

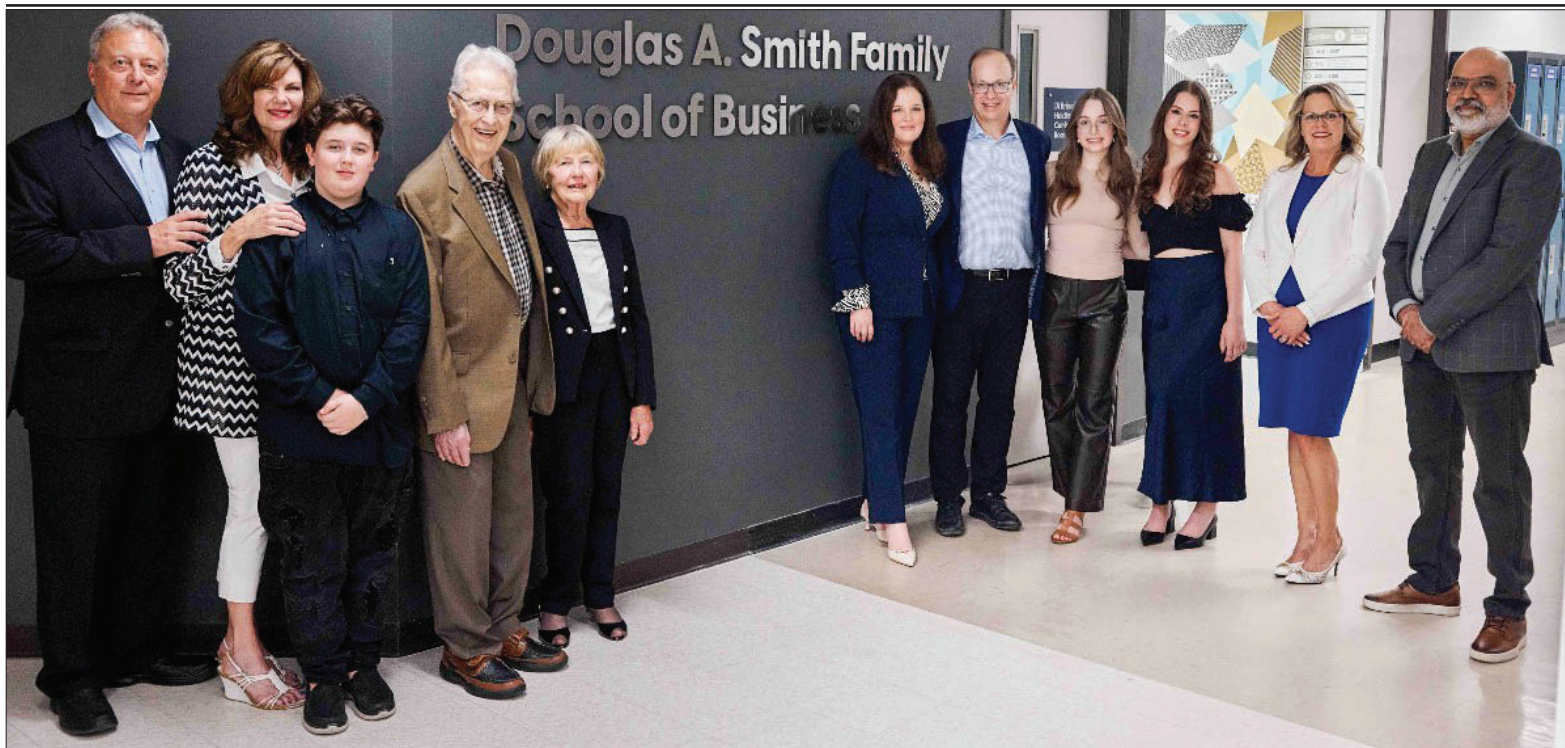
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GREAT BUSINESS SUPPORT—Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation has been a key supporter of Cambrian College, in particular its business programs. In recognition of this support, Cambrian has announced that its School of Business will now be known as the Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business. Douglas A. Smith is the founder of Manitoulin Transport. Taking part in the announcement last week in photo from left to right is Gord Smith CEO Manitoulin Group of Companies, Beth Smith, Anthony Smith, Doug Smith, (founder of Manitoulin Transport), Nickie Hinds, Jillian Smith, Jeff Smith vice-chair of Manitoulin Transport, Brianna Smith, Emma Smith, Kristine Morrissey (Cambrian College president) and Dr. Parvinder Arora (Dean, School of Medicine).

Central offers Burns Wharf Players home in Mindemoya

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Burns Wharf Theatre Players (BWTP) has been searching for a new home following their namesake location on the Manitowaning waterfront becoming structurally untenable. During a May 16 Central Manitoulin council meeting, that search proved successful, at least for now.

The motion, moved by Councillor Dale Scott and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt, states that “Burns Wharf Theatre Players request for space at Mindemoya Hall in 2025 be received and, further, that the request be approved as presented in the report.”

“We are absolutely delighted,” said Burns Wharf board member Lynn Dee Sproule. Ms. Sproule, along with BWTP stalwarts Ray Scott and Peter Baumgarten and founding members Marilyn and Elwood Wohlberg have been helming the organization since its recent incorporation.

BWTP recently landed at Manitoulin Secondary School, where the musical comedy ‘The Addams Family’ is currently running, but although the theatre company is grateful to the school and Rainbow District School Board for the opportunity, the location presents several logistical challenges—notably the need to erect and then tear down the theatre sets during

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Cambrian names business school for Douglas A. Smith Family

by Tom Sasvari
SUDBURY—For years, the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation has been a key supporter of Cambrian College, in particular its various business programs. In recognition of this support, Cambrian has announced that its School of Business will now be known as the Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business.

The Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business honours the legacy of the Smith family, founders of Manitoulin Transport. Launched in 1960 by Douglas A. Smith, Manitoulin Transport began with a single licence and has since grown into a glob-

al leader in transportation and logistics. The Smith family’s dedication to continuous improvement, strategic vision and hard work has been instrumental in the company’s success.

“The establishment of the Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business marks a significant moment in Cambrian College’s history and will have a huge impact on our business programs,” said Cambrian College President Kristine Morrissey.

Ms. Morrissey told The Expositor, “As president of Cambrian College, I am profoundly moved and immensely grateful for this generous contribution from the Douglas A. Smith Fam-

ily Foundation. This substantial donation represents more than just financial support, it reflects a shared commitment to excellence, innovation and community development.”

“The impact of this gift will be felt across all corners of our campus,” Ms. Morrissey said. “It ensures that our students have access to the best educational tools and learning opportunities, preparing them to become the leaders of tomorrow. Moreover, it fortifies our faculty and staff by providing them with what they need to deliver world-class education in our community and beyond. On behalf of our entire college com-

munity, I would like to thank the Smith family for your belief in our mission and your investment in our community.”

“It’s an absolute pleasure to be here representing the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation during this pivotal moment for Cambrian College and our community,” said Jeff Smith, vice-chair of Manitoulin Transport and former chair of Cambrian College’s board.

“Our foundation has a longstanding commitment to enhancing educational opportunities and strengthening community ties. This is more than a mission, it is a passion

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UCCM Police plans expanded headquarters

by Tom Sasvari
M’CHIGEENG—The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) has taken the initial steps to have the service housed in a much larger building in one of the communities they currently serve.

“We are in the initial stages of looking at this,” said James Killeen, chief of police with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police

Service. “We have begun the process of developing a building plan, depending on funding (being provided) toward a new building.”

“We are still in the beginning phase,” said Police Chief Killeen. “We are at the breaking point as far as space in our present location (in M’Chigeeng). We are having to lease space in another office building across

the street from this location and other communities that we serve. We’ve purchased a residence for officers, staff and guests to conduct training and courses while they are here,” he said, noting that Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) has a similar housing unit in place in the Wiikwemkoong community.

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Integrity Commissioner determines Billings citizen complaint about council “vexatious”

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings Township council did everything by the book when it came to the appointment of a new councillor earlier this year. This was the opinion of Expertise For Municipalities (E4M) regarding complaints that had been raised by three township residents to council filling the council vacancy.

“I think generally the concern raised by the local residents is the way council chose to select a new councillor,” said Peggy Young-Lovelace, consultant, governance and community building with E4M Solutions. “They did everything the

way they are allowed to; council did nothing in contravention of the Ontario Municipal Act,” she said, noting council had the options of calling for a by-election or appointment of a new councillor.

“Nothing Billings council did contravenes the municipal council code of conduct,” Ms. Young-Lovelace told the Expositor.

As was reported previously, at a Billings election meeting several candidates made presentations to council and members of the public in attendance providing information on their back-

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TUNE FOR THE MOON—Uncle Fester Addams sings an ode to his one and only true love during the Burns Wharf production of ‘The Addams Family.’ See Page 3 of this issue for coverage of this must-see performance.

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The cast and crew of the Burns Wharf Theatre Players production of 'The Addams Family' take a final bow following a successful dress rehearsal.

photos by Michael Erskine

Burns Wharf latest production 'The Addams Family' a tour de force

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Like most live theatre companies, Burns Wharf Theatre Players (BWTP) have had a challenging few years thanks to the restrictions of the global pandemic, but with their latest production of the Marshall Brickam and Rick Elice musical comedy 'The Addams Family,' they are back in ghoulish good form.

The production was five months in the making and, according to veteran music director Ray Scott, represents the most challenging play the troupe has ever at-

tempted. The Expositor was invited to attend the dress rehearsal at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) on Wednesday, May 22 and what we discovered was a professionally polished and presented show that utterly refutes any nuance of "amateur" to be discovered within its ranks, including cast, musicians, sound, lighting and set design. What is more, the entire production, to use a vernacular technical term, was a complete hoot!

Gentlest of spoilers ahead—the storyline sees Wednesday Addams, "the ultimate princess of darkness, all grown up

and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family, a man her parents have never met. And if that isn't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father, Gomez and begs him not to tell her mother." Meanwhile, Uncle Fester has fallen under the spell of his own seemingly unattainable par amour and, comprehending the importance of love over mayhem, he compels the family's ancestors to help ensure the young couple's happiness-hilarity ensues.

Gomez, as performed by the Burns

Wharf stalwart Peter Baumgarten, is the epitome of the tortured soul, torn between his devotion to his wife Morticia, performed by veteran Samantha Lynn Brennan (late of Debajehmujig Theatre fame) and a promise to his daughter Wednesday, performed by Cameron Meawasige. Mr. Baumgarten, who doubled as stage director, lauded his cast and noted the production was all the more amazing given the amateur theatre status of the production—we have to call a bit of BS on that, there was nothing to ...continued on page 28

Manitoulin Transport's Jeff Smith is recognized as Executive of the Year

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Jeff Smith, vice-chair of Manitoulin Transport, was bestowed the 'Executive of the Year' award at the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce annual Business Excellence Awards gala.

"I'm very honoured to be considered and chosen for this award," Mr. Smith told The Expositor. "It's the people I've worked with over the years, company staff and customers, who have provided support over many years that share in this award."

Mr. Smith, who graduated from Western University with a degree in economics explained, "I have been with Manitoulin Transport for the past 38 years. There are not many departments of the company I haven't worked in. I started out in accounting, accounts receivables, sales and several more departments of the company over the years."

Mr. Smith, of Gore Bay, has lived with his family in Sudbury since 1998, has served almost two full three-year terms on the Cambrian College Board and in 2023 was chair. He has served on Cambrian's board since 2018. He has expertise in the fields of continuous improvement, quality management and environmental



Manitoulin Transport vice-chair Jeff Smith accepts his 'Executive of the Year Award' at the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce annual Business Excellence Awards gala.

systems. One of the many things he is involved with in the community is as a director of the Sudbury Food Bank.

In a video shown prior to his being presented his award, Mr. Smith said Manitoulin Transport was established in 1960 and the company's roots in Gore Bay and Manitoulin run deep. "Shipping Your World" is not just our slogan, it is our mission," he said. He pointed out he has worked with the company since he was a kid, and his first job with Manitoulin, "My grandmother had me folding invoices. From helping to steer the company to new horizons, the journey has been more than just logistics."

He further explained in winning the award one of the reasons may be, "because of my involvement in the community. I have been out there working with a lot of different people, and learning from a lot of people in the community, on boards and organizations whether they be in education, with Cambrian (College), Mining Supplies and Service, Mine Connect Supply Association, or charities, such as Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre and HSN ...continued on page 28

Canada Post/Bank of Montreal building in Assiginack has a new owner

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—The new owner of 115 Arthur Street in Manitowaning, which houses both the Bank of Montreal and the Canada Post Corporation office, says he envisions keeping both as tenants in the building once he officially takes over ownership of the building from the township.

"Our vision is to keep both tenants in the building," stat-

ed Douglas H. Hancock, a resident of Mississauga who has a cottage in the municipality. "We would like to see both the bank and the post office stay as tenants. I was there a half day recently and noticed the post office (and bank) creates lots of activity." He said with urban planning there could be spinoff from having so many visitors to the community. "There should be some type of organic activity

that spills over from the current human activity at the building that would benefit the community."

Mr. Hancock made his comments a couple of days after Assiginack council had made the final decision to sell the building. As had been reported previously, council had decided the building up for sale, and having done so, received a total of

four bids for its purchase. At its meeting last week, council accepted the bid from Mr. Hancock for \$125,000, albeit the final decision came with concerns raised by at least one council member regarding the sale of the building.

"I reject all the bids," stated Councillor Rob Maguire, indicating that the services provided by both tenants needs to remain in the community. "I am not in support of selling the building at all."

"I think we have to look at the fact that we can't afford to maintain the building," said Councillor Jennifer Hooper. "The building has for too long

gone without being maintained properly, and it cannot be left the way it is."

As had been previously reported, an assessment of the building was carried out, and while the building is solid, repairs of the building were estimated at \$1.7 million.

"I cannot speak to the tenants of the building, but I feel the best thing we can do, and it is time to sell the building," said Councillor Hooper.

"I would support selling the building," said Councillor Dwayne Elliott. "I agree with Rob that we need the services in ...continued on page 29

Gore Bay institutes new heavy truck bylaw

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Along with a reduction in speed limits in town, Gore Bay council passed a bylaw to keep heavy trucks off the main downtown business section. Under the bylaw, heavy trucks and vehicles will not be allowed to drive or park through the downtown business section (Meredith Street) and will have to use a designated truck route.

"We are just trying to keep the downtown area safe," said Michael Lalonde, Gore Bay treasurer and acting town manager. "We all know how busy it gets on Meredith Street with people and vehicles moving along the street. We are trying to keep heavy, large trucks and other heavy vehicles from driving down the main downtown street of town, Meredith Street, to keep traffic flowing and for safety."

The bylaw states, "The definition of a heavy truck means any commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating greater than 4,600 kilograms, including a truck and

trailer combination, but does not include emergency service vehicles such as ambulances or fire trucks."

Under the prohibition of heavy trucks the bylaw reads, "where no heavy truck signage has been erected and are on display, no person shall drive, move, operate or park heavy trucks upon or over any part of the highways as specified as follows: Agnes Street from its intersection with Bay Street to Meredith Street or the Meredith Street intersection with Borron Street."

The following are exempted from the prohibition, "a) Any vehicles operated by the town of Gore Bay and their agents and/or contractors, together with any emergency service vehicles, public utility vehicles and/or waste management vehicles; b) any heavy truck actually engaged in making a delivery to or a collection from premises which cannot be reached except by way of the highways or part of the highways as set out in section two, provided that in making such deliv-

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Decoration Day commemorated on Sunday, June 2

SPRING BAY—On Sunday, June 2, the public is invited to attend the annual Decoration Day ceremony starting at 1 pm at the Island Cenotaph at Monument Corner in Spring Bay.

Each year, Branch 177 Little Current and Branch 514 Western Manitoulin of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) alternate hosting this special day to pay homage to the men and women who served in our country's force and those of our allies. Through their courage and sacrifice, these men and women have helped to ensure that we live in freedom and peace, while also fostering the same around the world.

Seating is limited and it is recommended you bring your own lawn chair. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, everyone is invited back to the Little Current Legion for fellowship and refreshments.

In case of rain, the Decoration Day service will take place in the Mindemoya Community Arena.

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Our greatest award is the faith of our readership

The Expositor has once again garnered Better Newspaper Competition awards in a number of categories from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's 'Better Newspapers Competition, and we are deeply honoured by the recognition that we continue to bring the best in local news coverage to our readers.

But the highest award we receive is the faith of those readers who return to our pages, either in traditional newsprint or online, to discover all the Island news that's fit to print and the advertisers who depend on us to bring awareness of their wares to the community at large.

Much has been made of the dire straits facing the newspaper industry as online giants continue to soak up those advertising dollars, yet our little newspaper continues to soldier on, thanks to the support of the Manitoulin community. Those huge multinational corporations that haul in the bulk of online advertising put little back into the communities from which they draw their revenue—dealing with quality reporting on local news in small rural towns and villages simply cannot fit into their models.

When that advertising revenue flows into a small community newspaper, the vast majority of those funds flow right back into the communities it comes from. When it flows into a massive international entity, those funds drain out of not only the local economies, but immediately exit our nation's borders.

Small community newspapers reach out to a demographic that is poorly served by large corporations, demonstrably so according to independent advertising research. It is a message that is hard to communicate to those raised in the information/microtargeting age, but great strides are being made to address that issue and community newspapers continue to adapt through their professional associations.

In the meantime, it is thanks to the loyalty of our subscribers, readers and advertisers that have remained a vibrant and vital link to local news and events that have impacted Manitouliners' lives for the past 145 years. We could not do what we do without you, and for that, we are deeply humbled and grateful.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

letters

Lack of mental health resources fails the disabled in need

There are those whose cries for help continue to go unanswered

To the Expositor:

How do I start this?
The injustice in social and economics where is the justice? Some get help for those who are able to walk and move about without the need of mechanical devices (wheelchairs.) There are those in need of special help to and from wheelchairs, bathroom, bathroom needs, to get dressed, basic life-giving needs. I'm sure there are many out there looking and trying to get help. I am writing in particular of one person, so when I am writing from one I am writing for all.

My grandniece with A.M.C. arthrogyriposis multiplex congenita. She is house bound, wheelchair in a house that is not equipped for disabled. She has issues, she wants help, she's asking for help. My sister who is her caregiver needs help, my grandniece also has

drug and mental issues; suicidal, drugs, I don't know what kind, but she's the one who's asking for help.

Apparently, our resources here say they cannot accommodate her because of her special needs. Can't or don't want to hire extra staff for her needs. The injustice of economics; one person wants help and calling out for it turned away on account of money. The social injustice of it is she spends her days in a house with cell phone, computer, tablet, TV. This all she's got for the day, special needs or problems here for the mental and disabled? Don't know or heard of any, but again that requires money and the hiring of extra help. There is more and on-going issues. But my main concern is my grandniece who is crying out and asking for help!

**Richard Shawana
Wiikwemkoong**

Expositor called out for lack of Tehkummah coverage

Writer unable to recall a council meeting story over the past year

To the Expositor:

Re: 'Your community newspaper turns 145,' Page 1.
"The Expositor has chronicled the news and events of importance to the residents of the world's largest freshwater Island and we are able to continue to bring you. Local news thanks to the support of our loyal subscribers and advertisers—and those that pick up a copy at their local newsstand."

I have to challenge your statement, being unable to recall a single article you have published in the last year, at least, covering Tehkummah council meetings or any issues at all concerning the administration of Tehkummah Township.

Sincerely,

**David Samuels
Tehkummah**

Stop mosquito bites and protect yourself from West Nile virus

SUDBURY—When spending time outside, mosquito bites are a reality. Everyone is at risk of contracting West Nile virus (WNV). Preventing mosquito bites is important to protect yourself and your family.

"Mosquito populations in our area have been confirmed in past years to carry West Nile virus, and we have seen human illness," reports Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD).

Symptoms of West Nile virus infection can range from mild to severe. Most people infected with the virus have no symptoms while some may experience mild symptoms including fever, headache, body aches, mild rash and swollen lymph glands. In some cases, however, the infection can affect the central nervous system and cause serious symptoms including severe headache, stiff neck, difficulty swallowing, nausea or vomiting, confusion, loss of consciousness, muscle weakness, and paralysis, in addition to high fevers. In these cases, West Nile virus infection can be fatal.

"Although the overall risk of becoming infected with West



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Nile virus is low, public health reminds everyone of simple measures you can take to protect against mosquito bites: Use an insect repellent approved by Health Canada, containing either DEET or icaridin, and fol-

low the application instructions on the package. Stay indoors, if possible, from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are most active; wear light-coloured clothing, including long sleeves, long pants, socks, and a hat when-

ever you are outdoors. Check your window and door screens to ensure that there are no tears or holes for mosquitoes to get through. Consider the use of mesh "bug jackets" or "bug hats."

Mosquitoes need only a small amount of calm, standing water to lay their eggs and for larvae to hatch. Reduce mosquito breeding areas by changing or removing standing water at least once a week for the following areas: bird baths, old tires, containers or barrels, flowerpot saucers, swimming pool covers and wading pools, clogged gutters and eaves troughs, clogged drainage ditches, small containers like cans or bottle tops and unused children's toys.

PHSD will continue to monitor West Nile virus in the region, including by trapping and testing mosquitoes again this season, starting in June and continuing to the fall.

For more information on West Nile virus, please visit the PHSD website at phsd.ca or call Public Health Sudbury and Districts at 705-522-9200, ext. 464 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200).

Evert and Barbara Jansen

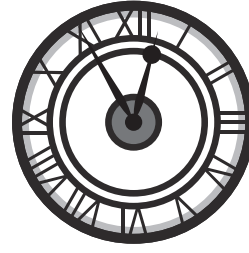
Barbara and Evert Jansen, both kind and very hospitable, have been casual acquaintances for several decades. Their cows have pastured on some of our land and daughter Kyla, who owns the Honora Bay Riding Stables, rides her horses there. Barbara is also a long-term Islander and many years of her long nursing career were spent on Manitoulin. Evert left post-war Holland with his family at age nine, settling in the Whitby-Ajax area, east of Toronto. He spent subsequent summers working with a Whitby dairy farmer, learning many tricks of the trade before acquiring his own dairy farm on Manitoulin.

Barbara shares her ancestry. "My maternal great grandfather was William Stirling, later 'Sterling,' born in Ireland of Scottish descent. He met and married Sarah Jane Wilson of Northern Ireland in New York City. They had three children, William, Mary and Wilson when they arrived at Manitoulin, about 1876. They settled across from what is now the new entrance of the Cup and Saucer. Sadly, William Senior died of pneumonia three years after coming to Canada, and also shortly before his last son, George, was born. The family stayed on their land, continued to farm, and remained active in the foundation of the Presbyterian Church."

"Grandfather Wilson Thomas Sterling moved to the old Spring Bay area where his first wife died in childbirth. He subsequently married Emily Azetta



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



Evert and Barbara Jansen with two little baby goats born this spring.

ra continued. "I was not used to being with so many people. I met Evert again at a hayride in the evening. After the conference, we started writing letters to each other but we didn't see one another until the following Easter. Meanwhile, I had spent a year nursing in Little Current before travelling to a Children's Teaching Hospital in Winnipeg with my friend Sharron. We were stationed in the Intensive Care Unit and we learned a lot, both from experience and from taking or teaching classes." Barbara returned home for visits and Evert came to Winnipeg a few times. They continued to write letters and called each other every week.

"Evert was a kind man, with nice eyes and he liked Manitoulin." The long-distance romance moved to the next level when they were married on July 8, 1972, in the Spring Bay Baptist Church, in 90-degree weather. "That was the church I attended as a child, then called the 'Grace and Truth Assembly.' For the wedding, we had about 100 guests and the minister was Jake Reddekop. After the ceremony, everyone was surprised when he said, 'Now, I would like to introduce Mr. and Mrs. Stephens.' Evert took my hand and smiled as he whispered, 'Let's run.' The wedding lunch was held at the Shaftsbury Hotel in Little Current. "It was very nice but there was no air conditioning. A garden reception was held at my parents' home in Little Current. They had moved from the farm in 1968 to the house with the six-sided white tower on Blake Street."

Evert shares his early years. "My maternal grandparents were Evert and Jacoba Korf. Evert was a fisherman and a vegetable farmer in the port city of Ijmuiden, Holland, a northern canal entrance to Amsterdam. They had six children and their fourth, Alie, became Evert's mother. In her teens and early twenties, she worked as a cleaner on boats. She remembered being very hungry during the war years. Grandfather, part of the underground movement, bravely helped hide Jewish people in his basement during those years. He used his own ration cards to buy food for them. He often went without food and lost weight, but he survived the war."

Paternal grandparents Henry and Jacoba Jansen lived in Haarlem, about 15 km away from Ijmuiden. They had 10 children, one of whom was my dad, Cornelis. During the war, the authorities conscripted him to help translate for persons being held in concentration camps. One day, near the end of the war, a big cannonball shot right through the concrete wall beneath his camp bed. He escaped through that hole and came home. After the war ended, he went to Agricultural School, but changed paths and became a cost-accountant for most of his life."

"Cornelis met my mother, Alie Korf, at a church meeting. They were married in July of 1947 and had five children, Evert, Frank, Bill, Casey and Coby in Holland and two, John and Andrew both in Canada." Evert, born in Holland on May 12, 1948, remembers playing in the abandoned German bunkers which weren't safe. They held live ammunition, broken guns and swords. "I loved playing there and was never hurt. The bunkers were on the coastal sandy beaches and the wind was slowly burying them. Eventually, we couldn't play in them mostly because the doors had been welded shut and the sand had also covered them. Only the

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July 8, 1972 at the Shaftsbury Inn, Little Current.

Gilpin and farmed across from where Stanley Park would emerge later on Monument Road. Wilson and Emily had six children, Azetta Mae, the youngest, became my mother. Their farmhouse remains there today, having sheltered three generations of the Sterling family. Azetta Mae married Thomas Dougall Ellwood Stephens.

"My dad, Ellwood's maternal great-grandparents, both of Scottish descent, were William and Elizabeth Kemp. In 1876, they arrived at Manitoulin from southern Ontario and settled in the Silver Water area. Their daughter Catherine, two, the youngest of eight children, became my grandmother. To the local Anishinabek population, her blond hair and blue eyes were most unusual."

"Paternal great-grandparents, Richard and Mary Stephens, also settled in the Silver Water area in 1882. Their son Hugh died in his 40s when a dead branch fell from a tree he was cutting. My dad, Ellwood was three, when Hugh, his dad, was brought into the house on a stretcher. Sadly, his dad died a few hours later. Grandmother had to send some of the eight children to friends and relatives because she needed to work. She had lost the farm that was almost paid for because she could not make the final payments. She began to cook in a Shesheganing lumber camp, taking her youngest offspring with her. Grandmother lived with us until she died at 92. I was 19."

"My siblings are Hugh, Don, Richard, Ruth, Luann and



Evert in 1969.

Mark. I was born after Ruth on August 10, 1947 in the old Mindemoya Hospital. I lived in the Bock house for five years before moving to the farm where I grew up where brother Richard's home is now on the Blue Road. An early memory is the move to the farm. I was sitting in the back of a car, pulling a wagon full of furniture. All the older siblings were happily sitting on top of the furniture, having fun. Luann and I were confined to the car for the two-mile trip."

"School was SS# 2 Carnarvon. I liked school and our teacher, Mrs. Anglin. Christmas concerts were the highlights of our school life. I often sang a solo, a drill, and participated in the plays performing the singing portions in high school. We were all incredibly involved in school and home activities. We also cut Christmas trees and sold them so we would have money for presents. Our dad, Ellwood, unbeknownst to us, became the local community Santa for many years. He was built like Santa, and he fooled his own and other kids with his perfect rendition of Mr. Claus."

"My mother Azetta was a special person. She milked cows, baked wonderful fresh bread and cinnamon buns. She also sewed our clothes beautifully. We were always well-dressed. She read us stories at night and taught Sunday School, instill-



Barb, the Nursing Graduate 1969.

ing a passion for Jesus in us. Her dad, Wilson, had been a lay preacher in the new settlements which were devoid of churches and officials at first. Mum also loved to sing, and we all sang."

"In the Mindemoya High School, I liked English, French and Latin but I didn't appreciate the value of geometry. Track and field and volleyball were fun. After graduating in 1966, I attended the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Sudbury, graduating in 1969. I returned to Manitoulin in September that year. This September, 2024, the school is hosting the 55th reunion at a resort in Collingwood."

"I met Evert in October 1969 when I attended a Youth Conference in Windsor. Evert's car had broken down and he had called Doris, a lady living in Toronto, one we both happened to know. Barbara and her friend Sharron were staying with Barbara's sister Ruth in Toronto when both she and Evert called Doris for a ride. "Evert, his foster brother, Rangit, Sharron and I wound up in the same car. Yet another group was also picked up at the side of the road. There were eleven of us in one car, heading for Windsor. It was a bit snug, but we all had an exciting time."

"The 500-person conference included groups from southern Ontario and the States," Barba-

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia Here with your Friendly Fly! Is it me or did May just fly by? What a busy month it has been. A lot of us are getting our checklists checked off, now fulfilling those fearful and loathing tasks. It can be quite satisfying when all is said and done. There is always so much work to be done on opening weekend! But we did it with bells on, well done everyone! Victoria Day weekend was brilliant, beautiful and rather windy! That didn't stop any of us locals from the traditional "first swim" in Providence Bay, the water was cold, a little choppy and indeed wet.

A lot of visitors, friends and neighbours came through our lovely little township, and it was such a pleasure seeing everyone in good spirits and having so much fun! With all the fun came lots of sun and when that happens, we get a little bit of magic. A myriad of pink, purple and white blossoms kiss the air with pollen and perfume; feathers and foliage fill the trees much to the delight of the birds and the bees. Everyone put out their hummingbird feeders, planters and fancy pots and just like that, we're in the throes of summer.

If you type bear on your Facebook, search engine and select "posts" you will see, that yes indeed our larger animal bear friends are out for some fun as well. And I'm not talking about Winnie the Pooh.

"Ngii waabmaa Gchi mkwaa!" Gayle Payette, you're right!

My daughter spotted one off Monument Road on her night vision camera, and he was big and burly and hungry! If you're visiting Manitoulin for some hiking and trailblazing, be sure to pack bear bells, whistles or spray, you really don't want to surprise any mama or big papa bears while on your bushwacking adventures, be safe and be smart! Black bears are not "cute" they are predatory, unpredictable and if you get in their way, they will eat you and your bells and whistles. For the most part they don't want to see people, so make noise and they will stay clear.

We have all been half eaten alive now anyway by all the blackflies and mosquitos and I know a few ticks have found their way onto local kids and pets, buggers! Kathy Jewell has some good sprays and repellents at Kat's Pet supplies in Mindemoya be sure to stop in and say hello!

Let's enjoy the countdown to June where we celebrate art, yard sales, open markets, oprys and Bluegrass in the Country June 7 to 9 right here in Providence Bay with all the proceeds going to the Special Olympics.

This summer is going to be epic! Can you feel it? Here's what's happening:

Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: Providence Bay Youth Soccer had an amazing tourney and barbecue last Sunday in Little Current. Well done teams, players and coaches. Keep your game faces on, more big events around the corner. Family Rec Night possible start June 14 TBA.

Bluegrass in the Country June 7 to 9, for info visit www.bluegrassinthecountry.net.

Providence Bay Hall: Cards and socials continue Tuesday mornings. Exercise classes continue Friday mornings at 10:30 am. Lions Club meeting tonight, Wednesday, May 29.

This Saturday, June 1 Providence Bay celebrates The Great Northern Opry Inductee Carol Gilmore, 7 pm start, music by the Manitoulin Opry members. Ticketed event. Caroline and Alex had an epic Stag and Doe, Carneval at Mindy Hall, congratulations to all! Hello to visiting family and friends!

Providence Bay Beach and Discovery Centre, yes the loo and public changerooms are open next to the Hall. Please keep it tidy for everyone. Please keep our beaches clean and safe for kids, pets and wildlife. Please use garbage and recycling bins at all times. Huron Island Time is next-level busy and well stocked with ice cream and cold drinks! Say hello to Lance and Hayden, enjoy a stroll along the boardwalk and see if you can spot some fish, turtles or frogs along the Mindemoya River.

If you walk by On the Bay Bed and Breakfast across from the town hall, be sure to say hello to Ingrid and Trevor!

The Mutchmor Gallery and Café and Huron Fish and Chips and Co. are a must when in Providence Bay, enjoy local art and fare and pick up a map of the Island. Be sure to say hello to Matt, Ben, Carter at the chip stand and Bridget, Lex (me), Elizabeth, Clau and Obayaa at The Peace Café.

Fundraising Events and Walks: Check the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club and Manitoulin Information and Events and Central Manitoulin Facebook and web pages for updates for June, July and August. I am usually around with tickets in hand for one thing or the other so if you see me don't be afraid to ask! The Providence Bay Walk to Remember is Sunday, June 2 from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. Registration at 10 am, walk begins at 10:30 am. Visit pailnetwork.sunnybrook.ca/walktoremember/,

this is a day to hold space and remember lost loved ones for families, so please have respect and honour their space and peace.

Cenotaph at Monument Corners: Public is invited to the annual Decoration Ceremony Sunday, June 2 at 1 pm at the Island Cenotaph at Monument Corners Spring Bay. Pay homage and respect to the men and women who served. If there is inclement weather this event will be held in the Mindemoya Community arena.

The Heavens: On June 3, a rare event known as the "Parade of Planets" will occur, where six planets of the

solar system will align in a straight line, visible just before sunrise. New moon, June 6; first quarter, June 14; full strawberry moon, June 22. The Strawberry moon is a time of new potential renewal and abundance in line with ripening fruits. The medicine is reconciliation. A time of letting go and renewal. Last Quarter June 28

Central Manitoulin is having a wood chipping for fire prevention event from May 18 to June 16. All brush for Central Manitoulin residents will be free to drop off at the Providence Bay transfer depot between and including these dates. Please have your Landfill ID card ready! At the end of the event, the brush pile will be chipped and the pile of wood chips will be offered back to residents free of charge. The Providence Bay transfer station is located at 4077 Government Road in Providence

Bay. The transfer station is open Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 6 pm from May long weekend to September long weekend.

Stay safe, stay hydrated, and stay awhile- wind down and enjoy some much needed 'Toulin Time'.

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We'll, we'll, we'll... if it isn't autocorrect. To be honest, autocorrect, we are getting real tired of your shirt. We really hate when you make us say things we didn't Nintendo. We try to be really careful when writing this column, because one small mistake and a joke's lunchline is urined. To make things worse, autocorrect is now suggesting swear words, which means we have to be really careful when talking to our Manitoulin mom about ducks.

As always, Billings is a hotbed of gossip and goings on. The hottest bit of tea the township spilled recently is that Billings is getting a new tractor! Not to mention that the Manitoulin Ukulele Group, of which many Kagawong strummers are a part, has recruited a couple of new forks, uh that is, folks. We can't wait to hear them!

Flying a kite might have its ups and downs, but the free family kite festival on Sunday, June 2 is going to be fantastic! The event runs from 1 pm to 4 pm in Gore Bay and is hosted by the Western Manitoulin Community Garden. With balloon animals, rock painting and a free barbecue lunch (courtesy of the Gore Bay Lions Club), there is something for everyone!

David H, Wren C, and Morgan E are all celebrating their 29th birthdays this week and we want to wish them the happiest of happy birthdays. In fact, we tried to arrange Jimmy the Singing Pony as a surprise for you all, but they had to cancel due to illness. Jimmy was a little horse.

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

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

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

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

With the new tractor, the public works guys will be able to really plow through their to-do list this summer. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

We did not have cards on Friday night, May 17. The hall was being prepared for the ATV ride the next day. Early in the day the ATVs were gathering. There were two routes, a shorter one and a longer one. When everyone got back there was stew, chili and dessert waiting for them. A lot of hard work goes into preparing for this run. We are grateful to Lee McDonald for being the main organizer, with many others lending a hand. Permissions had to be obtained to cross private property. Lee went out with a group of friends and cleared trails. He also collected prizes for the event. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it a success and for the riders who came out to enjoy the day.

The docks are in, the gas pumps are functional, the store has ice cream and coffee. Our boat is tied up to one of the new docks and the docks and the ramps are really pleasant to walk on.

Joe Weston is once again organizing his Poker Pad-

dle. It has become an annual event and it is really a fun day. It will be at Lilly Lake in Meldrum Bay on Saturday, June 22. So mark your calendar and don't miss out.

On Saturday, May 25 we went to Silver Water for their ham and scalloped potato supper. It was really good. We looked forward to it.

A quick botany note. The Manitoulin Gold are on the roadside and still blooming. The lady slippers are starting. In the yard beside us there's a tiny purple one and nearby the bright yellow lady slippers are starting to show up everywhere. We don't seem to have trilliums here, but we have driven down Silver Lake Road just to enjoy looking at the ones that are there.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Have a great week everyone.

On Saturday, May 18, Tanya and Chad Carter held an 80th birthday party for her dad, Ikuo Urata. Their cottage in Goulais River hosted family from all over Ontario. Family attending was Lucas Green from Sault Ste. Marie, Darren and Sandra Urata and daughter, Brooklyn from Georgetown, Lance and Lillian Greenman from Barrie Island, Natalie Hayden from Lively, Sharon Noble and daughter Yvonne from Well and Gary Greenman from Ottawa. A Celebration of Life was held for Mrs. Bonnie Urata on Sunday in Sault Ste.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Marie.

On Thursday, May 16 Jim and Patsy Kling arrived at their cottage for a few days.

Also on Thursday, Kate Duncanson and husband Chip Tomisch showed up at her mother, Myra Duncanson's home with their new puppy, Yoshi. Yoshi is a few weeks old and well on his way to being a huge dog.

There were eight tables of euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday.

Fausto and Kathy Lion were here for a few days and checked on their cottage in Silver Water.

On Friday, May 17 euchre in Meldrum Bay was cancelled so the hall could be prepared for Saturday's ATV run and luncheon.

On Saturday morning, Albert Meijer and I went to the estate sale for Dale Harper in Evansville. We got there just after 9 am and a huge crowd was already on site. We bought a few kitchen items and then left. The family had a very successful weekend.

At 11 am on Saturday there was a committal service for Arthur Addison at the Silver Water Cemetery.

After the service, Albert and I went to Meldrum Bay. We saw one group of ATVs just coming out of Essing Road onto the highway. We went to buy some stew and chili as take out. On the way home we saw a second group headed to the hall on their return trip.

When we arrived home, we left the car in the garage and walked up to Arthur's house to have a barbecue lunch provided by his family.

Doug Carter returned on Sunday from his trip to Southern Ontario.

On Sunday afternoon we got a surprise visit from my uncle, Jim O'Neil and his partner Shirley Flick. Uncle Jim had been to his sister's funeral on April 28 in Chemainus, BC. He had a good visit with his three sons and his sister's family while out there. My sister Aileen Noble and her son Ronan Callahan also went to the funeral.

Monday night we went to play euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex. There were eight tables of players. Congratulations to Lilly Third who had 93 points and won the money jar.

Tuesday, Albert went to the Meldrum Bay Hall to help with the kits and quilts project. The group put together some hygiene kits and worked on finishing quilts.

Brenda Carter returned on Tuesday from being down south. Her son Michael, his new wife and stepdaughter were there for a visit. They returned home on Sunday.

Gladys Duncanson and I had our first swim on Wednesday, about 20 minutes long. On Thursday we went for a walk.

Lynn and Mike Tyler arrived on Thursday at their cottage.

Colleen and Eric Julseth arrived at their cottage on Thursday.

Happy 60th anniversary to Murray and Gladys Duncanson on May 30. There will be a celebration at the Silver Water Community Hall on June 1 starting at 3:30 pm.

Tehkummah has their next euchre tournament on Sunday, June 2.

The June 6 UCW meeting is being held at Sylvia Pfiefer's house.

There will be an LSB meeting at the Silver Water Hall on Saturday, June 8 at 10 am.

On Sunday, June 9 there is lunch at the Silver Water Hall and everyone is welcome. There is a euchre tournament starting at 1:30 pm upstairs afterwards.

On Monday evening, June 10 is the last euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex until September.

Happy 90th birthday to Helen Black on June 5.

Condolences to the family of Janet Wells.

Condolences to the family of Barry O'Neil.

Condolences to the family of Roderic Brawn.

...UCCM Anishnaabe Police plans new expanded headquarters building

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“With staff growth comes infrastructure growth. Right now, we have 25 officers and we are looking to increase this complement to 35-40 officers as we develop new units of the police force, like the drug crime unit.”

“We need a building space that is about five times what we have now,” stated Police Chief Killeen. “We are not looking at this as an immediate space need but for decades to come with the growth of policing and growth on the Island.”

“I’d love to build on in the building and area we are

currently in, but there is no room,” said Police Chief Killeen. “There is a residence next to us, but we can’t add to the side or the top of the building, due to pre-existing issues. And we have no parking left, we are having to lease space next to the detachment office for parking and we are leasing a building for office space. Our only option is a brand-new building at another location.”

“I am the only person in the UCCM police detachment office that has my own office and hasn’t had to double up with other officers and staff. Some of the offices currently have three-four people in them,” continued Po-

lice Chief Killeen.

“Yes, we are hoping to take the next steps to having a new building as soon as possible, as we go through the red tape, tied to our funding,” said Police Chief Killeen.

“Unfortunately, this building and property leaves little space and no more room to expand,” said Police Chief Killeen. He said the space limitations are enough of a concern, “we bought a drug processing room to add on to the building. However, one of our officers recently was accidentally exposed to drugs and had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. We need a drug processing room. It just shows the need for mandatory rooms such as this.”

“In 2025 the UCCM APS will be 30 years old,” said Police Chief Killeen. “It started out in a store front in M’Chigeeng, then moved to another store front office, and then to this building. “We have outgrown this building space.”

...Cambrian College names business school for Douglas A. Smith

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Transport brand. This that drives many of the decisions we make,” said Mr. Smith. He explained, “The partnership between the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation and Cambrian College is built on a base of shared values: innovation, community development, and a persistent pursuit of excellence.”

“Our collaboration is a reflection of our belief that education is a powerful catalyst for economic and social growth, particularly here in Northern Ontario, where the potential is truly immense,” continued Mr. Smith.

“Today, I am so proud to announce a significant contribution from our foundation that underscores our deep commitment to Cambrian College and its vision for the future,” said Mr. Smith.

“Our partnership with Cambrian College reflects our shared commitment to innovation and seizing opportunities,” said Mr. Smith. “It is with great pride that we extend our support to the Douglas A. Smith Family Schools of Business, championing its pioneering educational initiatives and nurturing the next generation of business leaders, who we also hope will follow in Manitoulin Transport’s entrepreneur spirit, innovation and commitment to community so they too can leave an indelible mark on the business landscape.”

The support provided to Cambrian College for the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation includes scholarships for students entering Cambrian’s new three-year and four-year Bachelor of Business Administration degree programs, as well as unrestricted funds allocated to the School of Business and Wabnode Centre for Indigenous Student Services to address pressing needs. The Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation also supports various events, clubs, and skill competitions tied to the School of Business and the School of Skills Training, Engineering and Environmental Studies under the Manitoulin

support aims to enhance opportunities for skill development through work-integrated learning.

Mr. Smith noted, “We didn’t indicate how much of a donation we have made, but it is a significant contribution.” He explained, “it was just last September that Cambrian received approval to start the three and four-year Bachelor of Business Administration degree programs. Colleges are not always able to provide these degrees, but diplomas. They always had business programs but not three- or four-year business degree programs.”

Mr. Smith explained, “this donation is designed to foster an educational environment where students can excel and become the future leaders our community needs.” He explained the details of its support over the next 10 years. “Sponsorship for student clubs, recruitment initiatives and annual competitions in both the schools of business and skills training under the Manitoulin Transport brand. By funding these areas, we aim to provide students with robust opportunities to apply their learnings and gain experience in practical settings. Jill of All Trades, Skills Canada Ontario Competition, Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition, Enactus Club.”

“The development of six annual scholarships for entering Cambrian’s new innovative three and four-year Bachelor of Business Administration programs as well as two annual scholarships for female and indigenous students enrolling in the colleges truck and coach program,” continued Mr. Smith. “These scholarships will help remove financial barriers, making education accessible to more students and diversifying our future workforce.”

As well through the donation there will be annual unrestricted funds for the School of Business and the Wabnode Centre for Indigenous Student Services. This flexible funding will allow both



Cambrian College President Kristine Morrissey, addresses all those in attendance at the announcement that Cambrian College has changed its School of Business to the Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business.

areas to swiftly address its most immediate and pressing needs.

Dan Lessard, manager of communications for Cambrian told the Expositor, “This could be used for things like new software, equipment, cultural materials, or possibly student attendance in student cultural exchange programs.”

“Our vision goes beyond mere financial assistance; it encompasses a holistic approach to supporting Cambrian College,” said Mr. Smith. “We aim to create a nurturing environment that not only fosters academic excellence but also instills a spirit of innovation and excellence among students.”

“I extend an invitation to other potential donors and businesses in our community and beyond to join us in this important endeavour. By uniting our resources and visions, we can further enhance the educational experiences at Cambrian College, paving the way for a brighter, more prosperous future for us all,”

said Mr. Smith.

“We are excited to witness the success stories that will emerge, confident that they will be as impactful and enduring as the legacy we aim to build,” said Mr. Smith.

While a company with international reach, the Manitoulin Transport Group remains deeply rooted in Northern communities, emphasizing the importance of community involvement. “We see a huge need for business professionals to create economic opportunities around the north and beyond,” said Mr. Smith. “We want graduates from the Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business to be leaders in their professions and communities.”

“Cambrian is filled with great people,” said Mr. Smith, who led a process to hire new Cambrian president Kristine Morrissey a year ago. “She has done a great job and Cambrian is very well run, the board is top shelf, and Cambrian is very well positioned for the future. Our Foundation is very pleased to be part of this.”

...Central offers Burns Wharf Players new home

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intervals (usually a week at a time) between performance.

Ms. Sproule noted that BWTP is looking at the Mindemoya Hall location as a pilot. “We have been trying to source a home,” said Ms. Sproule. “This isn’t it, necessarily, but it will do for now.” The company remains hopeful that the Town of Assiginack will move forward with a proposed new arts centre—but has been somewhat dismayed over what appears to be a stalled process.

“Assiginack received \$170,000 to do a study and we expected to be consulted

on a new arts centre,” said Ms. Sproule, but she noted there has been little to no consultation to date. “We were given two weeks’ notice by the town to get our stuff out (of the waterfront building),” she said, admitting that she was puzzled by the town’s approach considering the draw BWTP has in bringing people to Manitouwaning.

“We are so very grateful to the RDSB and MSS for allowing us to put on ‘The Addams Family,’ make no mistake,” she said. “But we think that, for now, the Mindemoya location will work out better, at least in the short term.”

Fixing Our Felines Manitowaning

R.I.P Robin

Our latest intakes, Leon and Stormy, never had the chance to meet our wonderful volunteer, Robin. She was a huge supporter of our rescue. Robin fostered, did vet runs and baked goodies for our fundraisers. We will miss her so much!

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson

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JACK BRIDGEMAN

From the indoor courts, to the rink, and outside to the track, Jack can always be found on the move! Growing up with older siblings who also shared a love for sports, Jack was introduced to the world of athletics from a young age. In his first year as a Mustang, Jack has brought incredible dedication, competitiveness, and a high level of skill to MSS athletics. His commitment and eagerness to jump on any opportunity to improve his skills has set him up for a promising athletic future at MSS!

Before Jack was a Mustang, he wore the purple jersey, representing the Eagles for his elementary years. At Central Manitoulin Public School, Jack took every opportunity to widen his skill set by participating in the various sports offered. He competed in track, flag football, basketball, volleyball, cross country and soccer. Although Jack had exceptionally stellar results in numerous sports, he particularly enjoyed flag football. Jack notes that their team played extremely well together, and he enjoyed receiving and scoring touchdowns.

Jack brought his love and eagerness for high level athletics to MSS, excited to compete at the high school level. So far, Jack has been found playing as a right side for the junior boys' volleyball team. His team battled their way through their season's league play, taking home a silver medal in their NSSA finals. One of Jack's favourite memories was competing against Espanola for the semi-finals. He notes that this game was quite close and exciting, as he was competing against friends. After volleyball wrapped up, Jack wasted no time beginning to prepare for the upcoming track season. He is currently training to compete in high jump, triple jump and novice boys 4x100 metre relay. The MSS track team will compete this week in Espanola at the NSSA finals, with hopes of advancing to NOSSA in North Bay the following week.

Jack's ability to dominate high school athletics doesn't end there! Outside of MSS sports, Jack has grown up with a special love for hockey. Growing up, Jack was able to play close to home for the Mindemoya Thunder, as well as the M'Chigeeng Thunderbirds. More recently, he found himself sporting the red and blue for the Manitoulin Panthers. This past season, Jack took his hockey career to the next level travelling off-island to play at the AA level for the Nickel City Sons U15 team. He made countless friendships, long lasting memories and major skill developments that he looks forward to continuing into next season. He recently made the incredible accomplishment of making the U16 AA Copper Cliff Reds, where he will be playing during the 2024/25 season!

When Jack finally takes off the black and gold jersey, he can be found staying active in many different ways! Jack loves to work out and hang out with his friends. He often goes for bike rides into town, where his friend group will meet to enjoy activities like baseball or swimming at the local dock! On occasion he enjoys video games, and shooting pucks to help perfect his shot! Frequently, Jacks also enjoys spending his time reading. Outside of school, Jack can be found in the community working at a fish and chip restaurant in Providence Bay!

With Jack's outstanding abilities and accomplishments, he notes that there are two people he would like to recognize for helping him every day to become the athlete he is: his dad and older brother. He notes that he has always looked up to his dad and brother, as they too have competed in high level hockey growing up. Jack enjoys the friendly yet competitive competition he and his brother share, which pushes him to be the best he can be!

Outside of his own sports, Jack also enjoys following the NHL. He notes that his favourite player is Logan Cooley, who he aspires to play like someday, admiring his impressive gameplay and strategy. His favourite team in the league is the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Undoubtedly Jack loves to keep active, which is likely why his favourite class is phys ed. The extra gym time allows Jack to continue to play with his friends and explore new activities. He enjoys the option of numerous sports, even when it's out of their regular season. This allows Jack to stay fresh and fine tune his skills!

With Jack's dedication and open minded attitude, he is sure to reach all of his goals, on and off the court!

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...Billings citizen complaint about council "vexatious"

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ground and why reasons they felt they should be elected. Council then individually voted in favour of the candidate they chose. However, when council voted, there was a tie vote, with candidates John Foster and Ian Anderson receiving the same number of votes. To break the tie, the two candidates' names were separately put on pieces of paper, with the clerk drawing Mr. Anderson's name. He was later that evening appointed to council.

On March 28, Ms. Young-Lovelace wrote then Billings Clerk Emily Dance, explaining, "We are writing you regarding two electronic communications received by our office. On February 8 and 9, 2024 we received two emails from members of the public wherein they allege impropriety with the process to fill a vacancy on council. Further, the email received on February 9, 2024, included allegations of corruption."

"We will not be con-

ducting an inquiry into these matters," wrote Ms. Young-Lovelace. "Herein are our reasons: 1. The Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, (Municipal Act) sets out that a municipal council must fill a vacancy by either appointment or by a by-election. Council has chosen to appoint which is within your authority. There is no contravention of legislation or the Code of Conduct. 2. The Municipal Act does not set out parameters for how a person may be appointed to fill a vacancy. The Municipal Act does provide that the individual being appointed must consent to be appointed and must be eligible to hold the office in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act. Council has the authority to determine how an appointment will be made. Council determined a process and advised the public as to how the appointment would be made. There is no contravention of legislation or the Code of Conduct."

"The Integrity Commissioner does not have

the jurisdiction at law to conduct an inquiry into the behaviour of municipal employees," wrote the integrity commissioner. "Council may assign additional duties to the Integrity Commissioner which could include the enforcement of an Employee Code of Conduct. However, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Billings has not assigned such additional duty to the Integrity Commissioner. We therefore have no authority to conduct an inquiry into the matter."

Ms. Young-Lovelace explained, "It is within the integrity commissioner's discretion to decline to conduct an inquiry into a matter that they believe to be frivolous and/or vexatious or made in bad faith. It is our opinion that the allegations made in the electronic communications are both frivolous and vexatious. It is our opinion that the allegations have been submitted to our office because the preferred candidate of the complainants did not get appointed. Had

their candidate been appointed, it is unlikely the complainant would have found fault in the process."

This report was made public at a council meeting held May 21.

In a subsequent letter to Ms. Dance and council dated April 16, Ms. Young-Lovelace wrote, "Recently, E4m received two requests for inquiry which we dismissed and provided a report to you previously. You advised that the report will be placed on the next council agenda (May 21, 2024). Under most circumstances we would notify the complainants of our decision and that our report would be going to council and on what date. I am writing to advise you that we will not be notifying the complainants. To that end, we feel it necessary to advise the municipality that one of the complainants was Mr. Bill Concannon, the others Scott and Kate Lebrun. To be clear, it is our practice not to identify individuals making complaints in our report to council. In this circumstance, however, we feel it necessary to advise the municipality of who the complainants are and the rationale as to why we are identifying them. We believe that all parties are acting together and are concerned about the treatment of our investigator by Mr. Concannon."

"The request for inquiry was assigned to Craig Davidson," wrote Ms. Young-Lovelace. "When Craig contacted Mr. Concannon and advised him that council was within their right to follow whatever process they wished to fill a vacancy, Mr. Concannon advised Craig that it was his 'right to walk into the municipal office and tell the mayor to F-off and there was nothing the municipality could do to stop him.' Additionally, Mr. Concannon was rude and disrespectful to Craig."

"Typically, we would advise complainants of our decision to dismiss," noted Ms. Young-Lovelace. "In this situation, however, we will not be advising the parties of our decision at this time. We do not want them, and more specifically Mr. Concannon, to openly attack the decision publicly, manipulate what the decision states or make slanderous remarks about Mr. Davidson before the matter becomes a public record at the next council meeting. It is our opinion that township policy does not require us to provide such notice to complainants and as statutory officers we are protected by the township's Workplace Violence and Harassment Policy and ought not to be subject to further belligerent and disrespectful behaviour."

"I felt it important to advise you of this as there is every possibility that Mr. Concannon could complain to the Office of the Ombudsman who may disagree with our decision not to provide notice," added Ms. Young-Lovelace.

Expositor Correction

The editor's note that begins a page one story in the May 22 issue of The Manitoulin Expositor (Your Newspaper Turns 145) declares this publication 'Ontario's oldest continuously published newspaper.' In fact, a word was left out in error and The Expositor is the oldest newspaper in Northern Ontario. The honour for the province's longest-serving newspaper belongs to the Picton Gazette, established in 1840 in Picton, Prince Edward County in Lake Ontario's Bay of Quinte area. In fact, ownership of this remarkable paper recently passed to younger hands, just as Alicia McCutcheon assumed publisher's duties for The Manitoulin Expositor some four years ago.

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OPP investigating death of Espanola man in motorcycle crash

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating the death of an Espanola man in a motorcycle crash May 18.

Constable Rob Lewis of the OPP reported that on the evening of Saturday, May 18, at about 5 pm, first responders attended a two-vehicle collision, involving a passenger vehicle and a motorcycle on Highway 144 and Lavallee Road in Sudbury.

The driver of the motorcycle, 33-year-old Mathieu Clement of Espanola, was transported to the local hospital by ambulance, with serious life-threatening injuries, and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The highway was closed for under three hours in both directions, and the investigation is ongoing.

A Go Fund Me has been set up to assist Mr. Clement's family, www.gofundme.com/f/remembering-mathieu-clement.

Fatal car crash at Nairn Centre

One person was killed in a fatal car crash on Highway 17, east of Espanola in Nairn Centre on Sunday, May 19. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) report that two vehicles had collided and one of the drivers was taken to the hospital, where he died of his injuries.

The OPP identified the deceased person as Fern Belanger, age 66, of Nairn Centre. A passenger in Mr. Belanger's vehicle was also transported to the hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the second vehicle suffered minor injuries as a result of the crash.

The OPP report that Highway 17 was closed for a significant amount of time while police investigated the crash. The OPP is continuing its investigation into the accident.

RIDE checks to continue

With the start of the summer months, the WTPS conducted many reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE)



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checks over the May long weekend. Approximately 69 vehicles were checked. The WTPS takes a zero-tolerance approach to drinking and driving in our community.

By calling 911 and reporting suspected impaired drivers to police, everyone can assist in keeping our roads, trails, and waterways safe by reducing impaired driving collisions, injuries and potential deaths.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service responded to 190 calls for service for the week of May 13-20.

Wikwemikong Tribal Police respond to assault with weapon call

On Thursday, May 16, officers with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) received a report of an assault with a weapon incident that was in progress at a residence in the main village area of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

At approximately 9:10 am, officers arrived at the apartment complex and spoke to witnesses. They stated a male person had been attacked by two suspects, one male and one female, who were brandishing a baseball bat and a crowbar.

Witnesses stated that the victim managed to flee the assailants and left driving a motor vehicle in an unknown direction.

The two suspects then proceeded back to a nearby residence. Police attended the residence and observed the two suspects inside.

As a result of the investigation, a male and female resident of Wiikwemkoong were placed under arrest and charged with assault with a weapon, contrary to section 267(a) and weapons dangerous contrary to section 88 of the Criminal

Code of Canada (CCC).

Both accused were set to appear in Wikwemikong Court (provincial division) to answer to the charges.

Anyone with information on this incident or any other investigation can contact the Wikwemkoong Tribal Police Service at (705) 370-3141, through the communications centre at 1-888-310-1122, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Wiikwemkoong resident charged with impaired driving

On Saturday, May 18, officers with the WTPS received a call of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Genevieve Street in the main village area on the WUT.

At approximately 6:30 pm officers arrived at the scene and located a single motor vehicle in the ditch. The vehicle airbags were deployed, and witnesses observed the female driver leave the scene and enter a nearby residence.

Officers attended the residence to check on the driver and found the female to be unwanted at the residence. Officers detected obvious signs of impairment by alcohol as well. The female refused medical treatment and officers placed her under arrest for impaired driving.

The driver was escorted back to the Wikwemikong police office for breath tests with two suitable samples being obtained.

The accused vehicle was impounded, and her licence suspended.

As a result of the investigation, a 28-year-old female resident of Wiikwemkoong has been charged with impaired operation over 80 milligrams (mgs) contrary to section 320.14(1)(a) of the CCC over 80 mgs contrary to second 320.14 (1) (b).

The accused is set to appear in Wikwemikong Court (provincial division) on June 25 at 10 am to answer to the charge.

School lockdown leads to charges for four

Four people have been charged and arrested with weapons and drug charges after an incident in Wiikemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) last week.

On Tuesday, May 14, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) received information from the Wikwemikong Surveillance Team about an armed person in the community.

The WTPS responded and conducted a detailed investigation with the assistance of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). As a precaution, Wasse Abin Pontiac School was placed on hold and secured to ensure everyone's safety.

As a result of this incident, the WTPS executed a search warrant on a residence on North Corbiere Lane in Wiikwemkoong. The warrant resulted in the seizure of a pellet gun, an airsoft gun and a quantity of drugs.

Jarvis Shawana, a 36-year-old male from Wiikwemkoong, has been charged and arrested with two counts of possession of a controlled substance under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act 4(1) and possession of a weapon for a dangerous person in contravention of the Criminal Code 88.

A male and female, Theo Green and Alexandra Gayle, both 19 years old and both from Ajax, Ontario, have been charged and arrested with two counts of possession of a controlled substance CDSA 4(1), while a 40-year-old female, Kayla Manitowabi, from Wiikwemkoong, has been charged and arrested on two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

The foursome of accused are slated to appear in court on June 25.

"Drug enforcement remains a top priority for the WTPS," said Sergeant Jamie Peltier in a release.

"Police are requesting anyone with information regarding this investigation to contact police at (705) 370-3141. Should you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at (800- 222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000."

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NEMI Public Library celebrates writers with a 'Celebration of Words'

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT—In November of 2022, a writing group formed using the NEMI Public Library as its base. Kathy Berry, head librarian, came up with the name Writers' Ring and it was embraced

by the group. One of its founding members, Laurie Cook, member of town council and library board member, has been influential in bringing the group recognition and attention. On May 23, the NEMI Public Library Board hosted

the Celebration of Words in the library proper, with an impressive turnout.

The event was an opportunity for the members of the Writers' Ring to showcase some of their works, but was also open to the public for writers to

a frightening experience of waiting out a hurricane and batten down the hatches when sailing down south years ago. Julie Morris recounted a happy memory of a birthday in Scotland as a young girl. And Laurie Cook told an unbelievable childhood story that had everyone shocked, surprised and laughing in equal measure. Each writer displayed a different style, a different technique, but all held the audience's attention and left them wanting more.

This writer also shared excerpts from her book, 'Caught Up,' and was happy to see the attention given to Writers' Ring. The idea of a writers' group was proposed to the library and fully supported by them almost two years ago. It has grown from three, occasionally four members to a group of seven (on a good day). The group takes the summer off (including the entire month of June) and resumes in September. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Friday of each month – September through May, at 2 pm, a Zoom link is provided for anyone who needs it. If writing is something you'd like to try, though you've never written, this group is for you. And, if listening to others read their works is something you enjoy, the Celebration of Words is for you. It will most certainly become an annual event.



Rachel Quackenbush reads at 'Celebration of Words.'

come and read aloud their own material. The library board deemed the open mic event a great success. Several people besides the members of the Ring were in attendance to read and display published books.

Kate Thompson was on hand to read from her 'Prose & Versicles, A Light Collection.' Her versicles (she assures us this is an actual word) brought smiles and laughter, and her prose tugged at the heart. Audrey Jolly of Bird Tree Studio, read an engrossing story she wrote called Ghost House, complete with an eery audio component. Two fifth graders from Little Current Public School read pieces they had written, leaving everyone aghast at the level of maturity in their compositions.

Whitney Bruno and her

daughter Selena brought about a change of pace as Pastor Bruno read the play her young daughter had written, while Selena acted it out with the use of her toys – a rainbow dragon among them. It was lively and fun.

Members of the Writers' Ring each took a turn reading pieces they had written. Some pieces were inspired by a prompt that is sent out a week or so before each meeting. Barbara Baker read her amusing piece, at the expense of her husband and men in general. (How do they not find what they're looking for in the cupboard when it is right before their eyes and about to bite them?) Beth Richards wrote a compelling story of her grandmother and childhood memories. Ellinor Leonard shared



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Manor adds two new RNs to its nursing complement

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Like many long-term care facilities across the province, Manitoulin Centennial Manor has been budget bedeviled by a lack of permanent staff, leading to significant challenges in its nursing envelope due to the necessity of hiring much more expensive agency staff in order to meet the standards of care expected of homes for societies most vulnerable.

The Manor board received some very welcome news, in fact two sets of good news, during its recent meeting. Not only has the Manor received a significant boost in provincial funding to the tune of more than \$90,000, but thanks to the tireless recruiting efforts of Manor administrator Don Cook and Director of Care Sylvia Clark, two new registered nurses are taking up duties at the seniors' residence.

"I have been working with Extendicare to recruit the nursing postings on different platforms," noted Mr. Cook. "Once the resumes come in, Sylvie has worked with the nurses to make them feel comfortable and welcome as new staff, whether that is moving here and/or obtaining their ONA licence. She's also very good with scheduling to make

sure our nursing hours are covered while at the same time being able to reduce agency hours."

That news comes on the heels of word that the final stages of bringing two off-shore nurses onboard are entering the home stretch. Mr. Cook explained that those two nurses will settle in to work as personal support workers until they have obtained their Ontario nursing certificates.

Board chair Pat MacDonald congratulated Mr. Cook and Ms. Clark for their efforts on behalf of the Manor, noting the important impact the new recruits will have on securing the home's bottom line. The need to hire agency nurses was one of the major drags of the nursing envelope budget line into the red.

Ms. Clark cautioned that she will still need to hire agency staff in the PSW line in order to cover off vacation periods, but that the new hires (covering the less popular night shifts) will definitely reduce reliance on agency staff. One of the current agency RNs has left, while the other is being kept on to assist the new nurses in learning the specifics of providing care in a long-term care setting which they are not yet used to.



Decoration Day Service

On Sunday, June 2nd, the public is invited to attend the annual Decoration Day ceremony starting at 1 p.m. at the Island Cenotaph at Monument Corner, Spring Bay. In case of rain, it will be held in the Mindemoya Community Arena.

Each year, Br. 177 Little Current and Br. 514 Western Manitoulin alternate hosting this special day to pay homage to the men and women who served in our country's forces and those of our allies. Through their courage and sacrifice, these men and women have helped to ensure that we live in freedom and peace, while also fostering the same around the world.

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Pipe carriers and elders gather above Manitowaning Bay to honour pipes

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—A Gathering of Pipes and Pipe Carriers Manitoulin Treaty Gathering was hosted by the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) on the original site of the 1836 Treaty at Manitowaning, the site of the signing of that treaty overlooking Manitowaning Bay, on Wednesday, May 22 and Thursday, May 23.

In addition to various pipes carried by leadership today, Grandmother pipes, treaty pipes and medicine pipes, the historic Bond Head Treaty Pipe were among the five historic pipes hosted, courtesy of the Royal Ontario Museum. The 1836 Bond Head Treaty pipe was saved from a public auction, thanks to the diligence of former Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier. Plans are that the five historic pipes will eventually be held at the OCF museum at M'Chigeeng.

During the two-day event, a series of academic talks and presentations took place.

"The Manitoulin Island Treaty Gathering: A Gathering of Pipes and Pipe Carriers was a great success this year," noted an OCF statement. "The Gathering was held in Manitowaning at the

treaty signing grounds on May 22 - 23, 2024, with evening events that started on Tuesday, May 21. This week, we saw beautiful weather throughout the event, the sharing of teachings and stories from Pipe Carriers, Leadership and the Grandmothers. We wish to thank all of those who attended and a special acknowledgment to the planning committee and event partners for another successful Gathering. Miigwetch/thank You!"

A sacred fire was held throughout the two-day event.

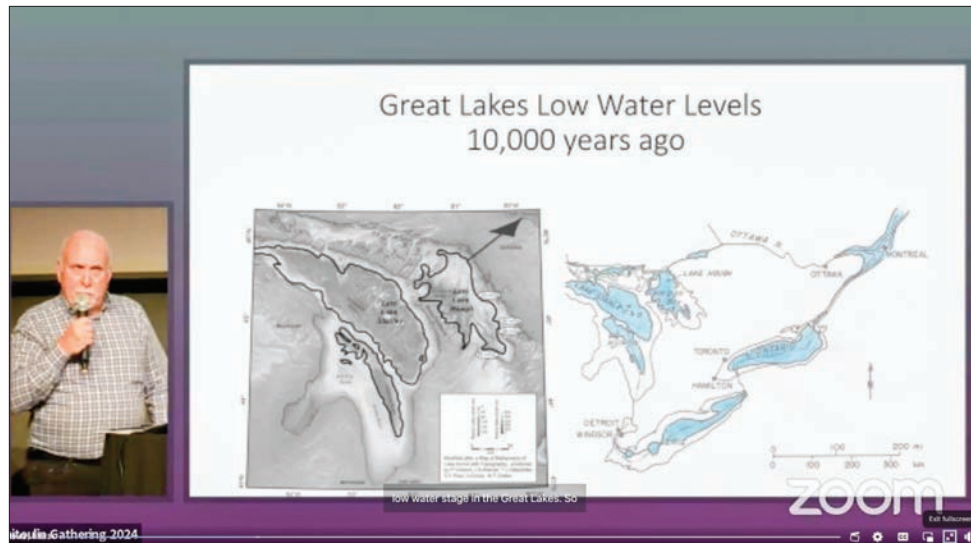
A Tuesday evening talk 'Manitoulin: Heartland of the Odawa' was presented by Trent University historian Dr. William 'Bill' Fox. Wednesday's talk 'As long as the sun should appear in the sky—the Bodewadmig Forced Migration' was presented by Award-winning Barrie Ontario-based multi-media Fine Artist and Historian Clayton Samuel King.

Dr. Fox took participants in the public talk through the history of the region, noting that migration to the Island's environs took place some 10,000 years ago during the retreat of the last ice age—before Manitoulin was even an island and the great Algonquin Lake covered much



Pipe carriers and elders from across Turtle Island travelled to a Pipe Gathering at the site of the signing of the 1836 Treaty to share traditions and stories of the Anishinaabek and to honour the return of the Bond Head Pipe.

photos by Michael Erskine



Dr. William Fox delivers a talk on the historical and archeology evidence of habitation in the Manitoulin Island region through the millenia.

of the land.

He noted that there were at least two cultural groups occupying the region during those earlier occupations, travelling from the west and the prairies, all the way to the eastern coast.

Much of Dr. Fox's presentation served as a refutation of suggestions that the Anishinaabek had abandoned the area and only returned in recent centuries. Given the clear historical evidence, "To say that you just got here is just ridiculous," said Dr. Fox.

The second portion of Dr. Fox's presentation focused on the international trade that was taking place in the region 2,000 years ago. Among his photos were implements made from pure copper. Over 5,720 pounds were dug from a pit at the Minong mine.

During archeological reviews on one

beach, there were so many tools and artifacts, both utilitarian and ritual, that one of Dr. Fox's colleagues gazed across the sand to remark "this is just like Canadian Tire."

Dr. Fox's presentation lays out the case for occupation of the region by Indigenous peoples for over 10 centuries with a convincing academic foundation. Although the Odawa were forced to retreat from the area in 1650, they continued to create trade materials and traded across the continent, eventually making their way back into their traditional territories.

Much of Dr. Fox's presentation followed the trade routes of the region through the materials used in many of the artifacts in the archeological record.

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'Spring into Summer' campaign targets West End business support

by Tom Sasvari
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"The idea is to promote Western Manitoulin businesses, working together and provide them the opportunity to showcase all that they have to offer," said Ms. Clarke.

Ms. Clarke explained, "way back when Billings Township was holding a



The 'Spring into Summer' campaign encourages Islanders to visit West End businesses, especially ones that are part of the campaign like My Ol' Blues in Gore Bay. In the photo Kathy Antonio, proprietor of this business, holds a sign that says it all.

local business meeting, and a lady brought up the idea; Eaton's in Toronto used to do an 'Uncrate the Sun' business promo-

tion every year. Several months (after the Billings meeting) I took the idea to the Gore Bay business group. No one was behind

the name, but everyone liked the promotional program."

The idea was then put out to all Western Manitoulin businesses if they would like to participate, promote their business and offer deals on items they sell in the business, or provide tours for customer, said Ms. Clarke. "For instance, Finnia Chocolate which will be providing tours of their business."

"And there is the West End Bucks Draw for \$300," that is being provided," said Ms. Clarke. She explained, "when a cus-

tomers visits a business, they can enter their name in a draw for a chance to win \$300 in West End Bucks. The winner of the draw will spend the cash prize in one or more of the participating stores/businesses." Each participating business provided \$25 for the West End Bucks promotion. "Each store will draw a name, and send it to me, and a computer generated draw will be held to see who the winner is. The more stores and businesses one visit, the more chance they have of winning."

"We have 12 West End

businesses taking part," said Ms. Clarke. The participating businesses include Berry Boats, Betty's Convenience, Campbell's Drive In, Edwards Art Studio, Finnia Chocolate, Gamey Block Emporium, Island General Merchandise, Loco Beanz (Gore Bay), M and R Jewelry, Manitoulin Golf, My Ol'Blues and The Flower Hutch.

For more information go on to the online link at www.westmanitoulin.com.

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Pow wow grand entry will take place Saturday at 12 noon and 7 pm, and at 12 noon on Sunday, while there will be

a feast held on Saturday beginning at 5 pm. Feast bundles are encouraged.

Host drum will be Bear Creek, with Snake Island being the co-host. Head veteran is Caleb Corbiere, with head female and male youth dancers Karmen Atkinson and Kaylan Corbiere.

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Critical action needed: Road mortality threatens Ontario's endangered turtles

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative reporter
BIRCH ISLAND—Ontario's turtles are facing a dire crisis. Road mortality has emerged as one of the leading causes of population declines among these slow-moving animals. Disturbingly, all eight species of turtles found in Ontario are now federally classified as at-risk, signifying that their populations are in serious decline. These turtles rely heavily on extensive overland travel between wetlands to fulfill essential life cycle needs, such as foraging, mating and nesting. However, the proliferation of roads across their habitats has become a significant barrier to their survival.

The situation is particularly concerning along Highway 6, where numerous instances of turtle road mortality have been documented. To address this urgent issue, the Whitefish River First Nation Lands Department, in collaboration with McMaster University, initiated a project in 2023 to record road mortality sightings along Highway 6 in Birch Island. This effort aims to collect critical data and raise public awareness about the plight of Ontario's turtles.

As part of this initiative, the project team is calling on volunteers to help report sightings of road-killed turtles, focusing on the area between Espanola and Manitoulin Islands during the summer of 2024. The project also seeks to partner with organizations willing to support and promote this vital cause.

A closer look at Ontario's turtle species:

Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii): This species is classified as threatened, with populations having plummeted by 60-90 percent over the past three generations. The primary drivers of this decline are road mortality and habitat destruction.

Snapping Turtle (Chelydra serpentina): Recognized as a species of special concern, snapping turtles face significant threats from road mortality and environmental changes. These turtles are particularly vulnerable during their lengthy overland journeys to nesting

sites. **Spiny Softshell Turtle (Apalone spinifer):** Listed as threatened, this species has experienced a dramatic population decline of over 50 percent in the past decade. Road mortality and habitat fragmentation are major contributing factors.

Northern Map Turtle (Graptemys geographica): Another species of special concern, the Northern Map Turtle suffers from the dual threats of road mortality and habitat disruption, which have led to a noticeable decline in their numbers.

The statistics underscore the critical need for immediate action to address the threats facing Ontario's turtle populations. Without concerted efforts to mitigate road mortality and protect their habitats, these ancient creatures risk being driven to extinction.

"Your participation is crucial," the McMaster University project urges. "Report sightings of road-killed turtles, spread awareness and support conservation efforts. Together, we can make a meaningful impact in protecting Ontario's at-risk turtle species and preserving our natural heritage."

To participate, volunteers can scan the QR code or visit this <https://arcg.is/0ar51n> to submit animal sightings on the road using any web-enabled device. Your involvement can make a significant difference in our efforts to protect these endangered species.



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A 2015 winter study examined the mortality of Blandings turtles in Misery Bay. Researcher Donnell Gasbarrini, then a Laurentian University Masters of Science student is pictured with her collected turtle shells.

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Body Stories dance school presents 'The Pirates and the Sea'

by Margery Frisch
M'CHIGEENG—A large, boisterous crowd filled the auditorium at Manitoulin Secondary School on Saturday evening, May 25. Rows and rows of families, babies in strollers, toddlers on laps, parents and grandparents catching up with friends and neighbours as they waited for the show to begin. The show was 'The Pirates and the Sea,' performed by a cast of Body Stories Dance students, a very large group of dancers ranging in age from three to 13.

"There are around 80 students performing this year, just over, or just under 80, we'll find out tomorrow," Candace Irwin, dance teacher and director of Body Stories, said over the phone. "There are lots of little ones who are sometimes unsure." Ms. Irwin went on to talk about the production her students would be performing. "The general

story of the show, which is made up from my and some of the students' imaginations is: There's a sailor who used to be a pirate and he decides to leave the pirates and sail this other ship. His past pirate friends are not too excited about this choice, so they decide to take over his ship and capture him, but what they don't know is that the spirits of the sea are watching, and they don't like that they've captured the sailor, so they create a magic storm that sends these pirates to the bottom of the sea. The pirates are then sent on a quest to find some pieces of their ship that have been taken from them by these sea spirits, and if they can find them, they get to go back up to the surface and if not, they get to live their days at the bottom of the ocean."

Spoiler alert: they did find the missing pieces of their ship and they were allowed to once again



Isabella, Roselynn, Noland and Alyssa Bond clutch their flower bouquets following their performance as fishes and ghost crabs.

photos by Margery Frisch

followed the appropriate movements. The audience responded enthusiastically.

At the end of the show, with the entire cast on stage to lengthy and exuberant applause, Ms. Irwin said, "I have one more thing to share with you all. As many of you know, I'm really about making sure that everyone knows they're a dancer. I truly believe that dance is something that's for everybody, and that is my life's work, to try and make it more accessible to everyone to enjoy. So, I'm so excited to announce that Body Stories Dance has officially become a non-profit with the hope of trying to continue to make dance more accessible on the Island in order to reach people across the Island both with dance and performance programming." Ms. Irwin encouraged everyone in the audience to take part in a survey that was in-



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Rolling waves are simulated during a dance number at the 'Pirates of the Sea.'

return to the surface. A grand celebratory dance concluded the show. The dances, 15 in all, showcased the talents of these many students from Little Current, Manitowaning and Kagawong, and



Reese Sabourin is all smiles with her bouquet of flowers.

the scenery added much to the effect of being at sea. Each time the smaller dance students came onto the stage, as various little sea creatures, the audience audibly sighed, clapped and cheered. Sometimes, the appreciative dancers would stop what they were doing, smile and wave.

The older dancers' movements were planned and practiced and the younger dancers were learning what creative movement is and how to express it. There was much interaction between the two groups, with older and younger working together, one instructing while the other paid attention and

cluded on the last page of the program, to help the organization grow, and a chance to win \$100 off the 2024/2025 dance season.

The smiles and light hearts were visible on each person leaving the auditorium. "They've really come so far in a year's time," said one proud grandmother, while others nodded. Perhaps, leaving this wonderful performance of their children, their nieces and nephews, grandchildren, or in some cases, their school students, each member of the audience began to believe that they, themselves, in fact, could be dancers too.



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Expositor celebrates 145 birthday and 'Better Newspaper Competition' wins

by Expositor staff

LITTLE CURRENT—Last Friday, May 24, was a memorable day for The Manitoulin Expositor for that date precisely marked 145 full years of Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper's publishing history. Publisher Alicia McCutcheon celebrated the occasion with locally-made "black and white and red all over" cupcakes and Farquhar's lemonade and one-and-all were invited to The Expositor's downtown Little Current office to help celebrate.

But, simultaneously, the final placings for the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's annual "Better Newspapers Competition" were being announced in an on-line "ceremony" that began at noon.

Expositor staffers not involved in chatting with well-wishers or serving them cupcakes and lemonade were gathered around a computer monitor in the production room, watching to see The Expositor's placements roll out.

In mid-February, judges had announced the three finalists in the Better Newspapers competition and The Expositor made it to the top three in three categories: local retail layout, best editorial and best feature story.

Lemonade in hand, staff waited expectantly until the respective categories were announced, and the wait was well worthwhile.

In the local retail layout category, Xoe Roy's design for an Andy's ad took third place with the judge observing, "This ad is effective as a local retail ad as it shows all the different products available under one roof. Light background colours work well with the red banners. Nice job!" For Ms. Roy's part, she observes that "this is a team effort but we're glad we've been recognized."

In the best editorial category, Mike Erskine's Page 4 rendering, titled 'Out of sight should never be out of mind' and dealing with the issue of homelessness in both regional and Island cases garnered high praise from the judge, who awarded Mr. Erskine first place.

"This editorial is everything a community newspaper's editorial should be: it is brave, it is well-written (very well-written) and it takes a stand that not all readers will agree with. It also gives a voice to the voiceless; our job, after all."

For his part, Mike Erskine was pleased, especially with the judge's comments but was quick to offer an acknowledgement to Wiikwemkoong poet Matthew Manitowabi for providing input and background on the seriousness of the issue. In fact, Mr. Erskine is researching a feature series that will investigate homelessness on Manitoulin Island and region.

The third category in which The Expositor had received placement was for best feature writing and, for



INK-STAINED WRETCHES — Members of The Expositor staff who were on hand for the paper's 145th birthday last Friday, May 24, pose for a photo in the newspaper office's courtyard. They are, from left, award-winning production manager Xoe Roy, award-winning editorial writer Michael Erskine, Rick McCutcheon, publisher Alicia McCutcheon and daughter Julia, circulation manager Debbie Bailey, production assistant Michelle Cuning, bookkeeper Marilyn Harasym and sales manager Robyn McGauley. Missing from the photo are editor in chief Tom Sasvari, 50-year staff veteran Kerrene Tilson and award-winning feature writer Warren Schlote.

the third time, Warren Schlote has taken first place honours in this category (2019, 2021 and now, 2023).

Warren Schlote, who now works for CBC radio in Sudbury, and wears a myriad of hats there, was not in a place that day to watch the award placements being announced but was very pleased with the outcome. His feature story, headlined 'Rediscovered song celebrates Islander John Eadie's WWII sacrifice' was a remembrance day feature that focused on "The ballad of Johnny Eadie" that had been penned, following his 1943 wartime death in Sicily, by a friend and fellow Little Current-area native Stanley Mills who, like Corporal Eadie, had enlisted in 1939.

In his comments, the category judge noted that, "I have judged newspaper competitions for over 30 years

and have never given a perfect score. No story is 'perfect,' but this is as close as it gets. Congratulations! A supreme effort! An interesting subject, dripping in history. It has everything! Any slight flaw is easily forgotten."

For her part, publisher Alicia McCutcheon offered her congratulations to Xoe, Mike and Warren, adding that she is extremely proud of her whole staff that works hard to produce a community newspaper that delivers news and advertising messages, (making a permanent record of local history in the process) and entertains us well.

It was quite a day to celebrate 145 years of service to Manitoulin Island, while at the same time working hard on all aspects of this week's (today's) edition.

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A special ceremony was held for the opening of the Sheshegwaning First Nation business Odawa Stone, last week. Employees of the company, board members and some community members took part. In photo from left to right is C.J. Panamick, Trevor Aljoe and Brendon Gunsten.



Odawa Stone has opened for a new season, having gone through an expansion of the area it is working within and its product line. The business is owned by Sheshegwaning First Nation. In photo from left to right is Trevor Aljoe, C.J. Panamick and Brendon Gunsten.

Sheshegwaning's Odawa Stone extends operations

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—Odawa Stone has had its ups and downs in the past, but the future looks really bright now as the business, owned by the Sheshegwaning First Nation has gone through an expansion of the area it is working within and its product line.

"We're really hoping to make an impact at the West End of Manitoulin, primarily from here to Gore Bay," stated Trevor Aljoe, who is originally from Meldrum Bay and is general manager of Odawa Stone at a season opening grand opening ceremony at the business located on Mason Line earlier this month. "We have quality stone here, probably the best stone quality you can have, Dolostone, which is extremely hard rock."

"This will be primarily our first year providing services like cutting custom stone," said Mr. Aljoe.

"This is a major expansion for us," said Nancy Cada, board president of Odawa Stone. She explained Odawa Stone, "started in the early 2000s, then it closed for a few years. It reopened again around 2012-2014 and was officially incorporated as Odawa Stone in 2014."

"We had aggregate started four years ago, and dimensional (decorative) stone for landscaping and the company bought the equipment necessary," said Ms. Cada. "Trevor started here about a year ago and he has done an amazing job with all the work he has put in."

Ms. Cada explained, "Originally, our First Nation had bought this property from Joffre Perreault. "When I came back to the community in 2014, (Odawa Stone) was only pulling stone out of the ground for dimensional stone. We sold a few pieces of this rock, but it never really took off. Then in 2018 I was on the board and our manager at the time started the aggregate. We always had landscaping stones and blocks and could sell decorative stone before, but now we have many more products and can cut it in house on our own as a company."

"We have expanded our aggregates and we have much more choice for customers than in the past," said Mr. Aljoe. "From crushed gravel to sandy loam, to clear stone, Gabion stone and more. In our decorative stone cut division we do all custom cutting, from stair steps, to brick, armour stone, and we have started doing fish rock anchor blocks." He has been the general manager of Odawa Stone for a year and "we have 'senior guys' in the company, C.J. Panamick and Brendon Gunsten and will be looking to increase our manpower complement in the future."

"I've been here with Odawa for a year," said Mr. Aljoe who noted, "My background is in explosives, I have been in the aggregate/mining business for the past 30 years." His father Robert Aljoe started the quarry in Meldrum Bay which was originally called Seeley Arnill

in the 1980s.

As part of the grand opening of the business for the season, Verna Hardwick, Nancy Cada and her daughter Georgina Cada performed a ceremony.

"What is being done here, I struggled with," said Ms. Hardwick. "I had been asked to take part in the opening ceremony and had asked the spirits to direct me and how I should approach it. I have always believed in protecting Mother Earth. But I understand development has to happen in the community and it provides benefits, including employment."

Nancy Cada noted, "Among many things I do in, and for, the community, I sit as a board member for the company. I am very grateful to Verna for being able to do the opening with me. And we are really grateful to Trevor for all the amazing work he has done to get the business to where it is at this point. We hope to provide more community members the opportunity to work with this company which will also have benefits for the community, opportunity for work and help the business and community grow."

"I first started as a member on the board six years ago to be a helper. Being president wasn't on my radar," said Ms. Cada. "But I am thankful to be here and see the company move forward."

"I appreciate everything Sheshegwaning has done for me," said Mr. Aljoe. "I want to help the community in the development of this company, and we will do our best for the company."

"We encourage everyone to come visit us here and see what we have to offer," said Mr. Aljoe. "And if someone calls us wanting to discuss what they want and what we have, we will definitely call them back."

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chimneys stuck out of the sand.”

“By then, the government was giving people money for emigration. Holland had to be rebuilt and many people not involved with this critical task were jobless. Three uncles left for Australia, where dad wanted to join his brothers, but mother wanted to go to Canada. She felt Australia was too far away from the motherland. On April 12, 1957, with the required sponsorship of a church family in Canada, our family got on a four-propeller plane and headed for North America. Mother preferred that over two weeks of a nauseous boat journey. We had to stop for ten hours in Iceland because of stormy weather. We refueled and flew to Montreal where we enjoyed a full meal. It included a whole banana, not the quarter portion we had in Holland.”

“Three weeks later, our crated furniture arrived by boat to Port Hope. We got there by train. About three months later, we came to the Ajax area.” The five children were billeted out to church families for six months until their parents had found a house for them. “We spent two years in a house in Ajax and then moved to Whitby.”

“In an attempt to have the children be with their own cohort and learn English, the younger children were advanced every few months, starting in Kindergarten, until they reached their age group. I went right into Grade 5 with no English. That was hard, but I learned the language quite quickly. My teacher, Erma Wood, was a dairy farmer’s wife. I began to work for Erma and Don. My first job was raking hay with a horse. A new Case tractor for bailing and pulling loads was purchased and, years later, I inherited this tractor.”

“I worked at the Woods’ farm after school and in the summers and learned a lot about dairy farming. We still correspond with the Woods family today. Evert also helped at a sheep feed lot which sent 600 sheep to market each week. Don Woods got me my next job, at the O’Connors’ dairy farm in Whitby. Two of the four O’Connors were vets and two were dairy farmers. I stayed for seven and a half years. They started with 35 cows and eventually had 110 dairy cows. I was a herdsman for them when I met Barbara.”

“After Barbara and I married, and we had travelled to Prince Edward Island for our honeymoon, I found the south rather crowded and was happy to move North with her. I spent the first year making furniture with Barbara’s dad for ‘Rainbow Rustic Furniture’ in Little Current. Then I spent three years delivering milk for Farquhar’s, all around the Island, excluding Little Current.”

“I bought this 200-acre farm here in Honora and turned it into a dairy farm. I rented another 300 acres, for hay, grain and corn. We started with 45 milk cows, some young cattle and a small beef herd. We tried to optimize sales, depending on demand and market prices. We sold the dairy herd in 2006 but kept the beef herd. Now we have up to 100 meat goats here, keeping about 25 goats as breeding stock. They get shipped to the Toronto market.”

In spring 1977 the couple had taken Evert’s mother to Holland so Barbara could meet the family and his mother could visit her homeland. Barbara and Evert have five children, Serena Mae, Kyla Annette, Erica Ruth, Michael Benn and Peter William. Serena, a nurse, and her husband Marius Verboom have five children. The first, Marena, has a day care and her husband Darrion Robinson is a carpenter. Alaina, her second, works for a mining company in Verner, and her husband Nehemiah Krause is a farm trucker. The other three, Arian, Neils and Silva, live at home. Arian is fully involved with farm work. Neils does carpentry and small engine repair and Silva likes sports and piano.

Barbara and Evert’s second child Kyla only has four-legged children. She runs the horse ranch in Honora and delivers mail in the winter. The Jansen’s third child Erica is married to Thomas Connerty, an aircraft engineer. They have a homestead farm near Ottawa with goats, chickens and a big garden with bee hives. Erica

makes soap out of goat’s milk. Thomas has retired from the military and works in Ottawa. They have two children: Keira, who plays violin and Arya on piano.

Fourth child Michael died at age 23. His two daughters are Alexandra and Brianna. Alexandra, a teacher, is married to Josh Turner, a physiotherapist. They have Barbara and Evert’s first great-grandchild, Haven. Brianna works for an electrical supplier and she is married to Josh Prinzen, a pig farmer. They live south of Hamilton. The Jansen’s last child, Peter, lives independently in Mindemoya, as part of the Community Living family. He is computer literate and a musician. He also does yard work in Mindemoya.

Four years after the dairy herd was sold in 2006, Evert began driving two days a week for the ‘Aging at Home Van’ for Noojmowin Teg in Aundeck Omni Kaning. He stopped when COVID hit, “I really liked that job.” He also continued his farming. In 2008, from their base in Holland, the couple saw Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, France and Luxembourg over six weeks. Later they saw both coasts of Canada and travelled to Prince Edward Island with a few grandchildren. “We rented a cottage there and returned through the northern United States.” Barbara retired from nursing on the Island in 2014.



Barb and Evert c. 1992.

Were either of you named after anyone? Evert: “My dad and my grandfather were Evert, and my dad was Cornelis, my middle name.” Barbara: “I was named after my mother’s aunt Barbara Gilpen.”

Fondest memory? “Meeting one an-

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Michael, Barbara, Serena, Evert holding Peter, Kyla and Erica c. 1990.



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Tim's Smile Cookie campaign raises nearly \$7,000 for Good Food

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Local realtors, journalists, Lions and other volunteers gathered at the Tim Horton's franchise in Little Current to ply their hand at decorating cookies with eyes and smiles during this year's Smile Cookie campaign in order to raise funds for the Good Food Box program.

Since 1996, 100 percent of proceeds from every \$2 Smile Cookie helps support charities and community groups across Canada. The campaign ran between April 29 and May 5. The Tim Hortons' 2023 Smile Cookie campaign raised a record of more than \$19.7 million in one week for over 600 charities, hospitals and community groups across Canada.

The Island volunteers, which included Jennifer Hooper and son (Century 21), Wiikwemkoong Health Centre, Freshwater Community Church, volunteers from the Good Food Box program, Gore Bay volunteers Joel Lock and family, as well as

teams from Debajehmujig Storytellers and Gwekwaadziwin Miikan, were coordinated by Local Food Manitoulin and the Good Food Box program.

"This would not have been possible without all of the community volunteers who came out and gave so generously of their time to make it happen," said Little Current Tim Hortons' manager Chantelle Dubroy.

"The average raised across Canada was around \$3,000 an outlet," shared Local Food Manitoulin chair Richard Lathwell, noting that at \$6,682.80, the Island campaign more than doubled that mark.

The Good Food Box is a non-profit, community initiative helping individuals and families in need of assistance to put fresh produce on the table. The program offers a variety of nutritious, delicious fresh fruits and vegetables at wholesale prices. The food boxes are packed and delivered to communities across Manitoulin on the third Tuesday of every month.



Local Food Manitoulin representative Richard Lathwell accepts a cheque for \$6,682.80 from Little Current Tim Horton's restaurant manager Chantelle Dubroy.

photo by Michael Erskine

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terrier, who always stayed with us."

Favourite season? "Spring, a time for calving and gardening. I love the baby animals, including ducks and tiny chicks. Twenty Kindergarten kids used to come for tours in the spring to see the babies."

Favourite movie or book? "The Janet Oake series which was made into the television series, 'When Calls the Heart.'"

Favourite television show? "The news and Heavy-Duty Trucks on the 401."

Strengths? Barbara: "I like people and children around me and all aspects of nursing. Presently I work with small groups of ladies at the Grace Bible Church." For Evert: "I like working with farming machinery and sharing information about farming. I also like people." Awards? "In 4-H leadership awards for 25 years of volunteering, best calving interval and the amount of butterfat in milk."

Associations? "The Milk Board and the Federation of Agriculture at various times." For Barbara it's 20 years of teaching in Sunday School and the Bible Club every Thursday which included crafts, singing and farm activities. "Many kids would get off the bus here, and later, Evert would take them home. Fairs and 'Horse Club' were popular, too. We always had an open door for all."

Something you still want to do? "Take the RV and go to Alaska, the west coast and other places."

What did you enjoy most as a parent? "Watching the kids grow physically, spiritually and mentally. Each has chosen their own path."

If you could go back in time, would you change anything? "No, we need to accept

life and be happy with what we have."

Was there something you wanted to be as an adult? "I wanted to be a teacher and I have taught in my nursing profession and with kids' groups."

People who inspired you? Barbara: "My mother was a strong, compassionate lady who always welcomed people to her home, making cookies and tea into her nineties." Evert: "I met Hans Dendekker, a talented dairy farmer from Listowel, 40 years ago when he saw our Dutch and Canadian flags and stopped here. We have been friends ever since."

Recipe for happiness? "Spend time in prayer and leave it to God."

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

52-3p

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

1-3p

Yard Sale, Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at 62 Queen Street, Manitowaning, beside the LCBO. Something for everyone!

2-3p

church services

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

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coming events

The Addams Family by Burns Wharf Theatre Players at Manitoulin Secondary School. Matinees: May 26, June 1, 2, 15, 16. Evenings: May 24, 31, June 1, 14, 15. Tickets \$25. For more information go to www.burnswharf.net.

51-4c

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Spring and summer clothing, shoes, household items and miscellaneous. The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Nearly-new clothing, shoes and various treasures.

52-6p

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

52-2p

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

1-2c

NORTH OR BUST TOUR

STAND-UP COMEDY
FRIDAY, MAY 31 8:00PM
TICKETS: \$20 EVENTBRITE
OR AT THE DOOR
ANCHOR INN HOTEL
LITTLE CURRENT

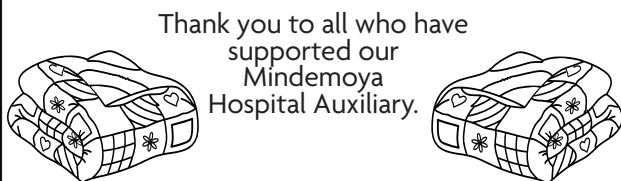
Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary

Winners of our yearly raffle drawn on May 11, 2024 at our Spring Luncheon and Bazaar:

1st Prize winner of queen-size quilt:
Paul Menaris of Mindemoya

2nd Prize winner of queen-size quilt:
Angie House of Guelph

3rd Prize winner a beautifully knit afghan:
Mary White of Mindemoya



Thank you to all who have supported our Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

Legion

ATTENTION

Anyone who has served in the military (including WWII, Korea, SDA, Militia/Reserve Forces, RCMP, still serving and dependents)

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION SERVICE BUREAU OFFICER SHERRY CULLING

will be visiting Branches in your area during the week of June 17th, 2024.

Anyone wishing information, advice or assistance regarding: Veterans Affairs Canada Disability Pensions/Awards Treatment for Entitled Veterans Application for Poppy/Benevolent Funds Appeals against unfavourable VAC decisions/Widows

is requested to contact Branch Service Officer Jim Woods

A free service offered by the Legion.

coming events

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

1-2c

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

1-2c

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

1-2p

Spring Luncheon on Wednesday, June 5 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at St. Francis Anglican Church, 6201 Hwy 542, Mindemoya. Take-out only. Free delivery in Mindemoya. Soup, sandwiches and dessert. \$15. Walk-in or pre-order by phoning 705-210-0409.

1-3p

2024 Passage Ride features changed focus

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—There are a number of big changes in this year's Manitoulin Passage Ride, most notably the move away from the MS. Chi-Cheemaun ferry as the starting location and a focus on exploring the West End of the Island. What has not changed is the need for Island motorists to keep an eye out for cyclists on the roads, as there will be a significant increase in their numbers during the weekend starting the evening of Friday, May 31 through to Sunday, June 2.

“This year, we will be starting out from the gazebo beside the arena and community centre in Mindemoya because we want to push further west and give the Gore Bay experience,” noted Passage Ride organizer Maja Mielonen of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA). Ms. Mielonen said that the relationship between the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) and MICA was sundered by the issues surrounding COVID and further complicated by changes in senior management at the OSTC.

There are nonetheless plenty of benefits to the changes being forced on the Passage Ride, according to Ms. Mielonen. “The 200 or so riders will be coming by their own vehicles on Friday night, so they will be spending two whole days on Manitoulin Island,” she said. “So, Island businesses will be benefiting from that increased exposure from them being on the Island, especially accommodation and restaurants.”

The riders will have their choice of three routes on each of the two days—comprising of a short, medium and long ride. Each day's series of rides begins with registration at the aforementioned gazebo in Mindemoya. Day one's 33 km short ride (yellow) heads out from Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) and travels down Highway 540 to Bridal Veil Falls and Kagawong, looping around Lake Kagawong back to M'Chigeeng. The 72 km medium ride (white) starts out in Mindemoya, circles Lake Mindemoya,

continues through M'Chigeeng to Bridal Veil Falls and then follows the Lake Kagawong loop before returning through M'Chigeeng to Mindemoya. The 119 km long ride will circle Mindemoya Lake, continue through M'Chigeeng, head to Bridal Veil Falls, continue to Gore Bay, return to Kagawong and head down to the gazebo at the waterfront for lunch before continuing on to M'Chigeeng and following Hwy 551 into Mindemoya.

Day two's routes start with the short run, 37 km (yellow) will start at the Mindemoya Hall, head to Providence Bay and then return through the Mindemoya Lake route. The medium run, 53 km (white) will again start at the Mindemoya Hall then head through Mindemoya Lake to Spring Bay, loop around to Grimsthorpe and return through Providence Bay to Mindemoya. The long day two run will start at the Mindemoya Community Hall, head through Mindemoya Lake to Perivale and Long Bay, then loop around Tobacco Lake to Poplar before continuing on through Brittainville to Spring Bay and Grimsthorpe before finally returning through Providence Bay to Mindemoya.

At the completion of Day one, a dinner with bar and music with Nettish and her four-person band will be held at the Mindemoya Community Hall, 6032 Highway 542. Bar opens at 5 pm, with dinner at 6 pm.

Ms. Mielonen noted that she has been partnering with Marlaine Koehler of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail, lobbying for the continued addition of bike lanes on Highway 17 onto Thunder Bay. Ms. Mielonen was successful in garnering provincial support for the addition of the lanes to Highway 6 onto Sudbury.

“This is very important as the trail currently has some sections where canoeing is not so safe due to the cliffs along the north shore of Lake Superior,” she said.

Friends of Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, June 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM.
Meeting will be held via ZOOM.
Exciting things continue to happen, so please try to join us.
Everyone welcome!
Email mindemoyoldschool@gmail.com for Zoom link.

Remember your loved ones fondly in The Manitoulin Expositor
In Memoriam or Obituaries
Send an email to Debbie at services@manitoulin.com or call 705-368-2744

services

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

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

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services

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give or receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Sunday May 26 at the Gore Bay Legion, 2 to 4 pm; Wednesday, June 26 at the Mindemoya Council Chambers, 2 to 4 pm; No meeting in July; Sunday, August 25 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie, 705-507-0433, tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531, bnann@gmail.com.

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Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info.

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Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

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notice

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

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**TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
REQUEST FOR TENDER
RENOVATION OF UPSTAIRS
ARENA INTO FITNESS CENTRE**

A full tender package is available on our website at:

<https://www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders>

Sealed tenders must be submitted as per the process outlined in the tender package and must be received by

Friday, June 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Please submit all tenders to:

**Township of Assiginack
c/o Alton Hobbs, CAO
Box 238, 156 Arthur Street
Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0**

A mandatory Pre-Tender Meeting with the Project Engineer will be held on May 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Please note that the lowest, incomplete or any tender, not necessarily accepted. Faxed or emailed tenders will not be accepted.

Manitoulin Service Providers Network family fun day

by Margery Frisch

LITTLE CURRENT – On Sunday, May 26, Low Island Park was packed with cars and kids. Families were drawn to the park for soccer, but there was a lot more going on than the games. Island service providers were networking and screening and no, it had nothing to do with internet providers and screen time.

“It’s a Family Fun Screen Day,” said Patricia Hurst, “Manitoulin Service Providers Network gets together and covers services for children ages 0 to six years of age, so there’s a variety of businesses out today,” she explained. She and others shared a booth that com-

bined Mnaamodzowin Health Services, Early On, and Manitoulin Family Services, and they were offering, in addition to car seat safety tips, freebies and fruit and lots of swag. There was also a draw on offer for a chance to win one of three bicycles.

A major component to the ‘fun day’ was the soccer that was taking place from early morning until late in the afternoon. The NEMI Soccer Club was hosting, with 34 teams registered and over 300 kids taking part in this, their second annual Island Wide Tournament.

“Last year,” Michelle Anderson explained, “the screening day happened on the same day as our tournament, so someone reached out to us and said, ‘is there any way we can do this together?’ So then, when we were planning our tournament, we reached back out to them.” That’s how the two groups coordinated to become one event. The net-



Players on the NEMI and Wiky soccer teams in action!

Photo provided.

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Notice To Creditors And Others

All claims against the Estate of Richard C. Drake/Duck’n Drake Marine of Mindemoya, who died on October 30th, 2023, must be filed with the undersigned by the 29th of June, 2024, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to claims which the undersigned then has notice.

Dated May 29th, 2024
Mark H. Drake

Executor for the Estate of Richard C. Drake

2596 Rockville Road
Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0



Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Township-Initiated Zoning By-law Update

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Assiginack will be holding an in-person statutory public meeting to consider a Township-initiated zoning by-law amendment and is notifying the public in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act.

Purpose and Effect of the Zoning By-law Amendment:

The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to update the Township’s zoning by-law. The Township zoning by-law currently in effect is by-law No. 80-20 and By-law No. 80-21, first approved by Council in 1980. Since 1980, the Township zoning by-laws have been amended from time to time through approval of privately initiated zoning by-law amendment applications and through general amendments/reviews initiated by the Township. In October 2018, a new District of Manitoulin Official Plan was approved to be consistent with Provincial policies. The Planning Act requires municipalities to update their zoning by-law after an update to their Official Plan. Pursuant to the Planning Act, this update will bring the Township zoning by-law into conformity with the District of Manitoulin Official Plan.

Public Meeting:

A statutory public meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. to provide information regarding the Township-initiated zoning by-law amendment. The public meeting will be held at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON.

Location of the Subject Lands:

The proposed zoning by-law amendment applies to all lands within the Township and therefore a key map has not been provided.

What is the Township of Assiginack Zoning By-law?

It is a by-law passed by Council to implement the District of Manitoulin Official Plan to control the use of land and the use and construction of buildings/structures. For example, it states:

- How land may be used;
- Where buildings and other structures can be located;
- The type of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used;
- The minimum and maximum lot sizes, parking requirements, building height and setbacks from a property line; and
- Other building and land use controls as deemed appropriate.

What stage is the Township at with its Zoning By-law Review?

Township staff and the Township’s planning consultants conducted a public open house on March 27, 2024. Comments received from the public at the open house and during the subsequent commenting period have been incorporated into the second draft of the zoning by-law as appropriate.

Representation:

Any person may participate at the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation regarding this matter. Written submissions can be sent electronically to hferguson@assiginack.ca or can be dropped at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please ensure your name and address are included as required for the public record.

Appeal Rights:

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Assiginack before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Assiginack to the Ontario Land Tribunal, and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Notice of Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment:

A copy of the notice of passing will be sent to each person who has filed with the Clerk a written request for a notice of passing.

Additional Information:

Additional information relating to the Zoning By-law update will be available on the Township’s website on June 4th, 2024, or for inspection on weekdays by appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office located at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON. Please contact hferguson@assiginack.ca or call (705) 859-3196 to arrange for an appointment.

Dated at the Township of Assiginack this 29th day of May 2024.
Heidi Ferguson, Clerk



**Municipality of Central Manitoulin
OPEN TENDERS**

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has the following procurement processes currently open.

RFP 07 2024 CEN MAN Consulting Services for Recreation Infrastructure & Arena Feasibility & Design

Contractor Pre-Qualification for Mindemoya Municipal Garage Repairs

For further details visit:

<https://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/business-development/bids-and-tenders/>



McKAY—In loving memory of Wendall McKay, August 31, 1972 to June 4, 2023.

As life goes on its way
We often talk about you
With love and sad regret.
For those who loved you dearly,
Never will forget.
Always remembered by Aunt Anne and Uncle Lyle Addison

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SIMON—In loving memory of John Wayne Simon, December 2, 1954 – May 31, 2021.

How much we miss you being here,
We really can’t say.
The ache is deep inside our hearts
And never goes away.
To some you may be forgotten,
To others a part of the past.
But to us who loved and lost you
Your memory will always last.
The Angels came and took you,
That really wasn’t fair.
You never said “I am leaving”
You never said “goodbye”
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
Brother/best friend Ed, nephews Kevin, Ed Jr., Elvis and Elliott

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Commercial printing and printing needs offered at:

The MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR



- Postcards
- Business Cards
- Brochures
- Posters
- Ink Stamps
- Stickers
- Booklets
- Bookmarks
- Faxing
- Laminating
- & much more!

For more information about commercial printing and printing needs send us an email at expositor@manitoulin.com

...Manitoulin Service Providers Network combines with NEMI soccer for a day of fun

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work of services provided developmental screening and safety tips to families in between the games. The OPP and UCCM were running bike clinics, in addition to other safety components available to the public. In addition, the Little Current Lions Club was running a barbecue for soccer players and their families.

The NEMI Soccer Club has a small army of coaches, including parent volunteers and grade eight students who are earning their volunteer hours; the total comes to about 40 in all. Michelle Anderson is a coach and major part of the organizational team for the tournament.

Alison Dodge, who is one of the coach-

es for her daughter's team said, "It's all about fun. There's no keeping score, it's just about the fun. We do have a weekly practice in addition to our games," she added, "so, we're going to take all of what we did in these three games today and talk about what we want to work on."

The parking lot and the roadway to the venue were full of cars, the soccer fields spilled over with athletes and families set up chairs in the grass and had picnics. None of the games from the smallest to the biggest kept score at the tournament, because it was, as Ms. Dodge said, all about having fun – it was a day of fun for the whole family.



NEMI vs. NEMI in a soccer game at Low Island.

Photo provided.

Death Notices

BRIAN PAUL BUSH



In fond remembrance of Brian Paul Bush (72) who has completed his final journey on his beloved Manitoulin Island, this 15th of April, 2024. He has sailed his last voyage on the sea of life with the Lord's benevolent wind blowing gently on his sails. He will finally ride with true freedom forever in paradise. Brian is survived by his beloved spouse Sharon Bush; his loving mother Irene Cornish and her predeceased husband Clarence "Chic" Cornish; his cherished son Brian Junior; his daughter Samantha; his grandchildren Cody, Alecia and Logan; his uncle Paul and aunt Jeannine Simon, as well as many treasured cousins.

DAVID EDWARD PARKER June 23, 1932 - May 18, 2024



It is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of David Parker, formerly of Gore Bay, at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on May 18, 2024 in his 92nd year. David is survived by his daughter Debbie Pink (Dave) of Birmingham, England; granddaughters Justine and Matt; great-grandsons Jack (Lucy) and Neil; great-grandsons Toby (Amy) and Colin; great-granddaughters Esme and Daisy; his son Paul of Oshawa. Predeceased by his loving wife Joan (Morrison) in 2019. He was the 11th child of Albert and Lillian (Lea) Parker (both predeceased) of Birmingham, England. Having had seven sisters and five brothers. He served in the British Army in the 1950s and came to Canada in the early 1960s. He worked as a machinist and mould maker in the Pickering area, retiring to Gore Bay in 1992. He and Joan (and Paul) built the house on Lighthouse Road and travelled extensively in the United States, particularly Utah and Colorado. He and Joan were proficient in ballroom dancing and won many trophies in competitions in Canada and the United States. He proudly stated that they danced at the Waldorf Astoria! David joined Doric Lodge No. 424, A. F & A.M. in Pickering, ON on February 19, 1976. He affiliated with Gore Bay Lodge No. 472 on October 9, 2003. He was installed as Worshipful Master on June 10, 2010. As per David's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations may be made to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Tree of Lights program or a charity of your choice. Honour David in your own way. Remember him when you cast a fishing line, step out on the dance floor and or smell the sweet aroma of peonies. A huge thank you to the staff of Manitoulin Centennial Manor for their loving care of David for the last three years, and especially in the last days of his life. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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MARCEL LEO MCKENZIE

May 16, 1956 - May 3, 2024



It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of a life long Manitoulin resident, Mr. Marcel Leo McKenzie, born on May 16, 1956 on Manitoulin Island. He was raised in Tehkummah and lived there most of his adult life. He passed away at home on May 3, 2024. He was a dear son, brother and father and was very much loved by his McKenzie, Veselisin and Mayer family. May he rest in peace. Cremation has taken place. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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SHARON MONTGOMERY

March 28, 1947 - May 7, 2024

Sharon Montgomery, born March 28, 1947, passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre May 7, 2024. Predeceased by her husband David Montgomery, leaving behind her daughter Debbie Graham (Oliver) and son William Kupchanko (Colleen); grandsons Jordan and Zach Whalen; great-grandson Gabriel Whalen along with many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her dear friend Bill Wilson. Sharon was a very spiritual person and has happily gone to be with her Heavenly Father. Sharon was born in Hamilton, Ontario, the second oldest to Edgar and Ena Brandle (predeceased); siblings Gary (predeceased) wife Josie, Arrabelle (predeceased) and Don Brandle. Sharon moved to Manitoulin with her husband Dave from Hamilton in 1989. After a weekend trip to Manitoulin, they felt the calling and purchased Bridal Veil Variety in Kagawong, where they spent many years being involved with the community and visiting with locals and travellers. After selling the store they purchased a B&B in Kagawong where they continued to entertain tourists and made many lifelong friends. Sharon was a member of the Red Hats, the Christian women's group and the HAM radio group. She enjoyed spending time with her family, friends and her church family. A heartfelt thank you to the staff at Manitoulin Centennial Manor for their patience and dedication to their residents, thank you to the staff at Manitoulin Health Centre for keeping her comfortable on her last day and Dr. O'Connor who was Sharon's family physician, she didn't go a day without mentioning how well he looked after her. A Celebration of Life will be held June 24, 2024, 11 am at the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church to be followed by a light luncheon and then burial in Kagawong. Donations in her memory can be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

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

JAMES WILLIAM SLOSS

July 22, 1945 - May 9, 2024



In loving memory of James William Sloss who passed away peacefully with his wife Sharon by his side on May 9, 2024 at the age of 78. He was born on July 22, 1945 to the late Elwood and Betty Sloss (nee Lohead). He is survived by his loving wife Sharon Sloss (nee Smith); his children Christy (Duane) Deschamps and Bill Sloss; grandchildren Emily and James Sloss; sister Mary Lynn McQuarrie, brother-in-law Richard Grenon; nephews Ronald (Mickey) McQuarrie and John Grenon; nieces Amy (Gord) Morgan and Katherine (Dave) Pearson. Predeceased by his sister Susan and brother-in-law Donald McQuarrie. Jim grew up in Spring Bay enjoying the freedom of the outdoors to its fullest. He earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Laurentian University, graduating Magnum Cum Laude. He taught high school at Garson Falconbridge for two years before moving back to the Island with Sharon. This was the beginning of a 31 year career of teaching business subjects and later co-op education at Manitoulin Secondary School. With the help of his students, he very successfully raised money for the completion of the tennis courts and a new gym floor at the school by organizing ducky races. He developed lifelong friendships with many of his students. Jim married his best friend, Sharon in 1970. A first date of ice fishing on Lake Manitou set the stage for the next 53 years. A trip across Europe on a motorcycle, moose hunting, curling, salmon fishing and trips to the hunt camp made for an exciting life for both of them. Jim's passion for enhancing the sports fishery on Manitoulin was evident in his many years of work as Chairperson of the United Fish & Game Clubs of Manitoulin. He worked with other very dedicated members to establish a fish hatchery. He was also the Secretary of the Gore Bay Curling Club for many years and help secure Wintario grants for the completion of a new curling rink for the town. Many years as a member of the Rotary Club were also a source of enjoyment for him. He and Sharon spent probably their most memorable times farming the family farm together for 30 years in a cow/calf operation. Children and grandchildren made his life complete. He was also happiest when he was sharing his knowledge and love of the outdoors, hunting and fishing with his family and friends. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. C. Wilson, the staff of Manitoulin Lodge and the Mindemoya Hospital for their kindness, wonderful care and their love. It will never be forgotten. A memorial service will be held this summer. If you wish to make a donation in Jim's memory, donations to the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary, the Gore Bay Medical Centre or a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated.

Simpson
Funeral Home Limited

Celebration of Life

ROY GRAHAM

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

...Burns Wharf latest production 'The Addams Family' a tour de force

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mark this production as anything other than a result of professional dedication and devotion to the craft.

"Our little theatre company put on its first

show in 2008," notes Mr. Baumgarten. "Sixteen years later we are still at it and loving it! Of all our shows, this one has the greatest level of complexity; with the most set changes, the most cho-

reography, the most rehearsals, and definitely, the most make-up."

"There are around 46 distinct musical pieces," confirmed Music Director Ray Scott. "Some of them are short, but there are

a lot of them." There are also 23 scene changes and the set designs speak volumes to the ingenuity and creative power (let us also mention immense sweat equity) of the father and son team of Phillip and Isaac Gosse. Isaac also does duty as Wednesday's love interest Lucas.

"What a privilege to witness the remarkable talent, creativity and commitment poured into every aspect of this production of *The Addams Family*," said producer Lynn Dee Sproule (herself



Father Gomez Addams (Peter Baumgarten) comforts his daughter Wednesday.

photos by Michael Erskine

The technical team are comprised of stage manager Courtney Oswald, assistant stage manager Amara Wilson-Zegil, musical accompaniment and sound effects Mr. Scott, sound operator Brian Dixon, lighting operator Christianna Jones, stage hands MJ Gordon, Alexa Gordon, Garret Charbonneau and Sebastian Mara. Makeup (and there was a lot of it in this production comprised of a bevy of dead relatives—and one Lurch of indeterminate status) by Valerie Hoy and Connor O'Leary. Orchestration programming was by Mr. Scott, while Christianna Jones and mom Christine Jones were on costumes. Sound and light design was courtesy of Mr. Gosse (the younger) who also was given credit for set design and building in the program, but who deferred accolades in favour of his father Phillip Gosse whose efforts were reportedly immense. ML Gordon wielded the brush that brought the scenes, including innovative trees creations, to life. Props were by Audrey Jones and Ms. Labelle, while Uncle Fester's rocket was the brainchild of Mr. Baran, the goose by Carol Anne Dodd, Pugsley's explosive box by Patrick O'Leary, Grandma's pet rat by Audrey Jones, flying Fester and his rigging by Christianna Jones and MJ Gordon.



Morticia Addams shares a touching moment with son Pugsley.

a scion of a redoubtable Northern Ontario thespian family that includes the late Bob Sproule and the irrepresible force that is Sharon Sproule) who also played one of the Ancestors. "The ingenuity of our creative team constantly blew us away. And you can't find more professional backstage operators than Courtney Oswald and their team," she notes.

Samantha Lynn Brennan may have stepped away from full-time work in the theatre for the classroom but she delivered the role of Wednesday's mother Morticia with a delicious malevolence that was only exceeded by a mother's deep attachment to children.

Zack Hill's turn as Wednesday's brother and favourite torture victim Pugsley was outstanding and delightfully expressive.

Alex Baran can usually be found behind the scenes as a vocal coach of the first order, but his Uncle Fester proved the one-time municipal councillor and entrepreneur has some serious comedy chops under the stage lights that would not be out of place on Broadway.

Then there is Grandma (or is she?) played with hilarious effect by another Burns Wharf stalwart Carol Labelle. "This is, by far, the favourite role," laughed Ms. Labelle, who clearly enjoyed her on stage antics as the ancient ad hoc Apothecary.

Both Ms. Labelle and the gigantic butler Lurch take to the stage at the beginning of the production with a hilarious take on the usual audience admonitions.

The Beineke family of Mal, played by Wayne Murdock, Alice, played by Allison MacNeil and the aforementioned Lucas of Isaac Gosse played counterpoint as a "normal" family against the quirky Addams clan with tremendous chemistry.

Then come those who also served, and served so very well they did. The ancestors whose ranks were comprised of Saloon Girl (Margit Alberti), Flight Attendant (Angela Harper), Pilgrim (Audrey Jones), 18th Century Courtier (Harry Mink), Colonial Man (Jacob Pitawanakwat), Bride (Jane Prosser), Renaissance Woman (Debbie Robinson), Safari Hunter and Death (Tom Scott) and Flapper (Lynn Dee Sproule).

The "leadership team" are comprised of stage director Mr. Baumgarten, music director Mr. Scott, technical director Mr. Gosse (the younger) and producer Ms. Sproule.

Manning the box office were Ann-Marie Scott, while Ruth Hill was front of house manager, publicity by Ms. Sproule and the entire cast, program by Ms. Brennan, photography by Mr. Baumgarten, cast nourishment was provided by Jane Prosser while the MSS Musical Theatre crew provided the ushers and canteen.

"There are many community members, schools and businesses on Manitoulin Island and surrounding area who have been critical to the success of *'The Addams Family'*," noted Ms. Sproule. "We are deeply grateful for the rehearsal and performing venues provided by MSS (especially Principal Dave Wiwchar, head custodian R.J. Pantan and faculty members Chris Theijsmeijer, Yana Bauer and Heather Theijsmeijer; Assiginack Public School (especially Principal Tracey Chapman and evening custodian Amy Holmes; and the Rainbow District School Board (especially Community Usage Coordinator Cathy Graham and the casual

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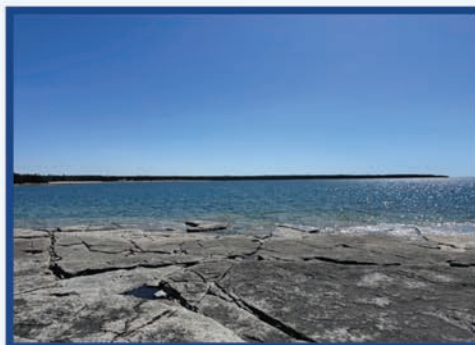



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town, but we have other buildings in town that we could accommodate both tenants in. I support selling the building.”

Councillor Janice Bowerman had declared a conflict of interest prior to the issue being raised and did not provide any comments at last week's meeting.

Councillor Hooper had raised a concern as well that if the building is sold, the municipality (which has records and information stored in the basement of 115 Arthur Street) would need time to remove the materials from the building. Another option was raised that Assiginack could

enter into an agreement with the new owner of the building to use space in the building for a period of time and pay rent.

The bid from Mr. Hancock, the largest bid received, was accepted by council.

Mr. Hancock told The Expositor after the meeting, “I'm not originally from Manitoulin. I'm a Haweater wannabe,” he quipped. “My wife and I started to visit the Island about 20 years ago.” About 15 years ago in trying to buy a cottage on the Island (which they purchased at Sunsite Estates) “we bought a commercial building, the Co-op building in Little Current. At the time it was empty but

now there is a store there and three apartments.”

Mr. Hancock, who is a lawyer in Mississauga, said, “I like Mississauga, but over the years we have developed a strong attachment to the Island. It is like our home away from home.”

“When I first came to Manitowaning the Norisle was still in the community, and they even had dining on the ship,” said Mr. Hancock. “This lasted a very short time, probably a few months, and from there we have seen other restaurants and businesses close. But I feel there is going to be a renaissance in Manitowaning. It has an amazing natural set-

ting. I can see a bit of a renaissance taking place.”

“I am going to be reaching out to the Bank of Montreal, whose lease is up in October, to see and hopefully they will, remain in the community. The post office has a long-term lease with options,” said Mr. Hancock. “We want to continue to lease space in the building for both, and hopefully they are both motivated to stay here.”

Mr. Hancock noted council's concerns with municipal documents being stored in the basement at 115 Arthur Street, “I would definitely be open to working out a deal with the township to have their bankers' boxes

continue to be stored in the basement. We won't be storing anything in the basement so we would be open to working out an arrangement with council.”

As for the building itself, Mr. Hancock said it

is a solid building, and he is planning to do some repairs to it. “But I'm not going to spend \$1.7 million. We will try to be practical and make the repairs that are most needed and make more as we go along.”

...Jeff Smith is Executive of the Year

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(Health Sciences North) and a whole lot of others who provide services to people in Sudbury who need this support the most.”

The Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce honoured 10 of Greater Sudbury's outstanding entrepreneurs, businesses and associations on Thursday, May 23 at its 27th annual Business Excellence Awards gala, presented by Bell. The business community came together in a sold-out crowd of over 440 people to celebrate the award finalists and recipients.

“For the past 27 years, the chamber has hosted its Business Excellence Awards as an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of area business owners, and learn from them, and about them. From young entrepreneurs operating out of their homes to established owners of international companies, the Business Excellence Awards are a celebratory evening that shines a spotlight on the people who form the backbone of our community and the family, friends and experiences that keep them going.”

The Chamber received 161 nominations for its 10 award categories this year.

...Burns Wharf's 'The Addams Family' is a tour de force

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custodial staff who kept the schools open for us). We would also like to thank St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning (especially Les Fields, Debbie Robinson and Catherine Hazlitt). Thank you to the Inn at Gore Bay and the Watersedge Restaurant and the Manitoulin Motel in Little Current for extending special rates to 'The Addams Family' ticketholders. Special thanks also to our generous sponsors. We also wish to thank Marilyn and Elwood Wohlberg. Their vision started Burns Wharf Theatre Players 16 years ago and their tireless devotion to community musical theatre has sustained it since. We are grateful for Marilyn and Elwood's ongoing guidance as directors on the BWTP board. Last but far from least, and from the bottom of our hearts, everyone in 'The Addams Family company,' on and off stage, wishes to thank our families, friends and colleagues. Your immense support, encouragement and forbearance have made it all possible. We love you.”

Go see this production and then gather up your friends and family and go see it again. The Expositor plans to do just that.



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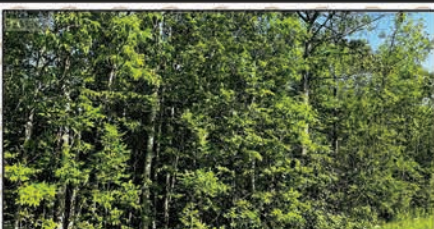
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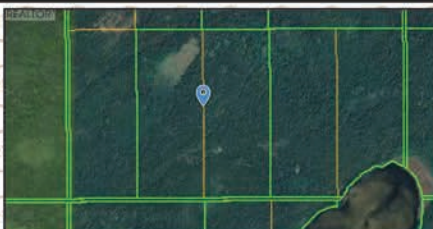
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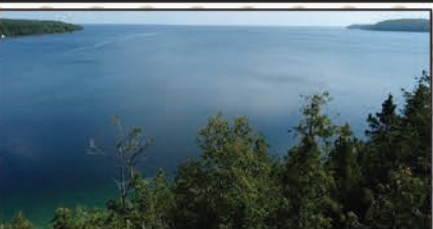
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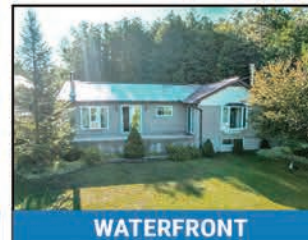
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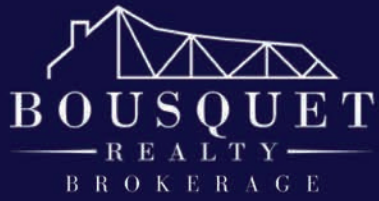
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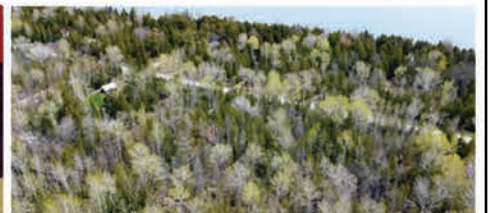


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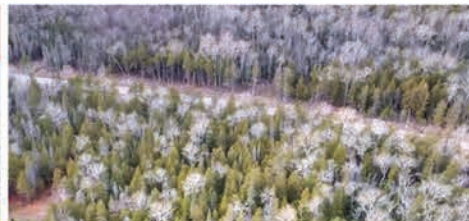


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The champs! The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs tennis team won the recent North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship. In photo back row left to right is Eli Lock, Rylan Pennie, Greyson Brewer, Addy Gray. Front row l-r, Tim Arabadzhyi, Aspen Debassige, Emery Watson, Amy Smith, Tessa Merrylees, Zee Toulouse, coach Chris Theijsmeijer. Missing from photo is Grace Pennie, Ava Corbiere, Jack Pennie, Keannu Bisschops, Ian McCauley, Jaron Panamick.

Photo supplied.

MSS tennis championship

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs tennis team won the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship held on May 13 at the MSS tennis courts.

MSS walked away with the team championship, with Jack Pennie winning the boys' singles, Tessa Merrylees winning the girls' singles division, Grace Pen-

nie and Zee Toulouse taking top spot in girls' doubles and Aspen Debassige and Eli Lock in mixed doubles.

These players advanced to compete in Sudbury for the Northern Ontario Secondary School championship on May 24. The Mustangs mixed team, Aspen Debassige and Eli Lock won two of their three games and have advanced to the provincials, taking place next week in Toronto.

MSS carpentry team finishes fifth at provincial skills competition

M'CHIGEENG—A Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs "Team of Two carpentry" team finished a very strong fifth among 53 teams from across the province in a skills competition held recently.

"The (MSS) team of Aiden Case (Grade 12 student) and Corbin Best (Grade 11) finished fifth among the 53 teams across the province in the provincial skills competition," said Steve Robinson, technology teacher at MSS. "I have taught both students and they did really good at the provincials."

"At this competition all schoolboards in the province take part, so these were the best teams from all over Ontario taking part," said Mr. Robinson. He pointed out Mr. Case and Mr. Best had competed in the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) wide regional competition earlier this year, finishing first.

Mr. Robinson explained in the "Team of 2 Carpentry" competition, "the teams were provided plans for making a patio table, and then they are timed as they construct the table. Judging then takes place on their work by industry experts in Toronto."

The provincial skills competition took place May 6-8 at the Toronto Congress

Centre. "It is a huge event with several thousand competitors taking part, and several thousand in attendance," added Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson added that RDSB has partnered with other school boards in Sudbury, along with Cambrian College to form Team Sudbury, which is generously sponsored by Manitoulin Transport.



The Manitoulin Secondary School 'Team of Two' carpentry team, Aiden Case and Corbin Best, finished a very strong fifth among 53 teams from across the province in a skills competition in Toronto early in May. The team constructed the table they are shown sitting on in photo.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Wiikwemkoong's **Aurel Fox-Recollet**, now of Sudbury as a Laurentian University student, finished in first place at the Sudbury Rocks 10km race against 338 other runners! Aurel's time was 38 minutes and 58 seconds.

Another honour for Aurel was being tapped to deliver the keynote address to begin the Wiikwemkoong Eshkiniigig Shkode Track and Field meet. The event was held on Saturday, May 25 at the Thunderbird Park. It featured First Nations youth ages 9 to 13. Other participating First Nations came from AOK and Sagamok. Special miigwetch goes to Coordinator Mr. **Nelson Wood** as many records were made!

To the Summer Games!

This past weekend, **Chase Taylor** travelled to Sault Ste Marie to take part in the Team North Baseball tryouts. Close to 50 ballplayers from Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie and Thunder Bay areas gathered to compete for a spot on the 16-athlete roster. After 3 days of showcase-style drills and game play, Chase earned himself a spot on the team and will represent Manitoulin Island and Northern Ontario as a member of Team North at the upcoming Ontario Summer Games being held August 1-4 in London, Ontario.

This year, London will play host to over 3,500 athletes aged 12-18 competing in 18 different sports. Chase is once again a member of the Sudbury Voyageurs Baseball program this season which competes in the Premier Baseball League of Ontario from May to July. Chase is very excited to add this opportunity to his growing baseball experience!

Rafting Royalty!

I had no idea that we had among us a Canadian champion! Over the long weekend in May, **Hannah Brown** of Gore Bay travelled to the Canadian Whitewater Rafting Championships to defend the title. The event, held in Valleyfield, Quebec and Hawkesbury, Ontario, consisted of four events: a sprint, head-to-head, slalom and downriver. Her team consisted of four women and was truly a Canadian team, Hannah from Gore Bay, Maris from Revelstoke, Ali from Fernie, BC and Kaylee from Whitehorse, Yukon. The team was right in the mix in all events but unfortunately they came up short of retaining their title and missed qualifying for the world rafting championships in October.

Adventure racing couples!

I would think competing in a six-hour adventure race with your spouse has to be the ultimate test of your relationship, but four couples from Manitoulin were not afraid to do just that! They participated in the Long Course of the Storm Adventure Race held near Orangeville. The course was 54 kilometres, with 10km of trekking/orienteering/bushwacking, a 7km canoe paddle and 34km of mountain biking. All the Manitoulin teams performed well, completing the entire course and hitting every checkpoint.

Alex Anstice and **Caroline Black** were a part of a team of 4 that finished 3rd in the coed 4 division with a time of 6:31:07. **Ben** and **Sarah Quackenbush** finished 3rd in the coed 2 division with a time of 6:05:54. **Bill Slight** and **Hannah Brown** finished 8th in the coed 2 division with a time of 6:26:24. **Nishin Meawasige** and **Melissa Brandon** finished 9th in the coed 2 division with a time of 6:33:48 in their adventure racing debut! All are reported doing well, no need for recommitment ceremonies.

Stars on Ice (and TV)

Have you ever had that kind of surreal experience, seeing someone familiar on TV? I had a couple of these occurrences over the last week. Admittedly, I don't really know them but it was still exciting seeing them!

First up was now adopted Manitoulin son, **Carter George**. Long after he led his Canadian U18 team to the IIHF World Championships, he was still being featured on TSN's segment, 1V1! The Sportcentre feature had Carter and the amazing paddle-down save he made in the gold medal game against the Americans, preserving the win. Every day a new "challenger" clip is entered and fans vote on the best highlight against the previous winner. Carter's save "entered 1V1 immortality" as TSN coins its ten-time winner before retiring that clip! Congrats, Carter, well deserved!

We have been keeping track of the rise of **Kelly Babstock's** career for years now, from her early junior stint with the Toronto Jr. Aeros, her scholarship days of the Quinnipiac Bobcats through the start of her pro career in the NWHL on the Connecticut Whale and as a Metro Riveter. Most recently, of course, she is a key member of team Boston of the new PWHL and in the finals of the inaugural Walter Cup. She is a great media personality during interviews and was tapped to talk before their do-or-die game against Minnesota in the best-of-five series. She was cool but fiery, pumping up her team to stave off elimination. During the game in the second overtime period, it looked like they had been eliminated when the puck crossed Boston's goal line. With Minnesota already celebrating and posing for the unofficial on-ice picture, the goal was called back because a Minney player had crashed into the Boston goaltender. Boston then notched a legal goal to send the series into game 5! Good luck, Kelly!

Islanders resign into "AAA"!

Congratulations to Manitoulin's **Jax Chatwell** who just signed with the U15 AAA Wolves for the upcoming season. Another well-known Island name is **Easton Assinewai** who now skates for North Bay and he will enter as a veteran on his U14 AAA Trappers team for next year! Way to go, Jax and Easton, commence training! JK.

Missing footballer

When the CMPS Eagles flew to Sudbury for their tournament I missed reporting on one of their keys to the gridiron. Sorry, **Sean Zembal**!

A good sport is good for sports
chipstoquips@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

R.C.L. Branch 514 Gore Bay is seeking a part-time bartender.

Must have a valid Smart Serve. This position will include nights, weekends and possible day shifts.

Please send your resume to:
RCL 514, Box 160 Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
or via email to: rclbr514@eastlink.ca
or at the bar with 'Attention: Bar Manager' on the envelope.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

MSS students are staying busy! This week, prom dates were announced, Spymaster kicked off and there have been yearbook updates. Let's take a look.

Tuesday, June 14 is set to be unforgettable with the MSS graduates' prom night. This year, the prom is being held at the Aundeck Omni Kaning 4-Directions Complex from 5:30 to 10 pm. The complex will be used as a dance floor, equipped with sparkling lights and decorations. Along with the dancing, there will be a dinner served for the graduates and their guests. Prom is a great way to celebrate the incredible accomplishment of graduating and make a few more memories with your peers before high school is over. Additionally, the Prom Project is reopening to provide free, gently used dance-wear to students in need.

Speaking of school memories, the yearbook team is inviting all graduates to fill out a form with the information they want in the yearbook. The yearbook team has been collecting photos, quotes and personal messages that will preserve the experiences of the 2023-2024 school year. Grade 12 students are encouraged to submit a yearbook quote, future career goals, nicknames and more. These will accompany their graduation photos and remind students of their peers' personalities.

The robotics team's monthly Staying in Touch sessions are returning! After a busy competition season, Manitoulin Metal is ready to connect with the community. Once a month at the Mindemoya Public Library, students from the team

help community members learn how to use their electronic devices. These sessions have been run monthly for almost a year, helping several community members learn how to call their family, set up a tablet, surf the web and much more.

Spymaster officially kicked off on Tuesday, May 21. Since then, students and staff have been racing, sneaking and hiding in the hallways to avoid getting "pinned." For those unfamiliar, Spymaster is a school-wide game where players get a clothespin and someone as a target. They then must pin the clothespin to the target without them noticing. Once you successfully pin your target, they are eliminated and you get their current target. The game continues until there is one person left standing. The highly anticipated event does have some rules, though. You cannot pin your target in class, on the bus or in the bathroom. At the end, the winner of the competition will win a prize. Good luck to all participants!

From the strategic challenge of Spymaster, to the glamour of prom, to the creative process of the yearbook, MSS has something for everyone. That is all for this week! Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!



Help Wanted!



Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre

Now Hiring!

- Food & Beverage Servers
- Bartenders
- Laundry Attendant
- Housekeeping
- Line Cooks

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

Wages are negotiable.

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

Your **Dollar Store** With More

Employment Opportunity Store Manager

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

General Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Deadline: Until Filled

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

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

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Payment commensurate with experience and qualification.

Please submit a resumé by email to:
info@cassondentistry.com

4 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
www.cassondentistry.com



Help Wanted!



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN**

WASTE TRANSFER STATION OPERATOR

Hourly Range \$19.30-\$25.65.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of Waste Transfer Station Operator.

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

Resumes will be received until the position is filled. Please hand in your resume at the office address below.

Patricia Mader
Deputy Clerk & Project Manager
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542, P.O. Box 420
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
pmader@centralmanitoulin.ca
Phone: (705) 377-5726
Fax: (705) 377-5585

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN**

**PARKS AND RECREATION
MAINTENANCE WORKER**

Salary Range \$47,800-\$60,600.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of Maintenance Worker.

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

Resumes will be received until the position is filled. Please hand in your resume at the office address below.

Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542
P.O. Box 420
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca
Phone: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc

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

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

Objectives:

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

Skills/Qualifications:

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

Closing Date: Friday, June 7, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

*Only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted



**AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
BAND MANAGER**

The Band Manager is responsible for the overall efficient and effective administrative and financial management of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Band government, its infrastructure, program areas and services and for keeping Chief and Council informed on all matters relating to the business of the First Nation.

JOB DUTIES:

- Provide leadership, supervision and direction to all Program Coordinators for the effective and efficient administration of the programs and services of the First Nation, ensuring achievement of annual goals and objectives and compliance with program budgets.
- Maintain direct verbal and written contact with Chief and Council. Provide monthly written reports and financial statements to Chief and Council on Band operations, programs and services.
- Communicate effectively with Chief and Council, Program Coordinators, Council Committees and community members to identify, plan and provide for the current and future needs of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.
- Ensure that adequate financial controls, policies and procedures are in place and followed to enable reliable and accurate financial reporting and effective and secure management of Band funds and resources.
- Oversee and direct the infrastructure resources and systems of the First Nation. Ensure the annual preparation of a five-year capital plan and budget for review and approval by Chief and Council.
- Be informed and able to communicate regarding the First Nation's programs and services, government policies and regulations.
- Implement Council decisions and policy; ensure Council motions, directions and resolutions are carried out in a timely, efficient and professional manner. Provide follow-up reports to Council.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree or college diploma in public administration, business administration or a related field.
- Minimum of five (5) years' work experience in administration at a senior management level with leadership experience.
- Experience working for a First Nation government or organization.

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

1. Cover letter with contact information.
2. Resumé listing education and work experience.
3. At least two (2) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
c/o Chief Patsy Corbiere
13 Hill Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Complete job description is available at the Band Office reception desk.

Deadline for applications is Friday, June 14, 2024 at 12:00 NOON.

The successful candidate must provide an acceptable Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.).

Genoa Circus comes to town

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Excitement is building with the news that a circus is coming to the Island. Circus Genoa will be performing two shows at the NEMI Recreation Centre today, Wednesday, May 29.

Online reviews of the circus suggest a thrilling event that will include not only the customary clowns and juggling acts, but perhaps even a trumpet-playing mouse and a performer who balances a sword in his mouth while climbing ladder and another who uses colourful hula hoops to create fast and eye-catching performances.

During intermission, kids can play on the bouncy castles set up inside the arena

or visit a concession area featuring circus staples such as cotton candy, snow cones and even peanuts—but don't look for any elephants or other creatures to feed them to, this isn't that kind of circus.

There will be two shows on Wednesday afternoon and evening. One will take place at 4:30 pm and the second at 7:30 pm.

The Hugo, Oklahoma-based Circus Genoa has set up free ticket offers at many Island businesses, including The Expositor. The offer allows one free ticket to a child under 12 who is accompanied by an adult who buys a ticket. The first 100 adults to purchase online get a ticket for \$14.99.



Volunteer Firefighters Needed in Big Lake & Sandfield

Learn about how the fire department works, training and responsibilities by contacting Fire Chief Phil Gosse at 705-282-7367 or pgosse@centralmanitoulin.ca

Applications available at centralmanitoulin.ca/fire

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Located on beautiful Manitoulin Island just off the swing bridge, our healthcare team is seeking a motivated and experienced individual to join our team as a:

Full-Time Nurse Practitioner

You will complement an interdisciplinary team that provides primary care for patients living in Little Current and the surrounding area.

Qualifications:

- BSCN NP certificate or Master's of Science Degree
- A current certificate of competence and good standing, registered with the College of Nurses in the extended class
- A member of RNAO.

Requirements:

- Evidence of liability insurance
- Current Ontario driver's licence
- Knowledge and proficiency in current, evidenced-based methods and practices of primary care delivery, with an emphasis on health promotion and risk reduction
- Prior experience and knowledge of computers and TELUS PSS Suite electronic medical record would be an asset
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Exhibit an ability to be open and work with other team members
- Must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination

Experience:

- Working with a multidisciplinary team of primary care physicians and other health professionals
- Working with residents in long term care and/or mental health would be an asset
- Demonstrated experience in community and/or primary care setting

Compensation:

- Available to work 37.5 hrs. a week
- Top MOH salary with 10% in lieu of benefits and ongoing educational days
- \$2,000 signing bonus
- 3-month accommodation allowance

Applications for the above position, including resumés and references, will be accepted until Friday, May 31, 2024.

Send To: Judy Miller, Executive Director
By email to jmiller@nemfht.ca or fax 705-368-1259

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

is seeking a:

Part-Time Registered Practical Nurse

Effective date: June 15, 2024

Qualifications:

- Current College of Nursing of Ontario Certificate of Competence
- Registered Practical Nurse certificate
- Completed injection course
- Completed pharmaceutical course
- Current CPR
- Experience working collaboratively with physicians and other members of a team to provide primary care for clinic patients

Requirements:

- Evidence of liability insurance
- Current Ontario driver's Licence
- Prior experience and knowledge of computers and TELUS PSS Suite electronic medical record would be an asset
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Exhibit an ability to be open and work with other team members
- Must show proof of COVID 19 vaccination

Experience:


- Working with a multidisciplinary team of Primary Care Physicians and other health professionals
- Working with residents in long-term care and/or mental health would be an asset
- Demonstrated experience in Community and/or Primary Care Setting

Compensation:

- Available to work 22.5 hrs a week
- Top Ministry salary grid for Family Health Teams with benefits

Applications including resumé and three references will be accepted until **June 1, 2024**.

Send To:
Attention: Judy Miller
P.O. Box 549, 15 Meredith Street
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
Fax: 705-368-1259
OR
Email: jmiller@nemfht.ca



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

Program Description:
A full-time contract position responsible for the development and implementation of acute withdrawal, distribution of harm reduction supplies, safe/flex beds, and opioid agonist tapering services as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services.

Responsibilities and Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Requirements:

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

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: June 21, 2024 @ 4:30pm

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

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



ENAADMAAGEHIK O/A WIKWEMIKONG DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Employment Opportunity
Business Development Specialist

This is a professional position with primary responsibility for attracting new businesses and investment to the Wikwemikong Community. This position provides face-to-face contact and support for business sectors, as well as manages information gathered from various sources. Will have significant autonomy to assist in the development of industry clusters, work with established industry groups and organizations to address short and long-term growth objectives. Duties generally include:

Business Development:

- Development and preparation of business plans and/or proposals.
- Will be required to undertake and/or direct industry research and economic market analysis to determine economic development opportunities suited for Wikwemikong.
- Identify opportunities for joint ventures for development conduct negotiations concerning joint ventures.

Research & Development:

- Is accountable for gathering data regarding potential business opportunities and markets that Wikwemikong may benefit from and conduct intensive research pertaining to potential development, product development and product distribution.
- Will review and analyze business proposals and perform required due diligence where required.
- Keep up to date on the business trends locally, regionally, nationally and globally.
- To ensure investors remain informed, will maintain communication with clients regarding project activities.

Administrative:

- To ensure the preparation and accuracy of all documents generated by the Economic Development Department are completed based on time sensitive parameters.
- Assemble data and prepare periodic and special reports and correspondence.
- To prepare reports, proposals and recommendations for presentation to project specific stakeholders, e.g. community, Chief and Council and WDC Board of Directors.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or college diploma in economics, business administration, commerce or public administration or related field.
- Minimum of three (3) years of progressively responsible experience in business development area during which professional capability has been clearly demonstrated.
- Comprehensive computer software knowledge including word processing.
- Proven record of success to develop project proposals and development of business plans.
- Performance of due diligence and risk assessments on business prospects and investment opportunities.
- Knowledge of business development strategies and tactics.
- Proven written and presentation skills.
- A valid G driver's licence and access to a vehicle is required.
- Knowledge of Anishnabek culture and language is an asset.

Salary & Benefits: Based on qualifications.
Please submit covering letter, resumé, current CPIC and (3) three recent work-related references (one year) to:

mlodjig@wikydevcom.ca or to:
Wikwemikong Development Commission o/a Enaadmaagehjik
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
For more information or job description, contact:
Mary Lynn Odjig, General Manager/EDO at 705-859-3001.
Deadline: Until Filled

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Please note the selected candidate will be required to submit a current CPIC.