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FOOD FOR THOUGHT—The steady downpours experienced on Saturday, May 20 did little to dampen spirits or attendance at the second Pork Roast fundraiser aimed at building a parochial school in Tehkummah for that community's fast growing Amish community. The parking lot was filled with vehicles of all makes, models and descriptions, including plenty of those horse-drawn buggies that have become a common sight along Island highways and byways. Supporters from across Manitoulin and the North Shore, some even from as far away as Kincardine, came to dine and bid on the many items available at the accompanying auction.

photo by Michael Erskine

Assiginack, Steamship Society seek discussions with senior governments on assistance with Norisle

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—Assiginack council is petitioning provincial and federal government officials, along with the executive of the Norisle Steamship Society, to attend a meeting to discuss the disposition of the S.S. Norisle. This issue was raised at an Assiginack Township council meeting last week. Councillor Rob Maguire told council, "I shared this proposed motion with the society, and they were okay with it." "We are requesting a meeting to be held with our federal member of parliament Carol Hughes, our provincial MPP Michael Mantha and the executive of the steamship society to discuss the disposition of the S.S. Norisle and any measures that can be undertaken to mitigate risks to the community until the disposition is

complete," said Mayor Brenda Reid. "We want to bring everyone to the table," said Mayor Reid. "We can't figure out how to get rid or do something with the ship. And we need to dispose of the ship from the waterfront somehow. When you have something, an issue that is bigger than the municipality can handle, you need to get some help." "We aren't thinking anything specific for the ship, but something needs to be done with it," said Mayor Reid. "At this point we can't even get a salvage company to talk to us about getting rid of the ship. We are looking for any options or ideas of what we can do." "Maybe having our provincial/federal politicians and the steamship society, they can promote..."
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Sheshegwaning launches commercial fish farm

by Tom Sasvari
SHESHEGWANING—Sheshegwaning First Nation's Odawa Island (fish) Farm has just finalized a new partnership with Cedar Crest Farms/Springhills Fish. "Sheshegwaning First Nation is thrilled about the partnership and looks forward to a prosperous relationship between our two businesses," said Sheshegwaning Chief Alana Endanawas.

Chief Endanawas explained that Odawa Island Farm began five years ago but only ever operated as a small pilot site. "Cedar Crest/Springhills Fish has been helping the startup operators for the last two years by sharing their fish farm experience." "We were pleased to make things happen once they had the chance to participate formally," said Chief Endanawas. "This new partnership opens up oppor-

tunities to grow more rainbow trout than ever before. We will get to raise them to the same ethical and eco-friendly standard that is expected of us." R.J. Taylor, who co-owns the Cedar Crest Farms/Springhills Fish with his sister Arlen said in a post online, "Arlen and I are excited to announce a new addition to the Springhills family. We just finalized a new partnership with Sheshegwaning First Nation for a new fish farm on Manitoulin Island." "This farm was created five years ago, but only ever operated as a small pilot site," wrote Mr. Taylor. "We've been helping the previous owners for the last two years by sharing our fish farm experience, and then an opportunity came to get involved officially." "We couldn't be more delighted to be in business with our friends at Sheshegwaning. It's been fantastic getting to know

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Rainbow Roundup AA gathering marks 50-year anniversary

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT—A 50-year commitment to anything—marriage, career, volunteerism—deserves a proper celebration, and that's what took place May 19-21 at Manitoulin and Espanola's 50th Annual Rainbow Roundup. First of all, what is a roundup? Though not sanctioned by Alcoholics Anonymous, a roundup is a

weekend of speakers, panels and discussions put together by AA and Al-Anon members; volunteers dedicated to sharing, helping, teaching and learning about the 12 Step program of Alcoholics Anonymous. From its inception in 1972, the Rainbow Roundup continues to grow. Starting out in the base-

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AFN statement on national chief unequivocal in calling for her ouster as a 'bully'

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—The executive committee of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) has outlined why it has called for AFN National Chief RoseAnne Archibald to be expelled from her position. A workplace investigation carried out by third-party and neutral investigators revealed that employees faced harassment and reprisals from the national leader. The investigation found two AFN employees were harassed by the national chief and that the investigation, which commenced June 14, 2022, found that five employees experienced reprisals

and had their confidentiality breached by the national chief, according to a summary report obtained by The Expositor. The report described the AFN's workplace environment as 'highly politicized, divided and even fractured.' The summary report was distributed to First Nations chiefs across Canada on May 18. A June 28 virtual AFN meeting is where the national chief's future will be decided. The summary report distributed to chiefs-in-assembly included details of National Chief Archibald's alleged harassment

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North's oldest paper marks 144th year this week

Still doing its job: family finds ideal Island farm through an Expositor ad

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Renecker family's move to their new farm on Smeltzer's Road in Tehkummah is an excellent choice for this year's Expositor volume change story. Not only do the Reneckers personify the increasing demand for Manitoulin farmland but it also gives perspective to the benefits of a well-read community newspaper. Lyle Renecker ran a standard display ad in the November 2, 2022 edition outlining what he was looking for and a Providence Bay reader (now a friend) saw the ad and contacted Mr. Renecker to bring the Tehkummah property to his attention. The rest is history.

by Heather Marshall
TEHKUMMAH—At almost the exact same time that William Loe Smith launched The Manitoulin Expositor in 1879 (144 years ago today, as it happens, on May 24, 1879), the first generation of Renecker farmers was establishing roots in the Stratford area. Lyle Renecker's great-grandparents had emigrated from Hanover, Germany the previous year and purchased land for their farm, which would go on to be home to four generations of livestock and cash crop farmers. The most recent cohort was Lyle and his wife

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RIGHT AT HOME—Father and son Lyle and Johannes Renecker, right to left, have moved to their new farm in Tehkummah on the Blue Jay Creek. The farm will be named Palace Hillside Farm after the multi-generational Perth County farm where Lyle was raised. The tractor is significant as well: it's a Case 2090 that Lyle and his late father Alfred purchased new in 1984 and has also made the move to the Island with the rest of the family. Lyle found the farm last fall after running an ad in The Expositor.



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From left are actors Will Smith, John Robertson, Tara Bernatchez and Tammy Robinson in a scene from 'My Narrator.' GBT took part in Northern Ontario Drama Festival, QUONTA last weekend in North Bay, winning the Outstanding Production Award for its performance of Norm Foster's 'One-Actmanship,' of which 'My Narrator' is a part.

Gore Bay Theatre wins Quonta festival for third consecutive year

by Tom Sasvari

NORTH BAY—After a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic, the annual Quonta (Northern Ontario Drama Festival) was held in North Bay this past holiday weekend, featuring groups from around the region and for the third consecutive year, Gore Bay Theatre has again received The Outstanding Production Award for its performance of Norm Foster's 'One-Actmanship.'

Gore Bay Theatre also received the most awards presented at the festival including the Outstanding Male in a lead role won by John Robertson, the Outstanding Female in a lead role for Tara Bernatchez, an adjudicator's newcomer award for acting for Tammy Robinson, and an ensemble award for acting for John Robertson, Will Smith, Tammy Robinson and Tara Bernatchez.

Will Smith and Tammy Robinson were also nominated in the outstanding supporting actor and actress category.

Co-directors Andrea Emmerton and Walter Maskel were thrilled with the results. Mr. Maskel said, "we were competing against established groups celebrating their 75th anniversary from the Sault and North Bay who have a history of excellence over the years with large memberships, so we were pleased for our actors who were all recognized for

their performances."

Ms. Emmerton added, "the ensemble acting award is a very coveted award because it recognizes the entire cast working together as a team. It is not always presented at festival and to receive it is a great honour for the entire company."

Adjudicator Rod Carley said Gore Bay Theatre had "great respect for Norm Foster and it showed by the quality of their work." He also stated that "all design elements, set, lighting, sound and costumes worked well together and that the performances including pacing, timing, vocal and interaction were outstanding. The production was in good hands because of the experience and knowledge of the directors."

Ms. Emmerton, as president of the Quonta region said, "it was a positive experience for all and an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. Community theatre in Northern Ontario is again thriving and continuing to grow."

'One-Actmanship' will be returning this summer as part of Gore Bay Theatre's summer season. "We will be presenting two Norm Foster comedies this summer, 'One-Actmanship' and 'Lunenburg' because we felt it was important after the pandemic to provide our audiences with light, humorous entertainment by Canada's leading comedic playwright," added Ms. Emmerton.

Bluegrass in the Country offers an exciting weekend

by Michael Erskine

PROVIDENCE BAY—Fears for the future of Bluegrass in the Country, the popular Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) fundraiser featuring a weekend festival of bluegrass musicians, following the announcement that founder and main organizer John Featherstone was moving from the Island have proven unfounded—as the show is most definitely going on.

"We are gearing up," said Ben Lentir, who stepped into the organizing shoes left by Brother John. "Things are going really well. This is going to be another good year."

The decision to take on the role of organizing a major music festival was not made lightly. "A number of board members approached me," he said. Realizing the important role that Bluegrass in the Country plays as MSO's only major fundraising event, Mr. Lentir made the decision to accept the role.

Perhaps best known as a popular Island musician, Mr. Lentir also plays a role as a key member of the Northern Ontario Country Music Association and the Great Northern Opry. As such, Mr.

Lentir has considerable experience in putting together musical events.

Mr. Lentir points out that Bluegrass in the Country is not just another music festival. "Seeing the faces of the MSO athletes, their smiles when they compete, that is something very special," he said. "It is the best thing in the

world."

As such, Mr. Lentir said he and the many other volunteers who help make the event a success intend to do so "for many years to come." That being said, the organizers are always looking for more volunteers, as many hands make light work. "We are always open to

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Fun day planned May 27 for parents and children to discover Island family services

Developmental screening a part of the offering

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Service Provider Network (MSPN) is comprised of several organizations on Manitoulin whose services are important to parents and their children, but many caregivers may not be aware of how or where to access those services. On Saturday, May 27 MSPN has prepared a fun-filled day full of games and prizes to help attract caregivers and children.

"We represent a number of different services for children aged zero to 18," said organizer Katherine McQuarrie, who explained that, like many such gatherings, MSPN Family Fun Screening Day was put on hiatus during the pandemic. "But now we are back

and ready to assist people in accessing the services they need."

There will be developmental screening booths set up on site from 10 am to 3 pm on May 27 at Manitoulin Secondary School, as well as booths from the many service providers offering services on Manitoulin Island.

"We have three bicycles to give away as prizes and gift cards," said Ms. McQuarrie, who noted that the popular 'Popup Play' children's activities will be onsite, as will firefighters and their trucks from a number of Island municipalities. Public Health Sudbury and Districts will be hosting a bike safety

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Jack Purvis and his employees recognized for saving Soo man

by Tom Sasvari

SAULT STE. MARIE—Jack Purvis, who was born and raised in Gore Bay, and two of his employees have been recognized by the Sault Police Service for their life-saving efforts in 2022.

Jack Purvis, owner of Purvis Marine Limited in Sault Ste. Marie along with two members of his crew, Dan Cayen and Darrin Manchester, received commendations for their contributions to the wellbeing and safety of the Sault community.

Mr. Purvis told The Expositor, "We just arranged a boat to help find a man who had jumped into a river. A police officer had walked on to the dock and said there had been a report that someone had jumped into the river. He also said the police were waiting for members of the local fire department to arrive with their boat." "I offered our services and fortunately one of our boats was nearby. In fact, we had two close by, a 40 foot work boat and a tugboat," said Mr. Purvis.

It was reported by the police that they, "Received a call on November 4, 2022 that someone jumped into the St. Mary's River and had possibly injured themselves. While attempting to locate them, police were approached by Mr. Purvis who offered one of his vessels to help locate the person."

"Police boarded the vessel with



Jack Purvis, who is originally from Gore Bay and two of his employees from Purvis Marine Limited in Sault Ste. Marie, have been recognized by the Sault Police Service for their life-saving efforts in 2022.

captain Dan Cayen and crew member Darrin Manchester and they soon spotted the individual in distress," the police report. "Mr. Cayen was able to help get the person onboard safely, despite some resistance from the individual. Mr. Manchester helped pull the individual from the water and onto the boat, keeping them calm while the boat headed back to the

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Committee formed to study future use of Manitowaning's Roller Mills waterfront bldg.

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—An ad hoc roller mills review committee has been established by Assiginack Township council to review all options for and make a recommendation concerning the future use of the Roller Mills building in Manitowaning.

"If anyone has ideas or something that they want to present to the committee as an option for the building, we are definitely open to this," stated Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid at a council meeting last week.

At a previous meeting Assiginack ratepayers had been asked to put their names forward if they were interested in helping the township complete a study on possible future uses for the Roller Mills building on the Manitowaning waterfront.

At last week's meeting council passed a motion, "that we strike



Yet another historic building on Manitowaning's waterfront is up for discussion, the Roller Mills.

an ad hoc Roller Mills review committee consisting of Mayor Brenda Reid, Councillor Jennifer Hooper, ratepayers Fionn Closs, Jane Moggy and Delmer Fields with the (township) economic development officer providing minute keeping, with a mandate to review all options for the Roller Mills and to make a recommendation concerning its future to council."

Mayor Reid had told The Expositor a study will be carried out by the committee to see what options there are for use of the building instead of just letting it sit there as it is. "It looks terrible. We need to do something with it," she said.

"We are looking for a couple of people in the community who, along with myself and another councillor, will look at everything that needs to be done to bring it back up to usable status and options as to what it could be used for," said Mayor Reid. She pointed out if nothing is available option wise, and it is too expensive then the township would have to look at the building coming down. Mayor Reid said the building is in

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editorial

The curious transformation of "woke" to a pejorative

Right-leaning politicians have taken to pillaring those on the left side of the political spectrum as being "woke," attempting to cast shade on the term much as has been largely successful south of the border with the term "liberal" (that's small L in the US context, but big L also fits into the lexicon in Canada).

The original meaning of "woke" comes from the early civil rights movement and is officially defined as being "aware of and actively attentive to important societal facts and issues (especially issues of racial and social justice)." This, to those of the right, is a bad thing, apparently.

There has been an unfortunate drift by the right side of the political spectrum in Western democracies, and the US in particular, into embracing the very worst facets of human nature—overt racism, fear of the other and an "our way or the highway" approach to social engineering.

The right has been aided in redefining "woke" into a pejorative by a population that is growing older and finds itself dismayed and fearful by the rapid changes taking place in society.

Drag queens, members of the LGBTQ2S+, the increasing prevalence of those bearing a skin tone somewhat darker than that which "old stock" Canadians are used to seeing in the grocery store (now even appearing on the streets of small towns and rural areas). All are being harnessed as targets to be feared and any attempt at inclusion or even tolerance is suspect and to be attacked as enemies of the old world order as seen through the rose-coloured lens of privilege.

It is no accident that the invocation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms notwithstanding clause has been almost exclusively utilized by Conservative (big C and little C) premiers (at least outside of Quebec)—all the while casting shade on those of the left and centre as being dictatorial. This is a disturbing situation. As noted by a long-time, now-retired, Progressive Conservative Sudbury politician

"there is no place in the party for Red Tories anymore."

Canadians have always been a pragmatic folk. It comes from living in a relatively harsh environment in smaller communities—we tend to look after each other. The dog-eat-dog ideology that underpins the hard-core capitalist system of our nearest neighbour has had limited traction here in the Great White North.

Our cherished Charter of Rights and Freedoms is now more often cited as an impediment to "right thinking" citizens, those espousing strict (mostly Christian) religious values enjoying their peace order and preventing "good" government.

The frustrations being felt by many citizens, frustrations engendered by the restrictions aimed at combating the global pandemic, are being channeled into a very un-Canadian theme—hate. Those leading the charge and beating the drums of hatred tend to wrap themselves in the flag and patriotism, stealing our national symbols to the point that some Canadians eschew those symbols lest their own image be tainted by hate and anger.

As we approach July 1, our national day celebrating all things Canada, let us reclaim those symbols and the tolerance and inclusion that they have historically symbolized. Canada has embarked on many roads of reconciliation in recent years, attempting to right the wrongs of the past and to chart a new course into the future where all citizens, regardless of race, religion or culture are welcome. It is a road worth travelling.

As a nation we have awakened to the injustices of the past and are seeking to redress those injustices to ensure a better world for all...and that is okay. It stands to reason that it is also okay to be "woke" even if it may be a bit uncomfortable for those of us who remain blind to the systemic privilege from which we still benefit.

In short... it's okay to be "woke," in fact, it's downright Canadian.

letters

A veteran's son comments on Juno Beach controversy

Veterans universally express dismay over condo plan

To the Expositor:

The Expositor provided a very genuine view of Juno Beach Normandy on D Day from a resident of Manitoulin Island (May 18 2022 'Island's last Juno Beach invasion survivor dismayed at plans to build condos close to beach museum area.')

Given the preparation of which my father and uncle were part of, as were thousands of allies, I share the dismay of the French today as expressed by your resident of the Island.

My uncle and aunt were married as troops headed to England; they also had a one-year-old child—as many troops did.

The campaign to end the encroachment of condo building and plans at Juno, and the Juno Beach Centre, is gaining widespread support.

Also, my uncle and aunt were summer residents of Manitoulin and my visit was thoroughly enjoyed. All veterans lost friends, the Juno Beach Centre attests to that.

Lest we forget.

**Ron Bates
Cornwall ON**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The concerns Mr. Bates outlines are genuine. The government of Canada, with the support of the French government, last year purchased the proposed condominium property at Juno Beach and has halted any development plans.

4elements Living Arts continues to enjoy success on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While 2022 was unusual due to the pandemic, 4elements Living Arts (4e) had another successful year.

"2022 was yet another unusual year, but we are pleased to say that our communities continue to engage with land-based arts, and we know that 2023 will be a time for still more exciting opportunities to bring land, arts and community together," said Susan Snelling, president of 4e on behalf of the board of directors at the groups annual meeting recently.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continued, arts and community organizations were hard hit, like so many other industries. But we focused on creating opportunities for artists to do their important cultural work in a way that still engages community," said Ms. Snelling. She pointed out 4e is pleased to be delivering on their vision and mission, "engaged experiences of land, arts and community, and our mission statement is to nurture and inspire community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island."

4elements was supported once again with Ontario Arts Council core operations funding this year. "We are grateful to the OAC for this critical support," said Ms. Snelling.

In the past year 4elements con-



4elements Living Arts president Susan Snelling is joined by Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha and Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasung MP Carol Hughes during the unveiling of a mobile artist studio created by the organization.

tinued with its artist in residence program, taking place in its mobile studio. "The mobile studio will allow us to further our goal to be less tied to one place, and more able to deliver programs in a variety of locations as the need arises. The mobile studio is live/work-space for artist residencies, allowing artists to spend a period of time immersed in a location to do land-based work," explained Ms. Snelling.

"Georgia Hathaway was our second artist in residence in the mobile studio, staying in Ice lake for her time with us," said Ms. Snelling. "Georgia is a musician and songwriter, who wrote several Manitoulin-inspired songs while she was here. She is recording an EP of these songs, so I encourage you to follow her on

Instagram so that you can hear her songs for yourself." She also said, "we are grateful to Linda and Chuc Willson who graciously hosted the mobile studio on their land and were so welcoming to Georgia."

"We are already making plans for more artists in residence to join 4e in 2023. Stay tuned," said Ms. Snelling.

In October 2022, 4e hosted the Elemental Festival in Kagawong and welcomed more than 300 community members to the festival. "Louise Hayden and Rebecca Danard provided amazing coordination for the festival. Thanks to them and to all of our volunteers. The festival featured many remarkable performers." 4e received funding provided by the Canadian Heritage Local Festi-

vals fund and Reconnect Ontario to support Elemental Festival.

"As well, plans are taking shape for Elemental Festival 2023, to be held September 23-24, 2023," announced Ms. Snelling.

"In 2022, 4elements hosted a dance workshop series and performance called We Are Water Bodies by Candice Irwin and youth participants, with artist funding from Ontario Presents. This was a fantastic partnership and we are grateful to Candice and the youth participants for bringing this opportunity to Manitoulin," said Ms. Snelling.

4e was able to provide support for Sheguiandah Summer Stories, led by Shelba Deer and Lisa Hamalainen, along with youth performers. This event will take place again this summer. "A great contribution to our communities," stated Ms. Snelling.

"Finally, a special note of thanks to Richard Lathwell and Gail Los, dedicated members who are finishing their terms. Non-profit arts organizations run on the time and effort of volunteers and people who are willing to take on the responsibility of board service deserve our thanks and gratitude. Richard and Gail, we appreciate everything you contributed and 4elements is stronger for your contributions. We wish you all the best."

obituary

Mary Patricia (Coomes) Buie, November 18, 1944—April 16, 2023

A life of service given to others whether through good times or bad

by Michael Erskine

Mary Buie wore many hats through her 78 years, but nearly all were worn in service to her family and her community. As a Girl Guide, 4-H leader, nurse, midwife, community activist, church warden, Welcome Wagon organizer (both official and unofficial), actor, singer, steadfast friend and confidant, Ms. Buie sometimes seemed to be a veritable force of nature—unflappable and indomitable—and even the aggressive form of cancer that eventually claimed her life could not keep her down while she had breath to take.

Ms. Buie was born in Horley, England as Mary Patricia Coomes, where she first became active in Guiding, something that would hold a special place in her heart throughout her life—serving in the upper organizational levels of Guiding as well as at the grassroots. The then-Ms. Coomes was trained as a nurse and midwife in England before being recruited by the Canadian Red Cross to serve in a remote hospital on Manitoulin Island. In 1969, as a 25-year-old nurse, she boarded the liner Empress of England and set sail for an adventurous life in the new world.

It was while working at the hospital in Mindemoya that the young nurse first met the man who would be the love of her life. John Buie had recently returned to Manitoulin and was injured in a bad snowmobile



Mary Buie's children Jennifer, Robert and Neil bore her ashes into the celebration of life held at the M'Chigeeng Community Centre accompanied by an honour song. Ms. Buie worked at the M'Chigeeng Health Centre following her retirement as a midwife and nurse.

photo by Michael Erskine

accident. Mr. Buie claimed his soon-to-be wife was drawn to him by his secret weapon, a box of chocolates he kept by his bedside.

It was obviously more than just candy that pulled the young nurse to Mr. Buie's side, as she would often arrive on horseback to his hospital window. Eight months later they would be wed in England. Settling eventually in Kagawong and going on to raise three children, Neil, Robert and Jennifer.

Son Neil Lawrence (he took his wife's name upon marriage) said his mother "celebrated life and felt that there were moments in life that definitely called for celebration."

"When my friends and I were getting off the bus for a birthday, mom would meet us with horse and cutter, a big sleigh, and we would tie our sleds to the back of the cutter," recalled Mr. Lawrence. When someone fell off their sled, it was up to them to catch up. "It was a magical part of my childhood," he said.

Another memory was also shared by son Rob Buie. "Mom would bring Beaver (their horse) down to the beach in Kagawong, back when you could do things like that, and he would be tied to the tree, eating grass," he recalled. Beaver would find the snack time interrupted by pony rides." Mr. Buie also has fond memories of the cutter-assisted sled rides.



The late Mary Buie and her husband John (who predeceased her less than three months before), centre, are flanked by their children and their spouses (above), and grandchildren (below).

"She was amazing," said daughter Jen Cichon, "she never sat still." Ms. Cichon recalled her mother taking her to Africa when she was 20, Africa being one of the destinations on Ms. Buie's bucket list. "It was an 11-day safari." Ms. Buie would later travel to Hawaii, another destination on her bucket list, cancer not being able to quell her travel bug.

"Mom was super supportive," said Ms. Cichon. "We were definitely not 'upper class' and mom had to work a lot of hours, but she made sure that we never went without. She wanted us to have different experiences and wanted us to have our minds open to other parts of the world. She knew the world was a pretty big place and felt that we should see it."

Ms. Buie was very busy while her children were growing up, but Ms. Cichon said she and her mother became even closer



A young Mary Buie on the farm in Devon circa August 1961. Ms. Buie never lost her love of the outdoors and working on the land.

when she had grown up. "She was my best friend and advisor," she said. "It was very handy having a mother who is a nurse you could call up and ask 'the kids have a rash, what should I do?'"

Ms. Cichon's daughter, Brooke, 8, recalled her grandmother as "fun, kind and artistic." She cited the family tradition of baking peanut butter chocolate chip cookies. The grandchildren had a wonderful time this past Easter, when, in a bit of a twist, they hid eggs around the property for their grandmother to discover.

Grandson Sebastien, 12, Mr. Lawrence's son recalled his grandmother's unsinkable positivity. "She liked to help people get through hard times," he said. "Even when she was having a rough time, she was



Mary Buie as a young nurse training at St. Georges Hospital in 1965.

always up for a game of Squirrels." Sebastien explained that Squirrels was a family favourite card game. "She would always try to make things fun. She was always there for us."

Ms. Buie would share stories with the children about her experiences as a midwife, recalled Sebastien. "She always thought of others before herself," he said.

"Mary was one of the midwives who helped bring my daughter Hanako into the world," said Jane Hubbard. "There were so many reasons that I felt a special connection with Mary. It wasn't long after I arrived on the Island that I found out that I was pregnant—a daunting situation as a newcomer and an older first-time mother. Mary was warm, welcoming and knowledgeable and her British accent reminded me of my own mother's and that was comforting to me. She was also great friends with my late mother-in-law and knowing that they had a strong connection was grounding. After my daughter was born, we would take part in Mary's annual 'Babies' gatherings which were joyous events that brought together mothers and babies who Mary and her midwives had welcomed into the world. These were always joyous occasions with the ever-bubbly Mary always ready to catch-up with 'her babies.'"

Ms. Buie left her grandchildren with an important bit of career advice. "If you don't enjoy your job, you will have a hard life," recalled Sebastien. "Do something

you love—life is too short to be wasting your time on something you do not enjoy doing."

"Mary was an inspiration to many members of our community," said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker during a tribute given at the council meeting following news of her passing. "She had a background in nursing and midwifery and often referred to herself as the village nurse. She was a tireless volunteer and was the first recipient of Manitoulin's Vivian Levinsohn Award for volunteerism. Mary was a long-time devoted and reader for the Anglican Church in Kagawong and she enthusiastically participated in many events within the community, her positivity and kindness were evident in all that she did and everyone she touched."

"I think a quote in The Manitoulin Expositor by Mary said it all, 'even small gestures can make profound impacts on the lives of many, such as calling lonely people in the community to see how their lives are going and to show that people care,'" said Mayor Barker. "Mary was a shining light in our community and will be missed."

"Mary was such a well-loved community minded individual whose positive attitude inspired us all and even more so as she battled cancer," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "I always enjoyed my conversation with Mary who loved to share how passionate she was about helping the less fortunate and promoting peace. I and so many others who were blessed to have met Mary will remember her for the kind, caring and passionate person she was. Deepest condolences to her family and all those she touched."

When she discovered that she had an aggressive form of cancer, Ms. Buie reached out to The Expositor to inquire as to whether this newspaper would partner with her on a series, 'Following Hope's Path,' documenting her battle and educating others as to what could be expected when engaged in that fight for survival. Former Expositor staffer Robin (Burrige) Anderson took on the task of chronicling that first engagement—which proved successful.



Mary Buie is in costume with King Herod (Ian Anderson) during a Journey to Bethlehem performance. One of her countless volunteer efforts. Ms. Buie was the inaugural recipient of the Vivian Levensohn award, chosen by namesake Ms. Levensohn herself.

Several years later, the aggressive cancer returned, and Ms. Buie once more reached out to The Expositor to re-start the series. Once all traditional routes had been exhausted, Ms. Buie was enrolled in an experimental drug regime that proved successful in shrinking her tumours for several months. She remained steadfast in both her own struggles with chemotherapy and drug therapies, and with her determination to use her experiences to assist others in dealing with cancer.

"It was an honour and a privilege to work with Ms. Buie on the reinvigorated series," said Expositor writer Michael Erskine. "Mary shared her ups and downs, the ins and outs of her treatment, but not all of her experience made it into the series—cancer can grind down even the most indomitable

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Bail reform bill applying reverse onus on violent offenders receives support

by Tom Sasvari

OTTAWA—New legislation tabled last week by federal Justice Minister David Lametti that would make it harder for repeat violent offenders to be granted bail through targeted Criminal Code reforms is receiving support from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

“The OPP as well as the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police and the provincial and territorial premiers have been advocating for much needed bail-related changes,” said Robert Walsh, acting inspector detachment commander of the Manitoulin OPP. “Any legislative amendments and additional tools that will assist police in enhancing public safety in our community’s are a welcome change. Our organization will continue to work with all stakeholders to advocate for bail reform that best ensures public safety.”

“Yes, it is good news,” stated Danny Whalen executive director of FONOM. “It’s something that we at FONOM and the police

have been working on and advocating for. It is not 100 percent what we want but it is positive news,” he said, noting property crimes need to be added to the list as well.

Various news agencies reported last week that the small package of legislative reform comes after months of renewed scrutiny on Canada’s bail system and calls for the federal government to implement tougher laws, in the face of a series of high-profile cases of violent crimes allegedly committed by individuals who were out on bail.

Bill C-48, as it’s been titled, seeks to strengthen Canada’s bail system’s response to repeat violent offenders, including cases involving firearms, knives, bear spray and other weapons. The government says it is also trying to enhance public confidence in the criminal justice system and affirm the principles of bail.

Through the bill, five specific Criminal Code changes are proposed: creating a new reverse onus for serious repeat violent offences involving weapons where the accused was previously convicted of an

offence of the same criteria within the past five years, with both being punishable by 10 years imprisonment or more; adding certain firearms offences to the provisions that trigger a reverse onus to include other indictable offences such as unlawful possession of a loaded prohibited or restricted firearm, and break and enters or robbery to steal a firearm; expanding the current intimate partner violence (IPV) reverse onus to also apply to accused persons previously discharged of an offence involving IPV; clarifying the meaning of ‘prohibition order’ in an existing reverse onus to state that an order includes a court’s release order from bail that imposed conditions around firearms possession and requiring courts to consider an accused person’s history of convictions for violence and other community safety concerns when making bail decisions.

Burden of proof or onus typically sees the prosecutor attempt to show why an accused person should be denied bail. A reverse onus is when the burden of proof shifts on presump-

tion of innocence to the accused with the possibility that the accused would remain in detention while awaiting trial unless they can demonstrate to the court why they should be released.

“What we’re doing for certain violent offences is changing the default position and making sure that it is only in cases where there isn’t a threat to public

security, that they will get bail,” Minister Lametti said. “We need to strike a balance. We think we’ve done that here, working in the range between the Charter right to bail, public security and public safety.” Under Canada’s Charter of Rights and Freedoms a person charged with an offence has the right not to be denied reasonable justice without just cause.

This allow offenders to be released from custody while awaiting trial, under the principle of being presumed found guilty and with the condition that they appear in courts when required. Other conditions such as a no contact order, GPS ankle monitor, and curfews can also be imposed.



Law & Order

Wiikwemkoong Police investigating theft of firearm

As a result of an extensive investigation into the theft of a firearm on Kaboni Road in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police officers located and seized two outstanding firearms. Criminal charges are pending, the police reported on May 11.

“We remind people to ensure their firearms are locked and stored correctly, if not they could face criminal charges,” said a WTPS release.

The WTPS explained that, “An individual may store a non-restricted firearm only if it: is unloaded; it is rendered inoperable by means of a secure locking device; rendered inoperable by the removal of the bolt or bolt-carrier; or stored in a container, receptacle or room that is kept securely

locked and that is constructed so that it cannot readily be broken open or into; and it is not readily accessible to ammunition, unless the ammunition is stored, together with or separately from the firearm, in a container or receptacle that is kept securely locked and that is constructed so that it cannot readily be broken open or into.”

On Sunday, May 7, at approximately 10:45 pm, the Wiikwemkoong Police Service received a call of the firearm theft. These were the weapons subsequently recovered by police.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or access their website at www.sudburycrimestoppers.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

At the time of writing, Team Fergmeijer is dreaming of bear claws, forget-me-nots, and chocolate cupcakes. Of course, we always have chocolate on the brain this time of year; we love May a choco-lot. If May had a theme song it would be Wake Me Up Before You Cocoa. All we’re saying is, don’t get between the two of us, and our chocolate fix. When it comes to chocolate, we are not to be trifled with!

A number of stalwart tennis players braved the blackflies this past weekend at the aptly-named Blackfly tournament hosted by the Manitoulin Tennis Club. With this kick-off event, drop-in tennis will soon be up and running at the tennis courts in M’Chigeeng, and all will be welcome. Visit Manitoulin Tennis Club on Facebook for more information.

Manitoulin Metal wants to show their appreciation for all the community support they received this year, and what better way to show gratitude than with pancakes! June 1st, the team will be serving up breakfast for dinner at MSS from 6 to 8 pm. Meet the team over pancakes, sausages and hashbrowns; check out Bumblebee the robot, watch demos, check out the silent auction and take part in interactive activities.

We saw a snapping turtle outside the museum. We still have no idea how he got hold of that camera.

It’s impossible to be negative about the Old Mill Heritage Centre’s new exhibit that focusses on vintage cameras. We spoke with one visitor who was so excited about the display that we just couldn’t shutter up on the subject.

Go fly a kite! No, really. On Sunday June 4 in Gore Bay you can go fly a kite in the Kite Festival! From 1 to 4 pm you can enjoy kite-flying at the Western Manitoulin Community Garden. It’s a free event and fun can be had for all ages. Enjoy the barbecue lunch, get crafty at the Make a Scarecrow station, and check out a Pop-up Play area for the littles. There will also be community service people and their vehicles for viewing and questions. Bring your own kite or use one the festival provides.

Candice Irwin of Body Stories Dance Instruction will be hosting drop-in dance classes for children throughout the month of June at the Kagawong Park Centre. There are opportunities for youth aged three and up exploring creative movement and contemporary dance. Classes are \$15 at the door. Check out the Kagawong Facebook page for more information.

Team Aelick is at it again, raising awareness and funds for the Canadian Liver Foundation! Last weekend was the annual yard sale chock full of goodies. June 11 they will be heading out for the annual Stroll for Liver, and you can join them! The 5 km stroll starts at the Park Centre at 11 am, and will make its way through the village. You can support Team Aelick and the Liver Foundation by donating (<https://tinyurl.com/teamAELICK>).

Happy Birthday to David H and Erin F who are both

turning 29 this week. It can be tempting to feel bad about getting older, but remember, birthdays are to be cherished as a reminder that you are still alive and cake-ing!

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

Fun fact: A camera takes photos, but a sock takes five. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

We are preparing for the quad run that is on Saturday. The hall is getting ready. Food is getting prepared. So much is happening that the card game that usually occurs on Friday nights was cancelled. The weather is predicting rain but if not too hard a rain this is not terrible as it will prevent the route from being too dusty. Hopefully everyone has a great time. There are areas opened to the quad run that are normally not easily accessible. There is lots of food and great prizes.

Sunday is an important day as well. It will be the interment of Joan VanEvery. Family and friends will gather to give our respects to a person who we all loved and admired.

Sunday is also the first service of the season at the Meldrum Bay United Church.

There was another workday this week at the waterfront and now all the main docks are in place. The store has its hot dog stand set up outside and serving hot dogs.

It has been quite cool all week, but I have still been putting a lot of work into preparing the garden. The rhubarb, kale and asparagus are growing well. The strawberries, cherries and pears are in flower. Hopefully all those flowers turn into lots of juicy sweet fruit.

To all who joined us for a great weekend, thanks very much for coming.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

George and Carolyn Calback had some family visiting last weekend, Lorne and Dawn Calback, Nathan and Thomas from Garson and Zack and friend Jeana from Sudbury.

Natalie and Roger Hayden from Lively visited their parents’ last weekend.

Sandy and Jim Miller from Ottawa are here for a few days and visiting with Oliver and Barb Runnalls.

Silver Water Karen Noble

I took a carload of people to euchre in Meldrum Bay on Friday, May 5. We had a great time but no one had a high enough score to win the money jar.

Saturday, May 6, we had a market in our yard. We had lots of people but still have lots of items for sale with the proceeds for the Silver Water Community Hall. We are having 50/50 draws at the markets and at the recycle bins days all summer.

The recycle bins were open on Monday, May 8. We had a lot of people come out.

Several of us went to euchre in Burpee on Monday, May 8 and Monday, May 15. They are having five or more tables each week. Thanks to all the players coming out to help them fundraise.

Euchre was held in Silver Water on Thursday, May 11 at 7 pm. The attendance is increasing now that everyone is getting over their colds.

I went to euchre with some neighbours on Friday, May 12 in Meldrum Bay.

The second market was held on May 13. At the same time, Lori Walker had a big yard sale at 20515 Hwy 540. The tables were left set up and the sale was open again on May 20.

Congratulations to Iris and Keith Clarke’s son, Ryan and new daughter-in-law Kate Adams who were married on May 13 in Espanola.

Kate Duncanson and husband Chip Tomisch travelled from Geraldton to attend Ryan’s wedding. They came to Silver Water to stay with her mother, Myra, for a few days and left on Thursday, May 18.

I hope everyone had a Happy Mother’s Day. We had Doug and Brenda Carter and Anne Boyd over for supper. I heard that Stop 540 had a great crowd and the food was terrific.

Brenda Carter and I have continued to walk along the roads picking up cans and bottles. The grass is starting to get too tall to allow us to spot everything, but we do our best. We are saving all the pop cans to crush and turn in for the price of the metal. Gladys Duncanson has been doing short walks every day, so the three of us will be back to walking together soon.

Joe Addison was at his cottage for several days. Paul and Diane McCallum are at their cottage. Mike and Brenda Swank have arrived at their cottage in Elizabeth Bay for the summer.

We have had lots of asparagus in the last week and there is enough to share with some of the neighbours.

Happy 100th birthday to Edith Best on May 12. Happy 80th birthday to Lyle Addison on May 19.

Condolences to the family of Bordie Noble. Condolences to the family of Skye Giffin.

...Bluegrass in the Country offers an exciting weekend

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more business sponsors as well.”

Bluegrass in the Country takes place June 9-11 at the fairgrounds in Providence Bay.

In a message posted on the festival's Facebook page from Brother John Featherstone, who is now retired in Manitoba, the founder thanked Mr. Lentir and the MSO committee members for carrying on with the festival. Brother John noted the festival, now very popular on the Ontario circuit, began in 2010 and has continued to be the sole MSO fundraiser.

In his message Brother

John points out that Bluegrass in the Country “allows our MSO athletes to go on and compete to win many medals provincially, nationally and internationally.”

“MSO is comprised of more than 60 Island Special Olympians. Special Olympics itself provides sports training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, however, it has become so much more than that! It has created a confidence in our individuals, enabling many to smile and laugh without being judged. It has provided a feeling of inclusion and

accomplishment. It has had the ripple effect here on Manitoulin Island and we have developed an even larger community of supporters.”

MSO runs seven sport programs, all of which require funds to provide equipment, training, transportation and registration to compete. Bluegrass in the Country is entirely volunteer run and 100 percent of all the money raised by the festival goes directly into the Manitoulin Special Olympics bank account.

Brother John encouraged those who have never been to the festival to stop by. “I know you will be back next

year,” he predicted. Brother John went on to thank the sponsors and other supporters.

This year's lineup includes Larry Carriere and Different Picks opening on Friday, June 9 at 6 pm, followed by Robbie Shawana and Mr. Lentir himself, before Denis Lapage and HighBanks headline at 9 pm. Saturday will start off with George Williamson and Cole Hughson at noon, New General Store, Ellie Maxwell, Avery Drive, Larry Carriere and Different Picks before the supper break, followed by

Jim Beech, Denis Lapage and HighBanks followed by headliners The Next Generation Leahy at 8:30 pm. Sunday's lineup will start at 11 am with Robbie Shawana, followed by Ben Lentir and Jim Beech before The New General Store closes out the day at noon.

Those interested in helping to sponsor Bluegrass in the Country are invited to contact Mr. Lentir at bluegrass_ben@live.com.

Camping at the festival is available at \$60 for the weekend with hydro, \$40 for rough camping. Camping is available to weekend pass

holders only. Adult passes in advance are \$55, youth \$40, while Friday night only is \$40, Saturday night only \$50 (after 5pm Saturday night \$40) and Sunday is free. Add \$5 if purchasing at the gate—except Sunday, which is still free.

Tickets are available at The Manitoulin Expositor office in Little Current; Williamson's Pro Hardware in Mindemoya; Central Pharmacy in Gore Bay; Manitowaning Mill in Manitowaning; Buzwah Variety in Wiikwemkoong and Season's Family Restaurant in M'Chigeeng.

Lake Mindemoya stewardship group delivers report to council

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Lake Mindemoya Stewardship Association chair Stan Drystek and vice-chair Jeff Wahl delivered a report on the lake's water quality to Central Manitoulin's Water, Waste and Education Committee recently, noting the pilot program instituted by the volunteer organization has set a baseline that will enable the lake water to be monitored effectively in the future.

The association's mandate is “To protect and look after the present and future water quality of Lake Mindemoya by addressing and ensuring that the lake quality and lake experience for all concerned will not be compromised as a result of any

additional pollution or development without necessary approvals or permits and due diligence.”

The association's report cited water samples test results from seven locations all around Lake Mindemoya, with GPS locations recorded so that future tests can be carried out at the same sites to provide longitudinal data.

“All the samples were sent to Testmark, the same lab that conducts the tests on our company's samples,” said Mr. Wahl. “All were done according to protocol.” Mr. Wahl shared that all the samples were taken as equally as possible.

The samples showed marked fluctuations in bacteria levels. “Sometimes they showed excessive bacteria, while other

times not so much,” said Mr. Wahl. The Island's seasonal population fluctuations were likely a major factor.

The Lake Mindemoya Stewardship Association was developed in 2022 and the association is continuing to build its membership. Mr. Wahl noted that the land surrounding the lake is heavily developed.

The good news is that the nitrate and nitrite levels in the lake, a factor influenced by septic systems and agricultural runoff, do not appear to be excessive. “There were virtually no readings,” said Mr. Wahl.

Phosphorus, on the other hand, showed increased levels in the latter part of the season, but were not significant in earlier testing—which Mr. Wahl noted was also “a good thing.”

Coliform and E. coli counts were high in the month of August, which is of concern. The lake has been the site of a number of blue-green algae warnings during the late summer.

Also of concern to the association are the water levels in the lake, which are controlled via a dam monitored by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.



Next Generation Leahy headlines the Saturday stage at Bluegrass in the Country at 8:30 pm. The family group is a show not to be missed.

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good shape structurally.

Mayor Reid told The Expositor after last week's council meeting, “if anyone has any ideas they would like to share with the committee please send this to the committee. We will look at any options out there for the building. We did have a good response from ratepayers who wanted to be on the ad hoc committee, and we would like to thank everyone who put their names forward to be a member of the committee.”

It is expected that it will probably take about a year before the study is complete and the committee is ready to bring a proposal forward to council.

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course and assisting with proper helmet fittings, as well as an obstacle course.

“The hope is that by providing lots of fun things for families to do they will come out and learn more about the services available on Manitoulin and how to access them,” said Ms. McQuarrie. “People don't realize how easy it is to set up speech assessment, for example.”

There will also be a free barbecue.

MSPN invites caregivers and their charges to pop down and check out all there is on offer to help assist with parenting and ensuring children have the best start in life possible.

For more information on Family Fun Screening Day contact Ms. McQuarrie through email at katherine@gorebaychildcare.com.

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Pavilion.”

On May 16 the Sault Police held its 35th annual Police Community Programs Night where several citizens were recognized for their bravery and contributions to Sault Ste. Marie. Many businesses and organizations were awarded commendations from Sault Police Sergeant Rob Chabot and spokesperson Lincoln Loutitt who both handed out each award. Commendations were also awarded to citizens for their contributions to the wellbeing and safety of the Sault Ste. Marie community.

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The report does provide details on how the national chief broke AFN policies by breaching the confidentiality of the complainants.

The investigators (an outside legal firm with employment lawyer Raquel Chisholm, a partner with Ottawa law firm Emond Harnden, oversaw the investigation) found that several public statements issued by National Chief Archibald shortly after the launch of the external investigation breached the confidentiality of four employees and constituted actions of reprisal against them.

"We recognize the investigation has been a long process, and we thank the chiefs for their patience. We are asking chiefs to treat this summary report with sensitivity and confidentiality but to review it carefully in order to be able to make the best decision to move forward," AFN's executive committee said in the report.

The AFN executive committee "is confident that all of the procedures in our policies were followed and the national chief was provided with procedural fairness throughout the process. We had no choice but to engage third-party and neutral investigators. It was important to retain someone right away and the investigators were retained in mid-June 2022. The investigators were at arms length from the regional chiefs. We never spoke to them. Only legal counsel spoke to the investigators."

It was explained three policies were engaged by three complaints: HR-30 the whistleblower policy, H6-39 workplace violence, discrimination and harassment policy, and AFN code of conduct and ethics for the AFN executive committee.

"The national chief was found to have harassed two employees, including one in the national chief's own office," the report says. "The national chief was found to have breached the confidentiality of all five complainants by disclosing their complaints to the public before the AFN annual general assembly in July 2022 and even later for one complainant."

"The national chief was found to have retaliated and reprisal against all five complainants by smearing them in public, questioning their motives, intentions and integrity. She accused them of wrongdoing prior to any actual finding of that," the report says.

"Some of these disclosures were through her social media and on June 16-17, 2022. On June 16, 2022, she gives a speech to the Ontario Chiefs-in-Assembly, in which she makes unfounded allegations regarding the complainants and makes broad, unsubstantiated allegations that the AFN secre-



An investigation found that five employees experienced reprisals and had their confidentiality breached by National Chief RoseAnne Archibald.

photo by Laura Barrios

tariat is corrupt."

The report notes that late in June, National Chief Archibald made a number of unfounded allegations against the fifth complainant.

In a resolution passed at the annual general assembly in July the Chiefs-in-Assembly directed, "that the national chief and the executive committee to actively participate in the ongoing human resources investigation, being led by the independent investigator, to respond to and resolve staff complaints in good faith, and to refrain from making any public comments to the media." However, after the resolution was passed in August 2022, "the national chief circulated memos to voting members of the organization in which she alleged the complainants were participating in ongoing targeting and attacks against her that the "conduct of the (complainant)" was hindering her from fully performing her duties. These were unfounded allegations that again smeared the complainants," the report reads.

"One complainant (identified previously by CBC News as Janice Ciavaglia, the AFN's CEO when the complaint was made and who left the AFN earlier this year) has had to shut down her social media accounts because she has received death threats following the reprisal and breach of confidentiality by the national chief," the report continues.

"The national chief was found to have committed wrongdoing under the whistleblower policy. She also breached the executive committee's code of conduct. We agree with the investigators when they said that, as the head of the organization, she has an added responsibility and duty to follow our polices, and we would argue a higher duty to ensure a safe and respectful working environment for our employees, and she failed in these

duties and responsibilities," the summary report continues.

"She has harmed our employees," the summary reads. "The AFN could be liable for that conduct."

"Harassment in the workplace is unacceptable under any circumstances. The executive committee is committed to ensuring a harassment free environment for its employees. This is a legal obligation we have to protect our employees but also an ethical obligation to do so. Four of the five employees are Indigenous and women—our own people. Our traditional values and customs have been damaged and broken by the actions of the national chief," the summary says.

"The National Chief was given 20 days to respond to our motion and recommendation as required by our by-laws. She has not done so. Instead, she wrote to the executive committee on May 17, 2023 and said she would only provide a response on June 28, 2023."

The National Chief, "has continued to breach confidentiality and the July 2022 resolution which directed her "to refrain from making any public comment to the media, in the interim, until the investigation has been completed and reported on to the Chiefs-in-Assembly. On April 21, she posted on her social media that she was 'vindicated by the contents of the reports.' This was both a misrepresentation of the contents of the reports but also contrary to resolution 03/2022."

"AFN National Chief Archibald told CBC News "the latest action yet again demonstrates that the human resources investigation is being conducted in a colonial and confrontational manner and has been from the beginning." She said she received individual reports on the allegations made by each of the five complainants last April. Her office told CBC News that she has not received a copy of the sum-

mary report.

"Once the full HR reports are rightfully shared with the First Nations-in-Assembly, they will agree that I have been substantively exonerated as national chief," said National Chief Archibald.

In April the AFN executive, made up of regional chiefs, unanimously passed a resolution recommending chiefs-in-assembly remove AFN National Chief Archibald as national chief at their next meeting after reviewing detailed findings from the internal investigation on each of the complainants filed by the five employees. The motion was seconded by Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare.

This is the second workplace investigation carried out on AFN National Chief Archibald. While she was Ontario Regional Chief, she faced a separate bullying and harassment probe launched by 10 complainants. The investigation, carried out in 2021, did not go ahead because none of the complainants would come forward publicly to file formal complaints, fearing workplace retribution.

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...Still doing its job: family finds ideal Island farm through an Expositor ad

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Teresa. Lyle had enjoyed a classic rural childhood, attending a one-room schoolhouse, participating in 4-H, playing the fiddle and fastball, and fishing and hiking in nature whenever he could. "I likely would still be milking cows had quota not come in," he laughs. "That changed everything, and I was suddenly unsure what to do."

After considering veterinary college and dentistry, Lyle eventually studied biology, graduating with a three-year undergraduate science degree from Wilfred Laurier University. His goal was to land a job with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), a plan that was foiled when he discovered that MNR would only hire people with four-year degrees.

That prompted him to pursue a master's degree, which he began at Laurentian University in part because he had family living in the region. His thesis focused on the impacts of winter severity on Manitoulin white-tailed deer, which necessitated field work on the Island. He spent several winters in the mid-1970s studying deer populations from three observation sites in Michael's Bay, Burnt Island and Strigley Bay, all of which left a lasting and positive impression on him. He recalls that The Expositor took an interest in his findings about the Island population and published his entire thesis.

While working on his master's, he spent a semester at the University of Alberta where he encountered his professor and mentor in animal science, Dr. Bob Hudson, who specialized in wildlife productivity. When Lyle graduated with his second degree, he again applied to MNR for employment only to find he was now overqualified.

Recognizing the need to change career direction, he decided to do a PhD and, thanks to support from his mentor, received research funding to conduct moose bioenergetics and nutrition studies at the University of Alberta. Following gradua-

tion, this led him to do post-doctoral work in Alberta and then to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks where he secured a research/teaching position, a post he held for five years. While there, his research focused on reindeer herding and game management which entailed the animal productivity and management in conjunction meat quality, composition and marketing of commercial game species.

That move changed everything. While engaged in this research, Lyle got funding to pay for a master's degree student to do field work that resulted in him meeting Teresa Tomany. A native of Alaska, she had graduated from Iowa State University with an undergrad degree in animal science – the perfect candidate for Lyle's new project.

"I was born and raised in the Alaskan bush and had been surrounded by wildlife all my life," explains Teresa. "This project gave me a chance to put my interest in animal science to work as we focused on meat quality science, research that supported the export of reindeer meat processed at a commercial meat plant in Anchorage."

What began as a supervisory relationship evolved over time into a romance and marriage. Lyle and Teresa married in 1994 while still working in Alaska but they left their polar life behind soon after to return to the Renecker family farm in Ontario. By that time, Lyle's aging parents could no longer keep the operation going so Lyle returned to farming, although he switched from dairy cattle to elk ranching. The couple raised, slaughtered and marketed elk meat for domestic and international restaurant consumption and harvested the antlers for the Korean retail market until 2015. Teresa was able to complete her master's degree through Laurentian University, once moving east, and went into teaching.

Lyle's interest in wild game continued as he dabbled in projects supporting

Indigenous communities interested in capitalizing on marketing wild game. He does frequent contract work in Canada's Far North, working with the Inuvialuit in the NWT, and as far away as Namibia and Nigeria in Africa, helping communities to maximize their meat processing facilities and value-added products based on country foods and wild

Johannes' interest in cash crop farming posed a problem for the Reneckers if they were they to expand their farming operation in southwestern Ontario. As more and more rural land was snapped up for housing, land prices soared, making it prohibitively expensive to purchase more acreage. That led the family to start looking afar, stirring Lyle to

great people. We've been welcomed with open arms by our neighbours and the local church congregation," says Theresa. "It's like life used to be years ago when Lyle was a child in southern Ontario."

"It's so refreshing and rejuvenating to be up here again," adds Lyle. "It's the first time in a long time I've been somewhere without urban traffic and white noise. We can hear the creek in the backyard instead of the constant roar of urban life in the background."

Johannes still has one more year to complete his degree and will return to Alberta to finish his studies in the autumn. Before then, he'll be busy planting his first crop of soybeans on the family's new farmland as well as the additional acreage they're renting locally. His plan is to do test plots and research trials on different crops and seed companies as well as provide some custom farm services.

Over the longer term, eventually farming 600 to 1,000 acres, he wants to plant canola, corn, wheat, soybeans, pulse crops, clover and buckwheat. He intends to integrate classic agricultural techniques with precision ag technologies such as GPS, auto steer and Geo mapping to determine which areas of the field are deficient in certain nutrients to reduce fertilizer inputs while increasing productivity.

The family's still in the early days of unpacking, settling Johannes' three 4-H cows and Teresa's horse

into their new home while making plans to build a grain silo. Teresa can't make the final move until the end of the school year, as she teaches high school in southern Ontario, something she hopes to do on Manitoulin too so she can share her love of math and science. Given the great start they've got off to, she is feeling positive and looking forward to exploring their new Island life.

"I've had a lot of people warning me that it is quite isolated up here, but I tell them that where I grew up where there was only one airplane a month bringing supplies, so I am sure I'll do fine," she chuckles. "The Manitoulin is one of the first places Lyle ever brought me when we first moved to Ontario decades ago and I feel the universe is finding its equilibrium. Johannes has so many ideas and dreams and there's just so much potential here."

Likewise, Lyle could not be more positive about the future given the warm reception his family has received since arriving. "We have made about eight trips on the Chi-cheemaun to bring up farm equipment. Everyone knows us to the point they waited to close the ferry one trip because they knew we were coming with large equipment and running late. All that was said is 'that's OK, don't bother stopping, just go right up and drive on as we were waiting for you.' Now where on the planet could this happen but Manitoulin!?"

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The Reneckers ad in the November 2, 2022 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor seeking a farm to buy.

meats for both food security and economic development.

In the meantime, his son Johannes has taken a keen interest in maintaining the Renecker family tradition of farming. He's had farming in his blood since childhood, showing dairy cattle in his local 4-H club for a decade before following in his father's footsteps and pursuing an agricultural degree at the University of Alberta. His initial interest was in livestock, but he transferred from animal science to crop science in his third year.

Johannes might have become the fifth generation to work the land at the family homestead had urbanization not encroached on their property to the point that it was becoming more and more difficult to carry on, let alone enjoy, agricultural life. "We were being jammed in by new housing developments and traffic was becoming intolerable, making it nearly impossible to move farm equipment on what used to be quiet country roads."

consider Manitoulin where he had spent time as a graduate student and had fond memories of the region. Having relatives living nearby in the Sudbury area was a bonus when searching for a place to buy property.

Lyle placed an ad in The Expositor last fall seeking potential farms to purchase and searched online for a property with farm buildings and a yard, since they didn't want to build from scratch. With the help of local real estate agent, Leanne Lewis, they settled on a beautiful farm in Tehkummah that ticks all the boxes.

Lyle and Teresa purchased the farm to get Johannes established in an area that offers not only a place to make a good living but also one that offers a strong sense of community, which is of great importance to them all. "We wanted a place where we know Johannes will be knee-deep in community and we already feel we've found that having met so many

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...Mary Patricia (Coomes) Buie obituary

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"The final months of her illness were extremely challenging," shared Mr. Erskine, "especially the isolation brought about by her inability to catch her breath."

Ms. Buie was a familiar sight to the residents of Kagawong, as she went on her many walks and visits to people in the community. Writer and one-time resident of Kagawong Bonnie Kogos recalled how kind Ms. Buie was to her when she moved into the community. "She was one of the leading ladies of Kagawong and fierce and wonderful in how she handled so much of the constant medical challenges," said Ms. Kogos. "What a lovely, brave and charming woman."

Even in the last couple of days of her life, Ms. Buie was working on the next instalment of Following Hope's Path," but alas, even the most stalwart of warriors must eventually fall. In foresight of the end that had by then become inevitable, Ms. Buie worked with Mr. Erskine on her last message to her friends on Manitoulin and across the globe while she was still able.



Actor Peter Baumgarten is seen here with members of the Burns Wharf Theatre Players as he reprises one of his roles at the celebration of life.

strates her spirit and focus on getting things done. "I am having so much fun planning my funeral," she said. "I just wish I could be there."

In the end, Ms. Buie was there, and not only in the spirit and the hearts of those who loved her. As friends and colleagues from the Island Singers, Manitoulin Community Choir, Burns Wharf Theatre Players gathered for her celebration of life at the M'Chigeeng Community



The new bride sits upon her horse held by husband John Buie. Mary Buie would often ride on horseback to visit John in the hospital where he was recovering from a bad snowmobile accident.

Ms. Buie was a woman of deep faith and she maintained a strong belief in the wisdom and mercy of her God onto her last breath—it was a faith that sustained her in her darkest hours.

Perhaps one of the most telling comments Ms. Buie made in those final weeks, a comment she shared with a number of people, including this writer, demon-

Centre, Ms. Buie was onscreen, having been recorded during rehearsals via Zoom, singing joyously with all her heart.

Ms. Buie has begun her spirit journey, but a part of this most remarkable of individuals will live on in the memories of her community, her friends and her family.

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vide or do research or provide contacts we don't have," said Mayor Reid, who pointed out, "the guys from the steamship society have a lot of connections and maybe they can help us out with this. It's time to move this along and hopefully by having this meeting we can get some movement on this issue. We are hoping to get a meeting held as soon as possible."

As has been reported previously, at a council committee of the whole meeting May 2, the committee reviewed correspondence received from the Steamship Society. The committee appreciated receiving the correspondence but recognized that it did little to establish a timeline for removing the vessel from the waterfront or taking title away from the municipality. The committee also expressed concerns about sending the public works crew onto the vessel in its current condition.

Council agreed at that meeting that it was still looking at all options for disposition of the ship.

John Coulter, a member of the steamship society told the Expositor after last week's council meeting, "It's positive that the town wants to hold this meeting. We've been carrying a bit of a load on this, trying to get our separate proposal (for use of the ship) moving, which is no problem. But the council wanting to approach the government on its own is not a bad thing at all. This is a township initiative which is separate to what we have been doing. Whatever the township is going to do, getting government officials to help assist is important and good news."

Mr. Coulter and Wayne Fischer, also of the steamship society, had explained in part in a letter to council dated May 2, "since our privileged invitation by the town in 2007 to assess Norisle for a potential repurposed operating future we have worked diligently to evolve a future for your important Canadian Heritage Ship which is the last of her type in Canada."

As you are aware, our consideration that she would be a successful Great Lakes 4/5-star Canadian flag cruise ship was validated by a year-long independent study and to that end since 2007 we have received



The Steamship Society says it is pleased with council's decision to seek government help.

approximately one million dollars in government grants, industry support and donations towards preparation for dry-docking and the required total repurpose refit. This has resulted in all the preparation work being completed that will save such work and financial investment during the refit period."

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

"We are not in a position of determining the eventual success of such initiatives, but we are encouraged by the renewed progress to date," the letter continues. "We have made important advances in developing a relationship with a shipyard that has assisted us in providing 2023 costs and indicated a willingness to provide assistance with the project and to assist in our fundraising. In regard to timing, we are not in control of an end point and although we cannot guarantee you that our long-term faith in Norisle's future and the thousands of person hours and financial donation we have invested have been provided based on our believe in Norisle's importance for future generations."



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Old friends reconnect at Perivale Gallery opening

by Michael Erskine

SPRING BAY—The annual season's opening of Perivale Gallery is always accompanied by the unveiling of the latest collection of internationally renowned artist Ivan Wheale's latest collection. This year the exhibition of Mr. Wheale's work is entitled 'Dimensions: An Artist's Vision.'

For the artist, the opening is also an opportunity to meet up with old friends and renew acquaintances. This year was particularly special as a blast from the past came all the way from Africa to visit. Dr. Richard Nanka-Bruce and his wife of 50 years Joanna travelled from the West African country of the Republic of Ghana, stopping off in Sudbury to pick up son Robert, and popped by the opening to greet Mr. Wheale.

Dr. Nanka-Bruce holds a special place in the artist's heart. "If it were not for him, I would not be here today," said Mr. Wheale, explaining that when the artist was suffering from a meningitis-like illness acquired while travelling the North, it was Dr. Nanka-Bruce, then practicing at Sudbury General Hospital, who helped pull him through.

"I have a number of Ivan Wheale paintings," said Dr. Nanka-Bruce, whose collection spans the artist's Arctic period and Western series, as well as the Georgian Bay



Dr. Richard Nanka-Bruce, his wife Joanna of Ghana and son Robert of Sudbury, stopped by the season opening of Perivale Gallery in Spring Bay to see their old friend Ivan Wheale as he unveiled his latest collection of work, 'Dimensions: An Artist's Vision,' at the annual gallery opening.

depictions for which Mr. Wheale is probably best known on Manitoulin.

"When Ivan began painting after his illness, his style had changed completely," recalled Dr. Nanka-Bruce. "It wasn't Ivan. Then I saw a smaller painting he had just done, similar to that one (indicating a Georgian Bay scene), and I knew then that he was back. It was Ivan."

Dr. Nanka-Bruce and his family were just three of the many friends and patrons that were at the gallery opening to see the new collection and give the artist a hug, including fibre artist Judy Martin, who was just

returning from an exhibition of her work out west and headed to another opening in Kitchener.

"Ivan is just so very special," said Ms. Martin as she awaited Mr. Wheale's arrival at the gallery.

This year's collection has something for just about everyone, from the larger

format oil paintings to mid-size offerings, down to tiny miniatures done in watercolour.

"The tiny paintings take almost as long as the larger ones," said Mr. Wheale. "Getting in the detail is a challenge."

Gallery owner Shannon McMullan was holding

court by the door as is her custom during the openings, greeting patrons old and new as they entered the Island's premier art venue.

"This year we have the largest number of artists from Manitoulin we have ever had," she said. "So many accomplished artists have come to make the Island their home. It's magical." Ms. McMullan explained that the decision to focus more on Island artists is deliberate, but she still travels extensively to gather in some of the best that Ontario has to offer. Spanning all mediums from oil, acrylic, watercolour, sculpture, fabric art to multi-media works, the gallery is a great way to spend an afternoon.

In addition to the gallery, Ms. McMullan has instituted a workshop series that has grown by leaps and bounds in popularity. This year will also witness the 9th iteration of 'In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven' from July 22 to August 6. "Wait until you see the work that Ivan has in the show, it is absolutely amazing," said Ms. McMullan.

The gallery is located on the shore of Lake Kaga-wong at 1320 Perivale Road East in Spring Bay, and is open from 10 am to 5 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday until mid-June, after which Perivale is open daily until mid-September.

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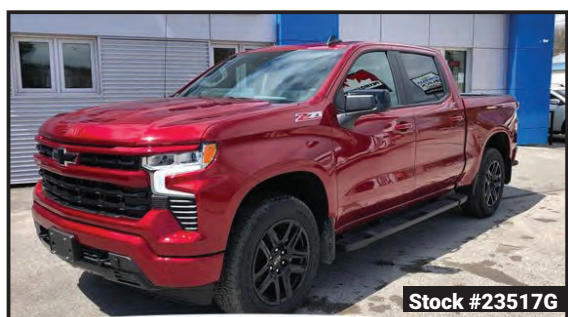
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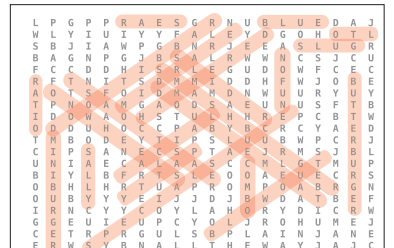
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The Rainbow roundup podium at the Four Directions Complex was a busy place with speakers all weekend long during the event's 50th anniversary celebrations.

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ment of the old St. Bernard's Church in Little Current with approximately 40 people in attendance (including a strong Philadelphia contingent), the Roundup eventually moved on to the NEMI Recreation Centre to accommodate their growing numbers.

With the exception of 2020 and 2021, due to COVID restrictions, the Rainbow Roundup has continued annually, with a dedicated group of volunteers making it happen. Speakers need to be contacted, programs planned, panels arranged, not to mention menus, tickets and the finances of it all. It's a huge undertaking and no longer manageable for one group to handle. Fortunately, with the gregariousness of its members, help from Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie and other areas (always that strong contingent from Philadelphia) has enabled the roundup continued success.

2022 brought a change of venue for the group. In search of a large enough area and one that would be financially viable, the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation was chosen. This location adds another dimension to the program: a welcome from the AOK Chief Patsy Corbiere and an opening drum on Friday evening as well as a closing drum session at the end of the roundup, following Sunday morning's Spiritual Panel.

Saturday is the most attended day of the event, a day full of panels. Regional, Philadelphia, Biker Panel (yes, a large group of bikers—Sober Sons—attends the Rainbow Roundup faithfully each year), there's an Al-Anon Family Panel and a Newcomer Panel. These speakers share their experience, strength and hope; what it was like in addiction, what happened and what their life is like now. Clearly, there is something for everyone at this gathering.

Saturday evening is the popular banquet, catered locally, with locally sourced beef, attended by all, including spouses of AA members. The Sobriety Countdown, following the banquet, is a proud moment for all members. Beginning with those who have been sober the longest, the count continues downward – 59, 58, 57...the smaller the number, the louder the applause. At one year, the crowd goes wild with their love and support of those new to the program. But it doesn't stop there: months are counted, weeks and then days. One woman said the countdown was her favourite part of the weekend, the support in that room was like nothing she had ever experienced before. The total number of years of sobriety of all the people is then tabulated. This year's sobriety count exceeded 4,250 years—a 50 year commitment with tremendous results!

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...Sheshegwaning First Nation launches commercial fish farm

...continued from page 1 the community and we've been so impressed by their council, led by Chief Alana

Endanawas, because of how progressive and community-oriented they are," said Mr. Taylor. "We share

the same values for family, community, the environment, and making the future better."

sustainably raised fish," said Mr. Taylor. "We've waved goodbye to too many major customers when we can't fulfill orders that keep getting bigger."

"This new partnership opens up opportunities to grow more rainbow trout than ever before. And we get to raise it to the same ethical and eco-friendly standard expected from us at Springhills," said Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor explained this new fish farm is different from its others as, "we will be using offshore technology to grow fish in floating nets in the lake. We'll be raising trout/steelhead using the same low densities, sustainable diets, humane harvesting and other ethical practices as we've always been using. And it's all eco-certified by Best Aquaculture Practices."

"In some areas of the world, these farms have negative impacts on the environment," continued Mr. Taylor. "Where we're farming, the science has only ever been positive. These farms are shown to increase wild fish populations, and they don't cause any bad environmental effects, or we wouldn't even consider it."

Jim and Lynette Taylor opened Cedar Crest Trout Farm in 1995. Cedar Crest is one of the largest fully integrated trout farms in central Canada.

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became the first land-based farm in central Canada to get certified by the Best Aquaculture Practices program. This held the Taylors and their team to the highest international standard for environmental impact, fish welfare and social responsibility. It was followed by Cedar Crest being recommended by Ocean Wise for sustainability, too.



Sheshegwaning First Nation's Odawa Island (fish farm) has just finalized a new partnership with Cedar Crest Farms/Springhills Fish to open up a new fish farm in the community.



Representatives of both Odawa Island Farm and Cedar Crest Farms smile for a photo.

"Our new partners at Sheshegwaning have such a strong passion for their youth and for protecting the lands and waters in their traditional territory (which are incredibly beautiful). Plus driving the streets around Sheshegwaning has all the same waves and catch-up chats as our hometown (Hanover)."

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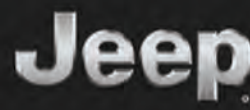
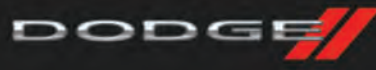
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High Tea event seeks to network Manitoulin and Northern Ontario business women

by Bonnie Kogos

MINDEMOYA—"We're thrilled about hosting our High Tea Party," Brianna Marybelle, from Gore Bay told this reporter. "We're inviting all Manitoulin women and those in Northern Ontario in business to attend our new networking event Sunday, May 28 from 1 to 4 pm at the Mindemoya Community Hall. Christine McNaughton and I are hosting this event and our goal is to foster collaboration between women in business and to make new connections!"

Brianna's a busy freelance social media marketer, in business since 2019. Growing up on Manitoulin, she attended post-secondary education at Laurentian University and has loved working with many Island companies in different industries.

"When I began my business on Manitoulin, my first three clients came from my actively doing in-person networking. I love being able to make a difference in the community that I grew up in, and work with businesses to help them grow."

This High Tea party will have specially made tea sandwiches, delicious desserts and, of course, tea. The community hall will be decorated, so please dress up! The afternoon will be worthwhile, to meet other like-minded women who are involved in business and, who knows, they may be able to springboard you! It's an opportunity to chat and get to know others, and we're making small fascinat-ors, headpieces, for our women to wear for this event."

For those interested in attending, go to www.manitoulinmarketing.com/steeping success to get the full details and purchase your



Brianna Marybelle and Christine McNaughton, two busy social media ladies, have planned the next High Tea event, yet take time off for this photo taken at Ten Mile Point Accommodations, in the Blue Heron House in Sheguiandah.

ticket. When you arrive, you'll be able to enjoy homemade cookies, scones, and classic tiny sandwiches. Tea, from the Manitoulin Tea Company will be served in vintage teacups, along with Manitoulin Coffee Co.

Brianna and Christine truly value supporting local businesses as they plan this event, so the ticket price of \$77/seat is being used to do just that as they have hired local women in business for the decor, baking, food, drink, event photography, and promotion. They hope to host a midsize group, not too big so that everyone can get some good time in with each other.

Many know Christine McNaughton, who's been working in social media and digital strategy since 2012. She's been complimented by many saying that she has an excellent and professional online presence.

A pioneer of social

media on Manitoulin, Christine established a blog in 2006, "Life on Manitoulin," an online journal of her new married life on the Island.

"I went to university to become a teacher and taught English as a Second Language since 1998. I was always interested in taking courses on learning more about social media. When I married Farmer John, I was a vegetarian, and he's a beef farmer. We laugh a lot! When my daughter was born, I wanted to spend more time with her. The reason I started the Life on Manitoulin Facebook group, was that I wanted to support local businesses and communities all over the Island."

These days, Christine is a digital strategy specialist, working with a boutique agency that helps organizations establish and elevate their digital and social media marketing footprints, Christine said. "Many work opportunities

spring from my relationships with brands on Twitter." For her Instagram account, she hosts Feature Friday where she writes and highlights information about a local business on the Island.

"We've produced three social media marketing seminars in Tehkummah, Gore Bay and Mindemoya a while ago for local businesses. Each of us presented talks on how to use social media for small businesses, and this has kept growing. The reception has been incredible, which is why we must keep offering more, and it is fun. My motto, which I have been say-

ing for decades is that 'A community that supports each other thrives together'."

Some collaborations that have organically sprung out of their seminars include: a realtor and a private water testing service working together to real estate potability tests to clients, and a local lavender farmer collaborating with a gift basket company to include lavender products in the baskets.

One of my dear friends is our lovely Irene Cornish, who owned the Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park since 1968. She's one of Manitoulin's most famous and loved businesswomen owning and operating 153 acres with 220 sites on it. Her repeat customers have returned year after year after year. One customer

has been at the park for 50 years.

Retired last year, Irene's busy with many things and is planning to relocate to her retirement lot in Providence Bay. When I told Irene about this festive afternoon, she sighed, "Oh, Bonnie, I'm heartbroken not to attend this event. I'm scheduled to be at an afternoon family wedding that day which I must attend."

And our beloved Irene adds, "I love what Brianna and Christine are doing for our Ontario businesswomen. They are to be commended and I'll be attending their next High Tea..."

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Kagawong waterline project begins construction

KAGAWONG—Construction of a new waterline in an area of Kagawong has commenced.

Work on the Old Mill Road waterline project along Old Mill Road in Kagawong began April 27. "This work includes excavation of the roadway in various locations to install the new watermain and service connections, followed by reinstatement of the road," said Todd Gordon, Billings municipal project manager.

Mr. Gordon explained, "the replacement of the water line will take in the area from the intersection of Main Street to the end of Old Mill Road, and following the construction, reinstatement of the road." He pointed out the work includes the replacement of the water line to under the road area from its current location on the shoreline area.

The current waterline is old and needs to be replaced, said Mr. Gordon. The majority of the funding to the township for the project is being provided to the municipality through the Infrastructure Canada Fund 'Green Stream' (through both federal and provincial funding).

The construction work is

being carried out by Denis Gratton Construction Ltd.

A notice on the Billings website page states, "Old Mill Road is relatively narrow, so the work will involve reduction to one lane or, in some cases, complete closure of the road for a period. The contractor will ensure that all residents always have access to

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photos by Alicia McCutcheon



The music festival's kid zone was the place to be for those under a certain height.



Pat Madahbee gives a big thumbs up as he shows off his 'Tonka Truck' at the Sunday car show.



The Harris siblings make up the Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers which wowed the crowd on a sunny Sunday afternoon.



The world famous Creeland Dancers of Saskatchewan had audience toes tapping.



Joey Stonepoint, left, poses with his 1992 Chev Camaro alongside father-in-law Ted Corbiere and son Samuel Stonepoint and his 2022 Subaru WRX STI at the car show.



Jim Jacobs, a Six Nations-raised singer/songwriter, says he was inspired growing up by the country classics of Merle Haggard, George Jones and Waylon Jennings.

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New Gore Bay building to provide commercial, housing space

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—One of Gore Bay's oldest commercial buildings was taken down almost two years ago, but the current vacant space will now see a new building being created to provide for new commercial space and apartment housing in the town.

"It is progressing. It has been a long time coming," said Gord Smith, chief executive officer of Manitoulin Transport, which purchased the former Robinson Supply building from Bill Robinson in 2019. "Construction will start next week full bore (by Lignum Builders Limited in Espanola) with completion expected to be June



Work began on the current vacant space on the former Robinson Supply Building property on Meredith Street in Gore Bay, last week. Manitoulin Transport purchased the former building in 2019 and tore it down. Construction on the new building which will include commercial space and apartments will begin in earnest this week and is expected to be completed by June, 2024.

2024."

"I'm sure local residents will be happy because it will be a nice building when it's completed, it will provide more accommodations and more area for commercial businesses to locate," said Mr. Smith.

The new two-storey building will include three commercial spaces on the ground floor and four apartments being created on the upper floor of the building. There will be a total of 4,200 square feet of space created on each level of the building.

The former Robinson Supply building was taken down in October 2021. Chris Robinson, who had operated the former business told

The Expositor at the time, "I'm not sure exactly when my dad (Bill Robinson) had bought the building. I know when he first bought the building, Lloyd Noble rented space in the building from us. This must have

been in the early 1970s."

Other tenants of the building over the years included Pat Long of Manitoulin Music, Jan Turley, who owned a glass shop and George Boyd, who owned a hardware store.



West End mudders

Despite raining all day, it didn't curb the enthusiasm of the participants in the eighth annual Meldrum Bay ATV Ride, held this past Saturday. "We had a very good turnout, and the largest number of bikes and riders than we have ever had before which was great, especially considering the weather conditions," said Lee McDonald, one of the organizers. A total of 97 vehicles and 170 people participated in the event. Lunch was enjoyed by many of the participants and door prizes were drawn at the lunch. Proceeds raised from the event goes to the Dawson Citizen's Improvement Association community association to help allow the group to maintain the local hall, marina and campground. In photo, participants are shown getting prepared for the start of the ride.

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MPP Michael Mantha presses government to solve staffing issues in natural resources and forestry

TORONTO—During Question Period May 16, Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin pressed Graydon Smith, minister of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) on staffing issues in his ministry.

MPP Mantha said conservation officers and wildland forest firefighters have raised alarms about staff leaving their positions in search of better pay. He raised these concerns with Minister Smith in the fall of 2022 after receiving concerns from employees currently working with the MNRF.

“If employees are not paid a fair wage, they will end up looking for work elsewhere,” said MPP Mantha. “Despite the demands placed on these MNRF employees they are being grossly underpaid by this government.”

MPP Mantha highlighted the effects these low wage policies are already having on communities across Northern Ontario. In Chapleau there are four fire crews set to operate this season, down from 10 last season. With deadly forest fires raging across Canada, it is vital that Ontario’s Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Service (AFFES) is adequately staffed to respond quickly to forest fires, he told minister

Smith. MPP Mantha called on the minister to immediately address the wage concerns raised by both the conservation officers and the wildland firefighters.



MPP Mike Mantha



Funding future conservationists

The Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) received some funding from the Little Current Lions Club’s popular Catch the Ace progressive raffle recently. The club will be using the funds to purchase a new trap which is used annually for its popular walleye spawning education program among Grade 4 students across Manitoulin. On hand for the cheque presentation were LCFGC President Lou Shortt, Jack Ferguson, Dale Baker, Steve Dabies, Terry Stewart, Bruce Hodge and Lion President (and LCFGC member) Bruce Burnett.

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Harry S. LaForme appointed to lead Mizhinawe for the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund

NIPISSING FIRST NATION—The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) has announced the appointment of the Honourable Harry S. LaForme to lead the Office of Mizhinawe for the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations in the ongoing annuities litigation.

Justice LaForme is an Anishinaabe from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, where he was born and raised and where some of his family continue to reside and remain active in First Nation leadership.

Dr. Alan Ojiig Corbiere from York University describes the Mizhinawe as “traditionally being the keeper of the pipe, a keeper of wampum or other records, and perform other described duties for the grand chief.”

In the role of Mizhinawe, Justice LaForme will examine issues and engage in consultations with the members and communities of the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishinabek. The Mizhinawe, in

collaboration with the Robinson Huron Treaty leadership, will engage in information sessions about the Restoule case and any possible settlement that may arise from ongoing negotiations with Canada and Ontario. The information sessions will ensure the RHT beneficiaries are aware of the governing structure of the RHTLF formulas for distributing any global damages awarded through the litigation or settlement amount agreed to through negotiations, and additional information regarding settlement of the litigation, if settlement is reached.

“The Office of Mizhinawe, led by Justice LaForme, will fill a critical role in ensuring our communities and beneficiaries have accurate information and that their voices are heard,” said Duke Peltier, (RHTLF) trustee from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

Justice LaForme has an extensive background in First Nation leadership and law. He served as co-chair of the Independent

National Chiefs Task Force on Native Land Claims, Chief Commissioner, Indian Commission of Ontario, and chair, Royal Commission on Aboriginal Land Claims. He taught ‘Rights of Indigenous Peoples’ at Osgoode Hall Law School. In January 1994, he was appointed a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, at the time one of three Indigenous judges ever appointed to this level of trial court in Canada. In November 2004, he was appointed a judge of the Ontario Court of Appeal, the first Indigenous judge appointed to an appellate court in Canada’s history. He retired from the judiciary in October 2018 and joined Olthuis Kleer Townshend, L.L.P. as senior counsel.

Upon appointment by Canada’s Minister of Justice and Attorney General in March 2021, Justice LaForme led consultations with over 215 international and domestic experts to make recommendations for an independent wrongful convictions commission, and the resulting report delivered to

the minister in November 2021.

In 2022, Justice LaForme was awarded the Indigenous Peoples Counsel by the Indigenous Bar Association and the Order of Canada and has been gifted numerous Eagle feathers. He received the most recent one in Bawaating (Sault Ste. Marie) from the Robinson Huron Treaty leadership.

“Leadership from the Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations is confident Justice LaForme has the right skills to complete this important work on behalf of leadership,” said Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nation. “Although our negotiations with Canada and Ontario are still ongoing, it is important that we continue to engage with our communities about the annuities case.”

Progress continues to be made in negotiations between RHTLF leadership and the governments of Canada and Ontario. Those negotiations remain confidential.

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Overall, the structure is in poor condition, the girders and bearings have severe to very severe corrosion and section loss, and the hydraulic capacity may currently be undersized for fluctuating flows caused by changing weather patterns and dam management along the river by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. It is currently closed to traffic, and the intention is to replace it with a new bridge.


Engineering design and planning of the replacement bridge is currently underway, which would have the existing bridge replaced with an appropriately-sized two-lane single-span steel girder-type modular bridge, at the same location and alignment, but with improvements to waterway opening, as feasible. Construction is intended to proceed in 2023, pending regulatory approval.

THE PROCESS
The implementation of the bridge replacement will be per Schedule B of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process. Consultation is an integral part of the environmental assessment process, to ensure that those with an interest in this project have the opportunity to provide relevant input. Feedback from stakeholders and members of the public are being collected, which will be kept on file for use and consideration during the design of the replacement.

NEXT STEPS
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The gathering will held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Pioneer Museum in Mindemoya.
Election of Officers.
ZOOM capability available for remote attendance.
For ZOOM link email Lynn Quesnel at thequesnells@gmail.com.
Please join us to catch up with old friends and make some new ones.
It will be great to see our faithful members after a long winter.

Decoration Day Ceremony Sunday, June 4, 2023
The service will begin at 1:00 pm at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph, HWY 542 and Monument Road, Spring Bay.
All are welcome.
In case of rain it will be held at the Providence Bay Arena.
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yard sale
HUGE Trunk/Yard Sale with exciting draws and a bake table. Put on by FOMOS (Friends of the Mindemoya Old School) at the Lions Pavilion, behind the Old School on Saturday June 10, 9 am to 1 pm. All proceeds go to revitalizing the building. For more information you may contact us through the website, mindemoyaoldschool.ca; Facebook Friends of the Mindemoya Old School or by email at mindemoyaoldschool@gmail.com. 52-4c

Huge Yard Sale, a large selection of items. Saturday, May 27 at 6 Agnes Street, Gore Bay. From 9 am to 3 pm. No early birds please. 52-1c
Yard Sale, off Hwy 540 left to Noble Side Road to 409 14th Line, Gore Bay. Friday, June 9, Saturday, June 10, Sunday, June 11 and Friday, June 16, Saturday, June 17, and Sunday, June 18 from 9 am to 3 pm each day. You do not want to miss this sale. 1-4c


Manitoulin Family Resources
2023 Annual General Meeting/Assemblée générale annuelle 2023
Members of the public are invited to attend Manitoulin Family Resources' Annual General Meeting.
Manitoulin Family Resources invite le public à l'assemblée générale annuelle.
Date: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 / mardi 27 juin 2023
Time/Heure: 6 pm / 18 h
Location/ Lieu de rencontre: EarlyON Child and Family Centre – 9050 Hwy 6, Unit D, Little Current.
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Inquiries/Demandes: For further details, please call 705-368-3400 ext. 243 or email dleblanc@mfresources.net.
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MFR welcomes interested individuals to learn more about our programs and consider becoming part of our agency. Please accept this as your personal invitation to join us.

Rainbow District School Board approves 2023-2024 school year calendar

SUDBURY—The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB), The Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon (CSC Nouvelon), Sudbury Catholic District School Board (SCSDB) and Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord have approved the school year calendar for 2023-2024.

The four school boards have worked together to produce a common calendar for many years, facilitating the co-ordination of services such as student transportation. Each board adopted the calendar following its own consultation process. The calendar will now be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Education for final approval.

The 2023-2024 school year calendar will be the same for all English and French-language schools in Greater Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Sudbury East (including Warren, Markstay, Noelville, St. Charles and Killarney). The calendar will also apply to CSC Nouvelon and Conseil scolaire du Grand Nord schools.

The school year for students will begin on Wednesday, September 6, following the Labour Day weekend. There will be no early dismissal. The day after the Labour Day weekend, Tuesday, September 5, is a professional activity day.



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In addition to the first day of school, the calendar includes the dates for the Christmas break, the March break, statutory holidays, secondary school examination

days and professional activity days in 2023-2024.

The Thanksgiving holiday is October 9, Christmas break is from December 25 to January 5, 2024. The Family Day holiday takes place February 19, while a board designated holiday is on March 8, and the mid-winter break which will take place March 11-15. Good Friday is March 29, with the Easter Monday holiday being April 1. The Victoria Day holiday is May 20 while the last day for students will be June 28.

For secondary school students the first semester will run from September 6 to February 1 and the second semester is from February 2 to June 28.

Examination days for secondary school students will take place over five days apiece, from January 26 to February 1 and from June 24-28.

There are seven days that have been set aside for professional development activities held during the 2023-2024 school year. For the Sudbury/Espanola/Manitoulin districts they will take place September 1, 5 and 29, November 10, February 2, April 19 and June 10.

The school year calendar for 2023-2024 is available on school board websites.

Manitoulin municipalities receive funding for infrastructure projects

by Tom Sasvari

PARRY SOUND—Several municipalities on Manitoulin Island and Cockburn Island, were among those announced as being part of a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) funding initiative at the recent Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) annual conference in Parry Sound.

The Town of Northeast-

ern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) received \$275,420 for the purchase, delivery and installation of a new 306-foot floating dock system to upgrade Spider Bay Marina, and \$246,694 to revitalize the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport with upgrades to the fuel systems.

“The funding news came to the municipalities a couple of months ago,” said NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin. “For the docks this is part of the ongoing replacement of the docks at Spider Bay Marina, some of which are beyond their lifespan. This funding provided for the new floating docking system as part of our refurbishment project.”

“And the funding for the airport is for automated fuel systems,” said Mayor MacNevin. “Currently there needs to be someone at the airport to provide fuel to planes that land at the airport, but with this new system it means basically pilots will be able to

serve themselves. We have the odd case of a commercial or private airplane from southern Ontario flying into the airport, and the airport is only open certain hours of the day. Tenders have been awarded on this new system, but the work hasn’t started as of yet.”

The Town of Gore Bay received \$199,200 in NOHFC funding. The funds provided are to improve the overall condition, safety and accessibility of the Harbour Centre and waterfront boardwalk. Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane explained, “the boardwalk and bridge repair work is done or

almost done. And for the Harbour Centre there were a number of things this funding was to go toward, including a chairlift being installed in the Harbour Centre, new flooring, repairs to shoreline erosion in front of the harbour centre and paving being put down.”

The Township of Tehkummah received \$167,500 in funding for upgrades to four kilometres of the Bowerman Nature Trail and John Budd Park outdoor pavilion area that will allow both the trail and pavilion to better serve residents and tourists.

The Township of Cockburn Island received \$66,870 in NOHFC funding to make structural improvements and interior upgrades to its community hall, and a heritage building that hosts community and special events for local residents and tourists.

The Ontario government provided more than \$5 million through the NOHFC to 27 community infrastructure projects in Northeastern Ontario. This investment will help municipalities improve quality of life for Northerners and create more social, economic and tourism

opportunities in the North.

“Our government is proud to support our municipal partners with investments that make a real difference to Northern communities and improve the safety and well-being of residents,” said Greg Rickford, minister of northern development. “Through the NOHFC, our government is providing the certainty that municipalities need to expand operations and diversify the local economy, making the North an excellent place to live, work, and play.”

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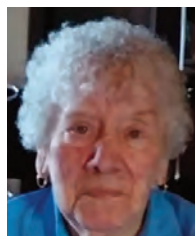
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Death Notices

BETTY JEAN SYLVIA HEMBRUFF
March 11, 1940 - April 29, 2023



In loving memory of Betty Jean Sylvia Hembruff, who passed away on April 29, 2023 at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor with family by her side. Predeceased by her husband Nolan; parents Ron and Ed McIvor (Beauvais); brother Ron (Norma); sister Joan Wagg; and son Terry. She will be sadly missed by son David (Brenda) and five grandchildren, Patricia (Gerald predeceased), Bill (Betty predeceased) and Donald (Sue). As per Betty's wishes there will be no service.

SKYE GIFFIN

July 24, 1980 - May 14, 2023



With broken hearts the family of Skye Giffin announces her sudden and unexpected passing on Sunday, May 14, 2023. Skye leaves behind her father Glenn Giffin, mother Anne Steele-Giffin, sister Darcey Giffin-Morin and brother-in-law Andre Morin; nephews Alex and Owen Morin; cousins Stephanie (Logan) and Connor (Courtney), as well as her grandmother Eleanor Steele. She also leaves behind her extended family and friends and family of her heart. Skye was raised in Newmarket, ON, attended college in London and Toronto and found a career in social services. She helped women and children in shelters on Vancouver's East Side and worked with teen moms in Toronto and Vancouver. Most recently she was working in social housing in Toronto. She had a strong sense of social justice which was evident in the career path that she chose. Skye was an artist and a maker working in several different mediums as a hobby. She loved to try new projects and was successful with most. Her art is cherished by those who were lucky enough to be given it. Skye was a friend to many and loved to spend time with friends and family socializing and trading stories and sharing her wicked sense of humour. Our world will be a lesser place with her passing. Love you more. A private family service will be held at a later date. If you wish to, please donate to a woman's shelter near you. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

Celebration of Life

MARY JEAN RIDLEY

December 5, 1925 - December 5, 2022



Family and friends of Mary Jean Ridley are invited to attend a Celebration of Life on Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 2 to 4 pm at North 46 Restaurant, Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, 66 Meredith Street, East, Little Current. There will be a short ceremony at 2 pm, followed by an opportunity to visit and share memories of a remarkable woman. A life long and well-lived!

Burial Notice

LEE SPRY

The Burial Service and Celebration of Life for Lee Spry will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2023. Burial Service to take place at Cold Springs Cemetery at 1 pm and will be followed by a light luncheon at the Rockville Community Hall. All are welcome.

BILL AND FLORENCE
(NEE RUMLEY)
DINSMORE

Family and friends are welcome to attend the gravesite service for the interment of Bill and Florence (nee Rumley) Dinsmore on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 11 am at Silver Lake Cemetery. The Rev. Janice Frame will officiate, and luncheon is to follow at the Silver Water Community Hall at 12 noon.

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.

Travel experts recommend Manitoulin as local family-friendly travel destination

ONTARIO—Manitoulin Island and the area has been included on a list published by five Ontario-based travel experts as a recommended local family friendly destination to travel to in the province.

In a Toronto Star article printed March 10, five Ontario-based travel writers identified five ideal spring/summer ready itinerary travel ideas for families to go road tripping with their children.

Kevin Wagar, adventure family travel writer wrote, "I love going off the beaten path for my family trips in the province. I look at awesome destinations with loads of outdoor adventures, great food, and something new and exciting the whole family can enjoy, places like Manitoulin Island."

"You can road trip up through Sudbury to check out the stunning Killarney Region, with its beautiful emerald lakes and rocky landscapes, or take a unique trip across Lake Huron on the Chi-Cheemaun ferry from the town of Tobermory," wrote Mr. Wagar. "Kids will get a thrill from the brilliant skies (and maybe even catch a glimpse of the northern lights) on the island's dark sky preserve, Manitoulin Eco Park. The park has a wonderful playground and interactive, kid-friendly hiking trails and scavenger hunts."

"For something even more adventurous, check out one of Canada's best hiking routes, the Cup and Saucer Trail, where kids can climb through crevasses and up ladders, and gaze out over the whole Island,"

continued Mr. Wagar.


Mr. Wagar wrote that Manitoulin is home to six First Nation's communities (along with Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory), and families can sign up for Wiikwemkoong

Tourism's nature-based and cultural experiences, both on the Island and in the nearby Indigenous-run Point Grondine Park. There are chances for hiking, camping, drum sessions and even local pow


wows packed with music, dancing and Indigenous food.

Other areas listed by the travel experts included

Norfolk County, Chatham-Kent, Oxford County, and Sauble Beach.




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Gore Bay Waterfront Lot served by municipal water, sewer, hydro, telephone & year round access. Lighthouse Road with 100 ft. of frontage & about 0.77 ac. with a forested backdrop & a panoramic view of the North Channel. Level building site & a very short walk to the marina should you want to keep a boat ready for channel runs. Gore Bay is a full service town just minutes to its amenities. \$199,000 (1583)

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

Lake Huron Lot in the Shrigley Bay, Ocean Point Area with over 165 ft. of frontage & about 5.98 ac. of forest. Accessed via Little Lake Huron Road & Watt's Creek Road. Private site with e. boundary surveyed. Driveway started. Limestone outcrop & shingle beach. \$129,000 (1596)

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

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

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

Barrie Island Hunting Acreage with year round access on the East Line. Tree covered 100 ac. with a mixture of forest & wetland including a creek traversing the full length of 3,300 ft. Check out the recreational possibilities for you & your family including the access to the North Channel just 3.2 km down the road. Seller will hold a mortgage with 50% down. \$147,000 (1590)

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

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

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Pre-NSSSA

The precursor to the North Shore track and field meet for Manitoulin Secondary School students is, of course, the pre-NSSSA meet, held as a warm-up to the real deal this week.

It was Central Algoma's turn to host the annual event and the Mustangs sent a small but strong team out to Desbarats last week.

In the Novice girls' division, **Ava Corbiere** had a tremendous day thanks to all her training! She finished in second in the 800m as well the 3,000m and was first in the 1,500m with a sub-six minute effort. Ava also anchored the 4 x 100m relay to help the team to a third place finish. Also on the team were **Mya Balfe**, **Sapphire Case** and **Isabella Hughson**.

Fia Flanagan finished second to Ava in the 1,500

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by Larry and André Leblanc



and first in the high jump and triple jump where she jumped just under a metre more than the runner up.

Melissa McQuarie was a scant 2cm short of first place in the shot put.

The Mustangs won gold

and silver in the discus with **Emery Watson**, first and **Sapphire Case**, second. Emery also took the javelin title as well, and **Amy Smith**, second.

In the Junior Girls', **Autumn Davy** won the

1,500m. **Alexis McVey** was second in the shot put with **Abbie Heinz** in fourth. Alexis won the discus and fifth in the javelin.

Senior, **Annie Balfe** won the 200m and 400m and second in the triple jump as well as 3rd in discus. **Morgan Green** was 4th in the Senior 400m and 1st in high jump. Her sister, **Mackenzie** 1st in the 800m and 3rd in the 1,500m and 3,000m. **Delaney Bridgeman** was 3rd in the 800m and 4th in the 1,500m and 3,000m. **Maren Kasunich** was 1st in the 1,500m 2,000m Steeplechase and 3,000m. **Saraya Eshkawkogan** won second in the long jump and third in triple jump. **Annie, Morgan, Mackenzie** and **Delaney** were also silver in the relay.

On the guys' side, **Greyson Case** took 2nd in the 100m Novice. **Luke Heinen** won silver in the 200m. **Ben Buzzel** was 4th in the 800m, 4th 3,000m and 2nd in the 1,500m. **Xavi Mara** was 3rd in the 1,500m, 1st in the 3,000m while **Matthew Wilkin** was 5th. **Ethan Witty** was 2nd in Long jump and triple.

Rhyis Arthurs was the top Junior 100m runner and teammate **Cash Duchesne** 2nd. **Andrew Cooper** was the fastest 400m runner: **Ian McAuley** and **Andrew McCauley** were 2-3 in long jump. **Noah Thorpe** was 3rd in the javelin, 2nd in discus with **Cody Campbell** 4th.

Rhyis also ran with the seniors for the 200m taking first there too. **Mathis Bredin** was 4th in long jump, 5th in the 200m. **Alan Wilkin** was 2nd in the 1,500m, 3rd in the 800m, 1st in the 400m and **Orland Carter-Ohearn** 5th. **Brodie Pennie** was a big winner again as he won

three gold in the 800m, 1,500 and 3,000m! **Davin Dechesne** won gold in high jump, 3rd in triple and 5th in long jump. **Blaec Quinlan** was 4th in shot put and 5th in discus. **Colin Lindner** 1st in javelin and 3rd in discus. **Aiden Case** was 4th in discus and 5th in javelin. Congrats and best if luck today Mustangs!

WHS on track, too!

The Wiikwemkoong High School sent four athletes to pre-NSSSA last Wednesday. **Janelle Dokum** won the Junior girls 200m dash with a time of 23.05. The school, and coach **Jillian Peltier**, are excited to see what she can do at the NSSSA Championship this week. Good luck, Janelle!

Tennis anyone!

The Manitoulin Tennis Club is back in action for the summer. Players meet Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts, to get together for fun and exercise. No experience needed, balls are provided and some rackets are available too. Find them on Facebook, or contact **Chris** at ctheijsmeijer@gmail.com for more information.

P.S. **Chris** also left the teaser that they may do some kids lessons in June, and beginners nights as well, but more details to follow on that.

Pickleball points!

The Manitoulin Pickleball Club's summer season of play is underway. Regular play days are Monday,

Wednesday and Friday mornings - 9 am to 12 pm. We play inside at the NEMI Curling Rink. Club members pay a toonie, "pay and play" fee. The club welcomes adults in the community and surrounding areas of Manitoulin who might have an interest in trying the sport to join them on one of their play days. For further information contact **George** at 705-805-2385.

Coming in June! The Manitoulin Pickleball Club in conjunction with the Municipality of NEMI will be inviting adult residents to participate in free "Introduction to Pickleball" sessions. These sessions will occur on Tuesday evenings at the NEMI tennis courts or inside the rec centre if it's raining. This initiative is intended to make it possible for people who are working during the day to experience the thrill and enjoyment of playing North America's fastest growing adult sport. More details to follow.

George reminds us to, "Keep your paddle up and eyes on the ball!"

Pike Masters!

Even with the downpour of rain all day the Wiikwemkoong Anglers still had 23 anglers go out and play!

Congratulations to the winners, including **Terry Kay** with his massive two-fish sum of 72.75 inches! In second was **Jeff Bailey** with 66.5" and **Tyrone Shawana** took third with his 64.75 total.

Their next tournament is June 3.

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Island man has big part in hosting of the 2023 Canadian Open

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—Toronto's Oakdale Golf and Country Club (OGCC) will be hosting its first Professional Golf Association tour event (the RBC Canadian Open in just under two weeks), and the course has a definite Manitoulin Island connection.

Patrick Greenman, who is from Barrie Island and is the son of **Lance** and **Lillian Greenman**, has a big part to play in this prestigious Canadian championship tournament. He is the director of property for OGCC.

"What can I say? This is the pinnacle of the industry to host the Canadian men's golf championship. It is pretty important to the industry, and it is important that we provide a good product," **Mr. Greenman** told *The Expositor*.

Mr. Greenman, who has been in the golf industry for 21 years, has been the property director at OGCC for two seasons and took on the position at about the same time as it was announced that Oakdale was going to be hosting the Canadian championship.

He told *Golf Course Maintenance* magazine that he is calm even though the historic club will be hosting its inaugural PGA tour event. "It's not as big as you might think it will be. Sure, it is a baptism by fire since I arrived here only two years ago. But if you take a step back and put it in perspective, in the grand scheme of things, we are still just maintaining a golf course."

Last fall **Mr. Greenman** volunteered with the turf and maintenance team for the whole week at the PGA Tour's CJ CUP, held at Congaree Golf Club in South Carolina. Over seven days working on

site, the Canadian superintendent got a good feel for the daily agronomic preparation required to pull off a successful Tour event. In his previous role as assistant superintendent at The Raven Golf Club at Lora Bay in Collingwood, **Mr. Greenman** also experienced these increased expectations firsthand when The Raven hosted several professional events, the 2007 Telus Skins Game and the Ford Wayne Gretzky Classic on the Nationwide Tour (now the Korn Ferry Tour).

After graduating from Manitoulin Secondary School and going to the University of Waterloo to study kinesiology for two years, **Mr. Greenman** began his career in the golf course maintenance industry at the Manitoulin Island Country Club, working under the tutelage of course superintendent **Arthur Pummell** for two seasons. "Patrick showed a lot of interest and promise in the job," said **Mr. Pummell** who suggested he go to Seneca College (King City) for the golf course technician course.

"Absolutely, **Arthur** was a very good teacher, and you learn good work ethics because he is that kind of a guy. Working for him was great," said **Mr. Greenman**. He pointed out that **Mr. Pummell's** son **Jason** had worked at MICC. "Jason worked at MICC before me and then he moved to work at the Toronto Board of Trade Golf and Country Club (Woodbridge), and (with the support and reference from **Arthur Pummell**) I ended up following him down there."

"Patrick's boss at the Board of Trade was **Gord Witteveen**, a legend in the industry, who mentored **Jason** and then **Pat** and helped



Patrick Greenman, who is originally from Barrie Island, is the director of property for the Oakdale Golf and Country Club in Toronto. The golf club is holding its first Professional Golf Association tour event, the RBC Canadian Open in June.

them move on in turf," said **Arthur Pummell**.

Mr. Greenman worked at the Board of Trade "for three seasons then I moved to Oakdale Golf and Country Club (as assistant superintendent) for four seasons."

"I then had a great opportunity to go to The Raven at Lora Bay Golf Club," said **Mr. Greenman**. "We had the opportunity to be part of the construction and grow-in of the course. This was a really great experience; you don't get that type of opportunity in this industry very often if ever." While he was at The Raven, the course hosted a Telus Skins game and a Nationwide Tour event.

"Then I had the opportunity to be the superintendent at The Briars Golf Club for 10 seasons," continued **Mr. Greenman**. The club hosted the Canadian Amateur golf championship during his tenure there.

"Then I was fortunate to have the opportunity to come back to Oakdale," stated **Mr. Greenman**.

As director of property, "I oversee everything that happens outside of the clubhouse," said **Mr. Greenman**. "We look after the maintenance of the outdoor pool, driving range, 27 holes of golf clay court tennis courts and pickleball."

"It is a big operation," acknowledged **Mr. Greenman**. And with the major tournament upcoming, "there is lots happening right now with Golf Canada representatives here and building structures and maintaining and working on the course."

"We've known for a couple of years that Oakdale was hosting the Canadian championship, so

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Ryan Willoughby inducted into Colleges Hall of Fame

by Tom Sasvari
CHELMSFORD—Much like the impact he made at Humber College in the mid-2000s, the induction of golfer Ryan Willoughby into the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Hall of Fame (OCAA) was sudden.

“It really came out of nowhere,” stated Mr. Willoughby of the news he would be inducted into the OCAA hall of fame. “I graduated from Humber 13 years ago, but I guess like any hall of fame it can take several years before you are nominated and selected,” he said, noting that every year Ontario colleges put forward a series of names of athletes that they nominate for the hall of fame.

Mr. Willoughby is familiar to many people on Manitoulin Island. He is the son of Colleen and Lloyd Willoughby of Mindemoya, and he spent all his summers on Manitoulin Island growing up and playing a lot of golf on the Island’s three golf courses.

“We still go over every two or three weeks to see my parents and while were there, I will usually play Brookwood Brae in Mindemoya or Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning,” said Mr. Willoughby. “I grew up playing these courses and the Manitoulin Island Country Club (now Manitoulin Golf in Gor-



Golfer Ryan Willoughby, (centre) with his parents, Colleen and Lloyd Willoughby, is shown after his induction into the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Hall of Fame on May 1.

don),” said Mr. Willoughby.

When Mr. Willoughby enrolled in the professional golf management program at Humber College back in 2004, he signed up for the program not knowing what a golf pro did. He stuck it out following up his three years in golf management with three years of business administration studies in a stream that merged the efforts of both Humber College and the University of Guelph.

Mr. Willoughby failed to make the Humber Hawks golf team as a freshman. However, by the fall season of 2005 he was unquestionably one of the best ball strikers to ever compete in the OCAA, reads a Humber press release. He was a consistent performer for the Hawks, winning the 2006 OCAA championship along with individual Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) medal performances in 2006 and 2009.

“I had aspirations of making the Humber team my first year there, but didn’t make it,” said Mr. Willoughby. “So, I worked very hard on my game that winter.”

His program of studies offered him regular access to the Humber “golf lab” and the opportunity to work regularly with golf pro Bob Beauchemin. The latter tweaked his posture and grip that summer and, “my ball striking went to a completely different level.” In the summer of 2005, “I used some of the stuff I had learned and worked on in Toronto,” he explained. “And that summer I pretty well ran the tables winning

the men’s opens at the courses on the Island. I had really good scores at MICC and Rainbow Ridge, under par, and won both those tournaments. My golf coach at Humber (Ray Chateau) called that summer to see how things were going, and I told him the success I had been having and the scores I had posted.” The coach was impressed by the scores and results but had doubts about the distance of the courses he had played.

“I went back to Toronto that fall and made the team as a walk-on,” said Mr. Willoughby. “I won the Ontario (collegiate) championship that year, placed seventh or eighth at the Canadian championships and then qualified to represent Team Canada in Italy at the World university Games (and again in 2010 in Spain).” He won the Idylwyde Invitational in 2010 and 2015, and in 2009 he went to Scotland with Team Canada.

In 2007 Mr. Willoughby helped Humber golf capture its second RCGA title, firing a two-under par tournament as the Hawks combined to shoot a program-record 18-under par over the four-day event.

“Ryan was a quiet leader who led by example, particularly in 2009 when leading the Hawks to their seventh national championship. Ryan’s final round birdies on the first and third holes opened a lead over Champlain St. Lawrence that would not be relinquished.”

A two-time CCAA All-Canadian, Mr. Willoughby was inducted into the Hum-

ber Varsity Hall of Fame in 2012.

“I now have my own financial planning practice,” Mr. Willoughby told The Expositor. “My goals are now more business and family related,” he said, noting he is married, and he and his wife have two young children. “We get out and play once or twice a week and my game is still pretty sharp.”

“I credit my golf success and the person I have become from the person who shaped me, gave me a lot of opportunities and confidence, my dad,” stated Mr. Willoughby. It was his dad who got him started in golf at a very young age. “When I was one, he took me in a back of the cart on a car seat. He would bungee cord a car seat into the cart and I would tag along.”

“I remember not being very old and going around as a caddy at the MICC men’s open, and my brother and I would spend the rest of the weekend looking for golf balls,” said Mr. Willoughby. “All the players used the most expensive golf balls and would lose them during the tournament. The bush would be full of Titleist Pro ‘V’s.”

“I want to introduce our kids to the game of golf, like my parents did for me,” said Mr. Willoughby. “Golf gave me so many opportunities and allowed me to take part in so many cool things and travel to so many places.” Mr. Willoughby said his son Matthew (four) and two-year-old daughter Kate “both have golf starter kits. I will be bringing them out to the course, but maybe not to the same level my dad did with me. This summer we will go out on a weekly basis; we will do family golf nights. My wife took up golf last summer. She could see the writing on the wall that if she wanted to see me and the kids during the summer, she would have to take up golf,” he quipped.

“I will be playing in the Idylwyde Invitational this summer,” said Mr. Willoughby. “I missed last year’s tournament, the first time in 20 years. It’s a long weekend and a lot of golf, but it is the major for us in the North.”

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Island elementary senior soccer champions crowned

WIKWEMKOONG—Little Current Public School (LCPS) teams took the top two spots in the annual Manitoulin elementary school senior division soccer tournament on May 10. Finishing third was the Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) team.

Dwayne Animikwan, communications officer with the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education reported that Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School hosted the tournament. Teams from Charles C. McLean (Gore Bay), CMPS, LCPS (two teams), Lakeview School (M'Chigeeng) and Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School participated in the one-day tournament.

A total of 14 games were played on two fields and



The Little Current Public School (LCPS) team #1 took first place at the annual Manitoulin elementary senior soccer tournament held May 10. The tournament was hosted by Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School.

each game was made up of two 10-minute halves. LCPS team No. 1 made up of Max King, Jade Larabie, "Congratulations to ...continued on page 6A

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The rackets have it!

The Manitoulin Tennis Club began its season on May 21 at the Manitoulin Secondary School tennis courts. Chris Theijsmeijer of the tennis club said that "it was a successful day once the puddles dried up and we played for several hours, with two full games of doubles going with some young players on the side. It was a solid start to the season and we will continue regular playing sessions Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm." In photo from left is Emily Deegan, Dan Marois, Jon Best, Joanna Rosenbaum and Chris Theijsmeijer.

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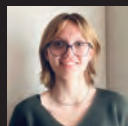
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Welcome back! It is almost June, and I couldn't be more excited. That is until-like most of the student body-I remember I have exams. Nevertheless, there are a bunch of fun activities in store for students to help get them through this stressful time and ease them into summer vacation. SHARE/ Go Green is hosting a meme contest!

Students are asked to caption a funny picture of a dog in a no-mow zone. A no-mow zone is a place where grass grows freely to create a safe habitat for different animals without the threat of it being destroyed. Last year, MSS integrated a no-mow zone and this meme contest is encouraging others to do the same! Weekly scholarship workshops are being hosted

for students of all grades to give them a leg up in the sometimes-daunting scholarship application process. These meetings will run nearly until the end of the school year with each day discussing different topics. Last week the topics included opportunities and next steps for those looking at scholarships. This week building a portfolio will be touched on. The MSS Robotics team is hosting a free pancake dinner in appreciation for the community and their support in getting Manitoulin Metal to the World Championships. The dinner will run from 6 to 8 pm on June 1. There will be a

silent auction, a robot demonstration and a re-creation of the team's internationally recognized Impact presentation! A reminder that there are five spots left on the annual Stratford trip in September. For more information contact Ms. Bauer! MSS is looking into leadership at the school next year! Student council sent out an interest form on Google Classroom for interested students. Applications are due on Thursday, May 25. The Three Fires Confederacy hosted a powwow on Wednesday, May 24. Students were invited during the last two periods of the

day to watch and participate in dances, drumming and much more in this annual celebration of Indigenous culture. The event was extraordinary, and I'm sure that many students and community members would agree. Thursday, May 25 is the Northern Lights All Grades Prom. Tickets have been sold at lunch for the past two weeks and will continue to be sold at the door of the dance. Students are sure to have a wonderful night under the stars with lots of dancing, food, friends and fun! That is all for this week! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!

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Manitowaning Mill Home building centre

Manitowaning Mill Home Building Centre is looking for Delivery Drivers with class D-Z licence.

Yard Worker duties include serving customers and ensuring yard is tidy.

Sales Associate duties include stocking shelves, assisting customers and cashier/front desk.

Resumes can be dropped off to Larry Karn at Manitowaning Mill.

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School Leadership Opportunity: PRINCIPAL

SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL

Salary: Based on School Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of Principal at Shawanosowe School, commencing in the new school year. Shawanosowe School is an indigenous school governed under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinoomaadziwin Education Body. This community-centred school focuses on academic achievement while providing grounding in culture and identity and nurturing children's gifts. Whitefish River First Nation requires this innovative education leader to oversee the community vision for the school.

Major Responsibilities:

- To ensure all students are supervised safely, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Achieve academic excellence by working collaboratively to direct and support school staff and to communicate effectively with parents.
- Integral in the position are the responsibilities for scheduling, curriculum development, special education, extracurricular activities, human resources and financial management of the school, emergency procedures, and facility operations.
- Oversee the policies, procedures and frameworks are administered in accordance with WRFN direction.

Desirable Qualities and Leadership Skills:

- Leadership experience with elementary school programs, curriculum and implementation of same.
- Successful track record of leading innovative student achievement initiatives.
- Ability to produce a positive school climate by empowering others through shared decision-making.
- Exemplary teaching experiences as a classroom teacher or as an administrator.
- Experience leading and supporting experiential, place-based and inquiry learning.
- Skill in all aspects of supervision.
- Exceptional ability in working collaboratively with students, staff, parents and communities to enhance student achievement.
- Excellent communication, conflict resolution and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Whitefish River First Nation and commitment to improving school success for students.
- Demonstrated experience establishing a welcoming learning environment that creates a sense of belonging for all students.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- An Undergraduate Degree in Education;
- Master's Degree in Education is considered an asset;
- Ontario Teaching Certification; with an active licence with the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT);
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior Intermediate;
- At least 3-5 years in a senior administration-management role is essential;
- Principal's Qualification Program Part I and II or a plan to complete these qualifications within two (2) years;
- Additional Qualifications (AQs) which support the school environment and future plans would be considered an asset;
- Excellent management, planning and organizational skills;
- Thorough knowledge of education systems, structures and funding models;
- Highly successful experience working with Indigenous communities; and
- Evidence of commitment to learn the Ojibway language and culture.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax and mail or in person to the attention of:

CONFIDENTIAL:
Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager
Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by **June 2, 2023** by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following; Cover letter, current resume, teaching certificate, copies of degrees, and three (3) work-related reference letters.

****Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to commencement of employment.**

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS of MNIDOO MNISING JUSTICE PROGRAM

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Position: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program
Duration: Full-time, permanent (pending funding and 3-month probation period)
Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. The FASD Program Worker will assist, support and advocate for community members who have been diagnosed with or who are suspected of having FASD and are involved in the Canadian justice system. The program worker will increase awareness about FASD and how the Justice System engages with Indigenous people affected by FASD.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Liaise with justice personnel and community resource persons to identify individuals who may have been diagnosed as having FASD or those who are suspected of having it.
- Coordinate diagnostic assessments for community members.
- Identify support services for pre/diagnosed community members.
- Assist individuals in navigating the justice system and act as a liaison between the two and any adjoining services.
- Facilitate positive change in how the justice system responds to individuals affected by FASD.
- Identify alternatives to incarceration through traditional restorative justice approaches.
- Create space, opportunities for healing and self-discovery through the offering of cultural activities and ceremonies.
- Maintain client files, statistical and activity reports as per the Transfer Payment Agreement.
- Attend court as necessary.
- Help facilitate educational outreach on FASD.
- Maintain resources related to FASD and justice, including case law and developments.
- Liaise with other similar service providers regarding best practices.
- Other duties as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must have a post secondary degree/diploma in social services, law or Indigenous studies, with a focus on FASD.
- Must have knowledge of Canadian criminal procedures, Criminal Code of Canada, and related court decisions regarding Anishnaabek.
- Must have the ability to produce superior written documents for submission to court.
- Must have a minimum of three years' experience working directly with Anishinaabe clients providing social or legal services.
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe culture and issues they face.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, and be a positive role model.
- Must have the ability to maintain work plans, files and correspondence.
- Must have knowledge of services available for Anishnaabek in the Districts of Manitoulin, Algoma and Sudbury.
- Able to speak and/or understand Ojibwe is an asset.
- Must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.
- Must provide a clear current Criminal Record Check, and if selected, a clear Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Remuneration: \$50,000.00 annually and benefits
Closing Date: Friday, June 9, 2023 at 12 noon

Mail/drop off (no fax or email submissions): 1) cover letter; 2) resume; 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence; 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a direct supervisor/manager; 5) current (within the past three months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-FASD" to: Hazel Recollet Chief Executive Officer United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Box 275 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Sweet Hollows Haven opens doors to Tai Chi Qigong, Reiki and Jin Shin Jyutsu

by Margery Frisch
 MANITOWANING—After many frustrating delays—COVID being the greatest of these—Sweet Hollows Haven in Manitowaning is finally opening its doors to the public.

In her new studio, Ingrid Spletstoesser offers the holistic systems of Tai Chi Qigong, Reiki and Jin Shin Jyutsu. The studio is a warm, open space beautifully enhanced by large and small stained glass designs, all created by Ingrid. Her grand opening took place Saturday, and Sunday, May 20 and 21 and she is now offering small group classes, private sessions and retreats.

To one who understands so little of these practices, Ms. Spletstoesser is a patient teacher. Tai Chi is a form of Qigong, a system of wellness through which one will discover the power of qi (life force energy) that runs within and around one's body. Reiki is similar to Qigong in some ways. They both focus on well-being and healing; they both channel energy from the hands. They offer similar results in the form of reduced stress and an overall feeling of balance and harmony.

The place of origin of these practices is one of the differences between the two. Qigong comes from ancient China, while Reiki originated in Japan. Another differ-

ence is that Qigong focuses your life with Jin Shin Jyut-



Ingrid Spletstoesser poses in her new studio in Manitowaning.

photo by Margery Frisch

on energy within the body, while Reiki, primarily, harnesses the energy of the universe. Jin Shin Jyutsu is a Japanese technique which, like acupuncture and acupuncture, is based on the premise that vital energy forces travel predictable pathways through our bodies. A lot to digest for someone new to these practices, but a visit to Ingrid's website offers all the positive benefits of these movements: "Enhance your coping skills as we revitalize our bodies, mind and spirit with the flowing movements of chikung (qigong and Tai chi), adding story and fun.

"Boost the battery of

su. Examine and build more coping skills as we spark and fill our inner smiles. In all of these practices, balance, healing and energy are the common focus."

Ms. Spletstoesser is also a trained Brennan Healing Science practitioner. An essential component of the practitioner's work is to guide an individual, who has become aware of a state of imbalance within, to take an active part in their own healing process. The practitioner is not a healer per se, but a facilitator in the process and Ms. Spletstoesser, engaging yet soft spoken, has healing energy she is eager to share. One can well imagine her

thoroughness as she guides her clients to wholeness.

In addition to her skills in these practices, Ms. Spletstoesser is an artist and an author. As previously mentioned, her joyful stained glass panels adorn several windows of the studio, and her paintings exude positive energy. She is the author of several books, all dealing with one's aura, or human energy field; her website states: "The books that Danu Studies Inc. presents on this website, each with a unique

approach to storytelling, provide an added dimension to the never-ending search for wellbeing and healing. Ingrid's non-fiction book about the human energy field (HEF) shows both her work in analyzing (parsing) the HEF and tells the story of two people ("Bob" and "Eyla") who transformed their HEF. Theory is presented as a journey of discovery for each of them, as well as for Ingrid." Other titles are listed and described with links to purchasing them.

Sweet Hollows Haven, at 153 Arthur Street in Manitowaning, has much to offer everyone; those knowledgeable in the many ancient practices offered at the studio; those knowing little but wanting to learn more; books to help understand the benefits of the practices offered, and beautiful artwork to lift one's spirits. You can learn more by visiting Sweet Hollows Haven's website or email sweethollows-info@gmail.com for further information.

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New Vehicle Sales Consultant

We are seeking an enthusiastic and results-driven Sales Consultant to sell new Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, and Ram vehicles

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Professionally assist customers by understanding their needs and interests, and matching them to the most appropriate vehicle
- Understanding the characteristics, capabilities, and features of all vehicles sold at Manitoulin Chrysler, and providing the potential customer with detailed information, including comparing different competitive models.
- Taking customers on test drives and demonstrating vehicle features.
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- Maintaining a customer database and communicating with them
- Assisting customers with the relevant paperwork required for a successful sale to be processed
- Collaborating with team members to reach sales targets
- Enhances dealership reputation by accepting ownership for accomplishing new and different requests
- Working with the Finance Department to develop sales agreements

QUALIFICATIONS

- Enjoys working in a fast-paced environment that produces results
- Able to stay organized and manage time effectively when working alone or collaboratively with a team
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills
- Honest, enthusiastic, displays a positive attitude, and is professional

EXPERIENCE

- Valid Drivers License
- Valid OMVIC License (or willing to obtain a license)
- 2+ year's experience in Automotive Sales or Equivalent Sales Experience is considered an asset

A Full Job Description is available on our website at ManitoulinChrysler.com/employment/

Send your resume to:
wlegge@manitoulinchrysler.ca

Drop it off at:
 6015 HWY 542, MINDEMOYA

Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS)
Employment Opportunity
Employment, Training & Special Projects Officer

Reporting to: ASETA Manager and/or LMS Operations Supervisor

Primary Function: Provide employment counselling and support to clients in their training or return-to-work action plans. Employment supports may involve assessment, action plan development, group facilitation, one-to-one counselling and online/distance supports and case management. This position will assist Enaadmaagehjik in the development areas of Light Manufacturing, Energy and Agriculture/Aquaculture.

Salary Range: 41K to 48K per annum, commensurate with experience

Key Job Functions/Major Responsibilities:

1. Deliver employment and training services as authorized by the Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services (WLMS);
2. Project/client file management in accordance with WLMS procedures;
3. Determine proper client counselling and referral processes take place for clients through referral to internal/external community resources and as appropriate to client needs and employment goals;
4. Assist clients with a return-to-work action plan that is based on realistic and achievable career goals;
5. Provide advocacy on behalf of clients by participating in community networking and establishing support links with other agencies - social and educational, and employers;
6. Liaise with employers, on/off reserve and other federal/provincial employment and training agencies, Ministry of Labour, Skills Development and Training, and post-secondary institutes;
7. Write proposals to secure funds to support targeted or specialized training;
8. Participate with and provide recommendations to the Enaadmaagehjik Board of Directors regarding specific labour market issues;
9. Coordinate, facilitate, and/or participate in labour market presentations to explain the priorities and objectives of the Enaadmaagehjik and WLMS Programs to potential partners.

Qualifications and Relevant Skill Level:

- Post-secondary certification in career counselling or human resource planning
- Previous experience in a career facilitation/employment counselling setting
- Experience in case management is an asset
- Excellent problem-solving, communication (written and oral) and interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated ability to "think outside of the box"
- Comfort with providing public presentations
- Possession of a valid Class G Driver's Licence required and access to a vehicle
- Work flexible hours (evening and weekend included)
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Deadline: May 26, 2023

Please submit a cover letter, resume and three (3) recent work reference letters to:
 Applications: Employment, Training & Special Projects Officer
 Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS
 2102 Wikwemikong Way
 Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

For information and/or job description, please contact Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans at 705-859-3001

...Island elementary senior soccer champions crowned at Wiiky meet

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 low, Aaron Townsend,
 Spencer Cortes, Ryan

Carter, Roen Deschenes
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LCPS team No. 2 finished
 second. The team included

Kain Corbiere, Kirsten
 Bowerman, Brooklynn Fer-
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 gan Dedman, Chloe Hilde-
 brand, Aaven Edralin,
 Liam Stephens, Landon
 Maloney, Shlok Gandhi and
 Luis Anaya.

The third place CMPS
 team included Jonathan
 Cooper, Kaci Lariviere,
 Scarlet Mohr, Gabriella
 Forsythe, Chase Taylor,
 Jack Bridgeman, Sean Zem-
 bal, Kimberlee Williams,
 Anders Watson, Josh
 Daniso, Jonah Balfe, Eric
 Wahl, Elizabeth Cooper and
 coach Ellen Ferguson. CMPS
 defeated Lakeview to
 take third place.

The Lakeview team
 which finished in fourth
 place included Ethan Ense,
 Dylan Bebonang, Landon
 Armstrong, Ayden Loucks,
 Kingston Abel-Armstrong,
 Davin Enosse, Lourdes



Lakeview elementary school's senior soccer team finished in fourth place at the annual Manitoulin elementary senior soccer tournament.

Taukei, Maria Ense-Chee-
 choo, Sophia Hare, Aurora
 Panamick, Damara
 Wassegijig and Alexis
 Young.

The teams enjoyed beau-

tiful weather and were
 cooled off with two Pontiac
 school classes selling
 slushies, drinks and
 snacks. A special miig-

wetch to Mr. Fox for coordi-
 nating, Mr. Peltier and Mr.
 Wood for officiating the
 games.

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E. Corbiere & Sons CONTRACTING

has an opening for an
Office Assistant

Position overview:

The Office Assistant role will be responsible for a variety of tasks to keep our office running smoothly.

Responsibilities will include, but not be limited to the following:

Key responsibilities:

- Answering phones and greeting visitors
- Entering Invoices in QuickBooks Online
- Posting Receipts in QuickBooks Online
- Tracking job progress by entering data into Excel
- Maintaining Fleet Database
- Light filing
- Other office duties as assigned

Skills:

- Basic Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel)
- Previous experience with QuickBooks Online (preferred)
- Previous experience with Access Database (preferred)
- Good attention to detail
- Reliable and Confidential

Remuneration commensurate with experience.

**Please send resumes to
 admin@ecorbiereandsons.ca**

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**The Township of Burpee and Mills
 Summer Season Employment Opportunity**

Duties to include:

Daily care and maintenance of outdoor recreation facilities, including grass cutting.

Applicants between the ages of 16 and 30 with a valid G-2 driver's licence are invited to submit resumes.

Deadline: June 1, 2023

Email: burpeemills@vianet.ca

or

In person: 8 Bailey Line Rd., Evansville, ON P0P 1E0

Accommodations for job applicants with disabilities are available on request.



The Central Manitoulin Public School soccer team took third place at the annual Manitoulin elementary senior soccer tournament held May 10 at Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School.

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HI THERE! YES YOU!
 LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW AND CHALLENGING?
 ARE YOU WANTING TO WORK IN A SUPPORTIVE,
 CREATIVE AND FUN ATMOSPHERE?

Join The Manitoulin Expositor Team!

The Expositor Office has a reporter's position available under the Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) program beginning June 9, 2023.

The scope of this job will be to report on:

- Manitoulin courts
- Environmental stories
- The opioid crisis

Five to seven stories per week are expected under the Local Journalism Initiative program, which will run in The Expositor and on its website, and will also be published on a national LJI website. This is a continuing position; there has been an LJI reporter covering these same beats for the past two years.

To send a resume and application, or for more information, please email editor@manitoulin.com or call (705) 368-2744.

We can't wait to hear from you!

We thank all those who apply. However, only those considered for this position will be contacted.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interested persons are asked to submit:

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

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

...Island man has big part in hosting of the 2023 Canadian Open

...continued from page 1A there has been a lot of construction taking place, building back t-decks to make the course longer, narrowing the fairways, and adding at least one new bunker on each hole.

"Today we are doing sodding on several patches and just working on the course, condition-wise, to make sure it is in tip top condition. We have three weeks until the tournament starts (June 8-11), and we have 60 staff on hand."

"We have a 6 am start time meeting before we start work for the day," said Mr. Greenman. "We have a morning meeting of the entire staff and divide up the jobs to be carried out that day. Usually, we divide staff up into three crews to each work on nine holes of the course every day. With the tournament we are working as one group."

While preparations continue on the course it is still open to members and visitors to play up until the week previous to the start of the event. "The members are still playing," said Mr. Greenman. "We won't actually close the course except for two weeks, the week prior and the tournament week."

As soon as Oakdale knew it was hosting the event, the clock started ticking, Mr. Greenman said. With the pandemic it was hard to get PGA tour reps on the site. But in the fall of 2021, to get a head start, "we expedited a couple of items on our master plan we knew would be on their (PGA) list."

Widening some fairways and narrowing others was part of that plan. Drainage and irrigation were also to-do items to upgrade a system that was past its prime. Oakdale upgraded its irrigation control system and satellites. The biggest project was a modernization and cleanup up of the bunkers on all 27 holes. With three nine-hole tracts to choose from to help determine the best mix of 18 holes for the pros, what resulted was a 7,460-yard composite routing that will take in a mix of holes from the Thompson Nine and the Homenuik Nine, along with the full Knudson nine.

"The club members are very understanding of all the work that has been done and they are as excited to host this tournament as we are," said Mr. Greenman. "Two years ago, this past spring the club membership voted on whether to host the tournament. Not absolutely everyone voted in favour but just about everyone was positive about hosting the Canadian championships. And we will be hosting the Open again in 2026. We are all looking forward to it."

The course was founded in 1926, with renewed Canadian golf course architect Stanley Thompson designing the original 18 holes. Robbie Robinson added nine holes in 1957. Oakdale is the 37th course in the 117-year history of the Canadian Open to host the tournament, the third oldest continuously run event on the PGA Tour.



The routing for June's RBC Canadian Open will be a composite of Oakdale Golf and Country Club's three nine-hole courses.



NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!

Business and Economic Development Manager

Department: Economic Development
 Classification/Level: Senior Management (\$72,800 - \$98,800)
 + Group Pension & Extended Benefits
 Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

Position Summary:

The Business and Economic Development Manager will serve as a strategic leader in the planning and support of all M'Chigeeng First Nation's economic development goals. The Business and Economic Development Manager will be responsible for developing, implementing and reporting economic development partnerships, initiatives and long-term planning for major projects. The Business and Economic Development Manager will lead and participate in policy work, creating processes, writing proposals and seeking revenue and funding opportunities for M'Chigeeng First Nation.

The Business and Economic Development Manager will review the existing structural relationship between HIAH Economic Development Corporation, MERE, Freshmart Mart Grocery Store, Grasshopper and M'Chigeeng First Nation and review existing business entities owned and affiliated by M'Chigeeng First Nation. The Business and Economic Development Manager will create efficiencies and long-term plans, review and assess supports for existing band member businesses, develop and support new and existing entrepreneurs and create a long-term plan for economic development for both M'Chigeeng First Nation and its membership.

Essential Functions:

- Establish strategic direction for community economic development and create a comprehensive economic development plan for the benefit of MFN and band member businesses.
- Define, develop and implement both short term and long-term goals for growth.
- Lead the development of new and innovative programs and initiatives, assists with proposal development and motivates community members to participate in business and training opportunities.
- Organize and carry out economic development programs and projects through the phases of conceptualization, planning and development as well as implementation.
- Produce and publish an annual report once per fiscal outlining the corporation's activities and achievements for the period.

**For complete a job description, please request to the following: andream@mchigeeng.ca

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in business management, business administration, economics, commerce or a related field.
- At least five (5) years' work-related experience in progressive management responsibility in business based on a multi-disciplinary team approach.
- Strong knowledge of research and analytics relating to current and future economic development projects.
- Knowledge of First Nations culture and experience working in or with First Nations, understanding the unique political, legal and business values of First Nations.
- Must be a strategic and proactive thinker with strong entrepreneurial and networking skills.
- Strong skills in marketing, public speaking and financial/project management.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills particularly in business writing.
- Advanced computer skills (particularly Microsoft Office).
- Must have proven, well developed staff / public relations.
- High level experience with proposal writing, budgeting and reporting.
- Knowledge of corporate entities would be an asset.

Considered an asset:

- Aboriginal Economic Development Certification
- Finance management experience

Other:

- Understanding of socio-economic factors, conditions and developments of the region and the potential impacts on the economy and employment.
- Strong negotiation skills and a proven track record.
- Ability to analyze business information and distill, summarize and share key information with others to assist in decision making.
- High level of analytical skills, detail oriented using professional standards for oral and written communication.
- Proven results working independently, and following through on concepts, ideas or initiatives preferably with an Indigenous focus.
- Knowledge of municipal, provincial, federal and Indigenous governmental systems.
- Ability to speak and understand the Ojibwe language would be a strong asset or the willingness to learn.
- Must have a valid "G" Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle.
- Police CRC requirement prior to employment.

Application Closing Date: June 2nd, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in these new opportunities, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current reference contacts (2 work related and 1 character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:

Business And Economic Development Manager
 c/o Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

WILLIAM MCCOMB

Eat, sleep, hockey; the life of William McComb. Whether he's decking out the goalie, sniping a shot, or busting down the ice on the backcheck, Will is his happiest in the rink. However, his athletic talents are not confined to the ice surface; his hockey stick can easily be traded for a basketball or baseball bat. No matter the sport, Will consistently brings a competitive edge to his game, attributing to his athletic success so far. In his second year as a Mustang, Will has earned the reputation of a humorous, yet driven athlete, indicating that he will rock his final two years in the black and gold!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Will fit the role of an "All Star" at Assiginack Public School. His start in sports began in the green jersey, where he learned from a young age that he enjoyed being active and competing. Throughout his elementary school career, he could be spotted on the field, as a member of the three-pitch team, and on the court, participating on the basketball team. Of the two sports, Will favoured three-pitch. He recalls that he especially enjoyed the three strike sport because his team often excelled at tournaments. As Will looks back on his elementary years, he explains that his favourite part of athletics at the time was taking part in the island wide events. He especially appreciated the competition within and on the island.

Transitioning into high school, Will has continued to pursue his love of sports. In his rookie year as a Mustang, he made his debut playing centre for the junior boys' basketball team. He proved himself to be a dedicated player, committing to practices and often travelling multiple times a week to attend games. Despite his time spent on basketball, Will recalls the highlight of high school sports being the 2023 Winter Carnival, a friendly hockey tournament comprising of student/teacher mixed teams.

This year, Will has taken a break from Mustang athletics, allowing him more time to focus on hockey. Will began playing hockey for the Manitowaning Wolves, earning 'Forward of the Year' for his 2015-2016 season. He quickly looked for an opportunity to play more hockey at a more competitive level. In past years, he has played for the AAA Nickel City Caps and AA Sudbury Sons. While playing in the U15 age category, Will's team became NDHL champions! Although claiming this title marked a memorable moment in Will's hockey career, he explains that there is more to his love for the sport than winning. Will appreciates the challenge hockey provides, pushing him to be his best both mentally and physically. Additionally, he cherishes the opportunities he has had to meet new people and develop relationships. Throughout his hockey journey, he has made new friends and worked with amazing coaches; relationships that will last a lifetime.

When the weather gets too warm and Will must hang up his skates for the season, he continues to stay active, taking his dog (Rocky) on runs and walks. He also enjoys spending time outdoors, fishing and hunting. In the community, Will has worked as a labourer and volunteered at the Southeast Manitoulin Lions Club Summerfest in his home town of Manitowaning.

Despite a busy schedule, Will finds time to dedicate to his academics. He explains that he especially enjoys math because he had a great experience with his class and teacher, making the tough subject fun to learn.

Some of William's success in athletics and academics can be credited to having a strong role model. Will looks up to Sidney Crosby, the captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins and NHL legend. Will notices that Crosby shows dedication, commitment and class on and off the ice. The pro athlete has persevered through multiple injuries and concussions, never giving up. Crosby sets a remarkable example, inspiring Will to be his best.

As Will moves into Grade 11 next year, he explores his options to pursue post graduation. Will is sure that he will incorporate his passion for sports into his career, considering physiotherapy or kinesiology. He is also looking at working towards becoming a pole line technician for Hydro One.

With Will's determination and commitment, he is likely to continue to reach his goals, on and off the ice!

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HOROSCOPES (May 28 - June 3)

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, pay attention to the smaller details, as those are the ones most often ignored. You'll be highly regarded if you pinpoint any errors in a timely manner.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Work to the best of your ability, Taurus. Focus on your own work and serve as a source of encouragement to those around you who may be experiencing some difficulties.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

A loved one may be hinting at a few things he or she wants to do with you, Gemini. Find the time to make these things happen. Let loose and have fun.

CANCER - June 22/July 22

It could be tempting to hole up in a bookstore or a coffee shop for hours in the days ahead, Cancer. However, avoiding certain issues is not the way to go. Confront them head on.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, if you are going to leap, do so with both eyes open; otherwise, you may miss some of the dangers along the way. Always take the bigger picture into consideration.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, accept that you may be different from most of the people with whom you associate, and that is perfectly fine. What makes you unique is what others like about you.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, explore all possibilities at work rather than pigeonholing yourself into one role. How will you know what things are like if you don't try stuff out?

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You may need to roll with the punches this week, Scorpio. Things are coming at you at a record pace and it could take a lot of effort to keep up. Learn and adapt as you go.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, even though you have been faced with a number of challenges lately, you have managed to come through with your head held high. Keep up the progress.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

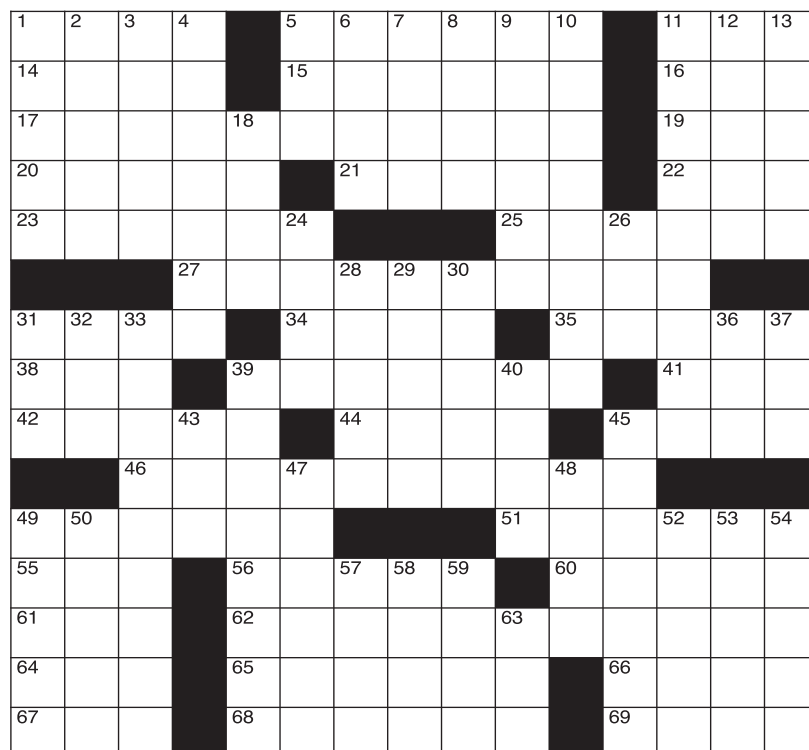
There's not much that will bother you this week, Capricorn. It seems you have all of your ducks in a row. Enjoy this good fortune while it lasts.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Remarkable opportunities are coming your way, Aquarius. All you need to do is sit back and wait for them to start. There is no need to do much legwork in this situation.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Big changes can sometimes be scary, Pisces. But change is just what you need to do right now to spice things up.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. English river
- 5. Particular part of something
- 11. Cool!
- 14. Welsh for John
- 15. Given name meaning "great spirit"
- 16. Wrath
- 17. Social occasion
- 19. Mechanical belt
- 20. ___ de la ___
- 21. Commands
- 22. Body part
- 23. Caught sight of
- 25. Funeral car
- 27. Skin infection
- 31. Sometimes they "burn"
- 34. Russian river
- 35. Famed soap opera character Kane
- 38. Pie ___ mode
- 39. Endangered
- 41. Socially inept person
- 42. Romanian river
- 44. Swerve
- 45. Monetary unit of Samoa
- 46. A type of approach to please
- 49. Form of Hebrew name for God
- 51. "Carry On My Wayward Son" rockers
- 55. A team's best pitcher
- 56. A woody climbing plant
- 60. Long, edible marine fish
- 61. Human rights group in Africa (abbr.)
- 62. Data
- 64. Corporate bigwig
- 65. Climbs
- 66. Relating to the ear
- 67. Commercials
- 68. You need it to eat
- 69. Political extremists

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Reconnaissance (Brit. military)
- 2. Asserts to be the case
- 3. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
- 4. Foes
- 5. Rheumatoid arthritis score
- 6. Ruler of Iran
- 7. The top of the head
- 8. Lilly and Manning are two
- 9. Purchase attire for
- 10. Glittering with gold or silver
- 11. The bank of a body of water
- 12. Regions
- 13. Makes tractors
- 18. Adult beverage
- 24. Force unit
- 26. Swiss river
- 28. Cater to
- 29. Woody climbing plants
- 30. Seems less impressive
- 31. Consume
- 32. Boxing's GOAT
- 33. Southwestern farmers
- 36. Beverage holder
- 37. A way to deteriorate
- 39. Judge
- 40. Norse explorer ___ the Red
- 43. Farm resident
- 45. One who helps to govern
- 47. Plant-eating ground bug
- 48. History Finnish county
- 49. Conifer native to Jamaica
- 50. Longed
- 52. Small Japanese city
- 53. Arum family plant
- 54. Puts together in time
- 57. From a distance
- 58. ___ contendere: no contest plea
- 59. Region
- 63. Mountain Standard Time

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	3	2	8	4	6	7	9	5
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8	9	5	3	1	7	6	4	2
4	8	3	6	7	2	5	1	9
2	5	9	4	3	1	8	7	6
7	6	1	5	9	8	4	2	3
9	7	4	1	6	5	2	3	8
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ANSWER:

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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