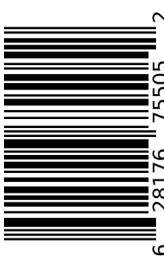




348 Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps celebrating milestone

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A TREAT OF TRILLIUMS—Ontario's provincial flower is on full display just now, if you are fortunate enough to find a patch. This photo was taken last week on Monument Road, near Rockgarden Terrace Resort.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Life saving stem cell donor sought for AOK man

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—There are few more challenging issues to face a young family than when a parent is diagnosed with cancer. Medical science has made leaps and bounds in recent years, but there are still a great many challenges to overcome. One of those is finding a suitable stem cell donor for the parent's treatment. That becomes even more challenging when the parent is Indigenous.

Popular Island sportsman Lyndon "Linny" Peltier is facing just such a challenge—and the clock is ticking.

"Lyndon's best chance of finding a donor is within our Indigenous community because Indigenous people have a better chance of having a similar antigen in their blood cells," notes Kendra Madahbee, Linny's partner.

A call out has been issued to members of the Island's (or beyond) Indigenous community members between the ages of 18 and 35 to step up for stem. It is a simple matter to discover if you could be a lifesaving match, nothing more invasive than a simple swab inside your mouth. The kit will even be delivered right to your door.

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Manitoulin Health Centre joins NE Ont. info sharing system

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—There is more than a hint of anticipation in the air as the administration and staff of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) prepares to launch ONE HIS, a new web-based health information system on June 4 that will revolutionize e-health records and patient care. MHC is joining 23 other hospitals across the North-

east in launching the "second wave" of an integrated system that will ensure medical history information for patients can be accessed by hospitals seamlessly and provide better control over medication dispensing.

MHC CEO Paula Fields explained that the new system is enabled by MEDITECH Expand, an award-winning system that includes "advanced

clinical functionality including computerized provider order entry, barcode medication verification and electronic clinical documentation."

"Having a single, connected electronic health information system (the 'HIS' in ONE HIS) supporting a single patient record across all of Northeastern Ontario offers significant clinical and patient benefits," said

Ms. Fields. This assessment is based on the results that have been observed in other jurisdictions that were in the first wave and initial second wave launches.

"Patients will not have to remember and repeat their health history to multiple providers because their health records

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Gore Bay nursing home plans tweaked in residents' favour

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—If all approvals are provided and construction is carried out, the new Gore Bay Nursing Home could open in late 2026.

"This is a great design plan, and we would like to thank Belanger Salach for all the time and effort that has been put into this project and the great partnership that the town has had with St. Joseph's Health Centre and Jarlette Health Services," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a project redevelopment update meeting held to discuss the project and architectural details, held on May 14.

Among those in attendance at the meeting were Kari Gervais, president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Health Centre Sudbury, Louis Belanger of Belanger Salach Architects and Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of the Manitoulin Lodge.

Ms Gervais said St. Joseph's Mission is at the centre of all they do and this was what brought them to Gore Bay, "to faithfully continue the healing mission of Jesus and respond to the needs of the whole person, body, mind and spirit. We are hoping to be able to help the needs of the community and the most vulnera-

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Your newspaper turns 145

New-ish to Manitoulin feature connects flying enthusiasts

EDITOR'S NOTE: This week will see a minor change to The Expositor front page, as the volume number in the left-hand corner under the flag will change from 144 to 145, marking 145 years that Ontario's longest continuously published newspaper has served the Manitoulin community. For nearly a century and a half, The Expositor has chronicled the news and events of importance to the residents of the world's largest freshwater Island and we are able to continue to bring you. Local news thanks to the support of our loyal subscribers and advertisers—and those that pick up a copy at their local newsstand.

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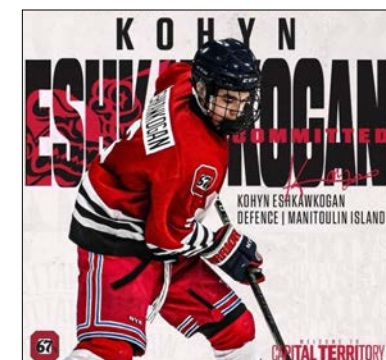
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Island youth will suit up for Ottawa 67's

Kohyn Eshkawkogan inks OHL contract

OTTAWA—The Ottawa 67's of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) has announced that Kohyn Eshkawkogan, a member of M'Chigeeng First Nation, has signed an Ontario Hockey League Scholarship and Development Agreement with the team.

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The refurbished Gore Bay waterfront park received a huge boost with Northscape, based out of Toronto, a company owned by former local resident Jason Pummell, donating his time, and his company's time to plant 20 beautiful trees in the park. In photo, from left, is Wyatt Dearing, a Gore Bay public works employee, Lise Pummell, Northscape office manager and Arthur Pummell of Manitoulin Golf.

Island teachers honoured for contributions to student activities

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Two long-time Manitoulin Island teachers have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to co-curricular activities that benefit students by the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB).

Mike Zegil, a teacher at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) and Becky Stewart, a teacher at Assiginack Public School (APS) in Manitowaning, have both been recognized with the 2024 Awards for Outstanding Contribution to the Co-Curricular program.

"I was very surprised to win this award," Mr. Zegil told The Expositor. The award is given for contributions you have made, not just in the classroom, but with extra-curricular activities, like sports, musicals, taking students to Costa Rica (bringing solar LED lighting to Indigenous communities) and to Texas for the MSS Robotics team to compete in the World Championships.

"An exemplary educator, Mike Zegil engages students in innovative learning opportunities, including bringing solar LED lighting to Indigenous communities in Costa Rica," the nomination letter for Mr. Zegil reads. "Patient, enthusiastic and organized, he directs musicals, supports student council, contributes to sports, promotes mindfulness, and serves as master of ceremonies at school events. He also coached basketball and rugby. More recently, he helped the Manitoulin Metal robotics team garner success at the World Championships. Highly respected, he is the go-to for guidance and direction."

"I think classrooms are fantastic, and the knowledge the students receive from their teachers is vital," explained Mr. Zegil. "But ex...continued on page 7

Former Gore Bay man gives back to community, offers landscaping skills to replant trees in waterfront park

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A former Gore Bay area resident has donated his company's expertise and time to plant about 20 beautiful trees in the refurbished Gore Bay waterfront park, the former children's playground.

"I like the idea of doing things here, a project like this, back home," stated Jason Pummell, owner of Northscape, based in Toronto. "I grew up here and this is my home. I feel it's good to give back to the community." He pointed out the town had originally approached his father Arthur, who is well known in the area for his landscaping work with Manitoulin Golf, who had been asked to provide input and advice on the landscaping part of this project.

Arthur Pummell explained, "Roger (Chenard) (town foreman) approached me explaining the town was putting in this new park and they would like some advice on how to go about this project

and what to plant there in terms of trees."

"So I told him (Mr. Chenard) that I would contact my son (Jason) and daughter (Lise) who run a landscaping business in Toronto," said Arthur Pummell. "I put together a preliminary design, took it to Jason who recommended a couple of changes, and I took the design back to Roger to look at."

Jason Pummell, who has owned Northscape for the past 17 years, explained, "We came up with a drawing and layout of where the trees could be planted, and what type of trees would be good to plant here. We wanted a design that looks good from the road, is hearty and functional."

Jason Pummell explained the parkette trees include 12 autumn blaze maple, three red crimson king maple, two subwest locusts, one red oak and two dawyk beach.

"I decided to put the three Crimson King Maple ...continued on page 8

Billings the latest Island community to post veteran flags for Remembrance Day

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Billings Township residents will have the opportunity to have the name and photo of military veterans in their family displayed in the village of Kagawong this fall.

"We are sending out a letter to everyone in Billings indicating they have the opportunity to participate in this project and have the chance to honour their military loved ones," Rick Nelson, Billings cenotaph board chair told The Expositor. He had successfully reached out to the museum committee, municipal staff and council for their assistance to partner with the project. "It's a salute to local veterans and the cenotaph board has wanted to do this for some time. We are grateful that can now be accomplished through the capable hands of the museum committee."

"The cenotaph committee had contacted the museum board to see if it could help and the board decided to support the project," said Mr. Nelson. "Now it is a matter of reaching out to local families and inviting them to participate in the project."

"We are sending out a letter to everyone in Billings," said Mr. Nelson. The letter reads, "A chance to honour your military loved one. The Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong is inviting families of veterans to contribute towards the purchase of a banner for display on hydro poles throughout the village. 10 places are available."

"The banners will be displayed during the months of October and November 2024. A photo of the veteran, their name, their regiment, and the

family sponsoring the banner will be required."

"Any veteran who lived in Billings Township is eligible. If more than 10 families apply, a draw will be held to choose the 10. The remainder will be offered the opportunity to have a banner for the 2025 season."

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Town of Gore Bay hopes to add textile recycling bins to transfer station site

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay has given its approval to have two new textile diversion bins established at the local transfer station, through Sic Sox Circular. The town, which operates the transfer station in partnership with Gordon/Barrie Island, is seeking the township's approval with this

proposal.

This comes after Vince Grogan and Bill Orford, members of the Island Wide Waste Resource Committee, met with Gore Bay council last week. In seeking support from council on an Island-wide initiative to deal with waste on Manitoulin, Mr. Grogan explained, "We have been able to bring on Sic Sox

Circular, which will take all of our municipalities' textile products. We have two Sic Sox Circular bins in Kagawong (that have been in place since early April) that are filled weekly," said Mr. Grogan.

"Is there any cost to a municipality for being a participant in this program?" asked Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane.

There is no cost to municipalities for having a textile recycling bin located in their community, said Mr. Grogan.

"We have room to have two bins at our transfer station," said Roger Chenard, Gore Bay Public Works manager. He noted the town would have to confirm with Gordon/Barrie Island that they are in favour of having the bins set up at the transfer station.

Councillor Rob Dearing said the town would be saving money in getting rid of these materials if they went for the Sic Sox proposal.

Mayor Lane asked if this issue should be presented to the waste management committee

Assiginack budget approved with two percent increase

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—It came down to a 3-2 vote by Assiginack mayor and council in favour of going with a two percent increase to the municipal budget, as opposed to a suggested three percent increase this year.

"I'm 100 percent against any increase," stated Councillor Janice Bowerman at a recent council meeting. "I think expenses should be reduced and would like to see each line item on our budget reduced two percent."

"People are to the point they can't pay their bills," said Councillor Bowerman. "Even \$100 per household is a lot for people these days. And we are all going to get hit when MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) does its reassessments of properties. I know mine will double from the last time the reassessment was carried out."

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Wikwemikong Police seek assistance in locating 45-year-old man, Lorne Agawa

WIKWEMKONG—The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is requesting assistance from the public in locating Lorne Agawa, 45, who has been reported as missing.

Lorne Agawa was last seen on May 16 at approximately 9 am. He is described as an Indigenous male, approximately 5'9" and weighing between 160-170 pounds with a medium build.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Lorne Agawa is asked to contact the Wikwemikong Tribal Police at (705) 370-3141 or through the Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122.



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Impairment driving continues to be a scourge on our roads

For decades, incidents of impaired driving were on the downside curve in Canada and here on Manitoulin Island, but in recent years the number of drivers being charged with impairment has begun to rise.

Part of the problem is a growing complacency and some of the rise can be linked to consumption of drugs as a means of impairment. While the impact of alcohol on judgement is fairly well known, the same does not appear to be true when it comes to driving drugged.

Studies have shown that people who consume cannabis and then get behind the wheel are, in fact, impaired. The problem is that studies also show that those consuming cannabis overestimate their ability to drive safely.

It doesn't help that old and out-dated studies claiming that those driving under the influence of cannabis are more cautious still resonate in the public mind.

The simple truth is that a puff on a doobie, downing a THC gummie for "pain relief" or as a sleep aid, or sucking on one of those new-fangled vape pens. All will impair a driver's ability to react swiftly to something happening on the road.

Vehicles are inherently dangerous. They are huge hunks of metal, plastic and glass that are hurtling at (literally) breakneck speed down the roadway. When the vehicle comes into contact with a solid object, or worse, another moving vehicle, the result is never positive for those travelling in the vehicle or vehicles—it is invariably bad news.

There are still far too many totally avoidable tragedies happening on our roads because someone chooses to drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Many drivers who chose to drive intoxicated on drugs think that they will be immune from a RIDE check discovery—but nothing could be further from the truth. Today's police officers are trained to a much higher level in detecting drug use and are gaining an

ever-growing arsenal of high-tech tools that, combined with legislation that removes the need for "probable cause" in demanding a breath sample, makes driving drugged just as big a risk.

It might be tempting to roll the dice when leaving a party after having a couple of drinks or a puff or two on a joint, but the consequences are growing exponentially.

The province has recently tabled legislation that would see anyone convicted of impaired driving causing death lose their right to drive for life. But even should a tragedy not result from the decision to drive under the influence, there are serious and life-altering consequences. The immediate impounding of the vehicle being driven (never mind whose vehicle it actually is) and the 90-day suspension of a driver's licence can impact employment. This is particularly challenging in rural areas such as Manitoulin's communities, where public transit is basically non-existent—have a gander at the cost of a taxi ride just to deal with simple life chores. If you think the cost of groceries is high now... tack on a taxi ride or two and see what you think.

Driving impaired should not be tolerated. This paper has instituted a policy of naming and shaming those charged with impaired driving whenever we are supplied with the name of the charged, as allowing anonymity to stand is tantamount to enabling the practice. The Expositor seeks to be part of a solution—be warned, we will call you out.

Before setting out for an evening that could involve drinking or drugs, plan a safe way home.

The evidence is clear, just because you may have gotten away with it before, no amount of drugs or alcohol consumption is "safe" when operating a motor vehicle. Do the right thing, don't drink or drug and drive.

To recall a phrase from anti-impairment campaigns of the past—the life you safe may be your own, in more ways than one.

Manitoulin Sea Cadets are celebrating 20th anniversary

MANITOULIN—While the #348 Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps was officially recognized by the Department of National Defence 20 years ago as a new Sea Cadets Corps on the Island, the roots of the organization group actually began 24 years ago. And it was the result of much hard work by two dedicated Manitoulin Island naval veterans of the Royal Canadian Navy, Ed Kift and Ralph Marshall, and since then the local Sea Cadets have proven themselves a worthy addition to Manitoulin Island's institutions.

"The Corps began as a division of #134 Admiral Mountbatten Sea Cadet Corps at Sudbury in the year 2000. The founding members, Ed Kift and Jeff Marshall, both from Little Current,



Cadets have scored well during sharpshooter competitions and other skills training competitions. The cadets spot their new shooting jackets.



Marching is an integral part of the deal when joining the Manitoulin Sea Cadets.

and Royal Canadian Navy Veterans, would drive a small group of cadets to Sudbury for parade nights weekly for their training," said Denis Blake, Manitoulin Navy League Cadet Chair. "This showed dedication from everyone involved due to the two-hour drive to Sudbury and two-hour drive return on school nights."

"In addition, these early cadets received assistance from members of the Manitoulin and North Shore Navy Veterans Association," said Mr. Blake. He pointed out Carmen Laidley joined as Commanding Officer in 2002.

"Twenty-two years ago, we started trying to make a go of the Sea Cadets on Manitoulin," Ms. Laidley told The Expositor from her home in Sault Ste. Marie last week. "We were under the umbrella of the Sudbury Cadet Corps. It was the only way to proceed properly, with structure, officers and training in place, and to find out the interest from the community."

"Ed Kift and Jeff Marshall, particularly Ed, were instrumental in getting the Sea Cadets to the Island," said Ms. Laidley. "I had been on the Island for a few years and had served with the military (as a sergeant) be-

fore that. I had nothing to do with the Cadets before then."

"I didn't think I had the skills, training or experience to participate in the Cadets," said Ms. Laidley. "But Ed was such a wonderful guy, and so persuasive, he convinced me I could do it. If he had a plan, he would make it happen. He was very dogged and said that bringing the cadets to the Island would happen."



Members of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets confer during a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre fundraiser held at the Little Current Royal Canadian Legion.

"So, when I showed up the first time in Sudbury, I was told then I was going to be the Com-

manding Officer for the Island Cadets," recalled Ms. Laidley. "The Manitoulin Sea Cadets has been a going concern ever since. And a big part of that is the support that the community has given the program. It has been incredible."

"In big cities like Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie there are so many things and activities for kids to take part in," continued Ms. Laidley. "But in small areas, these things are not as readily available. But when you have a community with a tremendous interest, a lot of people come forward to donate money, time, food, driving, and help keep everything moving forward. And the group from Sudbury was very helpful."

"We would drive to Sudbury every week at first," said Ms. Laidley. "That slowed down when five people could do instruction/training a couple of times a month," continued Ms. Laidley.

"By 2003, the cadets were parading almost exclusively at Little Current and by 2004, they became a stand-alone Corps after receiving their Charter and designated name of #348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Ca-

det Corps," said Mr. Blake. Ms. Laidley explained, "Being in the Cadets is not all about

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Outdoor Angling Trade Fair draws crowds with fishing, music, and family fun

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—The sunny skies and warm weather this past weekend provided an excellent opportunity to go fishing, learn angling techniques and strategies, listen to some great music, visit over 40 vendor booths of Island businesses and organizations and much more.

The Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) Outdoor Angling Trade Fair, held in Kagawong this past weekend, was a huge success.

“This was a very well-organized event, and the setup of the event location was well structured for people to come in and visit the vendors and take part in events and activities,” said Lisa Corbiere-Addison of B.J.’s and Addison’s OK Tire Yamaha and Husqvarna. “This is a great location, with many indoor and outdoor venues. And the community of Kagawong has been very supportive of this event and has been volunteering and helping out, which is great.”

“I also like the incorporation of streams with Liam (Campbell) doing the tour of the stream rehabilitation in the community and people talking about conservation,” said Ms. Corbiere-Addison. “I would come back again.”

Liam Campbell of MSIA welcomed everyone to the event. “We have many amazing vendors (42 in total), several competitions for members of the family, a kids’ fishing derby and many other activities and events.”



The Little Current Fish and Game Club was out in full force at the Angling Trade Fair.

photos by Tom Sasvari

Mr. Campbell thanked the many sponsors of the event for their and the many volunteers who helped put on the event at the opening ceremonies on Saturday.

Josh Eshkawkogan presented the land’s acknowledgement and prayer teachings.

Erik Theijsmeijer of the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor) said, “We are very happy to be a funding sponsor for this event. I would like to recognize the work Manitoulin Streams has carried out on the Island over the past 20 years, including the extensive restoration work on the Kagawong River and trail. It is great to see this being restored and the new angling viewing platform.”

“This outdoor angling trade fair is a great event for the community,” said Mr. Theijsmeijer, who acknowledged the tremendous efforts of Manitoulin Streams staff in putting on the event. “Congratulations on this event; it will be an amazing weekend.”

Kristin Luoma of Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation pointed out, “Manitoulin Streams does so much work on stream rehabilitation and many other things yearly so we can enjoy all of our natural assets on Manitoulin. I would like to thank you for all your work and congratulate you (Manitoulin Streams) on hosting this event.”

“This outdoor angling trade fair is a great opportunity to kick off the summer,” said Algoma-Manitoulin-Ka-



The Outdoor Angling Trade Fair, hosted by Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) in Kagawong this past weekend, was a huge success with well over 1,000 taking part in the event. Those on hand at the official opening of the event included from left, Erik Theijsmeijer of FedNor, Dave Hillyard deputy mayor and Billings Township councillor, Brynn Kiley of MSIA, Liam Campbell of MSIA, Josh Eshkawkogan, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasung MP Carol Hughes, Ted Williamson of MSIA, Kristin Luoma of NOHFC.

puskasung MP Carol Hughes. “Manitoulin Streams has played a huge role in ensuring not only the streams and the environment is in great shape, but also in bringing tourism to the Island.”

Dave Hillyard, deputy mayor and councillor in Billings, told the gathering, “This is a fantastic first event. We are all fortunate with all the work that Manitoulin Streams has done for us in this community and around the Island. On behalf of the township, I would like to thank Manitoulin Streams for hosting this event, the sponsors for their support, the volunteers, vendors and anyone participating. Have a great weekend.”

The day’s activities started with Mr. Campbell host-



Corey MacDonald, a land base lead facilitator at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, demonstrated to visitors the art of filleting different varieties of fish.

ing a Kagawong River Restoration tour, live music provided by Annette Smith, an anchor toss competition, and guest speakers Neil Debassige of Fuel the Fire TV and Greg Cotnam, a local fishing charter operator, who talked about fishing on Manitoulin, what they recommend using to fish for different species of fish on the Island, and other tips and information.

“Events like this are critical to the Island,” said Mr. Debassige, who said, “Manitoulin Streams has helped improve Manitoulin Island’s life. It is a not-for-profit



Bud Spry, in photo right at the front of boat, is cheered on by his three young passengers at the boat pulling competition. Mr. Spry and his cheering section took first place in the family division in the ‘pulling the boat’ competition.

organization that has done great work repairing our tributaries around the Island. Their efforts and events like this go toward their rehabilitation and conservation projects on Manitoulin.”

The afternoon’s events include a fly fishing demonstration by Blaine Armstrong, music by Aiyana Louis and a boat pull competition.

Many individuals and family teams participated in the boat pull competition. Each participant had 15 seconds to pull a boat, provided by Harbor Vue Marine, as far as they could. Team participants included an individual pulling a boat with at least a couple of family members seated in it. Bud Spry won both the open division and the family division, while Maria Diebolt was the winner in the ladies’ division.

Brittany Allen, of Allen’s Automotive, a vendor at the event, said Saturday, “We have been busier than I had expected. There has been a nice, consistent flow of visitors to our booth. Both local people and summer visitors received the event well. Oh, for sure, we would come back.”

Sunday’s events list included several similar activities held Saturday, along with an Odawa Foundational Teachings presentation by Sonny Osawabine, guest speaker Moe Gauthier of Manitoulin Sport Fishing Charters, a silent and live auction (the latter with Norm Morrell doing the auctioneering duties), music by Cole Hughson, and much more.

During the weekend, there were a host of other kids’ activities, as well as activities adults and all family members could enjoy.

...Manitoulin Sea Cadets are celebrating 20th anniversary this year

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marching around in parade. There are lots of activities they take part in, like sailing and marksmanship: Manitoulin is extremely strong (in marksmanship) and they handily beat the Army Corps groups in competition. They also take part in biathlon, skiing and shooting and take part in summer camps.”

“The Cadets these days go to places like Kingston, the east and west coasts for activities and, in the process, they make new friends and develop a lot of skills. The Cadets provide a great opportunity for kids,” said Ms. Laidley, noting she and her husband Bruce moved to Sault Ste. Marie about two years ago.

Ms. Laidley was a Sergeant in the Air Force, joining when she was pretty young (still in high school at the time) in the Grey and Simcoe Foresters (Military Unit). “I had no idea what I was getting into at the time, but I ended up I loved it.”

“The kids in Sea Cadets are great and it is incredible to see them blossom in the cadets,” said Ms. Laidley. “And everyone I’ve met in Cadets over the years can remember special events or activities they took part in. It provides a great



The late Jeff Marshall and the late Ed Kift were the engines that drove the founding of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets.

opportunity for kids, and it doesn’t cost anything. I’m looking forward to coming back for the anniversary.”

Mr. Blake noted that the past Commanding Officers for the Corps since 2004 will be joining in the anniversary celebration. They include the Reviewing Officer, Lt(N) Retired Carmen Laidley, from 2002-2008, Lieutenant Commander Retired Deb Goode, 2008-2009, Lt(N) retired Denis Blake 2009-2012, Lt(N) Retired Maggie King, 2012-2017, and Lt(N) Sylvain Boucher, 2017 to present day.”

“I’ve been with the Cadets for eight years now,” said Lt(N) Boucher. “I was



Manitoulin Sea Cadets have become a welcome addition to Remembrance Day events and many Legion activities.

looking for something to do and was an officer in Sudbury. My mentor in Sudbury was Roger Szydziak who was kind of a consultant from Sudbury. He

helped Carmen (Laidley) when the Cadet Corps was first starting. The Cadets was brought to the Island by the late Ed Kift and late Jeff Marshall.

Rick McCutcheon, a member of the Manitoulin Navy League, said, “currently under the capable leadership of Lieutenant (N) Sylvain Boucher, the 348 Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps has a membership of 30 Cadets, with the support of both commissioned and civilian volunteers from the community.”

Mr. McCutcheon also expressed thanks on behalf of the Manitoulin Navy League (the Sea Cadets’ local sponsor branch) to Island business and organizations who have financially supported the Sea Cadets program for the last 20 years.

“On Saturday, June 1 the Corps will be celebrating this 20th anniversary milestone at a special event at the Manitoulin Secondary School gymnasium in M’Chi-geng,” said Mr. McCutcheon.

“The celebration will begin at 2 pm that day and all are invited to come and support the young people. Prepare to be impressed by their skills and accomplishments,” said Mr. McCutcheon, who encouraged those attending to arrive and be seated at 1:45 pm that day.

Traffic complaint leads to charges

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has arrested and charged one person following a traffic complaint.

On May 9, shortly before 2 pm, officers with the Manitoulin OPP responded to a traffic complaint about a possible impaired driver on Clover Valley Road in Assiginack Township.

Police located the vehicle parked on South Bay Drive and, upon speaking with the driver, determined the driver had consumed alcoholic beverages. The driver was arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

**Law & Order**

As a result of the investigation, William Bell, 70, from Assiginack Township, has been charged with operation while impaired by alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), dangerous operation of the vehicle and failure to remain.

The accused will appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on June 18.

OPP, Wikwemikong Tribal Police RIDE program results in charges

Two people have been arrested and charged after a vehicle was stopped at a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program.

On May 16, shortly before 2 am, the Manitoulin OPP and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) were conducting a RIDE check on Highway 6 in Espanola. A vehicle was stopped for a Highway Traffic Act violation. After further investigation, it was revealed that two of the passengers in the car were under conditions

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Friends and Neighbours**Providence Bay
Alexia Hannigan**

Alexia here with your Friendly Fly. Apparently, NASA has a poster hanging with bees that reads: "Aerodynamically a bee's body is not made to fly; the good thing is that the bee doesn't know".

The law of physics says that a bee cannot fly, the aerodynamic principle says that the breadth of its wings is too small to keep its huge body in flight, but a bee doesn't know, it doesn't know anything about physics or its logic and flies anyway. This is what we can all do, fly and prevail in every moment in the face of any difficulty and in any circumstance despite what they say. Let us be bees, no matter the size of our wings, we take flight and enjoy the pollen of life.

Here we are at our townships busiest and best, where we polish our streets, glow-up our shops and stops and get ready to greet vacationing friends, neighbours and newcomers. We humm and buzz our way through all the errands, lists, honey-do lists, appointments, events, meetings, mandates and must-haves of the season and pray for lower taxes, good weather and better health. We do it with the Emphatic True Grit of our aerodynamically defiant and blissfully airborne bee friends, and we do it with a grace, ebb and flow that only 'Toulin Time knows. Let's go! Here's what's happening.

Providence Bay beach and boardwalk await, enjoy a stroll and snack on some lovely caribbean and local fare, fabulous smoothies and cool new ice cream flavour's like "Grannies Cupboard, Unicorn Toots and Sweetened Pretzel" at Huron Island Time, hello Lance! Check out some local art and artists while you take in the beautiful views and make lasting memories. Check out the giant Providence Bay adirondack chair and epic playground! The Ojibwe name for Providence Bay is actually Bedikodawangog which translates to 'where the sands curve around the bay.'

The indoor Discovery Centre washrooms are open May long weekend to September long weekend.

The change house and washrooms located west of the Discovery Centre are open May long weekend to Thanksgiving weekend.

Providence Bay Hall: Pre-registered exercise classes continue Friday mornings. Card group regularly meets Tuesdays. Yoga and Taekwon-do continue in Mindemoya, visit CentralManitoulin.ca for event times and details.

Providence Bay Arena: Youth Soccer continues Saturday mornings, 10 to 11 am, weather permitting.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church Sundays: meeting 10:30 am, service 11 am; puzzle exchange on Sundays tba.

Hello Dawn Dawson!

Lake Huron Fish and Chips Co. Season 15 is underway! Open for delightful bayside food and snacks. Hello Matt and crew!

Huron Sands Motel and Restaurant, grab a slurpy, some snacks and book your rooms early!

The Heavens: We had quite a light show last week with the Northern Lights visible from most points Island wide. May's full flower moon reaches peak illumination at 9:53 am (estimated date and time) on Thursday, May 23. It will be below the horizon at this time, so plan to venture outdoors on the nights of May 22 and May 23 to get the best view of the bright, full flower moon! Find a location with unobstructed views of the horizon. Many cultures refer to May's full moon as the flower moon thanks to the abundant blooming that occurs as spring gets going properly. Other names include the hare moon, the corn planting moon and the milk moon.

The Roads: Watch your speed, heads up for bikers and cyclists and eyes open for wildlife, turtles and other critters. If you see an injured turtle, you can contact Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre, 705-691-0433. Always be sure to check weather and driving conditions ahead of any road trip.

Tourneys: There will be a Providence Bay Soccer Club Tournament in Little Current on Sunday, May 26 times to be announced.

Markets/Events/Fundraisers: Staying in touch free community event at the Mindemoya Public Library on Saturday, May 25 between 10 am and 1 pm. Snacks, beverages, tech help and answers.

Community Living Manitoulin barbecue and fundraiser is Saturday, May 25 from 11 am to 3 pm. Yard sale and snacks on site. A good way to give back to our community!

Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club 50/50 raffle is on now with all proceeds in support of the M.S.S. Ath-

letics program. If you see me or any other Lions Club members, we've usually got some handy. Proud to support our young athletes!

The month of May, according to the Gregorian calendar, is named after Maia, the goddess of springtime and growth. Historically, the gentle warmth of the month caused flowers to blossom, crops to sprout and people to dance. So dance like nobody's watching and always wear Sunscreen.

**Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer**

Well, shello there! May 23 is World Turtle Day and we are very excited to shellebrate by sharing our wide shellection of shellarious turtle-based puns with you. We even went to a special turtle pun class last week in preparation. We thought it would be turtally awesome, but truthfully, it tortoise nothing that we didn't already know about turtle puns. We also went to the library and asked if they had any books on turtles. The librarian asked, "Hardback?" and we said, "Yeah. And little heads!" In the end, we looked up a turtorial online.

Thank you to all the vendors, exhibitors, and visitors who came into Kagawong for the Manitoulin Streams Outdoor Angling Trade Fair on the long weekend! It was a great way to kick off the summer and left our village a-bustling!

Have you a drinking problem? Kagawong has newly painted pickleball courts in the outdoor rink! Check out the Kagawong Outdoor Recreational Facility page on Facebook for more information.

Don't forget that the Old Mill Heritage Centre is now open for the season. The popular vintage camera and photographic exhibition has been brought back from last year, and there is also a new exhibit featuring local representatives who have gone on to have storied political careers. Be sure to stop in!

Team Fergmeijer saw a good-sized snapping turtle the other day, and it was carrying a large hammer. We're pretty sure it was a Thortoise.

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. Stroll on over yourself to <https://bit.ly/strollforliver> to donate to this worthy cause. The Jabbawong Storytelling Festival is July 5th and 6th. The library book sale and local author showcase will be held July 20th, 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

We are wishing summer visitor Tammy S, and east-ender Erin F a very happy birthday this week. Don't forget, birthdays are the perfect excuse to eat cake for breakfast.

Tennis, anyone? The Manitoulin Tennis Club is back to meeting Sunday mornings at 10am at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Players of all abilities are welcome, with lessons available in the near future.

We hope this week's shorter-than-average column wasn't a turtle disaster. Have a great week!

**Meldrum Bay
Elaine Bradley**

This week we had dock day in Meldrum Bay. The notice went up and 10 people showed up prepared to work. A lot of the jobs around here are done with volunteers. Some of the quads were particularly useful and one person had his boat there to help as well. The docks are in. The ramps for the docks were also installed. We are now ready for the season. One camper is in the campground and boats have been coming and going particularly to and from Cockburn Island.

We are also getting ready for the ATV Ride this weekend. Part of the trail is on private property, but the owners have given us permission to go over their land. We will all have a great time travelling through the bush. After the run there will be stew, chili and desert at the hall.

Friday night at cards we had two new people to the Meldrum euchre game, Lyle and Anne Addison and

they really added to the evening. There were three full tables and one sit out. High Lady was Anne Addison with 71 points; high man was Tom Rumley with 69 points; ladies' lone hands went to Linda Rumley with three; men's lone hands went to Lyle Addison with five, he also had 69 points; most euchres went to Karen Noble with nine; the special prize went to Rick Bradley; Lyle Addison won the 50/50 prize; the money jar is safe.

**Barrie Island
Lillian Greenman**

Mother's Day visitors at Carolyn Rock's were Chris Rock from Port Credit and Jeff Rock from Vancouver. Carolyn has returned for the summer to her home.

Sandy and Jim Miller are here for a couple of weeks getting their summer home ready and visiting family.

**Silver Water
Karen Noble**

On Friday, May 10, Craig Duncanson took his parents, Murray and Gladys, to St. Catharines to spend the weekend with his brother Clarke and family. They attended the Toronto Blue Jays game on Saturday afternoon. They had Mother's Day brunch at a restaurant with Eleanor Duncanson, her son Greg, daughter-in-law, Michelle and their children.

On Friday evening we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay. Euchre was cancelled for May 17 as the hall was readied for the ATV run and lunch on Saturday.

On Saturday, May 11, there was a fashion show held at the Silver Water Community Hall. Dianne Paquette had a large inventory on hand for everyone to purchase. The ladies in charge of organizing, decorating, modelling and cleaning up did a great job. We look forward to the next event in the fall.

Sunday, May 12 was Mother's Day. There was a lunch after church services at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water.

On Monday afternoon, the recycle bins were open. We had our first blast of black flies while we were there. Some residents reported they had no bugs yet and some had more mosquitoes.

On Monday evening there were eight tables of euchre players at the Burpee / Mills Complex.

Tuesday afternoon our car got an oil change and two filters replaced. I did the grocery shopping afterwards for the funeral on Wednesday.

Tuesday evening there was fire practice for the men at the fire hall. The main subject was grass/bush fires.

Wednesday morning, some of the UCW members gathered at the Silver Water Hall to prepare the food for Margaret Pickard's funeral luncheon. Myra Duncanson and I took it to the funeral home in Gore Bay. Marie Leeney and her sister Faith helped us serve it and clean up.

Wednesday, after we got home from Gore Bay, Gladys and I went for our walk. The swamp on Valhalla made me wish I had remembered to wear bug spray. We had a short visit with Jose Daniels who stopped to say hello.

Thursday, I went to Mindemoya to do bookwork. When I got home, Albert had finished covering our garden with manure and was starting the garden tiller to work it in. It smells a little for a couple of days but by the end of the summer, the produce makes it worth it.

Thursday evening there were seven tables of euchre players at the Silver Water hall. It was nice to see some of the summer residents back. Ron Lawson and Mike and Brenda Swank were all out to play.

Andy Cull is here with his mother, Ardith, for a while. He said they spent Thursday planting the garden.

May 25 Norm Morrell has an auction in Ice Lake.

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. There will be a celebration at the Silver Water Community Hall on June 1 starting at 3 pm.

Happy 47th birthday to Lara Chevette on May 18 and 23rd birthday to Meghan Noble on May 19.

Condolences to the family of Margaret Pickard.

Condolences to the family of Jim Sloss.

...Island teachers honoured for contributions

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tra-curricular activities provide insight into working as a team, working outside their comfort zone and having opportunities they may have never had before.”

“I played many sports, was in plays and improv in high school, and these were some of the most wonderful experiences I have ever had,” said Mr. Zegil. “I had teachers that took the time to volunteer to work with us on these activities. How could I not do the same?”

Mr Zegil stressed, “I haven’t had to do any of this alone; the school administration, teachers, students, and volunteers all play a huge role in providing this for the students. I have been fortunate that for anything in which I have volunteered to participate in, many others have also volunteered.”

“Mike also gives back to his community as a volunteer for minor hockey and as a volunteer firefighter (with the Gore Bay Joint Volunteer Fire Department),” the RDSB award noted. “Six school-based Relay for Life events that he co-lead raised over \$200,000 for cancer. As a school health and safety representative, he contributes to the well-being of all by being a member of the board’s Joint Health and Safety Committee. Congratulations!”

“I was surprised to be nominated for and chosen for this award,” Ms Stewart, a grade three teacher at (APS), told The Expositor. “I don’t do this for awards; I don’t like being the centre of attention.”

“My award is mainly for sports that I help coach or organize,” said Ms. Stewart.

The RDSB award citation for Becky Stewart reads, “Becky Stewart has been a dedicated coach for over 20 years, devoting countless hours to athletics before, during and after school. Becky shifts back and forth each school year to lead various teams, including cross-country running, basketball, volleyball and hockey. In the process, she fosters a love of sports for athletes of all ages across Manitoulin Island.”

“Becky led the first Island Elementary School Hockey tournament, attracting teams and families from Espanola to Manitoulin. Working with the Township of Assiginack, she also successfully advocated for Assiginack Public School to host the Island-wide track and field meet. Students benefit from her positive attitude, great sense of humour, kindness and competitive nature. Proud to represent her school on various sports commit-



Becky Stewart, a teacher at Assiginack Public School, has been recognized with a Rainbow District School Board 2024 Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Co-Curricular Program. She is seen with Bruce Bourget, director of education for RDSB, left, and David Farrow, RDSB board chair.



Mike Zegil, centre, a teacher at Manitoulin Secondary School, has been recognized by the Rainbow District School Board with the 2024 Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Co-Curricular Program. He is seen with Bruce Bourget, director of education for RDSB, left, and David Farrow, RDSB board chair.

tees, Becky Stewart opens doors for students, allowing them to get involved and have fun. Congratulations!” the nomination reads.

Ms. Stewart also recently organized a Jump Rope for Heart event at APS, with \$2,500 being raised.

“I always liked sports growing up in Manitowaning,” Ms. Stewart said. “And I enjoy spending time with the kids (students). And because I am from Manitowaning, I grew up with most of the students’ parents.”

The awards were part

of the RDSB awards night held last week, RDSB “honoured its dedicated employees and community partners with the 2024 Awards for Outstanding Contributions to the Co-Curricular Program, Community Partnership Awards, the Go Green Globe Awards, Awards for Excellence, the Barbara Konarek Memorial Award and the William N. Roman Teacher of the Year, Award. Individuals with 25 years of service were also recognized.

“The board awards represent a rich tradition of honouring excellence in Rainbow schools,” said board chair David Farrow. “We are proud of our award recipients for their individual and collective contributions to Rainbow schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island. They represent the values that we cherish, model and teach.”

“Award recipients are champions for children and youth,” said Director of Education Bruce Bourget. “Together, they reflect the experience, energy and enthusiasm that make Rainbow Schools great places for teaching and learning. They give of themselves to provide a strong circle of care and, in the process, open doors, enabling students to achieve their full potential.”

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...Former Gore Bay man gives back to community

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trees closer to the street side of the park, and the Autumn Blazes will be throughout the park,” said Jason Pummell. He pointed out, “The space in the middle of the park is open, and when these trees grow, they will provide a massive canopy. The blaze trees will grow to 17 metres high when they are fully grown. In 15 years’ time it will be impressive.”

Mr. Pummell was assisted by his sister Lise Pummell (office manager for Northscape), his father Arthur and town employee Wyatt Dearing, as they dug the holes and planted the trees.

“I like the way the trees were planted design-wise and I hope the town likes it and the residents use the park area for many years to come,” said Mr. Pummell.

As was reported previously, the landscaping space was a former playground, but the town decided to remove the outdated children’s playground equipment and install an area for the public to sit and enjoy the park and the waterfront view.

Additional seating areas, picnic tables and shrubbery will be added to the park this spring.



Jason Pummell, owner of Northscape, based out of Toronto, with his company’s work crew, donated their time to plant about 20 beautiful trees in the refurbished Gore Bay waterfront park.

...add textile recycling bins to transfer station site

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or on the next council meeting agenda before a motion to go forward is considered.

“There is no point in waiting, let’s move on it tonight,” said Councillor Ken Blodgett and this motion was seconded by Councillor Kelly Chaytor.

The motion calls for two recycling bins to be located at the transfer station, through Sic Sox Circular, with no cost to the town, and that they are asking Gordon/Barrie Island council for their approval as well.

As has been reported previously the first of several large shiny mauve bins that will be used to collect used textiles from local residents for resale and recycling and kept out of local landfills, was officially installed and launched in two locations on Manitoulin in April. There are two bins in Kagawong and a bin in Silver Water



to be used by residents in both Robinson and Dawson townships. Several other Island communities have expressed interest in the bins as well.

Jerret Paquette and his mother Doris Mitchell launched the Sic Sox Circular in the community of Brunswick House First Nation near Chapleau last fall. They plan to repurpose unwanted textiles in a new type of home insulation and recycle the rest in a recycling facility at Brunswick House.

Clothing, bedding and pillows, industrial textiles, shoes, handbags and even stuffed animal toys can be dropped in the bins, which will be emptied once a week and transported to the recycling facility at Brunswick House.

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

...Assiginack budget approved with two percent increase

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Council had originally looked at a 1.6 percent increase.

Councillor Dwayne Elliott had suggested council look at a three percent increase. He pointed out costs the township has no control of and is mandated to pay have increased. He noted costs such as Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, Ontario Provincial Police, Manor, Manitoulin Planning Board and other costs have increased. He

said the only other potential option to increasing the budget would be to cut programs, services and staff, which council is not in favour of.

“What happens if we have emergency situations?” asked Councillor Rob Maguire.

“This would have to come out of reserves,” said Mayor Brenda Reid.

Councillor Jennifer Hooper said that council has been through the budget line by line, and that no more money can be found or cuts made. “I

would support a 1.6 percent increase but nothing further.”

“I would propose a two percent increase which would give us a little bit of a buffer,” said Councillor Maguire.

It was pointed out by Mayor Reid that the township’s budget is miniscule compared to the costs the township is having to pay for mandated costs/services.

Councillor Maguire suggested a two percent budget increase. “We need to be responsible to our taxpayers, and we don’t know what emergency costs we could be up against.”

Councillor Elliott said the township is already forecasting a three percent increase in its budget next year. And this does not include breakdowns, emergencies or issues coming up.

A motion was put forward by Councillor Maguire and seconded by Councillor Elliott for council to approve a two percent tax rate increase for 2024, and request staff to prepare the necessary bylaw. The motion was supported by Councillors Maguire, Elliott, Mayor Reid, and opposed by Councillors Hooper and Bowerman.

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The family investment to produce the banner (a one-time contribution) is approximately \$150 to \$200. The Old Mill Heritage Centre will cover all other expenses.”

The museum board has purchased 10 brackets to hold up on the poles, said Mr. Nelson.

He said Nelson D & L Contracting in M’Chigeeng First Nation has volunteered to install the banners on the hydro poles.

Billings is the second community, joining Little Current and Assiginack, to erect veteran banners.

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Ivan Wheale's 2024 collection 'Nature's Gifts' launched at Perivale Gallery

by Michael Erskine
 PERIVALE—Northern Ontario's premier artist Ivan Wheale may be fast approaching the nine-decade mark of life, but the renowned painter has not slowed down in either quantity or quality of his work one iota. As is tra-

especially by those whose hearts have been captured by the raw beauty of the region. This year is no exception to that rule, although the artist has widened his subjects with this exhibition.

Over nearly a century of life one amasses a large

walls, but it is Ivan she has come to visit.

Ms. Haner recalls how it was her intervention that helped launch Mr. Wheale's immensely popular painting workshops.

"The first one he offered, hardly anyone signed up," she recalled.

works by other artists on display.

"I think things are in good shape," he pronounced. "These are really amazing works."

Mr. Wheale has garnered numerous awards over the course of his career, including an honorary degree L.L.D. from Laurentian University, the Rotary International Paul Harris Award and from the Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council. He continues his work as an advisory board member for the Art Gallery of Sudbury, the Ontario Arts Council, Cambrian College

and the Laurentian University Task Force as well as being a member of the Northern Cancer Foundation, Northeastern Manitoulin Property Association, Manitoulin Fine Arts Association and Little Current Public Library boards—he is artist emeritus and is co-founder of the famed La Cloche Art Show.

For those who cannot make the trip out to Perivale Gallery to see 'Nature's Gifts' in person, images of his latest works can be found online at PerivaleGallery.com. But the trip out is well worth the effort as nothing com-

pires to seeing the real deal up close and personal—and there are a host of other accomplished artists' works to be seen.

Perivale Gallery owner Shannon McMullan was on hand to greet visitors to the gallery, old and new, but she has a special mission when a youth comes in. She asks the youth to tell her which piece they liked the best.

"I tally up the responses and then, at the end of the season, I can tell the artists how many youth picked their work," she said.



Nola Haner, one of Ivan Wheale's (right) first art students, greets her dear friend at Perivale Gallery on the occasion of his 2024 season launch, 'Nature's Gifts.'

photo by Michael Erskine

ditional, the unveiling of Mr. Wheale's latest works took place at the opening of Perivale Gallery, located at 1320 Perivale Road East in Spring Bay.

"I shook things up a bit this year," admitted Mr. Wheale. Noted for his close-focused oils capturing the intimate details of Georgian Bay, his works are highly sought after,

number of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Wheale said he looks forward to the opportunity to meet up with many of his fans and admirers during the show opening.

This year, Nola Haner of Mindemoya was on hand to greet her old friend and mentor. Her eyesight is now failing, making it challenging to take in the new pieces adorning the

"I wanted to take lessons, so I got on the phone and I rounded up enough people to have the class go ahead." Since then, the classes became so popular that it is often joked that one has to watch the obituaries to find an opening.

For his part, Mr. Wheale arrived at the opening a bit early and could be found wandering the gallery to look at the many

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will be available wherever they go for hospital care across the Northeast," she said. "Having a single, unified patient record will also result in faster and


more accurate treatment decisions because clinicians will have complete and up-to-date information." The new system will replace the plethora of hand-written and other

jotted notes that typically make up a health professional's record of medications and treatments for their patient. Among the benefits of the new system it is anticipated it will ensure a "sig-

nificant reduction in the number of times patients are sent for the same tests by multiple providers because the latest results will be on the patient's

been entered into the system. On a side note, the introduction of the ONE HIS system will see Ms. Fields and other health professionals in administration

telephone. It wasn't said outright, but the system will ensure that doctor's legendary scrawls will no longer present a challenge to nurses and other profes-



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Manitoulin Health Centre CEO Paula Fields, left, and nurse Paige Vander Weerden discuss the new system.

chart." "This will provide increased opportunities to enhance patient safety, deliver better outcomes and reduce harm through accurate records, computerized provider order entry and bedside barcode verification," noted Ms. Fields, who took The Expositor on a short tour of the new system. A cart containing the medications for the patients in the hospital is preloaded by the hospital pharmacy and locked with a finger swipe across a sensor by the attending nurse. Utilizing barcodes and a multiple verification system, the proper medications authorized for each patient appears in a drawer following verification. (The Expositor tried the fingerprint swiping sensor to no avail.) "Not even my finger will open the system," noted Ms. Fields, who although herself a nurse, has not

donning their nurses' attire and lending a hand to help with anticipated delays while the system is being launched. It will be literally all hands on deck. The closed loop medication system will prevent medication errors by replacing manual steps with automated electronic ones. For example, once the physician's order has been reviewed by the pharmacy, the medications flow to the automatic dispensing unit, where the nurses sign in electronically and receive information on the timing and administration of the dose. A barcode on the patient's wrist band acts as a double check to ensure that timing, medication and dose are all correct. The computerized physician order entry, medications, laboratory and radiology orders will all now take place through a computer application, rather than paper, fax or

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...Island youth will suit up

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efficient defender with excellent skating ability," said 67's general manager James Boyd. "We are excited to welcome Kohyn and his family to the 67's and look forward to supporting him on his hockey journey." Mr. Eshkawkogan, who was selected as the 21st overall pick in the 2024 OHL draft by the 67's, suited up in 76 games for the North York Rangers U16 AAA, last season. He scored 13 goals and had 52 assists for 65 points. He also appeared in six games at the OHL Cup, posting a goal and six assists. Earlier this month, Mr. Eshkawkogan helped lead Team Ontario to a gold medal at the U18 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships, and he brought home the Best Defenceman honours while leading the tournament in points.



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...Gore Bay nursing home plans tweaked in residents' favour

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ble. Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane reached out to us by phone to come to the table to discuss this idea a little over a year ago. Mayor Lane had arranged for a visit here. That's how we came to be involved in this project. We are happy to be back here again."

"We are here to provide an update on the original design that had been presented," said Mr. Belanger. "The design plan has changed significantly since we heard the comments and input from residents, staff, stakeholders, family members and auxiliary." With the new design, "We are trying to focus on each individual resident's comfort, nature and the environment to the exterior elements of the building." For instance, he outlined changes made to the activity rooms and dining halls. "Today, we are here to provide an updated design. We now have a much better appreciation of the site and an updated design that will better fit the needs of Gore Bay. As I mentioned, we focus on the individual resident's needs and provide great opportunities for residents to move beyond their bedrooms. They have access to all lounges, activity rooms and dining rooms. There will be no stairs for them to have to access."

"The design includes the construction of a 64-bed nursing home, all



An artist's rendering of the new long-term care facility planned for Gore Bay. It will be located on Armstrong Road on Gore Bay's West Bluff, overlooking the town.

on one level, with no stairs for residents, although there will be an upstairs level with stairs for equipment and storage. And there will be no outside ramps," said Mr. Belanger. "There will be two wings of 32 beds, each subdivided. The longest commute for nursing staff to a resident's room will be 10, and the shortest is six rooms. The rooms will be organized around a looping corridor so it will be accessible and open to all."

Dining rooms will be stationed in the centre of the working part of the building and will provide residents with a beautiful view of the North Channel, continued Mr. Belanger. He noted the dining room is split into

two rooms, although it can be turned into one larger room for functions to occur.

"There will be a big living room area where residents can congregate," said Mr. Belanger, who, along with intern Alain Roy, provided videos of the designs. Vehicle and walking access to the nursing home will be via Armstrong Road, and visitors and staff will travel a meandering road to the entrance of the building, where a front door-covered porch will be located. The design includes a secure outside courtyard for residents, a large administration room and space area, a chapel, and an activity room.

"Each of the resident's rooms (all single private

rooms) will have large windows and bathrooms, with some of the residents having private bathrooms and some shared," Mr. Belanger told the meeting.

Seventy-five parking spaces will be provided, with a dedicated parking area for nursing home staff and an area for visitors parking.

Mr. Belanger pointed out that each room will be 14x16 feet, not including the bathrooms, with chairs and internet access. There will be lounges at the end of each corridor and a large kitchen area. "The whole building will be completely accessible," stated Mr. Belanger, who noted two nursing stations.

"It looks like it will be a great location, and ev-

eryone is going to have a great view of the Channel," stated Heather Patterson.

Another community stakeholder asked if there would be vending machines in the new nursing home building. Mr. Belanger explained, "We plan to have a gift tuck-

shop accessible to residents and visitors."

"St. Joseph's operates two other long-term care nursing homes in Sudbury, so we are learning about them and ways we can be sure we are moving forward positively," said Mr. Belanger.

"There are plans for an outside courtyard in the design, outdoor space with fence around," said Mayor Lane.

"The last time you were here, it was mentioned there is room for future expansion. Is that still the case?" asked Lee Hayden, Reeve of Gordon-Barrie Island.

Mr. Belanger noted there is room for expansion of another 32 beds.

"The whole parcel area is 20 acres," said Mayor Lane. "There is as much space as is needed now and in the future."

Mr. Belanger was asked about access off Fraser Street, which had previously been raised as a concern by local residents in the area. There

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will be access off Fraser Street, but only for emergency use.
"Is it too premature to know the estimated cost of the new building?" asked Reeve Hayden.
The estimated cost is

\$48 million. However, Mr Belanger said Belanger and St. Josephs would meet ministry representatives this week to discuss the costs as they feel the estimates are overestimated.
"We've asked them to

revise these estimates," said Mr. Belanger.
Ms. Gervais said the preliminary floor plans were submitted to the ministry at the end of April, and the working drawings must be completed by June 14.



The new facility promises bright, airy communal spaces.



The concept single-occupancy room.

Ms. Gervais said that so far, everything coming from the ministry has been positive.

"We will be meeting the ministry soon, and I believe approval will be given," said Ms. Gervais. "The ministry can't argue that this project is not required."

Mayor Lane said that at the recent Federation of Northern Ontario Municipal conference, ministry representatives asked town treasurer Michael Lalonde about the local project. "They know about Gore Bay and this very important project," said Mr. Lalonde.

"So if all approvals are given and construction is provided (the new nursing home) could be open in late 2026," stated Mayor Lane.

"What is the expected turnaround for approvals?" asked Reeve Hayden.

Mr. Belanger explained that the ministry has funding programs in place for long-term care homes. To proceed with construction, shovel-ready plans must be in place by November. Con-

struction would take an estimated 18 months.

"So, is the project a go?" asked Reeve Hayden.

Ms. Gervais said there is a three-step approval process: approvals of the design application, development application, and development agreement.

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the attending nurses on a patient's status and response to treatment and medications—and they will be able to do so remotely.

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The result will be improved efficiency and time savings, as providers will submit orders electronically to ensure that orders arrive at pharmacies, laboratories and radiology facilities faster.

Clinical documentation will no longer be a hybrid system of handwritten notes and computer entries—all will be input into the system. "Creating a concise record of care for the patient's visit that can be viewed during subsequent visits to MHC, by their primary care givers, and if necessary, when they visit other centres such as Health Sciences North."

A huge change in documentation will take place in the emergency department, which is currently all paper-based. Triage, the preliminary assessment of treatment urgency and nature of treatment required and there might be some delays inherent in adapting to the change despite several months of preparation for the switchover.

"We ask for the public's consideration and patience with our team as we learn to navigate the new system," said Ms. Fields. "We will be providing additional 'at elbow' support for weeks following the 'go live' on June 4. Patients may experience longer wait times and be asked for the personal health information as we build the system."

Island health care professionals have agreed to in-

crease the number of primary care and home visits in order to help reduce the number of "low acuity" visits to the hospital.

This coming fall, the hospital will be embarking on an ambitious plan to replace its infusion pumps with those that can connect to the system. "Smart pumps will add additional safeguards and patient treatment informa-

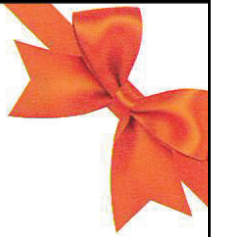
tion that will flow to the comprehensive patient record," said Ms. Fields. So, keep an eye out for that fundraising campaign. Capital expenses are not funded by the government and each pump costs \$5,000, and the accompanying software a further \$60,000—MHC requires 25 such pumps to provide intravenous therapy at both sites.



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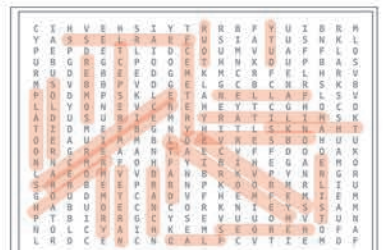
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Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services Community Services Officer Jamie Peltier addresses the students of Wikwemikoong High School on Police Week.

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service engages with high school students

by Michael Erskine
WIKWEMKOONG—Community Services Officer Jamie Peltier is no stranger to the students of Wikwemikoong High School, in a good way, as even before being officially named to the community services post, he could often be found at the high school mixing with the students, having lunch or just hanging out. The mission is simple—make connections with youth in the community in a non-confrontational or adversarial venue.

It is clear from the reception Constable Peltier received during his presentation with the students in the gymnasium last week, part of the Police Week celebrations being observed by Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services—that he is highly thought of. The easy interchanges between the uniformed officer and the students were completely unaffected and

natural thanks to that underlying familiarity.

Constable Peltier informed the students that he has applied for funding for a number of students to be able to work with the police service this summer. The usual ad hoc “ride along” program WTPS once utilized to engage with youth has been excluded from what WTPS can do under its mandate from the provincial and federal governments. The new funding would help fill that gap.

Specific details on the program will become available should Constable Peltier’s funding application come to fruition.

In the meantime, Constable Peltier had a booth set up outside the high school in Wikwemikoong where students could stop by and ask any questions they might have about police work and a career in law enforcement.



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Volunteer Fire Department's quick response contains dangerous blaze

A travel trailer was destroyed in a fire on Ice Lake Drive in Gordon/Barrie Island last Friday. Thankfully, the swift response of the Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department ensured that no one was injured in the blaze.

"The travel trailer fire occurred at 765 Ice Lake Drive," said Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison. "There were two trailers on the property, one destroyed in the fire. We are not sure what caused the fire. We're looking at a couple of possible causes. The fire is not deemed suspicious." The fire destroyed the travel trailer owned by Kim Lafond, said Mr. Addison, noting that Ms. Lafond's father owns the property.

The Gore Bay Fire Department was called to the blaze at 2:50 pm on Friday, May 17. "The fire did spread into the bush, fortunately not very far, but we were able to put it out," said Mr Addison. "However, the travel trailer was a total loss." He noted the two trailers were in close proximity to each other, and the fire burned close to an outbuilding near the second trailer. Fortunately, the fire crew doused the fire before it could spread to the adjacent building.

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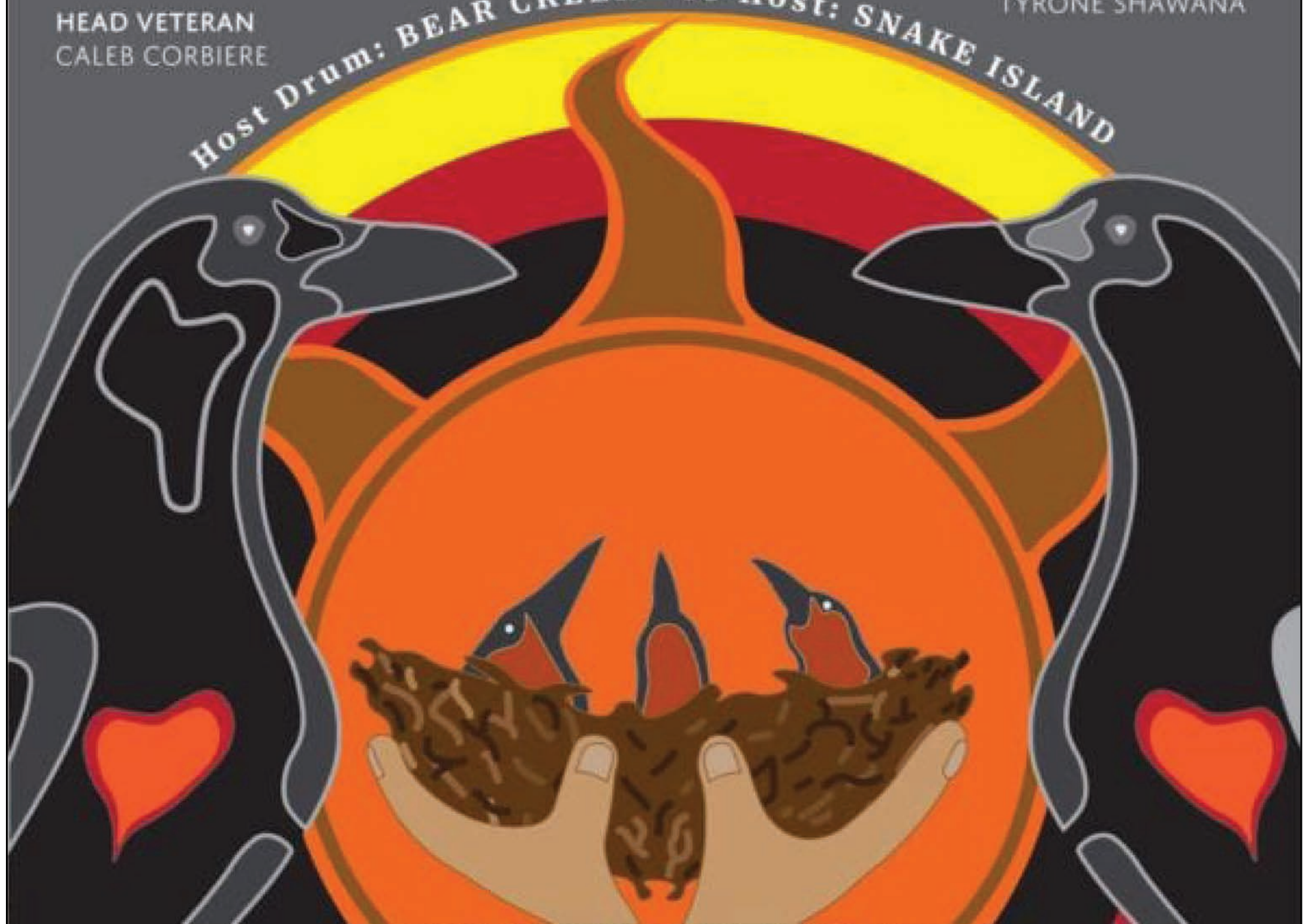
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The Inspiration of the Scriptures Scientifically Demonstrated
By Ivan Panin

For some months preceding Sunday, November 19th, 1899, the New York Sun had been devoting the better part of a page of its Sunday edition to the discussion of the truth of Christianity. On that date it printed a letter from one W.R.L., in which he denounced Christianity, using the old oft-refuted "arguments," and "challenged" some champion of orthodoxy to come into the arena of the Sun," and give its readers some "facts" in defence of the Christian religion. The writer had not seen the N.Y. Sun for years; but on his way from South Framingham to Grafton, Massachusetts, a copy of the Sun of that date, left on a vacant seat in the train, fell into his hands. The following letter met that challenge. The letter was reprinted by the writer himself in a pamphlet of some 50 pages with the Greek text of Matthew 1: 1-17 and the vocabularies thereto, enabling the scholarly reader to verify his statement for himself. SIR: - In today's Sun Mr. W.R.L. calls for a "champion of orthodoxy" to "step into the arena of the Sun," and give him some facts:

1. The first 17 verses of the New Testament contain the genealogy of the Christ. It consists of two main parts: Verses 1-11 cover the period from Abraham, the father of the chosen people, to the Captivity, when they ceased as an independent people. Verses 12-17 cover the period from the Captivity to the promised Deliverer, the Christ.

Let us examine the first part of this genealogy. Its vocabulary has 49 words, or 7×7 . This number is itself seven (Feature 1) sevens (Feature 2), and the sum of its factors is 2 sevens (Feature 3). Of these 49 words 28, or 4 sevens, begin with a vowel; and 21, or 3 sevens, begin with a consonant (Feature 4).

Again: these 49 words of the vocabulary have 266 letters, or $7 \times 2 \times 19$; this number is itself 38 sevens (Feature 5), and the sum of its factors is 28, or 4 sevens (Feature 6), while the sum of its features is 14, or 2 sevens (Feature 7). Of these 266 letters, moreover, 140 or 20 sevens, are vowels, and 126, or 18 sevens, are consonants (Feature 8).

That is to say: Just as the number of words in the vocabulary is a multiple of seven, so is the number of its letters a multiple of seven; just as the sum of the factors of the number of the words is a multiple of seven, so is the sum of the factors of the number of their letters a multiple of seven. And just as the number of words is divided between vowel words and consonant words by seven, so is their number of letters divided between vowels and consonants by sevens.

Again: of these 49 words 35, or 5 sevens, occur more than once in the passage; and 14, or 2 sevens, occur but once (Feature 9); seven occur in more than one form, and 42, or 6 sevens, occur in only one form (Feature 10). And among the parts of speech the 49 words are thus divided: 42, or 6 sevens, are nouns, seven are not nouns (Feature 11). Of the nouns 35, or 5 sevens, are Proper names, seven are common nouns (Feature 12). Of the Proper names 28 are male ancestors of the Christ, and seven are not (Feature 13).

Moreover, these 49 words are distributed alphabetically thus: Words under a - ε are 21 in number, or 3 sevens; ζ - κ 14, or 2 sevens; μ - x also 14. No other groups of sevens stopping at the end of a letter are made by these 49 words, the groups of sevens stop with these letters and no others. But the letter, a, ε, ζ, κ, μ, x, are letters 1, 5, 6, 10, 12, 22, of the Greek alphabet, and the sum of these numbers (called their Place Values) is 56, or 8 sevens (Feature 14).

This enumeration of the numeric phenomena of these 11 verses does not begin to be exhaustive, but enough has been shown to make it clear that this part of the genealogy is constructed on an elaborate design of sevens.

Let us now turn to the genealogy as a whole. I will not weary your readers with recounting all the numeric phenomena thereof: pages alone would exhaust them. I will point out only one feature. The New Testament is written in Greek. The Greeks had no separate symbols for expressing numbers, corresponding to our Arabic figures, but used instead the letters of their alphabet: just as the Hebrews, in whose tongue the Old Testament is written, made use for the same purpose of theirs. Accordingly, the 24 Greek letters stand for the following numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800. Every Greek word is thus a sum in arithmetic obtained by adding the numbers for which its letters stand, or their numeric values. Now the vocabulary to the entire genealogy has 72 words. If we write its numeric value over each of these 72 words, and add them, we get for their sum, 42,364, or 6,052 sevens, distributed into the following alphabetical groups only: a-B have 9,821, or 1,403 sevens; Y-ō, 1,904, or 272 sevens; ε-ζ, 3,703, or 529 sevens; θ-p, 19,264, or 2,752 sevens; o-X, 7,672, or 1,096. sevens. But the numeric value of the 10 letters used for making these groups is 931, or $7 \times 7 \times 19$, a multiple not only of seven but of seven sevens.

Let Mr. W.R.L. try to write some 300 words intelligently like this genealogy, and reproduce some numeric phenomena of like designs. If he does it in 6 months, he will indeed do a wonder. Let us assume that Matthew accomplished this feat in one month.

2. The second part of this chapter, verses 18-25, relates the birth of the Christ. It consists of 161 words, or 23

sevens; occurring in 105 forms, or 15 sevens, with a vocabulary of 77 words or 11 sevens. Joseph is spoken to here by the angel. Accordingly, of the 77 words the angel uses 28, or 4 sevens; of the 105 forms he uses 35, or 5 sevens; the numeric value of the vocabulary is 52,605, or 7,515 sevens; of the forms, 65,429, or 9,347 sevens.

This enumeration only begins as it were barely to scratch the surface of the numerics of this passage. But what is specially noteworthy here is the fact that the angel's speech has also a scheme of sevens making it a kind of ring within a ring, a wheel within a wheel. If Mr. L. can write a similar passage of 161 words with the same scheme of sevens alone (though there are several others here) in some three years, he would accomplish a still greater wonder. Let us assume that Matthew accomplished this feat in only six months.

3. The second chapter of Matthew tells of the childhood of the Christ. Its vocabulary has 161 words, or 23 sevens, with 896 letters, or 128 sevens, and 238 forms, or 34 sevens; the numeric value of the vocabulary is 123,529, or 17,647 sevens; of the forms, 166,985, or 23,855 sevens; and so on through the pages of enumeration. This chapter has at least four logical divisions, and each division shows alone the same phenomena found in the chapter as a whole. Thus the first six verses have a vocabulary of 56 words, or 8 sevens, etc. There are some speeches here: Herod speaks, the Magi speak, the angel speaks. But so pronounced are the numeric phenomena here, that though there are as it were numerous rings within rings, and wheels within wheels, each is perfect in itself, though forming all the while only part of the rest. If Mr. L. can write a chapter like this as naturally as Matthew writes, but containing in some 500 words so many intertwined yet harmonious numeric features, in say the rest of his days - whatever his age now, or the one to which he is to attain: if he thus accomplish it at all; it will indeed be marvel of marvels. Let us assume that Matthew accomplished this feat in only three years.

4. There is not, however, a single paragraph of the scores in Matthew that is not constructed in exactly the same manner. Only with each additional paragraph the difficulty of constructing it increases not in arithmetical but in geometrical progression. For he contrives to write his paragraphs so as to develop constantly fixed numeric relations to what goes before and after. Thus in his last chapter he contrives to use just 7 words not used by him before. It would thus be easy to show that Mr. L. would require some centuries to write a book like Matthew's. How long it took Matthew the writer does not know. But how he contrived to do it between the Crucifixion, A.D. 30 (and his Gospel could not have been written earlier), and the destruction of Jerusalem, A.D. 70 (and the Gospel could not have been written later), let Mr. L. and his like-minded explain.

Anyhow Matthew did it, and we thus have a miracle - an unheard-of literary, mathematical artist, unequalled, hardly even conceivable. This is the first fact for Mr. L. to contemplate.

A second fact is yet more important: In his very first section, the genealogy discussed above, the words found nowhere else in the New Testament, occur 42 times, 7×6 ; and have 126 letters, $7 \times 6 \times 3$, each number a multiple not only of seven, but of 6 sevens, to name only two of the many numeric features of these words. But how did Matthew know, when designing this scheme for these words (whose sole characteristic is that they are found nowhere else in the New Testament) that they would not be found in the other 26 books? that they would not be used by the other 7 New Testament writers? Unless we assume the impossible hypothesis that he had an agreement with them to that effect, he must have had the rest of the New Testament before him when he wrote his book. The Gospel of Matthew, then, was written last.

5. It so happens, however, that the Gospel of Mark shows the very same phenomena. Thus the very passage called so triumphantly in today's Sun a "forgery," the Last Twelve Verses of Mark, presents among some 60 features of sevens the following phenomena: It has 175 words, or 25 sevens; a vocabulary of 98 words, or 2 sevens of sevens, with 553 letters, or 79 sevens; 133 forms, or 19 sevens, and so on to the minutest detail.

Mark, then, is another miracle, another unparalleled literary genius. And in the same way in which it was shown that Matthew wrote last it is also shown that Mark, too, wrote last. Thus to take an example from this very passage: It has just one word found nowhere else in the New Testament, θανασιμος, deadly. This fact is signalled by no less than seven features of sevens, thus: Its numeric value is 581, or 83 sevens, with 'the sum of its figures 14, or 2 sevens, of which the letters 3, 5, 7, 9 from the Beginning of the word have 490, or $7 \times 7 \times 5 \times 2$: a multiple of seven sevens, with the sum of its factors 21, or 3 sevens. In the vocabulary it is preceded by 42 words, 7×6 ; in the passage itself by 126 words, or $7 \times 6 \times 3$, both numbers multiples not only of seven, but of 6 sevens. We have thus established before us this third fact for Mr. L. to contemplate: Matthew surely wrote after Mark, and Mark just as surely wrote after Matthew.

6. It happens, however, to be a fourth fact, that Luke presents the same phenomena as Matthew and Mark, and so do John and James, and Peter, and Jude, and

Paul. And we have thus no longer two great unheard-of mathematical literati, but eight of them and each wrote after the other.

7. And not only this: As Luke and Peter wrote each two books, John 5, and Paul 14, it can in the same way be shown that each of the 27 New Testament books was written last. In fact, not a page of the over 500 in Westcott and Hort's Greek edition (which the writer has used throughout) but it can be demonstrated thus to have been written last.

The phenomena are there and there is no human way of explaining them. Eight men cannot each write last, 27 books, some 500 pages, cannot each be written last. But once assume that one Mind directed the whole, and the problem is solved simply enough; but this is Verbal Inspiration - of every jot and tittle of the New Testament.

There remains only to be added that by precisely the same kind of evidence the Hebrew Old Testament is proved to be equally inspired. Thus the very first verse of Genesis has seven words, 28 letters, or 4 sevens: to name only two out of the dozens of numeric features of this one verse of only seven words - N.Y. Sun, Nov. 21st, 1899 - corrected.

To this letter several replies appeared in the Sun, but not a single answer. For in only three ways can it be refuted.

(a) By showing that the facts are not as here given.
(b) By showing that it is possible for 8 men to write each after the other 7; for 27 books, or some 500 pages, to be each in its turn written last.

(c) By showing that even if the facts be true, the arithmetic faultless, and the collocation of the numerics honest, it does not follow that mere men could not have written this without Inspiration from above.

Accordingly, as many as nine noted rationalists (of whom Drs. Lyman Abbot and Charles W. Eliot are still living [now in 1927 also gone to where they may know] were respectfully but publicly invited to refute the writer. One was not "interested" in the writer's "arithmetical" doings; two "regretted" that they "had no time" to give heed thereto. Another "did not mean to be unkind," but... The rest were silent. For the special benefit of these the writer printed the original data with numerous details, enabling them in the easiest manner to verify every statement made by him, if they wished. And to the best of his ability he has for years seen to it that no scholar whom surely these things specially concern should remain in ignorance of the facts here recounted, and of hundreds of like cogency.

A notable exception to the above is a lawyer of standing [now also dead], whose books on Law are deemed as of authority. He had intelligence enough and candour withal to confess that the case for the Bible as made out by the writer is impregnable, that the Bible is thus proved to be an "absolutely unique book." This much the case itself extorts from the but too well equipped writer on Evidence; and accordingly he henceforth reads the writer's Numerics with intense appreciation. And then, fresh from this confession, he betakes himself once more to the circulation of his anti-Christian books in the writing of which he joys to spend his leisure hours.

In the second letter to the N.Y. Sun the author, in discussing some irrelevant "answers" to his first letter, recited the three ways of refuting him and then continued:

"No sane man will try to refute me by the second method. To refute me by the first method I herewith respectfully invite any or all of the following to prove that my facts are not facts: namely Messrs. Lyman Abbott, Washington Gladden, Heber Newton, Minot J. Savage, Presidents Eliot of Harvard, White of Cornell, and Harper, the University of Chicago, professor J. Henry Thayer of Harvard, and Dr. Briggs, and any other prominent higher critic so called. They may associate with themselves, if they choose, all the contributors of the ninth edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica who wrote its articles on Biblical subjects, together with a dozen mathematicians of the calibre of Professor Simon Newcomb. The heavier the calibre of either scholar or mathematician, the more satisfactory to me. "They will find that my facts are facts. And since they are facts, I am ready to take them to any three prominent lawyers, or, better still, to any judge of the Superior or Supreme Court, and abide by his decision as to whether the conclusion is not necessary that Inspiration alone can account for the facts, if they are facts.

"All I should ask would be that the judge treat the case as he would any other case that comes before him: declining to admit matters for discussion as irrelevant when they are irrelevant; and listening patiently to both sides, as he does in any trial."

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Thanks to you, local news is alive and well here on Manitoulin Island.

by Heather Marshall

MANITOULIN—Ann and Jack Sargent had only visited Manitoulin a few times to visit their daughter Cathy prior to moving permanently to Bay Estates in 2022 following the death of Cathy's spouse. The couple had previously lived a literally jet-setting life, as Mr. Sargent was a commercial pilot with Air Canada for 35 years of his long-running aviation career. The couple travelled frequently between their homes in Southern Ontario and Florida for several decades, since pilots' flying hours are limited and they had plenty of free time on their hands. When Jack retired and they sold their property in the United States, they switched to travelling around the world, often flying to catch a cruise ship to a new destination.

After being on the move for so much of their 58-year long marriage, settling down to a quiet life on Manitoulin took a bit of adjustment. As much as they love being close to their daughter and grandson again and are very happy with their beautiful waterfront home on Lake Huron, the couple found it took more time than they expected to get

to know local people and settle into the community.

All that changed when a story about Ann and Jack in the Valentine's Day edition of the New-ish to Manitoulin column ran in February 2024.

Following the story's publication, Wanda and Ian Whittington reached out to The Expositor asking for contact information as they wanted to connect with the newcomer couple with whom they share a passion for flying.

"In the few years we've had our plane and been flying, we've been amazed at the close camaraderie among local pilots," said Ms. Whittington. "We wanted to make sure Jack and Ann were welcomed not only to Manitoulin, but to our flying community as well."

While the couple have yet to meet in person, Mr. Whittington, an Island engineer and flying enthusiast has been exchanging emails with the new couple.

"We hope to get together in-person soon," said Ms. Whittington. "The Manitoulin East Municipal Airport has interesting winds and the pilots like to get together when they can."

"We like to meet new people who are moving to Manitoulin," continued Ms. Whittington.

In fact, The Expositor is a great way to get to know the community for newcomers and, with Ms. Marshall's col-

umn 'New-ish to Manitoulin, a great way for the community to meet newcomers.



From this newspaper's 120th celebrations in 1999. Along with those noted in the text are, cutting the cake, then-Little Current mayor Ken Ferguson and, far right, Alicia and Rick McCutcheon. Fast-forward 25 years and join Alicia and Rick this Friday, May 24 for 145th cupcakes at The Expositor Office.

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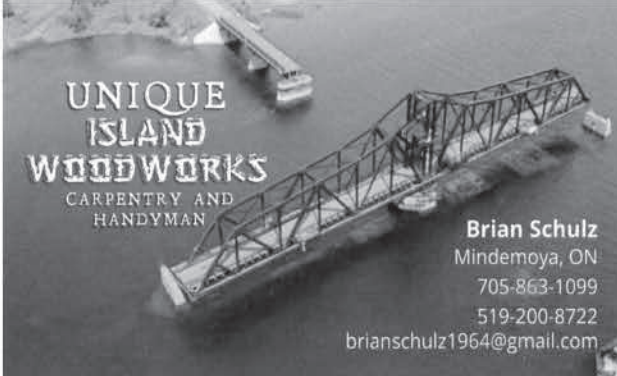
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Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current Auxiliary's Ham Dinner Fundraiser, May 25 beginning at 6 pm at the Little Current United Church. Serving ham, potato salad, pasta salad, garden salads, coleslaw, desserts and beverages. \$20. For tickets call Debbie at 705-968-0016 or Dawn at 705-368-2608 or you can email debbieheise50@hotmail.com. **52-1c**

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Enjoy an afternoon of music with George Williamson and Friends at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday, May 26. Refreshments available. A donation basket for the seniors' club will be available. **52-1p**

You're invited to the 348 Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps' 20th Anniversary celebrations on Saturday, June 1 at 2 pm in the MSS gymnasium. Please be seated by 1:45 pm. **52-2p**

Kite Festival, June 2 from 1 to 4 pm at the Western Manitoulin Community Garden, just west of the OPP Station on Hwy 540, Gore Bay. Free family event. Fly your kite, rock painting, scarecrow making, free barbecue hot dog and drink from the Lions Club and tour a fire truck. Come out for a great afternoon. **1-2c**

The public is invited to attend the annual Decoration Day ceremony starting at 1 pm at the Island Cenotaph at Monument Corners, Spring Bay on Sunday, June 2. In case of rain, it will be held in the Mindemoya Community arena. On this day we pay homage to the men and women who served in our country's forces and those of our allies. Through their courage and sacrifice, these men and women have helped to ensure that we live in freedom and peace, while also fostering the same around the world. **1-2c**

Annual Plant Sale hosted by the Grass Roots Garden Club on Saturday, June 1 at 9 am at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre parking lot. Proceeds donated to local Island charities. **1-2c**

Campbell Horticultural Society Annual Plant, Bulb and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 25 at 9 am at the Providence Bay Community Centre. **1c**

Take-out luncheon at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Manitowaning on Wednesday, May 29. Serving soup, sandwiches, pickles, veggies and homemade cookies. Tickets are \$10 per person. Pick up starting at 11 am and take-out (within town limits) at 11 am. For tickets call 705-859-3426 or 705-859-1212. **1-2p**

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yard sale

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All Saints Anglican Church, Gore Bay will hold a rummage sale Saturday, June 8 from 9 am to 2 pm with proceeds going to our Community Outreach Projects. Donations will be gratefully received anytime from now till Thursday, June 6 by calling 705-282-7066 or at the church, 30 Meredith St. all day Friday, June 7. Please come, browse and enjoy a coffee on us. "Something for everyone." **1-3p**

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This world is rushing to Armageddon, but Armageddon doesn't end with the destruction of this world, it ends with the return of Jesus Christ and Him setting up the Kingdom of God on earth, see DAN. 2. This week, I also intend to have an article by Ivan Panin: "The Inspiration of the Scriptures Scientifically Demonstrated" in the paper. Since GEN.3, where Satan comes on the scene, Satan has been telling that God's word is not true. But Satan is a liar, JOHN 8:44. God loves you; He does not want you to be destroyed by all the plagues that are coming on this earth before His return. God wants to bless you, God wants you to be happy, God wants you to be healthy (mentally, emotionally, physically and ally). But those blessings can only be received when we first accept that God's word is the truth, and the seed, through which we may receive all these blessings.

The public school has thrown out the Bible and most of the rest of society has followed suit. A lot of people have accepted Satan's lie that you cannot trust God's word.

The root cause of all the problems in the world, and those problems include climate change, floods, famines, earthquakes, wildfires, tornadoes, health (mental, emotional and physical), wars, etc., is that people have rejected God's word. Jesus will return to establish the Messianic Age an utopia of a thousand year bliss where everyone can enjoy peace, blessings, health and prosperity. And the first step to enjoy these blessings is to accept that the Bible is God's word, the truth, and God's love letter to you. I have a book: "The Bible Code" by Michael Drossnin. In it he shows that in the Pentateuch, that is the first five books of the Bible, that Moses wrote about 3,500 years ago, there is a code, and if you don't believe Moses wrote it, the code is in the Dead Sea scrolls, which scientist believe are about 2,000 years old. That code foretells the whole holocaust, including every concentration camp. It foretells every name of every statesman including the dates of their birth and death. It foretells the assassination of both Kennedys, including the date and place of the assassination. The same is true about the assassination of P.M. Rabin by Yigal Amir in 1995. The code foretells the Oklahoma City bombing by Timothy McVeigh causing 174 deaths. In a later book, he explains that 9-11, the Twin Towers, are also encoded, but the code is only there when we leave every letter in the original Hebrew in its place. The only conclusion that any right-minded person can come to is that every jot and tittle in the original Hebrew and Greek of the Bible is inspired by God and that the God who inspired the Bible is in control of history. There are over 300 prophecies in the O.T. that have been fulfilled at Jesus' first coming. There are at least twice as many prophecies in the Bible that will be fulfilled in the near future by Armageddon, Jesus' return and the Messianic Age. Hundreds of archeological discoveries show that the Bible is historically correct. When you obey the instructions and commandments in the Bible, the results are that the promises will be fulfilled in your life (you reap what you sow). Your destiny depends upon the decisions you make. And the most important decision anyone can make is the decision to accept God's word, the Bible, as the truth and God's love letter to you and decide to obey it. I believe that soon the fullness of the gentiles, LUKE 21:24, ROM. 11:25, will be raptured, and then it will be too late to make this decision.

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The MSS gymnasium was transformed once again into a powwow arena for the annual school event.

Annual MSS powwow bids adieu to organizer Karen McGraw after 29 years

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

M'CHIGEENG—Those entering the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) gymnasium on Thursday, May 16 were met with the words “Honesty,” “Respect,” “Wisdom,” “Truth,” “Humility,” “Bravery” and “Love” displayed on the walls. These words are the Seven Grandfather Teachings, something the MSS powwow would be honouring in the coming hours.

The powwow, organized by school staff member Karen McGraw, is an annual event that invites students and community members to participate. This year, students, dancers, and drum groups from several communities came together to celebrate.

The powwow began at 12:30 pm with the Grand Entry, which consisted of flag bearers, dancers, elders, school faculty and MSS students. The group made their way around the room with those in the front carrying Eagle Staffs. These staffs are adorned with eagle feathers and represent different communities. One of the Eagle Staff bearers from Aundeck Omni-Kaning, Mandy McGraw, is the first woman in her community to have the honour of carrying the Eagle Staff. Mandy says she carries it at ceremonies like this one as a beacon for youth looking to follow and take pride in their culture if they choose to.

After the Grand Entry, there was an opening prayer given by Josh Eshkawkogan followed by a land acknowledgment delivered by Principal David Wiwchar. Lastly, Leslie Fisher, a representative from the Rainbow District School Board, gave some opening remarks before the dances began.



The intertribal dances saw a lot of action.

photos by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Next, the head dancers, Sonya Jacko-Cywink, Pahquis Trudeau and Kalli Jones, were introduced and began the first dance to the beats of the drum circles. Soon, audience members were invited to join in on intertribal dances. The bleachers emptied as students, from both elementary and high schools got on their feet to join the head dancers. The sound of drum beats, voices, footsteps, and bells from jingle dresses filled the room as everyone danced around the drum circles. Some of these dances were spot dances, where one lucky person standing in a specific area when the music stopped won five dollars delivered by powwow emcee and Grade 10 student Taylor Goodfellow.

After, there was a Two-Step dance. The Two-Step asks participants to partner up and follow the head dancers. The line of partners circled the gym and eventually made a tunnel by raising their hands above their heads. The dance's finale culminated in all dancers joining hands and running towards the centre of the room. Other dances included a special dance for those graduating this year, age categories, and a dance for women in regalia.

Participants follow the head dancers in the Two-Step dance.

It was during the powwow when Principal Wiwchar got up to the microphone to deliver the important message of Karen McGraw's retirement.

“Karen McGraw joined us here at Manitoulin Secondary School on October 9th of 1995,” Mr. Wiwchar says, “her impact on the school has reached far beyond the individual students she serves so well.” Ms. McGraw is the lead organizer of multiple school-wide feasts along with the annual powwow. She works with the student leadership group, the Three-Fires Coun-

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Death Notices

GARRY CARSCALLEN



In loving memory of Garry Carscallen, 76 years, who passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2024, on his 76th birthday at the Manitoulin Health Center, Mindemoya, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Janet Carscallen (nee Loosemore). Loving father of Ellen Balfe (Andrew) and John Carscallen. Cherished Papa of Fintan, Myra, Amelia and Nora. Dear son of Loyst and Anne (both predeceased). Treasured nephew of Catherine and Rita (predeceased), Teresa, Helen and Joan. Will be sadly missed by his many cousins and his sisters-in-law Adele and Veronica. Garry was a volunteer firefighter for over 25 years in Coniston where he was captain for many of those years. He was an avid outdoorsman and he loved boating and fishing. He worked at INCO for 33 years and retired to Manitoulin Island. Garry spent numerous coffee hours with his coffee club and will be missed by many Manitoulin friends. Garry's sense of humour will be missed and, up until his last day, he always made sure we were laughing. He was a proud member of the McPhee clan. Donations in his memory can be made to the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya Site. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Arrangement entrusted to the Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Service.

EUGENE ELVIS PAIBOMSAI

Sunrise, August 28, 1958 - Sunset, May 2, 2024



It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Eugene, who left us suddenly in his sleep in Lockport NY, USA. He is reunited with his parents Margaret Paibomsai (née Pakosigan) and Simon Paibomsai, his sisters Yvonne, Jean, Ursula and Phyllis, brothers Conrad, Julius, Glen and Bruno. Grandson of Jane Pakosigan (née Trudeau) and Isaac Pakosigan (both predeceased); John Paibomsai and Maryjane Migwans (both predeceased). Brother of Jerome Pakosigan (Rose) of Birch Island, Marjorie King (Leslie) of Birch Island, Mable McGregor of Birch Island, Joseph Paibomsai of Birch Island, Sandra Paibomsai (Mitch) of Toronto, Floyd Paibomsai (Cindy) of Birch Island and Vera Paibomsai of Whitefish Falls. Godfather to Gerard Paibomsai. Elvis lived in Lockport for 35 years with his loving partner Shirley (predeceased) and worked on the Halls Farm. In his spare time he enjoyed playing bingo, socializing and long distance bike riding. His family finds peace in knowing he lived his life the way he wanted as he found joy in the simple things. He will be sadly missed by his siblings, nieces, nephews and all those who knew him. Funeral Mass was Friday, May 17, 2024 at 11 am at St. Gabriel Lament Church Birch Island ON, P0P 1A0.

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.

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 am. A reception will follow at the Burpee Mills Community Hall.

Celebration of Life

ROY GRAHAM

Come celebrate the life of Roy Graham at a Celebration of Life which will be held at Graham's Camp on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 1:30 pm. The celebration is to be held outdoors. Parking is limited, so car pooling is appreciated.

MARTHA CHRISTY-BURT

“MARTY”

October 4, 1930 - May 3, 2024



Martha E. “Marty” Christy-Burt, 93 of Fremont, Ohio, USA and Kagawong, Ontario, passed away Friday, May 3, 2023 at her daughter's residence in Charleston, WV, USA. She was born October 4, 1930 in Fremont Ohio, the daughter of William and Mary (Bimer) Rothacker. Marty was known for her artistic talent as a skilled glass blower with a penchant for vibrant colour, both in her art and in her life. To own a piece of her work is a treasure. Alongside her former husband the late Earl Christy, she was also Vice President of The Christy Knife Co. She was an avid reader owning hundreds of books, a chocolate lover and a rock and fossil collector, and never met a flower she didn't like. She was a long-time member of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Kagawong. Marty enjoyed vacationing every summer in Kagawong at the Christy Cottage, a tradition that ran from 1962 until Earl's passing in 2006. Marty continued the tradition, travelling by herself from Fremont to Manitoulin and having many friends and family members join her for visits throughout the summer. It was during one of these summer visits that she met Edward Burt, also recently widowed, and the two fell in love. Marty was set to return to the States, but instead changed her plans and became a full-time permanent Manitoulin resident, marrying Ed and becoming part of the Burt family. Together they worked to maintain beautiful and bountiful gardens, preserve the land and leave a minimal footprint. When she and Ed married, she made no distinction between her children and grandchildren and Ed's children and grandchildren and loved them all equally. She leaves behind 12 children and their spouses, 43 grandchildren and their spouses and partners, 57 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grand children and her brother. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Earl Christy, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and her sister. A Celebration of Life will take place Wednesday, July 10 at 7 pm at the Kagawong Park Center. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, Kagawong.

MARGARET ALFREDA PICKARD

(McArthur)

February 4, 1925 to May 10, 2024



In loving memory of Margaret Alfreda Pickard (McArthur), born on February 4, 1925 in Gordon Township. Margaret Pickard, a resident of Manitoulin Lodge, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Friday, May 10, 2024 at the age of 99 years. Beloved wife of the late George Pickard. Dear mother of Ken (Carol), Sheila (Joe), Marilyn (Robert). She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Mike (Kelly), Wendy (Steve), Patti, Jason (Sarah), Diane (Oliver predeceased) (Steph), Connie (Steve), Sherry (Dan) and great-grandchildren Kyle (Tessa) Jack, Kate, Mathew, Carly (Tristan), Shelby, Chase, Christian, Aiden and Marshall. Predeceased by her parents Hughie and Gertrude (Lewis) McArthur. Predeceased by brothers and sisters Arden, Gladys, Verdon, Leona, Lewis, Emmerson and Nelda. Family and friends gathered at Simpson Funeral Home, 3 McQuarrie Blvd., Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0 for viewing on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral was Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 11 am. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Society or the Gore Bay Medical Centre

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Island climate activist urges ‘careful consideration’ of plastic treaty impacts

Global effort to combat plastic pollution gathers momentum at Ottawa summit

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

MANITOULIN—The Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) convened recently in Ottawa, marking a crucial step in the ongoing efforts to develop an international treaty addressing plastic pollution, particularly in marine environments. This has climate change activists on Manitoulin playing close attention, as the world’s largest freshwater island in the world makes its home in one of the largest Great Lakes. The session underscores the urgency of collective action to curb plastic pollution worldwide.

In her address, Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme, emphasized the need for decisive measures to eliminate problematic and avoidable uses of plastic. She urged delegates to demonstrate energy, commitment, and collaboration in crafting a comprehensive treaty that would effectively combat plastic pollution.

At a stakeholder level, Kim Neale, an Island representative of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) emphasized the treaty’s potential to advance circular economy goals and facilitate commitments from all stakeholders to reduce plastic usage globally. However, she acknowledged the controversy surrounding the treaty and highlighted the need for careful consideration of its potential impacts, particularly on remote communities like Manitoulin Island.

Ms. Neale emphasized the importance of local implementation and support for alternative solutions to plastic usage, stressing the need for subsidies to mitigate potential increases in living expenses for remote communities. She underscored the importance of addressing food insecurity and energy poverty in these regions as part of a comprehensive approach to combating plastic pollution.

“Here on the Island we are al-



A provocative sculpture stands sentinel while the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee meets in Ottawa. **Shutterstock**

ready incurring the cost for recycling,” she said. “While I hope that we see changes at grocery store chains reducing products with excess packaging, we also have to look at how that might

affect food costs at the outset. Plastics manufacturers have a lot of power and most less expensive foods are highly packaged. We have to be aware as a community that persons facing

food insecurity will be most impacted and it will be important to seek supports and funding to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.”

INC-5, scheduled to take place

in Busan, the Republic of Korea, in November 2024, is anticipated to mark the culmination of the negotiation process, culminating in a Diplomatic Conference where Heads of State will sign the agreement.

Chairing the INC, Luis Vayas Valdivieso emphasized the critical role of multilateral cooperation in addressing the global plastic pollution crisis. He called upon delegates to negotiate with accountability and integrity, grounded in scientific evidence and a shared commitment to ending plastic pollution.

The start of INC-4 was preceded by regional consultations and engagements with Observers. Canada also hosted a Partnerships Day and Ministerial Day on the sidelines of the session, underscoring the importance of collaborative action in combating plastic pollution.

Canada’s Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, highlighted the significance of reaching a global agreement on plastic pollution by the end of 2024. He reaffirmed Canada’s commitment to supporting ambitious measures to address plastic pollution at both domestic and international levels.

As negotiations at INC-4 commenced, delegates were tasked with navigating complex issues to reach a consensus on the treaty’s text. With the stakes high and the need for action urgent, INC-4 represents a critical opportunity to advance global efforts to combat plastic pollution and safeguard marine environments for future generations.

Fatal Massey ATV collision costs life of Burlington man

MASSEY—A Burlington man died as a result of a single all-terrain vehicle (ATV) collision that took place in Massey.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) report that emergency crews were called to the scene of the accident on Highway 553 in Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, shortly after 10 pm on Sunday, May 12.

The police report the victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, was riding alone at the time and no other injuries were reported.

The OPP release indicated, “The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the OPP traffic incident management enforcement team.”

This latest fatal ATV collision is the second recently in Northern Ontario, after a 34-year-old from Sault Ste. Marie was killed in a single-vehicle collision involving an ATV in April.

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...powwow bids adieu to Karen McGraw

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cil, to raise funds for this event through scone dog and taco days. Additionally, Ms. McGraw holds several positions at the school board and union level, enriching education and working conditions.

"Karen brings her students to the vibrant greenhouse for a period each day and has always looked for ways to enhance student opportunities in her service on the School Council. Congratulations on your well-earned retirement, Karen," Mr. Wiwchar concluded.

Staff members who worked with Ms. McGraw, alongside the powwow dancers, showed their appreciation and respect for her by dancing to an Honour Song.

When asked, Ms. McGraw said that her favourite part of organizing the powwow for the last 29 years is seeing students from all over Manitoulin get up to dance. From this, a lesson she has learned is to always keep smiling.

The MSS powwow is more than just an annual event, it is a celebration of unity, culture and community. A thank you goes out to all the volunteers, dancers, drummers and community members who made this special day possible.



Flag bearers lined up before the Grand Entry.



Law & Order

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around each other. These passengers were subsequently arrested.

Police searched the vehicle and approximately 63 grams of suspected fentanyl and approximately 83 grams of suspected methamphetamine, with an estimated street value of roughly \$33,000, were found. Police also located approximately \$10,000 in Canadian currency.

As a result of the investigation, Theo Greene, 19, from Ajax, has been charged with failure to comply with an undertaking, two counts of possession of a schedule one substance for trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, and passenger failure to properly wear a seat belt.

Alexandra Gale, 19, from Toronto, has been charged with possession of proceeds or property obtained by crime under \$5,000, obstructing a peace officer, failure to comply with an undertaking, and passenger failure to properly wear seat belts.

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There has been lots of excitement at MSS recently as students and faculty gear up for the last couple weeks of the school year. Along with the warmer weather, there have been new leadership opportunities, sporting events and student-led activities. There is something for everyone to look forward to.

The Rainbow District School Board is currently opening applications for the Student Senate, a student-led committee that can shape the student experience across all high schools in the school board. The Senate is responsible for "liaising with student councils and secondary students in their schools for the purpose of, sharing information about student activities, bringing a board-wide student perspective to the student trustee, and collaboratively organizing board-wide student-led initiatives." Students interested in leadership, governance and event planning at the school board level are encouraged to apply. The application process involves submitting a Google Form describing personal leadership endeavours and two references from school faculty. Each month, the student representatives from MSS and other high schools in the Rainbow District School Board travel to

the board office for meetings to reflect on the goings-on at their respective schools.

This year's yearbook committee has sent out the forms for the second round of voting for the Grade Awards. The top five candidates from each category were selected as options for the second vote and are now facing off to see who will win in each of the following categories: Best Dressed, Most Involved, Best Dancer, Most Energetic, Smartest, Most Likely To Be A Millionaire, Best Hair, Best Singer, Most Likely To Become Famous, Most Sporty, Class Clown and Kindest. Winners from each grade will be featured in the yearbook!

The MSS robotics team showcased their robot at the Outdoor Angling Trade Fair this weekend. After a season of hard work, the team is ready for a sum-

mer of community involvement. The Trade Show was the perfect opportunity for the team to demonstrate their engineering skills to visitors from on and off the Island. Attendees of the Trade Show had the opportunity to speak with the team about their design, programming, and outreach, along with seeing this season's robot in action.

Finally, the Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics (NOSSA) is having its tennis tournament this Friday, May 24 where qualifying students from MSS will go to compete for a spot at the provincial tournament.

From leadership to sports, there is always something going on at MSS. Whether you are a student, staff member, parent, or community member, there is plenty to be excited about at our school.

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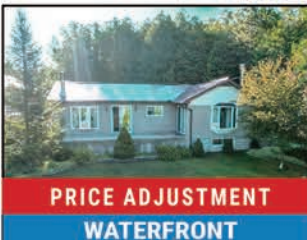
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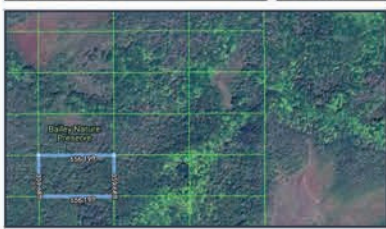
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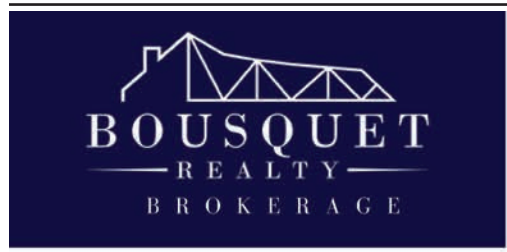
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Island minor hockey stalwarts honoured for their contributions

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Two long-time contributors to minor hockey on Manitoulin have been bestowed awards by the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA). Jackie White was presented with the Randy Thibault Memorial Award while Greg Lockeyer received the Jack Clark Most Deserving Official Award at the MMHA annual general meeting last week.

In an interesting twist, each nominated the other for their respective awards,

who came along in Manitoulin minor hockey, with providing them the information necessary to get things done and the rationale for its necessity," said Mr. Lockeyer. "This in itself was not an easy task as leading an association such as Manitoulin Minor Hockey who govern the six individual associations from across the Island, a constant is needed, and Jackie was able to provide this."

"When looking back though, I believe it was during the COVID pandemic that Jackie's prowess as an organized person



Two long-time contributors to minor hockey on Manitoulin Island have been recognized for their efforts with prestigious awards by the Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA). Jackie White was presented with the Randy Thibault Memorial Award while Greg Lockeyer received the Jack Clark Most Deserving Official Award. In photo from left are Greg Lockeyer, Amanda Bond, president of the MMHA, and Jackie White.

a fact each was unaware of.

"I have known Jackie White for many years now, since she stepped up to get involved with being secretary on the MMHA executive," said Mr. Lockeyer, who nominated Ms. White for the award. "I did not know Jackie before this, however her name did precede her with hearing many wonderful attributes from those in her community of Manitowaning."

"When Jackie joined Manitoulin Minor Hockey, she did it in a dual role as she often stepped in as the community rep, bringing the concerns and achievements from Manitowaning to the Island table. However, it became obvious when Jackie took on the role as secretary that she was in her element," said Mr. Lockeyer.

"Jackie's organizational skills became quite apparent. She was able to put a much-needed grasp on the goings-on of the MMHA executive and help keep everyone informed and accountable," said Mr. Lockeyer. "While the latter is sometimes a non-forgiving job, it was/is necessary that the MMHA did not fall behind the requirements of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) and/or Hockey Canada."

"Jackie was able to guide presidents

shone through," continued Mr. Lockeyer. "This was no doubt the most difficult time that we had experienced in our lifetime. Living in general, saw daily changes and requirements, not to mention the thought of trying to continue putting in the work for the opportunity for the youth to take part in a sport they loved."

Mr. Lockeyer explained, "While the governing bodies of hockey across Canada, Ontario and Northern Ontario did their best to put safety standards in place, Manitoulin Minor Hockey did their best to keep the ice in and the kids playing. The rules set forward did not please everyone. However, Jackie was bound and determined that hockey would be played, even if it meant drastic safety measures had to be put in place and followed."

"Without a doubt, the MMHA executive did an amazing job to keep the game alive and those of us in the know realize it had much to do with the tenacity of Jackie White," said Mr. Lockeyer.

"On a personal note, I have come to know Jackie quite well over the past number of years, since her involvement with Manitoulin minor hockey. However, Jackie's commitment to youth goes well beyond the ice surface. Jackie has ...continued on page 4A

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



OHL's newest player!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan, having been drafted by teams in two different leagues, was spoiled for choice but has decided to sign with the Ottawa 67's! The 67's are a fantastic organization and they are likewise very appreciative of their young phenom. The general manager, **James Boyd**, posted, "Kohyn Eshkawkogan has signed an Ontario Hockey League Scholarship and Development Agreement with the 67's. Kohyn is an intelligent and efficient defender with excellent skating ability!"

This past weekend, Kohyn was one of only 22 2008-born male and female athletes selected to participate in the Fuelling the Future Invitational Camp hosted by the Toronto Maple Leafs and Gatorade. The event was held at the Ford Performance Centre—the practice facili-

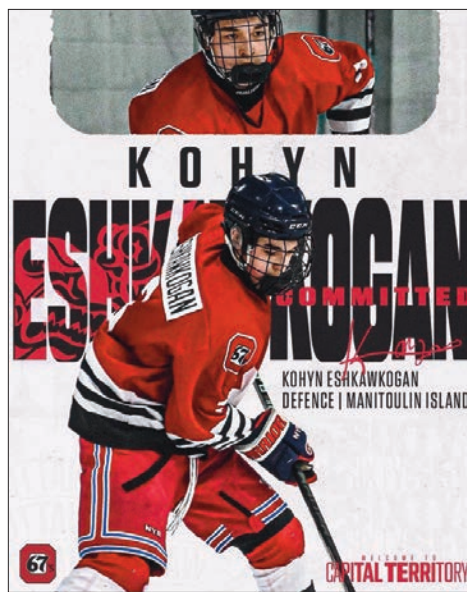
Eagles compete in Flag Football!

The Central Manitoulin Public School's boys' and girls' flag football teams competed in the Lancers' Flag Football Tournament this past week. Teacher and Coach **Ellen Ferguson's** girls' team won third place with her team featuring: **Chloe Cooper, Corie Brown, Nova Debassige, Kristen Lee, Allie Flikweert, Lily Carrick and Amber Brizuela.**

On the guys' side, Coach **John Spanos'** team took fourth place with his charges: **Adam Spry, Keegan Cranney, Reid Hare, Devon Mackelvie, Charles Skippen, Ryley Corbiere, Spencer Johnston, Theo Verboom and Benny Cooper!**

Big Apple marathoners!

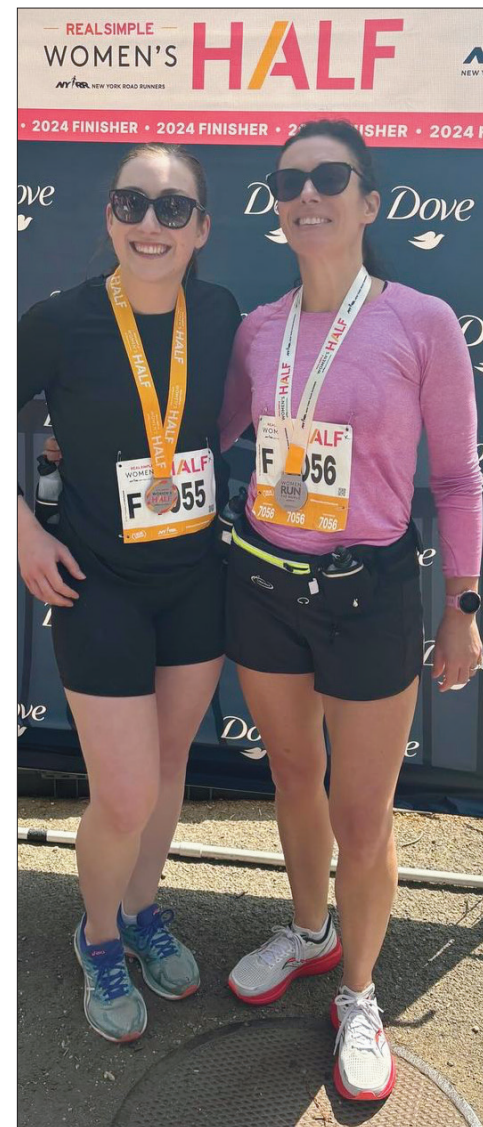
Several Islanders travelled to New York City on April 28 to participate in a half-marathon. On the Rock Fitness Center co-owner **Denise Graham**, her daughter **Karissa Turner** and **Lor-rilee McGregor** ran twice around the



Kohyn Eshkawkogan



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Karissa Turner and her mother Denise Graham participated in a New York City half marathon.

ty for the Toronto Marlies and Toronto Maple Leafs!

There were various on and off ice sessions over a jam packed two days with special guests like **Darcy Tucker, Shayne Corson, Sam Cosentino, Frank Corrado, Jennifer Botterill and Ryan Reaves** sharing their knowledge and experiences. Congratulations, Kohyn, what memories you are creating!

world-famous Central Park along with 8,252 other runners. Running 21 km is challenging under the best conditions, but the hills and warm weather made it especially difficult. They finished close to their goal times and are already planning their next race!

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Noojmowin Teg hosts Cultural Day at M'Chigeeng's Lakeview School

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—The halls and classrooms of Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng were bustling last week as Noojmowin Teg Health Centre hosted 'Reviving Our Traditions and Cul-

ture,' a traditional health gathering at the school for Education Week.

"We are holding a traditional culture gathering," said Christianna Jones, Health and Wellness Manager at Noojmowin

Teg. She noted the day's events included archery, painting, language, storytelling, seed sharing, powwow fitness, cedar foot soaks (and you thought cedar was just for tea) and land-based learning.

The day was very well attended by both youth and adults and featured plenty of insight into the history and peoples of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

One of the popular stops was with Jean Bebamash,



Gene Bebamash holds court with the map showing the location of M'Chigeeng families and elders. The list and map are intended as a resource for families returning to the community to find their roots.

photos by Michael Erskine



Trapper Norm Assiniwe demonstrates the art of beaver skinning.

who has created a historical map of where each family and elder lived, although he admits he has some help with the artwork on his map. "I can't draw to save my life," he laughed. "But I created this so that people coming back to the community can find where their parents, grandparents and other ancestors lived. I have marked out where each of them lived."

Trapper Norm Assiniwe was on hand, complete with thawing beaver carcass, to demonstrate

the art of skinning and tanning a hide, although Mr. Assiniwe admits he doesn't do his own tanning these days. "I used to do all my own tanning, but I have a day job that keeps me pretty busy and there is only so much time," he laughed.

In addition to some great learning opportunities, there were prizes of golf memberships for adults and children, an adult and child bicycle package, \$500 Freshmart gift card and tabletop patio heater and chairs.



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Your Dollar Store With More

**Employment Opportunity
Store Manager**

The Wikwemikong Development Commission is seeking a highly motivated and well organized individual to fill the position of Store Manager. The Store Manager reports directly to Enaadmaagehjik General Manager and will be responsible for the operations of Your Dollar Store With More.

General Duties:

1. Develops, maintains and administers a sound business and organizational plan for the business, which includes an operating, human resources, business and marketing plan.
2. Hires, develops and supervises all key employees of the business and ensures that all employees have the necessary certification.
3. Consistently assures that the business is operated in accordance with all applicable local municipal, provincial and federal laws.
4. Oversees the care and maintenance of the business' physical assets and facilities.
5. Ensures the highest standards in customer service and will work toward and achieve ISO Certification.
6. Analyzes financial statements (income and expenses) relative to budgeted goals and takes corrective measures as necessary.
7. Oversees the Point of Sale's Operational systems and ensures inventory is maintained.
8. Ensures the accuracy and accounting of all sales transactions.
9. Will be responsible for the cash management procedures.
10. Prepares and presents financial and operational reports to the Wikwemikong Development Commission's Board of Directors on a monthly basis.
11. Responsible for hiring, scheduling, supervising and directing the work of employees in the retail store.
12. Will attend to all marketing and sales activity to attract customers and organizations to patronage the store, will attend required trade shows, visiting organizations and tend to all media relations.
13. Participates in outside activities to enhance the presence and brand of the Your Dollar Store With More in the local community and regional communities.
14. Will research and actively pursue other goods and products for resale.
15. Other applicable duties/responsibilities as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must have 3-5 years related management experience in operating a business, with a proven track record of leading a professional, efficient, high quality, service-oriented operation.
- Post-secondary education in business or commerce is an asset.
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be highly organized, efficient and detail-oriented.
- Must have excellent interpersonal/relationship skills.
- Demonstrate ability to work in a fast-paced, multi-task environment and flexible hours.
- Must be proficient in the use of computers, accounting/database software and Point of Sale systems.
- Must have extensive human resource background in supervisory, coaching and staff development experience.
- Must have a strong business aptitude and passion for the retail industry.
- Must have a valid G driver's licence and access to a vehicle is required.
- Must be bondable, therefore, a clear and current CPIC (last 90 days) will be required upon hiring.

Deadline: Until Filled

Salary & Benefits: Pending qualifications.
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit covering letter, resumé and three recent work-related reference letters (last three years) to:
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2102 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
For more information, contact Mary Lynn Odjig, General Manager/EDO at 705-859-3001



**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
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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.

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- 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.

Volunteers at Manitoulin Lodge feted by residents and staff

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Volunteers are cherished by the residents and staff of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay.

“Volunteers are paid in six figures,” said Manitoulin Lodge resident Marie Ann Bowerman. “In S-M-I-L-E-S.”

“Thank you to our volunteers. The smallest act of kindness is more than the grandest of intentions,” was a comment made by a resident of the Lodge as its staff and administration held a volunteer appreciation celebration last Thursday.

After Gloria Hall, activities coordinator at the Lodge welcomed everyone to the celebration, Jaime Lynn-Kalmikov, administrator of the Lodge said, “We thank all of you for joining us. We’re going to have a great afternoon showing appreciation for all our volunteers.” “We appreciate everything that you do, every day for the lodge and our residents,” said Ms. Kalmikov.

“It is great to see everyone here on this gorgeous day,” said Ms. Hall. “I want to start off by thanking each and every one for sharing your precious time by volunteering. Whether it’s with hair care helping residents to the salon to get their hair done, providing music and song for an entertaining afternoon, helping with bingo, helping residents to find numbers and pictures, ladies and men’s breakfast-a monthly event where volunteers cook and serve breakfast to our residents, pastoral care-providing weekly inspirational spiritual services, the supper club-a program in the winter where residents help with the preparation and enjoy the fruit of their labour served by the volunteers, angel bus drivers who drive our bus to various appointments and outings, angel bus companions/volunteers who accompany a resident to an appointment, special events volunteers-volunteers who



Volunteers and several staff members of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay pose together during a 'Volunteer Appreciation' celebration.

help with monthly special events and days, pet therapy-volunteers who share their pets with us, one to one visitors-volunteers who visit residents, volunteers who help with outings being it picnics, dress rehearsals, community events etc. These are just a few ways that volunteers help.” Ms. Hall explained, “We have a core of volunteers who meet monthly to help plan events, the Robbie Burn’s party, Lumber Jack and

Jill days, a St. Patrick’s Day party, Easter events, Mother and Father’s Day events, special teas, Canada Day celebrations, Remembrance Day, and Christmas events to name a few. We try to have at least one special event each month,” she said, pointing out, “Recently we had the pleasure of being entertained by a magician. Everyone is welcome to join the meetings or events any time.”

“Each and very one is

photo by Tom Sasvari

appreciated. Many of our events wouldn’t happen without the help of volunteers,” said Ms. Hall. “It’s hard to come up with adequate words to tell you how much your support means. You are all hard working, unique and selfless individuals who make such an unforgettable difference to many.”

“Thank you for the energy and passion that you give to the residents and Manitoulin Lodge. As the saying goes, “People of

ten forget what you said but they remember your actions and how it made them feel,” continued Ms. Hall. “You are remarkable human beings with a big heart for others. You bring positive energy to whatever you are doing. You have a heart of gold.”

“I know volunteers don’t ask for rewards, but we hope our tokens of appreciation will be a reward for you just the same,” said Ms. Hall, of the volunteer gifts loving created by the residents.

“Volunteers don’t necessarily have the time, they just have the heart and make it work,” said Ms. Hall in reading a poem celebrating volunteers and the ‘Heart of Flexibility.’

During the celebrations the volunteers and residents sang three songs including ‘Que Sera Sera,’ ‘Swinging on a Star’ and ‘That’s What Friends are For.’”

Everyone then had the time to socialize and enjoy cake, goodies and refreshments.



CASE SUPERVISOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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(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:

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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

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Key Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

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- 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.

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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.
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- Solid analytical, mathematical and problem-solving skills.

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...continued from page 1A taken on the task of organizing a youth ball tournament each of the past two years in Manitowaning, providing another sporting opportunity for community and Island youth," said Mr. Lockeyer. "Jackie has been a resource for me as I am often in touch with her to get her opinion on how to apply for grants to help improve my community or just a phone call to say, 'I need help with my computer.' No matter the request, Jackie is always quick to reply and most often, eager to help," continued Mr. Lockeyer. "I value the friendship we have developed, and I am very thankful for this wonderful community resource."

"Jackie White is fully deserving of the Randy Thibault Memorial Award for her outstanding dedication to the hockey playing youth of Manitoulin," added Mr. Lockeyer.

"It was a complete surprise and honour to find out that my association and Greg (Lockeyer) had

nominated me, and I was the recipient of the Randy Thibault Award," Ms. White said. She has been involved with MMHA for over a decade as well as with Manitowaning Minor Hockey Association. "After much thought I felt it was a good time to give other people the opportunity to help shape hockey on Manitoulin and I have stepped down at both Manitowaning and Manitoulin minor hockey association levels."

"I have had the absolute pleasure to work with some remarkable people," said Ms. White. "It was incredible to deal with serious situations and work with individuals who care so much about the players and game and always want to do what is best for them. The people that sat at the Manitoulin MHA table over the past decade deserve so many accolades for showing up, volunteering, often making hard decisions and genuinely caring so much about the youth," she said.

"There were certainly people I went to for ad-

vice on a regular basis," continued Ms. White. "I won't name them, but they know who they are. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention all the help NOHA North Bay gave me, as well as our district rep Mike Bridgeman."

"Manitowaning MHA was always such a delight to be a part of from the executive to the parents and of course the incredible players," said Ms. White.

"I can honestly say, every decision I made was about doing what was best for the kids. We truly have the best kids on Manitoulin and they deserve the best hockey we can give them," added Ms. White.

Mr. Lockeyer was presented with the Jack Clark Most Deserving Official Award. "I was certainly surprised, especially since I didn't officiate this past year. But I was around to provide ongoing support, watch games, and if anyone asked me for help, I would, or provide suggestions."

"I was also able to make connections in other communities with officials,

for those of the Island officials who are going to school in other areas," said Mr. Lockeyer.

"When you think of hockey on Manitoulin, a few names come to mind. One of them is Greg Lockeyer," said Jackie White, who nominated him for this award. "With a history spanning 40 years, he has literally done it all. From coach to referee, to District and MMHA Referee in Chief, to ref assignor to scheduler, to disciplinary committee and perhaps the most important one to MMHA, is our 'go to' guy. It is a bit ridiculous if we ever tried to count the times we said, 'let's ask Greg.' Myself personally, I am well into the thousands."

"Greg coached and was trainer for seven years as his kids went through the divisions," said Ms. White. "He was the trainer for the Telus Cup winning team in 2008, but being Greg modest as can be, he called himself the 'chief skate sharpener' as the portable skate sharpening equipment travelled with the team."

"Greg has been an on-ice official since he was 13 years old and recently retired but he still gets calls from referees, even this past season," said Ms. White. "That is roughly 40 years. The knowledge this man has is astounding, but what is more impressive is his delivery of it. Greg is always calm, cool and collected. No matter if he is on or off the ice. We have sat in meetings where people were actually yelling at him, and he remained unflappable and presented his opinion in a respectful and relaxed manner."

"For Manitoulin hockey, Greg is our go to for any questions about officiating, and at any time of day or night," said Ms. White. "He was the Dis-

trict Referee in Chief for the (NOHA) for five years and was Manitoulin's MHA RIC for 10 years."

"He always presented statistics to show trends, number of games officiated, how many new referees, and how many times they were shadowed by him or one of our other senior referees," continued Ms. White. "He was available to the executive and all his officiating team and did so much mentoring to the new and young referees. He taught numerous referee clinics for our young officials just starting out."

Ms. White said, "Parents, coaches and players would breathe a sigh of relief when he skated onto the ice. All our Island officials are amazing but when we know a game may be a bit difficult, we called Greg. Playoffs, we called Greg. We can count on him and know that he is delivering the best officiating that he can."

"We could not even begin to count the emails, phone calls and text messages all associations send him when we need clarification on something or asking for feedback in a situation. We still ask him to attend the MMHA meetings as he brings so much knowledge to the table and always has insight to help steer us in the right direction," said Ms. White. "What is truly remarkable is that, after 40 years, he continues to make himself available and always is positive and inspiring about hockey on Manitoulin. Even in some not so happy situations that of course arise in any sport, he looks for the positive and how to improve and move on. Having a key person like that involved in hockey is a rare gem."

"Truly there is no one in hockey on Manitoulin more dedicated than Greg

Lockeyer. Manitoulin MHA knows how fortunate we are to have him and most likely we will continue to abuse that for years to come," said Ms. White. "Manitoulin MHA is honoured to bestow the Jack Clark Most Deserving Official Award to Greg Lockeyer."

Mr. Lockeyer said, "I miss being on the ice with the guys. Officials are the third line on the ice. But I worked with the NOHA this winter, especially in the area of maltreatment investigations. This is where a player or coach makes discriminatory comments about another player, coach or referee and the NOHA has to investigate. We interview the complainant, talk to the referees, the person accused and witnesses to the incident and fill in a form after our investigation to give our opinion on whether the incident did, or did not occur. Mike Bridgeman is the NOHA Council director."

"I was actually shocked to win the Jack Clark award," said Mr. Lockeyer. "But I am still involved on the sidelines as a resource person."

The Jack Clark Award is presented to an official who has played a key role in the officiating program on Manitoulin Island. This person is someone who has been involved with assigning, instruction, administration and supervising young officials. This person would be someone who would be greatly missed if they were no longer involved.

Jack Clark was instrumental in recruiting officials in Gore Bay as well as being their Referee in Chief. Jack also supervised and trained young officials on and off the ice. Jack is also a great volunteer in the community of Gore Bay.

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Little Current Yacht Club sails again—Youth Sailing Program filling up fast

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Little Current Yacht Club (LCYC) may have found itself teetering on the edge of life support during the restrictions of the pandemic, but it has rebounded with a vengeance and members are looking forward to a full return of activities this boating season.

The Expositor sat down with newly-installed Commodore Bruce O'Hare, himself a charter member of the club, to discuss the upcoming year.

"We are really pleased to see the youth sailing program back up and running again this year," said Mr. O'Hare, noting that the classes last season were fully subscribed.

"This year we are adding classes in Aundeck Omni Kaning," he said. "We have classes in Gore Bay, Manitowaning, Wiikwemkoong and Little Current, so although we are the Little Current Yacht Club, we are really Island-wide."

In fact, the youth sailing program has proven so popular and successful that it has now expanded to include Sault Ste. Marie. "We will be offering a one-week course in Sault Ste. Marie for the Algoma Sailing Club," said Mr. O'Hare. "They called us up and said, 'we don't have a program, can we be part of yours?'"

The youth sailing program has been in play for more than 10 years, noted the commodore. "That's eight weeks, with 12 students in a class for more than a decade, we have literally trained 1,000 students," he said.

The program would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of LCYC members, noted Mr.



A group of young sailors from back in 2012 pose for a photo following their graduation while sitting on one of the PICO sailing dinghies that the club uses in the program.



A flotilla of sailors sets sail in Gore Bay Harbour.

O'Hare, singling out O.H. Rodgers for special mention. "He slugs the Picos (small training sailboats used in the program) around and loads them onto the trailer," said Mr. O'Hare. "Then he takes them to Wiikwemkoong or Gore Bay, wherever the classes are taking place." That's a three-hour or more tour."

"We are 100 percent volunteer driven," said Mr. O'Hare. "We do it because it is the right thing to do. When you see the happy faces, that is more than enough reward."

Doctors Bob and Carol Brock have donated a larger sailing vessel (Mayfair) that will allow students to "level up" their skills to handling larger boats.

LCYC is far more than the youth sailing program, however.

"WD 40 for the Mind" grew out of member Roy Eaton's popular 'Cruisers' Net' broadcasts from the Anchor Inn," said Mr. O'Hare. "He offers boaters in the area a variety of entertaining and informative lectures on subjects from favorite harbors to astronomy." The dates and location of the lectures are announced on the broadcast. Attendance is a chance for cruisers to "get together while passing along a little knowledge" and the lectures are free.

Among this year's 'WD 40 for the Mind' sessions held on Saturday mornings at the Anchor Inn in Little Current are talks on travelling the 'Great Loop,' first aid for boaters and chartering in the Caribbean—to name a few.

The LCYC racing program is also back, boasting four races that take sailors on a variety of courses, depending on the weather conditions of the day. The series attracts many participants who vie for a race flag and bragging rights at the dinner party that follows each race. The boat that has the best performance in three out of four races wins the coveted Manitoulin Island 'Boat of the Year' award.

The popular 'Dingy Poker Run' began in 2009 and has provided participants with "a wet and wild time." The fun activity is aimed at promoting friendship amongst visitors and local boaters alike.

The 2024 LCYC board of directors include Commodore O'Hare, Vice Commodore Alistair Stephen, Past Commodore O.H. Rodgers, Treasurer Rod MacLeod, Secretary (vacant), Rear Commodore - Local Racing Rob Norris, Rear Commodore - Membership and Media Brian O'Neill, Rear Commodore - Cruisers' Net Roy Eaton and Rear Commodore David Naples. The posts of secretary and rear commodore are currently vacant.

More information on the club and its programs can be found on its website, LCYC.ca and the CanSail program details can be found at Sailing.ca/cansail.



Employment Opportunity Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services Apprenticeship Program Coordinator

Reporting to: ASETS Manager and/or LMS Operations Supervisor

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Salary Range: \$48,750 – \$51,000 per annum

Key Job Functions:

- Identify, assess/evaluate and act on apprenticeship training and business opportunities;
- Write proposals to secure funds to support apprenticeship training through education systems;
- Create, maintain, provide statistical reporting, coordinating to ensure program success;
- Provide performance measurement updates; assist WLMS staff with monitoring;
- Participate with and provide recommendations to the WDC Board of Directors regarding apprenticeship labour market issues and setting of apprenticeship training priorities;
- Recommend follow-up strategies for continued apprenticeship client services and conducting follow-up to ensure post-intervention strategies are in place for clients;
- Conduct review of past apprenticeship interventions and provide follow-up to address gaps in service, if any;
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Deadline: May 29, 2024

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NEMI Farmers' Market gears up for 2024 season

by Michael Erskine
 LITTLE CURRENT—The NEMI Farmers' Market is the only remaining Island summer market that can officially use the farmers' market appellation. The strictures behind becoming a verified "Farmers' Market" are set by Farmers' Market Ontario and must be adhered to if the community-driven event is to be identified as such. A 'Verified Local Farmers' Market' is defined by Farmers' Market Ontario as "a producers-only, community-driven (not private) multi-vendor farmers' market featuring only the actual farmers, growers and producers of the products they sell. No reselling is permitted."

This message was driven home during a farmers' market organizing meeting held at the NEMI Rec Centre in Little Current on the evening of May 15.

Co-organizers Leila Kiviaho and Ray Bernstein explained the ins and outs of maintaining the farmers' market label.

The NEMI Farmers' Market is one of the most successful markets on the



Farmers' Market stalwart Ray Bernstein had plenty of heritage tomatoes on offer during previous seasons at the NEMI Farmers' Market. Mr. Bernstein announced that he will not be as active at the market this year due to work commitments.



Long-time vendor (now retired) Frank Gallo is pictured here along with the tomato plants he had for sale.

Island, boasting 46 paid memberships last year, according to Ms. Kiviaho. "Not everyone showed up every Saturday," said Ms. Kiviaho. "We usually have about 24 or 25 ven-

dors on any given Saturday," said Mr. Bernstein "It was a busy market last year."

The market is open every Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm, beginning June

8 through to October 12 (Thanksgiving Weekend).

One of the key benefits of being an official farmers' market is that the community group shelters under the insurance policy of Farmers' Market Ontario. Over the course of a season, that can amount to some serious savings. Although individual insurances required at other venues that are not "official" are not hugely expensive, they can add up.

Membership in the NEMI Farmers' market costs a base \$35, plus \$5 for each Saturday the vendor attends the market to sell (first and last weeks are free with membership). That entitles the vendor to a 10'X10' table and tent,

which the vendor must supply themselves. Larger space requirements will result in larger daily fees.

During the meeting, it was noted that the NEMI Farmers Market had a healthy bank balance and it was decided that the organization would make two donations of \$1,500, one to Manitoulin Centennial Manor and the other to Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank.

Better signage was also brought up at the meeting, and two local vendors volunteered to create three sandwich board style signs for placement at locations at the entrances to Little Current.

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- Exhibit an ability to be open and work with other team members
- Must show proof of COVID 19 vaccination

Experience:

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Whether she's lacing up spikes, skates or court shoes, Ava is always ready to jump on any opportunity to be active! Growing up with a heavy involvement in athletics, Ava has developed a love for sports which shines in each of her athletic endeavours. In her second year rocking the black and gold, Ava has established herself as a dedicated and enthusiastic athlete, making her a great addition to each team she participates on! Her success as a great all around athlete indicates that she will have a bright future at MSS!

Before conquering Mustangs athletics, Ava wore the purple of Central Manitoulin Public School. Throughout her elementary school years she could be spotted signing up for every sports team her school offered, from the trail, to the track, to the courts. She participated on the cross country, baseball, volleyball, flag football, basketball, and track and field teams as a CMPS Eagle. Through her participation in a wide variety of sports, she discovered that athletics are a fantastic way to stay healthy mentally and physically. One thing she appreciates most about sports is that it has created so many opportunities for her to meet new people and build friendships.

Ava has transitioned smoothly into the world of highschool athletics, wasting no time in joining in. To kick her rookie year off, she became a member of the cross country team. Her debut in the black and gold was made at Pre-NSSA cross country. She moved on to compete at NOSSA, where the novice girls' team came up just short of qualifying for the provincial championship. With cross country season wrapping up, the volleyball season began. On the junior girls' team, Ava played libero, digging and passing up balls to help her team achieve an undefeated season of league play! After bringing home the NSSA gold, Ava made another NOSSA appearance where the girls' captured second place! With little turnaround time, Ava jumped on the badminton team, competing at NSSA in the novice singles event. She also participated in track and field where she raced in the long distance events at NOSSA. Even with her participation on various teams, Ava stayed committed to the girls' hockey team, which she played defense on. This year, she was eager to lace up the spikes again, playing a key role on the junior girls' cross country team and helping them to win NSSA, and punch their ticket to the OFSSA championships! Cross country running wasn't the only sport Ava represented MSS at in the fall either. She was one of three Mustangs who qualified to golf on the provincial stage! After a busy fall season, Ava jumped back on the court to play in the libero position on the junior girls' volleyball team. She then picked up a badminton racket, winning NSSA in the junior girls' doubles category. Appearing at another NOSSA, Ava and her partner took third place. With the same partner, Ava also played on the tennis team. Ava has her sights set on the track season, competing in the long distance races!

Neglecting to take the skates off, Ava continued to play hockey outside of high school. Last year she represented the Manitoulin Panthers, while this year she played for the Lady Panthers, helping her team to earn their way to provincials! Hockey holds a special place in Ava's heart as she explains that when she steps on the ice her mind becomes clear and she instantly becomes happy. Whether it be a routine practice or an important game, she always looks forward to the next time she can tie up her skates. Through this sport, she has overcome many challenges and fears, helping to shape her into the best version of herself. Hockey motivates Ava to always strive to reach that next level and reach her potential.

When the warm weather finally rolls around forcing Ava to hang up the skates, she continues to find ways to stay active. In the summer months, she loves to enjoy the water by fishing and boating. Camping and hunting are among the list of other activities Ava especially likes. She can also be spotted with her two dogs, Tonka and Roxy, who encourage her to keep moving by begging for walks. While participating in these endeavors, Ava finds that she gets the opportunity to cherish time outdoors with family and friends.

While juggling a busy schedule, Ava also manages to find time for her studies. She especially likes math because of the challenge it can provide, forcing her to think critically.

Ava's success in athletics and academics can be attributed to one of her largest inspirations: her dad. Ava explains that despite her dad driving her to late night hockey practices, he still gets up early to work each morning. Ava acknowledges that if her dad can do it, she can get up early for school after late nights at hockey too. He has had a large presence in Ava's athletics, helping out by coaching wherever necessary. On the academic side, Ava's dad is always willing to help her prepare for a test or give her a hand in a project. His work ethic and support inspires Ava to be the best that she can be.

With the goal of incorporating her passion for athletics while also helping others, Ava is exploring the idea of pursuing a career in physiotherapy. With Ava's positive attitude and work ethic, she is sure to continue to dominate on and off the court!

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