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Members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and a conservation officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry search Bass Lake Sunday after cousins Tony Roy and Dakota Shawanda were reported missing by members of their family. The pair set out to fish the lake in a canoe Saturday but failed to return to the launch that evening, prompting a call to police. The cousins' remains were discovered Sunday.

Cousins Dakota Shawanda, Tony Roy perish in weekend fishing tragedy on Bass Lake

by Expositor staff
SHEGUIANDAH—Two young men's fishing expedition on Bass Lake in Sheguiandah went terribly wrong this past weekend. The bodies of Tony Roy and Dakota Shawanda were recovered from the lake. Both young men, cousins, were last seen in a canoe on Bass Lake Saturday night.

The body of Mr. Roy was discovered Sunday morning after the police received a call from a concerned family member after the duo failed to show up at the boat launch at 9 pm, the pre-arranged time. The body of his cousin, Mr.

Shawanda, was recovered on Sunday evening.

On Saturday, April 29 at 11:30 pm the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP, the OPP Marine Unit and the OPP Underwater Search and Recovery Unit responded to a request from United Chiefs and Council of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service for assistance in the fishermen.

The two cousins had left the boat launch around 6 pm in a canoe to go fishing. Investigation has revealed that neither individual was wearing a floatation

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First cousins Tony Roy, left, and Dakota Shawanda, right, were discovered deceased on Bass Lake Saturday following a tragic fishing expedition.

Ontario Chief Glen Hare seconds motion to remove national chief

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—While the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) executive committee has passed a resolution to recommend chiefs-in-assembly remove RoseAnne Archibald as national chief at their next meeting, a formal statement from the AFN lawyer pro-

viding details as to why will be revealed later this week, says Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare.

Ten regional chiefs unanimously passed the resolution last Friday to oust National Chief Archibald. The motion was moved by New Brunswick AFN

Regional Chief Joanna Bernard and seconded by Ontario Regional Chief Hare. The resolution states a human resources investigation into AFN Chief Archibald's conduct found she breached the national organization's harassment and whistleblower policy, along with its code of conduct and ethics. "The executive committee hereby denounces the national chief for her breaches."

National Chief Archibald was not at the AFN executive committee meeting where the resolution was passed, as it would have been a conflict of interest.

The resolution, "Was a recommendation made after the findings in the investigation were completed," Regional Chief Hare told The Expositor Saturday evening. "The information (into the investigation) was shared with us, and we made the decision on that."

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Canada's new king will be crowned on Saturday

by Michael Erskine
LONDON—Few events more graphically demonstrate the changes that have taken place in Canadian society since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953 as our nation's reaction to her son Charles III's elevation to the Crown scheduled to take place on May 6. Some seven decades on, Canada (well, Ontario at least), is much less a child of the British Empire today than it was back then.

One could easily have missed the news that King Charles III will succeed his mother on Saturday morning. Back in the day, that would have been impossible.

Rick McCutcheon, publisher

emeritus of The Expositor, was attending a one-room schoolhouse in Vaughan at the time. "I was in Grade 2 at Mount Lebanon Public School SS#20 at the time, and my memory is that the preparations for the coronation seemed to consume the whole year," he said. "I am pretty sure it was part of the

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Manor firmly denies forcible vaccination claim

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—Administration for the Manitoulin Centennial Manor and the Manor board vehemently deny that a previous resident of the Manor had been physically forced to

take a COVID-19 vaccination against their will. The claim has been made by a resident of Glencoe, Ontario who said this is exactly what her mother had to endure.

"There is a Facebook posting and it was derogatory to our philosophy (at the Manor)," said Pat

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More deer hunt tags recommended

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Members of the Manitoulin deer management committee are supporting a recommendation to increase deer tag permits on Manitoulin Island for the 2023 hunt.

The mild winter, the number of deer harvested on the Island last fall and an increase in hunter success and deer seen per hunter day as compared to the 2022 hunt (as reported by area Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) biologists), were factors in the decision made by the com-

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First hand view of FIRST Robotics Expositor's MSS correspondent part of the team

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a first-hand account by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, The Expositor's Kid in the Hall and member of Team 6865, Manitoulin Metal, which successfully competed recently at the World FIRST Robotics Championships in Houston, Texas.

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil
Monday, April 17

It is one day until departure. After a quick robotics meeting at lunch, my morning sluggishness dissipates. We are going to Houston. My mentor, Mrs. Bauer, gives us an update on how things will work when we travel abroad for the FIRST Robotics World

Championship. It is a surreal experience. I remember being at Provincials and being told, "whatever else happens at this competition, it's icing on the cake. We have exceeded our expectations by far." This makes complete sense to me. We are competing against the best teams in Ontario, both in build and in business. Little do I know that three days later, I will be holding a trophy, tears streaming down my face with the words, "we qualified for Worlds," echoing in my ears.

Three months ago, I had a rough draft of a presentation in my hands, and was running through my lines with Addy Gray, Jocelyn Kuntsi, and another

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Ferry starts on Friday

SOUTH BAYMOUTH—This Friday, May 5, the MS Chi-Cheemaun is scheduled to make her season's first stop at her South Baymouth berth at 10:50 am.

This initial sailing is traditionally a significant Manitoulin Island community event with people from all across the region coming to the port town to hear the ferry's first whistle as she makes her way from Lake Huron and through the narrows at the entry to South Bay before she moors at her dock.

During the spring season (until June 22) the ferry will make two daily return trips between South Baymouth and Tobermory with a third, later, sailing every Friday and an extra sailing on the Monday of Victoria Day weekend.

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



SMILE! Local Food Manitoulin, the organization that provides lower cost fresh food to many Island residents through the Good Food Box program, will be the recipient of the sales of 'Smile!' cookies at the Little Current Tim Hortons shop. J.A. Rolston Real Estate Brokerage took on the task of decorating the first day's Smile! Cookies on Monday, May 1 and the photo shows, from left, Meredith Morris and Steve Rolston adding the classic blue eyes and pink smiles to the first day's batch under the tutelage of Richard Lathwell, right, board chair of Local Food Manitoulin. The campaign runs the full week, through to the end of Sunday, May 7. Finding cookie decorators like J.A. Rolston Real Estate is the responsibility of Good Food Manitoulin while Tim Hortons bakes the chocolate chip cookies and, as of press time Monday, this Saturday and Sunday were still available for interested parties to help out with decorating. Mr. Lathwell's phone number is 705-968-0073.

Tim Horton's annual Smile Cookie campaign is now up and running

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Get ready to pony up an extra 50 cents for a Smile Cookie as the price has risen to \$1.50, but considering the good work the annual Tim Hortons fundraising campaign does that is a nominal price to pay. Funds raised through the work of volunteers and staff at Tim Horton's Little Current site will go to help support Local Food Manitoulin's (LFM) Good Food Box program.

"Last year LFM delivered over 34,900 Good Food Boxes to people across Manitoulin, and that without paying to play," said LFM chair Richard Lathwell, going on to explain that, "It was all through volunteer work that we have managed to keep the Good Food Box program running for the past 10 years."

Tim Hortons has been raising funds for local charities for over 25 years. Last year, Tim Hortons restaurants across Canada raised a record breaking \$15

million for over 600 local charities and community groups, an incredible accomplishment in anyone's books, and one that helped contribute to the Smile Cookie legacy of over \$90 million raised since the program's inception.

Students of all things Timmies might have noticed that the Smile Cookie campaign has moved up from its traditional fall launch this year, a move Mr. Lathwell explains actually came from the franchisees themselves. "In the fall, all their student workers are heading back to school," he said. "In the spring, they are all just getting started at work." Mr. Lathwell noted that the staff at Tim Hortons play a huge role in the success of the Smile Cookie campaign.

The first set of volunteers helping to create Smile Cookies in Little Current this past Monday included Island realtor Steve Rolston, his partner Meredith and Mr. Lathwell.

4elements receives funding for projects related to community engagement in land-based arts

MANITOULIN—4elements Living Arts has received funding for two exciting projects related to community engagement in land-based arts.

"We are grateful for this support from the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) and the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF)," said Susan Snelling, a 4elements board member. "These grants will allow 4elements to bring artists and community members together, to strengthen our social connections and our appreciation for Manitoulin Island through engagement in the arts."

The OAC has provided funding of \$14,950 for a project that will support an artist-in-residence in 4element's mobile studio for that artist to develop their own visual arts projects and share their talents with the Manitoulin community, said Ms. Snelling. "We've had an artist-in-residence program in place for the past two years, so this will be our third year."

Ms. Snelling pointed out the first step will be finding the artist who wants to take advantage of this opportunity. An application package will be developed and shared broadly.

4elements is also being provided with \$68,500 in funding from OTF. The funding is being provided to support a series of arts

workshops in the fall and winter, which will feature local artists leading community participants in a variety of arts projects. The workshops will take place around the Island and be delivered both in-person and virtually, so that

people can participate wherever they are.

More information about 4elements Living Arts projects can be found on their website: 4elementslivingarts.org.

Little Current post office 'community hub' unveiled as national concept model

EV chargers, office supplies, parcel wall part of new offering

by Expositor Staff

LITTLE CURRENT—Legend has it that the former 'federal building' in downtown Little Current (that currently is home to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands municipal offices and Canada Post) was a bonus to the Town of Little Current associated with the retirement of Thomas Farquhar, the hometown Member of Parliament for the old riding of Algoma East in 1948 in order to create a safe Liberal seat where Lester B. Pearson could run and join the government. Mr. Pearson, of course, eventually became



Debby Turner, second from left, shows Canada Post visitors Jenny Waters, left, Graeme Fleming and Melissa Levesque a business letter that would have gone through the post office in 1897 en route to Turner's Store. Ms. Turner explained to the visitors that their business, in its seventh generation, and The Manitoulin Expositor are Canada Post's oldest business customers on Manitoulin as both businesses were established in 1879.

the federal party leader and Prime Minister.

The late Mr. Farquhar was elevated to the Senate of Canada and in the process, downtown Little Current got a brand-new federal building that housed the post office, the Canada Customs services offices and offices for Indian Health Services (as it was then known).

That time, in 1948 or 1949, when the building was built and opened was likely the last time it had local and regional interest, together with an open house and vis-

Fewer cruise ships will dock in Little Current this season

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Over the past decade the Port of Little Current has enjoyed an increasing number of cruise ship visits as more and more people are discovering the Great Lakes as a cruising destination. While Little Current has been the beneficiary of that phenomenon future trends in Great Lakes cruising might see the community falling victim to that success over the long term.

While the number of cruise ships visiting the Port of Little Current this year has dropped precipitously, even as demand for Great Lakes cruising has been steadily scaling up, Canada Customs is apparently the "villain."

"In February, American Queen cancelled 30 arrivals in Little Current," said Bruce O'Hare, co-owner of Lakeshore Excursions. "That brought the number of visits down from 42 to around 12 or so." Mr. O'Hare said the cancellations stemmed from a delay by Canada Customs in declaring Little Current as a port where passengers could be cleared for entry into the country.

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A two cruise ship day in the Port of Little Current last July. Little Current will see fewer ships this year, due in part to Canada Customs staffing shortages.

Expositor file photo

Gore Bay Airport upgrades to proceed

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—After several delays due to the pandemic and with costs on all parts of the project soaring over its original budget, the rehabilitation, renovation and upgrade work on the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport is set to proceed. A spokesperson for the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport partners announced last Friday that construction will now begin.

"Once construction is complete this airport will be a showpiece for Northern Ontario," stated Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie

Island and chair of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport Partners group (which also includes Ken Noland, reeve of Burpee and Mills, Ron Lane, mayor of the Town of Gore Bay and Gore Bay councillor Dan Osborne, a former member of the committee up until the last municipal election). "We are very proud that this project will be completed and will wel-

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Islanders warned amtelecom.net email accounts will soon disappear

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Mindemoya resident Jan McQuay is alerting Island residents and Eastlink customers that their amtelecom.net email accounts will disappear after June 30.

"I think this is big news that everyone on Manitoulin Island should know about," she said. "I've been telling my friends but apparently there are people who are unaware that all their emails will be lost as of June 30 unless they forward them to a new email address. It's very poor service. I don't know how many people and businesses are affected but I'm sure it's a lot."

Frank, a representative of Eastlink Customer Care services confirmed last week, "I do know we are retiring a lot of very old emails. Some are very old, from companies we had purchased previously. Only email customers are

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editorial

Coronation of the king reflects a new world order

This coming Saturday, May 8 will witness the official coronation ceremony of His Royal Majesty Charles III take place at Westminster Abbey with plenty of pomp and circumstance, but this event will remain a pale shadow of the coronation of his mother Queen Elizabeth II.

When the young princess who would be queen was officially crowned in June 1953 it was, as is tradition, many months after the passing of her father, King George VI. The long delay between a new monarch's ascension to the throne and the crowning of a new monarch is traditional, as a coronation is meant to be a joyous occasion and inappropriate in a time of national mourning. But it also took a significant amount of time to plan and execute the coronation ceremony, especially given that that event took place prior to the digital age.

The 74-year-old King Charles III has ascended to the throne as the oldest heir to do so, a huge contrast to the 25-year-old Elizabeth, crowned at the dawn of a heady new age. The Second World War had only ended less than a decade before. Her father King George VI was the last emperor of India and of a British Empire upon which the sun never set.

King Charles is the monarch of a much-reduced collection of pink bits (old maps always depicted the parts of the British Empire in pink). He is also heir to a much-reduced standing in the public polls of the monarchy. His mother was widely seen as an effective and beloved monarch (although that affection was hardly universal) and expectations of the new king fall far short of his mother's shadow.

Britain, economically and politically reeling from its recent divorce from the European Union and the collateral damage of the global pandemic, is wrestling with its commitment to a monarchy and aristocracy that could well-afford to be cut from the public purse.

Further afield in the Commonwealth, the monarchy has also seen a significant drop in popularity following the death of Queen Elizabeth II. In Canada, once a proudly decked-in-pink child of the British Empire, recent polls show a significant majority of our citizens are agreeable to cutting the few remaining bonds to the monarchy—and

believe the matter should be decided by referendum.

Aristocracy and the feudal trappings that go with it are perceived more as glaring anachronisms in a democratic age than as important historical vestiges. Few Canadians understand the role of the Crown in our democracy, and more and more are coming to question our nation's links to the more odious incidents of the British Empire's past. It seems many believe the taint of Britain's original sin could be washed down the drain with a repudiation of the new monarch. There are a host of Indigenous pundits who might point out that we own most of our own sins as a nation. The echoes of those sins, the residential school system, systemic racism, the patriarchal oversight still practiced by the federal government over First Nation territories, none of these will be wiped from our slate by one simple act of revision. If anything, repudiation of the monarchy could complicate reconciliation even further.

Opponents of the monarchy will point to the costs associated with hosting royal visits, the cost of the office of the Governor General and provincial counterparts, blithely overlooking the immense cost and ongoing challenges that would be inherent in moving to a republican system. A glance south will demonstrate in heartbeat that republicanism is no panacea for what ails democracy in the digital age.

But simple solutions are attractive, especially when viewed by a citizenry who are increasingly suspicious of our institutions and the players within but not willing to spend the time necessary to educate themselves beyond the sound bites and spin of populists seeking to harness that suspicion to their own political ends.

Still, the monarchy has one great asset standing in the way of its demise—simple inertia. The undertaking of removing the Crown from our democracy is so massive and the cost to do so would be so daunting that it will likely not come to fruition any time soon.

So this Monday, sit back and enjoy the spectacle, reduced though it may be in scale and circumstance. In many more ways than one, this will be a historic occasion and remains a part of our shared heritage as a nation—like it or not.

letters

Carbon tax should be rebranded as "Cash-back carbon pricing"

Politicians opposing carbon pricing always forget to mention the rebate part

To the Expositor:

Ontarians who filed their income taxes this year will receive a Climate Action Incentive Payment (CAIP) deposited into their bank account, or by cheque. The CAIP is the name the federal government uses for the "rebate" part of the carbon tax and rebate. I was happy to see I'll get \$536.80 this year, in four instalments. The standard is \$488, and extra for couples, families and rural residents.

The rebate is tied to the revenue from the carbon "tax" and they both rise in tandem every year. Ninety percent of the government revenue from the carbon tax goes back to us through the rebate. The way it works turns out to be an extra tax on the richest 20 percent because they drive more in bigger vehicles, they heat bigger homes, and in general they use more fuel, so they pay more in carbon taxes. But they don't get a bigger rebate than anybody else. Most people get more money back than they spend on the carbon "tax" to spend on whatever they wish.

I think the federal government should have called it "Cash-back carbon pricing" instead of "Carbon tax and rebate" because politicians who oppose it always forget to mention the rebate part. Besides, is it really a "tax" if you get it back? Every year, the carbon tax rises, and so does your rebate.

There are various ways to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are still on track to destroy life on Earth as we know it, but "cash-back carbon pricing" aka "carbon tax and rebate" is an effective and necessary tool to reduce emissions. The single most important number to remember is the carbon dioxide concentration in the air, which is 415 parts per million now, up from 280 parts per million in the 1700s, before we started burning coal, oil and natural gas. At around 450 parts per million, average global temperatures will rise by 2°C, which will cause widespread disruptions to both humans and nature.

Jan McQuay
Mindemoya

Burns Wharf 2023 production is delayed to the fall

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—More than most live theatre production companies, Burns Wharf Theatre Players has faced challenges. First the loss of its namesake theatre due to safety and accessibility concerns atop the Burns Wharf Roller Mills, then the impact of the pandemic on large gatherings. But any suggestion that the troupe has sang its last is highly exaggerated.

True, the recent illness of a family member of director Ray Scott has forced moving the production to the fall rather than the planned late spring, early summer, but those involved in this year's planned production insist that the show will go on.

"Burns Wharf Theatre Players (BWTP) will be performing its first show since the onset of the pandemic," shared long-time pillar of the musical troupe Marilyn Wohlberg. "There is no way we could have pulled it off for the beginning of June like we originally planned."

Still, Ms. Wohlberg said the wait would be worth the effort. "Audiences will love the musical revue 'Closer Than Ever' created by Broadway superstars Maltby and Shire," she said. "They will be blown away!"

Although BWTP is best known for its Gilbert and Sullivan revivals, this year's production steps away from that stream, for the



Burns Wharf Theatre Players held a run in support of cancer research back in 2015. The late Mary Buie is upper right back row.

time being.

"It is really challenging to mount a show with 25 people banded together on stage," she said, "especially given the ongoing pandemic." With 'Closer Than Ever' there are only ever four people onstage at the same time, with a cast of 10 to 12."

Also setting the show apart is that there will be no dialogue. "Just wonderful pieces of music about relationships," said Ms. Wohlberg. "It is so different than anything BWTP have done before."

The originally planned venue for the show

was Manitoulin Secondary School, but Ms. Wohlberg said that is now "to be determined." The revue 'Closer Than Ever' will feature many familiar cast members from past BWTP shows, as well as some new faces, noted Ms. Wohlberg.

The play will be stage directed by Kayla Simbirski, musically directed by Ray Scott and produced by Lynne Dee Sproule (daughter of that most redoubtable dame of local theatre Sharon Sproule). The show is licensed through Musical Theatre International and is rated PG-13.

...First hand view of FIRST Robotics

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mentor, Mrs. Black. Three weeks ago, that presentation won at a district event. Nine days ago, we competed at the provincial level and won once more. Now my team and I are just one day away from embarking on an adventure none of us knew to expect.

Tuesday, April 18

More than a week of anxious waiting has passed, and the day has arrived—the day we leave for the World Championships. As we pull into Toronto after our car ride off the Island, I think about the people who got us here. When we first heard that we qualified for the World Championship, the first question was “how on Earth are we going to get there?” By “there,” I mean the city that is 2,787.38 kilometers away from Manitoulin. Though we are not actually driving, our Manitoulin Island community drives us those many kilometres. It is their support that allows us to compete on the same level as the best teams in the world. I know that my team and I will be forever grateful to Manitoulin’s community for giving us this opportunity of a lifetime. The memories we make on this trip, we will never forget, and we will never forget Manitoulin’s hard work to get us here.

Wednesday, April 19

5:08 am: I can count the amount of times I’ve gotten up at two in the morning on one hand, more specifically one finger. As I write this, I am waiting to board the flight to Houston. Getting through the airport is hectic and comes with all the problems that travelling internationally could hold.

Everyone is talking about rebuilding the robot when we get to Houston. Parts had to be taken off in order for it to fit in the shipping container, so we have to assemble it once we get to the George R. Brown Convention Center. When I looked up the venue, I was shocked to see that it is five city blocks big and could probably fit the entire population of Manitoulin many times over in its 1.2 million usable square footage.

11:45 am: After a short (and crazy) layover in Atlanta, I am now on the plane to Houston, Texas. I can feel the excitement building in the pit of my stomach, working its way through the fatigue I am feeling from my two am wake-up call. It is crazy to think that only six hours ago, I was on Canadian soil in a blizzard, and now I am in an air-conditioned plane just barely over Tennessee. I am still trying to wrap my head around what my team is doing: we are about to represent Manitoulin Secondary School and all of Ontario in a robotics competition far south of the Canadian border.

Our first robotics-related obstacle when we land is load-in. It’s a very short term for a very time-consuming thing. Each team gets a 10’ x 10’ square to work in for the entirety of the competition. We put everything in there in a regular competition:



The FIRST Robotics World Championships united students from around the world.

shelves, toolboxes, monitors, tables, you name it. This isn’t a regular competition as everything has to be shipped down. We have two halves of a robot, a shelf, and a smattering of other essentials. Anything we are in need of we are borrowing from our fellow Canadian teams.

It’s 10 pm and we are at the hotel at last! Worlds is a completely different animal than any FIRST event I’ve been to. Being from the island I am not used to being around a lot of people or in a lot of big buildings. Walking into this complex completely throws me out of my comfort zone. When you walk in, you are hit with a wall of people spread across the huge rooms and corridors of the building. You can feel the anticipation in the thick crowd of people building for the first day of matches tomorrow.

On top of this, I am becoming more and more nervous about our Impact presentation, which is scheduled for three o’clock tomorrow. Though we are as practiced as we could be, presenting still makes me nervous.

Thursday, April 20

Despite how hectic it was, this was a monumental day for Manitoulin Metal. Not only did our robot compete on the world stage, we also had a judged interview along with 79 other teams who have made it through district and regional events with the Impact presentation. Our robot played well and held its own against other teams. We were in the Milstein field with 73 other teams and their robots. There were eight other fields, all named after famous scientists. Despite getting bumped around by other robots, our robot, Bumblebee, only needed minor repairs.

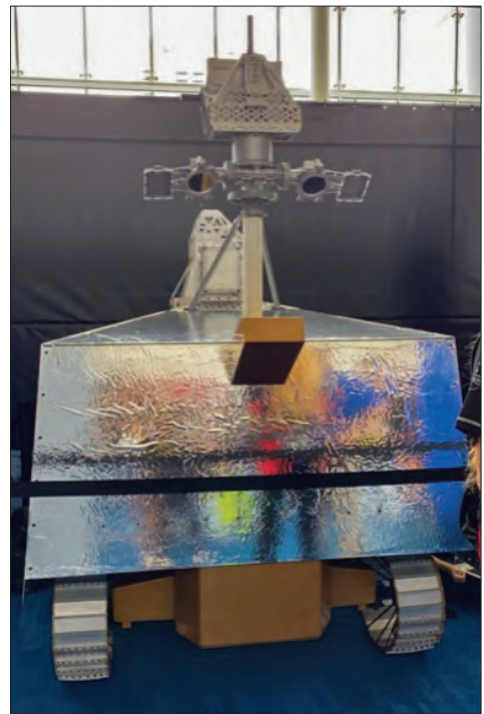
Today was also the day of our interview for Impact. We had a small mishap 20 minutes before our presentation when we realized we had left the USB with our impact video at the hotel. Not having this USB at the time of the interview would disqualify us. With a lot of luck we were able to download the video to another USB just in time.

You could imagine the stress we were under, but we managed to pull it together. Our interview went really well, I think. The presentation went smoothly with no errors and our answers to questions were received well by the judges. I guess we will see how things go on Saturday!

Friday, April 21

Today was even crazier than yesterday! Before I begin let me paint a picture: imagine over 60,000 people, competing, spectating, or parading around the festivities, food trucks and concerts just outside. Now imagine our little island team squeezing through the crowds, completely shocked at the amount of humanity that can fit into one building with room to spare. Nevertheless, we preserved and figured out our way around the pits (robot build area), the stands and the Innovation Fair upstairs. The fair had many different universities, tech companies, and programs for students to explore. My personal favourite was the NASA booth.

Today was the last day of qualifying

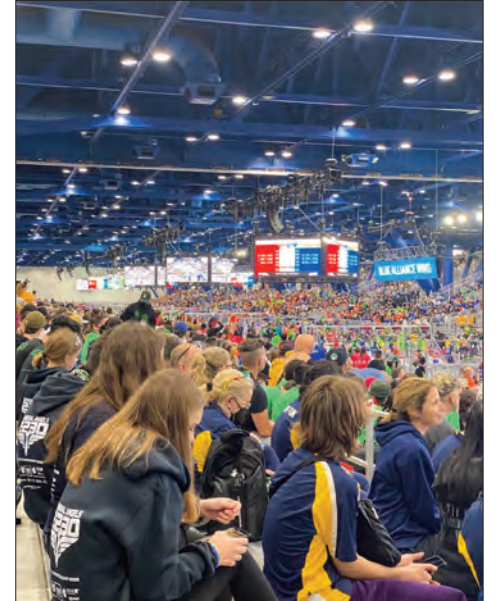


Manitoulin Metal got up close and personal at NASA’s booth with its rover.

matches before alliance selections. Bumblebee lost some and won some and we ended ranked 62nd. My teammate, Xavier Mara had this to say about our bot:

“I think it was a great experience to build a robot and a great experience for our team, even if it (the robot) wasn’t first or second, it got people interested in robotics and that’s what matters.”

Our robot initially started based on the design of a lamp one of our mentors found at Ikea. Its arm was able to reach different levels and pick things up off the ground.



The George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston has a whopping 1.2 million square feet of usable space, perfect for hosting a world championship.

The base was made of wires, wheels, weights, aluminum and a motor. It is the culmination of the team’s hard work and I think that is definitely something to be proud of.

Saturday, April 22

Due to the generosity of another team, Inverse Paradox, we woke up early to get on their bus to get to the competition like we had been doing the past few days. There were going to be a couple award recipients announced in the morning as well as alliance selections. Alliance selections are a form of semi-finals. The top eight ranked teams in each field pick three other teams to work together with. At the end the winning alliance from each field compete against the winners from other fields for the FIRST champion title. I was eager to get back to the competition to be back in that energy that you could only experience on an event this scale. Pit interviews ended today, and though I do enjoy talking to judges and networking I was happy to have a day where I could watch the amazing talents displayed in the double-elimination matches.

When I sat down in the stands with my team, a short awards ceremony was about to begin. My ears perked up when I heard that the Impact Award Finalists were being announced. I felt that weird anticipation/nervousness take over my body. It felt like a stomachache you were excited for. I also kept in mind what we were up against: the top 80 teams in the world for this presentation. They started calling team numbers quickly. One team from another field went up and got their finalist banner, then they moved on and the host was begin-

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MSS students, staff recognize robotics team for world championship award!

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—With songs like Queen’s ‘We Are the Champions’ blaring in the background, fellow students, teachers and staff members of Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) clapped, cheered and high-fived members of the MSS Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team at a hallway victory run last Wednesday morning. The celebration was in recognition of the team having recently been selected as just one of six schools at the Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas (among 600) chosen for a World Championship FIRST Robotics Impact Finalist Award.

“We are very, very proud of them,” stated MSS vice-principal Dawn Noble McCann. “It’s a really big accomplishment for the team to have won this award and we wanted to recognize them for this. The robotics team has been worked on their robot (Bumblebee) since last September and the team is made up of several components including robot drivers, media, business, the coding group and others. And they all must work together as a team. They learn so many transferable skills in this type of activity.”

“It is a competition, but they



All charged up! Manitoulin Secondary School Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team members, led by left in photo Patrick McCann and Ben Willis took part in the hallway victory run last Wednesday morning at the school. The celebration was in recognition of the team having won the Robotics World Championship FIRST Robotics Impact Finalist Award, and the provincial championships. School teachers and fellow students clapped, cheered and high-fived members of the team as they made their victory lap around the school.

learn from and help other teams as well at these events,” said Ms. Noble-McCann. “It’s so good for these students to have this type of opportunity.”

“It is a really big deal, just to have qualified for the Worlds,” Ms. Noble-McCann continued. “Then to win such a prestigious award is incredible.”

Ms. Noble McCann explained

that MSS, “often does this type of hallway victory lap for our teams and individuals who do well, for instance, at an Ontario championship. We play loud music on the speaker and teachers bring their students out of their class to cheer off the team after the morning announcements. The kids on the team start at the front foyer holding their banner or trophy

that they have won, and they run around the school bottom then the upstairs with their fellow students, teachers and staff cheering, congratulating and howling out accolades. It is our way of acknowledging their efforts.”

Prior to the victory lap MSS robotics team co-captains Jocelyn Kuntsi and Ben Willis got on the school’s speaker system and in a joint statement stated, “we would like to congratulate our robotics team, Team 6865 Manitoulin Metal, who returned from Houston, Texas last night after competing at the FIRST Robotics World Championship. While they weren’t among the finals matches, they hold a greater honour as one of six IMPACT award finalists among over 10,000 other robotics teams. Here are the exact words describing the IMPACT award’s brilliance.”

“The Impact Award is the most prestigious award that FIRST team can win. The team that wins is a model for all other FRC teams to emulate, and best embodies the goals and ideals of FIRST.”

“We would also like to thank the over 300 Manitoulin sponsors, businesses, residents, supporters and students that made it possible for them to compete and all the

students that aided either through volunteering, donating batteries and e-waste, and attended our outreach programs for being a part of our Impact on this wonderful community.”

Mr. Willis told The Expositor on the world championship outcome, “it’s still processing in my head. IMPACT is about making positive change in the world. We are benefiting the surface of the planet with our outreach work on sustainability. There are students here who can explain how much they have been affected by the positive changes and impact this has had.”

“We have changed the nature of robotics and education,” said Ms. Kuntsi, “with our current practices and incorporating sustainability that benefits our world.”

“We will let the dust settle first, and we will be hosting an acknowledgment celebration reception evening in the near future, to celebrate the team’s victory and the many donors and supporters who helped make all of this possible,” said Ms. Noble-McCann.

Central council approves wider Homecoming Weekend alcohol sales

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—What is usually a mundane and pro forma motion to declare summer gathering events as being a municipally significant community festival took an unusual turn when Central Manitoulin Councillor John Bisailon raised a question about the expanded liquor sales area contained in the motion.

Moved by Councillor Dale Scott and seconded by Councillor Derek Stephens, the motion in question read: “That the weekend of June 29 through July 2 2023 for Homecoming Weekend and Manitoulin Ribfest be declared a Municipally Significant Community Festival and that the Central Manitoulin Lions Club be permitted to expand the area where alcohol can be consumed to include the B Ball Field and further that this event be held in accordance with all

applicable laws, AGCO regulations and municipal policies.”

Councillor Bisailon focussed much of his concerns over the difficulty of discerning the age difference between an 18-year-old and a 19-year-old and wanted more information on how the Lions Club would be providing security for the event and whether the area was fenced off properly.

Councillor Scott noted that the motion was not a change from the past couple of events where the alcohol area had already been expanded. He also pointed out that the Lions have not had any issues at the ball tournament and that the area is fenced off as per provincial regulations. The only place where issues were seen in the past was at the Homecoming Weekend dance, he noted.

Councillor Stephens also supported the motion, pointing

out that the event has already had an expanded alcohol area. “It’s not any different this year than it has been in the past,” he said. “There have been no problems at all.” He accepted responsibility for the initial expansion of the area where alcohol can be consumed, having seen such an expansion at a Scottish festival in Toronto. He noted that when he was responsible for security at Homecoming Weekend the Lions kept a tight ship. “I don’t think this year will be any different.”

Councillor Rose Diebolt agreed with Councillor Stephens, adding “there has never been an issue.”

In the end the motion passed opposed only by Councillor Bisailon.

Boating community weighed in on proposed new lifejacket regs

MANITOULIN—The comment period on proposed new personal floatation device regulations being proposed by Transport Canada ended on February 20.

“At the fall 2022 meeting of the Canadian Marine Advisory Council, Transport Canada indicated it would be seeking views on the criteria regarding the mandatory wear of PFDs and lifejackets on pleasure craft,” noted North Channel Marine Tourism Council (NCMTC) Chair Stan Ferguson when contacted recently by The Expositor about the proposed new regulations.

The memo from Transport Canada outlined several possibilities being considered by Transport Canada that were developed in consultation with the Canadian Safe Boating Council and partners in 2021, as well as through analysis of data on recreational boating-related incidents in Canada and feedback received to date from both stakeholders and the public.

The NCMTC position mirrors that of Boating Ontario,

the boating industry’s association. “The Board of North Channel Marine Council which markets the boating region from Killarney in the east to City of Sault Ste Marie in the west, including Manitoulin Island, has reviewed the Transport Canada bulletin regarding the mandatory wearing of PFDs or lifejackets on pleasure craft and submitted the following responses: we are in favour of mandatory wearing for all person under the age of 14; we are in favour of mandatory wearing on all human powered vessels; and we are in favour of a three-year assessment survey that tracks the size and type of vessel involved in all incidents,” said Mr. Ferguson. “This data will assist in determining mandatory wearing for vessel length.”

The possible criteria for the mandatory wear of PFDs being put forward by Transport Canada include: age requirements, such as requiring the mandatory wearing of a PFD or lifejacket for any person aged 14 years or younger on board a pleasure craft; or require the mandatory wear-

ing of a PFD or lifejacket for any person aged 18 years or younger on board a pleasure craft; vessel size requirements, such as requiring the mandatory wearing of a PFD or lifejacket for any person on board any pleasure craft six metres (19.685 feet) in length and below; or requiring the mandatory wearing of a PFD or lifejacket for any person on board any pleasure craft nine metres (29.527 feet) in length and below; vessel type requirements, such as requiring the mandatory wearing of a PFD or lifejacket for any person on board any motorized vessel (for example powerboats) or requiring the mandatory wearing of a PFD or lifejacket for any person on board any motorized vessel (again the example of powerboats) but also including human-powered vessels such as canoes or kayaks.

It is not clear at this time what the timeframe for new regulations might be.

Billings seeks taxpayer to sit on short-term rental accommodation appeal committee

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings is looking for a local citizen who would like to be a member of the township’s short-term accommodation rental (STAR) licence appeal committee.

“This is all part of the process of having the short-term rental accommodation licence in place,” said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker. “The committee will be made up of myself as mayor, the CAO Emily Dance, and we are looking for a community member who is interested in being on the appeal committee and is someone that doesn’t have a vested interest in STAR.”

“This committee is outlined as being part of our bylaw,” said Mayor Barker. He pointed out Ms. Dance as CAO is able to issue STAR licences. “We felt that rather than wait for an appeal to be forwarded and then try to

find someone to be on the committee it would be prudent to advertise for any interested local citizen to put their name forward to be a member of the committee. And if someone appeals a decision and would have had to wait for a decision because we were looking for a committee member it could cost them potential business.”

“The bylaw had been passed previously and now that we are clear that the CAO can issue licences permits for STAR, this committee is part and parcel of the whole process,” said Mayor Barker.

“We want to hear from you! Our committees allow you to share your ideas and time to make the Township of Billings a better place to be,” states a release on the township website. “The township of Billings is looking for one citizen interested in making a contribution to their com-

munity to sit on the short-term rental accommodation licence appeal committee.”

“The short-term accommodation rental bylaw establishes a licencing appeal committee,” the notice continues. “The committee will participate in the hearing process to hear and render decisions regarding the refusal, revocation or suspension of a STAR licence, and the imposing of terms and conditions on a licence.”

To apply for a position on the committee, interested residents or property owners in Billings are asked to complete an application form and return it to Tiana Mills, deputy clerk by email at tmills@billingstwp.ca or in-person at the township office by Friday, May 12.

For more information please see the ad on Page 23.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

The nicer spring weather has allowed Team Fergmeijer to get out and about over the last week or two getting together with friends. Said friends offered us some questions and observations that we just had to share. For example, can lasagna be considered spaghetti-flavoured cake and do scorpions consider lobsters to be mermaids? One friend pondered that it’s odd that we bake cookies but cook bacon, and then suggested that cookie dough is the sushi of desserts (and a lot of discussion broke out over that one). Another pondered that our stomachs must think all potatoes are mashed potatoes. The ultimate, though, was when it was decided, after much debate, that the most dangerous kinds of canoes are definitely volcanoes.

The robotics team at Manitoulin Secondary School - Manitoulin Metal - arrived home safe and sound last week, after an incredibly strong performance at the First Robotics world championships in Houston. Out of over 600 teams from all over the globe, Manitoulin Metal was one of six finalists for the First Impact Award. The award is the most prestigious in the competition. It honours the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate with a focus on transforming the culture in ways that encourage more of today’s youth to become science and technology leaders. Being named one of the finalists guarantees Manitoulin Metal a spot in the 2024 world championships. Well done, team 6865!

The Billings Climate Action Committee’s website offers lots of information for those looking to learn more about how our township is working to become greener. Check it out! <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/>.

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

The village is buzzing with construction activity these days! The fire hall rebuild is moving ahead in leaps and

bounds. The foundation is in and the walls are going up. The Waterline work on Old Mill Road has started as well. That road will be closed as the work requires excavation of the roadway to install a new watermain and service connections. Residents will have access to their property but may have to use Newburn Road via Graham’s Hill at times.

One time, Team Fergmeijer got kicked out of the coffee club we belonged to. They didn’t appreciate us always wearing tea shirts.

There is still time to nominate a deserving volunteer for Billings Volunteer of the Year award. Contact Tiana (tmills@billingstwp.ca) with your nominations by May 5th.

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

Did you know that according to the Institute of Unfinished Research, 6 out of 10 people...

Not sure how to celebrate Mother’s Day? We’ve got you covered! Treat Mom this Mother’s Day and bring her out to the Anglican Church Mother’s Day Lunch, Saturday, May 13th. The church is offering delicate sandwiches and delectable desserts from 1 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Don’t limit yourself just to Mom. Bring dads, and uncles and siblings and cousins and neighbours two-doors-down. All are welcome!

Summer hours have officially kicked in at the landfill, and it is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 pm to 6 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Remember back when ‘a new hip joint’ meant someplace we wanted to go on Friday night? Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Janice and Colin Frame arrived home from London, England on Saturday, April 22. They were visiting their daughter Sarah and touring many sites. The sites included the Royal Observatory in Greenwich, Highclere Castle, the Tower of London and the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Brenda Carter and I have been walking the highway moving east to pick up the cans and bottles from the sides of the road. We have picked up hundreds so far and will continue to work at it until the grass gets too high. The proceeds of this effort are for the Silver Water Community Hall. Anyone willing to donate liquor containers, please bring them to our garage any day or to the recycle bins when they are open. The next day for the bins is Monday, May 8.

On Monday night, I took Sara-Lyn Arnot and Brenda Carter with me to euchre at the Burpee Complex. There were five tables of players.

Thursday night I played euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall with seven other players.

Saturday, May 6, the markets in our yard will begin again, as long as there is no rain. The fundraising we do with the barbecue lunch, 50/50 draw and yard sale tables will be for the Community Hall. Come on out and support the efforts. Anyone who wants to set up a table is welcome. The UCW will be here with baking for sale. There will be muffins and coffee for sale as well.

Sunday, May 7, there is a Silver Water Recreation Centre meeting at the Community Hall at 2 pm, open to everyone.

I had a phone visit with many people this week. Lillian Greenman called and we discussed many topics. A number of people are still sick with the bad cold going around but most are starting to feel better. I am proof that it will eventually go away and I am doing my best to not get it back from anyone.

...Fewer cruise ships will dock in Little Current this season

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 “They said they were struggling with staffing issues,” said Mr. O’Hare. “By the time they finally did name Little Current in March, decisions had

already been made.” Little Current has apparently been replaced on that cruise ship’s Great Lakes itinerary by a small community in upper Michigan. Killarney will therefore eclipse Manitoulin Island

in the number of cruise ship visits this year. “There will be two Viking cruise ships visiting Killarney this year,” noted Mr. O’Hare, “as is Hapag Lloyd.” There are two of the long-

term issues facing the Island as a destination for cruise ships, Mr. O’Hare pointed out. One is that the larger ships being utilized in the Great Lakes cannot traverse the North Channel, geography is working

against us as the North Channel is too shallow. The second issue, infrastructure, is not as big an issue and is one shared with much larger communities—our docks are just not large enough for the new cruise ships.

Great Lakes Cruise Association (GLCA) is a group set up to attract cruise ships to the Great Lakes and executive director Stephen Burnett has spent decades attending excursion shows touting the region to cruise companies. He is bullish on the continued growth of the industry.

“That’s not as big a problem as cruise companies have no problem with tendering in,” said Mr. O’Hare. “We do that now with a number of vessels.” Mr. O’Hare pointed out that Mackinac, much the jewel in the Great Lakes crown, has docks that are also too small and require tendering. “Even Milwaukee’s cruise docks are too small, as are the Port of Detroit. We are not alone.”

“The industry on the Great Lakes is up substantially,” said Mr. Burnett, “both in the number of vessels and the number of new builds. There is definitely an upward trend. Viking is doubling its ships in the lakes this year and we will be seeing three new cruise ships later this year or early next year.”

The issue is that ships must go around Manitoulin Island rather than transit the North Channel in order to reach Mackinac or Lake Superior. Travelling into visit Little Current would simply add too much time to the trip.

“Unfortunately, Little Current was a casualty of the pandemic,” said Mr. Burnett, but he said he anticipates those visits will rebound in coming years.

...Gore Bay Airport upgrades to proceed

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 come people to Western Manitoulin.”

Reeve Hayden explained that the airport partners committee unanimously awarded the construction tender and have signed a letter of intent to hire Lignum Builders Ltd. of Espanola. The tender amount awarded is \$4,107,000. In the previous tender for the project, the lowest tender bid had been \$793,000 over budget. However, Lignum had reduced costs with the committee, with modifications made to the esthetics of the building to bring the costs down by \$363,000.

“With the shortfall we were still facing, we took \$100,000 out of the airport reserves,” said Reeve Hayden. “We also received a donation from a private donation, and the municipalities also agreed to top up the funding we had already provided for the project.”

“We had to make some modifications to the building to bring costs down. Basically, we took some of the pretty out of the original designs,” said Reeve Hayden. He noted the first construction tender that the airport partners group had put out included upgrades to the secondary runway at the airport but were cancelled as the tenders were double the budget that had been set aside for the construction project.

However, “We didn’t reduce the footprint of the new terminal building that will be constructed,” he said, noting the new terminal building will be 3,700 square feet in size. The project will include the construct of helipad, total electrical updates (of the field electrical centre), the installation of airfield lighting and emergency power

system enhancements.

“The current airport terminal building will be demolished, with an entirely new building being constructed,” said Reeve Hayden. “And part of this will include an emergency shelter, a service area with kitchenette, fully handicapped accessible washrooms, a pilot’s lounge and Canada Customs office. There will also be a good size lobby area for groups to come in and use. As well there will be two offices available to rent.”

“It’s going to be a standard building, updated for energy efficiency, with in-floor heating,” Reeve Hayden continued. “The contractors will be notified today that they have been awarded the tender for construction. We want the work to get underway as soon as possible.”

Reeve Hayden said a major part of the project construction will be completed this year, with possibly some work to be carried out in the new year, such as landscaping.

Reeve Hayden acknowledged getting to the construction of this project has been a ‘long-term’ process. “Our application for funding for construction went out in 2018 and we received funding approval in 2019. It has been a long, drawn-out process due to COVID-related delays. The project will cost more than we had originally estimated but it will still be good value. We had to absorb inflation costs.”

Under the original project plan the secondary runway was a want, not a need, it was previously reported. The main focus of the project was the new terminal building itself, the helipad and the generator infrastructure. The helipad will be used to provide services in emergency situations.

...amtelecom.net email accounts will soon disappear

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 going to be affected.

According to the Eastlink spokesperson, the email accounts that will be affected include amtelecom.net, personacanserveyou.ca, cabletv.ca, cyberbeach.net, gorebaycable.net, lynx.ca, markdalecable.com, persona.ca, personainternet.com, and xcelco.on.ca. These accounts are “antiquated” and couldn’t be maintained.

accounts will not be affected.

“We just can’t maintain the old services anymore,” said Frank. “A decision has been made that we are not creating a new Eastlink internet service link (to the old services).”

“They said everyone should have got a notice, but I didn’t get anything directly from the company,” said Ms. McQuay. “I don’t know if anyone has received direct notification about their email.”

She said she first heard

that Eastlink was shutting down the email accounts at the end of April but that was extended to May and now the end of June.

Eastlink said they began notifying customers in October 2022. “Yes, thousands of customers will be affected,” agreed Frank. “That is why for the past six months we have been encouraging people to get ready. We put messages in customer bills warning them for six months. As of right now, account emails will be deleted as of June

30. Once they are gone, they are gone.”

He said Eastlink has been encouraging customers to create a new email and forward their old emails to it. “By all means, if people are struggling to figure out how they can save the emails that they have sent or received, we encourage them to go through our technical support people.”

“We brought fibreoptic in to Mindemoya,” said the Eastlink rep. The cable network is still being built and will be driven by internet customers. “Cable upgrades are being done, so if (customers) want fibre and cable, stay tuned.”

Government is funding 2,500 kilometres of new fibreoptic network in Ontario and these are massive projects, he said. Eastlink is privately run by the Bragg family and focuses on rural areas that need the service. “Stay tuned: there are more things coming to Ontario from Eastlink.”

Doug Smith named to advisory committee of US National Hwy Traffic Safety Administration

GORE BAY—Doug Smith of Manitoulin Transport has been selected as one of 16 people to an advisory committee of the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The committee will study underpass guards and make recommendations about safety regulations linked to severe underpass crashes. The group is formed as NHTSA publishes an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to consider requirements for side underpass guards.

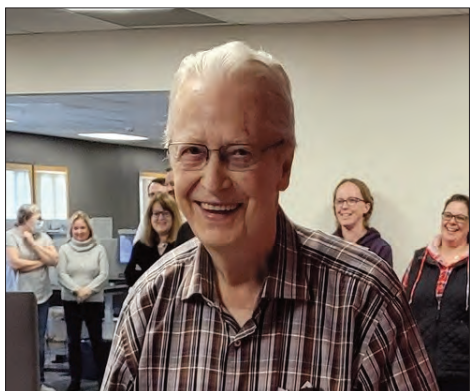
Underpass guards are the steel bars that hang from the backs of large trucks to prevent a passenger vehicle from moving underneath in a rear crash.

“Safety is at the core of everything we

do,” NHTSA deputy administrator Sophie Shulman said in a press release. “The selection and establishment of this committee is a step forward in saving lives and fulfilling the goals of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This committee will inform future actions and ensure that key stakeholders have a seat at the table on this important issue.”

New US standards mirror Canadian rules designed to better protect occupants of vehicles at crash speeds up to 56 kilometres per hour. Previous standards were passed on speeds of 48 kilometres per hour and the upgrade guards will need to withstand bigger impacts when a car hits a guard straight on, or when the front half of a car overlaps the trailer’s rear.

Mr. Smith, along with Dan Horvath will represent motor carriers, including independent owner-operators on the committee.



Doug Smith



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...More deer hunt tags recommended at annual management meeting

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mittee at a meeting last week.

"I can't disagree with anything," said Ian Anderson of Kagawong, a retired MNR conservation officer. "As far as the winter severity, we had a lot of snow over a couple of weeks this winter, then it went. Then we had a crust on the snow you could run a truck over. This winter was in the top four or five years for the easiest winter on deer I have seen in my 50 years on the Island."

"This was reflected in the condition of the deer I have seen (that perished) this winter," Mr. Anderson added. "One small fawn that had been born late died while the rest of the animals I saw, about 15 to 20 (also deceased), were all in very good shape."

Mr. Anderson agreed the hunting data presented by Denis Gendron, management biologist (acting) with the MNR's Sudbury work centre, reflected his own observations and he also noted there was an early green-up in mid-April on Manitoulin this year. "I think it is wise, at least for one year, to have an increase in the tags," he said, and pointed out it could also be decreased next year.

Lee Hayden mirrored Mr. Anderson's comments. "With the mild winter we had, the spring population looks very heavy, and the does are very heavy so we should be seeing a great fawn crop this year."

Mr. Hayden said hunters should be harvesting more does to give the immature bucks a chance to grow.

Representing the Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) and his own hunt camp in Sandfield, Kevin Hutchinson told the meeting the deer population in Sandfield is very healthy. "In Sandfield, there are lots of deer and a variety of them. We had eight guys hunting in our camp last fall and we could have been done hunting by Thursday morning of the hunt. Five bucks, one doe and two fawns."

"This spring we are seeing lots of deer," he added. "When we were out driving between Little Current and Sandfield the other day, we saw 40 deer."

Mr. Hutchinson said the LCFGC met recently and the group indicated they would like to have the tag allocation held at 4,000 this fall. Overall, the group feels the archery season is too long and would like to see that reduced by two weeks. "A lot of them are not seeing as many big bucks," he said.

That's a concern for Mr. Hayden. "There are a lot of avid archery hunts around," he said. "If hunters are targeting bucks in the archery season, you are damn lucky to harvest one." He reiterated young bucks need a chance to grow.

Mr. Hayden has a hunt camp in Ice Lake and said the area is a prime area for overpopulation of deer, adding the numbers (in Burpee) have rebounded over the last two years. "I'm

happy to see the recommendation to have the deer tag quotas up this fall, and I'm thrilled to see the numbers."

Mr. Gendron, who is also a hunter, has taken over retired MNR biologist Wayne Selinger's role. He acknowledged the quota recommendations had already been submitted for this fall's hunt. "This is

while coyote populations did spike following that winter as a normal response to widespread deer mortality, their numbers have since declined and appear to be more in line with the Island's longer term normal, he said.

Deer numbers on Manitoulin are now at the recent historical average for both WMUs. The harvest break-

historical data. With sheer numbers submitting (it) shows a good trend across the province, not just on the Island."

Roy Polsky, Zone D representative with Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters said many hunters he had talked to in WMU 43A had a lot of deer sightings and a better success rate than in previous years.

the quota, I would have been good with an increase of 1,000."

Mr. Gendron said he would ask provincial managers for some of that information. "It would help us a

lot," he said. "As for reducing the season, that's a difficult decision. It would be good to look at the data further."



A recommendation from the annual deer management meeting to see deer tags raised for 2023 will be brought to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

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more or less an information session," he said, adding he would "get this all sorted out" for next year.

The MNR biologist explained that based on mandatory reporting data for the 2022 hunt on Manitoulin Island, an estimated 274 deer were harvested in wildlife management unit (WMU) 43A and 2,696 deer were harvested in WMU 43B. About 95 percent of hunters reported their data.

Mr. Gendron said severe winter trends in 2014 and 2018-2019 affected things quite a bit but numbers this past fall were quite positive. In 2022, hunters saw 0.93 deer per hunter day in WMU 43A and 1.28 deer in WMU 43B. Hunter success (any deer harvested) was 29 percent for WMU 43A and 43 percent for WMU 43B. For the 2022 season, 43 percent of 698 first choice applicants were successful for antlerless deer tags in WMU 43B.

Based on the Sandfield and Walkhouse snow stations, the winter of 2023 was mild as far as snow depths go, said Mr. Gendron. "We should see a good fawn crop this spring and summer. Overall, things are looking good."

Deer populations appear to have recovered from the severe winter of 2019 and

down shows that many bucks and does have been taken. The deer tag quotas in WMU 43A were as high as 800 in 2008 but have been slowly decreasing since, with the number sitting around 300 tags since 2019. In WMU 43B, the quotas are much higher with the number of tags set at 4,000 for the past three years.

The ministry's goal is to stabilize growth in WMU 43A for the 2023 hunt. "Originally, I was thinking of a conservative increase of 1,000," Mr. Gendron said. "We want to stay on top of the population and not see an increase too quickly."

The recommendation is for an increase of 150 tags for WMU 43A, to 450 this year (close to 2018 levels). The recommended increase in quota for WMU 43B is 1,500 which will bring the total tags available for WMU 43B to 5,500 for 2023.

Bryan Barker of Kagawong said he supports the mandatory reporting but questions the reported number of deer sightings. "I bow hunt from home and can see 10 come out in the afternoon," he said, or 70 in a week. "Are there checks and balances to correct the information?" he asked. "It's important for determining the actual deer population."

"They are all indicators of trends," replied Mr. Gendron. "It helps to have the

He also raised the concern about reducing the length of the archery season. "Do we know the harvest rate comparisons for the archery and gun hunt seasons?" he asked. "As far as

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...Cousins Dakota Shawanda, Tony Roy perish in weekend fishing tragedy

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device. “Very tragic,” responded Sheguiandah Chief Elvis Mishibinijima. “These were two young men whose lives were cut short. We are reminded that tomorrow is never a given.”

The two young men both had families, each leaving behind their wives and three small children.

Pearl Waindubence, grandmother to both of the young

men, described their families as reeling in shock. “They loved to fish,” she said of her grandsons. “They loved to fish and sports, especially hockey. Everybody is in shock.”

According to a release from the Manitoulin OPP Detachment, one individual was located along the shoreline while the second was located and retrieved by the OPP divers. The OPP release identified the deceased individuals as a 28-year-old and a 29-year-old, both of Sheguiandah First Nation. The Office of Chief Coroner and Ontario Forensic

Pathology Service is assisting and a post-mortem examination will take place in Sudbury.

“The families have not yet determined funeral arrangements,” noted Ms. Waindubence, as the bodies of the two deceased had not yet been returned from Sudbury.

...Glen Hare seconds motion to remove national chief

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“A lot of it is still confidential,” stated Regional Chief Hare. “And the resolution will still have to go to the general assembly to make the final call.” He said the issue is very sensitive “and that is why we are being so secretive at this time.” However, “There is a statement being prepared (from the AFN executive committee lawyer) that hopefully will be out by next Friday. I know everyone is wondering what exactly is going on, including our First Nation leadership.”

“I would like to share everything we know with the chiefs right now,” said Regional Chief Hare. “But this will all come out in the statement to be released.”

AFN National Chief Archibald responded to the executive committee’s resolution in a statement made by her press secretary, Andrew St. Germain. “The AFN executive committee is out of line and their motion is completely unnecessary as 75 percent of First Nations-in-Assembly overwhelmingly endorsed my leadership and approach to create more transparency and accountability to the AFN. Resolution 3/2022 is very clear that it’s the First Nations-in-Assembly who are to receive and consider the



National Chief RoseAnne Archibald



Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare

report, not the AFN executive committee, who are yet again overstepping their authority. Once the report is shared publicly, everyone will know the truth.”

In an April 21 statement, National Chief Archibald said in her own interpretation of the investigation’s results that she had been vindicated.

The investigation had been conducted in the spring of 2022 after four of AFN Chief Archibald’s senior staff had filed bullying and harassment complaints against her. A fifth complaint had been made by the AFN chief executive office at the time.

Raquel Chisholm, an Ottawa based employment lawyer, was hired by the AFN to oversee the investigation. Investigators pro-

vided five reports, one for each complainant, according to the resolution. It also explains the reports cannot be disclosed to the chiefs-in-assembly due to confidentiality requirements of the AFN’s harassment policy and the Canada Labour Code. However, the AFN lawyer who investigated will prepare a summary of the five reports for the chiefs-in-assembly, including the context of the executive committee’s recommendation.

The resolution also notes the executive committee says the lawyer found National Chief Archibald had two harassment complainants, contrary to the AFN’s workplace violence, discrimination and harassment policy. And the resolution says she breached the

confidentiality requirements of the harassment and whistleblower policy, and code of conduct and ethics, in the five reports. It is reported by CBC News that investigators found that the AFN National Chief had retaliated against all five people for bringing forward their complaints.

The AFN executive committee resolution also notes that the AFN national chief’s actions have put the AFN at risk of “significant liability for constructive and wrongful dismissive charges, (as) well as other statutory and common law damages through her actions.”

In June 2022 regional chiefs suspended the national chief after the initial complaints had been made against her. However, in July, the First Nation leaders voted against continuing the suspension.

Regional Chief Hare said, “the ultimate decision (on the recommended motion) will be made at our AFN assembly in Halifax July 13.”

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...Centennial Manor firmly denies forcible vaccination claim

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MacDonald, chair of the Manor board at a meeting last week. "Some people will get messages on this and Keith (Clement) of Extendicare and (Manor administrator) Don (Cook) will extend that our policy does not allow for it at all. The Manor does not treat our residents like that in any way. We treat residents with respect and care. This family member said this lady had been held down by nurses and forced to be given a vaccination shot."

"We did investigate the matter and have evidence that we were in the right, and this did not take place," said Mr. Cook.

Lucy Metcalfe, who is originally from Manitoulin Island but moved away 23 years ago and is now a resident in Glencoe, Ontario told The Expositor that she was shocked at the way her mother was treated while a resident at the Manor. "She lives with me now," she said. "My mom moved out of the Manor in Little Current then moved to Sudbury to an independent living senior residence in Sudbury for a couple of years and now lives with me. Previous to moving into the Manor, she had lived in the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay where she received her first COVID-19 vaccination. She received her second vaccination when she moved into the Manor, and then it was while she was a resident in the Manor that they told her that she had to have a third (she had reported previously in the week that this incident involved a fourth vaccination shot)."

"Me and my mom were having a conversation yesterday about COVID-19 and her time at the Manor," said Ms. Metcalfe. "She said, 'yes, I agreed to the second vaccine shot at the Manor.' However, she told me that two months later, my mom, who is cognitive, told me all the residents had been called to the craft

room where everything was set up for all the residents to get their third shot. At first, she said she would agree to get the shot, but then changed her mind and went back to her room. She had a nurse come into her room and told her, 'Cecile you need to have a third shot.' She told me, 'I looked at them and told them to get out of my room, I'm not taking the shot. You had told me previously that I only needed two vaccines and would be protected.'"

"My mom and the nurse went back and forth and then they told her if she didn't get the vaccination she would not be able to stay at the Manor," said Ms. Metcalfe. "My mom said fine, then I won't stay here. But I'm not getting the shot.' They started arguing back and forth again, and my mom was told that it was mandatory by law that she needed to have the vaccination shot. After the dispute one nurse grabbed her and held her down, while another nurse held her arm and gave her a needle, without her consent. My mom said she couldn't fight them off," said Ms. Metcalfe, who noted her mother was 71 years old at the time of the incident and will be 75 this August. She said the incident took place in September 2021.

"She said she started bawling when the nurses held her down and gave her the shot," stated an emotional Ms. Metcalfe. "When she told me this story, I asked her 'why didn't you call me or my sister?' She said, 'no one is going to believe me.' I told my mom she still should have called me right away. She said after she received the shot it was too late, and that is why she kept her mouth shut."

"I again asked her, 'why did you wait so long to tell me about this?'" said Ms. Metcalfe. "My mom said, 'I didn't think anyone would believe me and I was too scared to say anything to

anybody.'"

"What they (nurses) did to my mother is against her rights," stated Ms. Metcalfe. "It is abusive, holding down a person and giving them a needle against their will and with no consent." She explained, "I have been working in nursing homes as a PSW (personal support worker) for the past 28 years. Not once have I forced a resident to do anything they did not want without their consent. And, especially when you are dealing with a cognitive resident who knows what is going on and what they want."

"My mom told me she had a couple of bruises on her arm for a couple of weeks after the incident," said Ms. Metcalfe. "I asked her again why she didn't call me, and she said 'I was scared, and no one would believe me anyway, because seniors make up things.' I am just livid right now and I want this story out there. Our next move is to go to a lawyer to find proof that what they did against my mother was against her rights." She indicated she would also be calling the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ministry of Health to report the incident and see if they can help.

Ms. Metcalfe said when she contacted the Manor she was told, "they would carry out an investigation."

Mr. Clement said that the Manor board members should respond to any questions about the purported incident in general fashion. "We can't say anything about the individual, and we can't go into the details. Social media is social media, people can communicate things quickly and provide their opinion on things. All we can do is ensure people that speak to us that we have strict policies in place against anything like this taking place. If a resident or their designated power of attor-

ney do not consent to receive a vaccine, they won't receive one. Consent is needed."

"We just wanted to let the board know all of this is out there on social media," said Ms. MacDonald. "In our policy our staff always gets consent (from the resident or their power of attorney) before anything is carried out that affects them. Our policy is that we do not use interventions without the consent of the resident or their power of attorney." She noted that if anyone has any concerns to contact the Manor administration.

"To be fair in this circumstance, if people want to know about our policy and general concepts about the excellent care we provide, we can provide this. But we will check into this (alleged) circumstance," said Mr. Clement.

Mr. Cook had told The Expositor prior to the Manor board meeting, "I did hear someone was going to The Expositor with a complaint. There

are a number of things in the story that don't make sense. The timelines don't line up for the accusation. But more importantly, there is no way a resident would receive a vaccination shot without the consent of the resident and their family. We have had other residents who refused that didn't get shots. That is their right," he said. "This incident may have happened to the lady, but we know it didn't happen at the Manor."


In a letter to families of residents at the Manor, Mr. Cook wrote, "knowing that we live in a small community and word can travel fast around here, I wanted to reach out to you to provide some assurance about a concerning video that has been circulating on social media, mentioning our home."

"This video falsely claims that a former resident was forced to receive a vaccine for COVID-19," Mr. Cook wrote. "This is a very concerning allegation, and one that I would like to

assure you is untrue." He explained, "as you will know from your own experiences with our care team's approach to vaccination for your loved ones, Manitoulin Centennial Manor follows clear standards from the Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care that apply to every long-term care home in the province, and these require consent to be obtained before any vaccination is administered."

"No resident has ever been forced to receive a vaccine in our home," wrote Mr. Cook. "In all cases, if cognitively capable residents or their power of attorney do not consent to receive a vaccine, they will not receive one."

"We take the question of resident consent seriously, throughout all care and services we provide," continued Mr. Cook. "Please let me know if you have any questions about this and I would be happy to discuss with you directly."



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...Canada's new king will be crowned on Saturday

...continued from page 1 school curriculum in Ontario at the time."

It was definitely a different world, far apart from what school children experience today. "The school custodian (one of the Grade 8 boys) was in charge of pouring a pail full of water into the boys' and girls' chemical toilet," recalled Mr. McCutcheon. "The water came from a pump in the schoolyard."

Mr. McCutcheon's father had just come into the house for his morning breakfast after the morning chores on their dairy farm when the news came on the radio that the king had died. "It must have been around 8 am in the morning and I was just getting ready to head out to school," said Mr. McCutcheon. It was a one-mile jaunt on that gloomy overcast morning of Wednesday, February 6. "My father said, 'the king is dead, long live the queen.'"

Not fully comprehending what his father meant by the phrase, the grade schooler and future publisher repeated that same phrase at the end of class that day.

The following year was consumed by preparations for the coronation. "We all had coronation scrapbooks," he recalled. Each week, Mr. McCutcheon would pore over the family's magazines, such as the Star Weekly or flip through the pages of the Globe and Mail newspaper, looking for items to clip out.

"Our family was Northern Irish, loyal to the Crown (in fact, some of his ancestors were United Empire Loyalists), that's white Anglo-Saxon Protestant—WASP," said Mr. McCutcheon. "I have to think that the teacher would have been following her curriculum."

The day of the coronation was one of great rejoicing for many school children—they got the day off.

In those days when "bandwidth" was measured by the size of a ship's hold or the storage area of one of the new trans-Atlantic airplanes, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had made arrangements to fly the film of the coronation over to Canada and televised the event as soon as the film arrived.

"We were invited over to a cousin's house in Toronto to watch the coronation as they had a television,"



Flags marking the coronation of King Charles III line the side of Barney's Bargain Barn in Little Current.

recalled Mr. McCutcheon. Unfortunately, the event proved to be something of a lunch bag letdown for the young viewer.

"I was expecting everything to be in colour like it was in the magazines," said Mr. McCutcheon. "I thought it would be exciting. Instead, we watched a fuzzy picture on a tiny screen." The room was filled with relatives who came to witness the historic occasion. "Talk about a letdown," he laughed.

Mr. McCutcheon remarked that the atmosphere surrounding the coronation of Canada's new monarch today lies a world apart from the 1950s.

Former Expositor staffer Esther Anstice, who now lives in London and is a verger at St. Paul's Cathedral, won't be watching the coronation live, despite being a short stone's throw away from the live event. Although her church is not involved in the coronation, which takes place at the fabled Westminster Abbey, she will have her hands full that morning. "We have two weddings taking place that day," she explained. "I will have to watch it later."

"I have been in touch with my colleagues (at Westminster Abbey) and it will be quite a day for them," she said. Even though the pomp and circumstance that will take place at the coronation of King Charles III is much reduced from that of his

mother, it will still be a very busy time for those involved in the preparations at the church.

While the buzz around London is more noticeable than it is here in Canada, Ms. Anstice suggests it is much less so than it was seven decades ago. "This is a very different country than it was 70 years ago," she said. "A very different world, there different kinds of awareness (of Britain and the Crown's past and impact on the world) and diversity. People are socially aware of many of the difficulties the British Empire brought to the world." That awareness, she suggests, has tempered the monarchy's approach to the coronation ceremonies.

"It has been trimmed down to two hours," she said. "Different language, the common worship, it is much more accessible to the general public, there is an increased need for diversity in the service to make it a service for the people, rather than for the royal family."

Ms. Anstice anticipates settling in with a couple of friends to watch the events after work.

St. Paul's will be holding a special day of service that will include the royal family as part of the coronation vigil that runs from April 29 to May 8.

Meanwhile, the number of people coming into London is rising as coronation

day draws near. "I think people just want to be here to feel the vibe and witness the event first-hand," she suggested.

The coronation of their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla will take place on Saturday, May 6.

The first procession will begin at 10:20 am London time (that's 5:20 am Eastern Standard Time so royalists set your alarm clocks). Their Majesties will travel in procession from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey along the 'The King's Procession.' They will then travel in the Diamond Jubilee State Coach, drawn by six Windsor Grey horses with the Household Cavalry providing the Sovereign's Escort.

The coronation service at Westminster Abbey itself is scheduled to begin at 11 am (6 am EST) and finish at 1 pm (8 am EST).

After the coronation service, their Majesties return to Buckingham Palace as part of a larger ceremonial procession known as 'The Coronation Procession.' The Coronation Procession will last for around 30 minutes wherein their Majesties will travel in the Gold State Coach, this time drawn by eight Windsor Grey horses.

The procession will arrive at Buckingham Palace at around 1:30 pm (8:30 am EST). Their Majesties will receive a salute from the United Kingdom and Commonwealth Armed Forces in the Buckingham Palace Gardens and will appear on the Buckingham Palace balcony for a ceremonial fly-past.

While it would have been an almost unheard-of sentiment in the 1950s, support for ending the monarchy's role in Canada has reached a slight majority since the death of Queen Elizabeth II. While a strong majority of Canadians believe she did a good job as monarch, the polls show a marked less confidence in her son.

Even in Britain, the rumblings of republicanism have risen since the Queen's death. The scandals that have rocked the Royal Family over the past few years has played no small part in the drop in popularity for the aristocracy in general and the monarch in particular.

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ning to introduce the next team. When the numbers 6865 came out of the host's mouth and blasted through the speakers throughout the stands my body reacted before my brain. I screamed so loud my throat hurt hours later. When my brain came to I couldn't stop sobbing and thinking "our tiny island team is a finalist." The euphoria and pride I felt was only amplified when I thought about how

lies and watched the support pour in from the Island. It was a beautiful moment and one I will always remember. Our amazing community made this opportunity possible for us and it made us all feel great to make them proud.

I was still near tears all day watching the final matches. We unfortunately did not make it through alliance selections but watching the creative and



Members of the team share an emotional hug.

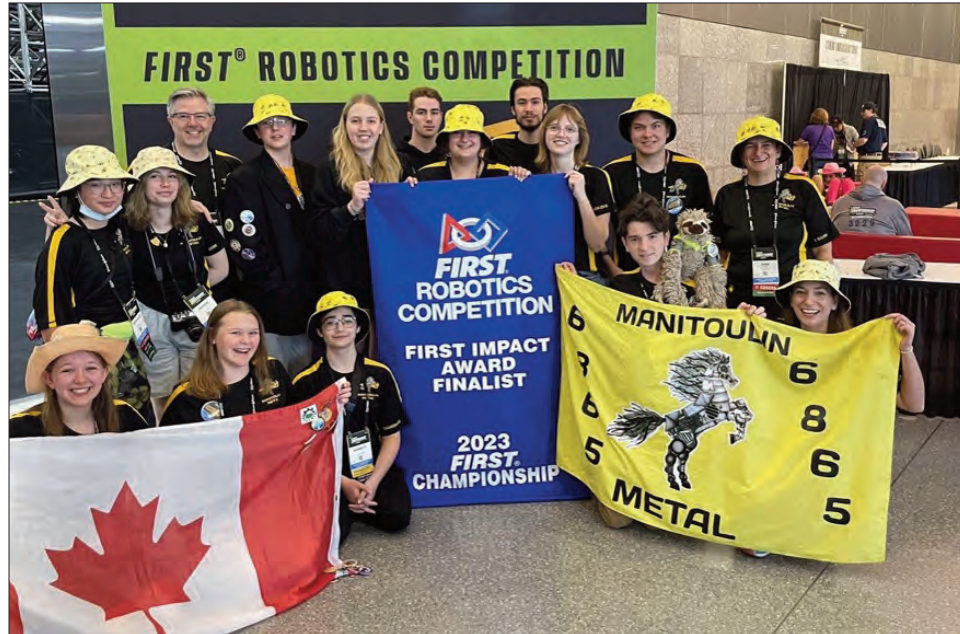
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we had made Manitoulin and all of Canada proud as well. We were one of six finalists in only our second year participating in this award. It was unbelievable and should have been impossible by all means. We had overcome all our obstacles and made it.

Once we had gotten our photos taken my mentor, Mrs. Bauer and I sat on the floor behind the stands and cried. We called our fami-

new robot designs at work was a neat experience for someone like me.

I didn't want the world championships to come to an end, but I suppose it had to. The finale resulted in a lot of confetti with a Canadian team, Beaverworkx, on the winning alliance. I want to give a huge congratulations to every team there as I now have first-hand experience on how much time and effort goes into every



Manitoulin Metal poses for a team photo with their FIRST Impact Award banner.

aspect of robotics.

After driving back to the hotel in Houston's 28°C weather, we thanked our mentors profusely. We also had help from Helen Siksek, previously a Manitoulin resident who lives in Texas. She heard we were in Houston and volunteered to help our team. She is affectionately called our Team Grandma. We are all so grateful for her and everyone else who helped us get here.

Sunday, April 23

Sunday was the coldest day in Houston we had had so far, and it was still in the double digits in terms of temperature. Tomorrow we

will depart from Houston and arrive in a much colder Toronto. I am happy to go home, but I will miss things about Houston and the memories I've made here.

This trip to Houston has provided us with learning experiences, both practical and educational. For example, we went to the Houston Space Center today. This was a once in a lifetime visit for our team. It was incredible. We explored different space sciences, got a tour of the Space Vehicle Mock-Up Facility and saw many things that have gone to space and back, oddly this includes a floral button-up shirt.

Monday, April 24

As I'm sitting in the airport writing this I am filled with deep appreciation for my team. Each one of them are talented and unique people who have contributed

themselves to this amazing build season. Their talent did not go unrecognized as we have made a name for ourselves now in FIRST Canada. I am very proud of all the work everyone has done.

Along with this I am so grateful to our mentors who have given us a light to follow. They dedicate much of their time to teaching and cultivating our skills. I know that we will always be indebted to them for the opportunities they've given us.

I am also proud to be a Haweater. I am proud to belong to a community that takes care of each other and supports each other's accomplishments. And I am proud to feel a sense of belonging on this island we live on. I now know that no matter how far away any of us will travel we will always have a place here on Manitoulin Island and on Manitoulin Metal.

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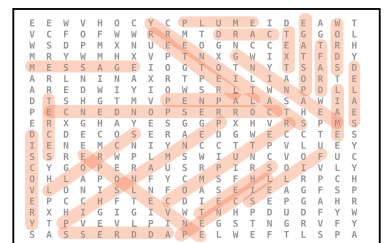
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Manitoulin Country Fest and Rockin' the Rock lineups are nearly complete

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—Little Current's Flat Rock Entertainment Centre will be one hopping place this August as Rockin' the Rock and Manitoulin Country Fest are slated to return with a vengeance. Unfortunately, if you waited this long to get your tickets, you have missed the early bird pricing. Tickets went up on Monday, May 1.

"We are really excited about the lineups at this year's events," said promoter KT Timmermans, who along with husband Craig founded the two music festivals more than a decade-and-a-half ago. "The lineup for Rockin' the Rock is completely done and there are still a couple of acts in negotiation for Country Fest."

One of the big changes this year is ticketing. "Tickets are all purchased online this year," said Ms. Timmermans, who noted that challenges in staffing in recent years had led to the need for the change. "Those looking for camping should contact us directly." Camping information and booking can be done by contacting Ms. Timmermans through email at KT@manitoulin.net.

First up on the musical agenda is Rockin' the Rock, which takes place this year on Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12. MCF takes place this year on the weekend of August 17, 18 and 19.

Also returning this year



Country singing legend Dean Brody will be performing on the Friday night of Manitoulin Country Fest 2023.

is the popular Rockin' the Rock Cruise on Thursday, August 10, with this year's performing rock band being the Sudbury phenomenon Pop Machine. This group composed of five diverse young members are pursuing the goal of bring-

ing classic rock to a younger generation. Pop Machine will be the opening act at Rockin' the Rock on Friday evening as well.

The tour boards at 6:30 pm with barbecue hamburgers and sausages being served with side Caesar sal-

ad, but only if pre-ordered during the booking process. The bar aboard the Grand Heron accepts cash, debit and credit card.

The MCF Cruise for a Cause is also back this year. Events begin at 5 pm on August 16 with dinner being served on shore at the Rendezvous Pavilion. Afterwards, diners will board the Grand Heron to enjoy a performing artist against the stunning backdrop of the North Channel.

On August 18, the Songwriters' Showcase will start at 11 am and run for 2.5 hours as talented artists entertain with their songs and the stories of how those songs were created.

This year's Rockin' the Rock lineup consists of the aforementioned Pop Machine opening on Friday, followed by Haywire, SAGA and Carole Pope and Rough Trade. Saturday will feature Aldo Nova, The Stampede, Toronto and Railroad Steele.

So far confirmed for MCF

are High Valley, Jojo Mason and one artist to be named on Thursday, August 17; Dean Brody, Thompson Square, Nate Haller, Genevieve Fisher and an artist to be named on Fri-

day, August 18, and Sawyer Brown, The Hunter Brothers, Chad Brownlee and four artists to be named.

Tickets for Rockin' the Rock and MCF can be purchased at Eventbrite.ca.

Expositor corrections

In the April 26, 2023 Expositor story, 'One of the smallest school among the 600 competing wins at Houston international 2023 robotics championship,' several points need to be clarified. In the third paragraph team member Ben Willis was quoted as saying the other finalists included teams from Australia, Turkey, two teams from the US and the eventual winner, the Beaver Works team,

based out of Mississauga, Ontario." This should have said the team that won the Hall of Fame Impact award is FRC321 RoboLancers from Philadelphia. As well, the Beaverworx team did win the Impact award, they were on the winning Robot Alliance. The Expositor regrets any inconvenience these errors may have caused.

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Little Current Fish and Game Club continues tradition of conservation education

Schoolchildren from several Island schools will make the pilgrimage to the Bass Lake hatchery with fishing rods soon to follow



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Each year since 2005, the club has held the Bass Lake Creek educational program visits for the students to not only education them about the importance of conservation and the intricacies of the walleye cycle and habitat, but provides the students with their very own fishing rod and reel to take home with them.



Little Current Fish and Game Club members Bill Strain and Dale Baker show students the process for fertilizing the walleye eggs.



Bill Strain of the Little Current Fish and Game Club took the students on a tour of the bell jar hatchery and fossils on display as part of the tour.



Bill Strain of the Little Current Fish and Game Club introduces the students to a lamprey eel. An invasive species of aquatic parasite that now infests the Great Lakes.



Dale Baker takes students on a tour of the clubs fish platform, outlining the process for raising walleye among other educational information.

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Additional trees planted for future park area in Gordon/Barrie Island

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—Another 11,500 trees have been planted on a Gordon/Barrie Island property just outside of Gore Bay. One of the reasons for reforestation of the property is for future plans to create “Priddle Park” to provide for public camping in the future.

“One of the reasons we have this tree planting project in place has to do with having the park in the future,” said Cole McLaughlin. “But it is also being done for deer and wildlife management, to benefit the environment and to cut down on the wind that howls across that field

about 300 miles per hour,” he quipped. “It is also being done to cut down on erosion on the field.”

“But yes, one of the main reasons is for a park area,” said Mr. McLaughlin. “And the Western Manitoulin Community Garden wants to grow different species of local grown food, and the trees being planted this and last year will help to create shade that will help with this.” It is also being done for landscaping of the property as well.

Mr. McLaughlin explained previously the goal in the future is to open Priddle Park. “My mother is a Priddle and my grand-

father was E.F. Priddle, mayor of the Town of Gore Bay for many years (1942-1956 and 1959-1960).”

Mr. McLaughlin further explained, “I was looking for a source of tree planting funding, and the 50 Million Tree program came up in my search. I contacted Laing Bennett, of Algoma-Manitoulin Forestry Services (AMFS). He used to work for the Ontario Paper Company which used to own property at Vidal Bay, some of the property on Cockburn Island and some other properties on Manitoulin Island.”

AMFS partnered with Forest Ontario, the project developer, said Mr. Bennett. “When we are contracted by a client, we identify an area and prepare a plan for it. If it is satisfactory to the owner of the property, we can go ahead and submit an application for approval (from Forests Ontario).”

The total tree planting area is 14.5 acres and last year 12,200 red pine and white spruce were planted in the first area field last



Another 11,500 trees have been planted on the McLaughlin family's land just outside of Gore Bay. The work took place last week and included the planting white spruce and white pine. From left is Laing Bennett, of Algoma-Manitoulin Forestry Services, Peetrylia Wreggitt, forest technician/managing partner in Regen, Madison Irving, Matt Dreifelds, Annabelle Lacassa and Rachel Parkes.

year are doing really well, and the winter survival was really good,” said Mr. Bennett.

“In total we are planting 11,500 trees this year, 8,000 white spruce and 3,500 white pine in this area of 5.5 hectares,” said Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett pointed out, “this is the final stage of the tree planting, and we hired Regen Forest Services Limited (based out of Sault Ste. Marie) to carry out the work.”

Peetrylia Wreggitt, forest technician/managing partner in Regen told the Expositor that her work crew includes three women who are all in their first year of tree planting, including a co-op high school program student, Sault College student and a natural environment studies student. Matt Dreifelds is a veteran having 10 years of experience in tree planting.

Mr. Bennett pointed out it will take between five and 10 years for the trees to grow to about five feet tall.

New postmaster hired for Prov Bay Canada Post office

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—The new postmaster at the Canada Post Corporation (CPC) office in Providence Bay will no doubt be familiar to many members of the community and around Manitoulin Island.

“The postmaster position at the Providence Bay post office has been successfully staffed,” said Phil Rogers, media relations with Canada Post in an email to the Expositor on April 24. “Pamela Schieckoff has accepted the postmaster position and started on Monday, April 17. During the staffing process, the post office has operated its regular hours and will continue to do so.”

“I am very, very happy to have been hired for the postmaster position here (Providence Bay),” Ms. Schieckoff told The Expositor. “I’ve been working for Canada Post for the past couple of years and have been covering off at post offices around the Island when it has been needed. I have always wanted to work full-time with Canada



Pamela Schieckoff is the new Providence Bay postmaster. Post and being the permanent new postmaster here tops the cake.”

Ms. Schieckoff said, “I grew up coming visiting Providence Bay since I was nine years old so I knew a lot of people before, and will get to know everyone in the community over time.”

The Providence Bay Canada Post office is located in office space in Huron Sands.

Ms. Schieckoff takes over the permanent full-time postmaster position after long-time postmaster Eleanor Lentir retired on December 29, 2022.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

3 on 3 season!

Several local teams were at the Open Ice 3 on 3 in the Soo over the weekend. In the U18, Hicks with Sticks were winless, as was Wiky. Also in U18 the Cotton Candy Crusaders ended up 2 and 2, but all were ousted in the quarters, CCC 6 - 5. In the U15, the Manitou Monsters were second in their division but knocked out 6 - 5 in the semis and in the U13 Panthers went undefeated and won their division 6 - 5 in the final.

Billy Biederman and Sam Assiniwe were there with the Chiefs in the tough men's division, with a 0 - 4 record.

There's was a team called the Manitoulin Underdogs that made the women's recreation final, but their game shows 2 - 2 on the gamesheet, with no 2nd period? Not sure what happened there.

If you are interested in the tournament you can Google, Open Ice 3 on 3 and it will take you to a gamesheet page. In the round robin stats you can find the rosters.

Weekly softball in Central Manitoulin!

Here is another example of newcomers giving back to the community. Tyler Sloss moved back home from Sudbury in February 2020. He was used to playing a lot of slow pitch year round and he also umpired.

He was looking forward to playing some ball when he moved back but of course COVID hit! So last year he was able to round of some people to play some scrub here and there but decided this year he wanted to make it more open so they might get enough people to maybe have two teams.

Tyler stresses, “that it is all just for fun and we are going to meet at the Mindemoya ball field for 6-6:30 on Tuesdays and decide, based on how many people we get what type of game are going to play!”

Tyler will generally post on the Facebook group (Weekly Softball) but his number is 705-669-7115 and of course he will be at Keller's Garage, 8 - 5 on Mondays to Fridays.

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iting dignitaries from Ottawa.

The last time, that is, until last Wednesday, April 26 when Canada Post officially opened its newly-visioned post office in the 75-year-old building complete with snacks, gifts and, once again, visiting dignitaries from Ottawa.

The post office portion of the fairly large building has the smallest footprint now in the old "federal building." The municipal offices and council chambers occupy most of it. (The old Town of Little Current purchased the building and adjacent parking lot from Public Works Canada about 30 years ago.)

But last Wednesday was the post office's moment to shine and be acknowledged.

It has been repurposed as one of four 'Community Hubs' by Canada Post: the only one in Ontario as this new model is rolled out. (The others are in Fort Qu'Appelle in Saskatchewan, High Prairie in Alberta and Membertou on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia.)

"Little Current and the other three new Canada Post 'Community Hubs' are deemed to be labs for future upgrades in more communities," explained Holly Gill, Canada Post's manager for retail optimization. Ms. Gill was one of the visitors from Ottawa on hand for the open house.

"We're actually looking for feedback from staff, hearing from customers. We want to see how the Electric Vehicle (EV) charg-



Gerlinde Goodwin retrieves a parcel from the new 'parcel wall' at the refurbished Canada Post 'Community Hub' office in Little Current.

er is utilized, how often," Ms. Gill added.

As part of the Community Hub upgrade, Canada Post has installed two EV charging stations in the adjacent parking lot. (As of last Wednesday, the EV chargers had been used five times in their first month in use, likely representative of the electronic vehicles in use locally before the tourist season gets underway.)

Ms. Gill stressed that the changes made to enhance the flow of mail products in the newly conceived post office have been made with the local business community in mind.

While the open house

included snacks and gifts, there is little doubt that the star of the show that day was Little Current artist Duncan Pheasant, two of whose paintings were chosen to brand the post office's new look, both inside and out.

Mr. Pheasant had another engagement and arrived mid-way through the open house but once he was there, he became the centre of attention for the Canada Post officials.

Melissa Levesque, Canada Post's retail network manager for Northern and Indigenous communities, was particularly proud of the fact that Little Current had been chosen as one of the four, pilot projects. Ms. Gill is an Indigenous person who makes her home in her community of Atikameshsheng Anishnawbeck First Nation near



Artist Duncan Pheasant, right, shows Canada Post design team Graeme Fleming, left, and Jenny Waters a mural he is currently completing for the Aundek Omni Kaning First Nation band office.

the west end of the City of Greater Sudbury.

"I was so pleased that they went with my recommendation," she said. "I had explained that Manitoulin Island is populated by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, working together, and then I saw Duncan's (Pheasant) work at the Perivale Art Gallery in Spring Bay. Gallery owner/curator Shannon McMullen knows Duncan well: she told me his work would be perfect in the Community Hub postal outlet because he's a local artist, lives in Little Current (he's a member of the M'Chigeeng First Nation), he works for the town (retiring this winter after more than 30 years) and he's the Zamboni driver!" (Editor's note: 'Zamboni' is a trademarked name and the ice surfacing device used at the NEMI Recreation Centre is not that make but the term is often used to generalize because of the brand's popularity.)

"And all Duncan's work has a story, that he writes on the back of each painting," Ms. Levesque further

explained about her enthusiasm about the two paintings that Canada Post chose to purchase from the Perivale Gallery.

The new-look post office is open concept in design with the "box lobby" repositioned in such a way so as to also allow for a long wall of parcel boxes of various sizes.

Because of the proliferation of mail order packages currently appearing in postal outlets, and to improve retail customer flow at the single service kiosk that remains, post office clients now find a key to a particular box in their mailbox.

They walk around the

corner, find the identified box, retrieve their parcel and leave the parcel box key behind. Parcels can be picked up 24 hours a day as the parcel delivery wall, like the box lobby, remains open for customers' use.

Retail customer Gerlinde Goodwin happened to be retrieving a parcel when Ms. Gill was explaining the idea of better assisting the business community. Ms. Goodwin, who operates a home-based business, was enthusiastic about the solution of quick, no-lining up, parcel pickup that she had just experienced.

Visitors were checking to see which businesses had as of that day been added to the interactive business and service directory mounted just past the front door, relaxing in the comfortable chair that is part of the new look and visiting the new display of office supplies available to purchase at the service kiosk.

But through all of this, artist Duncan Pheasant remained the focus of attention.

Jenny Waters, manager of the design team, that included Graeme Fleming, asked Mr. Pheasant where the ideas for his painting originate.

Mr. Pheasant, referring to one of his paintings that

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Philippe Legault, media relations director with Canada Post, takes time out from last Wednesday's open house during Little Current post office's launch as a 'Community Hub' to relax in the comfortable chairs now in the box lobby. Above him is the large rendition of Duncan Pheasant's painting, 'The Eagle-Migizi'. Mr. Pheasant's other painting 'We are the land' has been rendered as a mural on the building's façade.

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...continued from page 17 has been rendered larger and is mounted inside the new office, observed that is an eagle, "a thunderbird, which is part of our culture." It is titled 'The Eagle-Migizi.'

He went on to explain that he had seen the late Norval Morriseau interviewed and that the founder of the Woodland School of Art had explained that he had had a vision, a dream, where he'd seen all of his future work laid out before him.

"I had that same vision," Mr. Pheasant said gently, "it was all there, like a long hall: paintings, sculptures, everything." He became emotional at the memory and explained this had been a significant moment for him.

As for the descriptions that Ms. Levesque found so compelling, Mr. Pheasant explained that, "when I finish a painting, I stand back,

look at it, and say to myself 'this is what this means!' Sometimes the descriptions are like automatic writing, and I have to write fast to catch it and get it down. The hand has to be fast following the stream of thinking and sometimes it's hard to write that quickly."

The description on the original of the large mural-style landscape mounted on the outside of the building in an 8' by 18' format explains that, "the land has spirit and we are the land, the rock pulses with energy and movement that we cannot detect. The land shows itself in the form of a rock or landscape, many times like a face; the land keeps us alive, the trees speak and share moments, they live without our help. They are a community and we show them respect. Then there is the everlasting sky, all others beneath him, we offer prayers to the four winds and all directions. We say



An electric vehicle charging station located in the post office parking lot is another addition to the new post office model.

we don't think about these things. We know all these things." This painting is titled, 'We are the land.'

That is the philosophy behind the outdoor art now adorning this 75-year-old

waterfront edifice, in all likelihood a somewhat different vision than would have been expressed at the building's initial opening in the late 1940s.

But on purely practical

grounds, designer Graeme Fleming is very proud of the new look: "space was a challenge, but that was good. We were able to keep it bright with Duncan's artwork on the outside and

inside of the building, helping bridge that this is now both a post office and a community hub."

"We were able to use modern features, especially respecting accessibility (the new single front door is amply wide for wheelchairs).

"Accessibility extends to improvements for staff in their behind-the-scenes work environment."

"The staff here takes pride in their workplace so, for me, that makes it a big success," he happily observed.

For her part, Ms. Levesque, a quarter-century veteran with Canada Post, observed that, "I couldn't believe the volume of mail products that pass through this post office," another indication that the Little Current Post Office was a prime candidate for a more efficient upgrade.

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Health unit sets its COVID-19 risk index, respiratory activity report to inactive status

Respiratory illnesses continue downward trend, while higher risks remain for some people

SUDBURY—With respiratory illness on the decline it has led Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) to set the COVID-19 risk index and respiratory activity report to 'inactive' last week.

"Public health continually assesses local risk based on the evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic and the advancement of scientific understanding. Major factors in the decision to set the risk index tool to inactive at this time include declining trends in respiratory illness, increased population immunity from vaccination or infection, reduced severity of illness and the improved capacity to manage new waves or surges in COVID-19 or other respiratory viruses."

"We launched the risk index tool in the summer of 2022 to help people make informed decisions about their own protective measures, such as masking or gathering, particularly when disease trends were on the rise," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health for PHSD. "Public health's primary goal is to protect our communities' health, particularly among more vulnerable people. As we exit the annual respiratory virus season and enter spring with promising downward illness trends, it's important to remember that some people are still at higher risk of severe illness. You can protect yourself and others by knowing your own personal health risks and taking steps that are right for you to reduce your risk of infection and



severe illness."

PHSD follows best practices and recommendations for infection prevention and control (IPAC). In settings that provide care to vulnerable individuals, like long-term care homes and hospitals, IPAC measures remain in place. "Setting the COVID-19 Risk Index and Respiratory Activity Report to 'inactive' is part of our ongoing efforts to adapt and responds to the evolving situation in our service area while continuing to help ensure the well-being of community members. If necessary, PHSD may reactivate the tool during times of increased risk, for example, to get through a difficult respiratory virus season."

Public Health monitors respiratory disease activity, including COVID-19 and influenza through continuous surveillance. Data on COVID-19 cases, testing, and outbreaks will continue to be published three times a week at phsd.ca/covid-19data. The weekly report: COVID-19 case epidemiology and vaccination program is also updated weekly on Wednesdays.

"Individuals in the community can continue to adopt behaviours to reduce their own personal risk. Vaccination is the most effective way to remain protected and those at high risk of severe illness should book an appointment for their next COVID-19 booster dose this spring. Use Ontario's booster does recommendation tool (www.ontario.ca/vaccine-eligibility/) to find out when you should get a booster dose. Apply personal protective measures based on your age, and vaccination and health status, such as masking and staying home when ill. Consider the risk of those around you and increase precautions based on your health and environment to reduce the burden of illness in our communities."

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SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is reminding parents and guardians to ensure their children are caught up on immunizations and their records with public health are up to date. In support of parents and guardians' efforts, public health is continuing to apply the Immunization School Pupils Act (ISPA), ensuring all students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 are protected against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), and many others. Over the next several weeks, public health will be mailing notification letters to all elementary students whose immunization records need to be updated with public health.

"We recognize that the COVID-19 pandemic caused delays to routine immunizations. As many students are behind on receiving important vaccinations, we want

to give people plenty of time to get their immunizations and records up to date in advance of the 2023-2024 school year," said Hannah Ballantyne, manager with the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program with PHSD. "There are about 4,700 elementary students enrolled in schools across our service area who will receive a letter. It's important to get children up to date on vaccines to protect their health and increase overall community protection. Public health is here to answer any questions to help get kids caught up."

The ISPA requires all Ontario students under 18 years of age to be up to date with their immunization records to attend school in person. Under the ISPA, public health must collect and maintain immunization records for all students under 18 years of age in its service area. Immunizations for school attendance designated under the ISPA are free, safe, and effective, and protect against cases and outbreaks of diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, meningitis, pertussis and chickenpox.

In Ontario, parents and guardians are responsible for reporting immunizations for their school-aged children to a public health unit. Health care providers do not automatically report immunizations for their patients. Parents and guardians can consult their health care provider or PHSD to see if their child's immunizations and records

are up to date. A list of Ontario's publicly funded immunizations that a child can receive free of charge is available at ontario.ca.

PHSD recommends that parents check your child's immunization record for any missing vaccines by visiting Immunization Connect Ontario (ICON). Make an appointment for your child for any missing information immunizations with your health care provider or PHSD. Update your child's immunization record with PHSD using one of the following methods: visit the ICON website; call PHSD at 705-522-9200, extension 458 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200), or send a fax to 705-522-5182 (confidential).

Parents and guardians should be aware that students whose records remain out of date with public health at the start of the 2023-2024 school year could be suspended from school activities. Public health nurses are available to answer your questions by phone, email, and in person. Appointments for immunizations are available at PHSD offices during regular business hours. Evening and weekend appointments are currently available at public health's 1300 Paris Street location in Sudbury.

For more information on immunization requirements or exemptions, parents and guardians can call PHSD at 705-522-9200, extension 458 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200), email ispa@phsd.ca, or visit phsd.ca.

thank you

We would like to reach out and thank the special people who made it possible to keep our mother comfortable and in her home for her final days. It would not have been possible to do so without their help. Deb Selent, Murray Burnett, Judy Hyatt, Michael Taggart, Peg and Gerry Green, Joanne Wade and Al Clark, Dr. Roy Jeffery and Christie O'Brien. This would not have been possible without your love and support. She knew each and every time you were there to care for her, sit with her or just be there and love her. In her final day, she had visits, calls and FaceTimes with those she loved and it meant everything and knew each time you reached out. From the bottom of our hearts, the family of Connie Pinand, Deb, Murray, Steve, Deb, Walter, Karen and Debbie R.

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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. Please wear a mask. If you have questions, please call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily. Everyone is welcome.

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Willing to host a Crafting Circle in my home in Sheguiandah. Knitting, beadwork, crocheting and more. It would be a great social opportunity. If interested in being part of the group call Lynn Hoar at 416-508-3005.

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church services

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

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spirituality

The Gospel in one word is love. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in Him. (Obey Him and does what God commands) should not perish but have everlasting life." JOHN 3:16. Please note the word everlasting, it means that it does not only produce blessings for this life, but it also concerns your eternal destiny. My definition for the biblical meaning of love is: "A concern for the mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and eternal well-being of the beloved." 1 JOHN 5:3 says: "this is the love of God that we keep (obey) His commandments." 2 JOHN 6: "this is love that we walk after His commandments."

JOHN 14:15: "If ye love Me, keep my commandments." JOHN 14:21: "He that has My commandments and keeps them, He is the one that loves Me." JOHN 14:23: "If a man loves Me, he will keep (obey) My words (commandments)." The first thing you need to know about love is that you cannot separate it from obedience to God's commandments. As in the decalogue God says: "but showing love (mercy) unto thousands of them that love Me and keep My commandments," EX.20:6, DEUT 5:10, It is evident that the commandments you obey when you love God and your neighbour are the ten commandments and they include the sanctifying of the 7th day sabbath." Jesus died to pay the penalty for your sin. To understand what this really means, we must first understand the meaning of the word sin.

1) Sin is the transgression of God's law (commandments), 1 JOHN 3:4
 2) Sin is knowing what God wants you to do and not doing it, JAMES 4:17
 3) Sin is rejecting God's word, Jesus Christ (the living word) and the Bible or a part of it, 1 SAM 15:23. In order to receive this love of God (eternal life) we must first acknowledge, confess that we are sinners (have disobeyed God.)

Second, we need to repent, that means we make a decision that in the future we intend to obey God's commandment. And third we need to identify ourselves with Jesus Christ in His death, burial and resurrection as payment for our sin by baptism (complete immersion in water) in the name of Jesus, ROM 6:1-6. This new life will manifest itself by the Holy Spirit taking up residence in your life and empowering you to live in obedience to God. What the message of the New Testament is all about is how God established the new covenant. Please note the Greek word for covenant is the same as for testament, but today the New Testament refers to that part of the Bible that was written after Jesus was crucified. But the new covenant is the empowering of the Holy Spirit to obey the decalogue, HEBR 8:8-10, or the writing of the decalogue in the heart of believers, ROM 2:14+15, 2COR.3:3. Yes the promise is that when you love, you will obey the decalogue and the results will be your mental, emotional, physical, spiritual and your eternal health, DEUT 28:1-15, and your obedience will also produce material blessings.

For more information, please contact Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin, Search for Truth Biblical Ministries, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1G0.

for sale

Bunkie - Mindemoya. Perfect for a hunt camp or sleep camp, 16' x 24'. Fits on a flatbed. Finished interior, furnished with sofa bed, loveseat, easy chair, two side tables and coffee table, all maple. Small fridge, large area rug and wood stove. Wired for electricity. \$25,000 OBO, moved at purchaser's expense. Contact Miv, 705-562-7783. Pictures available and can be emailed.

49-50c

Golden Falcon Park Avenue Trailer, 36', sleeps four, includes washer/dryer, propane furnace, air conditioner, new hot water heater, new microwave, fridge, propane gas range, three-piece bath, two tip outs, fully furnished, 10' x 36' deck. Excellent condition. Phone 705-869-7657 or 705-869-7755.

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wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289.

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DO YOU OWN MANITOULIN COASTAL PROPERTY? Would you consider hosting a kind human and gentle dog with a tiny camper trailer on your land? Details: teardroptrailertravels.ca/visit.

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rentals

One-bedroom basement apartment in Manitowaning. \$800, utilities included. Text 289-404-0495.

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coming events

Rummage Sale, Saturday, June 3 from 9 am to 3 pm, rain or shine. Mark your calendars and come out to All Saints Anglican Church, Gore Bay. Something for everyone and then some! Bring your own bags to fill. Please think of us as you do your spring cleaning! All donations gratefully received at the church on Thursday, June 1 or call to make other arrangements. Proceeds go to Breakfast Club at C.C McLean Public School, MSS Living Well Locker and Strawberry Point Children's Camp. We hope to see you there. For more information, call 705-282-7066.

50-2p

Manitoulin Community Choir FRESH AIR concert Saturday, May 6 at 7 pm in the Kagawong Pavilion. Admission: \$10 each or \$25 per family. Bring your own chair, and maybe a blanket. Or come to our dress rehearsal Friday, May 5 at 7 pm, by donation.

48-50c

Mother's Day Lunch, Saturday, May 13, 11 am to 2 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong. Dainty sandwiches, delectable desserts and beverages. A fundraiser for St. John's Anglican Church. \$20 at the door.

49-51p

Legion Events

Breakfast Brunch at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current Branch 177 on Sunday, June 4 from 10 am to 1 pm. Adults, \$15; children 6 to 10, \$8; kids under 5, free. Serving eggs, bacon, sausages, homefries and French toast. Also includes toast, coffee, tea and juice for the kids. Please support your Legion so we can support community events.

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Email your advertisement!

**expositor
@manitoulin.com**

coming events

Bone Health 101: What you need to know about your bone health. Saturday, May 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Little Current United Church, in person or via zoom. To register or to find out more, email cpearcy@osteoporosis.ca or call 1-800-463-6842 ext. 2475. Presentation includes: What osteoporosis is; the risk of fracturing a bone; maintaining healthy bones; impact of nutrition and physical activity; and fall prevention. Did you know at least one in three women and one in five men will suffer from an osteoporotic fracture in their life? Learn how to reduce your risk.

49-50p

Clothing exchange at Grace Bible Church, 4 Draper Street East, Little Current on Wednesday, May 3 from 9:30 am to 12 noon and Saturday, May 6 from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Bring your new or gently used clothing (ladies/children/men) footwear and jewelry; bring your new/unopened hair care, cosmetics/fragrance, skin care or body care products. All above items are for trade exchange at this event. Coffee and tea provided.

49-50p

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, shoes, household, books and miscellaneous.

50-2p

Ladies! You are invited to morning coffee/tea and conversation each Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Grace Bible Church, 10 Draper Street East, Little Current.

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yard sale

Yard Sale, Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5 from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, May 6 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Little Current United Church. Donations to Mission Work.

48-50p

Yard Sale, Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at 78 Meredith Street West, Little Current. Lots of household items and a bit of everything.

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Gore Bay Theatre
presents
One-Actmanship
a comedy by Norm Foster
Friday, May 12
Saturday, May 13

All tickets sold at door.
No advance tickets.


Doors open at 7 pm | Curtain at 7:30 pm

\$20 (cash only)
All Performances at the Gore Bay Community Hall

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MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

TENDER

**MINDEMOYA SIDEWALK SNOWPLOW
FOUR YEAR CONTRACT**

Sealed tenders will be received by the Municipality up to and including, **NOON Wednesday, May 31, 2023.**

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

Tenders must be submitted on an Official Tender Form available at the Municipal office during regular office hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

For further information please contact
Denise Deforge, CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
PO Box 420, 6020 Hwy 542
Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
(705) 377-5726
ddeforge@centralmanitoulin.ca

Manitoulin Centennial Manor

FUEL OIL TENDER

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor invites tenders for the supply of heating fuel oil to 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, commencing June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. Fuel consumption is approximately 100,000 litres.

All bidding companies must complete a Contract Bid Form which can be mailed or emailed. Tenders must be received at the Administration office by **May 19th, 2023 before 1600 hours** and must be in a sealed envelope marked "Fuel Tender".

Forward tenders to:
**Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Attn: Board of Management
Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0**

For further information contact:
Don Cook at (705) 368-2710 Ext. 312

Manitoulin Centennial Manor

TENDER

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor is accepting bids for:

1. The install only of new Cupboards and Counters in upper and lower dining room serveries.
2. Realignment of lower exit to courtyard.

Project Scope for #1 is to remove old existing cupboards and counters and install the new units that are already on site. Work would have to be scheduled around resident's meals, so some evening work may be involved.

Project Scope for #2 is to remove inner exit door with handicap opener and frame, to then reinstall in new location.

For more information on the scope of the project or to submit a bid please contact:
Don Cook
Administrator
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
70 Robinson St., Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0
Fax 705 368-2694
Email: dcook@extendicare.com

Bids are accepted up to May 31, 2023
Lowest bid not necessarily chosen

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Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are not yet in person due to the pandemic but can support over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer Support group contacts Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns. tfn

Christian Counselling: Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com. tfn

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

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. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-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.

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.

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. tfn

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. tfn


Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 11 am.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Brea.

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We want to hear from you! Our committees allow you to share your ideas and time to make the Township of Billings a better place to be.

The Township of Billings is looking for one citizen interested in making a contribution to their community to sit on the Short-Term Rental Accommodation Licence Appeal Committee.

WHAT IS THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION (STAR) LICENCE APPEAL COMMITTEE?

The Short-Term Accommodation By-Law establishes a Licencing Appeal Committee. The Committee will participate in the hearing process to heard and render decisions regarding the refusal, revocation or suspension of a STAR Licence, and the imposing of terms and conditions on a Licence.

To view the STAR By-Law, please visit the Township of Billings Website or email tmills@billingstwp.ca for a copy.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Please complete the application form and return it to Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk by email at tmills@billingstwp.ca or in-person at the Township Office (15 Old Mill Road, Kagawong) by Friday, May 12th, 2023 @ 12 pm.

You must be 18 years of age or older and a resident or property owner in the Township of Billings to qualify. The Township of Billings is pleased to accommodate individual needs in accordance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), within our recruitment process. If you require accommodation at any time throughout the recruitment process, please contact Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk at (705) 282-2611 ext. 225 or email tmills@billingstwp.ca. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will only be used for the purpose of candidate selection.

WHAT IS THE SELECTION PROCESS?

All appointments are made by Council. After appointments are finalized by By-Law, the Deputy-Clerk will notify all applicants, informing them of the Council's decision.

WHAT IS THE TERM?

Unless otherwise legislated, the term of appointment coincides with the existing term of Council who appointed them (2022 - 2026).

Short-term accommodation rental bylaws keeps things in balance, say local realtors

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Having short-term accommodation rental (STAR) bylaws in place provides for a balance between those visiting an area like Manitoulin Island and those people who need long-term or permanent housing to live and work.

“STAR keeps things in balance,” says Laurel Price of My Manitoulin Real Estate, in Kagawong, who recently forwarded a letter to Billings Township council indicating she is in favour of the township having established a STAR bylaw. “The need of tourism really has to be balanced with having long-term accommodations in place. STAR bylaws help bring some balance to the situation.”

“I think for the sake of the long-term economy of the area we need to be able to accommodate people who are coming here to work in our hospitals, Manitoulin Transport and other businesses. These people need to be able to own and live in a house,” said Ms. Price. “Most of the three season accommodations are not suitable for this. It won’t help these people.”

“Here and in many areas, properties are being bought up by people who are not living there and only renting them out. It’s the same old story across NJ24

orth America,” said Ms. Price. “Investors buy properties for short-term rentals, and they are not on-site. But, for instance, those people who own and run bed and breakfast businesses, these owners live in the house/cottage. And if they have people renting from them that are acting up or making problems, they can resolve the issue. With STAR bylaws in place there are required buyer or in this case renter code of contact and inspections in place. And for licenced STAR operators, they pay taxes, like other businesses are required to do.”

By having STAR bylaws in place, “it levels the playing field for those that are doing things the right way,” said Ms. Price. “And look at what happened in Montreal where the family was killed in a fire when they had been staying illegally at an Airbnb.

“The vast majority of people are doing the right thing and are complying with the bylaws,” said Ms. Price. “Then there are always the vacant accommodation places whose renters may infringe on the rights of their neighbour if the owner of the property is not on hand. If you are going to do it, do it right, safely and wisely.”

“Is the STAR bylaw in Billings perfect? No bylaw is. As time goes by some amendments may need to be made to it. But the bylaw tries to make things fair for everyone,” Ms. Price continued. “The issue is finding balance so people can enjoy their property with the needs of accommodating tourists on the Island, so there is balance.”

Ms. Price, in a letter she and her husband Garry Price, who is also a realtor, forwarded to Billings council dated April 4 reads, “As residents of Billings and also as realtors, we have some concerns about the article in this week’s Expositor regarding the short-term rental bylaw. We believe this bylaw was enacted for the good of all the community, including those who are subject to the STAR bylaw.”

“As realtors, we have noted that out of town investors have literally decimated the lower priced home market leaving first time home buyers and investors who rent long term out of the market altogether,” the letter reads. “Most of these have been purchased by those who rent the properties for three or four months leaving them vacant for the rest of the year. We receive several phone calls a month asking if we know of any long-term rentals on the Island

for people who are coming for work at the hospital, and elsewhere. Sadly, there seems to be few rentals available for these people.”

It has been implied that, “those townships with rules are determined to force ‘the little guy’ out of business when really, it’s an expectation that will allow everyone to be able to use and enjoy their property, including the neighbours who had lost some of that freedom prior to this important bylaw,” the couple adds. “We believe that those who are honestly trying to make a living and provide housing for tourism that is so vital to our economy have taken this in stride and are complying.”

“We hope and trust that our mayor and council will not be swayed by what appears to be a minority group of people complaining about rules that are in place for the good of all of us,” the Prices conclude.

Death Notices

MARION VIRGINIA CASE

(nee Freeman)

December 7, 1928 – April 22, 2023



It is with great sadness, that the family of Marion Case, announce her passing at Centennial Manor in Little Current on April 22, 2023 at the age of 94. Marion was born to Ernest and Mildred (Russell) Freeman in Tehkummah, ON on December 7, 1928. Marion was the fifth born child

to the couple. Predeceased by her husband, Harold Joseph Case (March 5, 2009). Harold and Marion were married on October 4, 1949. Marion will be missed by her dear friend, Douglas McMurray, who she travelled with and shared many fun adventures. Cherished mother of Buddy Case (deceased September 13, 2008), David (Sherry) Case and Joyce (Joe) Holmes. Loving grandmother of Tara (Ray) Reckahn, Tavis (Alisha) Case, Crystal (Robert) Perigo and Nicholas (Melanie) Holmes. Great-grandmother to Jacob Bebamash, Skylar Reckahn, Hunter and Avery Perigo, and Noah and Jordyn Holmes. Sister of Olive Freeman (predeceased) and Larry Freeman (predeceased), Gelena Hopkins (predeceased), Earl Freeman (predeceased), Lynn Freeman (predeceased), Lorraine Eadie (predeceased), Dick Freeman (predeceased), Margaret Ann DiBonaventura (predeceased), Beth Lawson (predeceased). Survived by siblings Conrad (Judy) Freeman, Myrna (Ken) Beaton and Brenda (David) Lavell. Marion will be missed by many nieces and nephews. The family wishes to thank the Centennial Manor, Dr. Bedard and Dr. McDonald for their compassionate care. The family will gather for a graveside service on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 2 pm at Hilly Grove Cemetery in Manitowaning. Everyone who knew Marion is welcome to attend. Should you choose, donations can be made to a charity of your choice in Marion’s memory.



A whole lot of helping hands

Volunteers with the Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary were feted at volunteer appreciation event. The auxiliary is excited that they are able to once again operate their tuck cart. Many hands make light work and any interested individuals who wish to assist with their valuable contribution to the quality of life of patients at the Manitoulin Health Centre to attend their next meeting on Monday, May 8 at 7 pm at the Little Current United Church.

Death Notices

CONNIE PINAND

(nee Elliott)

1935-2023



Connie Pinand (nee Elliott) passed peacefully with her family by her side in the comfort of her home on April 21, 2023. Predeceased by her parents Art and Edna Elliott. Loving surviving sister to Judy (Rod) Hyatt, predeceased by siblings Freddie (Daisy) Elliott, Freda (John) Farquhar, Jiggs (Audrey)

Elliott, Marie (Don) McIntyre and Marlene (Glen) Pringle. Wife of Charles Pinand (predeceased). Predeceased by son Tim (Debbie) O’Connor. Special loving mother to Deb (Murray), Steve (Deb Selent) and Walter (Karen Cranney). Cherished grandmother to Kraig, Brett (Kara), Brendan (Jesalyn), Terrance (Courtney), Chantelle (James), Aimee (Randy), Terri Lynn (Dan), Natasha (Nick), Tabby (Steve), Miranda (Steve) and Tyler Cranney. Beloved great-grandmother to Arianna and Maeve Burnett, Dominik and Sienna Laurent, Ayla and Max Falcioni, Nico Mahoney, Greyson Cannon, Nathan and Noah Sirski. Connie leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends with cherished memories of time spent together. Throughout her lifetime she touched many people’s lives with her loving, caring and generous soul. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Donations in Connie’s memory can be made to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

BARBARA ELLEN MOGGY

(nee Ferguson)

April 5, 1932 - April 25, 2023



In loving memory of Barbara Ellen Moggy (nee Ferguson) who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at the age of 91. Daughter of the late William and Kathleen Ferguson (nee Cox). Beloved wife of the late Caryl Moggy. Loving mother of Peter (Marsha)

Moggy, Kathy (Jed) Graham and James (Angie) Moggy. Forever loved by her grandchildren Matthew (Angel), Jennifer, Meghan (Mark), Alex (Jennie), Corey (Marissa), Cassie (Patrick), Abby, Gracie, Leah, Carter, Emily, Marshal, Liam, Grayson, Ian, Alisia and Hailey. Proud great-grandma of Willa. Cherished sister of Monica (predeceased) (Jim) Corrigan, Charles (Audie) Ferguson (both predeceased), Bill Ferguson (predeceased), Earl (predeceased) (Eileen) Leeson, Ralph (Audrey) Moggy (both predeceased), Leona (Herb) Reid (both predeceased), Melvin (predeceased) (Linda) Moggy and Bruce (Joanne) Moggy. Will be fondly remembered by her special niece Sharlene VanHorn. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Barbara was an avid fan of both the Toronto Blue Jays and the Toronto Maple Leafs. She even went out with the win of the Maple Leafs. She was world famous for her amazing baking. But most importantly she was a wonderful mother, grandma and great grandma. Family and friends will gather for a graveside service in the Mindemoya Cemetery on Saturday, May 13, 2023 at 1 pm with Rev. Catherine Hazlitt officiating.

ANN MCQUAY GAGE

December 11, 1934 - April 12, 2023

Ann McQuay Gage of Ellington, Connecticut, US, beloved wife of James Gage, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 12, 2023 at a Bridges Assisted Living Facility, USA. Ann was born to Dr. Russell McQuay and Gladys McQuay in Mindemoya on December 11, 1934. She was part of a medical family. Her father and older brother were doctors, and her two sisters were registered nurses. Ann received her RN training at Kingston General Hospital in Kingston, Ontario and later earned a BS in nursing from Central Connecticut State University. She served in hospitals in Kingston, Vancouver, Boston, Massachusetts and Rockville. Ann married Jim in 1961 and became a US citizen. She is survived by her husband and three children, son John and his wife Kelley, daughter Jennifer and her husband Paul, daughter Amy and her husband Matt; as well as six grandchildren, Emma, Katharine, Ryan, Sarah, John and Lizzy. In Canada she is survived by her brother Tom McQuay and his wife Barbara. Ann was an expert skier, a competitive tennis player, a salt-water sailor and an enthusiastic figure skater. She loved the beaches of Rhode Island, Maine and the Bahamas. Ann was the world’s best grandmother and spent endless hours doing whatever activity the grandchildren enjoyed. She seldom missed their hockey games, lacrosse games, soccer games, skating competitions, school band concerts or graduations. Ann loved to travel and visited many states and Canadian provinces. She visited Europe and Africa several times. A four-month trip around the world included Asia, Australia and South Sea Islands. A family gathering will be planned this summer at a favourite beach to Celebrate her Life. Donations may be made to Save the Children.

Cycling Advocates creates dynamic tourism experience that travels with users

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) is partnering with app developer Driftscape to offer new and innovative ways for visitors to discover the Island through a series of story driven tours called the Manitoulin Outdoor Digital Experience Museum (MODEM).

MICA tours have primarily provided experiences for cyclists during the non-profits 10 plus years of operation, however these new excursions will expand their offerings to all visitors including hik-

ers and motorists alike. "Manitoulin is known for being the largest freshwater island in the world, but I think we are probably also going to be the largest tours in the digital world as well," said Maja Mielonen, president of MICA. "MODEM will continually evolve and grow and we will be able to maximize its potential by adding more to it, ideally the stories that you (members of the public) want us to tell."

The tours are an in-depth collection of writing, images and videos, comprising over 180 points of

interest (also called 'stops') that can be instantly accessed on a smartphone through the app. Even better, the tours boast audio recordings that auto play after starting a tour and when you are near a stop, which allows cyclists and motorists to safely enjoy a hands-free experience while exploring Manitoulin. The routes highlight the Island's multicultural history, local stories, its wide variety of fauna and flora as well as geological facts and quirky anecdotes. MODEM tours are currently available in Eng-

lish and French, both in written and audio format, and will eventually be translated into other languages to provide inclusivity to the broad range of visitors that MICA attracts to the Island each year.

There are currently 11 cycling tours of varying distance that start in seven different Island locations, with some more suitable for leisurely riders and others ideal for hard-core adventurers. There are also two vehicular itineraries that make for perfect cross-Island road trips. Future plans and expan-

sions to MODEM include walking tours and scavenger hunts, as well as opportunities for local businesses and organizations to put themselves on the map.

MODEM tours can be accessed by downloading the Driftscape app, which is free and available on Android and iOS devices, but they can also be browsed on www.manitoulincycling.com. However, the app is highly recommended for the best possible experience as it is intended to be your guide while exploring Manitoulin.

Ms. Mielonen will be reaching out and seeking new opportunities to work with more groups such as municipalities to further highlight and promote the region of Manitoulin and the Islands. MODEM is and will continue to be free for all to access for the next two years while developing a sustainable strategy that

can be inclusive and beneficial to those it serves. This project was made possible with funds from Fed-Nor's COVID Tourism Recovery Fund, Destination Northern Ontario and MICA.

For more information, or if you have a story you would like to tell, please email manitoulincycling@yahoo.ca



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Construction of new Billings fire hall begins

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Construction has started on the new Billings Township fire hall.

"It is going to be a reconstruction of what was there," said Todd Gordon, Billings municipal project manager. He noted Quinan Construction Limited is building the new fire hall building.

The Billings fire hall is being replaced after the complete demolition and asbestos abatement of the deteriorated block structure right down to the foundation completed by Continental Insulation from Sudbury. The work, being overseen by Tulloch Engineering from Sault Ste. Marie, involves the construction of new exterior foundation walls by McCann Concrete Forming and Finishing, new wood frame walls and truss roof supplied by Pat Noble Lumber and Northern Truss respectively. The interior will feature new electrical distribu-



Construction started on the Billings township fire hall last week.

tion with high efficiency LED lighting provided by Dave Hall Electric, a new propane fired radiant heating system CO2 evacuation system and furnace by Campbell Heating Inc. There will be new plumbing and drainage, connection to septic and fixtures all by Strain's Plumbing of Gore Bay.

The building will feature new

Dutch hip roof style with asphalt shingle roofing and new Vic West steel siding. New insulated high R value overhead doors are being provided by Garage Door Store of Barrie.

"The building will be the same footprint size (as the former fire hall), but instead of masonry block it will be a wood frame with a sloped roof," said Mr. Gordon. "The building will provide for the same square footage and layout, with two bays."

Mr. Gordon said the construction is expected to take approximately 26 weeks, so it will be late fall or early winter when the building is complete.

The tender cost of the building is \$1,563,000 to complete. The township has forwarded funding applications for the project costs to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund which, if approved, will provide for a substantial part of the construction project.

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403H Lakeshore Drive next to Lake Mindemoya on M'Chigeeng FN is a bungalow 768 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, 3 pc. bath, large great room & storage. Extras include a 20 ft. wide section of shoreline for a dock, double garage, sauna needing some work, drilled well, septic system, appliances & a firepit for the evening gatherings. Annual fee \$979. No taxes. \$130,000 (1587)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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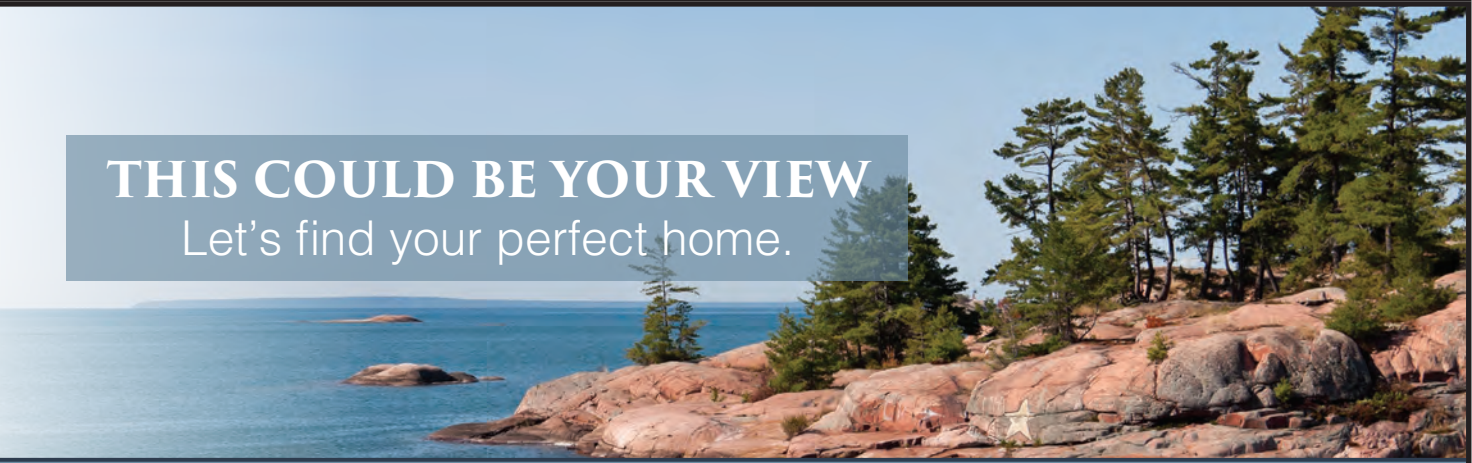
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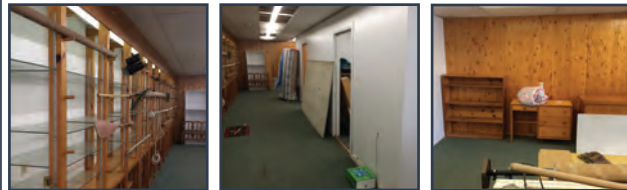


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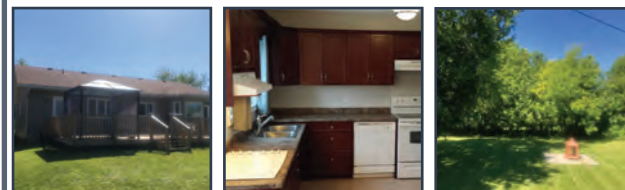
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Wiikwemkoong hockey player drafted by Windsor Spitfires

by Tom Sasvari

WIKWEMKOONG—Jack Nesbitt of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was drafted 20th overall by the Windsor Spitfires in the first round of the recent Ontario Hockey League (OHL) priority selection draft.

The 16-year-old Mr. Nesbitt, who lives in Sarnia (and whose mother is from Wiikwemkoong) was a centre on the Lambton Jr. Sting's AAA under 16 team this past season. He was the captain and leading scorer with the team this year, scoring 20 goals and garnering 20 assists in 28 games.

Lambton Jr. Sting coach Brad Riley described Jack, who is 6'4" and 180 pounds, as being "skilled to the nines."

"He's gifted," Mr. Riley told the Sarnia Journal April 21. "When he's on the ice, you know he's a special player, that's for sure."

Bill Bowler, general manager of the Windsor Spitfires told The Windsor Star April 21 that Jack is "just a complete hockey player. He can play in any situation



Jack Nesbitt has been drafted to the OHL's Windsor Spitfires.

and any type of game. He has the offensive ability and is physical. He has a lot of potential at that size and frame, and we're excited and thrilled to get him at 20 (in the draft)."

Jack told the Star being drafted, "feels great and amazing."

He was a member of

Team Ontario's gold-medal winning team at this year's Canada Winter games along with Dustin Peltier, a coach on the team (who also is a Wiikwemkoong band member and lives in Little Current) and helped the Jr. Sting reach a wild-card game at the OHL Cup.

Trillium funding enables Gore Bay Curling renos

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—With the financial support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), the Gore Bay Curling Club was able to do some necessary work to the building in 2022.

"Good afternoon everyone, and welcome to the Gore Bay Curling Club," said Dan Marois, president of the club in a ceremony last Friday afternoon, prior to the first draw for the annual curffle event.

"Today, we are recognizing the OTF for the funding of various projects accomplished during the 2022 calendar year," said Mr. Marois. He explained the curling club has been operating in its current location since 1983, and overall since 1903. "This would not have been accomplished without the great support/work of our volunteers, and the assistance of such programs as the OTF."

Mr. Marois provided a summary of the OTF funding, and the projects completed as a result of the funding. "We received \$31,200 from the Community Building Fund. The money went towards changing the two front windows and repairing water damage to the sills, upgrading our electric heaters throughout the building, upstairs and downstairs. The work also included replacing the two furnaces on our ice surfaces. The originals were in place for 20 plus years, so they were at the end of their

lifetime frame."

"We would like to give a shout out of thanks to the local contractors, Kerry Chatwell, Island Heating/Air Conditioning and Addison Electric," said Mr. Marois. "Also, a special shout out to Elva Carter who handled the ceremony and was in contact with OTF."

"As stated earlier, the club has been providing recreational activities for over 120 years," continued Mr. Marois. "During the winter, we provide two days and two nights of curling during the week, along with a men's and ladies' bonspiel, various one-day functions, and we close our curling season with curffle, an event invented by Bill Clark, a local member, which has turned out to be our largest fundraiser. We are also open to private functions year-round."

"We did not curl the winter of 2020-2021 due to COVID and had a reduced season last year. The funding provided made an integral contribution to helping us kick-start the 2022/2023 season," said Mr. Marois. "It is support like this that helps us provide a service to the surrounding communities. This brings us to our guest speaker, Ron Lane, the Mayor of Gore Bay."

"I would like to thank Dan for introducing me here today to this event," said May-

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FINALLY!—Kevin and Mel Aelick and granddaughter Juniper pose happily under the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team flag that flies hopefully in front of their Robinson Street home in Little Current, year-round. The moment was last Sunday morning, following the Leafs overtime victory in the quarter-finals against the powerhouse Tampa Bay Lightning the night before, the team's first post-season series win in 19 years. Little Juniper is wrapped, of course, in a Maple Leafs-themed blanket! The Leafs will face the Florida Panthers in the next round while the Aelicks' flag will remain proudly flying.

Expositor staff photo

When round one feels like the Stanley Cup

by Mike Brock

You don't have to be a fan of the Toronto Maple Leafs to understand what the team's first round win over the Tampa Bay Lightning meant last weekend. You don't have to like it, either. But, if you're any kind of Canadian sports fan, you should be rooting for the Buds the rest of the way. And here's why.

This team—the one with Matthews and Marner and Rielly and Willie—is different than all the other ones that you've learned to love or hate. They have carved their own path. Yes, John Tavares was a big deal free agent signing, but that's about it. If you're talking about big deal free agent signings, think about the last time the Leafs won a playoff series. Late season additions and Hall of Famers Ron Francis, Brian Leetch and Joe Nieuwendyk were all on that team. This year's team is different. The current team has grown up together, and they have learned all the lessons, good and bad. They are only fighting their own battles. There are no ghosts of the past, at least not after last Saturday night. To move onto the second round only felt like winning the Stanley Cup because it was further than the Blue and White have climbed up the mountain than they have the last two decades.

It's funny, for all the hate that the Toronto Maple Leafs and their legion absorb, it's pertinent to remember that every single team in the National Hockey League grew up wanting to be the Toronto Maple Leafs or the Montreal Canadiens. Every single hockey fan grew up wanting their team to be like the Toronto Maple Leafs or Montreal Canadiens. Maybe your crazy uncle from Sudbury might have wanted to be the Bruins, but everyone else looked to the originals for inspiration. Since expansion, the equations and expectations have changed for sure, but there is no denying that the Toronto Maple Leafs are on hockey's mantle, regardless of their playoff record "late-ly" (ie. half century plus six).

The numbers sure aren't pretty. Here are some of the ugliest: 50, 18, 10 and 3.

I'm almost 50 years old and have never seen a parade down Yonge Street. There are 18 teams that have won at least one Stanley Cup since the Leafs' last win. The Montreal Canadiens have won 10 Cups since 1967. (Yes, that is absolutely the worst, ugliest, stinkiest, most upsetting

number I've seen since my Grade 12 calculus exam.) The Tampa Bay Lightning, who played at the Florida State Fairgrounds for their first few years, have won three Cups in the last 19 years. But, as ugly as those numbers are, the forward momentum of this spring's squad doesn't care about math, or history, and that's the point.

Of course the Leafs and Leafs Nation would be most satisfied with a Stanley Cup win. But fans of the Blue and White should celebrate this new era, and the dead skin of history that this team has shed on their way to the second round.

When the Milwaukee Bucks were eliminated from the NBA playoffs last week, Giannis Antetokounmpo was asked whether or not he considered this season to be a failure because they hadn't won the championship. The NBA champion and two-time MVP said, "There's no failure in sports. You know, there's good days, bad days. Some days you are able to be successful. Some days you are not. Some days it's your turn, some days it's not your turn. And that's what sports is about. You don't always win." Well known winner Steve Kerr, the Golden State Warriors' head coach agreed with Giannis: "It can't just be a zero sum game." There are winners and losers, but they are all pulling in the same direction. They are all trying to get to the same place.

Just because the Bucks didn't win the trophy doesn't mean that their fans didn't enjoy the season, that their players didn't get better, that the value of their franchise didn't grow. Likewise, this season is a success for the Leafs because they have moved the puck forward. Regardless of how you feel about the team, or the emotional baggage you carry from decades of disappointment, do yourself a favour and enjoy the rest of the playoffs.

With monkeys off backs, chips off shoulders, these Maple Leafs should be really fun to watch the rest of the way. While they haven't yet won their Stanley Cup, they've already slayed their demons and put the wicked curse to bed. They are, as "they" say, playing with house money from here on out. As fans of hockey, we should enjoy the ride. I, for one, know that my unwashed Leafs' hoodie has room for a few more stains before this playoff run is over.

..Trillium funding enables Gore Bay Curling renos

...continued from page 1A or Lane. "I haven't been in here (curling club) for a while. But I go by the curling club a lot in my travels and I see a lot of vehicles in the parking lot and the lights on in the club. I understand you have many new members and having the curling club helps to integrate new people to the town and area."

"I want to thank the club for inviting me here today, and congratulate you on

receiving the funding," said Mayor Lane. "Grants such as this from Trillium don't come around every day. The funding you have received for the heating, windows and furnaces will help keep the club going for many more years."

Mayor Lane said the town is lucky to be able to help provide the community hall, arena, and curling club to provide a place to exercise, and socialize for local and neighbouring residents. "Fortunately, the

club is able to do all of this again (following the pandemic)."

On the long history of the curling club Mayor Lane said, "when I returned from university in the 1970s the curling club was still located downtown. My dad (John Lane) always loved to curl especially in the mixed bonspiels. He and my uncle Larry, Marilyn Clarke and Betty Smyth would always play in this event. He always made time for the mixed bonspiel

every year." "In closing, on behalf of the club, we would like to thank everyone for attending. We will be beginning our curffle event shortly, so please enjoy our hospitality. Thank you," added Mr. Marois.



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 Excellent remuneration and start at three weeks' vacation pay for the qualified applicant.
 Experience with office administration and strong personal and computer skills an asset.

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SEASONAL WORKERS

Lafarge North America in Meldrum Bay has openings for seasonal workers. Shift work will be required.

Lafarge is an equal-opportunity employer.

Preference will be given to those people with heavy equipment experience and maintenance background.

Lafarge offers a competitive wage and benefit package.

If interested please contact Kevin at (705) 283-3011 ext. 224.

We thank all who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Employment Opportunity

Manitoulin Centennial Manor

DIETARY AIDE / COOK

Casual/Part-Time – \$22.00 per hour

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Looking for an enthusiastic energetic person to join our team of dietary professionals at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility, located in Little Current, ON.
- Report to the Dietary Manager.
- Help with serving food to residents according to individual diets and preferences.
- Assist Cooks to clean and prepare such uncooked food as salads, vegetables and fruits.
- Clear plates and trays, load and operate dishwasher. Clean pots, pans and cooking utensils.
- Participate in proper storage and labelling of dietary supplies and food, including leftovers.
- Assemble nourishment carts. Stock unit kitchenettes.
- Prepare food for the residents (dinner, sauces, desserts, etc).
- Clean production area and equipment.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Safe Food Handlers Certificate
- Experience in institutional large quantity cooking preferred
- Ability to work safely, following established safety practices and procedures
- Ability to read and write English, and understand moderately complex verbal and written instructions in English
- Must be fully covid-19 vaccinated - 1st and 2nd shot

Interested applicants may forward their resume to the attention of:

Kim McFarlane
kimcfarlane@extendicare.com



Director, Indigenous Public Health and Equity (Job opportunity)

Full-time Permanent-Recruitment #23-136 (Non-Union)

Division: To be determined
Location: Main Office, 1300 Paris Street, Sudbury, ON
Work Location Arrangement: Partial On-site - the position requires a combination of regular on-site and remote work. Reasons and schedules can vary, but worker attends on-site regularly (for example, each week).
Salary: \$119,501.20 - \$137,410.00/annually

Position summary:
 Reporting to the Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, the Director, Indigenous Public Health and Health Equity is responsible for the effective leadership, management, and supervision of Indigenous engagement, health equity, racial equity, public mental health foundations, and public health programs as assigned. The Director has a deep understanding of Indigenous cultures and is responsible for leadership in furthering the agency's commitment to Indigenous reconciliation, in alignment with the Ontario Public Health Standards and applicable guidelines, including the [Relationship with Indigenous Communities Guideline \(2018\)](#). This includes respectful engagement with key stakeholders, assessing strengths, needs and gaps, conducting knowledge exchange, and engaging in evaluation and research. This also includes recognizing and identifying opportunities to promote different ways of knowing and Indigenous concepts of health. The Director also has specialized knowledge and demonstrated leadership in the area of health equity, racial equity, diversity and inclusion, and public mental health foundations, and is responsible for leading the implementation of the Ontario Public Health Standards (OPHS) Health Equity standard and for organizational-level mental health promotion strategies. Further, the Director has experience with public health or community programming and will lead program areas as assigned based on experience. As a member of the senior management team, the Director contributes to excellence in leadership of the organization and effectively participates in co-operative planning and decision-making across the agency. The work of the Director is guided by internal and external structures and is supported by agency program, research, health equity, and communications leaders.

Qualifications:

- Strong understanding of Indigenous perspectives, cultures, and local Indigenous and community groups and agencies.
- In-depth understanding of current issues affecting Indigenous communities, particularly related to health and public health.
- Awareness of federal and provincial government past and current policies and practices and their impact on Indigenous health.
- Knowledge of the history and present context of Indigenous governments, organizations and peoples in the area served by Public Health Sudbury & Districts and beyond, including the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and Treaty 9.
- Familiarity with the structure and history of Indigenous communities within the area served by Public Health Sudbury & Districts and beyond.
- Ability to engage in collaborative processes to assess strengths and needs of Indigenous communities and stakeholders.
- Ability to communicate and relate to Indigenous peoples and communities, with sensitivity to cultural and governance differences.
- Demonstrated leadership, knowledge and skills in population health approaches, health equity, health policy, and program planning with specialized knowledge and demonstrated leadership in the area of health equity and equity, diversity, and inclusion work.
- Demonstrated leadership and commitment to equity, social justice and anti-racist/anti-oppressive practices.
- Strong understanding of the impacts of systemic racism on individual, community and public health.
- Demonstrated leadership, knowledge and skills in the areas of mental health promotion, prevention, and early intervention and referral. Excellence with anti-stigma and discrimination messaging, engagement with persons with lived and living experience, and experience with trauma and violence informed practice and associated public health practices.
- Extensive project management skills and knowledge of project management and organizational change and change management methods, procedures, and principles.
- Demonstrated ability to lead and manage multiple projects simultaneously.
- Ability to prepare business cases and project charters, complete risk analysis, measure performance, make decisions about staffing, prepare and monitor budgets, prepare reports and correspondence.
- Excellent leadership, interpersonal, mediation, and administrative skills.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a variety of internal and external contacts and to provide advice and assistance on matters related to the work.
- Demonstrated superior leadership and interpersonal skills, in particular negotiating solutions and making decisions.
- Demonstrated knowledge of community organizations and resources.
- Demonstrated computer skills with experience in word processing, presentation software, email, internet/intranet usage, spreadsheets and database software.
- Knowledge of current practice in relation to ethical issues.
- Knowledge and understanding of pertinent federal, provincial and municipal legislation, regulations and guidelines, including human rights legislation.
- Ability to work effectively as a team member and independently. Demonstrated excellence in written and verbal communication skills and the ability to foster and work within a multi-disciplinary team environment.
- Demonstrated conflict resolution, facilitation and negotiating skills.
- Excellent change management skills.
- Advanced oral and written proficiency in English is essential.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabemowin or another Indigenous language is an asset (fluency not required).
- Proficiency in French is an asset.

Requirements:

- Indigenous (to Turtle Island) person with ties to community. Please ensure this is indicated on the application.
- Masters level degree in public health or relevant/related field. Experience-based equivalency may be considered.
- Regulated health professional preferred, with a recognized bachelor's degree in nursing as preferred professional designation.
- Member in good standing with the appropriate professional college where applicable.
- Minimum of six (6) years' experience in a public health unit or relevant community health agency combined with progressive supervisory and administrative responsibility.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities, including First Nation communities, urban Indigenous communities and/or Metis communities.
- Maintains current Ontario driver's licence and has access to a reliable vehicle.
- Ministry of Labour "Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps" training certificate is required

Send resumés with cover letter to:
 Human Resources, Corporate Services Division
 Public Health Sudbury & Districts
 1300 Paris Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 3A3
 Tel: 705.522.9200 ext. 570 Fax: 705.522.5182
 Email: recruitment@phsd.ca

Please include the recruitment number in the subject line.
 Please include cover letter and resumé in one PDF or Word document.

Application deadline: Posted until filled. First round of applicant assessments will occur on May 11, 2023.

Learn more about [Public Health Sudbury & Districts](#).
 Learn more about [Public Health Sudbury & Districts Pre-Employment Requirements](#).
 Learn more about [interviews, collection of information, and accommodation](#)



Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFS)



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

We are now accepting applications for the following FULL-TIME positions:
Manitoulin Island: Child Well Being Worker (Protection): Closes May 5, 2023
Sudbury: Case Aide: Closes May 5, 2023

CONTRACT positions:
Manitoulin Island: Child Well Being Worker (CIC): Closes May 5, 2023
 Education Support Worker: Closes May 5, 2023
Sudbury: After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes May 5, 2023

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. All postings close at 4 pm EST. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: <https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

At KGCFS we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process.

Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (current and within three months of application date), driver's abstract and proof of liability insurance.



Strategic Planning Consultant

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is seeking an experienced consultant to lead them through a Strategic Planning exercise for their new Strategic Plan, to be implemented in 2025.

The successful candidate will have:

- Excellent strategic planning, communication, and facilitation skills.
- A great knowledge of health care and the Sudbury/Manitoulin healthcare region landscape.
- A good understanding of Health Transformation & Ontario Health Teams.
- A strong understanding of Truth & Reconciliation and the Indigenous culture and health care services.
- An awareness of local and regional stakeholders.
- An awareness of the patient journey.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Those invited to the interview process will be required to provide a short presentation.

Applications clearly marked **“Strategic Planning Consultant”** to be submitted to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER**

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

Position Summary:

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

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

Essential Functions

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

Qualifications & Requirements:

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

Other:

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

** The successful candidate must submit a Police VSS prior to the start of the position.

Closing Date: Friday, May 12th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!! (4th Posting)

DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR
Department: Health Services

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

Position Summary:

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

Essential Functions:

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

Qualifications & Requirements:

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

Other:

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

Closing Date: May 12th, 2023 by 12 p.m.

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

DIABETES NURSE EDUCATOR
 c/o Human Resources
 M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
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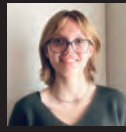
Just like that, there are only two months left of school. A sort of unseen countdown has begun at MSS, especially for older students.

End-of-year events are being planned, the sun is starting to come out and summer is crossing students' minds a little more frequently. For graduating students, they have post-secondary acceptances and next steps for careers on their minds. Slowly but surely the year is getting closer to its end.

Spymaster is back! For those who don't know what that is, allow me to explain. After purchasing a ticket, students will receive a name of another student and a clothespin. The goal? "Pin" the student whose name you got. Once that job is done successfully you take the name your target had and try to pin them. The cycle continues until there is one left standing. The winner will get a grand prize. Last year the first-place prize was AirPods. Who knows what this year's prize will be? Today, Wednesday, May 3 was the last day to buy into the competition. Spymaster will officially start on Monday, May 8. Best of luck to everyone and don't get pinned!

Reach For The Top is

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

looking for Grade 9 students interested in participating in trivia. If you're in Grade 9 and like math, science, pop culture, art or history you're invited to come to A9 at lunch on Thursday for more details.

Wednesday, April 26 MSS got the opportunity to thank Ms. Crowe and Ms. Cassie for Administrative Professionals Day. They were thanked in front of the entire school during morning announcements with a special message saying, "your hard work, dedication, and attention to detail is essential to our success, and your friendly demeanor makes such a difference in the lives of students and staff."

Plans for the All-Grades Prom are now in motion! The dance is set for Thursday, May 25 at MSS with the theme of Northern Lights. The prom committee is looking for students or community volunteers who are interested in decorating after school the day of the prom. Keep an eye out for Student Council meetings on the announcements or

contact wils1162@rscloud.ca for more information!

That is all for this week! I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and having a great start to the month of May. Before we know it exams and graduation will be upon us!

Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

April 26

Welcome back! The warm weather from last week

turned out to be a free trial of summer that expired. Students are now back to wearing spring jackets and sweaters and hoping the snow stays away.

Despite the weird weather, a new club at MSS is preparing for sunny days. The Greenhouse Group announced its arrival at MSS on Monday, April 17. Anyone interested in tending to garden beds, and working towards a new greenhouse in the school

are encouraged to check out this club. Its first meeting was at lunch on Tuesday, April 18 in the Three Fires Resource Room.

Nominations for Grade 12 valedictorian have opened up. Other Grade 12s can choose who they want to represent them through nomination forms in the main office. These nominations are due by Friday, May 5.

The results from the BIPOC library challenge are in! In first place for individual prizes, winning Air-Pods is Landon Hare with 350 library resource entries. In second and third winning Amazon gift cards

are Landon Smith and Calleigh Quillan. The top three classes include: Ms. Mavec's class, Ms. Freeman's class and Mr. Smith's class.

The MSS robotics team was very successful at the World Championship in Houston, Texas this week. The team was one of six finalists for the most prestigious award in FIRST, the Impact Award. The team was able to accomplish this feat through the support of their community on Manitoulin Island. Congratulations Manitoulin Metal!

That is all for this week folks! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!

This month, members of the Auxiliary were treated to lunch by the Little Current MHC. Those who were able to attend enjoyed the wonderful company of the hospital administration and chair of the hospital board. All savored a delicious lunch followed by all members receiving a beautiful geranium. Many thanks to the MHC staff from the Auxiliary.

Our last meeting was our big annual meeting, and the executive positions were elected as follows: Dawn Orr, president; Carole Labelle, vice president;

Auxiliary News



Members of the Auxiliary and the Manitoulin Health Centre hold a cheque passing.

Debbie Heise, secretary; and Marilee Hore, treasurer.

We also have some good news! The tuck cart room will be reopening soon. Tickets are ordered and we are just waiting for the remainder of our supplies. As soon as everything comes in, we will be ready to reopen.


Additionally, the \$18,000 ECG machine we purchased for the hospital has

now been fully paid off.

Thank you again to the hospital staff and our auxiliary members. Let's continue to have a great 2023.

For those interested in becoming an auxiliary member, we are always looking for new members to join us. If you are interested in helping the hospital and joining a great fun-loving group, this is the place! We invite any interested individuals to attend our next meeting on Monday, May 8 at 7 pm at the Little Current United Church.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

At the
Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs (Childcare Centre)

TWO (2) REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

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

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

Qualifications:

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

TWO (2) - ONE ON ONE - EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR ASSISTANTS

Term: Full-time Term
Classification Level: TA (\$16.15 to \$24.23 / hour)

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

Responsibilities:

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

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

Conditions of Employment for all positions:

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

ON-CALL CASUAL JANITORS

Classification Level: CW-2 (\$19.69 - \$24.07/ hour)

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


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

Application Closing Date: OPEN UNTIL FILLED!

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

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

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please email andream@mchigeeng.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER

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

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

Essential Functions:

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

Case Management/Administration

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

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

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

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

Closing Date: Friday, May 12th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

210 boul Mead Blvd
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination, and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

**Communications Officer
Intern - Temporary Full-Time**
Competition #2023-05-AD
Closing date: May 1, 2023

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at
www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre

Job Postings

Kitchen Line Cooks: Part-Time x 4
Housekeepers: Part-Time x 8
Housekeeper: Full-Time x 1
Dishwashers: Part-Time x 4
Bartenders (Conference): Part-Time x 2 (Evenings & Weekends)
Food & Beverage Servers: Part Time x 12
Front Desk: Part-Time x 5
Front Desk: Full-Time x 2
Night Audit: Part-Time x 1
Food & Beverage Supervisions: Part-Time (leading to full-time) x 2
Maintenance Person: x 1 Part-Time

Work Setting
Full Service Hotel & Conference Centre

Specific Skills
Job Specific descriptions available upon request. All positions must be available to work all shifts, unless stated job requires otherwise. Uniforms provided where applicable. Wages from \$15.50/hr - \$20.49 and up. Training provided.

Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.)
Safe Food Handlers – F & B / Bartenders
Smart Serve - F & B / Bartenders


Security and Safety
Bondable

Essential Skills
Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education
Completion of high school (not required)
Training provided

**Please apply in person Monday to Friday
between 9:00am-5:00pm with resume to:**
Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre
66 Meredith St E
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
or Email to:
gm@manitoulinhotel.com

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Elementary School Teacher

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

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

Essential Duties:

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

Qualifications/Requirements:

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

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

Deadline to Apply: May 3, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH

is accepting applications for

ASSISTANT TO MUSEUM CURATOR

Employment location is The Little Schoolhouse and Museum located in South Baymouth.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 25 years of age at the start of employment
- Have been registered as a full-time student in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year
- Be eligible to work in Canada and have a SIN
- Must be a resident of Ontario

Tasks and Responsibilities:
Under the direction of the Museum Curator:

- Act as Heritage Interpreter
- Provide orientation and interpretation of local history through storytelling, guided tours and public presentation
- Assist with set up of displays and maintenance of artifacts and records
- Able to work every second weekend
- Other duties as assigned by Curator

This position commences June 26, 2023
Maximum 40 hours per week at \$15.50 per hour for 8 weeks.

Applications clearly marked Assistant to Museum Curator to be submitted as follows:

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Wednesday, May 24, 2022 – 3 PM

Interested applicants please forward resume to:
Township of Tehkummah
456 Hwy 542A
Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0
By fax: 705-859-2605

By email: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca



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**The Cutoff for
Boxed Display Ads is
Thursday at 4:00 PM**

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


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

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

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

Attention: Staff Sergeant, Chris Wesley
christopher.wesley@wtps.ca

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

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



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

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

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

by Dorah L. Williams

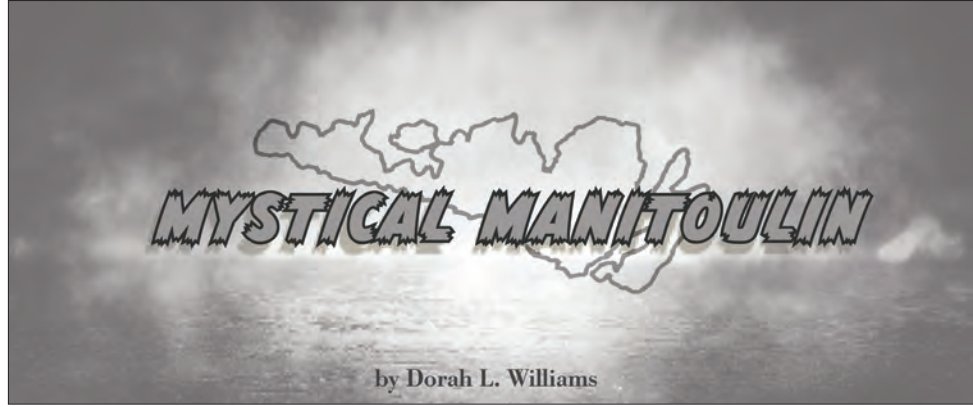
A cryptid, as defined by Merriam-Webster, is “an animal (such as Sasquatch or the Loch Ness Monster) that has been claimed to exist but never proven to exist.”

There are well-known animals today, though, to which the exact definition of cryptid would have also applied not so long ago.

In the mid-1800s, zoologists classified the giant squid as *Architeuthis dux* by analyzing rare body parts that had washed up on beaches and eyewitness testimonies. Yet, it was just within the past two decades researchers finally captured the species on camera in real-time in its native habitat. Known in mythology as The Kraken since the 12th century, the giant squid no longer remains referenced only in legends that once terrified the bravest sailors.

What about the sirens of the sea? Zoologist Karl Illiger classified manatees as Sirenia in the early 1800s, after the sea nymphs in Greek mythology, because he thought they looked like mermaids.

He wasn't the only one. Originating thousands of years ago, the folklore of mermaids spread worldwide. As far back as the 15th century, documentation proves sea captains sincerely believed they were reporting “mermaid” sightings in their ship's logs when they saw a manatee. Christopher Columbus even disappointedly noted that the three “mermaids” he'd seen during a voyage to the West Indies



were not nearly as beautiful as depicted in paintings.

As we decipher fact from fantasy, we should remember that inexplicable natural wonders have inspired most legends.

One of the most famous cryptid examples, the Loch Ness Monster, popularly known as Nessie, has fascinated me since childhood. Yet, despite many eyewitness descriptions and blurry photos of supposed sightings, I was always skeptical. Then I learned of Champ, the American version of Nessie said to lurk in Vermont's Lake Champlain. I finally realized how many universal accounts are alike and have spanned centuries. Similar reports have come from across Canada, too, including Okanagan Lake's famous Ogopogo in British Columbia. And what about closer to home?

The Great Lakes region has its share of legends and astonishing accounts of Lake Monsters too. So, let's open our minds to the possibility there could be more to these aquatic cryptids than mere folklore.

Who knows what kinds of creatures hide beneath the surface of these vast bodies of water?

Case in point:

Years ago, my spouse worked in the construction industry. One day, I joined him on an inspection at a summer camp on Georgian Bay, getting ready to reopen for the season.

Upon our arrival, I wandered to the rocky shoreline to admire the incredible view. My husband conducted his business further up the property in the cabins. It was a lovely day, and I enjoyed the mild breeze and peaceful setting without a care in the world, unaware that something entirely unexpected was lurking in the water nearby.

The peacefulness suddenly ended when a loud commotion caught my attention in the

bay. In the distance, a massive flock of seagulls descended onto the water's surface and began frantically attacking something. Their frenzy was so bizarre. I could see the birds swarming at something long and dark, which looked like a colossal pipe or hose at first. But I couldn't understand why the birds would react to an inanimate object like that.

As this uproar continued, I retrieved binoculars from the car for a better view. When magnified, the birds looked even crazier. There were dozens of them, and all were attacking whatever was in the water. Only its mid-section was visible, but it looked about 30 feet long and, as strange as this sounds, exactly like a giant snake or eel. I watched as it kept undulating in the otherwise calm water. Each movement caused frantic shrieks from the seagulls. Every few moments, it would propel itself, trying to get clear of the attacking birds. But it remained an ongoing target because it stayed on the water's surface.

The whole scene was spellbinding. I had no idea what I was watching, but I'll never forget that sight.

Most of the flock had dissipated when my husband completed his work and later joined me at the water's edge. I could no longer see the long black creature that had been under their attack, even with binoculars. Still, I explained what I had seen, to his amusement and that of the camp owner, who also joined us.

When I asked if a large pipe in the bay was visible from his property, the man laughed and shook his head. He was the third generation to own that camp, so he

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**UNITED CHIEFS AND COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING (“UCCMM”)
LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Position: Addition to Reserve & Information Technology (“ATRIT”) Technician
Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M’Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Contract until March 31st, 2024 (pending funding and three-month probation period)

The UCCMM has established an Additions to Reserve (ATR) Unit within the UCCMM Lands Department to address the need for ATR capacity for our First Nations. UCCMM is seeking an experienced and driven individual to fill the position of UCCMM's ATRIT Technician.

Position Summary:

The ATRIT Technician will support the ATR Coordinator through UCCMM's Lands Department. The ATRIT Technician will support the ATR processes for the First Nations at the UCCMM Tribal Council. The ATRIT Technician will provide technical support services within the First Nations and UCCMM to progress the ATR work for the First Nations. The ATRIT Technician will work with the ATR Coordinator to ensure that each of the First Nations are able to successfully advance the ATR process for their communities. ATRIT Technician will be responsible for IT at the UCCMM Tribal Council.

****For a complete list of Responsibilities and Qualifications please visit www.uccmm.ca ****

Remuneration: **\$40,000 - \$50,000 Depending on Experience** (annually subject to availability of funds); health and dental benefits to be provided upon successful completion of probationary period. (This position will be paid as an annual salary rather than as an hourly wage or otherwise).

Closing Date: **Friday, May 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. – (EST)**

How to Apply: Mail, email and/or hand deliver the following:
1. **Covering Letter**
2. **Resume**
3. **Three Current References (one for a direct manager/supervisor)**

Please Send To: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
1110 HWY #551, PO Box 275
M’Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0
Email: hrecollet@uccmm.ca

Thank you to all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CLERK

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

Position Summary:

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

Essential Functions:

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

Qualifications & Requirements:

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

Other:

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

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

Closing Date: Friday, May 12th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CLERK
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

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Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



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AVA CORBIERE

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

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

Ava has transitioned smoothly into the world of high school athletics, wasting no time in joining in. To kick the year off, she became a member of the cross country team. Her debut in the black and gold was made at pre-NSSSA cross country. She moved on to compete at NOSSA, where the novice girls' team came up just short of qualifying for the provincial championship. With cross country season wrapping up, the volleyball season began. On the junior girls' team, Ava played Libero, digging and passing up balls to help her team achieve an undefeated season of league play! After bringing home the NSSSA gold, Ava made another NOSSA appearance where the girls captured second place! With little turnaround time, Ava jumped on the badminton team, recently competing at NSSSA in the novice singles event. Despite her participation on various teams, Ava stayed committed to the girls' hockey team, which she played defense on.

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

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

While juggling a busy schedule, Ava also manages to find time for her studies. She especially likes math because of the great understanding she has developed. However, she also enjoys mathematics because of the challenge it can provide, forcing her to think critically.

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

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

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...Mystical Manitoulin

...continued from page 7A knew that area very well and suggested it must have been a fish. I assured him it wasn't.

The camp owner's fish theory was a reasonable assumption, and he understandably considered that natural explanation first.

Elsewhere in Ontario, there have been over a century of reports of Mussie living in Muskrat Lake in the Ottawa Valley. Witnesses have described it in

It definitely was not a fish!" The dumbfounded look on my husband's face gave me satisfaction after his doubt, I must say. But I was glad to hear others also saw it. I'm sure they've always remembered that incredible sight, too.

I've spent time researching eyewitness testimonies and delving into an international database of Lake Monster reports, and the stories told are fascinating. Most sightings describe

where too, and explain the countless worldwide sightings.

Jeremy Wade, host of the popular show "River Monsters," is a notable expert in aquatic life. He has spent years exploring the world's waterways, searching for evidence of unknown and mysterious creatures. So what does he think of this theory? Having extensive knowledge on this subject, Wade believes eels could not grow to the enormous sizes

covered. That only increases the sense of intrigue, though, and stories like this continue to make me wonder what else could hide in the depths of our lakes and oceans.

As our understanding of the world's aquatic ecosystems grows, let's hope we will discover the truth behind these mysterious sightings one day. But until then, the ongoing research continues to be fascinating!

Do you also have an excit-



Here be dragons! Nautical creatures have always captured the imagination and often adorned maps or other water-themed illustrations.

sometimes-contradictory ways: a serpentine creature, a Loch Ness Monster-lookalike (plesiosaur), and even a walrus. Yet, some have also sworn it looks like a giant sturgeon, which typically grows to about six or seven feet long in Muskrat Lake.

However, some species can be enormous and could even account for Ogoopogo's fame, too. For example, in British Columbia, their white sturgeon can reach 20 feet and live for a century.

Likewise, many documented reports of Saskatchewan's Turtle Lake Monster have been recorded over several decades, mostly describing prehistoric plesiosaur or giant sturgeon-like creatures.

Because sturgeon have such long lifespans, they can live, and continue to grow, in certain bodies of water for a very long time. For example, they are the largest fish species in the Great Lakes and have lived here for over ten thousand years. But, they have existed on the planet for over two hundred million years, since the Triassic Period! So, these remarkable living fossils could rationally explain some of these mysterious encounters.

However, this story continues...

My husband enjoyed teasing me on the drive back to the city. He thought it was comical that his wife insisted she saw a Lake Monster in Georgian Bay when common sense dictated it likely was a sturgeon.

He stopped laughing as we checked our phone messages when we got home.

The camp owner had called to say, "Your wife was right! A few minutes after you left, my son-in-law and I noticed what she described seeing in the bay further down the shoreline. After seeing that, we are still stunned and wanted to let you know I stand corrected.

something similar and spine-tingling: giant eel or snake-like beasts lurking in the depths.

A few years ago, a scientific study found significant levels of eel DNA in Loch Ness. This discovery has caused some to question whether Nessie might be a giant eel mutated to exceptional size. That is a shocking consideration, but if it could occur there, then else-

described in so many reports of Lake Monster sightings. I have yet to find any scientific documentation of their lengths exceeding a few feet in the Great Lakes region either. Yet credible eyewitnesses remain adamant in their descriptions of these enormous eel-like sightings.

What lurked beneath that camp's waterfront on Georgian Bay has yet to be dis-

ing and mystical tale to tell? Whether you've experienced a haunting, a mysterious cryptid sighting, or a brush with the inexplicable, share it with Canadian author Dorah L. Williams at dorahwilliams@gmail.com

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