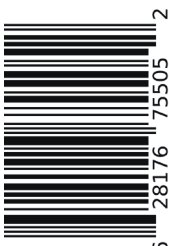


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NO MORE STOLEN SISTERS—Sunday, May 5 was Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day and Wiikwemkoong hosted a walk to raise awareness of the plight that continues to plague the nation. Special t-shirts and sweatshirts with a design by Elijah Bell were given to all participants. **For more photos, please see Page 5.** photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Purvis Fisheries pledges to utilize entire catch

by Tom Sasvari
SILVER WATER—Purvis Fisheries of Silver Water has joined over 20 other companies in signing a "100 percent Great Lakes Fish Pledge," a first-of-its-kind international effort to publicly commit to productively using 100 percent of commercially caught Great Lakes fish by 2025.

"This is a great idea," stated Drew Purvis of Purvis Fisheries.

He pointed out "our fish of-fal goes to Mike Meeker to use as fertilizer (Meeker's Magic Mix)."

"In most cases, only about 40 percent of a fish is used (fillet for consumption), but experts from Iceland have found a way to use the remaining 60 percent for a variety of non-consumption commercial uses," said Craig Clark of Clark Communications.

"As members of the Commercial Fisheries of Ontario, we have been working on getting a company from Ireland to develop a use for the remaining parts of the fish (non-consumption) using all the byproducts of the fish," said George Purvis, president of Purvis Fisheries. "This company came to our conference last summer and developed the concept for the program."

The campaign seeks to identify uses for all parts of the fish and to foster collaboration between processors, producers, and other fishery-adjacent businesses to explore and implement innovative applications for fish byproducts. Such applications include protein, marine collagen, fertilizer, leather and other new, high-value products. Campaign partners include the Iceland Ocean Cluster which pioneered the 100 per cent fish concept by developing such

property for two or three years," said Mayor Lane. He said at that point the town would look at either selling or repurposing the building and property for other uses.

"St. Joseph's will lease from

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Town of Gore Bay takes ownership of nursing home property in town

Jarlette will still operate Manitoulin Lodge there until new St. Joseph's takes over management

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay has taken the next step in taking ownership of the Manitoulin Nursing Home building from Jarlette Health Services.

"The only reason this item is on the agenda (at a special council meeting April 25) is that as a town we have planned to take over ownership of the Manitoulin Lodge building at some point in this process," said Mayor Ron Lane. He explained the transition of ownership will probably take place in June 2025 when Jarlette Health Services' operating licence runs out and St. Joseph's Health Centre begins operating the nursing home (until a proposed new nursing home is constructed and operated by St. Joseph's).

"To make this project work we will have to be the owner of the (Manitoulin Lodge) building and

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Providence Bay Fair increasing country music offerings

by Expositor staff
PROVIDENCE BAY—The Providence Bay Agricultural Society (PBAS) has big plans for the popular Providence Bay Agricultural Fair to be held August 16-18. Although those plans no longer include Manitoulin's Got Talent, this is being replaced with something that will be great news for music fans. This year, the Prov Fair will feature a music festival that will include classic rock acts and at least two Canadian Country Music Association Award acts.

With an eye to the future, the PBAS is planning to build a 5,000 capacity music venue, with a stage

built on the west side of their property in Providence Bay. PBAS spokesperson Dawn Dawson sat down with The Expositor to share their plans.

"It will be on the site where the old MIDRA (Manitoulin Island Dirt Riders Association) track was," explained Ms. Dawson, who added that, for this year at least, there will be no camping. "Not for this year," she said, adding that getting the festival grounds in order for the event will be enough of a bite to take on at the start.

The opening act for the one-day music festival

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Dawson/Meldrum Bay organization denied Mississagi Light lease by Fisheries, Oceans

by Tom Sasvari
MELDRUM BAY—The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) has turned down a lease request from the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association (DCIA) that would have made the Mississagi Lighthouse and park operational again.

"It's really disappointing," stated Anne Steele-Giffin, a member of the DCIA board who had posted online last week that DFO had turned down the DCIA proposal. "The DFO said they are not giving leases (for lighthouses)."

Jennifer Clarke, president of the DCIA board said, "They indicated they are not in the position to give out leases for any properties they oversee. We didn't get a ton of information, but they have stopped giving

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The Mississagi Lighthouse has been closed since before the COVID pandemic.

out leases as a whole." However, "we are still going to inquire further and make an effort to get a lease."

"The lighthouse and park campgrounds are good as they

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Ontario mandates no vaping, cellphone restrictions in schools

by Tom Sasvari
SUDBURY—The presidents of the Rainbow District local secondary and elementary school federations both agree with the provincial crackdown on cellphone use and banning vaping in schools and say both are a good move, but both federations have serious concerns with the changes being made.

Eric Laberge, Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) president says it appears the provincial announcement made last week is needed as studies have shown that cellphone use in class is detrimental to students' learning, but said he has reservations.

"It all sounds great, but the question is, what is it going

to look like in the trenches for teachers who have to monitor this?" asked Mr. Laberge. "I am reserving judgement on this whole thing. The announcement has brought with it more questions than answers." "The grand proclamation was made by the government on a Sunday afternoon, with a letter from Minister (Stephen) Lecce being forwarded to all parents," said Mr. Laberge. "They made this announcement and are patting their backs on doing this, but they have provided no idea as to what this means and what to expect when it rolls out and how it will impact members and

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Signs like this one on an Island school will have to be updated to reflect vaping restrictions.

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Wiikwemkoong Acting Police Chief Jason Spooner, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Chief James Killeen and Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Robert Walsh pause for a photo while attending a critical incident seminar along with 25 members of four regional police services. Missing from the photo is a representative of the Anishinabek Police Service. photo by Michael Erskine

Wiikwemkoong Police hosts tactical seminar with four regional forces

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Members of four regional police services gathered at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre last week for a tactical unit seminar.

“We are doing a seminar with the four police services that work in our communities, the OPP and Anishinabek Police, UCCM and Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police,” said Wiikwemkoong Acting Police Chief Jason Spooner. “We’re doing the training on critical incident response. We have guest presenters that are here from Orillia on the Tactics and Rescue Unit as well as the Emergency Response Team from the OPP. They’re just working together with all the services, trying to streamline our training and our responses to emergency situations.”

Some 25 police officers from the four services were gathered in the conference rooms seeking to up their game when it comes to best practices when it comes to emergency situations, but also building lines of communication.

“From our point of view, Wiikwemkoong spearheaded this, but ultimately, any opportunity for interagency change is only a benefit to our organization, to their organization and to the public at large,” said Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Robert Walsh. “This specific opportunity is to have the Tactical Rescue Unit come in to speak to us. Our organizations interact on a very regular basis in that regard and if we can do anything to break down barriers, sort out miscommunications and further the understanding of what perhaps our unit needs versus what’s already in play on the field it’s a win-win.”

The educational component to the gathering was central to the focus, however. “For every sort of major critical incident. There are four sets of principles that need to be followed regardless of what police force you’re a part of,” noted Commander Walsh. “If you can sort out those guidelines, put them

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Province announces changes to the Travel Grant program

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN’S PARK—Years of concerns being voiced over the inadequacies of the program that assists Northerners who need to travel outside their communities for medical health appointments have finally found some relief thanks to a recent announcement by the Government of Ontario regarding the provisions of the Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG). This will be especially true for Islanders, whose proximity to Sudbury under the old rules left them largely out in the cold when it came to being reimbursed for medically necessary travel.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha welcomed the news that the government of Ontario has finally listened to hundreds of Northerners who’ve called for improvements to the Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG).

“After years of advocacy and raising the issues of inadequate coverage by the NHTG, the government has recognized the importance of making sure that Northerners have equitable access to medical treatment,” said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP, Michael Mantha following the April 30 announcement. “Tuesday’s announcement covered some of the many problems that have been raised by constitu-

ents to my office including the overnight accommodation allowance and making it easier to apply and submit documents online.”

MPP Mantha had, in February, put forward a private member’s bill seeking the establishment of a committee to study the NHTG. That bill would have established a committee of Northern patients and health-care professionals to make recommendations on delivering the grant to meet Northerners needs—but was rejected in the legislature by the governing Progressive Conservatives. Mr. Mantha noted the provincial an-

nouncement of improvements, while welcome, still fall short of what is needed.

“This announcement missed some aspects such as reimbursement rates for mileage, which remains below the recommended level set out by the Auditor General’s 2023 report. However, this is a victory for Northern Ontario and shows that when Northerners speak up together, we can get results.”

Among the announced changes is that the accommodation allowance for overnight trips is being increased from \$100 to

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Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act Board looks to join forces to find resolutions to shrinking revenues

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act (POA) Board is joining other small boards in Northern Ontario to find solutions to a lack of revenues being derived by the POA.

Fines derived from POA offences, speeding tickets as an example, see a portion of revenue go back to the municipality in which the offence was made. “It is all about moving forward, working with other municipalities and being positive and proactive for the safety of the community without jeopardizing the service,” said POA treasurer (and Gore Bay treasurer) Michael Lalonde to a request being made by the Manitoulin Island POA Board, along with at least one other Northern Ontario POA board, to find solutions to

concerns with the lack of revenues POA boards have been deriving the past few years.

POA manager and Gore Bay Town manager Harry Schlange said, “We are joining other POA offices in the North, looking at how to make improvements in the POA service (that was downloaded onto municipalities in 2000). We are working to find solutions and are working in partnership with other POA-municipalities that are in the same situation.”

Mr. Schlange said the Manitoulin POA Board is supporting the Temiskaming Shores POA Board in requesting a delegation to meet the Minister of the Attorney General to look at solutions. He explained the net revenues for the

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M’Chigeeng First Nation Derek Debassige named Northern Ambassador by School of Medicine

by Tom Sasvari

M’CHIGEENG FIRST NATION—Derek Debassige of M’Chigeeng First Nation has been recognized for his community efforts with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) with the Northern Ambassador Award in the Health Sciences Preceptor Award category. The NOSM University Achievement Celebration took place last Friday, May 3 at the Delta Toronto Airport Hotel.

“Derek Debassige is receiving the Northern Ambassador Award,” said Caroline Cox, external relations officer with NOSM, last week. The description for the award presented to Mr. Debassige reads, “A preceptor who is recognized for being a strong ambassador for their community, and who creates a welcoming environment for learners of all disciplines.”

Mr. Debassige acknowledged, “It was a bit of a surprise to be informed I had won this award. Oh, for sure, I’m excited about winning this award and humbled to be recognized for this



Derek Debassige

award, when you consider the tremendous work NOSM does and the great team we have at Manitoulin Physio Centre in advocacy and development. It is easy for us to get behind the initiatives and goals they have set.”

“Derek Debassige is a McMaster (University) trained physiotherapist and owner and Clinical Director of Manitoulin

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Cruise ship visits to Little Current expected to rebound

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—There will be far fewer cruise ship visits to the Port of Little Current this year than has been the case in recent years past as shakeups in the global cruise ship industry caused by ripples from the pandemic have sunk a number of cruise ship companies.

This year only four stops are scheduled to arrive in Little Current, a far cry from the 44 seen in the summer season just a couple of years past.

But Island tour operator Lakeshore Excursions and the association representing cruise ship destinations on the Great Lakes are optimistic that there will soon be a significant turnaround.

Stephen Burnett, executive director of the Great Lakes Cruise Association which includes 18 cruise destinations and several associates, recently returned from the Seatrade Cruise Global conference in Florida, the global cruise industry’s seminal showcase gathering, and he was upbeat about the future.

“It was the best event in 22 years,” declared Mr. Burnett, who noted that there is tremendous interest in the Great Lakes globally, as the region is viewed as being a safe destination when compared to many of the world’s other signature tour destinations.

That is a sentiment echoed by Bruce O’Hare, who along with his wife Kelly and a couple of partners founded Lakeshore Excursions and grew that company into the premier cruise excursion company on the Great Lakes. Although Mr. O’Hare and his associates recently sold the company to Dawn Noble, he remains involved and is a media spokesperson for the company.

So, what gives with the precipitous drop in cruise ship visits to the Port of Little Cur-

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Police investigating death in Wiikwemkoong

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Crime Unit are investigating a death in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

On April 25, shortly after 11 pm, the WTPS and Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to a person in medical distress on Henry Street in Wiikwemkoong. This person was transported to hospital where they were later pronounced deceased.

The Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit is conducting an investigation in conjunction with WTPS and the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

There is no threat to public safety at this time.

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“who dares not offend cannot be honest” One Manitowaning Road opinion editorial

Mississagi Lighthouse Park vital tourist destination

Hopefully, the negative response from Fisheries and Oceans Canada to the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association's application to lease and operate the Mississagi Lighthouse Park is not the end of this story.

The Mississagi Lighthouse sits on Manitoulin's far Western tip, a beacon to mariners traversing the Mississagi Straits between Manitoulin Island and its unattached municipality, Cockburn Island.

People love to get to the very tip of things like this Island and experience the wind and waves that seem to be always in motion and from which, on clear days, the faraway Michigan shoreline can be seen. The Mississagi Lighthouse itself is photo and visitor-worthy and is also associated with the possible location of the wreck of La Salle's ship Griffon in 1679. (She was the first sailing ship built on the Great Lakes and disappeared during her maiden trip's return to trip to Lake Erie after a fur trading expedition in upper Lake Michigan.)

There is a mystique there, borne of old things purposefully built, like the 1873 lighthouse where visitors can imagine the lightkeeper and his family living in the building in this remote spot, charged with keeping the light shining through the night and fog as a warning and beacon to sail and steam-powered vessels.

Then there's the Griffon saga: did this new ship end her days near where we can look out over Lake Huron's vastness, with all hands lost, close to 350 years ago? Were there survivors who may have made their way to this lonely outcrop?

And, of course, there's this thing about getting to the very Western tip of Manitoulin's triangular shape and taking in the power of Lake Huron as it tries and tries to eat away at the Island's rocky shoreline.

All of these were the reasons why a predecessor of the Dawson Citizens Improvement Association, the Meldrum Bay Historical Society, took the original lease on the property well over 50 years ago and, with the support of federal and provincial governments, created a modest campground with services, washrooms and a shower house to encourage visitors to visit the Island's tip.

The pioneering organization did the work, ran the place seasonally for over a decade and made it a destination.

Then it was the Manitoulin Tourism Association's (the old MTA) turn to hold the lease, which it did from 1983 until recent-

ly working with a series of managers to operate the park, serve modest meals in the old "fog plant" (operating a steam-powered foghorn was part of the lightkeeper's duties on extremely foggy days and, especially, nights as further warnings to ships) and to maintain the old lighthouse as a museum and a testimony to this vitally important aspect of the community's history.

When the MTA took over the lease to manage the property, this was some time before Misery Bay Provincial Nature Park (off Highway 540, east of Silver Water) was open to the public and so, at that time, there was no natural attraction to tourists visiting Manitoulin Island to make the more than 70 KM trip and spend nearly an hour on Highway 540 in the process, between Gore Bay and Meldrum Bay, one way.

That made, and still makes, the Mississagi Lighthouse a vital tourist attraction. Misery Bay Provincial Park has become an important destination on its own, no question about that, but its major tourist appeal is to people who are field naturalists or have an interest in the myriad of natural features available there.

The Mississagi Lighthouse and its associated park have, on the other hand, more universal appeal with the aforementioned mystique associated with lighthouses and legends and the fact of getting to the very tip of somewhere where, as a bonus, there's the grandeur and power of Lake Huron on full display.

The Dawson Citizens Improvement Association has a proven track record of "getting things done!" In the past decade, this volunteer organization has built a first-rate two-storey visitors centre for boaters adjacent to Meldrum Bay's marina and, to make their marina more attractive to transient boaters on the North Channel, has sought funding for and has overseen the construction of a massive break wall. Its volunteers have accomplished many other smaller projects as well.

This is an organization that is perfectly suited to taking on the rehabilitation and operation of the Mississagi Lighthouse complex, once again welcoming tourist visitors to this place that is, in every respect, one of Manitoulin Island's gems.

The federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans must quickly revisit the application for a lease on the Mississagi Lighthouse property by the local organization. It has been, in the pre-pandemic past, vital to Western Manitoulin's tourism and the Island tourist industry as a whole. It will be again.

letter to editor

Nothing will ever beat personal contact

Ditch the contactless checkout and the automated phoneline

To the Expositor: In the last couple of weeks, I've been fortunate to take on two corporate clients that I've been pursuing for a long time.

Or at least that's what I've been told. Papers need to be shuffled. Signatures need to be authorized.

I like to pretend I don't count my chickens before the egg even shows up.

But I do. I'm a bit of an optimistic idiot that way.

A telling aspect of these two separate decisions was their almost identical stated reasoning for agreeing to work with me.

"When I phone, I know we can meet." And as one of these individuals added. "I also know where you live."

Of course that fellow was teasing me. But he wasn't joking. Both of these locations of commerce have fully staffed and welcoming reception areas. When you walk in you are greeted. When you call you are greeted.

When I graduated and leaped into the maelstrom of the working world, the aggressive outsourcing of face to face contact was well under way with answering services and call centres. Then came a hurricane of emails, oddly auto-corrected texts, photogenic zoom calls and now we have AI pretending to be useful.

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Ontario raising speed limit to 110 km/h on 10 more highways

ONTARIO—The Ontario government is raising the speed limit permanently from 100 kilometres per hour (km/h) to 110 km/h on 10 additional sections of provincial highways in Northern and southern Ontario, including one near Sudbury. The change builds on the safe and successful increase to six sections of provincial highways in 2022 and aligns with posted speed limits in other jurisdictions across Canada.

"Most of Ontario's highways were originally designed to safely accommodate speed limits of 110 km/h and the data from our changes in 2022 shows they do just that," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, minister of transportation. "These evidence-based increases are a common-sense change to make life more convenient for Ontario drivers while bringing our highway speed limits in line with other Canadian provinces."

Starting July 12, 2024, the speed limit will be permanently raised to 110 km/h on most of the following provincial highway sections, with the remainder coming into force before the end of the year.

Press 1 for French 2 for English. Press 3 for a guaranteed pain in the ass.

Pure joy. This was all done under the guise of efficiency. Somebody got to report to somebody that money was saved. "Was it?" I wonder. The price of a salary to the cost of a lost opportunity to help someone.

We often come across the expression that people resist change. That's not always my observation. People are happy to change if they are able to feel that it is worth it. New has to be advantageous, not just expensively different. Being left behind we learn is often an illusion.

Nothing beats personal contact. Nor likely ever will.

Anything else, no matter how convenient and necessary, is just a shallow simulacrum.

It's amazing how communicative a simple handshake or hug can be.

We silly humans despite our comical configurations and laughable programming are still the ultimate technology.

At least for each other. Enjoy yourselves,

Enjoy yourselves, Douglas Miller Sudbury

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No more stolen sisters

Wiikwemkoong marks Awareness Day for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls



A young mom walks with her two young children during Sunday's march.
photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Dolly Peltier volunteered her time before the walk, painting the red handprint that has come to signify the MMIWG movement on walkers' faces, like Mavis Manitowabi, right.



A women's hand drum group drums and sings in memory and in honour of those MMIWG. All of the walkers wore t-shirts designed by Wiikwemkoong artist Elijah Bell.



Cadets with #348 Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps line the dock at the Port of Little Current while a wreath is tossed into the North Channel, marking the anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.
photos by Margery Frisch

Battle of the Atlantic commemorated by Manitoulin Navy League

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT—The first Sunday of May is the date Canada's naval community commemorates the loss of thousands of lives during the Battle of the Atlantic—the largest and longest naval campaign of the Second World War. This ongoing battle pitted the Allied naval and air forces against German and Italian submarines, ships and aircraft that were primarily targeting merchant ships bringing vital food and supplies from North America to Europe. "Victory was costly," LT. (N) Sylvain Boucher explained to those who gathered at the memorial, "more than 70,000 Allied seamen, merchant mariners and airmen lost their lives, including about 4,400 from Canada. Many civilians also lost their lives. The first shots were fired on September 3, 1939, just hours after Britain declared war on Germany...A week later, on the 10th of September 1939, Canada declared war on Germany. Immediately, Canada's navy, merchant marines and air force were thrust into the battle of the Atlantic, and never stopped fighting till the very

end, 79 years ago, in 1945." LT. Boucher said.
It's been several years since this commemoration has taken place in Little Current, but now it's back, and the service held on Sunday, May 5, at Little Current's Cenotaph was a solemn, prayerful, respectful and informative occasion, honouring those who died at sea during a period of 2,075 days, from 1939 to 1945.
Master of Ceremony, LT. Navy, Sylvain Boucher, Commanding Officer of 348 Manitoulin Royal Canadian Sea Cadets Corps, gave a welcoming address to veterans, cadets and the public in attendance, acknowledging the traditional territory of the Anishinabek and Ojibwa people. He thanked special guests the Little Current Legion Branch 177, and the Manitoulin Navy League Branch for their dedication and service.
'O Canada' was ably performed by three of the young cadets. Prayers and a period of silence followed. LT. Boucher gave a history of the battle, its tremendous losses, and the important role Canada played throughout. Lists of names of

ships that were lost were acknowledged by the ringing of a ship's bell, a powerful realization of the vast number of vessels and individuals lost in the

Atlantic.
Wreaths were then laid at the Cenotaph by veterans, Legion members and cadets, with one final wreath thrown into the

water of the North Channel. A final prayer and benediction were given, and 'God Save the King' was sung to end the service.



Cadets stand sentry at the Cenotaph in downtown Little Current.

Two people charged after discharging a weapon

Police have arrested and charged two people with weapons and drug related offences after a replica firearm was discharged.

On April 29, shortly after 10 am, officers of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a firearm being discharged from a motor vehicle towards a residence on Montreal Street, in the Town of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

No injuries were reported.

Police located the motor vehicle and arrested two occupants. A search of the vehicle located an air pistol handgun, cell phones, drug paraphernalia and drugs suspected to be cocaine and opioids.

As a result of the investigation, the driver, Lawrence Toulouse, 37, from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) was charged with: fail to comply with probation order, two counts of possession of a schedule one substance, two counts of possession of a schedule one



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substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, assault with a weapon, using an imitation firearm while committing offence, discharge firearm with intent, reckless discharge of firearm-life or safety, careless use of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition, pointing a firearm.

The accused was held for bail court and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on May 9, in Sudbury.

The passenger in the vehicle, Sandra

Sorbley, 48, also from WUT, was charged with possession of a schedule one substance, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, assault with a weapon, imitation firearm-use while committing offence, discharge firearm with intent, reckless discharge of firearm-life or safety, careless use of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition, pointing a firearm.

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia Here with your Friendly Fly! The MS Chi-Cheemaun had its first sail last Friday, May 3rd and The Township has officially rolled out the blue carpets and posted the beach area "Children Playing SLOW sign." And yes, a lot of those kids will be out and about riding their bikes, so please keep your eyes open and watch your speed! Season opener in Prov means everything is slowly regaining momentum and there is indeed a hum and buzz in the air. Mostly saws and heavy equipment mind you, but who's complaining. The Mother's Day Market was a big hit and the kick-off to the Providence Bay Youth Soccer at the arena field was tons of fun and will continue again this Saturday from 10 to 11 am, weather permitting. If you're on the CMPS soccer team, you're likely on the road today. Have a great game kids. Go juniors and seniors. Bend it like Beckham! I was on the road myself last week, Anna and I went to Gore Bay for a day and did some Mother's Day shopping and spotted only three lawn deer, less than one would expect for Gore Bay. As far as Providence Bay goes, there are a lot more critters out and about including the elusive chipmunk that has been tormenting and taunting my cat Scaramouche. She remains on high alert.

As we welcome guests over the coming weeks to our fair Island let's continue to encourage and mandate those garbage and beach clean-ups to keep our beautiful township beautiful. Dear visitors, we welcome you! Be sure to keep those campfires safe and well attended at all times and please for the love of God's Country, clean up your cups, straws, plastic bags, pop and beer cans! This is our home and that of our elders and children. If you're staying in town for a while, come by the Mutchmor for a Selfie in front of Artist's Shalak Attack epic Bear Mural- Bridget, Clau and I will be busy serving up coffees come month end, so be sure to come by; say hello and grab a cup of Joe! Here's what's happening:

Providence Bay Arena: Providence Bay/Spring Bay Recreation Soccer Saturdays 10 to 11 am, weather permitting. Those who are registered will continue to receive updates via email.

Providence Bay Hall: Tonight, Lions Club meeting lower level at 7 pm.

Exercise Class continues Friday mornings at 10:30 am

Yoga night continues Wednesdays at Spring Bay Hall at 6:15 pm.

Taekwondo continues Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6 to 8 pm at the Mindemoya Hall

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale Saturday, May 11 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Mindemoya Community Center.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church Mother's Day Service, May 12 at 10:30 am, community chat at 11 am service.

If you're spring cleaning why not bring some books to add to the Book Box.

I will continue to keep everyone informed of all the food, festivities and community events as our season of fun unfurls. Wishing our Earth Mother and all of you wonderful Moms, pet-moms, sisters, aunties, grandmas and great-grandmas a wonderful Mother's Day weekend filled with laughter and love.

Gizhe Manidoo
(Creator)

I'iw nama'ewinan, maaba asemaa, miinwaa n'ode'winaanin gda-bagidinimaagom.

(We offer our prayers, tobacco and our hearts.)

Miigwech gda-igom n'mishomissinaanig miinwa n'ookomissinaanig jiinaago gaa-iyaaajig, noongom e-iyaaajig miinwaa waabang ge-iyaaajig.

(Thank you for the Grandfathers and Grandmothers of yesterday, today and tomorrow.)

Miigwech manidoog iyaaajig noodinong, iyaaajig nibiing, iyaaajig shkodeng miinwa iyaaajig akiing.

(Thank you spirits of the winds, water, fire and earth.)

Miigwech manidoog iyaaajig giwedonong, waabang, zhaawanong miinwa epangishimok.

(Thank you spirits of the north, east, south and west.)

Daga bi-wiidokawishinaang wii mino bimaa-diziyaang.

(Please help us to live a good life.)

Ahow!

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

This weekend, take a mom-ent to celebrate the mothers and mother-figures in your life. Team Fergmeijer is fortunate to have moms in their lives that have helped and supported them over the years, so to our Manitoulin Mom and our Mainland Mom, we wanted to let you know how much you mean to us in true Team Fergmeijer fashion. Because let's face it, raising us was a bit of a mom-umental task at times, but we clearly hit the mother lode when it comes to parental love. Not to get too cheesy, but you are absolutely grate! You can't be beet. Thanks for pudding up with us; your love means a waffle lot to us.

It must really be spring because the Chi Cheemaun is back in action! You can check out the sailing schedule on the Owen Sound Transportation Company website: www.ontarioferries.com/ms-chi-cheemaun/.

Things moms know: cleaning with kids in the house is like brushing your teeth with Oreos.

The museum has launched a new program to honour veterans who lived in Billings Township. Families of veterans are invited to contribute towards the purchasing of a banner that will feature their loved one's name, photo and regiment. Banners will be displayed throughout the village in the fall lead up to Remembrance Day. Contact the museum (oldmillheritage@billingsstp.ca) for more information.

May had a, shall we say, damp-ish arrival, but nothing can dampen our excitement for all the wonderful events and activities going on in Billings over the coming months! Team Aelick are gearing up for their Stroll for Liver in early June. Visit <https://bit.ly/strollforliver> to donate to this worthy cause. The Jabbawong Storytelling Festival is July 5th and 6th. The library book sale and local author showcase will be held July 20th, and the Manitoulin Art Tour is on that same weekend. And don't forget about Kagawong's huge market on Wednesdays throughout the summer! If you have (or know of) any other events and activities, let us know so we can let everyone else know! Email us at fergmeijer@gmail.com

Things moms know: "It's spicy." is mom-code for "I don't want to share."

We've seen plenty of people taking advantage of the lavender Sic Sox boxes near the Kagawong Park Centre. Drop off any unwanted textile items and the Sic Sox team will take them from there. Items in good shape will be re-sold at the Sic Sox retail store. Other textiles that would otherwise be garbage are recycled into insulation. It's a win-win for you and for the environment!

Another great green initiative the township has is the used battery drop-off for recycling at the town office.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Sherri C, who is turning 29 to the best of our recollection. Though to be honest, we believe that birthdays are like playing golf. It's a lot more fun when you aren't keeping count.

Billings council has established an Ad-Hoc Committee to create a Municipal Owned Water System Policy. The committee will be responsible for developing clear procedures on capital projects and major upgrades to the water lines, as well as reviewing options for implementing a capital levy that can be used to create a water capital reserve, among other important tasks. The Township is looking for 4 members of the community to serve on the committee. Application details are available on the Township website.

Things moms know: kids make a lot of plans for people who can't drive anywhere.

Be aware that the Old Mill Rd. Bridge replacement has begun and there will be several weeks when the bridge is out of service and the only access to properties on Old Mill Rd. will be via Newburn Rd/Graham Hill. Full closure of the bridge is expected to be no later than May 15th. Please note that construction will also affect those using the river trail. Anyone walking on the east side trails (along the bluff) will not be able to cross the river at the river mouth and will have to retrace their steps to the new pedestrian bridge.

Silence is golden. Unless you have children. Then silence is suspicious. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Here in Meldrum a few of us have been cutting, splitting and stacking firewood. We'll be nice and warm next winter.

A shipment of quilts and disaster relief kits has gone down to Southern Ontario to be shipped out to people in need. Kits and Quilts will be meeting the first and third Tuesday in May and everyone says that they have a great time working together to fill this need.

Thursday there was a UCW meeting in Silver Water for the West End and several ladies from here went.

From now on for the rest of the summer, church will be every Sunday at the Meldrum Bay St. Andrew's.

For the past two weeks we have had a collection bin set up for waste metals. The container has now been filled and has been shipped out.

Don't forget the Quad Run and Dinner here at Meldrum Bay Saturday May 18. Everyone is working very hard to ensure that it is great fun for everyone.

At cards April 26, there were 4 tables. High lady was Lois Wismer with 74. High man was Karen Noble with 72. Lady's lone hands went to Myra Duncanson with 2. Men's lone hands went to Bob Benedict with 3. Most euchres was won by Lisa Townsend with 10. Lois Wismer brought home the juice. The 50/50 draw was won by Donna K. McDonald. Once again, the money jar is safe.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Sandy and Jim Miller as well as daughter Moya Rothwell and her girls Lucy and Olivia from Ottawa were here on the weekend and visited with Oliver and Barb Runnalls and Scott and Enid Runnalls.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Doug and Brenda Carter came home on Friday April 26 from southern Ontario visiting family. Friday evening we had four tables of euchre players in Meldrum Bay. Welcome to Joe and Laura who are new to the West End.

Saturday afternoon the recycle bins were open and we had lots of people out to them.

Sunday, after services at St Andrews United Church, the annual meeting was held. After that, there was a baby shower for Iris Rain Clarke Porter, daughter of Duncan Porter and Mya Clarke. Her brother, Ivan, also got some gifts. Thanks to Lynn Pickard, her daughter, Abby Morrison and all the other people who helped do the organizing.

Tuesday, there was an exercise class at the Silver Water hall.

At 3:00 pm on Tuesday, Wendy Van Every and I went into Silver Lake. We spent about one minute. The water was very cold. We both agreed we would do it again. This was the first time I can remember being in the lake in April.

Sara-Lyn Arnot returned home on Tuesday. She was in southern Ontario taking her son, Chad, back home. He had spent three weeks here helping his mother with a number of chores.

The fire team had practice on Tuesday night.

Wednesday, Albert Meijer and I took our cat, Charlotte, to the veterinarian. She has poked her eye with something and she will get drops for two weeks to help heal it.

While we were in Mindemoya, we picked up the ice cream for the fish dinner on Saturday.

The UCW meeting was held at the church on Thursday afternoon. Fifteen ladies attended.

Gladys Duncanson and I went for our walk after the meeting.

There were five tables of euchre players on Thursday night at the Silver Water hall.

May 11 there is a fashion show at the Silver Water Hall from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, \$10 entry fee.

May 18 is the annual ATV run in Meldrum Bay.

May 25 there is a ham dinner at the Silver Water hall. Get well to Donna Noland.

...M'Chigeeng's Derek Debassige named Northern Ambassador

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Physio Centre located on the M'Chigeeng First Nation," the award citation states. "Derek is a strong advocate for the needs of the communities on Manitoulin Island. He has developed unique funding streams for patients to access physiotherapy services on Manitoulin and helps demonstrate and teach the importance of community outreach as a clinician to his students. He incorporates Indigenous health practices and teachings into his clinical practice and helps learners do the same by passing on teachings and providing opportunities for learning about Indigenous culture outside the traditional placement setting. He is also very involved as an active member outside of his clinical practice, making him a trusted clinician, and person, on the Island. As one learner commented, 'his passion for helping others in his community is unmatched.'"

The NOSM inception came about in 2002, and Mr. Debassige was appointed to the board of health in 2009, being reappointed again in 2012 by the Union of Ontario Indians Anishinabek, and he contributed to its redesign of governance.

"I was lucky to have some great conventional professors and traditional medicine teachers and mentors," said Mr. Debassige. "It was instilled by a few of these early mentors that we have a responsibility to contribute to the development of health systems and that includes education institutions and learners. To look at patients concerns as a gift that allows us to do what we do and be who we are as care providers. To do this with an advocacy lens."

"NOSM being a made in the north solution with a social accountability mandate, created with a focus on health care inequalities, was easy for me to support," said Mr. Debassige. "When I was approached by then grand chief, Gimaa John Beaucage to contribute to NOSM as a director on the board it was an easy decision," he said.

NOSMs distributed education model necessitates strong ties with communities in the North including 42 long term agreements with First Nations to host learners, said Mr. Debassige.

Mr. Debassige explained, "Currently we support NOSM learners by welcoming them into our clinic where they can work and learn alongside allied health professionals to optimize their efficiency by learning what we do. They get to brush up on some of their anatomy and orthopedics' while with us. Through NOSM



Derek Debassige, right, of M'Chigeeng First Nation, who owns Manitoulin Physio Centre has been recognized for his community efforts with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine with the Northern Ambassador Award in the Health Sciences Preceptor Award category.

we also provide formal physiotherapy internships where learners from physiotherapy master's programs from across Ontario can complete placements with our staff as preceptors."

"Teaching is a great experience that benefits both parties," said Mr. Debassige. "We get sharper too. I'll add that Manitoulin is an easy place to fall in love with and after a couple of months by the water and working within the culture of our amazing team at MPC, from time to time we get them back as clinicians on staff once they graduate."

"Although MPC is a private clinic, our vision is to provide an accessible point for everyone who needs us across the complex health environment of public and private, federal provincial and third-party funding sources. This is not an easy task, and it can keep you up at night. It's an evolving puzzle. It requires trusted partnerships with everyone on Manitoulin. Manitoulin Health Centre, Mnaamodzawin, all of the family health teams including the Gore Bay medical team, Noojmowin Teg our local AHAC, Wiikwemkoong and M'Chigeeng. We provide outpatient services across much of the scope of practice of physiotherapy from our three sites in M'Chigeeng, Wiikwemkoong and Aundeck Omni Kaning. We also provide area First Nations with

homecare service in school and outpatient developmental pediatric services, WSIB, VAC, MVA Insurance access to care, extended health benefits or private health insurance access, primary care and community physiotherapy clinic publicly funded access points."

Mr. Debassige said, "As a faculty advisor at McMaster University, I am most excited about the future expansion of NOSM's partnership with Mac. The possibility of educating physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech and language pathologists in the north through a NOSM/Mac partnership is of significant value to the health human resource challenges northern Ontario faces and we will support this initiative in any way we can at both universities."

"These professions bring value to the health system in so many ways from maintaining elders in their homes to assisting children's developmental changes, taking pressure off emergency rooms and hospitals and helping people return to their lives after illness and injury," added Mr. Debassige.

...tactical seminar with four regional forces

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into play before the higher level, technical officers arrive, oftentimes you can resolve the issue prior to or you can certainly set them up for success when they hit the ground. So that's really what this is all about, to make sure that our officers are all on the same page when it comes to a higher-level series." "There are four services here and we're all working in the same area," said UCCM Anishnaabe Police Chief James Killeen. "I've been here for three years, and I've been involved in numerous critical incidents

and search warrants. We rely heavily on the OPP. They have the units that we don't have that are required for these types of situations. We want to make sure that everyone has the same training; everyone understands the complexities of an incident like this and what is required to do that job effectively and to create a situation that's safe for all our communities—we want to make sure that everybody is learning the same information and responding in the same fashion for similar situations."

...join forces to find resolutions to shrinking revenues

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POA operations has been running at a deficit since 2020.

In the first year of the POA being set up, the operating revenues to Manitoulin POA was \$53,453.45, but since 2017 there has been a deficit in the operational costs, including \$15,000 in 2023. When the POA was first being downloaded to the municipalities it was touted as a revenue source, with suggestions at the time that the revenue would help pay for social housing—but the revenue never lived up to that claim. In part, this was due to the rising tendencies for those facing traffic tickets opting to challenge the tickets. The costs associated with providing for those challenges usually outweigh the revenue from that ticket.

Added to the mix are a number of other financial challenges facing the POA. The first is that the POA rarely receives any monetary award from a prosecuted fine from a provincial offense such as those involving the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. This despite the huge costs associated in prosecuting those charges, which can often run to days of court time.

A second is that during COVID a number of additional costs were added to the operation of the courts, many specifically related to remote attendance—

with the POA revenue covering the cost of those costs including courtroom renovations needed to protect those attending court, the additional staff required due to operating the remote software and monitoring the remote attendees.

"There is a bit of light in the tunnel, however."

Mr. Schlange pointed out, "since the OPP (Ontario Provincial Police) allocated more constables to its force, we are seeing a significant increase of enforcement on POA related offences, and we are optimistic we will see a balanced budget in 2024."

"The POA operating deficit cost has been shared by the local municipalities who are part of the Manitoulin POA board," said Mr. Lalonde.

"There has been good cooperation on the part of the other local municipalities," said Mr. Schlange. "In looking for solutions, we are also looking at internal improvements on our part to keep everything in balance."

The descent into deficit when it comes to revenues from the POA predates the pandemic, however, and Island municipalities have expressed their concerns to the Ontario Attorney General and explored options, such as amalgamating with other POAs in the region, but none of those options have so far proven to be viable—particularly since most other Northern and rural POAs are facing similar challenges.

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...Cruise ship visits to Little Current expected to rebound

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rent? It seems the Great Lakes are experiencing a bit of a perfect storm. “The industry is cyclical,” noted Mr. Burnett, “we have experienced years of success but we are competing in a global industry. Little Current has had fabulous opportunities, as have Killarney and the North Channel, but it is a very competitive business.”

But the real culprit in this case seems to be the ongoing impacts of the global pandemic as two of the main cruise ship companies that were visiting the Island, went into receivership and their stock of vessels sold off to the highest bidder, according to Mr. O’Hare. The good news is that those ships have been quickly snapped up by other operators and may soon be back in service on the Great Lakes and joined by ships from other companies seeking safe haven for their cruising clients.

“Of the four companies that brought five different ships, two went bankrupt,” supplied Mr. O’Hare. “This is no different for many of the companies. Two years of no revenue put the cruise companies on fragile ground.”

One of those companies, American Queen, were responsible for 35 visits in 2022.

Facing sunk costs in maintaining their fleets without a corresponding influx of revenue from cruise passengers companies were forced to borrow money and although pent-up demand was there once the gates were reopened, in the end for many companies it was too little too late.

“As anyone who has had to renew a mortgage recently can attest, the cost of that money has been tremendous,” noted Mr. O’Hare. “So, when the market opened back up, so did cost of borrowing.”

While the numbers of passengers in 2022 did reflect the pent-up demand, those numbers were still below pre-pandemic levels and in the end, the cost of financing proved too much for some companies—but things are far from gloom and doom.

“The market tends to find its own equilibrium,” noted Mr. O’Hare. “There is still lots of demand in travelling by cruise.” But the lack of capacity in the short term means there will be fewer visits this year.

“In the next year or so we expect to see more capacity in the Great Lakes and things will return to normal,” said Mr. O’Hare, who added that despite current appearances, “Great Lakes cruising is growing and there are several companies looking to bring cruise ships into the Great Lakes.” But he cautions that it is a two-year process as the industry plans its itineraries.

“Geo-political issues play a role,” noted Mr. O’Hare, echoing the assessment of Mr. Burnett that the Great Lakes region is seen worldwide as a relatively safe destination.



The Victory I, a familiar sight to the Port of Little Current, will not be making a stop this year.

Expositor file photo

In the meantime, tour operators such as Lakeshore Excursions are constantly looking to develop and support new products to titillate the interests of the cruising public.

“The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway have incredibly attractive products,” noted Mr. O’Hare, who pointed to destinations such as Old Montreal and Niagara Falls as obvious examples.” Specific to Manitoulin Mr. O’Hare noted that “we have worked closely with our partners in the First Nations and, most recently, began offering tours of the Sheguiandah archaeological dig.” Killarney is also still seeing growth, particularly thanks to the addition of ships from the famed Viking Tours coming in to play.

“The Great Lakes have been a popular cruise destination for over 100 years,” noted Mr. O’Hare.

But the region cannot simply stand on its laurels. Many of the tour ships come with their own “product” onboard in the form of small submarines, kayaks and

the scenery itself is a major draw.

“We are constantly working on helping to develop new product,” affirmed Mr. Burnett. The North Shore of Superior is one region that is showing great promise for cruising on the Great Lakes.

If there is one message that both Mr. Burnett and Mr. O’Hare have to offer it is a resounding “cruises will return.”

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...Province announces changes to the Travel Grant program

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\$175 per night, with the allowance for stays eight days or longer going from \$550 to \$1,150.

Of key importance to many of those living on Manitoulin Island is that the travel distance requirement to be eligible for accommodation allowance will be reduced from 200 kilometres to 100 kilometres.

The changes are a big deal, when it is considered that in 2022-2023, approximately 170,000 travel grants were processed for 66,000 Northern Ontario residents. The province claims that a total of 98 percent of eligible applications for the grant are paid within four to six weeks. But adds that the new online submission form is anticipated to further reduce that processing time.

The improvements come with a \$45 million price tag over the next three years.

The Ontario Ministry of Health provides a telephone support service to help clients who need help completing their applications. The number to call for assistance is 1-800-262-6524.



MPP Michael Mantha has been lobbying for changes to the travel grant program and is pleased with the news.

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bring tourists to Western Manitoulin, and it helps support the economy there,” said Ms. Clarke. “We still have people driving out to the lighthouse property and finding out they can’t get in.”

“We have plans to go back to them on this—we aren’t giving up. We have plans to go back and forge ahead with our request for a lease,” said Ms. Clarke. “We need to get more information from DFO. We know someone else has inquired about leasing the property as well. If some other group or person wants and can get a lease on the property we would be very happy with this.”

“The most important thing is to have the use of the property and improve-

ments made on it,” said Ms. Clarke. “The longer it sits without maintenance the harder it will be to get it back to being able to be in operation again.”

“It’s really too bad the DFO won’t allow us to lease the property. It is good for the economy, and tourism on the Island,” said Ms. Steele-Giffin. “And it would be nice to have another attraction for people to visit the Island such as the Providence Bay beach and Bridal Veil Falls. Manitoulin Island needs the lighthouse to be open one way or the other.”

As was reported in the April 10 edition of The Expositor, there is interest among members of the public to volunteer their time to help the DCIA in making the Mississagi Lighthouse operational again. About 40 people, including mem-

bers of the public and the DCIA met in Meldrum Bay in April to gauge interest towards making the lighthouse operational again. As had been reported previously, the DCIA, with the assistance of LAMBAC and Annette Clarke, Western Manitoulin economic development officer, had made an application to DFO to acquire a long-term lease for operations of the lighthouse.

“We had a very large show of support from people who are interested in getting the property open again. It is disappointing that we may not get this opportunity,” said Ms. Clarke. “And at the meeting it was not just residents from Western Manitoulin in attendance, it was Island-wide.”

“We have no intention of walking away

from our idea just because DFO has said no at this point,” said Ms. Clarke. “We need to take the right steps forward; you never know what the future might bring. The committee is still discussing the next steps we are going to take. We aren’t giving up.”

A decade ago, DCIA was in negotiations with DFO about acquiring the lighthouse, all of its buildings and the property but were unsuccessful. DCIA produced a business plan and in the summer of 2022 decided to start the process to try to lease the lighthouse and property. The DCIA toured the property and buildings and discussed with Annette Clarke making an application to lease the lighthouse.

...Ontario mandates no vaping, cellphone restrictions in schools

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students.”

“It is one thing to put out policy to address issues, but clarification on ownership and responsibility needs to go with it,” said Mr. Laberge. “Ultimately it will be the front-line staff, teachers, who will have to enforce this.”

Liana Holm, president of the Rainbow Local Elementary Teachers Federation (ETFO) said, “We have a lot of concerns on all of this. How is this all going to be policed and how strong are the policies going to be? Under the legislation there can be student suspensions if they are found in contravention of the policies a number of times, but who is going to enforce this?”

“The idea of cracking down on cellphones and banning vaping in schools is not a bad idea,” said Ms. Holm. “But I don’t think how this is going to be applied has all been worked through. Also, under the policies the school board will task the schools to have social media sites banned on all school networks and devices, but if a student has the right data on their own phone, they will still be able to use their phone.”



Ontario will enact a strict no-vaping policy in schools this fall. Shutterstock

“The other concern I have is that this announcement is deflecting from the fact that the provincial budget does not have anything in the area of mental health supports in education for students and teachers,” said Ms. Holm. “If the government was listening they would know the education system does not have enough mental supports in place. We need more mental health, mental health experts and people and resources in the education system. Students are having more violent outbursts in classes. And teachers are having to deal with this violence which is now at an alarming rate. There is a real

need to have additional mental health support and resources in schools, all schools.”

In a letter from Minister Lecce to parents dated April 30 he explains, “For the first time in nearly a generation, our government successfully negotiated agreements with all teachers’ unions and averted strikes in schools. This allowed us to deliver on our promise to parents to bring stability to classrooms and keep kids in class.”

“As kids benefit from three more years of uninterrupted learning, I have heard from many of you, teachers and students alike, about concerns about the alarming rise

of youth vaping in schools and the persistent use of cellphones as a distraction for learning in class,” wrote Minister Lecce.

“That is why we are rolling out Canada’s most comprehensive plan to counter these threats,” continued Minister Lecce. “To help reduce distractions in our schools, starting this September we are denying cellphone usage during instructional time so that students can focus on getting back to basics and learning foundational skills like reading, writing and math.”

“Our youngest learners in Kindergarten to Grade 6, who may have phones, will now be required to keep phones on silent and out of sight for the duration of the day,” wrote Minister Lecce. He explained for students in Grades 7 to 12, phones can be with the student.

“However, they will

only be permitted during instructional time if explicitly allowed by the educator. We will also commit to having report cards that include comments on student’s distraction levels in class. We recognize that some parents want to communicate with their children during school, and the policies listed above will still permit that during non-instructional time or when an educator gives permission,”

continued Minister Lecce. “When it comes to cellphones, Ontario’s policy is ‘out of sight and out of mind.’ We are also removing social media websites from all school networks and devices to help strengthen in-person relationships, communication and social-emotional skills,” explained Minister Lecce. “We have also announced a strict anti-vaping policy in schools

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Traffic study shows no area of serious speed concern in Little Current

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—Following a petition put forward by Meredith Street residents in Little Current regarding their concerns with excessive speeders, council for the Northeast Town approved a traffic study to be carried out. Council heard the results of that study late last month which resulted in a “do

nothing” approach. Engineer Toivo Rukholm of Tranplan Associates conducted the research, which involved studying the data from the municipality’s radar machine, which was placed near the five-way intersection on Meredith Street in October and November of last year. The radar was also placed along Blake Street East

and Draper Street East, the streets on which Little Current Public School sits, and its data studied by Tranplan as well. All Little Current streets have a 40 km/h speed limit.

The radar data showed that for Meredith Street westbound traffic, the average speed was 33 km/h (45 km/h 85th percentile); eastbound traffic was 35 km/h (47 km/h 85th percentile). Blake Street westbound traffic was average 33 km/h (43 km/h 85th percentile), eastbound was 27 km/h (40 km/h 85th percentile). Draper Street westbound traffic was an average of 29 km/h (42 km/h 85th percentile); eastbound traffic was 31 km/h (45 km/h 85th percentile).

Mr. Rukholm explained that the “85th percentile speed is a key indicator of the speeds along a roadway. It indicates that 85 percent of the motorists drive at or slower than the recorded speed with a fringe 15

percent driving faster.”

In the case of Blake Street East, “Compared to residential streets in communities across Ontario, these are exceptionally good readings in terms of adhering to the 40 km/h speed limit,” the engineer states. “The Draper Street East readings are slightly higher but still compare very favourable against speeds observed in the other communities.”

While Mr. Rukholm said his findings pointed to a non-urgent problem on Little Current streets, “simple numerical data may not reveal the total picture. The data itself may be limited by the automated collection methodology that does not account for platooning. There may also be specific traffic characteristics that are not revealed by the radar data, but require community con-

sultation. These community consultations could include discussion about potential traffic calming measures and determining community reaction to specific measures.”

The engineer went on to note that any traffic calming measures (such as lane narrowings, chicanes, raised crosswalks, speedbumps or humps or roundabouts) should not be implemented without “strong indication of resident support.”

Within the September 2023 survey, Meredith Street residents asked council to consider the placement of removable speed humps during the non-winter months.

Council discussed the survey at length, with Councillor George Williamson likening the Meredith Street West section from the five-way intersection to Highway 540 to a “dragway.”

In the end, it was decided that the municipality would contact the Ontario Provincial Police and ask them to place their less visible radar sign in areas of concern within the municipality for further data.

Bob McDonald, the Meredith Street resident who began the petition, said he wasn’t surprised by the outcome, saying the radar sign should have been placed in a spot further from a stop sign when drivers were already starting to slow their speed.

“I didn’t really think anything would come of it, I just wanted to see if we’d get the speed slowed down,” he added. “I had half of Meredith Street concerned about it.”

The cost of the study was approximately \$3,330.

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“This was a great opportunity to show how effective collective bargaining is when both sides come to the table with the best interests of the membership and the community in mind,” said Mayor Al MacNevin. He further noted that, “This contract represents an opportunity to ensure our employees enjoy competitive wages and benefits in an environment

where both employee retention and attraction are very difficult.”

On behalf of Unifor, national representative Jerry Logan stated that he is very pleased that the union negotiating team was able to negotiate a contract that protects the workers and provides for the needs of the members and their families.

Unifor Local 31-X represents both the municipality’s inside and outside workers. The new contract provides labour stability for the next four years which protects critical services such as water, sewer, road maintenance, garbage collection, recreation services and the general administration of the town.



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Nathaniel Arcand, Canadian Actor, Alexander First Nation Reserve

Nathaniel Arcand (born November 13, 1971) is a Canadian actor and is Nēhilawē (Plains Cree), from the Alexander First Nation Reserve. His first major role was as troubled teen William MacNeil for 3 seasons in the Canadian drama series North of 60. In 1997, he was nominated for a Gemini Award in the category “Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Supporting Role in a Dramatic Series” for the North of 60 episode “Traces and Tracks.” Aside from his first major film role as Ned White Bear in the 1999 film Grey Owl, his other notable film credits include Two Indians Talking, Every Emotion Costs, Unnatural and Accidental, Elektra, Black Cloud, Ginger Snaps Back, American Outlaws and 20th Century Fox’s Pathfinder.

He had a major role as Clinton Skye in the CBS crime drama FBI: Most Wanted, and one of his longest running roles is that of Scott Cardinal on the CBC series Heartland. He has also appeared on Murdoch Mysteries, Smallville, Longmire, Bull, Supernatural, and Into the West, to name a few.

Nathaniel won the award for Best Supporting Actor in Shirley Cheechoo’s film Johnny Tootall, which screened at the 2005 American Indian Film Festival in San Francisco, and he was also the recipient of the Performing Arts Award at the 2006 Aboriginal Role Models of Alberta Awards. In addition to CBC’s mini-series Northern Town, Nathaniel also starred in the APTN Pilot Clean Fight as the lead role of Trevor, a kick boxer struggling with diabetes. Other TV appearances include the Nora Roberts’ movie of the week Montana Sky (Lifetime Network), and Showcase’s Moose TV (as Clifford). Nathaniel also returns as Scott Cardinal in Heartland (CBC), as Bruce Ward in Arctic Air (2013) (CBC), and as Victor Merasty in APTN’s award-winning series Blackstone (2011), Makya “Mack” Begally in Bull (2017) and Derek Swan in Supernatural (2017).



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...Purvis Fisheries will utilize entire catch with Great Lakes Pledge

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products made from the Icelandic cod. The goal of this pledge is to achieve 100 per cent utilization of each fish caught in the region by 2025.

The Great Lakes are home to a sizeable commercial fishery for diverse populations such as lake whitefish, yellow perch, walleye and lake trout. In most cases, only the fillets of these fish are eaten by people, while the remaining 60 percent of the fish is relegated to inexpensive animal feed or discarded. Recognizing the need to prevent waste and promote the sustainable use of these fish, the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers (GSGP) initiated the 100 per cent Great Lakes Fish campaign.

"One of the ideas they have is to make leather out of the skin on the fish," said Drew Purvis. "They've developed several products, like leath-

er, collagen, proteins and others. They are trying to add more value for each fish. And in Iceland they have a plant to carry all of this out. And they are thinking of getting Canada to invest in this type of plant, I understand there might be one in Newfoundland."

Mr. Clark said estimates have shown that the value of one fish could jump from \$16 to \$6,800 Canadian with this concept.

"We are thrilled to have Purvis Fisheries sign on to the Pledge," David Naftzger, GSGP executive director said. "The success of this initiative is dependent on participation by participants in the fishing industry. Commitments from those who gather and process the fish caught in our lakes are essential to making the 100 percent Great Lakes Fish vision a reality."

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Purvis Fisheries of Silver Water has joined over 20 other companies in signing a "100 percent Great Lakes Fish Pledge," a first-of-its kind international effort to publicly commit to productively using 100 percent of commercially caught Great Lakes fish by 2025.

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able harvest practices," said George Purvis. "By signing this pledge and joining this initiative,

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back to 1882, Purvis Fisheries now operates a dock-side plant housing several modern processing machines which allows Purvis to maximize quality and minimize waste. The dock-side location provides Purvis the ability to process catches immediately after its boats unload their catch, retaining as much freshness as possible.

The project's goal is to demonstrate how 100 percent of commercially caught fish from the Great Lakes can be used for different purposes and beyond just food. The initial focus is on whitefish followed by other Great Lakes fish such as yellow perch, walleye, lake trout and white sucker. A 100 percent Great Lakes fish strategy hold tremendous promise for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region to more completely utilize caught fish, drive greater economic returns, create jobs and help develop rural economies.

...Ontario mandates no vaping, cellphone restrictions in schools


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where parents are immediately informed and the vapes in a student's possession will be given up and disposed of. There are immediate consequences for students caught in possession of illegal substances, and public health units can also be engaged to support education, prevention and enforcement, when necessary. We are also providing funding to schools to install vape detectors so they can better enforce these new rules," the minister continued.

Minister Lecce wrote, "We are also increasing wrap-around supports for students to support learning, addictive behaviours and implementation, as well as dedicated training for teachers and supports for parents

on how best to manage this change. I encourage you to read the updated provincial code of conduct that outlines these changes. No matter how strong the policy is, we can't do this alone."

"To truly change behaviours, we are asking for your support and collaboration to hold conversations at home about the new expectations and the importance of respecting schools staff and the rules as we head into September," the minister added. "Your cooperation will help ensure students can get back to basics, focus on their studies, and prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. By doing so, we restore common sense, where the focus remains on academic achievement and the safety of your child."



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The invading species, Land Planaria, also called terrestrial flatworms or hammerhead worms, was recently sighted in St. Thomas.

Hammerhead worm risks overestimated, expert says

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—The Invading Species Centre is indicating that although a lot of attention and concerns are being raised with the Land planaria, also called terrestrial flatworms or hammerhead worms, and the detrimental effects it can have on humans and small pets, this invasive species has been in Ontario for a long time and that the risks to humans or pets if they come in contact with them are overestimated.

The hammerhead flatworm “is a species that is getting a lot of attention these days,” said Morgan Daniels, an invading species hotline intern. “But in relation to this, the ministry (of Natural Resources and Forestry) is not concerned about it. We know that the hammerhead worm has been in Ontario for more than 14 years, so the recent sighting in St. Thomas, Ontario is not new.”

“We do have some concerns with it being sighted in Ontario, but despite the concerns being raised by some people that they produce a neurotoxin and there is potential harm to humans and animals, it is not extreme,” said Ms. Daniels. “The impact is not severe, and if a person has been in contact with this worm, if they wash their skin right after

touching it there will be no impact. And if you have a pet or animal that has been in contact with this species of worm, just give them a bath and they will be fine.”

“We haven’t been tracking where they have been found due to the low risk they pose,” continued Ms. Daniels. “We know they are disbursed in Ontario and their impacts are not too worrisome. We would recommend if someone wishes to report seeing this species of worm, they can go onto the iNaturalist website to report this on the worldwide public information site.”

An online post last week from a person in southern Ontario explained the hammerhead flatworm was spotted in St. Thomas on April 15. The species is a worm-like animal that lives in moist, terrestrial environments. Species in North America are typically yellow or orange with dark stripes to dark brown or black. Hammerhead flatworms are an invasive species, meaning that they are not native to Ontario (like all earthworms). Ms. Daniels said, “They should be treated like a slug. We don’t necessarily want them here, especially for those who have gardens, but they aren’t as much of a concern as some are indicating on the internet.”

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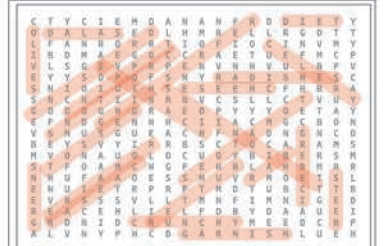
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*Plan mom's special day
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M'Chigeeng's Pam Roy is the embodiment of motherhood

by Jacqueline St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
M'CHIGEENG—Take a drive down a winding road through the community of M'Chigeeng, past Lake Mindemoya and up a hill and there you will find the home of Pam Roy. Pam's home has been a safe place for many youths over the years. She is a salt-of-the-earth mother, of that there is no doubt. Pam opens the door, smiling with welcoming brown eyes. "Bi-indigen," she says. "Welcome." Her hair is tied up in a bun and her house smells of warm sweet-

ness. She has been baking up a storm, catering for the local bingo, and nearly every surface in the kitchen is covered with cooling racks full of baked goods like mini strawberry shortcakes. A teenage girl is sitting on the couch in the adjacent living room holding a baby chick. There are chickens and beehives in the yard, and the home has a remarkable warmth about it. Pam has been fostering children for more than 34 years. When asked how many children she has fostered in that time, she

laughs and shrugs. "I lost count a long time ago. Some kids stay for a week or two, some for many months. They're all special to me, but it's impossible to keep count." When asked why she does the work of caring for children, she says, "I don't really know, it's just the way I am, I guess. I take care of elderly people, like my uncle too. It's just what needs to be done." She wipes her hands on a towel and motions to an enclosure in the living room. It's got five or six baby chicks inside, huddled together

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Pam Roy

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...M'Chigeeng's Pam Roy is the embodiment of motherhood

...continued from page 15 under a heat lamp. She opens a container filled with eggs, and there is a newly hatched chick inside. "I leave the new-born chicks in there until they dry off and their feathers get fuzzy. You

can hold it if you'd like," she says gently.

On top of being a community mother figure, Ms. Roy is the mother of three adult children with a fourth grandchild on the way. She shows a photograph of five generations of her family,



Pam Roy, top left, and four more generations.

beaming with pride. "This one is the littlest one here," she says. "He just turned one yesterday. And we have another one due any time now."

She sits back down in the kitchen and hands me an icing piping bag. "I have a little job for you if you want," and asks me to fill it with whipped cream as she dresses cakes with strawberries. We sit talking about

life, community and the importance of culture, for Indigenous children to be cared for from within their own communities.

She finishes her task and we go outside to where she keeps her hives which are teeming with bees as a comforting hum of bees buzzing fills the air.

"My partner and I also keep bees. I have always ...continued on page 17

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...M'Chigeeng's Pam Roy

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wanted my kids to be close to where their food comes from. I think it's an important thing that many people have forgotten about." I think a while about the lessons we can learn from bees, about team work and community.

Before I leave her home, she hands me a jar of fresh honey and a large piece of sticky cake. "When I learned you were coming I had to make sure to have some snacks ready. Please come back any time!"

Happy Mother's Day, Pam and to all the moms and foster moms out there.



Sing a song of spring

The Manitoulin Community Choir performed in a concert held in front of a large crowd at the Kagawong Park Centre last Friday evening. Led by Jane Best, the choir's opening number was Walking on Sunshine, made famous in 1983 by Katrina and the Waves. The Manitoulin Community Choir and The Island Singers will be joining forces on June 22 at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) for a variety night fundraiser.

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Controversy surrounds proposed nuclear waste repository

by **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**
 THUNDER BAY—Tensions are mounting as discussions continue over the proposed construction of a deep geological repository (DGR) for nuclear waste in Northwestern Ontario. The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is considering two potential sites: one near Ignace and another near the Municipality of South Bruce.

At the forefront of opposition to the project is Grassy Narrows Chief Rudy Turtle, who voiced his concerns at a recent protest. Chief Turtle expressed disappointment over NWMO's absence at a scheduled meeting, citing scheduling conflicts. Despite this setback, both parties have expressed willingness to engage in future discussions.

Vince Ponka, regional communications manager with NWMO, clarified that while they were unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments, they have reached out to schedule future discussions. Mr. Ponka emphasized NWMO's commitment to transparency and engagement with affected communities.

The proposed repository has sparked fears among residents, particularly in Thun-

der Bay, where a citizens' group has launched a postcard campaign warning of potential risks associated with transporting nuclear waste through the city. Environment North, a local advocacy group, has raised concerns about the environmental and safety implications of the project.

NWMO hopes to select a repository location by 2024, but shipping of spent fuel is not expected to commence for at least 20 years. Mr. Ponka reiterated that no transportation route has been finalized, and decisions regarding transportation methods are still under consideration.

Opponents of the project argue for alternative solutions, such as storing nuclear waste near the reactors where it originated. However, NWMO contends that international precedent demonstrates the feasibility and safety of transporting nuclear waste to secure storage facilities.

As discussions continue, both proponents and opponents are calling for thorough consideration of the environmental, safety and community impacts associated with the proposed repository. With regulatory approval processes underway the future of the project remains uncertain amidst ongoing debate and scrutiny.



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Negotiations Heat Up as Nations Clash Over Plastic Treaty in Ottawa

by **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative reporter**
 OTTAWA—The latest round of negotiations at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution (INC-4) concluded in Ottawa on Tuesday, showcasing both progress and sharp disagreements on a global treaty to combat plastic pollution.

Delegates and observers hailed a significant shift in focus as discussions delved into the text of the proposed treaty for the first time, marking a pivotal moment in the negotiation process. However, contentious issues, particularly regarding limitations on plastic production, ignited heated debates among participating nations.

The elephant in the room remained the question of whether to impose global caps on plastic manufacturing, a proposal staunchly opposed by plastic-producing countries and industry stakeholders. Despite these disagreements, INC-4 concluded with a commitment to continue refining the treaty ahead of the final meeting scheduled in South Korea later this year.

Preparations for the upcoming session will center on crucial aspects such as financing the treaty's implementation, assessing chemicals of concern in plastic products and exploring product design.

While some expressed disappointment that discussions sidestepped the issue of plastic production, others emphasized the importance of fostering circularity through recycling and reuse initiatives.

Amidst the negotiations, scientists from the Scientists' Coalition for an Effective Plastics Treaty provided valuable research insights to inform deliberations. However, reports emerged of scientists facing harassment and intimidation from industry lobbyists, highlighting the intense pressure surrounding the negotiations.

Despite these challenges, countries remained united in their commitment to advancing the treaty process, underscoring the shared goal of creating a future free from plastic pollution. INC-4 Chair Luis Vayas Valdivieso urged delegates to maintain ambition in their deliberations as they work towards a comprehensive and effective treaty.

As discussions continue, delegates grapple with a range of complex issues, including identifying problematic plastics, regulating chemicals and devising strategies for financing and implementation. While differences persist, there is a shared determination to overcome obstacles and deliver a treaty that safeguards the planet for future generations.



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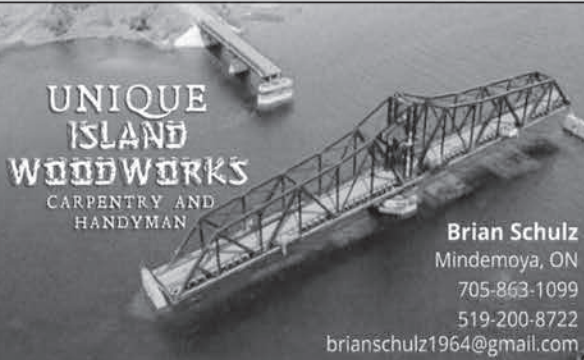
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services

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

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Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-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.

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

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

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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.

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Three trailers for sale; 5 x 10 utility (new;) 4 x 8 utility, (used;) 5 x 8 ATV, (used) all in excellent condition. Full cedar wishing well, octagon with roof, crank and bucket. Can be seen at 345 Hideaway Road, Kagawong. Call 705-282-2365.

50-51c

Ferguson tractor, new tires and back rims, rebuilt carb and tuned up. Asking \$3,200 OBO. Call Charlie, 705-368-0089.

49-50p

rental

One bedroom fully furnished apartment for rent on the waterfront in Little Current. Move in condition with fully equipped kitchen, bedroom and bathroom linen supplied. Washer and dryer on premises. Suitable for single, nonsmoker quiet person with references. One parking space. \$1,450 per month, utilities, satellite TV and Starlink highspeed internet included. First and last required. Available May 1. Call 705-690-4194.

51-1p

coming events

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary is having their spring bazaar, bake sale and luncheon on Saturday, May 11. The sale runs from 11 am to 2 pm and the luncheon is available from 11:30 am to 1 pm. The cost of the luncheon is \$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 6 to 12 and under \$5 is free. The event will be held at the Mindemoya Community Centre.

49-51c

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

51-4c

yard sale

Yard sale, Saturday, May 11 from 9 am to 2 pm at 595 Lakeshore Road, Tehkummah.

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notice

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

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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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MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK

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Clean-Up Week

May 13th- May 18th

Extended hours of operation at the landfill include:

- Mondays: 9am-3pm
- Tuesdays: 10am-8pm
- Wednesday to Friday: 9am-3pm
- Saturday: 10am-8pm

To schedule the pick-up of large brush or yard debris, please call Public Works at: (705) 859-3780.

...ownership of nursing home

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us," said Mayor Lane. He noted that Jarlette is donating the nursing home to the town and the town will be providing a taxable receipt.

Mayor Lane said at the meeting last week, "we have been talking for quite some time of this agreement that assures ownership will continue operation by St. Joseph's and eventually we will have to consider what we are going to do with the building. We have been working on this agreement for quite some time with Jarlette, and now that we have this agreement in place, we need council's approval." He likened the agreement to the purchase of a sale of a house except that in this case no money is changing hands.

A couple of concerns were raised by a couple of council members. Dan Osborne asked what would happen when the appraisal is done on the nursing home and if something is found that is deemed hazardous.

Councillor Rob Dearing noted there is a septic system on the property (prior to 1979 the town had no sewer system).

"We put in the agreement that they (Jarlette) would have to disclose anything they know about it," said Mayor Lane. He explained Jarlette will be getting independent appraisers to carry out an appraisal on the building and any environment concerns will affect value.

"We are taking a risk when we are taking ownership of the building as is, but if there is something found that Jarlette should have made us aware of, we can go back to them (Jarlette). All of this is necessary to make this proposal work and to keep the nursing home here in Gore Bay," said Mayor Lane.

Council agreed to pass a motion to enter into an agreement for the potential acquisition of the Lodge property. Mayor Lane noted both Jarlette and St. Joseph's have signed a letter of intent to carry on the operations of Manitoulin Lodge.

As for the redevelopment update, Mayor Lane told council a meeting will take place in Manitoulin Lodge's front activity room to discuss the project and architectural details on Monday, May 13 at 1:30 pm for community stakeholders. The gathering will provide members of the public an opportunity to talk to Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of Manitoulin Lodge, Kari Gervais, president and CEO St. Joseph's Health Centre Sudbury and representative of Belanger (the architect) will outline the design for the proposed new nursing home.

"The design for the new building has been changed since the original design was presented in November," said Mayor Lane. "Among other things it will now include an enclosed courtyard. Currently there is an enclosed courtyard at the Lodge, which hadn't been included in the original design."

MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGINACK

TAKE NOTICE that Council will be considering the 2024 Operating, Capital and Water Budgets at a Special Meeting on **May 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm**.

A copy of the draft budget is available at: www.assiginack.ca

Deb MacDonald
Treasurer/Deputy CAO
Township of Assiginack

FOODLAND ONTARIO

The annual meeting of the NEMI FARMERS' MARKET

will be held

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7 pm

at the NEMI Rec. Centre in the Lions' Den

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Vendor applications
- Planning for opening day: Saturday, June 8
- Other business that may arise

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...Providence Bay Fair increasing country music offerings

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will be the classic rock Sidecar Willie and the Mojo Kings, who will mount the stage at 7 pm (also new this year will be an associated beer garden that will also open at 7 pm).

Starting at 8:45 pm will be Nate Haller, 2022 CCMA Awards Rising Star and has been named an Amazon Music's Breakthrough Artist of the Month, while at 10 pm, Jade Eagleson will headline the event.

Mr. Eagleson is no stranger to Canadian country music fans, having been named the 2023 CCMA Awards Entertainer of the Year and Male Artist of the Year, as well as the award for Innovative

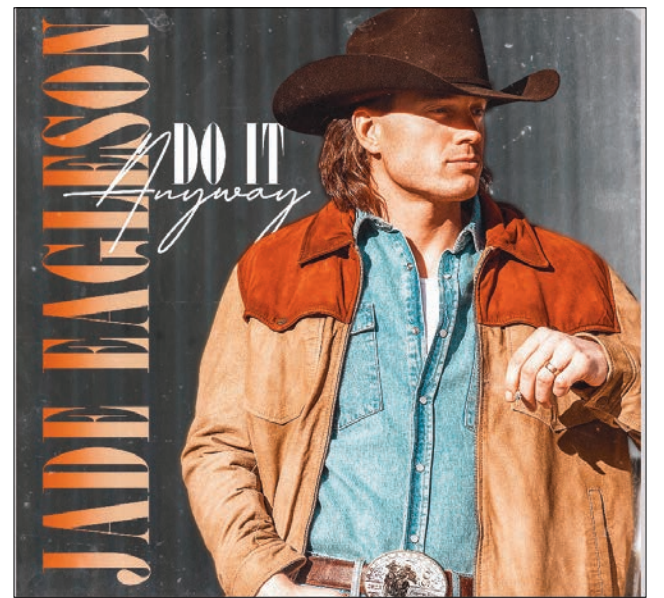
Campaign of the Year. He is also the recipient of the 2022 CCMA Top Selling Canadian Album Award, thanks to his sophomore release 'Honkytonk Revival.'

Other musical offerings during the festival will include Island favourites Missy's Groovy Little Band and Nettish and Friends.

Otherwise, assures Ms. Dawson, "the fair will be the same as always." Albeit with online ticket sales that include a weekend wristband going for \$85. The concert only admission price will be set at \$50.

In associated news, "last year's Fair Ambassador will be representing us at The Ex in Toronto," said Ms. Dawson.

Central Manitoulin council has voiced its support for the creation of the new music venue, passing a motion at its April 11 meeting, moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Brian Mitchell "That the letter from the Providence Bay Agricultural Society be received and further



Jade Eagleson will headline the Saturday concert series at Providence Bay Fair.

that staff be directed to prepare a letter of support for the Providence Bay Agricultural Society Phase 2 application to Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation's Community Enhancement Program (Rural Stream) for the Stage Revitalization Project at the Providence Bay Agricultural Society's fairgrounds."

The news of the new festival will doubtless prove heartening to Island music fans in light of the sudden cancellation of the Manitoulin Country Fest and Rockin' the Rock festivals this year due to health challenges being faced by the organizers.



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

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

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

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

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

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

Interested persons are asked to submit:

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

by **12:00 pm (noon) on Friday, May 24th** addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, by email to lmastelko@mhc.on.ca.



Ghost bridge

Tuesday, April 30 saw areas of Manitoulin fully enveloped in fog. Major structures, including the swing bridge, were barely visible from close by.

photo by Michael Erskine



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REQUEST FOR TENDER SUBMISSIONS

Tender for catering services to be provided for the
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Catering to accommodate 125 participants

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

Tenders can be emailed or delivered to:
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Little Current, ON POP 1K0
darcie.anderson@noojmowin-teg.ca

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



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Request For Tender: RFT 05-2024

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

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

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

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

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



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Death Notices

BRUCE WAYNE O'BRIEN

March 27, 1941 - January 25, 2024



Bruce Wayne O'Brien, formerly of Manitowaning, Ontario, fifth child born of Elva Vivian McGillis and Burton Stacel O'Brien, nearing his 83rd birthday in March, passed away with loving family at his bedside on January 25, 2024. He was predeceased by his brothers Harold and Neil and sisters Maxine and Judy. He is survived by his sister Rosemarie; wife Sandra of 60 years; two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Wayne was known for his sarcastic sense of humour and was a jack-of-all trades. He built two houses, owned a well drilling company, worked as an owner/operator overland truck driver and multiple other careers. He played bagpipes as part of the Toronto Scottish Pipes and Drums in the early 1960s. He was a dependable, kind, generous, patient man. A loving husband and father and a good friend to so many. He loved his dogs and enjoyed fishing, hunting, farming, playing euchre, watching hockey and war movies. He especially delighted in humorous give and takes with friends and family and just being 'home' in the woods and lakes of the Manitoulin Island where he grew up. The world is a smaller place and none of us would be who we are without him. He will be sadly missed by all. A memorial service will be held at the Coldsprings Cemetery on May 26, 2024 at 1 pm with a reception in the Rockville Community Centre at 2 pm. Bruce is coming home!

MARK RICHARD RAYMOND MCGREGOR

December 31, 1957 - April 30, 2024



With saddened hearts we announce that Mark has passed peacefully to his eternal rest to meet his Heavenly Father and his earthly father Willie McGregor (predeceased). Leaving behind his beloved mother Ruth; brother Scott; sisters Pam, Patricia and Jewel and Kevin Hobbs; niece Sarah and nephews Christopher and Ethan. Aunts, uncles, cousins and sons remain. All of these held a place in his heart, which was devoted to strong family loyalty. A very special thank you to Lisa and Ron, along with Dr. Cooper for their friendship and devotion to Mark's personal care over many years. Mark was a true warrior. Battling cancer alone and overcoming many extreme life challenges, all with fierce conviction, courage and steadfast endurance to the end. His caring spirit expressed true thankfulness to every kindness shown. Upon leaving his home in Massey, he was welcomed into his ancestral home in Birch Island, where he was honoured, cared for and accepted as himself. Thank you Whitefish River First Nation for welcoming your own and giving his life security and joy. We honour you for your kindness. Cremation will take place through Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola, with other private requests met. Donations can be made in honour of Mark and his beloved Rottweilers to "The Oscar Fund" at Gray St. Veterinary Services, Espanola, ON. 705-885-7387.

ANN BEAM

1944 - 2024



Ann Beam passed away peacefully the morning of April 25, 2024 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She joins her husband Carl Beam. Loving mother to Anong (Dennis); Noki to grandsons Riel and Lux. Wonderful artist, friend and inspiration to many. She was in her 80th year, Miigwech to Alma for helping her in her journey. In accordance with her wishes there will be a Celebration of Life for family on May 11, 2024 at 11 am at the M'Chigeeng Cemetery.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

LARRY MOGGY



Larry Moggy died suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday, April 25, 2024. He was 74. Larry was a life-long farmer and was aware of how fortunate he was to do what he loved every day. He inherited his amazing work ethic from his dad Ralph Moggy whom he worked beside for almost 50 years. Larry read and researched cattle breeds, genetics and marketing trends. He bought bulls and breeding stock to suit those trends and built a herd that was strong and whose offspring were highly marketable. He kept his select bull calves and raised bulls which he sold throughout Northern Ontario, meeting and forming lasting friendships with many people. Of course, the single most important thing was family. He and his wife Sue raised two sons, Andrew (Li Xin) and Geoff (Amy), and had three wonderful grandchildren, Kate, Gerry and Earl. The cottage on Lake Manitou was the scene of lots of hide and seek, nightly games of Grandpa chasing little boys, catching snakes and teasing and cuddling his "favourite" granddaughter Kate, who painted his toenails a beautiful shade of green for his trip to Costa Rica with Grandma in February. There were tractor rides, walks in fields, and when lucky, even bottle feeding a rejected calf. Many long-time family friendships sprung from early days of hockey when Larry played and later when he coached. He was just going back to the arenas the last couple years to watch his grandkids. Larry was the oldest of six boys, Dallas (Noella) (both predeceased), Blaine (Fran), Royce (predeceased), Marvin and Terry (Joyce). Sisters-in-laws JoAnn, Sandra and "Aunt" Jeannine. He will be missed by his much loved mother-in-law Nola Haner, Aunt Eileen, Lynn, Blair, Brad and their families. Larry's ashes will be scattered on the two places he loved most, the farm and the cottage property. No fanfare involved as per his wishes. Donations would be appreciated to a local charity of your choice, one of which is Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS). The website explains how to donate and receive your income tax deductible receipt.

WILLIAM EDWARD MEGWONABE (Andrews)

January 26, 1940 - April 22, 2024



William Edward Megwonabe (Andrews) passed away April 22, 2024. Edward is predeceased by his parents William and Lucy Ann (Niganigijig) Megwanabe; his siblings Irene (Conrad), Wesley (Mary), Henry (Jean), Louise, Pauline, George and Jim (Nora). Ed was an avid fisherman, guide and hunter. He was known as a jack-of-all-trades, but will be especially remembered as a master fish filleter as you would never find a bone in any fish he cleaned. He was also the right hand man when it came to making maple syrup at the sugar camp. In his younger years he spent some time working for the Whitefish River First Nation maintenance department, but for the majority of his career he spent his time doing what he loved, being out on the lake as a fishing guide up north. He also enjoyed being a member of a bowling league for many years, and as he got older he continued to enjoy berry picking, playing bingo, playing cards with friends and family and watching different Canadian sports team compete, although his favourite was the Toronto Blue Jays. He cherished spending quality time with his family by taking them to his fishing "hot spots", but he was most happy when everyone would come together for a family gathering. He was always eager to share his knowledge with the younger generations as he was always willing to give tips and advice to those who asked. He will be sadly missed by his siblings Lawrence (Jean) and Beatrice (Julian), his brother-in-law Fred, his many nieces, nephews and especially by Nico, Deacon, Caleb and Haisley who called him "Papa". He will also be missed by his furry friend Chumlee, who he referred to as "Bebe". Edward rested at the Whitefish River First Nation community centre on Wednesday afternoon, April 24, 2024. The funeral service was on Friday, April 26. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

Death Notices

MURRAY C. NELSON



Murray C. Nelson passed away at home in Bradford, Ontario, with family by his side on Monday, April 29, 2024 at the age of 70. Loving husband of Deborah for 47 years. Proud father of Kevin. Cherished brother of John and Barbara (Sam) Isgro and brother-in-law of Michael and Allan Bromley and Tammy (Bill) Fisher. Son of the late Calvin and Ileen Nelson. Murray was self employed and worked in construction for 45 years. At the same time, he successfully operated a cattle hobby farm for 40 years. A funeral service was held on Friday, May 3, 2024 at 12 noon. Murray will be laid to rest on Manitoulin Island at Gordon Cemetery on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 11 am. Online condolences may be made at www.roadhouseandrose.com

Take the Memories You Need

In the quiet hours
The memories flow.
We learn from Dad
What we need to know.
His lessons subtle
Amid time spent apart.
We keep the memories needed
Close to our heart.

- Shannon Miller



Happy Birthday, Dad
(Don & Pop Pop) Carpenter,
born May 4, 1954.
In loving memory on what would
have been your 70th birthday.



HARASYM--In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Morris, who passed away May 8, 2005. Down the path of memories We gently tread today. Our loving thoughts are with you As life goes on its way. We often talk about you With love and sad regret. For those who love you dearly Never will forget. Always remembered by son Jim, daughter-in-law Marilyn, grandchildren Marilee, Mallory and Mitchell, and great-grandchildren Landen and Hailee. 51p

EADIE--In memory of Ted Eadie, May 8, 2022. Many a lonely heartache, Often a silent tear. But always a beautiful memory, Of one we loved so dear. Loved and missed every day, Everett, Verna, Darrell, Jack, grandchildren and great-grandchildren 51p



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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Island cleanup champs celebrated by Manitoulin Streams

MANITOULIN—This year's third annual Island Wide Garbage Cleanup event was another resounding success with 270 bags of garbage removed by 623 people across 149 kilometres of roadside, streams, shorelines and hiking trails, according to information provided by Liam Campbell of the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA).

"I personally would like to thank everyone that helped contribute toward the Island-wide garbage cleanup and those that rallied and cheered on our community members," said MSIA coordinator Seija Deschenes. "We started this cleanup event a couple of years ago during the pandemic as we noticed an increase in garbage and plastic waste as well as masks along our roadsides, ditches and waterways. Micro-plastics are becoming a huge issue that impact terrestrial and aquatic species as well as human health."

"At times it felt overwhelming as Manitoulin Island is a large land base surrounded by water and I felt we needed to acknowledge the issue and engage our community members to take action and reduce garbage and plastic from building up and impacting the land and water that surround us," said Ms. Deschenes. "At that time, we could only participate in outdoor activities with family members, and this seemed like the appropriate time to create some positive changes and reduce the impact to our environment."

Mr. Campbell explained, "Dedicated individuals from 10 different municipalities and First Nations on and around Manitoulin Island participated in this year's event. Several individuals of note are Jordyn Green and Brooklyn Macpherson of NEMI township who went out over 13 days to collect garbage, earning them the title of this year's 'Garbage Cleanup Heroes.'"

Assignack Public School took first place in the School Cleanup Award, collecting 38 bags of garbage. Wasse-Abin Pontiac School was second, collecting 29 bags of garbage, while Central Manitou-

lin Public School was third with 28 bags of garbage collected.

Jordyn Green and Brooklyn Macpherson won the 'Tallest Cup Stack' award having collected a total of 109 cups.

The 'Community Cleanup' award went to the Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI), with 31 people having collected 70 bags of garbage. In second place was the municipality of Central Manitoulin with 55 bags of garbage collected by 138 people. Third place went to Assignack township, which saw 145 people collect 48 bags. Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was fourth, with 150 people collecting 39 bags of garbage. Gore Bay/Gordon Barrie Island was fifth with 140 people having collected 19 bags of garbage. Burpee and Mills Township was sixth with four people collecting 14 bags of garbage.

Taking first place in the 'Business Cleanup Award' was the Little Current United Church whose parishioners collected 14 bags of garbage. Harbor Vue Marina in NEMI was second with five bags of garbage while third place went to Kenjgewin Teg based in M'Chigeeng First Nation which collected one bag of garbage.

The 'Garb-Age-Gap' award went to Ralph Harris, 97 years old and his great-granddaughter, Rachel Quackenbush, who is 11.

"Prizes for this year's event were generously donated by Ramakko's Source for Adventure, Breakaway Sports, Manitowaning and Little Current Loco Beans and Fishful Thinking Art. Thank you to these businesses for their support and thank you to everyone who participated this year," said Mr. Campbell.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world," said Ms. Deschenes. "This quote resonated with me, and I started getting my family members to clean up our road and highway near where we live. It feels so encouraging to see so many community members get involved this year!"

"Yes, it is disheartening to see garbage and plastic waste throughout Manitou-

lin Island as it raises concerns of people throwing garbage out their car windows, highlights the amount of drinking and driving taking place and how we as landowners go to the dump and are not securing our loads of garbage properly. However, inaction and not being part of the solution and educating the public about these issues will not solve the problem either. So, at this time I'd like to send a huge thank you, miigwetch, merci to all the champions of our communities for actively being part of the solution in reducing garbage and plastic waste and protecting beautiful Manitoulin Island."

Mr. Campbell added, "If anyone is still out collecting trash and would like to be recognized on our social media accounts, they can still send us their photos to liam.manitoulinstreams@gmail.com or by direct message to our Facebook and Instagram accounts."



Brooklyn Macpherson and Jordyn Green of NEMI won the award for 'Tallest Cup Stack,' in the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association Island Wide Garbage Cleanup event. They collected 109 cups.

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Ralph Harris (left), who is 97 years young, and his great-granddaughter Rachel Quackenbush won the 'Garb-Age-Gap' award for collecting garbage as part of the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association third annual Island Wide Garbage Cleanup Event.

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New federal riding boundaries take effect for Manitoulin

by Michael Erskine
 OTTAWA—As of the next federal election (currently slated for 2026) Manitoulin will be part of a new electoral district, Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt, as the former sprawling riding of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) (currently held by Carol Hughes and the NDP) will cease to exist. To be clear, Ms. Hughes is still the Member of Parliament (MP) representing the Island until the next election although the MP has announced she will not be running in the next federal election. Ms. Hughes has served as the Island's federal representative in the House of Commons since 2008.

The redistribution of seats takes place following each national census (10-year) and according to the numbers, Ontario was up for one new seat but declining population numbers in relation to the southern portion of the province made maintaining the current number of seats in the North unsustainable. As AMK is roughly one-sixth the size of France, it was the prime candidate for expungement.

Given the strong impetus for one-person one-vote, the total population of 80,310 falls far short of the 121,891 average size of a federal riding. It's geographical size of 92,666.5 sq/km falls far shy of Canada's smallest riding (Toronto Centre) 5.84 sq/km (currently held by Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia

Freeland). AMK is somewhat unique as a riding, seeing its population mix change from 17.5 percent Indigenous in 2011 to over 20.1 percent in the 2021 census. "We fought hard to keep the number of seats

a pragmatic approach to this job and reach across party lines to get things done, but I and my NDP colleagues never wavered in our progressive ideals, and I am proud of the work I've done." That work is not yet

al election redistribution, the new riding boundaries will encompass "the City of Greater Sudbury, excluding that part described as follows: commencing at a point on the easterly limit of said city at approximate latitude

tude 81°04'17"W; thence northerly in a straight line to a point at latitude 46°32'15"N and longitude 81°04'15"W; thence easterly in a straight line to the intersection of Maley Drive (Road 73) and Barry Downe Road; thence

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Billboards for Sudbury MP Marc Serré have recently appeared in Manitoulin District.

in the North," admitted Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré, whose riding will now encompass the Island. But now that the battle has been lost, the veteran MP said he is looking forward to making more connections in the region.

"It has been an exceptional honour representing the people of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing for the past 16 years," said Ms. Hughes in announcing her intention to not run again. "I got into politics to try and make a positive difference in people's lives. I've always attempted to take

over, however, and Ms. Hughes and her staff stand ready to continue to assist her constituents until the next election. Ms. Hughes currently serves assistant deputy speaker and deputy chair of Committees of the Whole.

But Mr. Serré is not one to take anything for granted.

Travellers on Highway 6 between Espanola and the Island cannot help but notice two large new signs bearing Mr. Serré's smiling face as they make their way to Manitoulin Island.

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46°37'29"N and longitude 80°41'39"W; thence southerly along said limit to the southerly limit of said city; thence generally westerly and northerly along the southerly limit of said city to Reserve Road; thence northerly along said road and its northerly production to Highway 144 (Northwest Bypass); thence generally northerly along said highway to a point at approximate latitude 46°30'38"N and longitude 81°11'59"W; thence easterly in a straight line to a point at latitude 46°30'35"N and longi-

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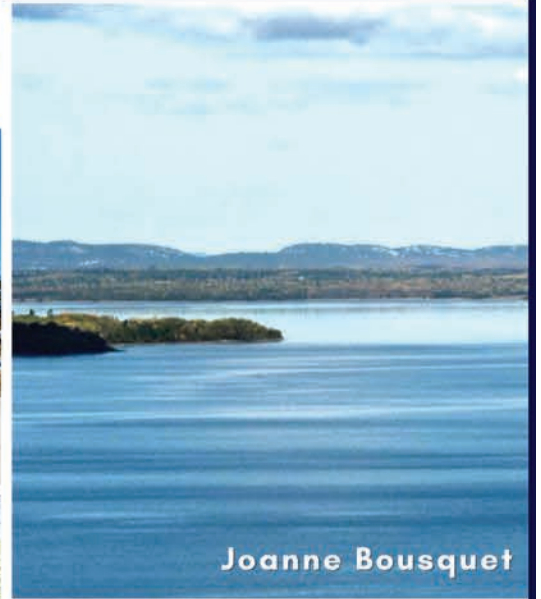


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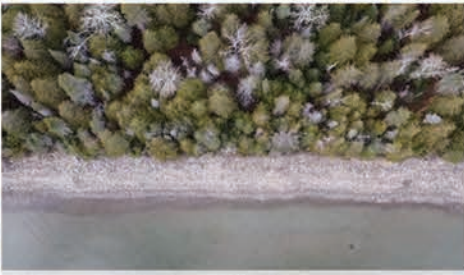


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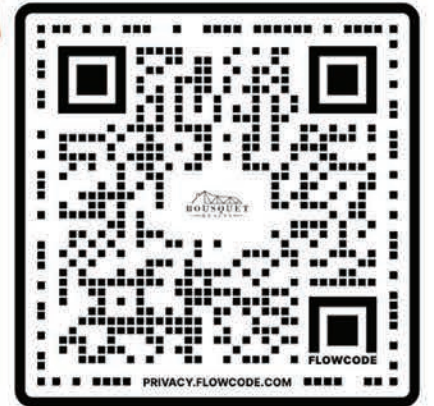


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CHAMPIONS! Samuel Assinewai of Aundeck Omni Kaning is a member of the Greater Sudbury Cubs hockey team that won the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League (NOJHL) playoffs Copeland Cup-McNamara Trophy. The team will be competing in the Centennial Cup beginning May 9 in Oakville.

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Island youth Centennial-cup bound

by Tom Sasvari

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Samuel Assinewai, a member of the Greater Sudbury Cubs hockey team who were recently crowned as champions of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League (NOJHL) playoffs, says the team seemed to peak during the playoffs. The Cubs won the Copeland Cup-McNamara Trophy NOJHL championship in April and will now be competing in the Centennial Cup this month.

“We had a tough time against Soo Thunderbirds in the first round of the playoffs (winning the best four of seven series in six games), but we found our groove in that round,” Mr. Assinewai told the Expositor. The Sault team had defeated the Cubs in the finals in the playoff finals in 2023.

“Since the Soo series we have been kind of on a roll, winning both the semi-finals (Blind River Beavers) and

the finals against the Powassan Voodooos four games to one in each series. We just seemed to have peaked at the right time as a team.”

The Cubs finished in second place in the regular season standings and Samuel also had a very strong season. In the regular season he played in 36 games, notching 21 goals and 43 assists for 64 points.

In the 16 games the Cubs played in the playoffs, Samuel scored five goals and had nine helpers for 14 points. “I was injured the first two months of the season and didn’t play.” But he still had a pretty good year, helping the Cubs win the league championship for the first time in 16 years.

“I’m fortunate to be playing with a great team,” said Samuel. “I am super pumped to be on this team and taking part in the Centennial Cup (May 9-19 in Oakville).”

Empower Martial Arts contenders place well in Sudbury tournament

GORE BAY—Members of the Empower Martial Arts team did well at the Budoka Championships martial arts tournament held April 27 in Sudbury.

“Dane Blair, age 16, placed second in Kata and fourth in sparring,” said Sensei Anya Wright, of Empower Martial Arts, based in Gore Bay. “Sarah Joyce, age 11, placed second in sparring and third in Kata while Aria Wright, also 11, placed third in self defence and fourth in Kata. Tommy Joyce, eight years old, placed fourth in Kata and six-year-old Josh Joyce finished third in both sparring and Kata.”

“The competitors worked hard practicing and preparing for the tournament and should be very proud of themselves,” said Sensei Wright. She spent the day as one of the many judges at the tournament.



Members of the Empower Martial Arts team did very well at the Budoka Championships martial arts tournament held in Sudbury on April 27. In photo is Sensei Anya Wright and team members Josh, Tommy and Sarah Joyce, Aria Wright, Dane Blair.

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Carter George was named MVP at the IIHF World Championship in the gold medal game.

Carter George is amazing!

Carter George has been having quite a year while others just get a minute of recognition. Thanks to wise decisions and a lot of hard work, Carter deserves all the accolades. Having been drafted by the Owen Sound Attack, the coaching staff suggested to Carter and his parents that they send him to take a year to play Junior “B”. Their thinking was that a stint at the lower level would get him more playing time and more development instead of the frustration of trying to crack the line-up in his first year.

Carter credits that decision with allowing him to progress to where he is today. His accelerated growth then allowed him to turn heads at the National level. Picked up as the third string goalie for the Hlinka-Gretzky Cup tournament, with his play there, Carter ended up as the top minder and played through the finals to win the gold medal.

Fast forward to last month’s IIHF World Championship in Espoo, Finland. George was not a shoe-in there either, but thanks to his consistently amazing play at the OHL level (leading statistical categories like shut-outs and save percentage) he was selected as their go-to guy in the important games of the tourney.

So, it was Carter backing up his undefeated team in Sunday’s Gold medal match versus their arch rivals, the United States. The highly touted Americans were as advertised in early going, badly outshooting the Canucks and were up 3-1 in the second period. Even at this stage, TSN commentator, **Craig Button**, was effusive in his praise for George, saying things like, “Canada’s MVP” and “thanks to Carter” for keeping them in the game against the hard-pressing USA.

Soon after, the announcers declared a goal-line, paddle-down stop as “the save of the tournament!” Perhaps, it was a TSN Turning Point because Canada ramped up the pressure, scored three power-play goals on a major penalty, man-advantage. Canada was now up by two!

Carter even picked up an assist after making a heads-up play to clear the zone with a tape-to-tape pass with tournament leading scorer, **Gavin McKenna** who completed his hat-trick with a laser shot into the empty net. The goal set a new IIHF tournament goal-scoring record.

The buzzer goes, final score was 6-4! Cue the celebrations! Congratulations, Carter, you have done everything you could do, you get to relax a bit and be ready to see your name early in the draft!

Just a quick background on Carter’s parents. Many of you will know Mike and his family from the Little Current area. **Mike George** played rep hockey here and then in the NOJHL. Many may not know that Carter is drawing from both parents’ sporting genetics. His Mom, **Tara George**, is a decorated competitor out of Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay. She played for three of four of **Krista McCarville’s** first Ontario women’s championships. McCarville and George won bronze at the 2009 Olympic Trials and bronze at the 2010 Scotties Tournament of Hearts! Congrats to you as well, Mike and Tara!

Manitoulin runners tune up on track

Runners from MSS were present at Track North’s Twilight 1 Black Flies meet on May 3. Runners were **Brodie Pennie, Mackenzie Green, TJ (Thomas) Green, Wyatt Williamson Wright, Saraya Eshkawkogam, and Alan Wilkin**. C.M.P.S. Elementary student, **Nova Debassige** also was at the meet. Results will be found on Track North’s site, but quickly from Coach **Gerry Holliaday**, “Brodie ran a PB in the 3000 metre and Wyatt ran some exceptional races. He also competed in all 4 distance events (400, 800, 1500 and 3000). Good start to the season!” Indeed!

Wiky Fastball League!?

Gerard Baibomcowai is back at it for 2024, trying to get some sort of fastball league started again. With no fastball on the Island, he is looking at four teams! Games will be Sundays starting at 5:00 pm over eight weeks. Gerry notes that there may be some games during the week if the field is available. Fees are just \$60.00 per player and have to be paid before the league starts! He is asking that players be ages 15+, ladies are more than welcome to play, and new players are encouraged to come and learn to play. Also, home plate umpires get \$45.00 and it is the home team’s responsibility. FYI, all games are 7 innings or 1.5 hours.

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences, and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here is one of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

Farming has always been in Peggy Bailie's blood, even though much of her early life was spent growing up in small towns and cities. Until her parents' divorce at the age of six, she lived on their cash crop and cattle farm in Beaverton, Ontario. That was followed by a move to Gravenhurst, and; later, Peterborough where she finished high school. However, her love of the land and interest in growing nutritious food was never far from her mind.

Peggy's 20s were spent moving around



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Canada, always working in gardening centres and restaurant kitchens to advance her goal of becoming a chef. She had plans to get her Red Seal papers in the trade, but they were sidetracked when she did a year-long internship on a farm outside Hamilton where she learned about growing food to inform her knowledge of how best to cook it. "That year changed my life," says Peggy. "I got the bug and haven't looked back." Peggy kept moving from farm to farm to learn more about food production until an injury in 2010 was serious enough to require surgery. "That really set me back and made me question whether farming or working in kitchens was feasible anymore. It prompted me to go back to school to study project manage-

ment, which led to landing a job in Sudbury as the executive director of Eat Local Sudbury, an organization that lined up perfectly with my values and passion for food."

The co-operative grocery store sold only food produced by area farmers, enabling Peggy to learn about the regional food system and to have a hand in shaping the local food business in Northern Ontario. While there, she worked with the Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario, and other organizations promoting local food production. She also conducted food-related workshops where she met her now life partner, Eric Blondin.

Eric came from a family of avid gar-

deners and loved helping his dad in the garden as a kid, but he came to farming via a more circuitous route. The Sudbury native lived his entire life in Northern Ontario, spending his childhood summers on Manitoulin where the family had a camp and where his aunt and uncle owned Sunset Motel and Cottages.

Eric completed a degree in political science at Laurentian University and, following graduation, worked as an assistant to the MP in Sudbury at the time. While interesting, Eric admits that politics is hard and somewhat disillusioning, so he switched to working in the Sudbury film industry. He was involved in several French language TV shows as well as working as an assistant director on a few movies. However, that experience too didn't satisfactorily scratch his career itch prompting him to think seriously about gardening and farming.

Serendipitously, Eric was hired by Peggy at Eat Local Sudbury. A great friendship developed between the two as they connected through their shared

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Little Current, ON P0P 1K0



Welcome to Manitoulin Island Peggy and Eric!

Photo provided

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

*Only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Elementary School Teacher
(Maternity Leave - 1 Year Contract)
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
Phone: (705) 283-3292 Fax: (705) 283-3481

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

Essential Duties:

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

Qualifications/Requirements:

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

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

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

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

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passion for food. They began gardening and experimenting on various plots of shared land by generous landowners. Eric volunteered on FieldGood Farms for a year to learn more about vegetable production, as well. "I felt like I was paying tuition to learn what I needed to know to start my own business on a bigger scale," says Eric. "I could see that farmers were making a good living from livestock and vegetable farming and began to see the potential of operating our own farm."



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By 2013, he was ready to launch his own operation, Le Jardin Blondin Farm, to put his new knowledge to work although he continued to work full-time at the food co-op. By that time, the duo's friendship had evolved into a long-term relationship and lifetime plans for their future.

"After experimenting in Northern Ontario gardening for a couple of years, we decided to make the jump and jointly bought a farm in Warren in 2015 – the beginning of Three Forks Farms. The name reflected our desire to grow healthy food and to use traditional methods. It also captured our literal geographic location at the fork of two rivers. We've maintained that name ever since."

Among the highlights of their time in Warren, Peggy and Eric grew their farm from one acre and 1000 chickens during their first year to 4.5 acres and 1,400 chickens by year four. They built greenhouses and started vegetable farming, too. Peggy continued to run Eat Local Sudbury throughout this hectic roughly five-year period when they also managed to squeeze in time to get married.

"By year four of farming, we realized we were working for our farm, but it wasn't working for us. We wanted more time for ourselves and to spend with friends and family. That is when we decided to move the farm to Manitoulin."

"This farm in Ice Lake was up for sale in late fall of 2019. We took soil samples, walked the property, and concluded this place was right for us."

In spring 2020, the ambitious couple had to move a whole farm from Warren to Ice Lake in six weeks, including seedlings from greenhouses they'd started,

and begin growing crops to sell food by summer. It was a herculean task, especially given that their well ran dry in June and they had to find water pronto, which they succeeded in doing.

Their first year involved going to local markets to sell their wares. Within short order, they had established regular clients who embraced their commitment to growing organic vegetables. Now a certified organic vegetable, chicken and seed farm, Three Forks Farm has expanded to include a weekly box program and, as of 2023, an on-site farm store where people can buy fresh food at the gate. The busy operation has four full-time employees from spring 'til fall and continues to grow as they add more retail and food service partners across Northern Ontario.

"We didn't know what the reception would be when we started out here, but it has exceeded our expectations," sums up Peggy. "It felt like a big risk, yet it has proven to be a great success and we are so grateful to our amazing staff and customers who have helped us to make it all possible."

*Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HAMarshall@proton.me

Help Wanted!

KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
 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 currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

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

All postings close at 4pm EST

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

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

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

Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.

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- 1+ years of Customer Service/Reception experience is preferred
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A Full Job Description is available on our website at ManitoulinChrysler.com/careers/

Send your resume to: wlegge@manitoulinchrysler.ca Drop it off at: 6015 HWY 542, MINDEMOYA



Peggy and Eric are an Ice Lake farming duo.

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

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Employment Opportunity: Chief of Paramedic Services

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) is looking for a self-motivated & energetic individual to join our industry-leading organization which works towards the delivery of high-quality services and programs to the residents of Manitoulin-Sudbury districts. Created by the provincial government, the DSB is responsible for overseeing and managing a range of services divested to the municipal order of government, including Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance) and Early Learning and Child Care Services.

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

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

MSS contends at NOSSA badminton

M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION—After having secured the team championship at the North Shore Secondary School Athletic Association (NSSAA) championship, 17 members of the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs badminton team qualified for the Northern Ontario championship held in Sault Ste. Marie.

On the first day of play at the NOS-SA championship play was back and forth and at the end of the day 11 players remained in the competition. With players entered in nine different events, MSS ended up with one second place finish and six third place finishes.

The Mustangs were led by Annie Balfe, who took the silver medal in the senior girls' singles competition. Jonah Balfe was third in this division, while the team of Anders Watson and Ethan Ense were third in the novice boys' doubles. Mya Balfe won a bronze medal for third place in the junior girls' singles di-

vision, while the team of Ava Corbiere and Emery Watson were third in their division. In the senior boys' doubles event, TJ Green and Davin Deschenes took third place. And the team of Mackenzie Green and Eli Lock took third place in the senior mixed doubles.

"Our novice girls, Kimberlee Williams and Darcie Thorpe played badminton for the first time and were able to earn a trip to NOSSA to compete," said co-coach Peter Tallman. "Our players experienced the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat but more than that they learned how to play with courage, resilience and patience, all skills that will serve them well in life."

Coaches Mrs. Watson and Mr. Tallman said they were very happy with the attitude and behaviour of all of the MSS players both on and off the court. They displayed great sportsmanship during play and supporting their teammates.

The Mustang coaches noted many of the MSS senior players are graduating and moving on. "We hope they find opportunities to play in the future."



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

From dances to contests, MSS students have been busy! Let's take a look at what was going on this week.

On Thursday, May 2 MSS opened its doors to welcome Grade 8 students from across the Island. To ease the transition into high school, MSS hosts Grade Eight Shadow Day. Each year, current Grade 9 students act as a guide for Grade 8 students, showing them around the school and giving them a taste of what high school classes are like. After touring second-period classes, Grade 8s made their way to the cafeteria for lunch. Here, the MSS robotics team had their robots on display and a button-making station. Before departing, incoming students played a trivia game with questions about MSS.

Headstrong, a mental-health-focused extra-curricular, is allowing students to appreciate the nature around them through their "Beauty of Manitoulin" photo contest. Mindfulness and gratitude for the area around you can play a big part in having good mental health. Photos for the contest are due by May 24.

On Friday, May 3 students gathered at MSS for the annual spring formal. This year's theme was Under The Stars, creat-

ing a truly magical night with twinkling lights and star-themed decorations. For three hours, students could dance, take pictures at the photo booth, and socialize in the common room and cafeteria. Additionally, students could vote for their peers for different awards including Friendliest Face, Snazziest Suit, Best Dressed, Best Heels, Most Social, and Best Dancer. These awards were given to those with the most votes throughout the night.

MSS students are attending not one, but two conferences this week.

This Wednesday, May 8 students are going to Sudbury to attend a conference on environmental sustainability, in the hopes of bringing knowledge learned there back to their own schools. On Thursday, May 9 another group of students will be traveling to Sudbury to attend the Stand Up Speak Out leadership conference at College Boreal. Keep an eye out for more details on the conferences next week!

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



Member of the dance committee decorating for a night 'Under the Stars'.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Internal/External)

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan

Seven Grandfathers – Aftercare Support Worker (Nights)

Program Description:

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan program provides a client-centered model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. The Seven Grandfathers program meets participants on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, residential aftercare, outpatient aftercare and community reintegration. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for adults age 30+ and consists of three phases: Land Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare and Community Aftercare.

Position Description:

A full-time position responsible for monitoring participant wellness, monitoring the facility, cleaning the facility and other duties as required. This position is scheduled for 11:00pm - 7:00am, 5 days a week.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Responsible for implementing direction in the Live-in Aftercare Program.
- Responsible for monitoring the facility; facility upkeep and cleaning.
- Responsible for maintaining IPAC Best Practices.
- Responsible for inputting case notes to the EMR Database.
- Responsible for reporting pertinent clinical information to the Live-in Aftercare Counsellor, Clinical Director and pertinent program information to the Director of Operations.
- Responsible for monitoring participant wellness and whereabouts.
- Continue to develop and implement model of care.
- Assist in development of client-centered wholistic treatment plans.
- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education and therapeutic interventions.
- Other duties as required.

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a diploma in social service work or related field with mental health and addictions training or combination of education and relevant work experience.
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing and working towards an 'F' class driver's licence with a preference given to those already holding the 'F' class licence.
- Ability to work outside normal business hours.

Compensation: Commensurate with experience and qualifications per Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Pay Grid.

Closing Date: May 10, 2024 @ 4:00pm

To Apply: Please visit gwek.bamboohr.com/careers to apply. Questions can be e-mailed to mmaracle@gwek.ca. Please reference email: Aftercare Support Worker Inquiry.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (Internal/External)

Gwekwaadziwin Miikan

Withdrawal Management/Harm Reduction Support Worker (Multiple positions available)

Program Description:

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

Responsibilities and Duties:

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

Qualifications:

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

Requirements:

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

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

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

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

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

Gordon/Barrie Island honours Wayne Fogal

GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—Gordon/Barrie Island municipal officials and those who worked with Wayne Fogal all had high praise for his efforts over the past 15 years as a member of the municipal roads crew.

Municipal representatives, family and friends gathered with Mr. Fogal at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay on April 26 to wish him the best in his retirement.

"It is nice to see so many people here tonight to celebrate Wayne's retirement," said Carrie Lewis CAO/Clerk of Gordon/Barrie Island. "Over the past 15 years we've been through some ups and downs. Wayne has been an awesome member of the roads crew. There is nothing Wayne can't operate and everything he does he does well."

Tim Thibault said that when he became the roads superintendent last fall, "I was introduced to Wayne. He was very set in his ways, but as the relationship and partnership grew, I was absolutely amazed at his knowledge and expertise in different machinery."

"Wayne has been great to work with, and so knowledgeable," said Mr. Thibault. "We worked well together. Congratulations on your retirement, Wayne."

Arran Campbell, who had been the township municipal roads superintendent prior to Mr. Thibault said, "I could mention so many things that Wayne taught me." He told the story of when he first started as road superintendent and did not know how to drive a

snowplow. Mr. Fogal was teaching him one day and stopped the vehicle after a short time and said, 'you're good to go,' he quipped.

Lee Hayden, Gordon/Barrie Island reeve said, "on behalf of council and the municipality I would like to thank Wayne for your 15 years of dedicated service on the roads crew and plowing the roads of the municipality over the years."

"Employees are the greatest asset of any municipality," said Reeve Hayden. "We appreciate your dedication and commitment and appreciate everything Wayne has done the past 15 years and we wish you all the best personally and professionally in your retirement."

Mr. Fogal told the Expositor, "I started working for the municipality on the roads crew in 2010,

where I worked for 15 years. I have also worked for Loyalle McDougall, Lafarge and some business owners up North."

"I have loved my job with the municipality and previous to that, over the past 30 years. Working with the municipal roads crew has been a good job," said Mr. Fogal. "It has been just a great crew to work with. There were no hassles or stress, and I worked with Arran for most of those years and enjoyed that, he always did all the planning for what time roadwork would need to be done in a certain area. I enjoyed working with Ron Klingburg as well, and all the other roads crew over the years, guys like Fred Heinen, Don Wright and Logan Veenstra on roads projects. I have had great people to work with and for."



A retirement party was held for Wayne Fogal on April 26, for his efforts over the past 15 years as a member of the Gordon/Barrie Island roads crew. Mr. Fogal (left), is presented with fishing gear by Gordon/Barrie Island office staff member Pam Fogal.



AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND MANAGER

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

JOB DUTIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

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

Please forward applications marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

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

Deadline for applications is Friday, May 17, 2024 at 12:00 NOON.

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



HEALTH MANAGER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Salary: Negotiable (including group pension and health benefits)
*Subject to education and experience or a combination of both

The ideal candidate should have senior management experience working in the First Nation field and outstanding organizational, communication and leadership skills. This is a rewarding opportunity if you have an appreciation for First Nation culture and a desire to participate in the enhancement and growth of Whitefish River First Nation.

The Health Manager will continually ensure that the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) community members can access efficient, quality healthcare services. This position reports to the Band Manager and is responsible for the operation and management of the WRFN Health Centre. It requires substantial operational and planning oversight and planning and health care service delivery to the WRFN community.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and coordinate continual access to efficient and quality healthcare services and programs for the Whitefish River First Nation community by:
- Providing leadership and direction for the Health Centre and staff to meet the goals and objectives continually.
 - Promoting and emphasizing people-centered care in partnership with the patient, family and healthcare team.
 - Developing, implementing and maintaining an active human resources plan.
 - Plan, organize and monitor the programs and health services to ensure all activities are consistent with legislation, standards, regulations and needs.
 - Develop and review program indicators, goals and outcome measures.
 - Develop, coordinate and provide training for the Health Unit, particularly the health staff.

Relationships and Team Building:

- Works collaboratively and cooperatively at all levels to support the use of strength-based, community-focused practices while assisting team members in building their capacity to provide safe and nurturing environments for the WRFN members.

Human Resources:

- Provide guidance, direction and support to staff:
- Supervise, coach and direct staff.
 - Monitor and address employee performance and conduct performance reviews.
 - Coordinate staff professional development and address any training needs.

Financial Management:

- To assist in the preparation and monitoring of the Health Unit Budget:
- Assist in developing the yearly Health Budget and review, monitor, coordinate and plan the allocation of resources for staff within the authority limit.
 - Review, monitor and approve financial expenditures for health staff.
 - Apply for funding opportunities and complete funding requirements.

Interagency Participation:

- To actively participate in internal, external or local committees or groups in support of coordinating health programs and services to the WRFN community:
- Actively participate in the Health Team, WRFN Management and other internal committees supporting all WRFN programs and services.
 - Collaborate with internal and external agencies to monitor and assist in developing the Health Unit's program and services.

Administration:

- To complete administrative functions and adhere to all WRFN policies, procedures and standards of practice:
- Develop and submit a yearly work plan with goals, objectives and measurable indicators of success.
 - Review and approve various forms to be used, i.e., Monthly Report Forms, Intake Forms, Medical Forms, Liability Forms, etc.
 - Prepare and submit comprehensive monthly and quarterly reports to the Band Manager and Leadership (when requested).
 - Ensure confidentiality and safekeeping of all WRFN files and records.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Health Sciences, Public Health, Public Administration or a related field.
- A Master's in Public Health would be an asset.
- Minimum of three to five years of managerial experience, preferably in the healthcare field, including staff supervision.
- Must understand and adhere to General Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and Funding Contribution Funding Agreements.
- Strong proposal writing skills.
- Working experience working with First Nation people, organizations and communities would be an asset.

Knowledge Requirements:

- Knowledge of First Nation communities and structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices as a central and vital part of health service delivery.
- Knowledge of local services available to the WRFN community.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Canada Health Act, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program and Indian Act.
- In-depth knowledge of health/wellness challenges, relevant historical factors and trauma, e.g., residential schools, intergenerational trauma, colonization, etc.
- Knowledge, understanding, respect and sensitivity of the Anishinabek culture, language and traditions.

*For a detailed job description, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

Applications must be submitted by May 10, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a current resumé, cover letter, three (3) work-related references (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

CONFIDENTIAL: HEALTH MANAGER
Whitefish River First Nation
c/o Human Resources
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188
Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

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

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Classification: Organizational Support Services – O4 Administrative Services/Salary Grade Band D
Qualified Level Salary Range: \$41,412 - \$46,012 - \$50,613
Advanced Qualification Salary Range: \$46,795 - \$51,993 - \$57,194

Position Objective:

The Lifelong Learning Team Assistant participates as an integral team member to assist the Dean of Pathways, Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, and the Director of Student Wellness and Services with administrative and technical support that contributes to the overall operations of the Lifelong Learning programs, training and service delivery for Kenjgewin Teg.

Qualifications:

- Diploma in Business Administration.
- Minimum of three (3) years direct work experience in an administrative capacity.
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office/Office 365 environment.

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge: Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin.
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence (memos, letters, proposals and reports).
- Strong knowledge of general office and administrative procedures involving procurement, meeting and/or event coordination, planning, budgeting and report writing.
- Strong knowledge of, with preferred experience in, the education sector and the various learning paths/opportunities for students (i.e., pathways to post-secondary, post-secondary, micro-credentials, skills development/training).
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills and prioritizing tasks – with minimal supervision.
- Strong customer/student service orientation.
- Ability to record meeting minutes.
- Ability to maintain filing systems.
- Ability to, or willingness to learn, maneuver learning and/or student management systems.
- Ability to adapt and be flexible in a challenging environment.
- Maintain a high level of security, privacy and confidentiality.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact the Human Resources Department, at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca for a FULL job description to provide the scope and an understanding of this position's responsibilities.

Application Deadline: Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Please note: the successful candidate must be willing to travel when required, possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle.

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Kenjgewin Teg
"HR – Lifelong Learning Team Assistant"
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

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The Township of Burpee & Mills Employment Opportunity for a Seasonal Employee

Duties to include:

Daily care and maintenance of outdoor recreation facilities including grass cutting. Applicants between the ages of 16 and 30 with a valid G-2 Drivers License are invited to submit resumes.

Deadline: May 16, 2024

Email: burpeemills@vianet.ca

Or in person: **8 Bailey Line Rd., Evansville, ON P0P 1E0**

Accommodations for job applicants with disabilities are available on request.



Employment Opportunity: Museum Curator Intern

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking a 1-year (52 weeks) **Museum Curator Intern** to analyze, assemble and catalogue historical pieces throughout the Municipality.

The **main duties** are as follows:

- Research and compile historical information.
- Learn much about Central Manitoulin's history.
- Collect and catalogue historic pieces.
- Plan and prepare exhibits and displays.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is rich in history. The mission of this year-long internship is to preserve what has already been established and build upon it.

Salary:

Pay will range from \$20.00-26.00 per hour. This depends on the applicant's experience.

The hours of operations are Monday-Friday with some weekends/long weekends to be expected during high volume seasonal times.

Expected hours: 35 per week.

Please apply at: hnicklasson@centralmanitoulin.ca

Applications are ongoing until the position is filled.

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Classification: Specialist SP2 Program/Service Delivery Specialist – Salary Grade Band E
Qualified Level Salary Range: \$46,731 - \$51,922 - \$57,114
Advanced Qualification Salary Range: \$52,804 - \$58,671 - \$64,539

Position Objective:

The Educational Systems Navigator will support and guide prospective students in Post-Secondary Education and Pathways Programs. This position will be the main point of contact for prospective students and support them daily as they move through the admissions journey, applying to one of the Post-Secondary Education and/or Pathways programs.

Qualifications:

- A minimum diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution in Business, Public Relations or Administration.
- Minimum three years of office and administrative work experience in a fast-paced, high-volume environment.
- Current CPR and First Aid.
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office/Office 365 environment.

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Experience in working with a Student Information System is an asset.
- Possess high level customer service to a diverse population.
- Good organizational and time management skills, as well as proficiency in a variety of computer applications including word processing, spreadsheets, e-mail, internet search and web applications are also required.
- Experience working with a Learning Management System is an asset.
- Demonstrated ability to contribute to a positive learning culture and facilitate the achievement of evidence-based nursing and applied to the learning environment.
- The role requires self-motivation, flexibility and the ability to work independently.
- Excellent problem-solving skills: ability to troubleshoot and resolve conflict, exercising tact, discretion and sound judgment; ability to prioritize.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills; ability to cope under pressure associated with the management of numerous high-volume tasks in a busy service environment; high level of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate clearly with applicants, students, faculty and staff, verbally and in writing.
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- Must be willing to flex work schedule, at times, to meet students during their approved program scheduled timeslots (evenings/weekends).

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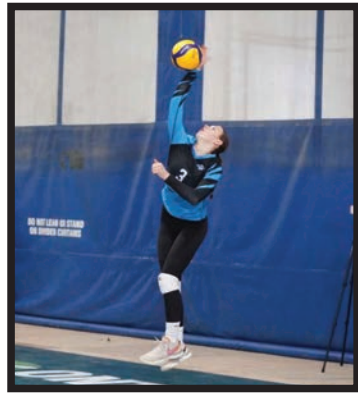
PLAYER PROFILE

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MYA BALFE

Whether it is volleyball, basketball, racket, weights or spikes in hand, Mya is always ready to jump on any opportunity to move! Growing up in an active household, Mya has been immersed in the world of athletics from a young age, giving her a passion for sports that does not go unnoticed. In her first two years sporting the black and gold, Mya has brought a high level of skill, competitiveness and laughs to Mustang athletics. Her commitment to constant improvement has set her up for a promising athletic future at MSS!

Before Mya was a Mustang, she was an Eagle, rocking the purple jersey for her elementary years. At Central Manitoulin Public School, Mya took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in cross country, flag football, three-pitch, soccer, volleyball, basketball and track and field. The wide variety of different sports is something Mya loves about athletics. Although she was recognized as a standout player in various sports throughout her public school years, she had exceptionally stellar results in both cross country and track.

Although COVID interfered with school sports towards the end of Mya's time at CMPS, she made the most of her time at home by taking advantage of all that Manitoulin has to offer to stay active. Hiking, running, CrossFit and waterskiing were among Mya's favourite social isolation activities. She especially enjoyed playing volleyball in their backyard court.

That love for volleyball stayed with Mya as she tried out for Northern Chill Volleyball Club in her Grade 8 year. Although the game of volleyball involves many exciting aspects, Mya became especially fond of hitting, digging and blocking. Quickly excelling in all of these skills helped Mya to become a valuable all-around player, capping off her first season at Chill with the OVA (Ontario Volleyball Association) Award of Excellence engraved in her name. Her team recently competed at the Provincial Championships and placed top 20 in the province! Mya will close out her year travelling out west later this month where she will compete at her season's National Competition.

Mya was able to carry these skills with her into her high school volleyball season, playing for the senior team, helping them to capture the NSSSA gold after an undefeated season of league play! Moving on to AA NOSSA, the senior Mustangs battled their way through the tournament, falling just short of the finals. Mya notes that playing at this competitive level with her team led to many laughs, team bonding and incredible all-around improvements. It is moments like these that Mya appreciates the most about volleyball. Travelling with her teammates to games and tournaments with her club team or school team provides her with so many opportunities to meet new people and make long-lasting memories!


It is without question that Mya has the ability to simply dominate a volleyball court, but it doesn't end there! During the end of her Grade 9 year, Mya took home the NOSSA gold in discus and silver in triple jump, qualifying her to compete in Ottawa at the Ontario Championships! This year, Mya helped the junior girls' cross country team secure the NOSSA silver, advancing the group of five to compete at OFSAA. More recently, Mya competed at NSSSA badminton where she took home the gold and closed out her season with a bronze medal at NOSSA! Her efforts are currently focused on the track and field season with Pre-NSSSA creeping up soon. Post track, Mya will finish off a fantastic junior year as a Mustang!

When Mya finally takes off the black and gold jersey, she can be found fishing, hunting, swimming or water skiing. As soon as the cold weather forces her to pack the water skis up, Mya will hit the slopes as she particularly enjoys downhill skiing. She can also be spotted in the community working at the Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacy.

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

With Mya's dedication and fun loving attitude, she is sure to reach all of her goals on and off the court!

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Level: Intermediate

Here's how it works:

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

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7	3	6	8	9	4	2	1	5
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. It wakes you up
- 6. A place to sleep
- 9. Czech village
- 13. Appetizer
- 14. African country
- 15. Dark brown or black
- 16. Parent-teacher groups
- 17. Saturates
- 18. ESPN personality Kimes
- 19. Songs to a lover
- 21. Cavalry-sword
- 22. Begat
- 23. Patriotic women
- 24. Famed Princess
- 25. One who does not conform
- 28. Neither
- 29. Nigerian monetary unit
- 31. Body parts
- 33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song
- 36. Depicts with pencil
- 38. Make into leather without tannin
- 39. Plants grow from them
- 41. Alias
- 44. Fingers do it
- 45. More dried-up
- 46. Clod
- 48. Senior officer
- 49. A way to listen to music
- 51. The bill in a restaurant
- 52. Historic center of Artois region
- 54. Cyprinid fishes
- 56. Poisonous perennial plant
- 60. Scottish Loch
- 61. Heads
- 62. Extra seed-covering
- 63. Wings
- 64. Britpop band
- 65. Forearm bones
- 66. Small immature herring
- 67. Female sibling
- 68. Hymn

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Vipers
- 2. Not on time
- 3. Resembling a wing or wings
- 4. Tears down
- 5. Professional designation
- 6. Noise a sheep made
- 7. Type of lodge
- 8. Speak poorly of
- 9. Ties the knot again
- 10. Apron
- 11. Studied intensively
- 12. City in Finland
- 14. One who monitors
- 17. 18-year astronomical period
- 20. Trent Reznor's band
- 21. Takes to the sea
- 23. Split pulses
- 25. Valentine's Day color
- 26. Wyatt __
- 27. Type of rail
- 29. One from the Big Apple
- 30. Asteroids
- 32. Made more sugary
- 34. Change in skin pigment
- 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 37. Koran chapters
- 40. A place to relax
- 42. Young woman ready for society
- 43. Female horses
- 47. Half of Milli Vanilli
- 49. Icelandic poems
- 50. Indiana town
- 52. Golden peas
- 53. Closes tightly
- 55. It's mined in mountains
- 56. Cliff (Hawaii)
- 57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 58. Monetary unit
- 59. Primordial matter
- 61. TV station
- 65. Rise

PUZZLE SOLUTION

R	O	A	R		P	R	O		R	H	P					
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MAY 1 ISSUE

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, it's challenging for you and a romantic partner to get together this week and that may lead to stress. Over time you will be able to reconnect and get things back in sync.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, normally you are very open, but all of your communication channels seem to be blocked of late. Don't be too hard on yourself as things will return to normal soon enough.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

Gemini, if a family member has been in a bad mood or is feeling unwell, it is up to you to get to the root of the situation. Provide whatever assistance you can.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, you may feel like you don't want to get involved if a friend or colleague is in trouble. But this person can really use your help at the moment and you should step up.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Don't let your career get sidetracked by gossip and office politics, Leo. You should stand up for yourself if others are speaking poorly about you. Avoid getting involved in gossip.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, what seems to be bad news about your financial situation may not be as bad as it once appeared. Double-check the details before you become panicked.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, you may be inclined to protect loved ones from the truth this week, but they need to hear all of the details in this instance. Break any news to them gently.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are a workaholic by nature, but when fatigue hits you this week, you'll need to step back and give yourself time to rest. There's a lot coming your way soon enough.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

A person who is no longer in your life may be on your mind a lot these days, Sagittarius. Cherish the fond memories you have of this person and don't worry about being preoccupied.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, misinformation may be spreading around you and it can be tempting to add your own input to the discussions. Make sure your contributions can be backed up.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

You are finally putting some of your longstanding plans in motion, Aquarius. However, this week you may receive some information that might delay progress.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Someone may try to mislead you with some inaccurate information this week, Pisces. Conduct your own research and you'll get all of the details you need for to draw your own conclusion.