or want ads in the community column, but this one was sent into us and just seemed like too good of an opportunity to miss. Anyone interested can email us at fergmeijer@gmail.com: "Is anybody interested in a free ride in a helicopter for four people? I'm still looking for two more adults to join me and my wife. We leave early Saturday morning from Sudbury and will fly to Toronto, where we will have breakfast and then have lunch on a friend's yacht. We will then do a flight down to view Niagara Falls, returning to Toronto for dinner, then fly back home. If in-

terested, please message me. Preferably someone with a helicopter and yacht, otherwise we can't go."

The Manitoulin Tennis Club is back in action for 2024! Players of all abilities are welcome to join in the club's season kickoff with the Blackfly Tournament on Saturday, May 18. Though this is a doubles' tournament, no partner is required, and there is no registration fee. But watch out... you might just get bit by the tennis bug! For more information, contact ctheijsemeijer@gmail.com.

Whether you choose to get out and explore, or stay home and appreciate that mortgage, make the most of your May long weekend. Have a great week!

Barrie Island

Lillian Greenman

Natalie and Roger Hayden from Lively were over on the weekend and visited Lance and Lillian Greenman. Also, Krystan Hayden joined us for supper on Saturday.

Silver Water

Karen Noble

Friday, May 3, Albert and I went to Gore Bay in the morning to pick up the dinner rolls and cabbage salad ingredients for Saturday's fish supper. We went to The Watersedge for lunch with a few other west end residents. In the afternoon, Gladys Duncanson, Albert and I made cabbage salad. Friday evening, we went to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

Saturday was a busy day at the Silver Water Community Hall. There was a great crew in the morning to set up the dining room and get the potatoes ready for roasting. Saturday evening, there were 217 people paid to enjoy a fish dinner. The Snowdusters raised over \$3,000. Thank you to everyone who came out to eat and to all the volunteers that worked to make it a success.

Sunday, May 5, we went to play at the euchre tournament in Tehkummah. There were 12 tables of players. Rose Van Every and Shawn Noble brought third prize to the West End.

There was an 80th birthday party for Doreen Duncanson at her home in Mindemoya on May 7.

Keith Duncanson was here from Ottawa to work at the dinner and to visit his parents, Ken and Doreen.

Brenda Carter returned from her trip to southern Ontario on May 9. She had taken Shelley Cull back to Toronto after she was here to visit her mother, Ardith, for a few weeks.

Craig Duncanson arrived at his parents' home on Thursday. He was helping Murray with the stove wood for next winter. Craig was taking Murray and Gladys to visit his brother, Clarke and family for Mother's Day weekend, leaving on Friday morning.

Thursday night, there were eight tables of euchre players at the Silver Water Hall. Congratulations to Paul Sorbara who won the money jar.

We sold our older Arctic Cat ATV to my brother this week.

May 18 there will be a committal service for Arthur Addison at 11 am at the Silver Lake Cemetery with a barbecue at Arthur's house afterwards. Arthur's family invites everyone.

On May 18 in Meldrum Bay, the annual ATV run will take place. There will be stew and chili lunch for sale for everyone even if you are not participating in the run.

May 25 Norm Morrell has an auction in Ice Lake.

On May 25 there will be a ham and scalloped potato dinner at the Silver Water Community Hall for \$20 per person.

Happy 60th anniversary to Murray and Gladys Duncanson on May 30.

Condolences to the family of Willie Munro.

...Sheguiandah United Church donates funds to museum, hall

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featuring the church and that future generations will be able to see their ancestors in the picture.

Following the presentation at the Seniors' Hall, the United Church gathering moved to the museum where a similar cheque was presented to curator Lisa Hallaert.

"We will be able to put the money to good use towards Centennial Museum," said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin of the \$10,000 donation. "It's really something that people look forward to seeing every year and this will be helpful in making sure they can add to the exhibits and make it even a greater place than it is now. I look forward to seeing it."



Tom Batman, Brenda Caloyannis, Wendy Syvanen, Sandra Valiquette, Mayor Al MacNevin and Rev. Whitney Bruno are on hand to pass a cheque to Centennial Museum curator Lisa Hallaert on behalf of the Sheguiandah United Church.

photos by Michael Erskine



Front, seated, are Pearl Lewis, Sandra Valiquette, Wendy Syvanen, Cathy Morden, Gail Gjos, Brenda Caloyannis, Rev. Whitney Bruno, Rick Gjos, Tom Batman, Dale Woods, Wayne Byers and Mary Ellen Byers gathered as part of a cheque presentation to the Howland Senior Citizen Hall by Sheguiandah United Church. Mr. Batman presents the cheque to Dale Woods who received it on behalf of the hall committee.

Central marks Community Living Month

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The municipality of Central Manitoulin took part in Community Living Month celebrations last week.

On May 6 Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) was supported by the municipality of Central Manitoulin to raise their flag to acknowledge May as CLM Month. Community Living Month is a province-wide annual awareness campaign to recognize the accomplishments of the community living movement. There was a great turnout for the celebration.

The flag will fly for the entire month of May at the Central Manitoulin office. Municipal staff employees Alison Sloss and Marcus Mohr were present to acknowledge CLM staff and individuals for everything they have done for the municipality. The flag was raised by John Hopkins, long-time resident of CLM within its supported independent living program.

CLM Executive Director Adrienne Farquhar-Kuula was ecstatic about the number of people that came out to



Municipality of Central Manitoulin staff representatives along with staff and individuals from Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) took part in raising the CLM flag acknowledging May as CLM month. In photo are municipal staff and CLM staff and individuals posing for a photo at the ceremony held May 6.

participate in the flag raising. "The staff and individuals of CLM and of all other Community Livings province-wide deserve to be acknowledged

for all that they do. I am so thankful to the municipality of Central Manitoulin for joining us in this celebration and having our flag fly high for the month

of May." Ms. Farquhar-Kuula said CLM will be planning activities and events throughout the month of May.

...Burns Wharf brings 'The Addams Family'

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her parents have never met. And if that isn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Uncle Fester, smitten by his own paramour, enlists the help of Addams Family ancestors to intervene. Poor beleaguered Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia.

Hilarity ensues as everything changes for the whole family on the fateful night The Addams host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

The musical runs from Friday, May 24 until Sunday, June 16 at Manitoulin Secondary School in M'Chigeeng. There are 10 shows, five evening performances and five matinées. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.burnswharf.net and at the door.

Readers who live off-Island can take advantage of deals offered to Addams Family ticketholders by The Inn at Gore Bay and the Manitoulin Motel in Little Current. Details on the BWTP website.

Please note the show has a PG-13 rating and there are flashing lights.

...new works of artist Ivan Wheale to be unveiled Saturday

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tions," the release continues. "Ivan's writing includes the Artist's Conception, The Manitoulin Expositor, 1985, and a five-year weekly television programme in Sudbury. He is a past member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour and the Society of Canadian Artists. Ivan Wheale has been a featured artist at Perivale Gallery on Manitoulin Island since 1981. Now in his 90th year, he paints daily, celebrating the beauty of Northern Ontario."

The new images to be featured in this exhibition will be uploaded to Perivale Gallery's website <https://www.perivalegallery.com/ivan-wheale/> by 7 am the morning of his show's opening on May 18. Inquiries and sales will be welcomed as of 7 am, by calling 705-210-0290. Doors open at 10 am.

The Perivale Gallery 2024 hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 17-June 14 from 10 am to 5 pm and then open daily from 10 am to 5 pm until September 15, or by appointment, 705-210-0290.

...will see four percent increase in taxes

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well, there have been increased costs in areas that we as a municipality are mandated to pay a share and have no control of, such as district social services, public health and policing."

"We are building a new sand dome this year, with the costs mainly being made up by a grant we received," said Reeve Hayden. "This is the only planned major capital project we have planned for this

year."

Reeve Hayden said that as is the case every year, "we carry out a specific amount of surface treatment work on roads in a year. We have no new bridge, or any major culvert work planned to be done this year."

"This year's budget is lower than the increase local residents were faced with last year," the reeve added. "Last year we had COVID costs and increased inflationary costs that we had to deal with."

Manitoulin Pet Rescue

Lilly and Raphael

Lilly is approximately 1.5 years old and has become the perfect lap cat.

Raphael is 2 years old. He has been shaved due to matting after being abandoned and left outside on his own for a year.

To adopt either one (or both!), please contact Kathy Jewell at 705-282-4169 or by Facebook Messenger. Adoption fees apply.

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson





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RYLAN LOCK

From the indoor to the outdoor courts, from the rink to the track, Rylan can constantly be found on the move with a smile on his face! As a second year student at MSS, Rylan brings enthusiasm, knowledge and a constant positive attitude to all of his athletic endeavours. Growing up playing various sports, Rylan is always eager to learn new skills, challenge himself and make new friends! Already, he has established himself as a great team player and continues to create a promising athletic future for his remaining time at MSS!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Rylan was a student at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay. From a young age, Rylan jumped at every opportunity to play school sports, signing up for cross country, track and field, baseball and soccer. As Rylan reminisces on his elementary days, he notes that track and field was among his favourites! Track allowed him to compete at other schools, travel with his friends and offered numerous events. Looking back, Rylan also notes that one of his most memorable moments was when his soccer team won their very first meet. Competing with friends is what Rylan loves most about school sports!

Last year, Rylan wasted no time in transitioning to high school sports. During his Grade 9 year, playing for the junior boys' volleyball team, Rylan was able to help his team dominate their season's play and take home gold at the NSSSA finals! He found a loving passion and great talent in the libero position. Rylan carried his knowledge of the sport into this past season, where he returned to the team as a second year player, offering guidance for the new generation of Mustangs! More recently, Rylan wrapped up his badminton season playing men's doubles. He and his partner fought hard at NSSSA, falling just short of NOSSA! As school sports begin to wrap up, Rylan will close out his year competing as a member of the MSS track and field team. Rylan continues to train hard in preparation for pre-NSSSA next week, where he will compete in javelin.

When Rylan takes the black and gold jersey off, he can be found playing hockey for the U18 Gore Bay Bruins. During warmer months, Rylan can be found outdoors with his dad and brothers. He enjoys fishing, camping and hunting which keep him active and outside enjoying beautiful weather. He notes that taking walks in nature is something he loves to do because it is relaxing and he is always eager to explore the wilderness. Rylan is constantly on the lookout for new opportunities to learn about the outdoors!

In the classroom, Rylan is as dedicated to his academics as his athletics. He thrives through brainstorming and problem solving, pushing him to especially enjoy math. Once the business of school and sports comes to an end, Rylan volunteers as a camp counsellor at Strawberry Point Christian Camp during the summer months.

One reason why Rylan excels in athletics and academics may be because of his dad. Rylan notes that his dad inspires him. He has always supported and encouraged Rylan through his numerous sport endeavours as well as school.

Rylan has learned many things from his dad and especially appreciates the many hours he has spent helping Rylan improve his badminton skills.

Although Rylan still has two more years rocking the black and gold, he is interested in a career in civil engineering following his graduation. He finds the process of creating and building engaging and fascinating. Rylan also recognizes that this career choice would highlight his love for math and science.

With Rylan's hard work and dedication, he is sure to continue to be a standout Mustang on and off the court!

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...Chief Hare says minister demands lawsuit withdrawn

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on Monday, December 11, 2023 the Minister of Indigenous Affairs called Regional Chief Hare. "The Minister (Mr. Rickford) spoke in an angry tone and made threats of retribution against (COO) and the work it does in support of First Nations people in Ontario. For example, the minister advised (Regional Chief Hare) that everything taking place (between Ontario and the COO) will stop now that the COO is suing the government." Minister Rickford also allegedly told Regional Chief Hare, "The Ontario government cannot work on anything with the COO" until the chiefs withdraw their lawsuit, the claim says.

"What you just read is what took place," Regional Chief Hare told the Expositor last week. "I have asked other provincial ministers like health and education and others, and they are still communicating with us. It was Mr. Rickford's comment. We knew he was going to be upset, but my question is 'what's it going to take to get action on our concerns?' Now we are going to court, where millions of dollars are going to be spent in legal fees."

"I know we can work this out," said Regional Chief Hare. "We are not asking anything that no one else has."

The Expositor reached out to Minister Rickford last Friday for his comments but were unable to reach him prior to this week's press deadline.

The Soo Today reported last week that a spokesperson for Minister Rickford responded to the allegations with a one sentence statement: "As this matter is before the courts, it would be inappropriate to comment further."

A statement of claim

field by COO says that many provincial and federal laws, including those related to tenancy, land management, substance control, the exclusion of dangerous individuals from communities, and environmental protection, don't apply on First Nations.

"First Nations want their communities to be safe and secure, everyone in all communities in Canada want the same," said Regional Chief Hare at a news conference and demonstration held at Queen's Park in Toronto on Tuesday of last week by COO and the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario. "We spent many years making First Nation enforcement laws, but they (government) have disregarded this. This type of discrimination can no longer be accepted or tolerated."

"This new legislation leaves us no access to justice and safety in our communities," said Regional Chief Hare. "It is discriminatory and it puts our communities at serious risk. This legislation has always been discriminatory, but ignoring the serious concerns of First Nations was the final straw."

First Nation laws are often needed to address important safety issues such as land regulation, law and orders, tenancies, substance control and the exclusion of dangerous individuals from communities. These bylaws require both enforcement, which is optional for police forces under the CSPA, and prosecution, which has not been possible, as Ontario and Canada do not provide prosecutorial services for First Nations laws, says COO.

Regional Chief Hare said at the press conference, "Ontario had nearly five years to fix a preventable problem and they did



Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare claims Indigenous Affairs Minister Greg Rickford, above, threatened the Chiefs of Ontario to withdraw its lawsuit.

not. This offensive legislation contributes to years of issues with both Ontario and Canada, which provide enforcement and prosecution everywhere in the province, except for our laws in our communities."

"Ontario and Canada have stated that they respect our governments, yet they do not work to ensure that their police respect our laws, and their lawyers continue to prosecute people who violate these laws, even if we ask for help. They cannot have it both ways," said Regional Chief Hare.

"Litigation is always a measure of last resort. In this case, it is clearly necessary, as vulnerable people are suffering in our communities. First Nations are asking for something that every other community in Ontario is provided with," said Regional Chief Hare. "Enforcing the rule should not be discretionary and keeping people safe should not be made into a political issue. If Ontario and Canada truly believe in safe communities, we would not be going to court."

The claim says that while First Nations can make their own laws and bylaws, they aren't effective without enforcement and prosecution. The lawsuit alleges the governments do not provide enforcement or prosecution service in relation to First Nations laws, nor do they provide enough funding for First Nations to hire their own enforcement officers or prosecutors. It further alleges that Ontario's CSPA, which took effect April 1, explicitly excludes the enforcement of First Nations bylaws from mandatory policing duties and is ambiguous on the enforcement of other First Nations laws.

"This leaves us with no access to justice and unsafe communities," Regional Chief Hare said. "The rule of law that other Ontarians take for granted is an illusion for us. Failing to enforce and prosecute our laws is discriminatory to First Nations and puts our communities at serious risk."

As for the next step in the process, "It is up to the premier and the prime minister to get back to us," said Regional Chief Hare. "We don't want to go to court. And I'm sure they don't want to go to court. Call us to the table

to discuss this."

"We want to be able to write our own laws," stated Regional Chief Hare. "When I go into another community, I respect their laws. Right now, the community I live in is a haven for the drug world. We have all seen what has taken place in M'Chigeeng the past four-five years and we can't kick out those who are selling drugs and causing violence. We want to take care ourselves, and that includes having laws that can be enforced and people prosecuted."

Ontario Solicitor General Michael Kerzner was asked about the COO lawsuit and the new CSPA during a question period last Tuesday but said he could not comment because the matter is before the courts.

MPP Sol Mamakwa, Official Opposition Deputy Leader, expressed his full support for the COO and the IPCO as they announced their intention to pursue litigation against Ontario and Canada for failing to ensure equal access to justice for First Nations communities.

"I am deeply committed to pursuing justice for First Nations people across Ontario. This is not just a legal matter but a shared experience for First Nations peoples across the province."


"When police come to reserves, they must work with First Nations to enforce their laws. Community-based approaches to implement and enforce our laws keep people safe and reduce crime. When First Nations can't enforce these laws, chaos will ensue," said Mr. Mamakwa. "Excluding the enforcement of First Nations laws as a mandatory police function is discriminatory. There's no way around it. It leaves our communities vulnerable and without the protection they deserve. First Nations police services need to be considered essential like police forces off-reserve."

James Killeen, chief of police for the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services and vice president of IPCO, told The Expositor after the press conference, "We work and serve in our communities. Under this new act, it says that police agencies, the OPP and other police agencies, it is no longer mandatory for them to enforce First Nation laws."

"A majority of our communities (in Ontario) are policed by the OPP, they work in First Nations but this act creates a divide. Our First Nation leaders are asking for the (First Nation) laws to be heard, the laws to be enforced and a mechanism be put in place to hold the accused responsible," said Police Chief Killeen. "We want equality, the same as everyone else has. The biggest complaint I've heard in my three years with the UCCM Police from our community leaders and members is 'why are our laws not being enforced?' It is because we don't have the ability to prosecute."

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very first on-staff midwife.

"It's the best choice I've ever made," she says. "He loves it, and I do too."

Ms. Witkowski will be sharing the role of on-call for deliveries at the Little Current site of the Manitoulin Health Centre with Dr. Quackenbush, the post formerly held by Dr. Barss.

"The birthing suite here is very much in line with what I'm used to," the midwife adds.

Ms. Witkowski was given onboarding funds which she used to purchase a light that emits aurora borealis-style beams and starry patterns onto the ceiling to help give a calming effect to mothers in labour. The midwife also purchased a birthing stool, which supports upright birthing positions and a Bluetooth speaker so that moms can play their favourite music while in the birthing suite.

On top of deliveries,



Dr. Ben Quackenbush and midwife Emma Witkowski pose for a photo in the birthing suite at Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current. Ms. Witkowski joined the team this month and will be sharing obstetrics duties with Dr. Quackenbush.

pre- and post-natal care, Ms. Witkowski will also be giving PAP tests, well baby visits as well as breastfeeding clinics, although she is quick to note that she is not a lactation consultant.

"The goal is to have seamless care," she says. "Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has excellent obstetrics care here. It's a great place to give birth."

While she notes that it might be somewhat unusual to have a midwife on the staff of a clinic, she says she stays true to her midwife beliefs—a focus on informed choice and continuity of care.

"I like to get to know all of my patients on an individual basis," Ms. Witkowski shares. "Building trust is huge."

"I want my patients to realize they're the centre of their own lives and to make sure they are aware of their own power when it comes to pregnancy, birth and post-partum, but clinically we're the same," she adds.

"We are excited to welcome Emma to our team at Manitoulin Maternity Care and the NEMI Family Health Team," Dr. Quackenbush tells The Expositor. "I am delighted to have Emma join us as we continue to offer local prenatal care and childbirth options on Manitoulin. In addition to her roles in prenatal care and delivery, Emma will also work with our team to provide women's and children's health services to our patients."

Ms. Witkowski says her family was concerned

about the move to Manitoulin, worrying that she and her partner would be isolated here.

"It's the least isolated we've ever been in our lives," she says, noting the kindness of her neighbours, co-workers and people she meets. "It's very rare (as a midwife) to walk into a medical clinic and feel welcome on all fronts, but I have."

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Emma Witkowski, a midwife, is part of the Northeast Manitoulin Family Health Team. As part of her onboarding, Ms. Witkowski purchased a bluetooth speaker, special light, seen above, and a birthing stool, seen in top photo, to help aid labouring mothers.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

...Ontario herd untouched

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deer and lots of confirmed CWD saw a decrease in deer hunter participation after CWD was detected there."

Mark Ryckman, wildlife biologist and manager of the policy section with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) said CWD, "is the biggest threat to deer and moose populations in North America."

Ms. Nituch said CWD is highly contagious and affects the central nervous system of members of cervids, including white-tailed deer, elk, moose and caribou. "We've been monitoring CWD in Ontario since 2002, and there has been no evidence that it is in our wildlife, knock on wood," said Ms. Nituch. It was first discovered in the late 1970s and early 1980s in Colorado. And in the late 1990s and early 2000s it was found in additional states and provinces."

"CWD has now been detected in 32 US states and five provinces in Canada including British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Quebec," continued Ms. Nituch. "It was confirmed in Quebec in 2018, just on the other side of our (Ontario) border."

"When it was found a few years ago in Quebec this was by far the closest case to Ontario in a long time," said Mr. Ryckman. "Manitoba has been dealing with CWD in the southwest corner of the province, and in January CWD was found in a deer in Winkler, Manitoba, a couple of hundred kilometres from Ontario. However, experts are fairly confident that it was not originally from Manitoba; deer cross from North Dakota (which has been dealing with CWD for a few years,) and was also found about 200 kilometers from any other known animal in Manitoba."

"Obviously, there is no way to prevent a deer or moose from walking across the border into Ontario," said Mr. Ryckman. "Ontario is lucky that in many parts of the province we have the Great Lakes and the Ottawa River that provide barriers to their getting

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So far, Manitoulin, and Ontario, remains clear of the scourge of chronic wasting disease. Expositor file photo shows Ryan Corbiere of M'Chigeeng and his successful 10-point trophy buck.

...Ontario deer herd untouched by CWD

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into Ontario." However, "There is no such barrier in Northwest Ontario and if cervids have CWD and travel eastward, this could infect our deer and moose populations. This heightens our concerns, but we rely on the competence of the Manitoba government to continue measures to help prevent this from taking place."

"We use a risk-based model where we do our monitoring to prevent CWD, in the areas we monitor, which includes a number of factors: proximity to neighbouring provinces and states that have CWD, deer density and deer farms," explained Ms. Nituch. She explained that in 2023, the MNRF focused its monitoring surveillance prevention program on three areas of Ontario, Southwestern Ontario from Sarnia to Brantford; Central West and South Algonquin Park; and the Northwestern area at the border of Minnesota, from Rainy River to Atikokan. Those high-risk areas are then surveilled by crews who visit hunt camps to request samples from harvested deer.

"It's great news that it wasn't detected in 2023, but we need to continue to be vigilant," said Ms. Nituch. "We have a large landscape and need to be focusing our efforts where the risk is highest. But in addition to that annual surveillance, we also test sick or strange-acting members of the cervid family across Ontario at all times of the year."

Ms. Nituch says Ontario's CWD plan includes prevention measures for hunters, along with a response plan when and if the disease is detected. The plan includes the best available science and lessons that the province has learned from other areas that have CWD response in place. She pointed out the response plan is based on New York State's response plan, the only state that has been able to successfully eliminate CWD after it was detected.

"Manitoulin Island has been monitored several times, most recently in 2016 and before that in 2008," said Ms. Nituch.

"It is an interesting disease; the symptoms are progressive, a deer might look normal for a couple of years before it is de-

tected," said Ms. Nituch. "At the end the deer become emaciated—they lose weight, act differently showing a lack of fear of humans, and eventually they will suffer tremors, they will stumble and be seen drooling. It is a terrible disease."

"The best defence to keep CWD out of Ontario is preventing it from getting here because once the disease is present, it spreads quickly," said Ms. Nituch. "In our CWD response and plan natural lures and attractants made from cervids (in areas where there is CWD) are prohibited. We also prohibit high risk animal parts being brought into Ontario from other areas. Hunters can only bring back butchered, deboned, packaged meat. And we strongly encourage hunters to only use baits produced locally in Ontario. There are also controls in place on the transfer of live cervids, as a permit is required. As well, in terms of monitoring, we rely on hunters because the large majority of samples in our surveillance program come through the samples of harvested animals. These samples and the hunters support is critical."

She explained that, essentially during the hunt season in areas that are being focused on for monitoring surveillance, "our work crews visit area hunts, requesting hunters to provide samples of harvesting deer, we rely on hunters to submit samples, and we also set up freezer depots up in the survey area and request cervid samples from hunters," continued Ms. Nituch.

For 2024 the MNRF will be carrying out CWD surveillance in southern Ontario from Owen Sound to Orangeville and from Peterborough to Belleville.

"Obviously, we strongly encourage hunters to take part in the CWD surveillance program," said Mr. Ryckman. "And hunters should report strange acting or looking deer and moose to the MNRF so they can investigate."

"CWD is definitely a major concern," added Ms. Nituch. "It's been found in 32 US states and five provinces in Canada. It surrounds Ontario. Our focus remains on prevention."

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Resilient educator flips the script on conflict

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—“Don’t get upset, treat them like a friend” is the simple message that resilient educator Brooks Gibbs seeks to instill in youth. The self-described “resilient educator” was at Little Current Public School recently with a mission to assist students to stop being so easily offended. His presentation was brought to Manitoulin by Noojmowin Teg Health Services where he spoke to students at Little Current Public School, Assiginack Public School, Lakeview School in M’Chigeeng and Pontiac in Wiikwemkoong.



“Resilient Educator” Brooks Gibbs delivers a message through humour and engagement on how to deal with difficult relationships to students at Little Current Public School.

“I have a PhD in social psychology,” noted Mr. Gibbs, “but I don’t practice.” He says he has difficulty calling himself a psychologist. “So, I call myself a resilient educator with a PhD in psychology.”

For the past 25 years the 43-year-old Mr. Gibbs has been reaching out to youth with that simple message. “You have to keep it simple,” he explains. He delivers that message with humour and a natural engagement that had students paying rapt attention.

“I teach the psychology of offendability,” he said. “We need to teach kids how to stop getting so offended, because if there is no offense, there is no conflict.”

“If we teach our children to be mean to mean people it will only make

things worse,” he said. “But if we teach them to be nice to people, even the mean people, things get better. ‘Don’t get offended, treat ‘em like a friend.’”

For the better part of an hour, Mr. Gibbs drilled that concept with humour and laughter.

He is the author of ‘Feeling Strong: A Student’s Guide To Emotional Resilience,’ wherein the innovative educator challenges readers “to take personal responsibility for how they feel and avoid blaming their problems on others.”

In the brief time he kept his audience in the palm of his hand, Mr. Gibbs gave the students insight into “Why they get upset; how to stop getting upset; how to think clearly and avoid drama; and how to regulate emotions and solve

social problems.” Noojmowin Teg’s Healthy Living Promoter Given Cortez noted that Noojmowin Teg Sexual and Domestic Violence Services Worker Carly Valiente had sought funding to help address the power differential at the core of conflict. “He is here as part of a wish list to bring in someone with fresh ideas, something different that will address the kids with something they haven’t heard before. So far, it has been really well received at the schools we have been to.”

“We really wanted to focus on the topic of bullying as well as healthy relationships,” said Ms. Valiente. “We were looking to do something exciting and different to get into the schools to reach students.”

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...‘Little Current of the Future’ conceived, designed by LCPS students

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the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands website where they gained a lot of insight into the challenges facing their community. “They explored similar problems worldwide and how they were being addressed in other parts of the world,” said Ms. McGraw.

The students were assisted in their efforts by engineers Maria Zenina, a technical manager at the TIS Enterprise Business Architect at Enbridge and Meara Macdonell, a fourth-year engineering student from Queen’s University.

“Our teacher, Ms. McGraw, thought this would be a good learning experience for our class,” said Ada Nichols. “Special thanks also go to Ms. Pam (Rohn), Mr. Walsh and our families for provid-

ing us with some of the materials.”

Student Shane Crans-ton noted that nearly all of the materials in the complex model the students constructed were recycled.

“We had a few challenges,” admitted student Owen Ferguson. “For one, we had the ratios and made sure everything was the correct ratio. We completed our build three times, but always wanted to push for more.”

“When we started, I thought it would be small,” shared Hazel. “I didn’t realize that it would get so big and positively influence our class.”

“This is something that I would never have done before,” said Brandon. “It was fun, I worked with new people and enjoyed making new friends.”

“I am glad we did it,” said Jessie. “I was pushed out of my comfort zone.”

“I like that this year we did it, it was an amazing experience,” said Ada. “At first, I didn’t think we would do much at the end. I was really nervous representing our class.”

“I like that this year we got to do the Ontario Skills Competition and this project,” said Owen. “I was able to learn, reflect and improve. I love building things.”

“When we first started, I felt like I would fail or mess up,” said Rayden. “I learned that I could do things like this and that I should push myself more.”

“It was a really good experience,” said Shane. “A lot of friendships were built and a lot of hands-on learning.”

“While creating our

residential buildings, we made sure to incorporate housing options for people who cannot afford their own home,” noted class spokesperson Ada. “These options include row housing, apartments and a multi-purpose S building.” That community hub building, based on a Chinese complex, “provides diverse needs for the elderly, physically challenged and vulnerable.”

Shane took The Expositor on a tour of the model city, which includes recycling manufacturing facilities, an innovative cover for the lagoon system to prevent rain from overflowing the site, garbage-fueled power gener-

ation and a host of 21st Century options for meeting urban challenges.

Vehicle-free hiking areas, plenty of green space (which doubles as a carbon sink) and a commercial area that focussed on a need versus want approach. “We wanted our community to have access to the amenities required, but didn’t want to add any unnecessary infrastructure,” said Ada, who pointed to the three major infrastructures included in the build. “The first is a factory that turns human waste, farm waste and food waste into a reusable fuel source; the second takes recyclables and turns them into building materials and

thirdly, we have created a sewage lagoon that will process human waste prior to it being turned into fuel.”

Water wheels, wind, solar and other alternative energy sources were all integrated into the model. The city is also designed to encourage walking rather than driving, a clear change from most current urban models.

As part of the project the students presented their work to a panel of engineers for assessment.

“The engineers were all very impressed with the amount of research and work the students put into their project,” said Ms. McGraw.

MP Hughes highlights red dress alert pilot project in Parliament

OTTAWA—In Parliament last week, Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, addressed the recent announcement of a pilot project between the federal government and the province of Manitoba to implement the country’s first Red Dress Alert system.

“The recent partnership between the federal government and Manitoba in implementing a Red Dress Alert Pilot Program to notify the public of missing Indigenous women, girls, two-spirit and gender-diverse people is an important step,” said MP Hughes. “But we must, and have to, do more to end gender-based violence against Indigenous women and girls and gender diverse individuals.”


On Red Dress Day, the federal government, in partnership with the government of Manitoba, announced the pilot project. The Red Dress Alert system, which mirrors other well-known

alert systems such as the Amber Alert System, will notify Manitoba residents when an Indigenous woman or girl goes missing.



“The homicide rate for Indigenous women and girls remains six times higher than their non-Indigenous counterparts,” said MP Hughes. “A year ago, members of this House unanimously backed a motion declaring the deaths and disappearances of Indigenous women and girls a Canada-wide emergency.”

That motion, put forward by NDP MP Leah Gazan, also called for the implementation of a new alert system.

“It’s important that we, as legislators, work to implement the Calls for Justice from the final report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls,” said MP Hughes.



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Municipality of Central Manitoulin hosts Emergency Preparedness Day

by Margery Frisch

MINDEMOYA—May 5 to May 11 marked Emergency Preparedness Week in Ontario and the Municipality of Central Manitoulin was prepared. On May 8, in the Mindemoya Community Hall, the municipality brought together all the organizations and departments that work to keep the community safe under one roof.

“Today we have the Municipality of Central Manitoulin here with their emergency management plan,” said Alison Sloss, organizer of the event. “We’ve got the Central Manitoulin Fire Department, Emergency Management Ontario is here, with all their resources. We have Public Health, North Shore Search and Rescue and the OPP.” “Basically, we wanted to plan something for residents of Manitoulin—what to do in case of an emergency—to coincide with Emergency Management Ontario’s Emergency Preparedness Week. We wanted to bring some of these resources to the municipality,” Ms. Sloss said.

Hayley Nicklasson, the emergency management coordinator for the municipality added, “Essentially, we’re trying to collaborate with everyone working for us as a municipality because one day we will have an emergency, and we want to be prepared.” Their intention was to show the public how prepared the municipality is and to provide peace of mind.

Fire Chief Phil Gosse was on hand to show the high-tech equipment the fire department uses, not only to fight fires, but to save lives. “Everybody on the fire department is trained in first aid and basic life support,” he said. He also provided pamphlets on how to be fire smart at home.

The Emergency Management Ontario booth garnered much attention and provided flyers and booklets about safety, several specifically geared toward seniors. Public Health Sudbury and Districts was on site to talk about the many ways they respond to emergency situa-



Alison Sloss and Hayley Nicklasson were organizers of the Emergency Preparedness Week event.



Fire Chief Phil Gosse talks with a resident at the Central Manitoulin Emergency Preparedness Week event.

tions. They ensure evacuation centres are stocked with food and potable water and make sure the emergency site has enough room to comfortably contain the number of people who flock there to escape danger.

“Yes, we do more than food safety, inspecting restaurants and certified kitchens. Twenty to 30 percent of our work on Manitoulin Island is inspecting the septic systems of new homes. We want to make sure they’re put in according to the building code. At the end of the day, we want to make sure the water table is safe,” said Michael Choi, the newly appointed Island health inspector. As of the beginning of June, he will be working out of the Mindemoya district office.

North Shore Search and Rescue was happy to talk about the work they do over a wide range of territory. Theirs is entirely a volunteer organization located in Espanola but covering 12,000 sq km of the North. They work with many police jurisdictions, but most often the OPP will call when they need their help. They also hold workshops demonstrating safety procedures and trail tips for hikers.

Fundraising and grants are what keep this search and rescue group in operation, so if you see one of their road tolls set up on Highway 6 during deer hunting season, please be generous, they do important work.

Const. Jessica Gilbertson of the OPP sat at a booth alone. She suggested it’s good to heed the suggestions of the organizations involved, to be prepared if you have to leave your home in a hurry.

Each booth set up in the hall provided pamphlets and flyers dealing with every situation that could result in an emergency, and how to handle it. The municipality and its corresponding organizations have plans in place and are ready, but there was also another message in the hall that day—the public must be ready too. For more visit www.ontario.ca/page/emergency-management.

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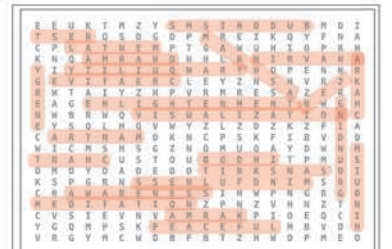
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Outdoor Angling Trade Fair this Saturday, Sunday in Kagawong

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—If it's fun for the entire family you are seeking this weekend the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) Outdoor Angling Trade Fair will fit the bill.
 "We've had about 1,000 people online expressing their interest in the event," said Liam Campbell of MSIA. "We're hoping to get a crowd of about 2,000 people over the weekend."
 "It will be a fun event for all members of the family," said Mr. Campbell. "I think the weekend aligns with the walleye fishing season opening, so there will be fisherman coming to the Island anyway."
 "The outdoor angling trade fair will take place in Kagawong on May 18-19. The event will be more than just an angling trade fair, it will include food, music, games, an auction and a fishing derby. Whether you are a business owner, an angler, a tourist or a local, the trade fair is the place to be this May long weekend," the MSIA online post states.
 "There is going to be a kids' walleye fishing derby with different age categories, and a biggest fish any species division, with over \$1,000 in fishing gear and cash prizes, a fly casting for distance competition and there will also be a fly casting for accuracy competition,

anchor toss and a boat pull challenge," said Mr. Campbell. "Blaine Armstrong will be holding a fly fishing demonstration."
 Other kids' activities include a Science North interactive booth, free face painting, a tour of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Marine Unit vessel and a community passport stamp competition, which will see participants visiting and getting a stamp from businesses and groups. On the latter, "it will be an open competition. We will be giving out passports with businesses and group names on it. The first person that brings back a passport with all the names wins a prize. Participants will have to explore Billings."
 "We have three guest speakers on hand during the weekend including a presentation by Neil Debassige, an avid outdoorsman and host of Fuel the Fire TV, a presentation by Moe Gauthier, owner of Manitoulin Sport Fishing Charters, and Sonny Osawabine of Debajehmujig Story Tellers who will be presenting Odawa foundational teachings."
 "We have live musical performances throughout the weekend, with Aiyana Louis, Cole Hughson and Annette Smith," said Mr. Campbell.
 Mr. Campbell said the vendors booths have all been sold out. The trade

fair will have a variety of outdoor, angling and artisan booths including businesses selling tackle, bait and other fishing gear, ATVs, kayaks, boats, docks and other outdoor equipment, organizations related to the outdoors, angling and water safety, artisans making goods from the local environment and local food vendors.
 All the speakers and singers will take place in the outside arena on the Park Centre grounds, with the other half of the arena featuring vendors. The parking lot and both levels of the Park Centre will be used. In the downstairs area a silent auction, live auction, raffles, and 50/50 ticket and draw sales will take place.
 "Its been three years that we (Manitoulin Streams) has been working on this event," said Mr. Campbell. "We would

like this to become a bi-annual event and to move the event around to other communities every fair, so that everyone on the Island can benefit."
 "We are fortunate to have about 30-40 volunteers who will be helping us run the trade fair, including members of the Billings Recreation Committee, the Island Waste Reduction Group, MSS Robotics team, Little Current Fish and Game Club and Lake Manitou Area Association. The township is donating the venue in kind and have been very helpful to us in preparing for this event," added Mr. Campbell.
 For more information and a list of all events taking place during the weekend go online to manitoulinstreams.com and see the ads on Pages 14 and 15 of this newspaper.



Captain Moe Gauthier with an Atlantic salmon caught last week. Captain Moe of Manitoulin Sport Fishing Charters is one of the keynote speakers at the Outdoor Angling Trade Fair on Sunday. photo by Dave Patterson

Sea lamprey controls back to normal post-COVID

by Tom Sasvari
ANN ARBOR, MI—While the fishing community can be confident that sea lamprey numbers are set to decrease again this year due to aggressive controls that have been put in place by both US and Canada/Ontario stakeholders the past few years, this good news comes with a cautionary note as well.
 "For two years there were very little controls put in place to decrease the sea lamprey popula-

tion numbers," said Marc Gaden, communications director and legislative liaison for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC). This was due to the COVID-19 virus that effectively stopped sea lamprey controls in Great Lakes waters. "The huge spike in numbers that was found after two years of little being done to stem their population demonstrates that if we leave this for a short term the slimy beasts will bounce back."
 "This has to do with the fact that in 2020 the lamprey control season was a bust because crews couldn't get out to do the normal control work and treatments," said Mr. Gaden. "There was 75 percent less work carried out. And in 2021 again, the amount of controls and treatments decreased significantly."
 Mr. Gaden explained testing carried out by both USA and Ontario Canada officials in 2022 measures the survival rate of 2020 lamprey crop. "We expected to see a huge spike and this was the case. And again in 2023 studies on the survivor rates of 2021 we also expected a spike in

their numbers because the amount of control work carried out was significantly reduced, and this was the case."
 "2022 and 2023 were very telling years because they we measured the amount of lamprey that had been exposed to (lampricide) treatment and control measures," said Mr. Gaden.
 "For 2022, 2023 and 2024

community can be confident the fish numbers will come back as well."
 Each sea lamprey can kill more than 40 pounds of fish during its lifetime. Before scientists developed chemicals and tactics to control the lamprey population, they were killing 110 million pounds of fish per year. Prior to 2020 the GLFC had noticed an increase in lamprey numbers throughout the Great Lakes, so it had ramped up its treatment. But with the pandemic came restrictions and work teams couldn't venture into the field to treat the streams, which had definite impacts to the treatment schedule.
 "As I mentioned it just shows that you can't leave them alone for even a short period of time," said Mr. Gaden. "Sea lamprey are very opportunistic, and we had received a noticeable number of calls, letters and messages from anglers on the increase. We have been very aggressive the past couple of years, and we work very well with Ontario/Canada. It is critical that we work together."



A lamprey caught by an Island angler near South Baymouth in 2023.

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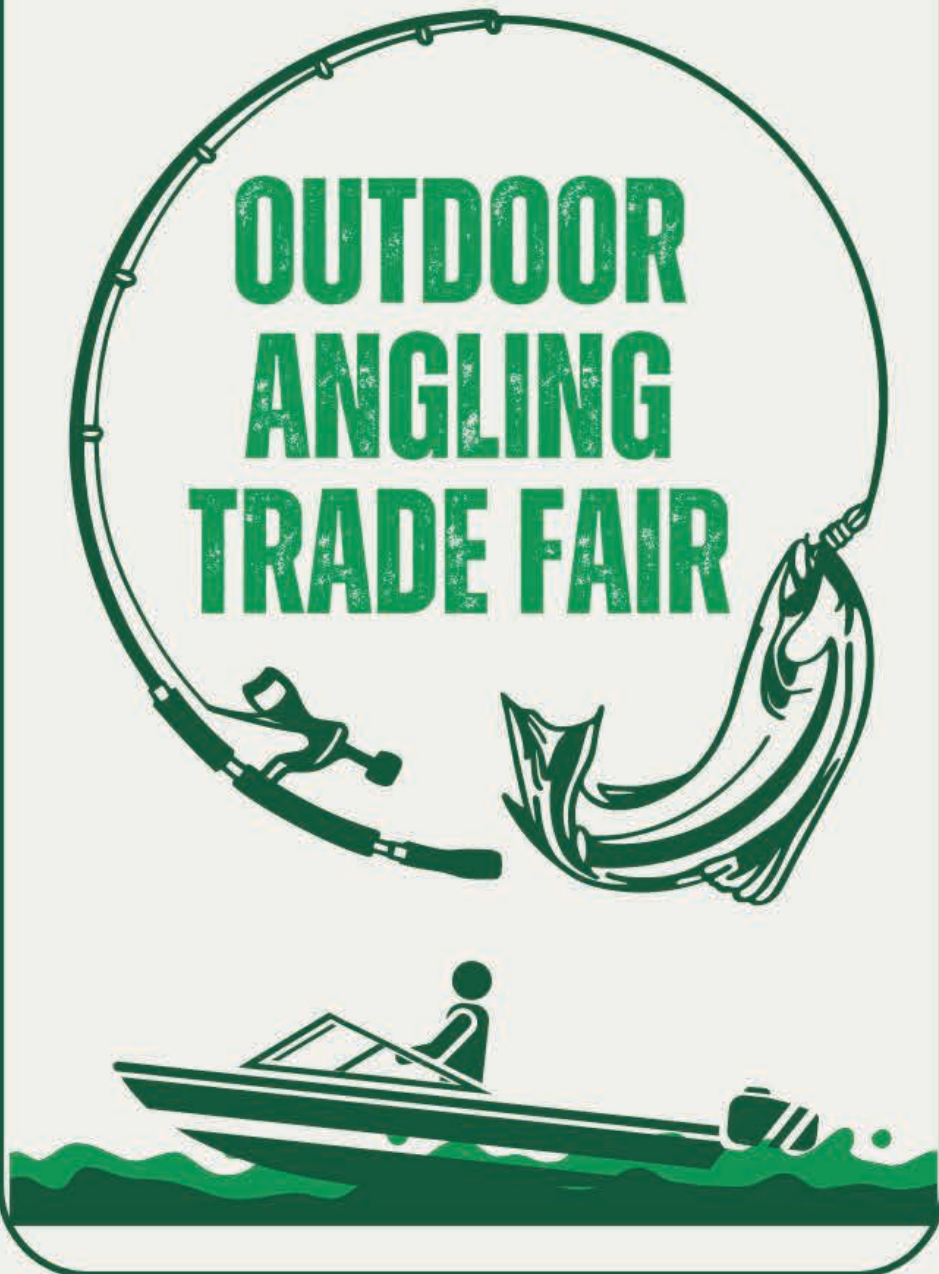
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10:30AM | MEET AT THE RIVER MOUTH — Kagawong River Restoration Tour

10:30AM-12:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Music by Annette Smith

11:00AM-12:00PM | COMPETITION AREA — Anchor Toss Competition

12:00-1:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Guest Speaker Neil Debassige

1:00-3:00PM | COMPETITION AREA — Fly Fishing Demo + Casting Competition

3:00-4:30PM | COMPETITION AREA — Boat Pull Competition

5:00-6:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Music by Aiyana Louis

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SUNDAY

10:00AM | MEET AT THE RIVER MOUTH — Kagawong River Restoration Tour

10:00AM-12:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Odawa Foundational Teachings

11:00-12:00PM | COMPETITION AREA — Casting Accuracy Competition

12:00-1:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Guest Speaker Moe Gauthier

1:00PM | PARK CENTRE BASEMENT — Silent Auction & Raffles End

1:30-3:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Live Auction, Silent Auction and 50/50 Announcements

3:00-4:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Music by Cole Hughson

4:00PM | EVENT CENTRE — Closing Ceremonies

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Rainbow District Schools host inaugural EcoSummit to promote environmental awareness

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

SUDBURY—Last Wednesday, the Rainbow District School Board held its first EcoSummit at Laurentian University's Fraser Auditorium, marking a significant step towards fostering environmental awareness among students. Organized by the Environmental Education Committee, the event aimed to engage students from Grades 7 to 12 across Rainbow Schools in discussions on environmental stewardship.

Director of Education Bruce Bourget reiterated the board's commitment to environmental education, emphasizing the im-

portance of equipping students with the knowledge to care for the planet.

Keynote speaker Elaine Rubinoff from Learning for a Sustainable Future delivered a thought-provoking talk on climate change, encouraging students to become active participants in addressing environmental issues.

Throughout the day, students participated in a variety of workshops covering topics such as the Medicine Wheel teachings, electric vehicles and local endangered species. These workshops provided students with practical

insights into sustainable living practices.

In an effort to reduce carbon emissions, the City of Greater Sudbury's GOVA public transit offered complimentary transportation to and from the EcoSummit for participating schools within the city limits, exemplifying a shared commitment to sustainability.

Throughout the day, students enthusiastically engaged in a diverse array of eco workshops, delving into topics ranging from the spiritual teachings of the 'M'Shikikeh E-waaw-yeh Ichigan Kinoomaadinan' Medicine Wheel to the intricacies of electric vehicles and Sudbury's endangered species. These



Central Manitoulin Public School students Angele Rhiness, left, and Brinley Watson participated in a 'Species at Risk in Greater Sudbury' workshop with retired scientist Franco Mariotti during the Rainbow District School Board's first ever EcoSummit on May 8, 2024 at Laurentian University.

workshops provided a holistic education on environmental stewardship, empowering students to effect tangible change in their schools and beyond.

The EcoSummit's impact reverberated far beyond the auditorium, as evidenced by the reflections of attendees. Jordan Goddard, a Grade 11 student from Manitoulin Secondary School, underscored the event's significance in shaping young minds for a sustainable future. "This event taught us the harshness of climate change but inspired hope and goodness in young people," Jordan reflected, encapsulating the transformative essence of the EcoSummit.

"I believe it's very important for young minds to consider the unfortunate state of our planet and how it will become a large factor in their future," Jordan continued. "This event taught us the harshness of climate change, but inspired hope and goodness in young people. At the conference, some students presented how their schools are contributing positively to the environment. I wish to see that all schools in the Board are able to showcase how they started their journey to becoming greener."

From Central Manitoulin Public School, students echoed a sentiment

of empowerment and camaraderie fostered by the summit. Grade 8 student Jolie Labranche shared her enthusiasm for learning about electric vehicles, while her peer Brinley Watson highlighted the collective commitment of schools towards environmental stewardship. "I attended a workshop on electric vehicles and learned how EVs can help us reduce our carbon footprint and slow down climate change," Jolie shared. "It was great to see all the schools from our board and that so many students are doing what we do to help the Earth through EcoSchools. It was a fun day and I hope that it can happen again next year when I move on to Grade 9."

The EcoSummit not only served as a platform for knowledge exchange but also forged lasting connections among students from diverse backgrounds. Alyx Labranche, a Grade 7 student, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to interact with peers from across Manitoulin Island, envisioning a future of collaborative environmental action.

Angele Rhiness, a Grade 7 student shared, "I went to a workshop to learn about endangered species around the Sudbury area. Some of the animals that we need to protect and conserve their habitat are the little brown bat, monarch butterfly and the Blanding's turtle. The monarch butterflies live on Manitoulin Island, where I live. They like the milkweed, but humans are destroying that plant and causing stress for the monarchs. During the keynote speaker, I was able to present how my school composts lunch, breakfast, garden and yard waste to inspire other students and schools. Having all the schools together is impactful because we can learn how to help the climate change and take actions in our own communities and schools. My goal is to make bat houses at home and in my school to help provide a safe habitat for little brown bats."

Cori Davy, a teacher at Central Manitoulin Public School, hailed the EcoSummit as a catalyst for professional growth, citing the invaluable exchange of ideas and mentorship among schools. "One of the highlights was sharing a bus to the EcoSummit with all the schools from Gore Bay to Whitefish," she said. "Having the opportunity to talk with students and staff from various schools about what environmental initiatives they are undertaking was wonderful professional learning. Mentoring each other and seeking new information gives us inspiration to take more positive action in our schools to address climate change."

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‘Life on the Farm’ enthralled crowd with Gore Bay Hall performance

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—From belly laughs and poems about the people and characters, pets, the strange things animals will do, the weather, and of course farming, to telling the extremely sad story touching on suicide, Vernon Bailey, along with the music provided on guitar by

Clenaghan on guitar was excellent. What an ability Mr. Bailey has. Storytelling and poetry are such a lost art. So polished.”

“This was such a great thing for the (Gore Bay) Rotary Club to do, they are so supportive of the community,” Ms. Cook added. “We thought it was a great show and a great

Sunday afternoon. My wife and I were very fond of the Stuart McLean series.”

It was billed as a night of song and poetry, and it most definitely was. Mr. Bailey told The Expositor, “I have been writing poetry for a long time.” He grew up on a farm near Thessalon, and is a cattle

farmer by trade, and is an auctioneer as well. He also writes periodically for a paper about life on the farm and love of the land. He also reads poetry and performs live theatre.

His first was focused on the poems of Robert Service called ‘Call of the Wild.’ His second, ‘Life on the Farm,’ features many poems by Charlie Smith, whose wife Rhonda is originally from Manitoulin.

“In 2018 I did a show of Robert Service poetry,” Mr. Bailey said. “That led me to the works of Charlie Smith, so we put together this second show, ‘Life on the Farm,’” said Mr. Bailey. “We also have put together a third show that we will be doing called ‘Sublime to the Ridiculous.’”

“When the Rotary Club asked me to do a show for a fundraiser I said sure,” said Mr. Bailey. He pointed out about 70 percent of the poems and stories shared on the stage were written by Mr. Smith.

After each poem or story, Mr. McClenaghan would provide a song that matched the topic that Mr. Bailey had presented. Songs included ‘Four Strong Winds,’ and musicians like Gordon Lightfoot, Louis Armstrong, Garth Brooks and many others.

“On behalf of the Gore Bay Rotary Club I would like to welcome you to a night of stories, poetry and song and to also thank you for your continued support,” said Rotarian Jack Clark in introducing Mr. Bailey and Mr. McClenaghan. “Pro-

ceeds from this and other fundraisers go to things like a new fire suit for the local firefighter, support to the Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team, helping families in need and a lot of other worthwhile projects.”

“Vernon has done countless shows all over the country, all in support of local community groups like ours and has helped those groups raise tens of thousands of dollars,” said Mr. Clark. “Again, we welcome all of you to a night of storytelling, sadly an art that is getting lost in the fast-paced life we find ourselves in.”



Vernon Bailey shared his experience of ‘Life on the Farm’ through poetry and storytelling in front of a large crowd at the Gore Bay Community Hall April 27. Many of his poems were written by Charlie Smith, who is well known on Manitoulin Island. In photo from left is Vernon Bailey and John McClenaghan who provided the music that accompanied each of the topics Mr. Bailey brought forward.

John McClenaghan, held a large crowd spellbound in the Gore Bay Community Hall on April 27.

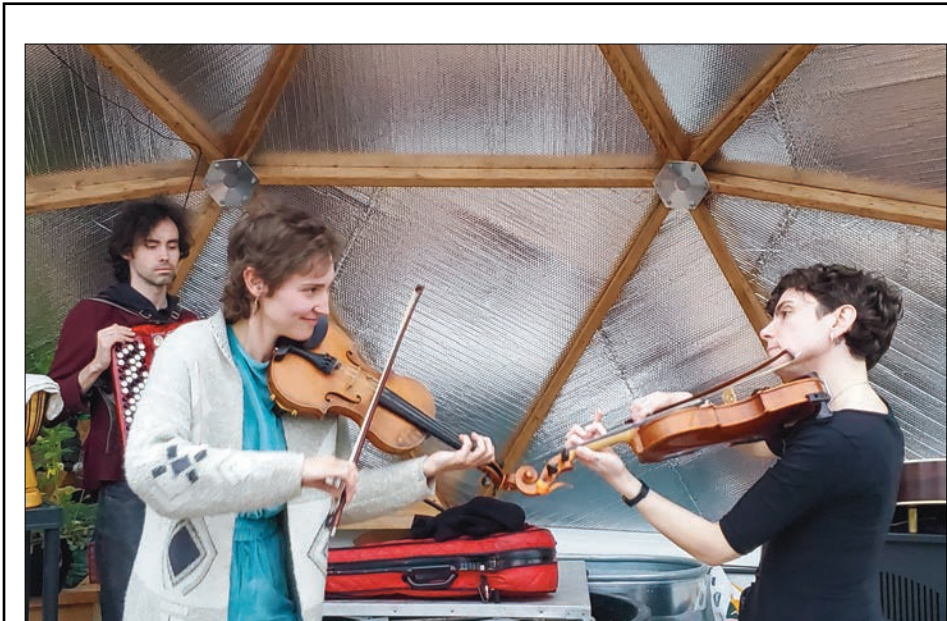
“It was awesome,” stated Sandy Cook of Kagawong. “Mr. Bailey is very talented, and Mr. Mc-

night of entertainment.

Tim Mackinlay, of Silver Water said, “The whole evening reminded me of fond memories of listening to Stuart McLean on the Vinyl Café as we were driving home on

farmer by trade, and is an auctioneer as well. He also writes periodically for a paper about life on the farm and love of the land.

He also reads poetry and performs live theatre.



Fiddling up a storm!

Singer-songwriter Georgia Hathaway, front left in photo and Elena Spanu (violin) are shown in photo along with Tristan Murphy (accordion) in concert at the Manitoulin launch of Ms. Hathaway’s album ‘Between the Green.’ Not shown in photo is Kathryn Merriam (harp). The concert was held this past Sunday at the Ravenswing Geodesic Dome at the property of Chuc and Linda Willson, in Ice Lake.

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Students are always busy at MSS!

Let's take a look at what they were up to this week. Spymaster is back once again! Every year, students at MSS participate in a school-wide game that keeps everyone on their toes! Sign-up booths will be stationed outside the gym until Wednesday, May 15. After at least 75



people have registered, the game will begin. Each participant will be given a clothespin and a target. Students must "pin" their target during school hours (with the exception of in-class time). Once you have been "pinned" you are eliminated. The game continues until there is one student standing.

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

passion, and self-compassion. Hopefully, by being compassionate, everyone can improve their mental health!

Last Wednesday, May 8 MSS hosted Tennis Pre-NSSSA (North Shores Secondary Schools Athletic Association). Students

MSS on Monday, May 13. It is time for graduating students to select their Valedictorian. This year's Valedictorian will represent the graduating class at the graduation ceremony. Students interested in voting for the Valedictorian must fill out a form in

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Last week was Mental Health Week. This year's theme is "A Call To Be Kind," with a focus on having compassion. MSS kicked off the week with a quote from Dalai Lama: "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion." On the morning announcements, the three types of compassion were discussed, giving compassion, receiving com-



from across the North Shore gathered to compete in practice matches in preparation for NSSSA. NSSSA was also hosted at the main office no later than Monday, May 13. That is all for this week! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

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52-1p

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52-3p

Legion events

Come join us for our annual fish fry on Friday, May 17 from 5 to 7 pm at the Little Current Legion Branch 177. Serving whitefish, smelts (while they last), French fries, coleslaw and dessert along with coffee or tea. Adults \$25; 12 and under \$10. All veterans eat for free. Support your Legion so we can support our veterans the community.

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yard sale

Street garage sale at 14, 31 and 33 Maplewood Trail, Kagawong; on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 from 7 am to 12 noon. Housewares, tools, furniture, antiques, and much more.

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

52-3p

Garage sale Friday, May 17, 4 to 8 pm, Saturday, May 18, 8 am to 4 pm and Sunday, May 19 from 8 am to 4 pm at 7153 HWY 542, Mindemoya. Two person fiberglass kayak, basketball net, camping gear, household items, new TV, mount, new car DVD player, two antique dressers, pedestal table and more. Come, check it out. Rain or shine.

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in memoriam

ST. JACQUES—In memory of Frederick and Alena (Noble) and son Frank. Dear Mom and Dad, Many years have come and gone Since you got the call to return home We think of you all in our dreams and prayers. Your son Frank also got the call to be back home with you. We talk about you often. May you look down from above when out for a stroll in Heaven. Think of us in your prayers, As we do of you. Always in our prayers and dreams, Until we meet again. Will say bye for now, Love, Sheila, Clarence and family

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SAUMIER—In loving memory of Harvey Saumier who passed away May 17, 2020. Miss you, Babe. Always love you. Will meet again. Love, Crystal

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church services

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

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THREE DAY ESTATE SALE
2228 Union Road, Evansville
May 18, 19, 20 from 9am - 4pm
House contents include: bedroom furniture, living room furniture, dining table, desk, lamps, wood kitchen table set, kitchen wares, small appliances and more.
Large garage contents: handyman's haven full of a wide variety of tools, big and small lawn and garden, ATV with plow, wood splitter on trailer, riding lawnmower, saws, router, planer soooo much more.

MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK
Township of Assiginack
Clean-Up Week
May 13th- May 18th
Extended hours of operation at the landfill include:
Mondays: 9am-3pm
Tuesdays: 10am-8pm
Wednesday to Friday: 9am-3pm
Saturday: 10am-8pm
To schedule the pick-up of large brush or yard debris, please call Public Works at: (705) 859-3780.

...Manitoulin postal worker living the dream as a Canada Post superintendent

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Ms. Hartley pointed out the population is about 3,000. "You see the same people daily, but everyone is so friendly, everyone says hi to each other. It is like living in a small town with all the amenities of a big city."

"Oh yes, the post office here is pretty busy, in fact we have two—one that was recently opened," said Ms. Hartley. "It's the largest I have ever seen and worked at. There are no roads up here that you can use to drive from or to another town.

Everything is flown in and there are cargo ships that come here in the summertime, so many things like building supplies, bottled water and food are shipped in."

As for how busy the post offices are Ms. Hartley stated, "I honestly have no idea how many pieces of mail we handle every day. It is just incredible. It is quite a big operation. We have a good number of staff here. They all do amazing work. That is what has been the most incredible part of this journey, the staff here

and the people in the community are incredible."

She works between the two offices. "The new office opened in November," said Ms. Hartley. "It is a beautiful building, and it stands out because it is a green building. It is a great facility to work in."

"I have been fortunate to work here, and it is something that I really wanted to experience and see a part of the country that not a lot of people have seen. It has been a blessing for me," said Ms. Hartley last week from Rankin Inlet,

part of a visit she had made to CP offices in Cambridge Bay and Kugluktuk.

"Canada Post provides lots of opportunities and things a person can experience," continued Ms. Hartley.

"My contract here runs to the end of July, and I will have to decide what I am going to do next. I don't know if it will be with a post office. But I do kind of want to go home. I do miss my family," added Ms. Hartley.

Death Notices

EARL (GRANT) RUMLEY



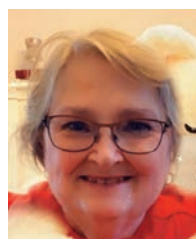
It is with great sadness and heavy hearts we announce that Grant Rumley passed away peacefully at home on May 2, 2024, in his 95th year. He was predeceased by his first wife Constance (Connie) Rumley nee (Cornell). Also predeceased by his parents Lewis John (Clifford) Rumley and Alice Elizabeth (Bessie) Rumley of Silver Water; his brother Clifford Leslie (Les) Rumley; sisters Cappy Bulley, Hazel Boyko, Geordie Berry and Florence Dinsmore. He leaves behind his son Nelson Clifford Rumley and daughter in-law Corinne. He will be sadly missed by his second wife Mary Rumley, step-daughters Zella DeLamorandiere, Anna DeLamorandiere (Jamie) and Marilyn McLaughlin; his in-laws Irene Totten (Bob) of New Brunswick, Glenda McDonald of North Bay, Phyllis McDonald of Hamilton and Bill McDonald (Jr.) Toronto. Sadly missed by his granddaughter Mara Rumley (Justin) his step-granddaughter Cynthia Tilley (Matt), Marley Neill (Jarvis), Cody DeLamorandiere (Yanna), Jazlyn Bertrand, Courtney Duncan (Derrick) and two great-grandsons Logan and Liam. He will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews from the West Coast, East Coast and the surrounding areas. Grant moved from the Island and settled in Dundas at the early age of 17. He thoroughly enjoyed his many trips back to Manitoulin Island and spending time at the cottage. He loved his hunting and fishing and had many good times with his son, good buddies and at family and friend get togethers. The visitation and service took place at Turner Funeral Home in Dundas on Thursday, May 9, 2024 and Friday, May 10, 2024, interment followed. Donations can be made to Dundas Legion Branch 36 Poppy Fund or a charity of your choice. There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date at Dundas Legion. To share a memory or post a condolence, please visit www.turnerfuneralhome.ca.

RICHARD CHARLES DRAKE March 13, 1942 - October 30, 2023



Richard Charles Drake, 81, of Rockville Road, Manitoulin Island, passed away on October 30, 2023. Richard, fondly known as Rick, was born to Julia and Charles Drake, on March 13, 1942, in Cleveland, Ohio. After high school he enlisted with the United States Navy and witnessed many historical events including the retrieval of Commander Alan Sheppard in Freedom 7 and blocking Russian supply ships bound for Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis. After an Honorable Discharge he married the love of his life, Patricia Drake in 1970 and purchased property on Manitoulin Island where they operated Duck'n Drake Marine & Cottages for over 50 years. He was a talented mechanic with a passion for antique outboards and cars. He loved his family, friends, cooking, reading, nature, fishing and spending time outdoors. Richard is survived by his two children, Mark Drake and Natalie Drake; his four grandchildren, Marina, Alexandra, Carley and Brooke. He is also survived by his sister Pat Lawton and brother Gene Drake. Richard was predeceased by his wife, Patricia, his parents, Julia and Charles, and his brother, Michael Drake. Aside from his love of anything mechanical he was a member of the Antique Outboarder Association, passionate about the preservation of Lake Manitou and a member of the Lake Manitou Area Association. He loved teaching his grandkids how to operate boats, taking them kneeboarding/tubing behind his boat or for wagon rides behind his tractor. His wisdom, guidance and compassion will be truly missed. Rick's family will host a small service on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 2 pm. The service will be at 2596 Rockville Road in Mindemoya. Please consider making a donation to the LMAA (Lake Manitou Area Association) in Rick's name.

LILY ANNE (BRYANT) BUGG 1954 - 2024



It is with deep sadness we announce that Lily Anne Bugg passed peacefully on Monday, May 6, 2024 in her 70th year. Beloved wife of David Bugg for 48 years. Lily was born January 1, 1954 in Little Current. Daughter of the late Neil and Annie Bryant. Dear sister to Mervyn Bryant (wife Joan) and Gladys Moore (husband Lorne). Dear beloved mother of Jaclyn Ormerod (husband Nathan) of Cambridge and Lisa Fletcher (husband Patrick) of Copper Cliff. She was the loving Nana of Brandon, Liam, Bailey, Zachary and Kara. Dear Aunt to Roxanne, Tracy, Glen, Elizabeth, Jonathan, Darlene, Christine, Jennifer and Jeffrey. Predeceased by Matthew, Chris, and Heather. Great-aunt of Cassandra, Jordan and Megan. Great-great-aunt of her boy Kylar. Lily was the definition of what it meant to be a nurse. She provided support and love to those who needed it the most. Was selfless and kind, had an enormous heart and who put others before herself. Being a Nana was one of roles she treasured most. She was a talented artist who loved to knit, draw, paint and quilt. She shared this love with her grandchildren, especially Kara. The family could always count on getting hats and mitts for Christmas. Lily leaves a legacy of strength and strong family ties. A Celebration of Life was on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 1 to 5 pm at Forrest Ridge Golf & Country Club. Arrangements in care of Simple Wishes of the North Inc.

"As a nurse, we have the opportunity to heal the mind, soul, heart and body of our patients. They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel." —Maya Angelou

ROBERT ARNOLD GEORGE LANG April 6, 1960 - February 11, 2024



With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Robert Arnold George Lang in Kingston, ON, on February 11, 2024 at the age of 63. Robert was born on April 6, 1960 to Clayton Lang and Elizabeth 'Betty' Lawson (née Freeman) in East York, Toronto. Robert attended St. Michael's Choir School from Grade two through High School. He ventured downtown every Sunday to sing in the Cathedral and travelled around the country performing with the Choir. Robert also played on the St. Michael's Hockey team and held a position on the football team as well. Robert continued singing in the men's choir at St. Michael's while studying at U of T - Theology, Languages and Botany. Robert had an exceptionally brilliant mind. He was a compassionate, kind and loving individual who was funny and adventurous. He celebrated all occasions with excitement and enthusiasm, he loved gardening, singing and travelling, but most of all Robert loved his family immensely. He was blessed to grow up in a loving home, visiting with his grandparents, aunts, uncles and many cousins in Toronto and the beautiful Manitoulin Island. Predeceased by his dear parents Clayton and Elizabeth and sisters Maureen Heyink, Eileen Smeltzer and Elizabeth Farren. He will be deeply missed by his loving sister Dianne Lang (Todd), brother-in-law Bob Farren and by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends and caregivers. Robert you will remain forever in our hearts. A Mass was held in Robert's name at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto) on Thursday, April 4, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held at Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 112 (117 Byron Street South, Whitby, Ontario) on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 12 noon to 4 pm. Refreshments will be served. For those who would like to donate in Robert's memory, memorial donations to the Huntington Society of Canada or UHKF (Providence Care) would be appreciated. Please share your memories and condolences to the family at <http://www.paynefuneralhome.com>.

WILLIE (PHYLLIS) ELLEN MUNRO (nee Sloan)

April 17, 1939 - May 6, 2024



In loving memory of Willie Munro who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Monday, May 6, 2024 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of Jim Munro. Loving mother of Leslie Lemaich of Hamilton, Anne Clark (Alex) of Grimsby, Jennifer Munro (Wayne Lewendon) of London and Melissa Munro (Dave King) of Gore Bay. Cherished Nana of Kyle, Laurie (Jeff), Stephanie (JJ), Cassie (Ty), Colleen (Jason), Katie, Rosie (Jon), Ryan (Becca), Nick and Rhea. Proud great-nana of eight great-grandchildren. Sister of Stanley (Ada predeceased) Sloan, John (Evelyn predeceased) Sloan, Murray (Sheila) Sloan, Ken (predeceased), Harold (predeceased), Helen (Max) Hann (both predeceased), Echo (Ray) McFaul (both predeceased), Jacinthe Sloan, Elaine (Alvin) Glasby (both predeceased) and Donelda Sloan (predeceased). Willie will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Cremation has taken place. Family and friends gathered to celebrate Willie's life at Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay on Friday, May 10, 2024 from 1 to 3 pm. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at SimpsonFuneralHome.ca



JOHN COLE

John Cole died April 19, 2024 in his 78th year. He is survived by his sister Priscilla (Merv) Aylott and brother Bev (Sandy) Cole as well as many nieces and nephews. He chose Manitoulin Island 20 years ago for his early retirement with lots of thought for its clean environment. We want to thank everyone for their condolences and help, especially Max Burt, John Turner and Nancy for their great help. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. For more info please contact Bev, 250-616-2636 or bev1952@hotmail.ca.

Burial Notice

JESSIE MARIE BELL

February 11, 1933 - December 15, 2023



Family and friends are invited to attend a gravesite service for Jessie Bell, to be held at the Burpee Mills Cemetery on Saturday, May 25th at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow at the Burpee Mills Community Hall.

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.

Nuffield Canada Scholarship agriculture applications underway

OTTAWA—Are you ready for a new challenge that will change your life? Then maybe a Nuffield Canada Scholarship is for you!

“The greatest gift that Nuffield gave me was the opportunity to step

outside my business and connect with some of the world’s most intelligent and passionate people in agriculture,” says Steve Larocque, Nuffield Canada chair and 2008 Scholar. “The Nuffield experience taught me to think differ-

ently and lift the ceiling on what I thought could be achieved. It changed the trajectory of my family, my business and made a positive impact on the way we treat our soils in Canada. I’m forever grateful for the experience and

the lifelong community of incredible people I have the privilege of calling friends. The journey never ends in Nuffield.”

Nuffield Canada strives to offer four to six \$20,000 scholarships annually for mid-career individuals, who are Canadian citizens aged 25-50 with a passion for agriculture who are ready to challenge themselves in a self-directed program of international travel and study. Unlike academic scholarships, Nuffield Scholarships are for the personal and professional benefit of those already established in the industry, while adding value to Canadian agriculture, scholars assume positions of greater influence in their fields.

Nuffield Canada is now accepting scholar applications, selected through a written and one-way video application process, from April 1 through June 30 for the 2025 scholar cohort. Applications and more information can be

found at www.nuffield.ca.

Scholarship recipients can come for all areas of primary production including food, fibre, health-care, biofuels, forestry, aquaculture and fisheries. Successful candidates can represent any aspect of the value chain such as primary production, processing governance, communications, safety and others. Nuffield Canada values diversity and encourages applicants from all production philosophies such as commercial, organic, cottage, medicinal, Indigenous, Kosher, Halal and others.

Scholars are required to do a minimum of 10 weeks of travel study within 24 months to examine and research a topic or issue of their choosing that is relevant to modern production. Each scholar then prepares a written report (approximately 10,000 words) of their research findings, conclusions and recommendations, and presents a summary to the

Nuffield board, with peers, sponsors and industry leaders in attendance.

For scholar sponsors, Nuffield offers exposure to new products, services, technologies and marketing approaches through knowledge brought home by scholars. They also gain relationships with the very best young farmers and entrepreneurs in Canada and throughout the world through the Nuffield International network. Sponsors become part of a pathway for leadership development within organizations, industry and rural Canada as scholars go on to become highly sought after as speakers, advisors, board members and influencers. Sponsors are further embraced as part of the Nuffield network through communications sharing, hosting tours, speakers, and helping to recognize leadership potential and encouraging applications.



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 resumé 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 Friday, May 24th** addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, by email to lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.



Attention: Effective **Friday, May 17, 2024**, the town is implementing reduced speed limits to enhance safety. Be aware of new limits posted throughout town.

The speed limit will be reduced to **40 kilometres** per hour throughout the entire Town of Gore Bay **unless it is otherwise posted**.

Drive responsibly and prioritize the well-being of our community.



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
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REQUEST FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS

Tender for catering services to be provided for the
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 24, 2024

Catering to accommodate 125 participants

Please contact

Darcie Anderson at (705) 368-0083 ext. 260 for the menu or any other information.

Tenders can be emailed or delivered to:

**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Postal Bag 2002, 48 Hillside Rd.
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
darcie.anderson@noojmowin-teg.ca**

**Tenders will be accepted until
May 31, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.**



THE MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

Request For Tender: RFT 05-2024

FOR: SURFACE TREATMENT

- Cranston Rd. 0.90 km Double w/ fog seal
- Blue Rd. 3.60 km Single
- Perivale Rd. E. 2.54 km Single
- Grimesthorpe Rd. 2.30 km Single
- Beaver Rd. 0.20 km Double

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

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 AT 2:00 PM EST

Signed sealed hard copy bids shall be clearly marked “**RFT 05-2024 MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN SURFACE TREATMENT**” and submitted to:

**Municipality of Central Manitoulin,
Administrative Office
6020 Highway 542, Box 420
Mindemoya POP 1S0**

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Kenjgewin Teg is accepting quotes/tenders for material and labour of roof replacement at the Kenjgewin Teg main campus building located at 374a Hwy 551, M’Chigeeng, ON.

Experienced and interested parties are invited to submit a tender for the following work:

- Removal of existing roofing material
- Installation of new steel roofing, waterproof membrane and required strapping (if needed) across approximately a 16,000 sq. ft building
- Disposal of old roofing material and cleanup of the work site

A copy of the full Request for Tender (RFT) RFT 2024-01 details document can be obtained through request to Shanna Hare, Director of Operations via email, shannahare@kenjgewinteg.ca or via phone, 705-370-4342.

Tender submission details are provided within the RFT document obtained at Kenjgewin Teg.

**Deadline for tender submission is:
May 31, 2024 at 2:00 PM.**



KENJGEWINTEG.CA

CamSafe program launches in Espanola and Manitoulin areas, police seek local input

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has implemented the CamSafe program. CamSafe is a program aimed at creating a database of residential and commercial security cameras within a community that may act as a resource for police when investigating offences/crime.

“We launched the CamSafe program yesterday,” said Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Robert Walsh at a Manitoulin Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting last week.

“When a police officer uses the CamSafe database they will see a map of the local area. Officers can click on registered addresses to view further details, such as property owner contact information,” said Provincial Constable Jessica Gilbertson, community safety officer/media relations with the Manitoulin OPP. “Officers cannot access your security cameras or cloud-based accounts. If police would like to examine camera footage, they can make a request to the property owner using contact information from their database.”

“Interested community members are only required to provide basic contact information and camera location, but can

include more details if desired, such as direction the camera faces, footage retention details or screenshots of the camera view,” Constable Gilbertson continues. “Registrants can only view their own information and can delete their account or change their information at any time.”

Businesses and community members can register voluntarily for the program indicating they have security cameras, CCTV systems and doorbell cameras. CamSafe does not have access to footage or cameras, and for those community members/businesses only basic contact information and an address is required to sign up. Only the police have access to the registry information.

“It allows our officers, if there is a call for service, to look at a database map and to know who is registered as having a camera in the area the crime has

taken place,” said Detachment Commander Walsh. “All it means is that we will know someone has a camera in the area of the incident. Then an officer will ask the community member or business if we can view the camera footage. It expedites the time an officer would normally have to take to get information than having to canvas homes or businesses in an area.” He pointed out the program has already been shown in other areas to provide critical evidence after a criminal incidence has taken place, “because officers can see a crime taking place on the camera.”

“It is a good program, totally voluntary and is no cost to anyone,” said Detachment Commander Walsh.

To learn more about the CamSafe program and to register security cameras visit camsafe.ca.

Manitoulin Island Real Estate Brokerage Inc.

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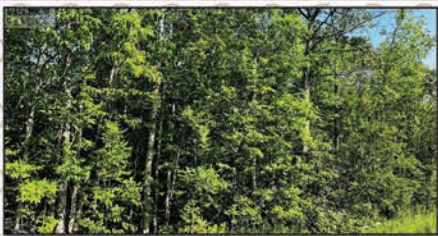
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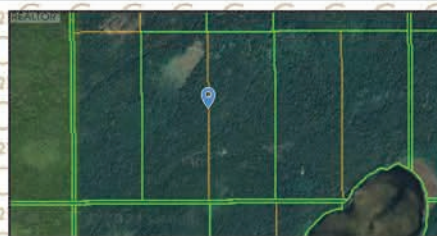
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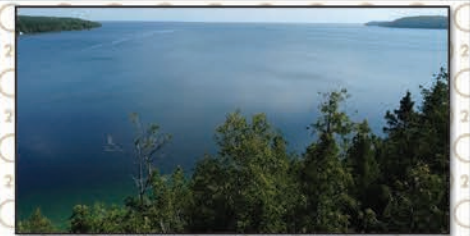
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MLS®#: 2115229, \$330,000



130 Thorne Street,
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MLS®#: 2114944, \$675,000



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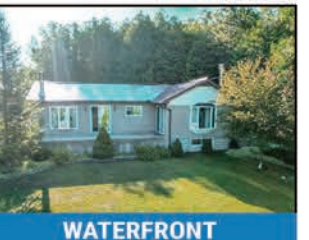
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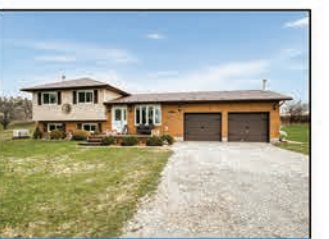
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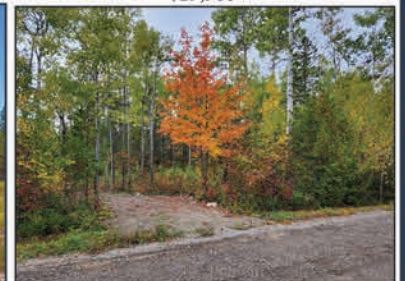
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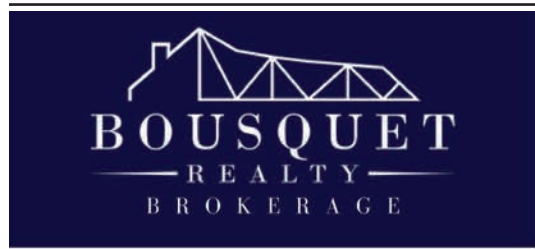
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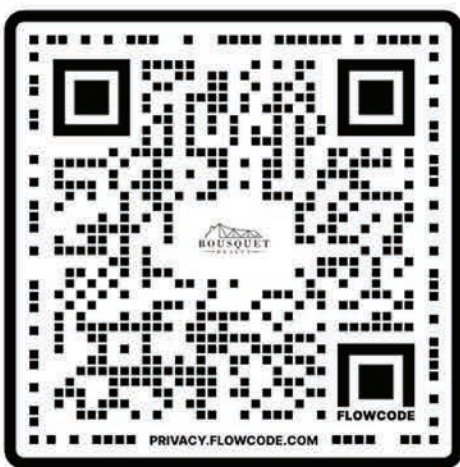
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Pickleball celebrates 15th season on Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Pickleball is gaining popularity by leaps and bounds—probably in part because its leaps and bounds are kinder to back, knees and elbows than its distant cousin tennis and more active than its other cousin badminton.

“Since its inception in 2009, the Manitoulin Pickleball Club has been dedicated to providing a welcoming environment for active adults of all skill levels, offering opportunities for fun, fitness and camaraderie,” noted Gary Wolfe as he took a moment out from playing in the upstairs hall courts at the NEMI Recreation Centre. “With a focus on inclusivity and sportsmanship, the club has grown to become a cornerstone of the Manitoulin Island community, attracting players from across the region,” continued Mr. Wolfe.

The pickleball crew are looking forward to their summer season, where they will once more be able to play outdoors on the four outdoor courts set up on the tennis court area, or the five indoor courts in the curling club rink floor.

“We have ample space for our members, old and new, to enjoy their game come rain or shine,” said Mr. Wolfe.

A pickleball net height is set at 36” at the sideline and 34” at the centre. Pickleball is most often played as doubles with four players, two on each team (though singles are possible as well). Each player stands to the right and left of the centerline. You can hit two types of shots: groundstrokes, which hit off the bounce, often from the baseline and volleys, which are hit out of the air from a position closer to the net.

Each side has a seven-foot area called the non-volley zone, or ‘kitchen’, where no player can hit volleys from. Not even a toe can touch the kitchen line during a volley (more on that later).

The first rule of play is that each rally starts with the serve. The player on the right side of the court, facing their opponents, starts the serve. The player serves diagonally to their opponent in the right or left service area. The serve must clear the kitchen (including the line) to count.

The second rule is that the serve must be underhand—no, not sneaky, a pickleball serve must be hit with an underhand stroke or backhand with contact below the waist. The arm must move in an upward arc when striking the ball. A player can either hit the ball out of the air or drop the ball on the ground and hit it.

The goal of the pickleball serve is to put the ball in play. This is quite different from a tennis serve, where the goal is to serve overhand aggressively to win the point.

Each point continues until a fault occurs. In pickleball, there are three basic types of faults: the serve does not clear the kitchen (including the line); a shot is hit out of bounds—landing behind the baseline or outside the sideline; or a shot is hit into the net. Note there is no “let” in pickleball—so, if a serve hits the net, there’s no redo. The ball is played as it lands (so long as it lands within the service area).

A player also cannot volley in the kitchen—the seven-foot zone on each



Pickleball Keith Holtz demonstrates a great pickleball serve.

side marks the non-volley zone, or ‘kitchen.’ That means no shot hit out of the air while having any part of your body in the kitchen—or even on the kitchen line. And you can’t let your momentum carry you into the kitchen after a volley either. Players at the net have a big advantage. They can hit any ball high enough with a downward smash and that shot puts opponents immediately on the defensive. Pickleball’s inventors learned that standing right at the net made volleying too easy. It was an unfair advantage and took the fun away (for the defenders at least), so the ‘kitchen’ was born.

If your opponent hits a short shot landing in the kitchen, you can enter and hit from the kitchen. Dinks are a defensive shot and one of the most important parts of pickleball strategy. Often a player’s best move after moving into the kitchen to field a dink is to dink right back to your opponent’s kitchen.

The ball must bounce on both sides before either team can volley, the ball must bounce once on each side (known as the ‘double bounce rule’). This means if your partner is serving and you start up at the kitchen, you’re in a dangerous position because the returning team can hit a shot right at you, and if you react with a volley, that’s a fault. You lose the point.

A player can only win points on their serve. In pickleball, you only win points on your serve, and you continue serving until you lose a rally. After winning each point on your serve, you switch sides with your partner and serve to the other opponent.

In each turn, both players (in doubles) get the opportunity to serve. And in pickleball scoring, you’ll hear players announce three numbers, “Zero, zero... two.” The third number tracks which of the two players on a team has the serve.

Following all the rules above, the game continues until one team gets 11 points, but a team must win by two points. So, if a game’s tied 10-10, the next score doesn’t win. The game continues past 11-10. This rule can have games on for a long time—but players advise those games are often the most fun.

And that is the biggest rule of all—to have fun.

The club is very welcoming and accessible and only requires membership after two guest visits to try it out. After that it is an affordable \$2 per session. Speaking of which, the sessions take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the morning (9 am to 12 pm) and in the evening Tuesday and Thursday, from 6 to 8 pm.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Holy Moly Coyotes!

The Manitoulin Elementary Soccer Championships took place last Thursday in Wiikwemkoong for the Grade 7/8 Intermediates while the junior event was hosted by CMPS in Mindemoya. The Little Current Coyotes absolutely cleaned up at both venues leaving no scraps!

At the Pontiac School, both LCPS A and B teams won their respective divisions and even met in the final game. Congratulations to players: **Alexis Mousseau, Azalea Anaya, Kirsten Bowerman, Roen Dechesnes, Brooklyn Ferguson, Spencer Cortes, Collin Goodfellow, Max King, Nathan Quackenbush, Luis Anaya, Ryan Carter, Casey Bowerman, Liam Stephens, Kain Corbiere, Myla Edralin, Arabella Otsquiaiob, Mia Tomiselli, Charlotte Ziegler, Hazel Cooper, Safiyah Esquimaux, Kayla Eadie** and Coach **Mark Volpini**

Meanwhile, the Junior set of Coyotes were tearing up the turf in Mindemoya. “A” Division Champs - Coach **Steve Fessenden** and his charges: **Boston Abotossaway, Lynnra Madahbee-Peltier, Mason Dedman, Karmen Atkinson, Jack Bentley, Brooke Varey, Ollie Wilding, Jordyn Corbiere, Tate Abotossaway, Mariah Kagige, Chase Atkinson, Emma Souliere, Lauren Musquetier** and goaltender **Ada Correa** (had a shut-out for the tournament)

“B” Division” Champs - Coach **April Aelick**. Players: **Xavier Panaminck-Eshkawkogan, Kailyn Inglis, Finlay Card, Ella King, Jasper Ziegler, Morgan Graves, Callaway Anderson-Equimaux, Kyla Pegelo, Ryder Varey, Haileigh Simon, Brenna Pollard, Net minders Simon Fessenden and Jack VanVolkburgh** both with shut-outs for the tournament!

Well done, cue the coyote howl!

It’s track and field season!

Several Manitoulin athletes have put their training to the test already and still more attended the Nipissing Invitational last week. Coach **Gerry Holliday** has been back at his camp, so he can coach once again!

Congratulations to these die-hard athletes: **Jack Carter, Cash Duchene-Milne, Andrew Cooper, Autumn Davy, Alan Wilkin, T.J. Green, and Brodie Pennie**. Here are a few individual highlights.

Brodie, who is heading to University of New Brunswick this fall with some help from a running scholarship, demonstrated just what UNB is looking for. He won the 800, 1500 and 3000m races, and set new PBs (personal best) of 2:01 in the 800 and 4:03 in the 1500!

Alan Wilkin and T.J. Green had the unenviable task of racing against Brodie in the 800m, but turned in great performances in their own right with Alan taking third and Thomas, fifth! T.J. also took silver in the 2000m Steeplechase. **Jack Carter** picked up the bronze in

the 100m, **Autumn Davy** was 4th in the 800m.

Brooke Gibeault who attends secondary school in Sudbury opened her season with more hardware. Brooke was first in the long jump and shot put and was four hundredths of a second away from a perfect score in the 100m hurdles! No worries, Brooke, you will get it before the season is over. Kudos to you all!

And single-track season, too!

Mountain biking has seen a definite resurgence in the last few years. The annual **Hardwood Singletrack Classic**, just south of Orillia took place two weekends ago, and a strong Manitoulin contingent made the commute. Racers had a choice of 21 or 42 km distances.

The fastest Manitoulin rider in the 21km event, at just 17 years old, **Bradley Slight** finished 2nd in the 17-34 men’s category! For youth riders in the 21k event, **Rachel Quackenbush** finished 1st in the U12 female division, **Isaac Quackenbush** finished third in the 15-16 male division and **Nathan Quackenbush** finished 2nd in the 13-14 male division.

For adults, in the 21k event, **Bill Slight** finished 8th in his age category and **Hannah Brown** was 7th. Finally, in the 42km event, **Alex Anstice** finished 6th in his age category! The team will be preparing for their own race soon enough. The Manitoulin Mountain Bike Challenge is slated for Sunday, June 9th at McLean’s Park in Assinack. Check out the Events tab on the Breakaway Sports website.

New off-the-rock signing!

Congrats to **Koda Peltier** of Wiikwemkoong who had a great spring try-out with the U15 AA Nickle City Cubs and was offered a spot on this fall’s roster. Way to go, Koda!

Fight childhood Cancer!

I see a few local people have already expressed interest in this year’s **Great Cycle Challenge** that raises money every year to fight childhood cancers. The event stretches over 31 days in August and all ages, all fitness levels are invited and you can participate from any location.

The challenge is to get yourself to get on your bike this August and clock your kilometres over 31 days in the 2024 **Great Cycle Challenge**!

The set-up is easy. You set your own distance goals and ride at your own pace. You can achieve your fitness goals as you track your pedalling progress with their free app (or Strava/MapMyRide, Komoot type apps).

At this stage, all there is to do is register your interest and you will be notified when they officially launch and receive your free entry into the ride. If you don’t see it on Facebook, just type, “great cycle challenge” into your chosen search engine.

A good sport is good for sports!



A tournament held on May 9 in Wiikwemkoong at the Pontiac School. Both A and B teams won their respective divisions. Both teams met in the final game. Players: **Alexis Mousseau, Azalea Anaya, Kirsten Bowerman, Roen Dechesnes, Brooklyn Ferguson, Spencer Cortes, Collin Goodfellow, Max King, Nathan Quackenbush, Luis Anaya, Ryan Carter, Casey Bowerman, Liam Stephens, Kain Corbiere, Myla Edralin, Arabella Otsquiaiob, Mia Tomiselli, Charlotte Ziegler, Hazel Cooper, Safiyah Esquimaux and Kayla Eadie**. Coach **Mark Volpini** is taking the selfie.

photo by Mark Volpini

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1 Year Contract

Located in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island, Split Rail Brewing Co. is a destination brewery on the shores of the North Channel, Lake Huron.
 We are seeking a Sales/Marketing Associate to join the team!

Core Competencies:

- Customer focused
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- Adaptable/flexible
- Superior communication skills
- Creative and innovative thinking
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Excellent with computer software
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills
- Strong problem identification and resolution skills
- High level of critical, logical and analytical thinking
- High level of integrity and work ethic
- Excellent communication skills
- Safe driving skills

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with B2B Sales to Licensees, LCBOs, TBS, etc.
- Initiate direct marketing strategies including a customer database
- Assist with sales growth planning
- Coordinate community engagement initiatives
- Assist with social media and other marketing activities
- Coordinate events

Requirements:

- Excellent customer service, interpersonal and communication skills
- Self-motivated, with high energy and passion for customer service and craft beverages
- Attentive to details and accuracy
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team
- Ability to build and maintain lasting relationships with customers
- Ability to initiate, follow up and close new accounts
- Strong problem identification and resolution skills
- Ability to travel and attend events or exhibits
- High level of integrity and work ethic
- Must be willing to work some weekends, evenings and holidays
- Must possess a valid driver's licence, clean driver's record and have access to a vehicle
- Photography and graphic design skills will be considered an asset

Eligibility:
 The successful candidate will be either a new entrant into the work force, or an individual transitioning to a new career, or an unemployed or underemployed individual entering a new field.

Applications due by noon on Friday May 24, 2024
 For a full Job description contact: splitrail@splitrailmanitoulin.com. To apply, please drop by the brewery with your resume, or send resume by email to: splitrail@splitrailmanitoulin.com

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**LCYC Job Opportunity:
Assistant Instructor / Boat Maintenance Worker**

Little Current Yacht Club is looking for a sailor that would like to take their skills to a new level and learn how we teach sailing to beginners every summer, while learning about basic boat maintenance, too!



Type of position: Casual, Seasonal
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 Hours: 35 per week minimum, minimum 7 weeks
 Positions available: 1
 Start date: First week of July

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Located in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island, Split Rail Brewing Co. is a destination brewery on the shores of the North Channel, Lake Huron.

We are seeking an Assistant Bookkeeper to join the team!

Core Competencies:

- Teamwork
- Attention to detail
- Problem solving and critical thinking
- Accountability and integrity
- Planning and organization
- Communication

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist Bookkeeper with payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, etc.


Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in business, finance or related field
- 2+ years of experience in financial management
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Excellent with computer software
- Experience with QuickBooks and Excel
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills
- Strong problem identification and resolution skills
- High level of critical, logical and analytical thinking
- High level of integrity and work ethic
- Excellent communication skills

Applications due by noon on Wednesday, May 29, 2024
 For a full job description contact: splitrail@splitrailmanitoulin.com. To apply, please drop by the brewery with your resume, or send a resume by email to: splitrail@splitrailmanitoulin.com

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Elementary School Teacher (Maternity Leave - 1 Year Contract)

Sheshegwaning First Nation
 1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
 Phone: (705) 283-3292 Fax: (705) 283-3481

The thriving Community of Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for an Elementary School Teacher. Come work with some wonderful staff, amazing kids and fantastic community members and make a difference in the future generation, with the gift of education.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnaabe teachings within the school and community setting.
- Experience and/or knowledge of land-based learning.
- Teach students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental and social development and their school readiness.
- Develop and implement long-range plans.
- Prepare and administer assessments.
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents and school officials.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help. Work with consultants and principal to provide supports.
- Participate in staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions.
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate.
- Preferred Bachelor of Education or ATEP.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnaabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation, St. Josephs Anishnaabe School
Salary Range: As per placement on the approved Teacher Salary Grid

Deadline to Apply: June 17, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

Interested applicants may forward their resume and three written references marked 'confidential' to: **Jessica Sampson, Human Resources Director**
 Sheshegwaning First Nation
 1079A Sheshegwaning Road
 Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON P0P 1X0
Jessica@sheshegwaning.org



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc

Healthy Families Program Coordinator
 Full-time – 35 hours per week
 Salary range: \$40,299 - \$48,161

The Healthy Families Program Coordinator is to coordinate Mnaamodzawin Health Services' Healthy Babies Healthy Children (HBHC) program and Maternal and Child Health program in promoting health and well-being for pregnant women and families with infants and young children. Programming activities will be for our First Nation community members of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaahaasing.

Objectives:

1. Implement, monitor, and evaluate programs and services to meet First Nations needs for the Healthy Babies Healthy Children and Maternal and Child Health programs.
2. Coordinate ongoing assessment of community needs of related programs and services.
3. Participate in program and service delivery as required or assigned.
4. Identify and manage program resources and assist with the preparation of program budgets.
5. Work in collaboration with Mnaamodzawin Health Services staff, community health staff and related agencies.
6. Participate in networking partnerships with staff, communities, agencies and community groups.

Skills/Qualifications:

1. Early Childhood Educator (ECE), or Developmental Services Worker (DSW), or Social Service Worker (SSW) with at least 2 years of experience in their field, or related experience in the health field.
2. Knowledge of child development, maternal and pre-natal health, parenting and social services.
3. Literate in computer programs ie. Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, etc.
4. Familiar with charting in EMRs an asset.
5. Ability to work independently and be an excellent team player.
6. Ability to work with the public and demonstrate excellent communication skills.
7. Sensitivity to aims and objectives of maternal, child, and infant health.
8. Knowledge of Anishnaabe culture, language and traditions an asset.

Closing Date: Friday, May 17, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Submit a cover letter, resume, a recent Vulnerable Sector Screening, along with 2 current work-related references, marked **CONFIDENTIAL**, to:

Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2003
 48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
 Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271 | Fax: 705-368-2229
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

*Only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted



Conseil des Services du District de
Manitoulin-Sudbury
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
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http://www.msdsb.net

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At Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, we welcome new and diverse talent! We are currently searching for our next Administrative Assistant.

What You Offer

- Attention to detail.
- Exceptional knowledge of Microsoft 365 Applications.
- Excellent mathematical and analytical skills.
- Effective oral and written communication, organization and problem-solving skills.

What We Offer

- Competitive salary.
- Employer-matched pension plan, group health benefits which includes vision, dental, drug and extended health benefits and a wellness program that is available to spouses and children.
- Career growth.
- Diverse and inclusive work culture.
- Continuing education for staff.

For more information on this position and how to apply please use this QR code.



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Employment Opportunity: Chief of Paramedic Services

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At Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB, we welcome new and diverse talent! We are currently searching for our next Chief of Paramedic Services.

The Chief of Paramedic Services will provide leadership in the planning, development and implementation of quality services that meet the needs of our communities and ensure that the programs are accessible and responsive to the diverse needs of our residents. The chief will also manage the delivery of municipal and First Nation paramedic services, community paramedicine programs and non-urgent patient transportation throughout the Manitoulin-Sudbury District.

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**CASE SUPERVISOR
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Salary: \$68,650 - \$83,720 / year (+ group benefits and pension)
(Salary dependent on education and experience)

The case supervisor is responsible for supporting individuals and families seeking or referred to Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) Family Well-Being. The case supervisor will assist the band representatives in supporting WRFN children and families. This position provides protection and intervention services to families experiencing child protection risk in accordance with the Child, Youth, and Family Services Act. The case supervisor is responsible for making decisions alongside the First Nation regarding child admissions, discharge from care, wellness/service plans, etc.

Key Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

- Develop a supportive and caring work environment to encourage staff engagement, involvement and investment in their work.
- Demonstrate effective leadership to enhance staff performance in achieving WRFN and Family Well-Being team objectives.
- Support and encourage families to create an ongoing safe and nurturing environment.
- Identify connections between a child and those identified as meaningful and beneficial caregivers while the child is in an alternative care setting and demonstrate positive behaviours to caregivers.
- Ensure the provision of services and case management practices appropriately incorporate the enhancement and development of positive cultural identities of the children, families and communities served.

Front-Line Support and Supervision:

- Supervise and oversee the day-to-day case management of the band representatives, by providing leadership, guidance, coaching, mentoring, support and regular evaluation.
- Coordinate team training in relation to child welfare and relevant legislation updates.
- Identify proactive strategies for communicating performance standards and motivating workers.
- Develop team and individualized training plans.

Administration:

- Prepare quarterly reports for the Family Well-Being manager, along with statistics, successes and challenges.
- Maintain and secure all family and child files and documents.
- Ensure client files are maintained (proper case notes) and updated on a regular basis.

Qualifications:

- A Master of Social Work degree is preferred and would be an asset, as would an Honours Bachelor of Social Work (HBSW) degree.
- Five (5) years of direct experience working with children and families involved in child welfare protection.
- Three (3) years of direct management and administration experience in a child welfare protection or social service agency.
- Knowledge of Whitefish River First Nation Child and Family Services programs and services.
- Respect for and sensitivity toward Anishnaabek culture, traditions and the Seven Grandfather Teachings as well as knowledge and understanding of these.
- Knowledge of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act.
- Knowledge of First Nation service delivery, customs and traditions in responding to child welfare.
- Knowledge of traditional practices, ceremonies and teachings.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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**FINANCE CLERK
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Salary: \$49,036 - \$59,800/year (+ group benefits and pension)
Full-time, 35 hours/week

The Finance Clerk plays a pivotal role in our organization, being solely responsible for the management and oversight of the department's key operational requirements, such as accounts payable, accounts receivable and revenue collection and cash management systems. This position is also crucial for supporting the sound maintenance of organizational internal controls and for the timely and accurate processing of financial information.

Key Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

- Assist the Finance Manager with the annual audit.
- Assist with financial or finance administrative tasks as required by the Finance Manager.
- Provide clerical support, including briefing notes, correspondence and presentations.
- A key point of contact for managers for day-to-day financial information.
- Perform monthly bank reconciliations.
- Perform monthly credit card reconciliations.
- Monitor travel advances and travel expenses.
- Perform monthly, quarterly, and year-end accounting reconciliations.
- Verify that financial transactions comply with the financial policies and procedures.
- Manage financial records and other related tasks.
- Provide relief for the payroll/payables clerk and the revenue/receivables clerk in their absence.
- Provide general data entry and clerical duties, including filing and typing of correspondence.
- Maintain accurate files and records in accordance with accepted accounting practices.

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

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or equivalent and working towards an accounting diploma or certification.
- Minimum of 2 to 5 years of advanced bookkeeping experience, preferably in a public sector environment.
- Experience working with Sage300 ERP or other related accounting software.
- Experience in the finance/accounting field in public sector organizations, including First Nation governments.
- Experience with WSIB, pension, CRA and other reporting requirements.
- Experience reconciling accounts, resolving accounting discrepancies and performing required adjustments.
- Desire to obtain an accounting diploma or other formal designation.
- A driver's licence with a clean abstract valid in the province of Ontario.
- Proficiency in using Microsoft Office applications.

Key Competencies:

- Mid-level knowledge of financial accounting principles and processes applied to financial transactions such as accounts receivable, accounts payable, invoices and travel claim verification/auditing.
- A good understanding of fundamental accounting concepts such as debts, credits, revenues, expenses, reliability, relevancy and the general ability to read a financial statement.
- Ability to maintain computer software systems, perform backups and perform general system upgrades for Sage300.
- Recognize key internal controls and make recommendations to improve the efficiency of finance operations and systems.
- Solid analytical, mathematical and problem-solving skills.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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c/o Human Resources
Whitefish River First Nation
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Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

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Drew Bannister named full-time coach of St. Louis Blues

ST. LOUIS—Drew Bannister (a seasonal resident of Manitoulin Island who spent several years as a youth living in Gore Bay), who coached the St. Louis Blues of the National Hockey League on an interim basis this season, has now been named the team's full-time coach.

Doug Armstrong, president of hockey operations and general manager of the Blues made the announcement on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Bannister, 50, has signed a two-year contract to remain in the coaching role. He replaced Craig Berube who had been fired in

December.

The Blues posted a 30-19-5 record after Mr. Bannister took over, finishing six points out of a playoff spot in the Western conference.

The Blues coaching position is the first for Mr. Bannister in the NHL. Previously he had coached the

Springfield Thunderbirds of the American Hockey League.



Drew Bannister, a seasonal resident of Manitoulin Island who spent much of his youth in Gore Bay is now the full-time coach of the St. Louis Blues after spending several years coaching the Springfield Thunderbirds.



Make your mark, locally and globally, in an inclusive and engaging work environment that values innovation, collaboration, respect, and excellence.




📁 Employment Options Clerk – Manitoulin campus

🕒 Part-time

Job number: 23-00186

📍 Apply online, or in person at 7 Water Street in Little Current, by 12 p.m. on May 17, 2024

For further details, visit cambriancollege.ca/jobs



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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

Manitoulin Island:
Child Well-Being Worker: Closes May 24, 2024
Education Liaison: Closes May 24, 2024

Sudbury:
After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes May 17, 2024
Youth Outreach Worker: Closes May 17, 2024
Youth Cultural Outreach Worker: Closes May 17, 2024

Manitoulin Island OR Sudbury:
Finance Clerk: Closes May 24, 2024

All postings close at 4pm EST

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

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

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

Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Youth Employment and Skills Placement
(1 Year Contract - March 31, 2025)
Part-Time (up to 20 hours/week)
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
Phone: (705) 283-3292 Fax: (705) 283-3481

The incredible youth selected for this job will be assistant to the on-site liaison for all operations for the containerized growing system. The youth will learn a variety of skills including marketing, sales maintenance, systems operations and troubleshooting skills. Training can and will be provided.

Objectives:

- Create a marketing plan and sales plan.
- Aid in harvesting and packaging of produce as well as delivery to customers.
- Participate at the farmers' markets.
- Maintain overall health of system including the seeding and planting nutrient mixing.
- Monitoring water levels and cleanliness.
- Provide daily updates on the system as well as written monthly progress reports.

Qualifications:

- 30 years of age or younger.
- A student, unemployed or under employed or a previous intern of any youth employment and skills strategy program.
- Ability to work independently without little supervision and confidence in making well-informed decisions.
- Excellent reading and writing skills.
- Motivated, detail oriented and organized.
- Strong problem-solving abilities including thinking innovatively and being proactive with implementing solutions.
- Ability to build and manage relationships with clients and external partners.
- Good leadership skills, time management and customer service skills.
- Knowledge of Aboriginal culture, language and traditions.
- Willing to work flexible hours as required, especially evenings and weekends with travel between sites and/or events or training.
- Valid Ontario driver's licence.
- Due to funding agreement, application priority will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation members.

The youth will be able to gain experience in business operations, finance, marketing, sales and technology and will take part in extensive training in the unique hydroponics technology field.

Location: Sheshegwaning Administration.
Salary: As per contribution agreement.

Interested applicants should submit their resumé and three references to the attention of:

Jessica Sampson – Human Resources Director
APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 21, 2024 at 4:30pm
jessica@sheshegwaning.org

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Sheshegwaning First Nation Members will have priority.

Manitoulin Hotel  Conference Centre

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Food & Beverage Servers
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Please apply in person at the front desk with a resumé and be prepared for an interview.

Wages are negotiable.

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St. E.
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Internal/External)
Gwekwaadziwin Miikan
Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Support Worker
(Multiple positions available)

Program Description:
A full-time contract position (1 year with possibility of extension), responsible for the development, and implementation of acute withdrawal, Distribution of harm reduction supplies, safe/flex beds, and Opioid Agonist Tapering services as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services.

Responsibilities and Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Requirements:

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

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: May 17, 2024 @ 4:30pm

To Apply: Please complete the application online at: gwek.bamboohr.com/careers to apply. Contact mmaracle@gwek.ca with any questions.

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