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WITCHES AND WARLOCKS ON PARADE—All types of ghoulish characters gathered for a photo prior to the Witches/Warlocks walk held in Sheshegwaning First Nation for Hallowe'en. For more fiendish fun, see Page 16.

photo by Jessica Sampson

Manitoulin Hunger Report shows need increasing, demand on food bank high

by Michael Erskine
MINDEMOYA—The 2023 Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Christmas Hamper campaign is nearly ready to get underway and, given the rising number of people accessing the MFR Food Bank, the need has never been greater.

“We are just finishing up the details of the campaign,” said MFR Food Security Program Coordinator Vanessa Glasby. “We are just waiting on Wiikwemkoong to determine who will be doing what this year.” Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has started its own food bank program, located below the Ontario Works offices in the village of Wiikwemkoong. “Then we will have a better idea of the number of hampers,” she said.

MFR is currently accepting referrals from partner agencies,

and from clients directly, to build this year’s list. “It’s still in the early stages for us,” said Ms. Glasby.

But that doesn’t mean donors have to wait for the official launch to lend a hand, especially when it comes to cash. “Cash is big for us,” said Ms. Glasby. The beauty of a cash donation is that it provides flexibility and the ability to provide fresh food to complement the dry goods and canned food that comes in to the food bank as donations.

“But non-perishable food items are always welcome,” she said. Examples of what is most in demand are dry cereal, peanut butter (a big favourite), Kraft Dinner and other pastas and canned protein. “Canned tuna, chicken and/or ham help provide protein

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Feds agree to \$23.4 billion remedy for Indigenous children whose health services were underfunded

by Tom Sasvari
OTTAWA—While it is being called good news that a federal court has approved the \$23.4 billion First Nations child-welfare settlement to compensate more than 300,000 First Nations children and their families, it does not erase the pain for those that have been involved in the past.

“It is about time,” stated Glen Hare, Ontario Regional Chief to

the news last week of the federal court approval. “It is definitely good news, and I know there will be comments out there on the pros and cons of this, but the reality is that it will not wipe out all the memories of the past, but it will provide some consolation to those of our people who have gone through hell in the past,” said Ontario Regional Chief Hare.

Ontario Regional Chief Hare

told The Expositor. “Now that the major approvals have been given, we will welcome the day when our people have this money in their hands.”

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe commended the federal court settlement approval. “Money can’t undo the harm that has been caused by this systemic discrimination, however, financial restitution is the only compensation Canada can provide,” he was quoted by Anishinabek News as saying. “This settlement agreement is a step towards justice for First Nations children and families.”

The federal court approval is the latest decision in an historic human rights case filed in 2007 by the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and the AFN.

In 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) found the

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Domtar employees successful in landing funds for transition clinic

by Tom Sasvari
ESPANOLA—While the idling of the Domtar mill is moving forward, government funding has now been secured to help a majority of its workers find new employment.

“We found out last night that funding has been successfully announced for the new employment action centre that will go towards helping provide things such as training, computers and other initiatives for employees,” said Jerry Logan, Unifor representative. “It is a bright spot in an otherwise very down time for the employees.”

Mr. Logan said a grand opening for the centre is expected to take place on November 15. The centre will be open for a year beginning November 1. “We expect the centre will assist 300 employees to help them find new employment and move on from Domtar.” He pointed out the funding provided by the province is on top of funding provided previously through the employer.

“The paper machines will continue operating until around Christmas and then the employees in that department will be laid

off,” said Mr. Logan. “The first set of layoffs will take place November 30, with the second round of layoffs to take place around December 18 and some employees will be laid off May 31.

Mr. Logan said the union and the company have come to terms on the idle agreement, ensuring

by Tom Sasvari
OWEN SOUND—While the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) gears up for the 50th anniversary of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry service, this year’s ferry season is being described as stellar and fantastic.

Carl Kuhnke, president of OSTC told The Expositor last week, “in terms of passengers, we had a total of 181,848 passengers travel on the ship and had



76,637 vehicles sail on the ship this season. This is an increase of 18.1 percent for vehicles and 14.5 percent in passenger traffic (over 2022).”

While the passenger and vehicle traffic numbers have increased, the bottom line for the Chi-Cheemaun was not as good, said Mr. Kuhnke. “Our total revenues for the ship were in the neighbourhood of \$6.6 million this season, but our expenses

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Grandmothers’ Council to hold ceremony for victims of overdose

by Jacqueline St. Pierre,
LJI Reporter

SAULT STE. MARIE—KII GA DO WAAK NOOKIMISUK (Grandmothers’ Council) was incorporated in 2019. Three traditional grandmothers, Isabelle Meawasige, head grandmother of Serpent River First Nation, Marlene Day, lead grandmother of Serpent River First Nation and Alison Recollect of Wikwemikong First Nation, lead the grassroots NGO that works to address sexual violence, exploitation and human trafficking in Indigenous communities in Ontario.

The Council has identified poverty and the ongoing opioid crisis as significant risk factors to Indigenous women, youth and 2SLGTIBQIAA+ people. Many First Nations people leave their communities seeking better employment opportunities, far away from their relatives and support networks. The accessibility of illicit and prescription drugs on reserve are also significant risk factors, the Grandmothers say.

“Our villages are getting empty of our niijonson (youth). I don’t want to be an old lady walking around on the planet without our youth,” said Ms. Meawasige.

KII GA DO WAAK NOOKIMISUK will be holding a healing ceremony for the families and friends who have lost loved ones to suicide and overdose since the

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Chi-Cheemaun posts increased ridership Operating overhead also on the rise



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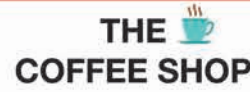
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



POPPY CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY—Once again, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, second from left, signed the official declaration to launch the National Poppy Week Campaign alongside members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 from left, Comrades Roy Eaton, public relations officer, past president Ruth Eadie and poppy chair Kari Bourque.

Wiikwemkoong singer-songwriter wins \$10,000 Neebin's Music Fund grand prize

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—When she originally applied for a grant through Neebin's Music Fund through the First Nation Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and inPath for the grand prize of \$10,000, Faith Desmoulin of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory couldn't fathom that she would win. But now, as she readies herself to release her first album, the funding will certainly come in handy and allow her to realize this dream.

"I applied for the funding under the Young Professional Artists program," said Ms. Desmoulin. "The prize money can go toward anything, really. The program is run by inPath in collaboration with the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada," she said, noting that there were 60 applicants in the running for the grand prize.

"I sent in an application describing what I would be using the money for if I won the grand prize of \$10,000. I have an album in the works, which I am self-producing, mastering and mixing," said Ms. Desmoulin. "I sent in this information, my official

website link, Instagram etc. and I sent in samples of what I am working on." She submitted three singles that will be on the album and three music videos.

While music is a huge part of her life Ms. Desmoulin also has a full-time job at the University of Toronto as coordinator of Indigenous Programming. "I love my job. I work during the day at the university and my nights and weekends are spent on my music."

Ms. Desmoulin, who is 26, left Wiikwemkoong at the age of 12. She now lives near Toronto. She has been around music most of her life. "When I was younger, about eight, I started playing keyboards (piano) and took up singing at the age of 12. When I moved off the Island at age 12, I moved to North Bay where I lived with my dad." She was discovered for his singing prowess by her father, Brian Simon, lead singer for 'Johnny Cash Tribute and the Wiky 3.'

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Some Manitoulin municipalities see decrease in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—While the province of Ontario is continuing to provide Northern, rural and small municipalities funds through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) with total funding remaining the same for 2024 as it was in 2023, it doesn't mean all Manitoulin Island municipalities will be receiving the same allotment this year.

In the case of the Town of

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI), the town will receive \$1,571,500 in the 2024 OMPF allocation. This is a decrease from the 2023 allotment of \$1,604,300. The total weighted assessment this year is \$246,233 or a household share of \$2,240. It is \$701.56 per household.

Dave Williamson, CAO off NEMI told the Expositor, "Our allotment for 2024 (compared to 2023) is going down by \$32,800.

This hurts us because it means a one percent increase on our taxes. We would just as soon have had the (allotment) go the other way."

The municipality of Assiginack will also see a decrease in this year's OMPF funding. In 2024 the municipality will receive \$683,200, a decrease from its 2023 share of \$690,700.

The Town of Gore Bay will receive OMPF funding in the amount of \$466,000. In 2023 the allocation was \$467,400.

Billings Township will receive \$546,800 in 2024 compared to \$544,700 in 2023.

Gordon/Barrie Island will receive the same OMPF funding in 2024 as it did last year in the amount of \$673,500.

Central Manitoulin will receive \$1,447,500 in 2024 an increase over its 2023 allotment of \$1,446,900.

Tehkummah will receive \$372,500 in OMPF funding in 2024 a reduction of \$200 in its share from 2023.

Burpee and Mills will receive the same amount in 2024 as last year, \$322,800. Allocation for the township of Burpee and Mills will be \$322,800 a

Ontario is continuing to support Northern, rural, and small municipalities through OMPF,

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Alex McCauley appointed Rainbow School Board trustee

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Former Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) police chief Alex McCauley has been selected to fill the trustee vacancy on the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB). Trustees approved the appointment of Mr. McCauley at the regular board meeting held October 24. Mr. McCauley replaces former trustee Dena Morrison, who passed away earlier this fall.

In announcing Mr. McCauley as the successful applicant, trustees thanked individuals who responded to the call to serve. "There was a tremendous level of interest from public school supporters who have significant experience to share," said board chair Bob Clement. "We appreciate the applications that we received."

"We look forward to welcoming Alex McCauley to the board table," said Mr. Clement. "He has worked in many positions of progressive responsibility, ending his career with the (GSPS) in an executive leadership role. He has also made an immense contribution to the community."

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Nursing heroes celebrated at Anishinabek Nation Health Conference in North Bay

Kim Genereux honoured

by Michael Erskine

NORTH BAY—Anishinabek Health Care Navigator at Noojmowin Teg, Kim Genereux, didn't hear her name being called as she was being summoned to the front of the room at the annual Anishinabek Nation Health Conference held October 18 this year in North Bay. Ms. Genereux normally eschews the limelight and was chatting with people at her table while prizes were being called out.

"They really caught me off guard," she told The Expositor. "I wasn't expecting anything like this."

"This" was being presented with the Tony H. Jacko Memorial Heroes in Health Award for going "above and beyond for all of her clients, treating each one of them and their families as though they are her own family."

"I am very happy to be here with you today to celebrate another successful Health Conference and to be a presenter to a couple



Noojmowin Teg's Kim Genereux and Kimberly Lalonde from Nipissing First Nation are recipients of the Tony H. Jacko Memorial Heroes in Health Award.

photo courtesy Anishinabek News

of individuals who have exceeded their regular duties in their community in order to keep our citizens safe," said Anishinabek Nation Health Director Jamie Restoule in presenting the award. "Let's celebrate and honour those

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Manitoulin Island needs its own climate impact assessment, local climate scientist urges

by Jacqueline St. Pierre,

LJI Reporter

MANITOULIN—The effects of climate change are already apparent through anecdotal evidence, warmer temperatures, rashes of wildfires, changing water levels and extreme weather events. The term 'climate' refers to the changes in weather over time.

In September of 2023, The Expositor spoke with Al Douglas, founder of The Climate Risk Institute, regarding the provincial risk assessment, which he described as "crude." It covers the province of Ontario in six regions, in broad strokes. The current data set doesn't apply to the uniqueness of Manitoulin Island, he noted at the time but with the assessment complete, wide as it may be, the Province of Ontario can now begin building a climate resilience strategy.

In 2017, The Climate Risk Institute, in partnership with the Manitoulin Streams Improvement

Association, received provincial government funding to collect temperature and precipitation data for Manitoulin Island. The goal of the project was to create a data set to measure changes in climate over a more extended period of time. Some municipalities, such as the York and Waterloo regions, have commissioned their own Climate Change Vulnerability and Risk Assessments, which will position them to work with the private and public sectors to create plans for climate resilience. With Manitoulin Island presenting unique weather patterns that differ even from our neighbours on the North Shore, Mr. Douglas believes a Risk Assessment is essential.

"You have to get it down into finer scales. Manitoulin Island should have a climate change risk assessment done of its own," he reiterates. "If you look at southern Ontario and even Northern

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Manitoulin Island Job Fair this Thursday, Nov. 2 in Mindemoya

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Employers will be able to get together with those looking for a career to discuss potential employment opportunities at the Manitoulin Island Job Fair taking place this Thursday, November 2 at the Mindemoya Community Centre.

"This will be the first Manitoulin Island job fair, an initiative that we partnered with the municipality of Central Manitoulin to host," stated Stephanie Pepin, customer services officer with Lacleche-Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation (LAMBAC).

The job fair, "Is basically being held to help local businesses talk to potential employees and those who are looking for work to be able to talk to local employers," said Ms. Pepin. "There isn't a shortage of work available on the Island. The problem is, if potential employees don't come forward and apply for jobs, what can potentially happen is that businesses end up having to close. It is sad to see when this takes place."

"We have 25 businesses registered to take part," said Ms. Pepin.

Job seekers will have the opportunity to win a door prize of a new laptop, said Ms. Pepin, who noted that there is no cost for employers to attend.

The job fair will be held from 10 am to 4 pm at the Mindemoya community centre.

Contact LAMBAC to sign up at info@lambac.org

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Heroes are a fragile thing in the 21st Century

Shockwaves swept across Turtle Island this past week with the revelation that possibly one of the most revered Indigenous Canadian icons of the 20th Century—*isn't*—well, apparently on both counts. Award winning singer/songwriter, tireless advocate for Indigenous rights, Buffy Sainte-Marie, or Santamaria, is a powerhouse whose work over the course of more than six decades has garnered accolades from all corners has fallen, toppled from a pedestal upon which she was worshipped by a relentless journalistic quest for the truth—whether we wanted it or not.

The CBC ripped the rose-coloured glasses from our eyes and exposed us to an ugly truth—and we don't like it, not one little bit. In online social media posts and media-solicited pundit commentary the overarching emotion being expressed has been an immense sense of betrayal.

There are those who say the CBC should not have foisted this terrible vision upon us. They point to her status as a respected elder, the immense body of her advocacy work, the role she plays as a vicarious model for aspiring young Indigenous youth. They speak of Ms. Saint-Marie's status as an adopted member of a Cree Nation (that very same nation whose members, according to some, came to Manitoulin to teach traditional powwow dances to a resurgent Anishinaabe culture) should stand as a shield against exposure to the brutal media wind. They point to "shoddy" journalism, or the possibility of forgery, ignoring the fact that the two main investigators themselves are Indigenous. Denial is among the first reactions to betrayal—say it isn't true.

Members of the dominant culture in this country have watched in recent years as the statues of "our" national heroes' have been toppled and hidden away from view, their names pruned from buildings and street signs in a new age of revulsion and dismissal into the dustbin of history. But the pain caused by the revelations of those heroes' onerous shortcomings and the reassessment of their right to stand upon those pedestals upon which we have placed them is blunted by the passage of time. This pain sears all the more deeply because the sense of betrayal is here, it is now.

Those of us standing on the sidelines should take no pleasure in that pain. Most of us have felt the sting of betrayal at some point in our lives, but few can match the depth of what the Anishinaabe community is going through today. It is a time for patience, understanding and compassion for those on both sides of the debate.

Unlike a number of the "pretendians" that have been exposed in recent years, Ms. Saint-Marie's accomplishments in the main have not been enhanced by her Indigeneity. Her stardom was achieved, again, in the main, through talent, hard work and determination. She did not get her Oscar in a special category reserved for Indigenous songwriters—but she did prove that an Indigenous artist can reach the very pinnacle of success (even if her Indigenous credentials are later proven to not go skin deep). She did not compete to displace a worthy, more authentic, Anishinaabe kwe for a grant or opportunity. Unlike many unveiled "pretendians" who climbed their ladders to success with a "hand-up" from a claim to race.

The vast majority of star biographies from the golden age of Hollywood are largely works of fiction with little or no basis in reality. Those biographies may have applied a layer "polish" to a public image, but they were not built on authenticity and did not add a single iota of talent into the mix. Sadly, much of Buffy Sainte-Marie's "shine" has been tarnished and that somehow diminishes us all.

The lesson here is, perhaps, to stop looking backward and instead set gaze to the future and seek to create a better and more authentic world. No hero can long stand the test of close scrutiny. Each of us is human, with failings, shortcomings and our own coats of tarnish. At the same time we should not revile those who hold up a mirror or pull back the curtain to reveal the truth—however painful truth may be.

The Piapot Nation has embraced Ms. Saint-Marie as one of their own citizens and enfolded her into their family and continue to stand firmly by their decision. If one truly believes in the sanctity of First Nation sovereignty—that should be enough for those of us standing outside of the circle. As Drew Hayden Taylor has publicly remarked in response to the controversy, "the sun will rise tomorrow."

letters

Some ideas for the Manitoulin swing bridge after decommissioning

Care must be taken to ensure it does not become another "Norisle"

To the Expositor:

Should Little Current decide the swing bridge remain after it is decommissioned, take a valuable lesson from the Norisle. Now is the time to start planning, not just for its immediate retention, but the next 50 years. Should it remain in place permanently open it will cost money. It will require work to preserve and maintain it in the decades to come. The alternative is to have a piece of decaying scrap metal on the waterfront instead of a monument. Then there will come a time when it simply will need to be removed as old structures cannot escape the certainties of time and rust which always win in the end.

The simple truth is the longer it remains, the more it will cost to ultimately deal with as has been learned from the Norisle. It is a large cost to be burdened by taxpayers of a small municipality now and in the future. Rational decisions and plans are needed now, and they start with an adult level conversation with the ratepayers who need a full, unbiased assessment of the future costs. Last minute crisis

management will not work. Self-appointed and self-qualified experts are not the ones to be listened to. Heroics are not a plan. Forget about feel good plans to convert the bridge to a charging station for electric water craft or a conduit to guide the levitating automobiles of the future to the Island.

The bridge will only serve as a static monument and the ratepayers need to be informed as to what they are being obligated to so they can decide if they really want it.

Ronald Kay
Assiginack

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has no control over the swing bridge located in Little Current. The Manitoulin swing bridge is the oldest structure on a provincial highway in the province and is the property and under the control of the province.

Provincial dental plan falls short for Island senior of limited means

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Ken Nicoll awoke one morning to find himself in intense pain. A number of his teeth were bad and one was severely infected, and as anyone who has experienced a toothache can attest, the pain was unbearable. Being a senior on very limited means, he reached out to the provincial seniors' dental plan and made a horrifying discovery.

"No dentist on the Island will accept it," he alleged. "There really is no 'plan'."

Desperate for help, Mr. Nicoll said he was directed to a local hospital emergency room. "They told me, 'they need to stop sending people here,'" the senior recalled. The doctors did provide him with a five-day course of antibiotics to deal with the infection, but that only provided temporary relief and soon proved inadequate to the job.

"I had to drive to Sudbury to find a dentist that would accept the provincial plan," said Mr. Nicoll. "That took so long the medication had run out." Even then, it was only an emergency extraction of the offending tooth that was covered. Although he has several teeth that are in dismal shape, the dentist "would only do one tooth," he said.

"I had to drive 400 kilometres in bad shape," he said. The pain was so bad that he could not get to sleep.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha noted the situation is very dire due to a number of factors.

"Number one is the income threshold," he said. "If you are receiving Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security you make too much money—you get no coverage. Same with GIS (Guaranteed Income Supplement)," he said. "These are people who are barely able to make ends meet on a good day. The province has got to bring that threshold up."

The second factor is that so few dentists have signed up for the provincial plan. "There is no incentive," Mr. Mantha points out. "The province pays much less than the listed price for dental services." With limited space in the dental chair, there is actually a disincentive to take on a senior of limited means. Even when the dentist is willing to take on the

task, the demand is higher than the supply.

"There is only one dentist in Elliot Lake," said Mr. Mantha. "If he is booked, you are out of luck. You have to travel to Sault Ste. Marie and even there, good luck finding a dentist."

Surprisingly, the provincial plan does have some fairly good coverage, including dentures, but again, the number one factor comes into play. "The income barrier," said Mr. Mantha. "There is a need to increase the allowable income for seniors so that they can qualify." The MPP points out that with the rapid rise in inflation and a lack of affordable housing, people are already having to decide between food and rent.

As for Mr. Nicoll, he is waiting with dread to when the next tooth inevitably starts to fail.

There may be help on the way, however, as the federal government is implementing a Canadian Dental Care Plan, expected to roll out by the end of this year.

According to the federal government release on the plan, once fully implemented, the Canadian Dental Care Plan will support up to 9 million uninsured Canadians who have an annual family net income of less than \$90,000 in getting the oral health care they need, with no co-pays for those with family incomes under \$70,000.

The release notes that the first stage of the procurement process for the Canadian Dental Care Plan took place between July 25 and August 22, 2022, when Public Services and Procurement Canada issued a Request for Information that sought input from industry on potential requirements and models for the new program—as a result three suppliers were chosen. A Request for Proposals was issued to the qualified suppliers in June and those suppliers had until July 20 to submit their proposals.

The federal 2023 budget proposed to provide \$13 billion over five years, starting in fiscal year 2023 to 2024, along with \$4.4 billion ongoing to Health Canada in order to implement the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

Op-ed

Intimate partner violence is an epidemic that extends far beyond recent tragedies

by Colleen Hill
Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources
Author's warning: Femicide and violence against women and children is mentioned in the article.

On October 23, 2023, in Sault Ste. Marie, a woman and three children were murdered by a man they all knew. Their deaths were preventable. Changes are desperately needed if we are to save the lives of women and children. It takes the support of the entire community to end violence against women.

Manitoulin Family Resources' Violence Against Women Program serves over 500 women and children each year through our safe emergency shelter, outreach counselling and 24-hour support and crisis line. We support individuals and families living on Manitoulin Island, Espanola and the North Shore.

We know that the rates of intimate partner violence (IPV), including femicide, rose dramatically in the early months of the pandemic and have not decreased. To date there have been 50 femicides in Ontario in 2023. Indigenous, Black, 2SLGBTQ+ women, girls, gender diverse individuals and women living with disabilities are at an increased risk of experiencing violence because of systemic barriers and system failures.

In June 2022, the Renfrew County Inquest took place (the inquest into the 2015 murders of Carol Culleton, Anastasia



The purple scarf has become a symbol of the campaign to end gender-based violence.

Kuzyk and Natalie Warmerdam by a man each had been involved with) and resulted in 86 recommendations for systemic changes. These recommendations are far-reaching and creative. The first one calls for the government of Ontario to declare IPV an epidemic. The Ontario government has yet to implement this recommendation, however over 60 Ontario municipalities have. Implementation of this recommendation would send a clear message that IPV is a serious social and public health issue. It would create a new lens through which policy, program and service decisions could be made. It would validate the realities of tens

of thousands of women who have been or are being victimized by an abusive partner.

Our shelter sees firsthand every day the impact of intimate partner violence on woman and children in this community. We believe that declaring intimate partner violence an epidemic could make a positive difference for everyone living in our community.

We need to act now and we need to act together. This must be a wholistic approach including individuals, community partners, municipal, provincial, and federal governments all working together to build safer communities.

November is Women Abuse Prevention Month, please join us in this work.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Colleen Hill is the new executive director of Mindemoya-based Manitoulin Family Resources, the operator of Haven House women's shelter. November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a period designed to unite domestic violence victims. It is essential to remember that domestic violence affects millions of people; moreover, it's not just women who are impacted by this scourge, although it is most often women who are the victims.

If you or someone you know is living with IPV, please contact the Manitoulin Family Resources' 24-hour crisis line at 705-377-5160 or toll-free at 1-800-465-6788. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.

Book chronicles the challenges of living with Lyme disease and birding as therapy

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—Birding is credited for being a coping mechanism for Bob Bell, who lives with Lyme disease.

"My book is really two stories in one," stated Bob Bell, author of the book, 'Out of the Lyme Light and into the Sunlight: Birding as Therapy for the Chronically Ill.' First is my frustrating journey through the medical system with my Lyme, and then second, I sing the virtues of birding as a wonderful coping mechanism for anyone dealing with a chronic health issue. I give tons of resources and tips on how to get into birding."

Mr. Bell was the guest speaker at a Manitoulin Nature Club (MNC) meeting last Friday. He explained he had first been introduced to the club through his interest in the story of a western North American woodpecker, dubbed Meriwether, who had set up shop for a long time earlier this year on property owned by Bob and Phyllis Cacciotti of Kagawong. "Everyone I knew from southern Ontario was making the pilgrimage to see this rare bird. I don't normally chase birds like this, but this bird seemed to be long staying." He contacted the Cacciottis and drove up to Kagawong last February. "I had the opportunity to meet Bob and Phyllis who are great people and have become friends, and I did see Meriwether. It was at that time I found out that Phyllis is the president of MNC."

Mr. Bell was born and raised in Northern Ontario and now lives in Ancaster.

"It was exactly 10 years ago in the fall of 2013 that I started to have problems with Lyme," said Mr. Bell. He had spent 35 years as a mineral exploration geologist (27 years with INCO), working globally as both a field geologist and later as an executive.

"I had been on a trip to southern Africa and got bit by a bunch of bugs," recalled Mr. Bell. "I came back home and then attended a wedding in Regina, Saskatchewan, where I wandered into some tall grass. A few days later I had massive chills and fever, and I remember at the time thinking I had previously contracted Dengue fever on a trip to Brazil, which also started with a fever and cold chills, and I remember the doctor who treated me for this telling me don't get it a second time because it could prove to be fatal."

Fortunately, the symptoms Mr. Bell had experienced only lasted



Bob Bell, author of the book 'Out of the Lyme Light and into the Sunlight: Birding as Therapy for the Chronically Ill,' is joined by Phyllis Cacciotti, president of the Manitoulin Nature Club. Mr. Bell was the guest speaker at the club's meeting held last Friday in Mindemoya. Mr. Bell has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island and his book relates the story of his frustrating journey through the medical system with Lyme disease—and the virtues of birding as a wonderful coping mechanism for anyone dealing with a chronic health issue.

photo by Tom Sasvari

three days.

However, by October of 2013, "some really weird things started to happen," said Mr. Bell. "If I had slept on my side the night before I would wake up and that side would still have sleep sensations like numbness and pins and needles. I also had migratory-muscle pains and overwhelming fatigue." He also suffered other symptoms like muscle twitches.

The problem was, "how could I convince anyone in the medical system that these symptoms were all related?" said Mr. Bell. "I even had cognitive issues and couldn't even count out \$1.75 in change to pay for a copy of the Globe and Mail newspaper."

"I was over a year testing to find out what I have," said Mr. Bell. He calls Lyme Disease "the great imitator because it includes the same symptoms of diseases such as Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's disease."

"The medical system didn't believe I had Lyme disease," said Mr. Bell.

After he got a blood test from a

diagnostic laboratory situated in Silicone Valley in California, he took the results to his Toronto doctor, who said 'of course they found you positive for Lyme, they want your business.' "In fact, the lab had been set up by a person who had gone through a similar frustrating experience of not getting a Lyme diagnosis nor treatment, so had devoted his riches to inventing better diagnostic methods, with no ulterior motives or financial incentives to find one positive. This is an example of what I had to deal with."

He stated that his daughter Candace told him at one point, 'You would have been better off going to a veterinarian,' given that dogs get inoculated with a Lyme vaccine.

After getting the positive Lyme diagnosis, Mr. Bell went under the care of a US doctor, who he estimated improved his health by 60 percent, but not enough to continue working, so he had to retire in late 2015.

Upon retirement, he moved to Ancaster and put bird feeders up

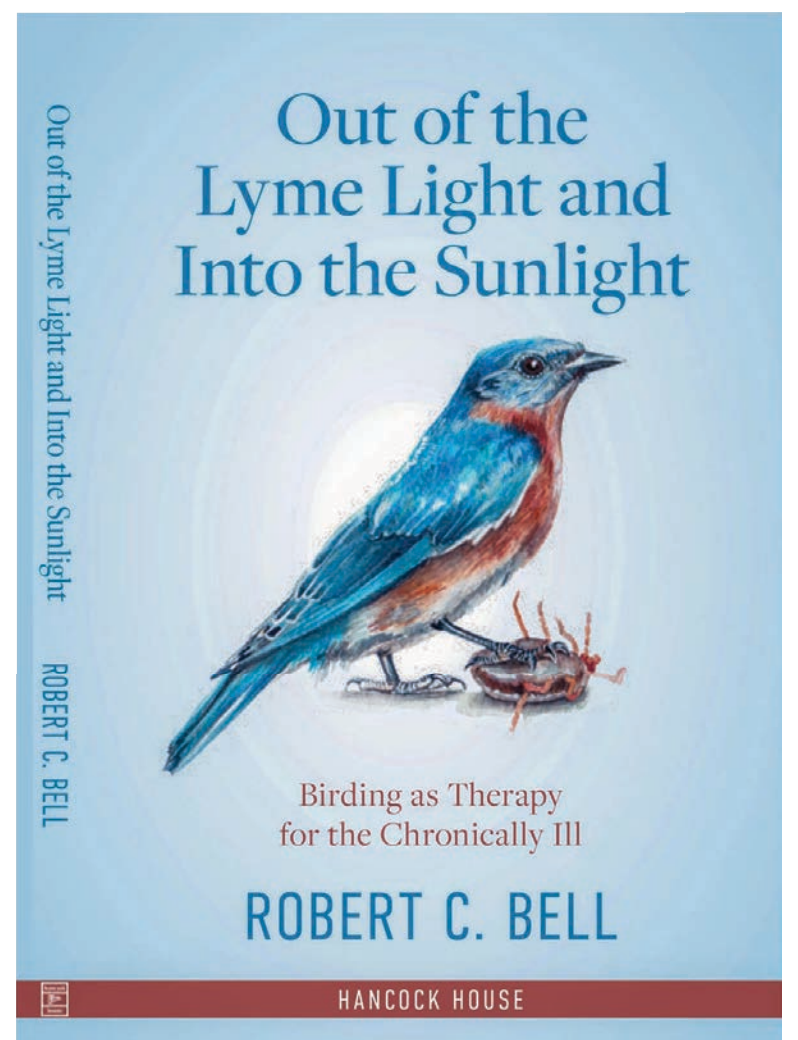
on his property. "I did a lot of research on birds and took courses on various species. And the more I got involved, sitting at my desk studying about birds of the Hamilton area, and watching the birds in my yard, I found that I had less aches and pains, because it got my mind off my body." "The more I got interested in birding, the less pain I was experiencing," said Mr. Bell. "It became basically a coping mechanism, it was cathartic, and so much so that my niece said one day that I should write a book about all of this."

He did indeed write a book and after sending it to a few publishers the book was released in December 2022. "I love sharing my newfound passion of birding and getting people hooked on birding. More people caring about birds means more people thinking and talking about the environment, preserving green spaces, and climate change," said Mr. Bell.

"My book is a story of hope," stated Mr. Bell, who noted the cover of his book, which was designed and painted by his daughter Candace, shows a bluebird stomping on a giant tick. "It is a wonderful picture and ties together my passion of birding with my Lyme disease."

Mr. Bell noted, "Lyme disease is highly curable, if one begins treatment with antibiotics immediately. I was 13 months from onset of symptoms to diagnosis, so I now live with chronic Lyme. The challenge is that less than 50 percent of people with Lyme are aware of having had an embedded tick, and of those, less than half get the diagnostic bullseye rash."

One lingering mystery for Mr. Bell is whether his ongoing symptoms are due to an active Lyme bacteria infection or the result of an overactive immune system fighting something that is no longer there, triggering inflammation and pain.



The cover of the book 'Out of the Lyme Light and into the Sunlight: Birding as Therapy for the Chronically Ill' written by Robert Bell.

Billings Township council supports call from residents for lower speed limits

Township will consult with Manitoulin OPP Detachment, Central Manitoulin on issue

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—A group of residents on the Monument Road located within Billings Township who have petitioned for speed limits on the road due to safety concerns have received support from Billings council and will consult with the municipality of Central Manitoulin and the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on the issue, this despite concerns raised by one councillor that a speed sign survey done on the road in June of this year does not show many people have been speeding.

"I am in support of the petition we have received," said Councillor Vince Grogan at a council meeting last week. "My biggest concern is safety. We know that in the township on Highway 540 drivers going 90 kilometres per hour does not present a huge problem. But on the side roads this is a problem."

Councillor Michael Hunt and Jim Cahill also expressed their support of the concerns and the petition calling for lower speed limits.

"On the speed data statis-

tics, only 65 of the 3,994 vehicles, or two percent, were actually found to be speeding," said Councillor Dave Hillyard. "Without official data on the full road, including the portion in Central Manitoulin, there is not enough data. We need more evidence to justify this. If 50 percent of the drivers had been speeding it would be (justified) but with only 63 vehicles having been found going above 80-85 km speed range that is an enforcement issue," he said pointing out, "the majority of the road has speed limits less than 50 kilometres per hour."

"Before we make a decision to change the speed limits, we need to get more feedback from Central Manitoulin and the OPP," said Councillor Hillyard.

Mayor Bryan Barker pointed out the recommended motion was to consult with both Central Manitoulin and the OPP before taking a final position. He explained that "On May 17 CAO/Clerk Emily Dance received an email from Rex Barker concerning speeding vehicles on Monument Road. Rex is requesting that the speed limit be reduced



Speeders on Monument Road have residents seeing red. A group of citizens have petitioned for lower limits.

from 80 kilometres to 60 kilometres on the three-kilometre section of road between John Street (in Billings) to the Central Manitoulin boundary. Mr. Ward had drafted a petition (signed by nine other residents in the area) to sign and at the end of the summer season would be sending it to staff. The completed petition was received on October 3.

In order to gather speed data the township placed its mobile electronic speed

sign that posts vehicle speeds as they pass by as well as collects data on the number of vehicles and their speeds, continued Mayor Barker. The public works department placed the speed sign on this section of Monument Road for the month of June.

It was noted the majority of Monument Road is within the boundaries of Central Manitoulin. The portion of Monument Road in Billings is roughly five kilometres in length. The

majority of residents on this portion of road are seasonal as it runs along Lake Mindemoya.

Data was collected from the speed sign on Monument Road between June 5-30. The report gives a count of the total number of cars that travelled past the speed sign during this time (count of 3994) in five-kilometre grouping; two percent of vehicles travelling past the speed sign were travelling at and above the speed limit (80 kilometres per hour and

higher) and 28 percent above 60 kilometres per hour (60 kilometres per hour and higher).

It was further pointed out if the speed limit were to be lowered from 80 to 60 kilometres, speed limit signs would need to be installed at both ends of Monument Road within Billings Township and the township traffic and parking bylaw would need to be updated.

Councillor Grogan said the speed signs were not in place during the peak season. "The majority of local residents respect the speed limits, but it is in months like July and August that maybe we would see the number of people speeding increasing."

Council passed a motion in support of a staff recommendation that the township of Billings approves the report and receive the petition from the property owners on Monument Road and will consult with Central Manitoulin and the OPP on the concerns.



Law & Order

Hiker located in Killarney Provincial Park

Police have now located a hiker who had been reported as missing in Killarney Provincial Park.

On October 26, shortly after 3 pm, members of the Nipissing West detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a missing person report in Killarney Provincial Park, in the municipality of Killarney.

An experienced hiker, 50 years of age, from Hamilton had gone on a four-day hiking trip into the park and was to return on Wednesday, October 25.

The emergency response team (ERT), canine unit of the OPP, along with park wardens conducted a search that evening without locating the missing hiker.

On October 27 the OPP reported that the ERT had located and escorted the missing hiker out of the park with no medical concerns.

The OPP would like to remind the public of the "what3words" App offered for free by both android and Apple devices to download. The app labels every three squared metres with a unique three-word location string which can be converted into latitude and longitude coordinates for entry into the computer aided dispatch system in use at the OPP provincial communication centre (PCC).

Even if the caller does not have the app previously downloaded on their mobile device, the PCC communicator can send a link to the caller's cell phone which will enable the caller (with data access and connectivity), to find their what3words location. The app is available in 43 languages but shares the location in English.

OPP investigate two-vehicle fatal collision on Highway 17

Two people have died and three people were injured as a result of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 17.

On October 24, shortly before 1 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services and Sables-Spanish River Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 17 in Sables-Spanish River Township.

Upon arrival, police learned of a head on collision involving a pickup truck and commercial motor vehicle.

19-year-old Jordan Marinier of Espanola was pronounced dead at the scene. In addition, 17-year-old Abigail (Abby) Gignac, also from Espanola, was transported to a local hospital where she later died as a result of her injuries.

Three other people were injured in the collision and transported to a local hospital.

An investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the OPP's traffic incident management enforcement (TIME) team.

40-foot ladder missing from Little Current church

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Members of St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Little Current are appealing to whoever removed a 40-foot extension ladder from the rear courtyard of the church to return it.

"Maybe whoever took it might feel guilty and will bring it back," said congregation member Tony Ferro in reaching out to The Expositor about the theft. It is unclear when the ladder was removed from the courtyard. Work to replace the roof of the rectory across the road on Hay-

ward Street has been taking place over the weekend.

Wandering off with a 40-foot ladder, even in the dead of night, is not an easy feat and it is likely that the removal was witnessed by someone. Church leaders have issued a plea to anyone who might have seen the removal of the ladder taking place, and perhaps not realized what was happening, to report the matter.

Members of St. Bernard's parish hope that whoever took the ladder will return it soon.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Kagawong was hopping with ghosts and goblins on Tuesday as they made the rounds to homes and businesses taking the opportunity to eat, drink and be scary. Team Fergmeijer was pleased to see so many stop in to visit, but no one has called us since. We're a bit concerned that we've been ghosted.

The Kagawong Cenotaph Board is once again presenting a Remembrance Day service on Saturday, November 11 at 11 am at the Kagawong Park Centre. All are welcome to join Dr. Suzanne Evans, author of "A Taste of Longing," which highlights the experiences of Manitoulin Island's Ethel Mulvany and her time as a prisoner of war in Singapore during WW2. A documentary film crew will be in attendance as they explore her life. Potluck lunch (finger foods only) to follow, silver collection appreciated.

All aboard!! The Manitoulin Secondary School Musical Theatre Program invites you to "The Emerald Heist" dinner theatre experience on Friday, November 10 and Saturday, November 11. The killer has covered their tracks well and the truth is hidden in train sight. Join your fellow passengers in the dining car as you enjoy a delicious three-course dinner and work to unravel whodunit. Work together to keep the evening from going off the rails while you determine the criminal's loco-motive. Email fergusj@rainbowschools.ca for more information, or purchase your tickets online at www.ticketspice.com/emeraldheist

November is a busy month in Billings! The next Island Wide Waste Management meeting is coming up on Tues-

day, November 14 at 7 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Shortly after that, the annual Christmas in Kagawong market will be Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18, also at the Park Centre. Stop by and get everything from stocking stuffers to unique, meaningful gifts created by local craftspeople.

And don't forget about the Billings Library's annual silent auction Thursday, November 23 to Sunday, November 26. Join the auction Facebook group ([FB.com/groups/libraryauction](https://www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction)) to see some sneak peeks of the items that will be up for grabs and to be ready to bid when the auction starts!

Finally, save the date for the annual Kagawong Community Christmas Concert! Saturday, December 2 at the ever-versatile Park Centre. We are looking for acts to fill the ranks and are very open-minded when it comes to talent: skits, songs, recitations, jokes, juggling, sword swallowing... we are keen to see it all! Contact fergmeijer@gmail.com if you would like to take part.

We figure birthday wishes should be like a good party dress. Long enough to cover the important bits, but short enough to hold people's interest. So happy birthday to Gail L who turns 29 this weekend and a happy belated birthday to Diane N who we are sure is slowly recovering from her big day last week.

Go figure! Skating, that is... If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain the community rink this winter, please contact Tiana at the town office (tmills@billingsstp.ca).

Deer season is just around the corner! Which made us wonder, do poltergeists need a haunting licence? Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Happy rainy Thursday, it sure was wet. But we needed the rain. I have been picking kale from the garden and drying it to make greens for over the winter. My husband has been helping me and he dislikes anything that is the colour green.

Last Friday, October 20 at cards we had three tables. Lois Wismer was high lady with 74 points; high man was Elaine Bradley with 77 points. You needed 82 points to win the money jar, so it is safe for another week. Ladies' lone hands went to Karen Noble with four; men's lone hands went to Bob Benedict with two; most euchres were won by Murray Duncanson with nine; Karen Noble took home the juice.

The work on the cribbing and docks on the north side of the marina has now been finished. Our contractor also worked hard on repairs to the boardwalk on the south side as well. He leveled the boardwalk and replaced the decking on a 100-foot section. The docks are now put away for the winter, safe from the ravages of wind and ice.

We have several meetings going on right now. There was a church music meeting in Mindemoya which I went to. We also had a Roads Board meeting and a Local Services Board meeting this weekend. Thanks to everyone who works hard to make our community a great place to live. Thanks also to the store, they willingly take wish lists and stock their shelves accordingly.

Hunting season starts soon and one can feel the excitement mounting.

Have a great week everyone.

...Nursing heroes celebrated at Anishinabek Nation Health Conference

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members in our territory who have stepped up and extended themselves to help others while keeping us safe during this difficult time.”

In citing the reason for honouring Ms. Genereux with the award, it was noted in the seven communities she serves, “Kim regularly visits both Island hospitals as well as Health Sciences North in Sudbury to meet with clients and their families to assist with hospital discharges and setting up community services. Kim is in regular contact with community health staff, partner agencies and community homecare agencies to coordinate care and services to maximize the success of each client staying in their homes for as long as possible. Kim empowers her clients to make their own decisions regarding their health and plans for care and will sit with them for as long as it takes to fully explain and for her clients to comprehend their situation. She is available to clients and their families in the last hours of palliative care.”

It was further noted that Ms. Genereux can often be found on the road in the early morning hours “well before her work time and is last to finally go home. Never going home until she is sure that everyone’s needs have been acknowledged and take care of.”

Ms. Genereux and the Nodmodzawin community nurse also worked on ensuring food security to those seven First Nations’ Elder populations. Ms. Genereux “took the lead and was able to partner with community staff to order and deliver freezers to areas where food could be held and delivered as needed.” She also researched and worked with many companies to discover the types of high-quality foods that could be ordered.

“This was a huge undertaking and she did this as well

and continued with her full-time job,” noted her sponsors. “It was just that important to her.” Ms. Genereux was also cited as “a strong advocate for the First Nation population...always working on transportation methods so that clients can get to appointments and pick up food. As a compassionate individual whose “caring, wealth of knowledge, a caring friend and passion about her work on Manitoulin Island—our Island communities would be lost without her assistance and direction.”

Characteristically, Ms. Genereux attempted to deflect the accolades. “I am just one member of a team,” she said. “I couldn’t do anything without the people I work with.” But she admitted to being honoured and humbled by the recognition.

Also recognized with the award was Director of Services Kimberly Lalonde of Nipissing First Nation, whose 20-year stint with Nipissing First Nation Health Services was cited as “a testament to her unwavering dedication, compassionate service and tireless commitment to promoting health and wellness for Nipissing citizens.”

...singer-songwriter wins Neebin’s Music Fund grand prize

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“One day my dad was singing a song and I said to him ‘it doesn’t go like that.’ It was a song by Adele, and I sang it out for him and he said, ‘you can sing,’” explained Ms. Desmoulin, who said as a kid she was very shy and quiet. Her songwriting career started after she graduated from Mohawk College in the music program.

There are a variety of artists that have had an influence on shaping Faith’s signature sound. Her biggest inspirations being Celine Dion, Whitney Houston, Johnny Cash, Taylor Swift, Diana Krall, Queen, David Bowie and Billie Eilish. She seeks to offer something different and unique to her fans by creating and performing original music that they are proud to call their own.

“I write music for myself, what I’m feeling at the time. It is not all about love and heart breaks, but things like mental health. My first single was ‘Social Anxiety.’ I don’t like to stick to one type of music.”

“I am trying to separate my work life and my professional music side. I love my job at the university and my music as well,” said Ms. Desmoulin.



...some decrease in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding

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which will once again provide funding of \$500 million for 2024. The funding, which is unconditional, will be distributed to 390 municipalities across the province to help local priorities and specific community needs.

“Maintaining a close relationship with our municipal partners is crucial as we build a strong Ontario together,” said Peter Bethlenfalvy, minister of finance. “Our government recognizes the unique challenges northern rural and small communities face. This is why the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, along with other programs, are critical in building stronger and resilient communities across the province.”

The OMPF is one part of Ontario’s overall support to municipalities, which continues to increase. The government has doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) and, since 2021, has introduced new supports such as the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) and the Building Faster Fund, a \$1.2 billion program that supports community growth throughout the province, including in small, rural and Northern communities. Ontario also recently announced that it will restore provincial annual base funding for public health units in 2024.

“As municipalities begin annual budget planning this

fall, ongoing economic uncertainty threatens their ability to make informed decisions for the long-term,” said Colin Best, president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). “Stable and predictable funding like (OMPF) remains critical to municipal governments who remain key partners in helping to build a strong Ontario.”

The OMPF funding is unconditional and can be used to support the local priorities and specific needs of each community.

Ontario increased its annual investment in the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) by \$1 billion over five years, starting in 2022. OCIF provides investment to help 425 small, rural and Northern communities renew and rehabilitate roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

The Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program is providing up to \$15 million annually over five years to northern municipalities to support infrastructure projects.

Starting January 1, 2024, the province will restore annual base funding (\$47 million) for public health units to the level previously provided under the 2020 cost-share ratio.

The Building Faster Fund will provide up to \$1.2 billion over three years for municipalities that meet or exceed the housing targets they have pledged to achieve by 2031.

Local arts business launches new program for Indigenous youth in Sheshegwaning First Nation

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

SHESHEGWANING—John Roe and Stefanie Thomson own and operate Who’s Crafty?, made popular for their adult paint nights. However, the couple has been working with First Nations on the Island, as well as the North Shore, and is launching a new four-week workshop named ‘Developing Minds’ for youth in Sheshegwaning First Nation in November.

The four-week program will feature instruction that guides the participants from concept to execution and will culminate in a group art show at the band office.

John Roe, who will be facilitating the workshop, developed it with the help of Stefanie, who has a background in Early Childhood Education.

Research shows that art activities develop brain capacity in early childhood and support the development of cognitive, social, emotional and multi-sensory skills. Researchers with the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study (ABCD Study) have explored the connection between art and teen brain development using aptitude tests and brain scans to see how art influences brain development and general health. The findings are that art-making has a positive effect on mental health and provides an outlet during times of stress.

“Getting your mind thinking that way is important. In my personal experience, I have a hard time looking at a landscape without figuring out how to paint it,” Mr. Roe

said.

Mr. Roe says that while many communities include art programming, few are organized in a way that understands and nurtures art making, which at its core is about process and self-expression more than the finished product.

“I think that art making is an important part of developing critical thinking,” said Mr. Roe.

The guiding principle behind the company is to make art more accessible to everyone.

“I’m not a fan of the ‘Fine Art Machine’ because that’s what it is. It’s a machine created to exclude people.”

Mr. Roe also believes that art provides people with a means to connect with the natural world.

“To me, art is less of a learnable thing and more of a discoverable thing,”

he said.

The spaces for the workshop are filled, but the couple hopes that other organizations will incorporate this type of programming, particularly since education budget cuts have affected the arts in public schools.

“Making art is important for youth to develop confidence and a sense of accomplishment,” they say.

Manitoulin Pet Rescue




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...Manitoulin needs its own climate impact assessment, climate scientist urges

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Ontario, the cities are doing this. You take a look at how climate has changed, you ask the people what the impacts are and you determine what is important for a community and then to what extent is that painful in the future, what are the consequences. And you rate the consequences and prioritize those things according to the likelihood of the climate event.”

However, Mr. Douglas asserts that a data set could be created by incorporating measurements from weather stations along Highway 17 to fill existing gaps.

“You pick all of the dots from all around the stations on the Island, and you can say all these stations have changed to that extent,” Mr. Douglas continues. “it’s highly likely that the temperature change has been similar for the Island. We do get unique patterns because it’s an Island and the water and the channel, but with respect to average annual temperature change, seasonal temperature change and total annual precipitation, you could look and see how that compares to other weather stations around here.”

Unfortunately, funding ran out, and while Manitoulin Streams was able to keep their member of staff, they were unable to pursue the project further.

“My idea at the time was not just to have weather and climate data; it was other kinds of data,” he explains. “Who has all the stream flow records on the Island? Does anyone collect stream flow data, volume, height of water and streams? Does anyone collect data on species richness? Does anybody do bird counts, or who has data on water temperatures on the inland lakes on Manitoulin? All that stuff is important to paint the picture of how the ecology changes from various pressures, not just climate change. It would be a neat idea to think of multiple variables and bring it together to let Manitoulin Streams look after it.”

Mr. Douglas says that the impacts and challenges that the municipalities are experiencing are essential indicators of pain points where infrastructure should be reinforced and require a formal impact assessment in writing to move forward.

“In the future, we will need to be able to refer back to something as a baseline,” he adds. “So, the next iteration of this assessment will indicate what’s gotten worse. Are there other areas we didn’t write about the first time around that are significant? Is there anything that is getting better? How does it affect everything, people and communities and wildlife?”

Mr. Douglas says that the assessment which remains incomplete, would position Manitoulin Island to plan critical adaptations to improve the community’s resilience to climate events. Homeowners, stewards of the land, municipalities, and levels of government all have essential roles to play in developing strategies to respond to the risks, and new needs are presenting themselves.

The challenges that a dynamic climate presents affect



Al Douglas gives a talk on Manitoulin’s changing climate in 2018. Expositor file photo

the standards that govern road construction, ditches, bridges and buildings all need to be reconsidered. The existing infrastructure was built under the premise that we had a static climate, so now there are additional risk factors that need to be brought into consideration to anticipate what it’s going to be like in the future.

“Fifty years down the road, it’s going to be a very different climate than the one we are currently operating in, so we need to be thinking about these things now so that our infrastructure will last,” said Mr. Douglas.

He also indicated that the private sector is invested in building climate resilience.

“Insurance companies are right on top of this, and they’re trying to push resilience in businesses no matter who they insure, they want resilience in infrastructure and in crop management because the more extreme weather we face, the more insurance companies are paying out than premiums that they’re taking in,” Mr. Douglas concludes. “What happens is certain places will become uninsurable.”

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...Alex McCauley appointed Rainbow Board trustee

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Board trustee Judy Kosmerly said, “I would like to thank the seven candidates who put their names forward for the trustee vacancy. We had excellent candidates.”

“I totally agree,” stated Mr. Clement. “It takes courage to come forward and submit your name for this type of position.”

“As a lifelong learner, I have a strong connection to the board’s vision, mission, values and priorities,” said Mr. McCauley. “They align with my personal and professional beliefs. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the education and well-being of young people. I look forward to working with trustees, staff and partners on behalf of the students and families served by (RDSB).”

After obtaining a bachelor’s degree in Law and Justice from Laurentian University, Mr. McCauley earned diplomas from the

Canadian Police College in executive development and the Ontario Police College in police management. He retired from the GSPS in 2002, after serving a decade as police chief. During his tenure, he appointed the first Aboriginal Liaison Officer and initiated the Aboriginal Community Police Advisory Committee. As a police officer, he actively participated in programs that engaged children and youth.

A community-minded individual, Mr. McCauley is past chair of the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario and a member of the board of directors of Our Children, Our Future. He has also served on the board of governors at Cambrian College, the Northern Cancer Research Foundation, and the Rotary Club of Sudbury Sunrisers. He is a past chair of the school council at R.H. Murray Public School. He has contributed extensively to policing on

provincial and national levels, including the implementation of crime prevention strategies across Canada.

Mr. McCauley is a life member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and the recipient of a Helen Keller Achievement Award through Rotary and Lions International, respectively.

Mr. McCauley will be sworn in as a trustee prior

to the next board meeting on November 21. He will serve as a trustee for the term ending November 2026 in Area 4. Area four encompasses Wards 7 and 8 of the City of Greater Sudbury as well as the municipalities of Killarney, French River, Markstay-Warren, St. Charles, and the unorganized townships of Burwash, Cox, Davis, Eden, Hawley, Hendrie, Henry, Janes, Laura, Loughrin, Secord, Servos, Street and Tilton.

Fundraiser organized for double lung transplant patient

by Michael Erskine TEHKUMMAH—Born with cystic fibrosis, 19-year-old Amanda Albrecht has struggled with health issues all her life. Most recently, the Amish girl from Tehkummah underwent a double lung transplant on October 5 at a hos-

pital in Toronto. She spent much of September in the hospital in Toronto.

Canada may have a national health care system, but being ill is still very expensive. Ms. Albrecht’s 21-year-old cousin and close friend has set about organizing a fundraiser to assist with Ms. Albrecht’s medical expenses. The young woman making the arrangements wishes to remain anonymous, but reached out to The Expositor hoping to spread the word.

The fundraiser will take place at the Tehkummah Hall on November 21, from 9:30 am to 1 pm and will include a meal (by free will donation), plenty of delicious baked goods and a silent auction. Takeout will be available.

Hopefully, Ms. Albrecht will be out of the hospital by then and able to attend herself.

Donations of new items for the auction can be dropped off at the home of Mahler and Ruth Streicher in Tehkummah with arrangements by calling 705-859-2159.

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...Manitoulin Hunger Report shows need increasing

...continued from page 1 to our clients' diets," continued Ms. Glasby. "Also, when it comes to Christmas, stuffing is popular and the little extras that make the Christmas season so special." Candy is another item that adds a bit of pep, especially for families with children.

"There has been a real growth in the number of people accessing the food bank, especially since COVID," said Ms. Glasby. "The clients increase year over year."

With rising inflation and the challenge to secure affordable housing, new pressures have come to the fore. "We are seeing an increasing number of working people reaching out," she said. "There is a growing need and things are getting tight everywhere." In that, the Island



Vanessa Glasby of Manitoulin Family Resources urges Islanders to start thinking about donations to the food bank in the leadup to Christmas and the hamper campaign.

Expositor file photo

is not alone. Those trends are showing up across the province and the country.

The recently released Manitoulin Hunger Report

highlights those trends locally. The report notes that between March 31 and April 1 of 2023, MFR has served 4,289 individuals, a

37 percent increase from 2018-2019.

Of the 1,569 households that visited during the March-April period, 28 percent were coming to the food bank for the first time. Those include recent residents of Manitoulin Island communities who found themselves faced with the "ongoing challenges of rural living." But it isn't just newcomers—the bulk of the food bank clients are people who have lived on Manitoulin for many years and simply cannot keep up with the cost of living.

The need is greatest in First Nations communities, according to the Manitoulin Hunger Report. Households residing on reserve made up 68 percent of those coming into the food bank. The report suggests that over-representation can be linked to "Canada's history of colonization and the

ongoing impacts of separation from Indigenous culture."

Distance also plays a role, as the least represented among the clients are those coming from the communities farthest from the food bank in Mindemoya—likely a factor resulting from the Island's lack of public transportation and the high cost of travel.

Child poverty may be on the decline nationally, but a sobering fact is that while the most prevalent food bank visitors are between the ages of 25 to 35, 40 percent of those served were between the ages of zero and 17—comprising more than a third of all visitors.

The holes in our province's safety net are on clear display, as 64 percent of households accessing the food bank services report social assistance as their primary source of income,

one of the few things that has remained a constant down through the years. Only six percent of those using the food bank are employed, either part-time or full-time. Precarious employment is definitely on the rise as evidenced by the rise in usage in that group from previous years—a fact born out in provincial studies as well.

To find out more about how you can help MFR in meeting the growing challenges of food insecurity, contact info@mresources.net. A donation button can be found on the MFR website at mresources.net or donations can be sent by cheque to Manitoulin Family Resources, PO Box 181, Mindemoya, ON, P0P 1S0. Every little bit helps.

...\$23.4 billion remedy for Indigenous children whose health services were underfunded

...continued from page 1 federal government willfully and recklessly discriminating against First Nations through the inequitable funding of child and family services and through failure to fully implement Jordan's Principle. Canada was immediately ordered to cease its discriminatory conduct.

"The Anishinabek Nation's approach to preventing this kind of discrimination is embedded within the organization," Anishinabek Nation Children's Commissioner Duke Peltier told Anishinabek News. "We've been entrusted to ensure we raise our children in the proper way, together with our families and communities."

Canadian Press reported on October 24 that a federal court judge verbally approved the landmark \$23 billion settlement.

Joanna Bernard, interim national chief of the AFN, spoke of how the plaintiffs were resilient in advocating for themselves and their communities. She said her organization is "very, very pleased" with this outcome and eager for children and their relatives to receive the compensation as soon as possible.

Canadian Press reported that Cindy Blackstock,

executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society, was thinking of the victims and is looking forward to see "comprehensive supports" for them as the process continues.

The society also suggested in a statement that it hopes this settlement is the last one. It says it owes it to those harmed in this case, survivors of residential schools and the '60s Scoop and the public "to ensure Canada stops its ongoing discrimination against First Nations children, youth, and families and to prevent it from happening again."

The panel acknowledges the suffering of those First Nations children and families who are or have been denied an equitable opportunity to remain together or to be reunited in a timely manner," the 2016 ruling said.

In 2019, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ordered Ottawa to pay \$40,000, the maximum penalty for discrimination, to each child inappropriately removed from their homes beginning in 2006, as well as their parents or grandparents.

Child welfare was also among the central issues flagged in the report by the

Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu said the settlement's approval is one piece of a broader reform of the child-welfare system, and survivors have said a monetary sum won't heal the traumas they've experienced.

"Families were shattered. People grew up not knowing anything about their backgrounds, their true connection to culture or language," Minister Hajdu said in a press conference on Tuesday of last week. "And First Nations children with profound disabilities did not get access to the supports they needed to thrive."

As for the size of the settlement, Minister Hajdu said she understands how tough it might be for people to "wrap their head around the magnitude of damage that's been done to families. These are individuals, families, parents of children who have suffered tremendously trying to do the best that they can with a system that discriminated in profound ways."

Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Gary Anandasangaree said the settlement is a significant step toward reconciliation.

"The cost of reconciliation goes higher and higher as we put off very critical decisions, especially on past harms," Minister Anandasangaree told reporters on Parliament Hill. "And what we have done today, I think, it's really to recognize the enormous harm that the practices have caused on young people particularly but also their families and communities."

"We still have kids in our communities being picked up by child welfare and tak-

en away. This has to stop," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "I just hope no government in the future has to deal with compensation in the future that we are dealing with now."

"Yes, the announcement of approvals that has been given for \$23 billion for the child-welfare settlement is good, but our people have had to live through hell to get that. It is not being handed over on a platter," stated Ontario Regional Chief Hare.

"The federal court has

approved a settlement agreement that First Nations children, youth, and families deserve," Grand Council Chief Niganobe told Anishinabek News. "As a meaningful act of reconciliation, we look forward to a formal apology from the prime minister and remain hopeful that Canada will continue to work with First Nations in achieving generational healing through reformation."



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AFN calling on feds to compensate First Nations with lands lost from climate change

by **Jacqueline St.Pierre, LJI reporter**

CANADA—In July 2019, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), the national political organization of First Nations and their on-reserve and off-reserve citizens, declared a First Nations Climate Emergency. The AFN has been leading climate change discussions with the First Nations-In-Assembly, a membership of 634 First Nations, since 2016.

Resolution 05/2019 mandated the AFN to organize National Climate Gatherings and develop a climate strategy. It was moved by proxy by Jody Wilson for the Osoyoos Indian Band in British Columbia and seconded by Chief Terry

Richardson of Papineau First Nation in New Brunswick.

The first National Climate Gathering was held in March 2020 in White Horse, Yukon, on the territory of Ta'an Kwächän and the Kwanlin Dün peoples, to discuss a climate strategy through a 'First Nation climate lens.' The second national gathering was held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, on the traditional unceded territory of the Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq and Peskotomuhkati peoples in 2022. The AFN also conducted several national and regional webinars and two national surveys.

The AFNs climate strategy was informed by the expertise of over a thou-

sand First Nations experts, knowledge keepers, leaders, men, women, youth, and 2SLGBTQIA+ peoples from across the country.

The national climate strategy has been discussed at length with the Advisory Council on Climate Action put in place to support the Government of Canada's commitments under the Paris Agreement, signed in 2016, committing to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2030. The advisory council works with the transportation and built environment sectors.

The seven critical priorities of action outlined in the AFN's national climate strategy include addressing capacity needs to support First Nations governance and their role as climate leaders ensuring First Nations self-sufficiency in food, water, and energy; equipping First Nations with the ability to mitigate, prevent and respond to and recover from all emergencies; and closing infrastructure gaps; leverage the First Nations climate lens to reform federal, provincial, and territorial legislation, regulation, policy and programs.

The AFN's national climate strategy emphasizes that First Nations are "inseparable from the lands, waters and air."

"All of our water and all of our land are impacted

by the climate crisis. It is manmade. So, we have to come up with these solutions, and it has to be Indigenous-led," said Ms. Wilson.

In July 2023, the AFN passed resolution 36/2023, Urgent and Transformative Climate Action through the AFN National Climate Strategy, endorsing the AFN National Climate Strategy and reaffirming the declaration of a First Nations Climate Emergency from Resolution 05/2019.

Resolution 36/2023 calls for "A recognition that the climate crisis constitutes a state of emergency for our lands, waters, air, ice, animals and peoples; Local, national, and international communities, governments, organizations, and movements to safeguard the inherent, Treaty and constitutionally protected rights of First Nations, respect First Nations knowledge systems and

uphold Treaties and other constructive arrangements between First Nations and the Crown."

The urgent and transformative action through the AFN national climate strategy also calls on the federal government to compensate First Nations with new or additional land for any land that First Nations may lose to climate change.

The Elders' statement of the Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment is a call to action: "...We, therefore, insist on an immediate end to the destruction and desecration of the sacred elements of life based on the human obligation to care for the Land and future generations."

...ceremony for victims of overdose

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COVID 19 pandemic began in 2019. November 1 is the time when Anishinaabe people honour their ancestors by feasting them, cleaning their graves and making wreaths to commemorate those who came before them.

"People weren't able to gather in our traditional way to help their spirits move on," said Ms. Day. "When our people die under violent circumstances their spirits get

stuck between the physical world and the spirit world and it's up to us to help them have a good crossing over."

The ceremony, called 'Tasenwang', will be held November 1 and 2 at the Thunderbird Room in Garden River First Nation, from 9 am to 4 pm both days. The ceremony will be led by Isaac Murdoch, known ceremonially as Bomghizik from Animki Aazhibikong/Onaman Collective.

...Chi-Cheemaun ferry posts increased ridership

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were vastly greater."

Mr. Kuhnke pointed out during the COVID-19 pandemic ferry traffic had decreased around 50 percent.

"I think people realize that sailing is a great way to save on travel time and an enjoyable way to travel," said Mr. Kuhnke. But while it was a successful season, "for the fiftieth anniversary of the Chi-Cheemaun next year we would like to get the numbers back in line to more of what they were five years ago." Plans for the anniversary will include, "things like special dinner cruises if we get the crew numbers needed."

"We are planning a glorious 50th


anniversary for the Chi-Cheemaun, subject to having enough staff on hand to allow for us to have cruises outside of the regular sailing schedule," said Mr. Kuhnke. He stressed the OSTC does not anticipate any staffing problems with the regular sailing schedule in 2024.

"As part of the good news, we did not cancel one sailing this year," said Mr. Kuhnke.

One of the things the OSTC is looking to provide for passengers next season is to provide Starlink on board. Currently the service is in place for the ship crew. "We are looking to expand this so everyone on the ship can use the wireless service on the ship."

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Chance waterfront meeting illuminates innovative custom Jeep

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—After selling their Zurich-based logistics company, Philipp and Manuela Antoni gathered up their two children, Lara, 4, and Nyla, 6, packed a Jeep and trailer with bicycles, clothing and some really good coffee and headed out to explore North America, landing in Montreal. After waking up on the Little Current waterfront the family encountered resident Richard Glaude, out for a walk on the dock, who insisted they come and meet The Expositor to share their story.

Initially a bit shy, the couple warmed with the sunshine and a cup of the aforementioned coffee to talk about their journey and what they think of Canada so far.

“Wow, wow, this is beautiful,” said Ms. Antoni as she looked out across the North Channel, a self-confessed world traveller who hails from a tiny Swiss village nestled in the picturesque mountains. “We travel through a tunnel to reach the valley,” she said. Her husband is originally from Germany, but the couple settled to raise their family in Switzerland.

The couple founded a logistics company in Switzerland in 2014 with two others, since sold. Mr. Antoni is something of a serial entrepreneur, this being his fourth company (with two subsequently sold). Logistics is not an area of endeavour he would ever entertain again, admits Mr. Antoni. He explains the challenges are legion and the margins miniscule, particularly in Europe these days. His wife worked as a program manager in the company, while he handled the physical parts of the deal. Like just about everywhere, the last mile is the most challenging in deliveries, notes Mr. Antoni.

Curiously, he explains that Finland has actually ended its postal service, being replaced with boxes where packages are dropped off.



Philipp and Manuela Antoni and their children Lara, 4, and Nyla 6 stand in front of the customized Jeep and trailer designed by Mr. Antoni.

photo by Michael Erskine

Both are ardent cyclists and have travelled large swathes of the globe on two wheels as well as four (or eight-ish with trailer).

The couple endured a slight setback on arriving in Montreal, as their custom trailer was damaged in transit. (No, they did not travel by Air Canada.)

Both the customized Jeep and the accompanying trailer were designed by Mr. Antoni. “I had the idea from scratch,” he said. When he stepped back from the

drawing board, he had a vehicle body designed on a Jeep chassis. “This one has limited space, it sleeps four, and is five-and-a-half metres, but there is not a lot of room inside,” he admits. “I designed the trailer to hold our tools, clothes and other things.” The trailer also has a built-in kitchen that folds out of the side. “We needed somewhere we could cook,” he said. “I figured we needed a place to store all of our stuff, my toys especially,” he laughs.

The custom Jeep is a bit top-heavy, admits Mr. Antoni, “you can’t go everywhere.” But with the trailer detached and left at a campsite, the Jeep affords an acceptable level of mobility when large distances are in order—and then, of course, there are the bicycles for toddling around locally.

Their children are remarkably fluent in English for such a young age, but that is not so very unusual for Swiss children. That country boasts four

main languages explains Ms. Antoni, “Swiss-German, French, Italian and Romansh. English and Portuguese are also very common,” she said. At the age of Kindergarten we learn normal German, the ‘official’ German, at the age of nine they start learning French/English.”

The couple took an opportunity to explore the many trails and sights of Manitoulin, including Bridal Veil Falls, the Cup and Saucer and Twin Peaks

Trail in Sheguiandah. They had originally planned to cross over to the US at Sault Ste. Marie. “We want to head south as it gets colder,” said Ms. Antoni. But after chatting a bit about the North Shore of Lake Superior, the couple said they would consider a modification to their route.

Manitoulin, they assured The Expositor, was one of the most beautiful places they had encountered along the way.

Provincial high school teachers heading to arbitration on new contract

by Tom Sasvari
ONTARIO—Ontario’s public high school teachers will be entering binding arbitration to get a new contract after bargaining involving the union and the province of Ontario concluded last week.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) had previously agreed to the unique process proposed by the

province, which will eliminate the possibility of strikes taking place for a period of three years.

The OSSTF had reached a deal with the province in September to have negotiations continue until October 27, and after this time any outstanding issues would be decided upon by an arbitrator. Talks between the two parties were completed on Wednes-



day of last week.

Both OSSTF union president Karen Littlewood and education minister Stephen Lecce indicated the parties made good progress in

recent negotiations.

Ms. Littlewood indicated that monetary issues are going to be settled by binding arbitration. She told Canadian Press, “The last two months of bargaining was way more productive than the 14 months before that and we were able to accomplish a lot, still nothing to do with money, because the Ford government is not investing in education. I also think that the pathway that our members have approved for us to go to voluntary binding interest arbitration really had an impact on the success at the bargaining

table.”

Mr. Lecce told CP, “At the end of the day, my priority is just keeping kids in school. I’m frankly elated that we have a process that protects the in-person learning experience.”

The agreement to use arbitration will also see the teachers get a remedy for lost wages under a wage restraint law known as Bill 124, though the details haven’t been made public. The three other major teachers’ unions have rejected going to binding arbitration, and negotiations are continuing with them.

Despite several attempts, The Expositor was unable to contact Eric Laberge, OSSTF Rainbow local district president prior to press deadline.

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there will be approximately 14 workers who will be maintained on site to keep the mill ready for start-up if it comes out of the idling phase. He said job fairs have been held with some success and support services are in place for the workers needing assistance, with severance packages having been offered to the members.

On November 30, operations at the mill will be run with a skeleton crew.


The property remains for sale by the owner, Paper Excellence, but if it fails to sell or comes back into production, the company has agreed to meet with the union once again to discuss layoffs.

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Community Living Manitoulin Harvest Ball celebrates ‘Getting Together Again’

PROVIDENCE BAY—Even before the doors were open and the Double Barrel band had begun to play, people were waiting in their cars outside the Providence Bay Hall on October 27, anxious for the party to start. Everyone was excited to participate in the Harvest Ball community dance that had previously run each fall for roughly 15 years but had been curtailed by the COVID-19 pandemic since 2020.

“It was great!” enthused Adrienne Farquhar-Kuula, executive director of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM). “The turn-out was amazing, the food was fabulous, the band was outstanding, and the dance floor was jammed the entire evening. Everybody had a fantastic time.”

There were several ‘firsts’ at this year’s event. Staff, residents of the group homes and individuals living in the community were joined by their counterparts from Community Living Wikwemikong. Special Olympics’ staff and athletes took part in the festivities, as well, as did many family members of participants in both organizations. An estimated 100 to 125 people in all attended.

Something else different this year was a Harvest Ball volunteer committee made up of managers and six CLM staff members who did the planning, purchasing, scheduling and decorating for the celebration. For the first time, there was



Over 100 people attended the Community Living Manitoulin Harvest Ball held at the Providence Bay Hall on October 27.

also extensive promotion of the event on social media to encourage everyone from across the Island to take part. Equally impressive, all the food for the evening was put together by a combination of staff and individuals under CLM care who prepared cold cuts, cheese and veggie trays as well as lots of tasty sweets for dessert.

Ms. Farquhar-Kuula is effusive in her praise for the outstanding contributions of staff members who gave their personal time to make sure the event would be a great success. “I’m so grateful for their dedication and their guidance, as this was my first Harvest Ball and I had a lot to learn.” She also had high praise for the Double Barrel band,



From left, David Gagne, Normand Daoust, Clarissa Moggy and Rylee Mayer are all dressed up for the ball.

which has performed at every Harvest Ball since the annual autumn dances began and that played non-stop for three hours to the delight of patrons. After three years of missing out on all the fun, it was hard to wrap up the event as people lingered until the last note was played.



Katie Dopson-Pitman is serenaded by Double Barrel at the Harvest Ball.

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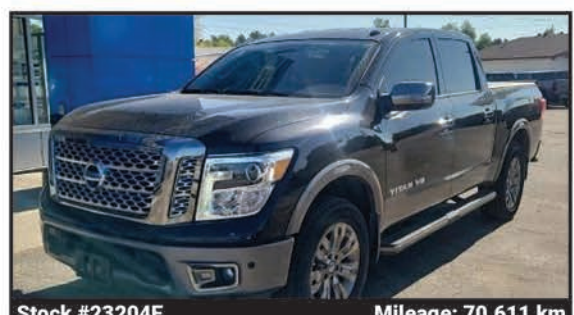
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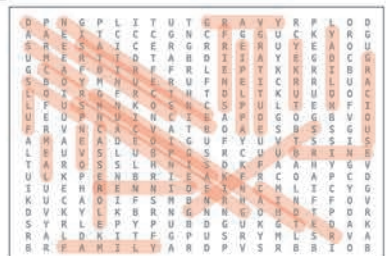
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Aged Sheguiandah fish hatchery getting a face-lift courtesy of Fish and Game Club

by Margery Frisch
SHEGUIANDAH—The old hatchery of the Little Current and District Fish and Game Club, located down by the White Haven Cottages in Sheguiandah, is getting a face-lift.

“It was sinking into the ground,” said Lou Shortt, president of the club. “So, we’re raising it and putting a foundation under it. And we’re going to build up-to-date equipment to raise fry, to put back into the Great Lakes’ system. That is our plan.”

“The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has donated \$3,000 and we’re hoping that will cover the cost of our cement,” Mr. Shortt shared. “AOK has donated a sizeable amount of money also, and this lumber was donated by Pine Hill Lumber in Lively. NEMI has also donated \$2,000. We’ve got some really good sponsors helping us out. Unfortunately, though we applied to the OFAH in April, we didn’t get notification back from them till the end of August, so, we’re a little bit behind the eight ball with this project.”

On the day The Expositor caught up with the president, he was down to a skeleton crew. “A lot of our members hunt and right now, we’re right into moose season,” he explained. “Three weeks ago, they were all here, ready to help, but now they’re gone. We’ll have a

bunch of guys here on Monday when we pour the foundation, though.”

The hatchery was built by Bill Strain’s father around 1939, and Bill, the former president of the fish and game club, and former owner of White Haven Cottages, started a fishery out of the building.

“The new owners of White Haven (Mr. Strain’s daughter and son-in-law) are equally supportive of this project, but Bill is like the founding father of this whole thing,” Mr. Shortt said.

“The last six years, we haven’t had very much luck with the walleye coming back into the creek here and one of the reasons for that is commercial fishing,” he shared. “We fight every year with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) to try to get the commercial fishery to send money our way, if they aren’t going to stock themselves. But that’s an uphill battle.

“We got 120,000 fry from Blue Jay Creek, where we have two ponds, but this year we only managed to get about 60,000 fry out of 120,000 for the simple reason that we have a predator: a stickleback minnow,” the president explained. “When they get into the pond, they eat the fry. We’re hoping to take the left-over cement from this project,” he said, indicating to the volunteers hard at work on the hatchery, “and use it up at the

pond to stop it from leaking. That’s another project we’re working on, all on a volunteer basis.”

In the spring, the fish and game club, in partnership with Manitoulin Streams, runs an educational program. All the Grade 4s from all over the Island come to learn about fry, and how they get to that point. They learn about predators of the fish, and about the water system. Manitoulin Streams is a tremendous help with this program, and at the end of the day each child goes home with a fishing rod.

Of course, the club is always trying to build membership. Younger members are busy with the going concerns of their children and it’s hard to commit to the club, and Mr. Shortt understands that well, he was there once himself. At least a dozen or more members are from the United States: Michigan and Ohio, mostly. They are very active members, but only for about three weeks out of the year. The average age of the club members is up there—mid-60s plus—but they’re an enthusiastic bunch and they do a tremendous amount for the lakes, and for the Island.

Anyone interested in joining the Little Current and District Fish and Game Club can find them on Facebook. Reach out.

“It’s very rewarding,” said Mr. Shortt.



Bruce Hodge, left, and Ray Beaudry were the crew members of the day.



The Sheguiandah walleye hatchery building was built in approximately 1939.

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Meldrum Bay's Net Shed Museum to reopen to public in 2024

by Tom Sasvari
MELDRUM BAY—Plans are in the works to have the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay reopen to the public for viewing in 2024.

"We are taking all the steps necessary and are hoping to open the museum to the public again next year," said Linda Lapointe, president of the Meldrum Bay Historical Society (MBHS).

"We are hopeful of being able to hire a student to work in the museum and have it open back up for public viewing in early July to mid-August," said Ms. Lapointe.

Ms. Lapointe said the building is still in fairly good shape, although it still has an uneven floor in the main room of the building. The building dates to the late 1880s. "In time we will

have to do something with the floor. The building is still sitting on stone, and at some point, we will have to do something with the foundation, but we should be good for a while. And the building has no leaks."

She explained this past spring a lot of effort was put in by volunteers and members of MBHS to clean and paint the outside of the building. "We are now in the process of going through the artifacts in the museum, and cleaning everything up," said Ms. Lapointe. "We are planning to do more work over the winter and spring and are applying to get funding for a summer student."

"To be honest the MBHS has money in our bank account when we want or have to make any major repairs to the building in



Plans are being made by the Meldrum Bay Historical Society to have the Net Shed Museum reopen to the public for viewing in 2024.

photo by Linda Lapointe

the future," said Ms. Lapointe. "And in talking to local people it might not cost much. Local people are offering, and volunteering, to help out. Bruce White (vice-president of MBHS) and Chuck Halliday did work on the roof this spring, fixing all the screws on the metal roof. And Mary Bryan and Angela Wall did all the paperwork to send an application to Revenue Canada to reinstate our charity status. Hopefully the government will approve the application."

The Net Shed Museum has not operated since the pandemic and the previous MBHS board were seeking someone to take over. "We were too slow in responding at the beginning. But when we found out the museum was being shut down, we decided we needed to help to

get it operating again," said Ms. Lapointe.

"The museum is important to tourism on the West End of the Island," said Ms. Lapointe. "It is an attraction. There was quite a bit of support with many people signing a petition to keep the museum open."

An election took place for a new slate of MBHS in May. "We're quite excited to have our new board in place and looking forward to having the net shed museum opening again," continued Ms. Lapointe.

Along with Ms. Lapointe as president the MBHS is made up of vice-president Bruce White, Angela Wall as treasurer, Mary Bryan as secretary and Bill Steiss as a member at large.

Manitowaning senior seeks help finding cherished lost money clip

by Michael Erskine
MANITOWANING—It's been more than 30 years since Gerald Kitts (94) of Manitowaning retired from his truck driving job at Reimer Express and moved to Manitoulin Island and most of his fellow employees have passed on, leaving Mr. Kitts with little but his memories and a couple of retirement gifts with which to remember them—even the company itself is now long gone.

During a recent visit to Little Current to do some grocery shopping at Orr's Valumart one of the gifts



Gerald Kitts of Manitowaning is seeking help in finding his beloved money clip that was lost on a recent trip to the grocery store.

given to him by his fellow employees at Reimer Express, a gold money clip, was lost. "I must have lost it either in the store or in the parking lot," he told The Expositor. "Had it out to pay for my groceries but when I got home, I couldn't find it."

Mr. Kitts said that the clip was by itself and did not contain any money. "I was going to refill it," he said. Mr. Kitts set about advertising for the clip's return, first offering \$50, then \$100, but to no avail. "I am willing to pay \$500," he said. "It means that

much to me."

The gold money clip was part of a set that included cufflinks and a tie clip. Embossed on the money clip are the initials GWK (Mr. Kitt's initials), his driver's licence plate and the inscription "Presented by the Drivers of Reimer." The retirement gift was especially dear to Mr. Kitts because it came from his fellow drivers. "The company gave me the traditional gold watch," he noted, "but the money clip was special because they thought so much of me that they got together to

get it for me."

Over the course of 31 years driving the big rigs, long and short haul out of the Toronto terminal, Mr. Kitts made a lot of close friends in the company. "But most of them are all gone now," he said. "I really hope someone can bring it back to me." Memories are more precious than gold.

Anyone with information on the money clip can contact Mr. Kitts at 705-859-1399.

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Hallowe'en trick or treating



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These garbage bag spiders in Aundeck Omni Kaning demonstrate an ability to think outside the web.



Which witch is which? Aundeck Omni Kaning's Hallowe'en dance was decorated in style.



Bear Restaurant in Little Current had plenty of goodies for the young ghost and goblins out for an early bit of trick or treating.



Little Current United Church had more than 200 children come out for a daylight treat.



The NEMI Public Library has an amazing array of programming for folks of all ages. Kids had a great time checking out the Hallowe'en themed party.



Folks line up for the scariest show on earth during the Mindemoya Lions Club Haunted Trail over the weekend.



Ewww... what more can be said about this gruesome display at the Mindemoya Lions Haunted Trail over the weekend.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Anyone up for a game of spin the victim?



These two creepy clowns hiding behind trees are the real stuff of nightmares. Traveller beware at the Mindemoya Lions Club Haunted Trail.



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Glen Gould is an acclaimed actor with a remarkable career in theater, television, and film. With his exceptional talent and versatility, he has garnered numerous awards and critical acclaim for his performances. From his recent roles in Marie Clements' "Bones of Crows" to his recurring role opposite Sylvester Stallone in Taylor Sheridan's "Tulsa King", and his guest starring role in Season 6 of "Outlander", Glen has consistently impressed audiences and critics alike.



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Billings councillor pitches Island-wide waste management to Municipal Association

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—With a group of about 14 individuals from across Manitoulin Island making up the Island waste management committee, a Billings township councillor outlined that representatives of the committee will be visiting local municipalities and First Nations to outline their plans, and once a plan is developed, it will be brought forward for discussion.

Billings councillor Vince Grogan told members of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) at a recent meeting, “Thank you for having us here. This Island Waste Management Committee proposal was an initiative that was brought up by our council. I love the Island, but we can be better stewards of the land and environment in terms of our waste management.”

Councillor Grogan said hauling waste off the Island is not the best option for the local municipalities. “We shouldn’t be trucking waste off the Island, we should be repurposing, reusing and recycling materials,” said Councillor Grogan. “We have an obligation to protect the Island, the residents, our wildlife and our environment.”

“God forbid something ever happens and we have an environmental disaster here,” said Councillor Grogan, noting he was living in Mississauga in the 1970s when a trail derailment took place in his community. His family lived in close

proximity to where the incident took place, and his family was displaced from their home for two weeks. “I know what it is like to be displaced. I would hate to see this take place here or someone die because they couldn’t get to a hospital because of a disaster.”

“And if there was ever a disaster it would contaminate our water and our land,” continued Councillor Grogan. He explained Billings township is looking at alternatives to bring forward toward fruitful discussions on waste management and bring this back to the MMA and First Nations with a concrete plan.

“We should never forget about all the new technologies for waste reduction out there,” said Dale Scott, a Central Manitoulin councillor. “We tried in Central Manitoulin, but it didn’t happen,” he said, noting, “everywhere throughout the world countries are using thermal technologies.” In doing research on the issue, he said it has been mentioned that “Canada is one of the most backward in terms of undeveloped waste management alternatives. We have too much land and resources available to us that we don’t worry about (waste management).” He said countries like Africa and many others are way ahead of Canada in terms of waste management.

Councillor Grogan told the group that the Island waste management committee has 14 people, island-

wide, on it and that its first meeting will take place in November. A mission and business plan will be developed. He said a group of members of the committee will be making presentations to municipalities and First Nations as to what it wants to do, while another group of the committee will work on trying to attract funding for the local waste initiative.

“We have people that are looking at alternative technology alternatives and as a working group we will come to you to outline what we are looking at,” continued Councillor Grogan. “I want to contribute something to our beautiful Island. ‘Cityits’ have no regards for the Island when they visit here. I live on Mudge Bay (in Kagawong) and as I walk my dog on the bay, I will find beer cans, coffee cups and other garbage around. I realize locals are responsible for a little of the waste but nothing like we see when there is an influx of tourists coming to the Island in the summer.”

He said the group is looking at alternatives to waste management, and part of the planning is to devise a system where financial contributions can be derived from tourists to the Island.

“Each truck that goes off the island with waste means 230 tons of carbon per year. We have the opportunity to receive carbon credits for reducing waste going off the Island. Instead of spending millions of dollars with GFL to recycle and repurpose waste we would be looking at alternatives to solve these issues locally.”

While First Nation representatives attended the original meeting hosted by Billings to look at an Island waste committee, local Indigenous communities at this point are the only ones not participating in the project, said Councillor Grogan. However, “I’m going to meet with the Indigenous communities personally, I’m seeing the UCCM and other groups as well, and larger businesses on the Island that dispose of their own waste.” He pointed out these meetings have not been set up as of yet.

Bryan Barker, Mayor of Billings Township told the MMA, “Our CAO (Emily Dance) is going to take part in the committee process.

We are planning to make a presentation to the MMA, and the UCCM and lay out the plans once we have this completed. There will be a bit of a financial contribution to be made and none of this will happen overnight. But the idea is to start the ball rolling, work together, and keep everyone in the loop on how all of this is proceeding.”

“I wish the committee the best of luck,” said MMA chair Ken Noland. “I’ve been on this committee 27 years and we have tabled many discussions on this issue during that time. I’m just saying it is a hard process to get this type of plan put together.”

“This is a different group now,” said Councillor Grogan, who has extensive experience in trucking of waste. He said that companies like Ameristeel is the largest steel recycling in the world and has three facilities in Ontario. The company buys steel, and he said

they and other companies that deal with other types of materials such as aluminum and cans can be contacted to see the interest of purchasing these materials from municipalities and First Nations on the island.

“We ask that you just bear with us,” said Councillor Grogan. “When we get to the stage we have a worthwhile plan put together we will be bringing this forward for discussion.”

Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) said while he has read of many technologies in place to repurpose, reuse and limit waste, “What small municipality is going to be able to do this in Ontario? And some still have landfills. And, at the second meeting leading up to the forming of the committee it was suggested that this committee would need a staff person. I haven’t read about any small town in Ontario undergoing this

type of plan.”

Mayor MacNevin further explained NEMI will have its budget in place before Christmas. “When the committee comes forward with a proposal, we will consider it. But we need to know how much we will be paying. Then we can make a decision whether we can afford this. Right now, we can’t even afford new housing and hospitals are closing in other areas.”

“We will be bringing all of this forward after we have a plan in place,” said Councillor Grogan. “One of the things we are going to stress in our plan is education and communication. Everyone can home compost and clean out cans. Not everything has to go into the garbage bag and from there to the landfill. “I’m looking forward to the meeting,” added Mayor MacNevin.

Indigenous Tourism Ontario and Sport Tourism Canada announce partnership

MISSISSAUGA—Indigenous Tourism Ontario (ITO) has officially partnered with Sport Tourism Canada (STC) through a memorandum of understanding (MOU), recognizing the organization as their national supporting partner with ITO’s undertaking of a provincial Indigenous sport tourism strategy. The signing took place October 25 at the 2023 Ontario Tourism Summit, held on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

“ITO is pleased to work alongside Sport Tourism Canada,” said Kevin Eshkawkogan, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of ITO. “This work is vital in helping to enhance the economic opportunities for Indigenous people by improving the socio-economic conditions through mutual collaborations with like-minded organizations, who share common goals and values. We are incredibly pleased to identify STC as our national sport tourism partner.”

This is the second sport tourism MOU that ITO has collaborated on during its current fiscal operating year, with the first taking place in August with Golf Ontario and the Indigenous Ontario Golf Championship. This collaborative work signifies a significant step forward in building a bridge between Indigenous communities and the sport tourism sector. It will provide a framework for the development of meaningful partnerships, mutual support and the exchange of knowledge and resources ultimately contributing to the growth of an Indigenous sport tourism strategy for Ontario.

Sheena McCrate, CEO of STC said, “We are honoured to partner with (ITO) through this MOU. STC is keen to learn from Indigenous communities and tourism operators in Ontario and share those key

insights and learnings with our members across Canada. Members of ITO and STC will reap the benefits of the invaluable resources unique to our organizations, as well as the networking opportunities created through this partnership.”

STC is a non-governmental, member-based, capacity-building not-for-profit organization that promotes sport tourism as a grassroots economic and social development initiative at the community level, servicing nearly 150 municipalities, 300 national and provincial sport, multi-sport and major games organizations and other industry partners. They aim to increase Canada’s capacity to attract and host sport tourism events by establishing Canada as a preferred sport tourism destination, enhancing the image and profile of the sport tourism industry, facilitating networking, education, and communication opportunities, developing and facilitating access to industry tools, building investment in sport tourism from the public and private sectors and coordinating research and data collection of activity within the sport tourism industry.

ITO is the province’s first and only dedicated Indigenous tourism organization that focuses on uniting communities, Indigenous organizations, and industry leaders to support the growth of Indigenous tourism in Ontario. ITO assists Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs with programs that build the capacity to produce high-quality products and services. ITO is recognized by the governments of Ontario, Canada and Indigenous political organizations in the development of the Indigenous tourism sector in Ontario.

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Central Manitoulin proposes backyard chicken bylaw

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Following presentations by residents at a property committee meeting, Central Manitoulin council passed a bylaw during its October 26 meeting allowing residents to raise chickens on their property, subject to several conditions. The motion, moved by Councillor Rose Diebolt and seconded by Councillor Brian Bisailon, read "That By-Law 2023-18, being a bylaw to allow and regulate the keeping of backyard chickens be given its first reading and opened for a 60-day public comment period was carried without dissent.

The bylaw allows that a person may keep chickens in their backyard within the municipality but is to be applied only to properties zoned other than agricultural or rural (where the



Central Manitoulin is the latest municipality to pass a backyard chicken bylaw.

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side lines of the property on which it is located.

Dead chickens must be disposed of within 24 hours and removal of chicken feces is also a must (a one sq/metre storage limit is imposed on manure). The property where the chickens are being raised must also have a combination of bare earth and vegetation in the outdoor enclosure, be zoned residential and contain at least one residential unit.

A series of provisions ensuring adequate food, water and other care and keeping regulations are included, dictating the locking of coops from sunset to sunrise, the removal of old food and trash in a timely manner. Biosecurity procedures recommended by the Canada Food Inspection Agency are also required.

The bylaw stipulates the chickens are to be for personal use only, and prohibits sales of eggs, manure, meat or other byproducts.

In keeping with a trial period, the backyard chicken bylaw contains a sunset clause of one year and must be re-enacted every year thereafter. The bylaw also provides for bylaw officer empowerment to seize and chickens found to be at large and sets out fines for contravening bylaw provisions.

The complete bylaw may be found posted on the Municipality of Central Manitoulin website.

raising of chickens is not regulated by the municipality).

The bylaw prohibits any-

one from allowing or permitting their chickens being at large, those chickens cannot be a rooster if

the property in question is smaller than two hectares and cannot be more than four chickens in any event.

Further, the chickens must be fully enclosed to prevent escape and to prevent rodents and predators, and that enclosure must provide shelter from the weather and be adequately ventilated. There must be sufficient roosting area for all of the hens and the enclosure must contain an accessible dust bath area.

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Remembrance Day Pot Luck Supper Saturday, November 11 starting at 5 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. Freewill donations for the Angel Bus. Hosted by the Silver Water United Church. 26-28p

Save the Date - come out and support the annual Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary bake sale on Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25 starting at 10 am in the Turner's Store in Little Current during Ladies' Days. Baking donations are always welcomed. 24-28c

Brunch Fundraiser. All proceeds from this fundraiser will support 19-year-old Amanda Albrecht (Tehkummah resident) as she recovers from a double lung transplant due to her 19 year cystic fibrosis battle. Transportation and lodging costs have been high during this time. The fundraising brunch is Tuesday, November 21 at the Tehkummah Triangle Seniors Club. Brunch cost is by donation, to be served from 9 am to 1 pm. Take-out is available. Serving bacon, egg and cheese on a bun, hashbrowns, fruit cups, coffee and homemade donuts. Homemade baking will also be for sale and will be accepting new donated items for a silent auction. Items can be dropped off at Mahlon and Ruth Streicher, call 705-859-2159. Thank you for your kindness! 24-26p

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 DOWNTOWN LITTLE CURRENT
 SAVE THESE DATES:
 Thurs., Nov 23
 Fri., Nov 24
 Sat., Nov 25
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Legion events

Little Current Legion Branch 177 has two remaining Wing Nights, Thursday, November 9 and Thursday, November 23 from 5 to 10 pm. To pre-order please call 705-368-2661. If ordering before bar opening leave a message with your name, phone number and your order. Delivery available within town limits from 5 to 9 pm. Wings and mozza sticks: six for \$9, 12 for \$18. Cheese balls: 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. 24-26p

All you can eat spaghetti dinner Friday, November 3 from 5 to 7 pm at the Little Current Legion Branch 177. \$20 per person. 24p

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. 17tfn

yard sale

Giant Yard Sale, Saturday, November 4 and Sunday, November 5 from 8 am to 2 pm at 2258 B, Highway 540 (west of AOK). Muskoka chairs and table, tools, hoses, barbecues, furniture, screws, nuts, bolts and much more. 24c

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. Tfn

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Manor Tree of Lights campaign is focussed on new beds

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—As the season for jolly ho-ho-hos and Jack Frost nipping at caroling noses fast approaches, Manitoulin Centennial Manor's ninth annual Tree of Lights fundraising campaign is getting ready to move into high gear. This year the bar is set on raising enough funds to enable an initial purchase of 20 new beds for the residents—that's around \$50,000 (not counting mattresses).

"The big push this year is for new beds," said Manor Administrator Don Cook. "We do have high-low beds that come up higher than regular beds." He explains that the higher position helps staff assist residents and also helps to prevent back injuries among staff, but that is really just a bonus. The real plus with the new beds is that they enhance resident safety and comfort.

In addition to being able to rise to the occasion, the new beds are also able to be lowered closer to the floor. "We have a number of residents who tend to fall out of bed," Mr. Cook explains. In the bad old days, residents would be held in by restraints but that is thankfully no longer a course of



Last year's tree stands ready to be festooned with lights as part of the annual Centennial Manor Tree of Lights Campaign.

action. "With the beds lowered almost to the floor, and the addition of special floor mats to cushion the individual who may have fallen out of bed, the chance of injury

is greatly reduced." The new beds also have different wheel locking mechanisms allowing them to be moved more easily. "With the old beds the legs

had to be raised up off the floor in order to be able to free the wheels to move," said Mr. Cook. "The new beds have wheels that can be manually locked—so even if there is no power, you can still move them about if need be." An important consideration should a bed-ridden resident need to be evacuated quickly.

The new beds have all the comfort settings to be found on the old beds, allowing the foot and head to be raised as needed or desired. They are also "bariatric" beds, meaning they can be adjusted to be wider or longer in order to accommodate larger or taller residents.

The biggest challenge with the old beds is that they are just that, getting old, and parts are becoming much harder to source.

"We really need 60 beds," said Mr. Cook, "but we figured if we start with 20, then the 20 older beds that are being replaced can be used for spare parts for the remaining 40."

It's a strange quirk of Ontario's approach to the care and keeping of some of the province's most vulnerable citizens that while

funding for more personal support workers is on the way, with personal care slated to rise from 2.75 hours a day to four hours a day by 2025 ("that's if we can find them," notes Mr. Cook), there is little to no funding for capital.

So, while the province is touting its enhancement of long-term care to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars, notably a promise to add 30,000 new spaces in the province, "those will be new, underfunded, beds," said Mr. Cook.

"We are very lucky in that we are a municipally supported care home," said the administrator. "We have that, as well as the community helping to support our residents' quality of life. That allows us to have a capital budget."

The campaign has enabled a complete refit of the dining room facilities, with colour schemes chosen by the residents themselves and new wheelchair accessible tables making meals more enjoyable for residents and guests.

Mr. Cook noted that thanks to an anonymous donor family, the courtyard project is nearing completion with the final planting of trees and shrubberies taking place in the next few days and the installation of fencing just being finalized now. The Tree of Lights campaign was also instrumental in that project, providing the seed money to get the project underway.

The official kick-off of this year's campaign will be in the coming weeks' edition of The Expositor, but you can secure your light on the Tree of Lights for a mere \$10 by downloading a form from the Manor's Facebook page, photographing the form and sending it with an e-transfer to donationsmcm@extendicare.com, or by mail to Tree of Lights, Postal Bag 460, Little Current, P0P 1K0. You don't have to limit yourself to a single light, or \$10, and there is recognition of bronze, silver and gold donors.

Death Notices

PIETER JASPER DEN ENGELSMAN

November 20, 1932 - October 20, 2023



With his wife of 53 years, Donna (nee Wilkinson) and loving daughters Lisa Cook (Edwin), Sarah Andras (Peter) and Marlena Buxton (Kyle) around him Pieter Jasper DenEngelsman of Assiginack died one month before his 91st

birthday on Friday, October 20, 2023 at Joseph Brant Hospital in Burlington. His family witnessed his peaceful passing knowing his long ordeal of the past two weeks with pneumonia was over and that there would be joy in the promised reunion with his mother Adriana (nee Gijze), his father Jacob Abraham, his sister Sarie Manneke (nee DenEngelsman) and brother-in-law (Jaap Manneke) all of Rotterdam the Netherlands. He left us and greeted them with calm dignity just the way he had always lived his life. He knew he was loved and the family knew he loved them generously. He brought joy and the knowledge of God to all he had the pleasure to meet. He is survived by his brothers Jasper DenEngelsman (Anita Heije) of the Netherlands and Jacob DenEngelsman (Ineke predeceased) of Mississauga and their families. His son and daughter from a previous marriage Gerald (Jake) Morahan (Giselle) and Marjorie Grainge (Morahan) also mourn his passing. Pieter is greatly loved by his grandchildren Melissa (Ryan), Dan (Heather), Taylor, Rhylla (Lucas), Nathan and Sophie; and six great-grandchildren Alex, Emilee and Haylee; Ethan, Emera and Ella. Opa (Abu) is missed already. He was known throughout the Island as Mr. Massey from his many years with Massey Wholesale. The Christian Community will remember him for his work as a lay supply minister who took services at various churches on Manitoulin, Espanola and Massey. Pieter was also a student minister with the United Church of Canada, pastoring a small congregation in Aurora from 1975 to 1979. For 20 years the family owned and operated the Bread Of Life Christian Book and Resource Centre and Abundant Life Pet Store in Manitowaning. He adopted his chosen country in 1956 when he emigrated from the Netherlands and had proudly called Manitoulin home since 1979. His friends of 44 years Dawn and Garry Kerr of Little Current and Chuck and Judy Kreuz of Ohio also mourn his passing but... "We do not mourn as those who have no hope!" (1 Thessalonians 4). This is not goodbye. To borrow from our Ojibwe neighbours, "Bamikwe".

"Let not your heart be troubled. In my Father's house there are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you that where I am you may be also" (John 14).

We are grateful. See you at The House, Pieter!



services

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

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Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care 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 dietician 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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Application for CONSENT Under Section 53 of the Planning Act To be held on Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 at 7:00pm

File No.: Con 2023-15
Applicant: Chris Joly
Legal Description: Howland Concession 12, Lot 12, RP31R-3234 & 31R3627
Official Plan: Rural Area
Zoning: Industrial

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

This is a request to sever for the creation of a new lot along with an easement from Vankoughnet St. to Harbour View Road.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The Consent request is being made for the creation of a new industrial lot.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the *Planning Act*, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.

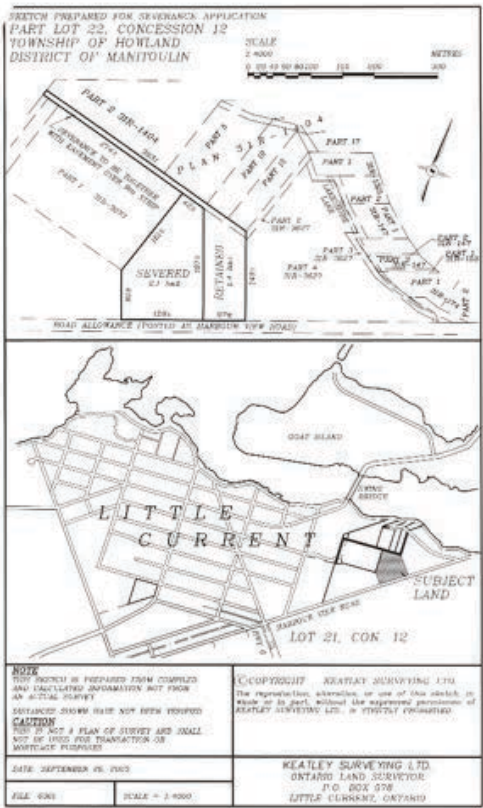
IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

Dated: November 1, 2023
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
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Little Current, ON P0P 1K0



Forever Young elders' program hopes to keep coordinator funds flowing

by **Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter**
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—The Forever Young Elder Support Program held an Elders Gathering at the 4 Directions Centre in Aundek Omni Kaning last week. The gathering, was open to all Elders from Manitoulin Island.

Mariah Abotossaway, elder support worker and

activity coordinator said these gatherings are intended to bring people together and to engage Elders bodies, minds and spirits. "I make these events less structured so our Elders can just have fun."

"After COVID I noticed that a lot of our Elders were isolated," said Ms. Abotossaway, who studied Indigenous Social Work at Sault

College and is passionate about Elders' wellness. "I open these bigger events to all First Nations Elders as well as the youth." Reciprocal relationships between youth and Elders is a core principle in Anishnaabe life ways and community health."

There were over 20 attendees who participated in intuitive paint therapy facilitated by Ozhawa Anung Kwe of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, chair Zumba with Shawna Jacko as well as short games of bingo between workshops.

Jo-Anne Thibodeau-Audette presented on the topic of elder abuse, an issue she says is a growing concern. Elders who are isolated are at elevated risk for neglect, physical and sexual and financial abuse. "It happens a lot more than

we think it does."

Ms. Abotossaway says she tries to keep regular programming happening with weekly events that

include crafts, hot lunch, quilting class, euchre and movie nights, but the biggest challenge the program faces is funding. "My

contract ends November 4. I am still planning for the Elders in case the funding comes through to renew my contract."



Participants in the Forever Young Elder Support Program take part in chair aerobics during an elders gathering held at the 4 Directions Centre in Aundek Omni Kaning.

photo by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI reporter

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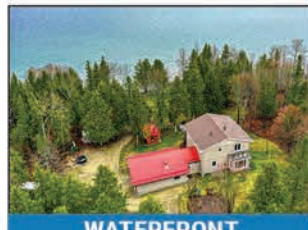
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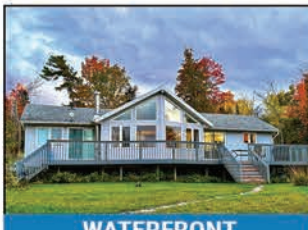
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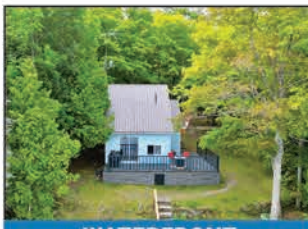
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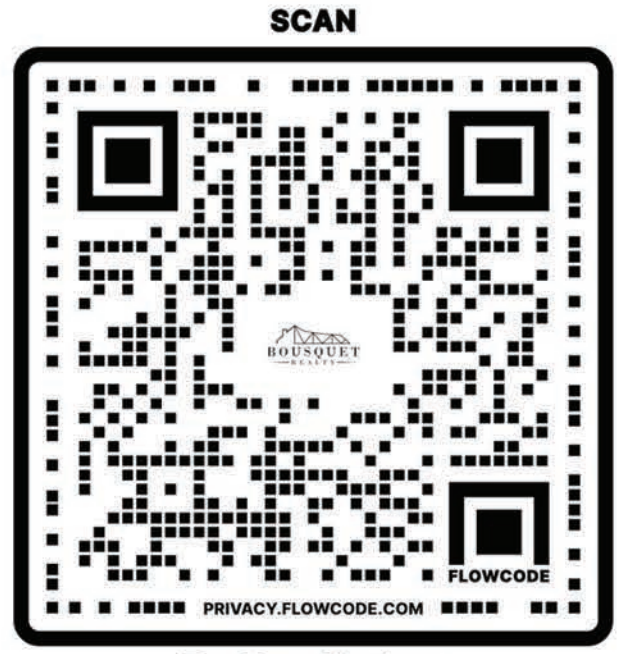
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Wednesday, November 1, 2023

MSS student to springboard golf career

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—With a third-place finish at the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Association (OFSSA) golf championship, 15-year-old Noah Thorpe, a Grade 11 student at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) is using this as a springboard to further his golfing career. After this school year he is looking at potentially moving to British Columbia to finish his high school learning at a school that has professional golf association coaches and Olympic weightlifting coaches.

"After I finish Grade 11, I would like to move to British Columbia to stay with my brother Teigan (Seabrook)," Noah told The

be able to meet people in the industry and play golf all year-round." Noah played in the North-eastern (Ontario) Junior Golf Tour this summer, where he garnered multiple first, second and third place finishes in individual tournaments. The week prior to OFSSA he had played in a tournament in Stouffville, Ontario with golfers from all over the country, hosting by the Canadian Junior Golf Tour. He finished second in the tournament played at the Royal Stouffville Golf and Country Club, posting a two-day score of nine over par (one over par the first day).

On September 28, playing with the MSS team at the

nice shot (close to the hole)," winning the hole and the playoff.

Noah had notched the lowest score at NOSSA, posting an 18-hole score of 75.

At OFSSA Noah shot a two under par score of 69 (a personal best) on the first day (with seven birdies), to lead all competitors in the high school division after day one. "I just didn't feel my shot on the second day," he said. He shot 81 on the second day.

"It was the most nervous that I've ever been for a tournament," he said of his experience at OFSSA.

When the final round of competition was complete, Noah was able to hold onto third place after complet-



Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs golfer Noah Thorpe finished third at the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Association (OFSSA) golf championship.

Expositor. "I will be going to school at Claremont High School. They have PGA coaches and Olympic weight-lifting coaches." He pointed out the sports program at the high school focusses on lacrosse, swimming, rowing and golf.

"I'm only thinking of letting him go because I've been to pretty much every tournament he has played in," said his mother, Sarah Seabrook. "To watch Noah shoot a 69 and finish third at OFSSA I realized that he can't reach his full potential here." She explained her son Teigan is the manager of an irrigation business in British Columbia and Noah would work for the company part-time and

Northern Ontario Secondary School Association championships he qualified for the provincials. That day, "I woke up with the flu," Noah told The Expositor. "On the car ride to the tournament I had to get the coach to pull over so I could get sick."

In the NOSSA championship in Windsor, Noah squared off in a play-off to qualify for OFSSA. He played against another player that he competed against at the NEJGT tour. "This kid always tries to get in my head. So, I had to beat him. On the first hole (a par three) he chunked his shot into the water so all I had to do was hit the green with my shot and I made a pretty

ing his two rounds against 120 of the top golfers in Ontario, in the high school division and 14th overall in Ontario.

At OFSSA on the ladies side, held in Collingwood, MSS golfers Amy Smith and Ava Corbiere competed in the girls championship. Both girls battled cold and windy conditions to put up respectable scores for their first but hopefully not last OFSSA birth.

"Congrats goes out to our three provincial calibre golfers for their seasons. Congratulations also goes out to our whole Mustangs golf team as we brought home our fifth NSSSA title in six years," said coach Jordan Smith.

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Roen, Max, Collin, Asher, Arabella, Hazel, Myla with Coach Tim Lockeyer.

Golden Ball awarded to the Coyotes!

The annual Island Elementary Flag Football Championships took place this past Monday at Assiginack Public school in Manitowaning. In classic back-in-the-day Grey Cup snow-bowl fashion, games were played in Manitoulin's first significant snowfall!

Students coined the original trophy the "Golden Ball," a semi-deflated football spray-painted gold, back when former Assiginack teacher **Jeremy Mailloux** hosted the first invitational. When the cold, muddy and slippery ball finally came to rest on Monday, it was Little Current Public School's Coyotes No. 2 team who got to hoist the coveted Golden Ball trophy! Hats off to **Roen, Max, Collin, Asher, Arabella, Hazel, Myla** and coaches **Tim Lockeyer** and **April Aelick**.

Off their Rock hockey!

Congratulations on the beginning of another off-Island, hockey season to a pair of stalwart road warriors, **Maximus Panamick** and **Kohyn Eshkawkogan**.

Maximus plays out of Sudbury as a right winger on the Nickel City Sons U11 AA and on October 19-22, the team attended the Kitchener Oktoberfest Tournament where they faced some of the top teams in the province! The Sons went 4-0 in round robin play moving into the semi-final on Sunday morning. The semi-final was a back and forth affair with the Sons coming from behind a couple of times to tie the game against the Flamborough Sabres. Maximus, who hails from M'Chigeeng First Nation, scored the tying goal for the Sons. Overtime solved nothing and the game went to a shootout! The Sons were victorious in the shootout with some big saves from the Sons goaltender Tate Cunningham and a beauty goal by **Chase Morrell** which stood as the shootout winner!

The Sons then cruised to a 9-0 victory over the London Jr. Knights (Green) for the Gold medal. All players received a hockey stick on top of their medals for winning the tournament. Maximus had two goals and an assist during the tournament with the tying goal in the semi-final and the second goal in the Championship. The Sons went 6-0 on the weekend for the Championship which was a great team effort! Congrats Maximus and Sons on your championship victory in Kitchener!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan, still 14, has moved up to the AAA U16, North York Rangers! The team is ranked in the Top 5 in all of Canada's Under-16 catalogue of squads. Even this early in his campaign, Kohyn, a strong defenseman, also has a bit of an offensive touch with three goals and 13 assists in just 17 games! Kohyn was recently recognized as his team's worker of the game and celebrated on the team's Instagram account. Have an awesome season, guys!



Maximus Panamick and his Nickel City Sons team took the Oktoberfest tournament in Kitchener recently.

A good sport is good for sports!
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Seasonal visitor to Manitoulin signs three-year entry level contract with Boston Bruins

by Tom Sasvari

BOSTON—There was no doubt some excitement in Boston, but also in Sandfield on October 25 as Jackson Edward, who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League (NHL).

“Oh, just a bit,” proud grandmother Isobel Edward of Sandfield said in describing her excitement at the news. “I have been texting and calling everyone. I’m very excited. I was crying when I got the news.”

“There is a lot of stress



ABOVE: Jackson Edward, who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island and is a seasonal visitor has signed a three-year entry-level contract with the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League (NHL).

on all of these kids who are trying to get into the NHL,” said Ms. Edward. “For all kids who play hockey this is their dream. And hockey is all that he (Jackson) ever thinks about, ever since he was a little kid.” By signing the contract with the Bruins, “he is on his way.”

On the Boston Bruins website it states, “Boston Bruins general manager Don Sweeney announced today, October 25, that the team has signed defenceman Jackson Edward to a three-year entry-level contract with an annual NHL cap hit of \$860,000.”

Mr. Edward, who is 19, spent the 2022-2023 season with the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), totaling five goals and 20 assists for 25 points with a plus-17 rating. The 6-foot-2, 193-pound defenceman skated in 54 games with the London Knights in 2021-2022, tallying six assists.

The Newmarket native was originally selected by Boston in the seventh round (200th pick overall) of the 2022 NHL entry draft.

Ms. Edward told The Expositor previously the Edward family originally came to the Island almost 150 years ago. “Tom, my (late) husband was born in Sandfield. The Island has been the go-to place for the entire Edward family. Jackson loves to come here, and he has a brother and a sister, they are all into athletics. Jackson has been visiting the Island since he was born and his dad the same, since he was born. My husband was from Sudbury and came here at two weeks of age.”

“Jackson comes up here about a week each year and then he goes back to Boston for training. And this year he has been back and forth from London to Boston training and playing hockey,” added Ms. Edward.

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Casual/Contract Educational Assistants and Indigenous Support Worker (Contract until June 28, 2024)

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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for **Casual/Contract Educational Assistants and an Indigenous Support Worker (Contract until June 28, 2024)**

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Monday November 6, 2023 and Friday November 10, 2023 respectively** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks an application to fill the board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living off-reserve.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on and off-site services that include: Traditional Healing and Cultural Support Services; Primary and Clinical Care Services; Mental Health and Addictions Services and Health and Wellness Programs and Services to the seven First Nations and off-reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District, Espanola and area.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking one (1) board member that is interested in making a difference for Indigenous health; specifically, applicants must live off-reserve. The off-reserve applicant will have familiarity with board governance, strategic organizational planning, funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets is an asset.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15 meetings per year.

For more information about the organization, please visit the website at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

- Cover letter (outlining reasons for your interest, and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear criminal reference check
- Must be able to provide proof of Status or Indigenous ancestry

Send “Confidential” to: Attn: Board Chair
c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002, Little Current, ON P0P1K0
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 235
Fax: 705-368-3922
Or email: debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

Miigwech/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.
Only those under consideration will be contacted.

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

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

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS), is accepting applications for those who wish to apply for the position of Staff Sergeant. This position requires unique skills specific to the function of the position and are detailed within the employment ad along with the attached position description.

PREREQUISITES:

- Must hold the rank of Sergeant who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian Police Service.
- Would be considered an asset, having successfully achieved a passing mark on the Sergeant to Staff Sergeant Provincial Examination.
- Personnel records must indicate exemplary status with no form of discipline in the past three (3) years.

SUMMARY OF FUNCTIONS:

- The primary function of the Staff Sergeant is to direct and co-manage all aspects of the administrative and operational activities of a detachment. The Staff Sergeant ensures that tasks assigned by the Chief of Police are complied with and that accountability is provided not only to the Chief of Police, but all staff members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and the Community, while maintaining the intent of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service Mission, Vision and Values statement.
- Develop, direct and manage policy development for the police service.
- Maintain the integrity and accuracy of the WTPS Niche RMS database. The Staff Sergeant creates and maintains an electronic filing system and creates and modifies policy for review as required.
- Respond to requests of information externally through various judicial and legislated formats.
- Provide support to the Chief of Police on all administrative and operational duties that may arise.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of First Nation, Provincial and Federal laws and statutes.
- Knowledge of Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service structure and activities.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Excellent computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office and Outlook.
- Excellent verbal, written, interpersonal and public relations skills.
- Excellent analytical and organizational skills.
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Ability to problem solve and exercise good judgement during assignments.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality is a must.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver’s Licence.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.

The application is to consist of:

- A single detailed resume with an attached and completed Staff Sergeant Competency Profile.
- A letter of interest outlining your future goals with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and reasons for applying for the Staff Sergeant position.

Interested applicants in applying for this position should contact WTPS Inspector Larry Ross to obtain a Staff Sergeant Competency Profile and an Employment Package. Candidates should submit comprehensive resumes that address their knowledge, skills, and abilities for the position as described. Interviews and testing will be conducted in the selection process; this will be identified to the candidates that are selected to continue in the process.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, Staff Sergeant Competency Profile, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates and three (3) reference letters to:

Attention: Larry Ross, Inspector – Director of Operations
larry.ross@wtps.ca

Deadline to apply: November 17, 2023 at 4pm
Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.



The MHC Auxiliary has received notice that all who enter the MHC must wear a hospital-grade mask. This is due to the increase in the number of COVID cases. Masks are available at the hospital. The Auxiliary members who do sales at the Tuck Cart room will comply.

The Auxiliary has begun its regular meeting schedule. Meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at 7 pm at the United Church. You can attend the meetings in person or by teleconference. As with

numerous volunteer groups, membership is an issue. Involvement is necessary to avoid future problems. Fortunately, we have had five new or returning members. Remember that this auxiliary has been a community mainstay for 78 years! Since our focus is enhancing patient care you have probably benefitted in some way including the purchase of equipment, in-patient dental or care bags, Christmas and New Year's baby gifts and many other perks. Do your part and support the Auxiliary!

The executive for 2023-2024 includes the President Dawn Orr, vice-president Carole Labelle, secretary Debbie Heise and our treasurer, Marilee Hore. We thank the executive for their leadership and time spent in organization to keep the Auxiliary active to benefit others. As well, there are representatives chosen by the president for various functions such as In Memoriam, coin boxes etc. Thank you to all who give their time and effort to help others.

Dawn Orr is our board

liaison officer. She attended her first meeting and was impressed by the complexity of the work of the Board. She enjoyed her experience, was pleased with the interest and support the Board has for the auxiliaries and was provided with "homework" for the next meeting.

Our focus is fundraising. Currently, we are raising \$8,000 to purchase a new vital signs monitor.

Summer book sales netted close to \$800. Thanks to all who shopped in our

small space. Every bit counts! Donations to the In Memoriam Fund have decreased substantially. Many factors have produced the difference, but donations can still be made at the funeral home or at admitting. Simply mention a donation to the hospital auxiliary. A receipt will be issued to you.

Mark your calendar for December 9 from 9 am to sold out for the Cookie Walk. After a COVID-induced hiatus it has

resumed. Donations are acceptable. Make as many dozen as you wish of Christmas/winter themed cookies please. Call Carole Labelle at 368-3376.

As mentioned earlier, membership is important many are eager to receive but reluctant to give back. You can join the Auxiliary for \$2.


The next meeting is on November 20 at 7 at the Little Current United Church.



It's back to the mask for visitors at the Manitoulin Health Centre's two sites. Due to the rising number of COVID cases in the region, the hospital has reinstated the mandatory mask regime.

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Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT)
MCFHT is looking to fill the following position:
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The successful candidate will be required to:

Position Summary


- Provide daily cleaning services to a busy medical clinic and administrative office.
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- Ability to move furniture and equipment as required to fulfill duties.

Qualifications

- WHMIS certification
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Satisfactory criminal reference check

Please submit resume to:
Manitoulin Central Family Health Team
P.O. Box 10 Mindemoya, Ontario, P0P 1S0
Attn: Lori Oswald
Fax: 1-855-908-2517
Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcft.ca

Please reply in writing **no later than 4:00pm, November 3rd, 2023.**
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted



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CONTRACT positions:


Manitoulin Island:
Education Support Worker: Closes November 3, 2023
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Sudbury:
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Youth Outreach Worker: Closes November 3, 2023
Cultural Support Worker (Education Team): Closes November 10, 2023
Case Aide (1 yr. contract): Closes November 10, 2023

Manitoulin Island or Sudbury
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APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 2:00 PM
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
ENAAGDENJGED (one who takes care of others or things)

Department: Administration
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M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an inspiring Anishnaabe Leader. With strong background in management, administration and finance, along with exceptional communication and interpersonal skills, as the Enaagdenjged. Values and understands Anishnabek culture and is fluent in Anishnabemowin is a strong asset. If you are results oriented, an analytical thinker and have a proactive approach, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Summary of Position:
The Enaagdenjged works under the general direction of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief and Council and shall, in every aspect, oversee the administration and manage the operations of M'Chigeeng First Nation and is the administrative lead and link between Senior Management and Chief and Council. Responsible to ensure the management, administration and delivery of all M'Chigeeng programs and services and that these needs of are met in an effective, efficient and timely manner. Ensures Anishnabek cultural practices are incorporated in daily interactions and program activities with focus on retention of Anishnabemowin (C&C 2030 Declaration goal of MFN being fluent in Anishnabemowin).

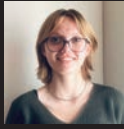
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Preferred: University Degree with minimum of 5-Years direct management or direct work experience.
Minimum: College Diploma with minimum of 4-Years of direct management or direct work experience. Understands Anishnabek culture and traditions and fluency of Anishnabemowin. Is compassionate, approachable and known as an upstanding and respectful role model. Ability to deal effectively with high pressure and challenging situations; proven competencies for managing information and people; decision-making and negotiating with high level officials and government bodies as a representative for Chief & Council. Ability to implement change management, risk management and quality assurance.

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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Happy Halloween everyone! Spooky season has swept through the halls of MSS again this year with events like Halloween for Hunger, but with midterms right around the corner, students are busier than ever. Despite the stress, there are many exciting goings-on at MSS.

After school on Tuesday, October 24 the MSS Robotics Team had a social for all of its members. An evening full of fun, games and food ensued as the new members of the team became familiar with the returning ones. The social started off with a team meeting announcing upcoming volunteering opportunities including a Staying in Touch tech-help session and a Halloween Haunted Trail. After the student leaders on the team introduced themselves to the newer members, the games began. The icebreakers kicked off with a game of Two Truths and a Lie. Everyone came up with three things about themselves—one being completely false. It was up to the rest of the group to figure out what statement was the lie. At the end of the game there was a group of students honorably named “The Best Liars.” A round of Human Knot followed. In this game everyone stands in a circle and grabs the hands of two different people across from them. The robotics team then had to untangle themselves without letting go of each other’s hands. Several other games followed, each accompanied by laughter from the team. The scent of hot pizza lured students back into the robotics room for dinner. Conversations crowded the atmosphere, bringing students of all grades together.

Using the batteries collected from their annual battery drive the robotics team participated in a relay race to count the batteries. The total was over a thousand batteries, all saved from being improperly disposed of in the landfill. To keep the competition going the team played dodgeball in the gym—mentors versus members, juniors versus seniors and Grade 9s versus everyone. To end the evening, the team gathered for karaoke. A sense of camaraderie filled the air even as the speakers stopped working, forcing the brave singers to sing acappella. The



The robotics team’s battery counting relay race provided plenty of laughter and excitement. **photo by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil**

evening was very successful because it brought the entire team together, creating a strong foundation for the season ahead.

As a part of their Halloween initiatives the Student Council sold candygrams in the front foyer the week leading up to Halloween. These sweet surprises are lollipops attached to a personalized message, which students can send to their friends, teachers or secret admirers. It’s a delightful way to brighten someone’s day and contribute to a festive atmosphere around the school. The proceeds from candygram sales will go towards funding future school events and initiatives.

Along with the ghosts and ghouls the season brings, Halloween for Hunger is another annual staple. This initiative, organized by the SHARE/Go Green committee, encourages students to collect non-perish-

able food items to support local food banks during the holiday season. The week leading up to Halloween a classroom contest ensued. The homeroom that brought in the most non-perishable food items won a pizza party. Along with the collections from this, students trick-or-treated for food donations Halloween night in their communities. The SHARE/Go Green club will count up all the donations this week and bring them to the Manitoulin Family Resources food bank.

It is exciting to see so many students participating and giving back to their communities. These selfless attitudes will continue to be seen as we begin to turn our backs on the fall season and prepare for snow.

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

Manitoulin Secondary School **PLAYER PROFILE**
by Emery Watson



JACK CARTER



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Whether it is indoors on the court, in the hockey rink or on a golf course, Jack can always be found staying active! As a junior member of MSS athletics, he brings a great amount of enthusiasm and leadership to every team he is a part of. He carries determination and leadership into this year, being a tremendous role model for younger Mustangs! During Jack’s first year as a Mustang, he showed a great love for athletics, participating in numerous sports. Jack has already established himself as an excellent all around player, creating a promising athletic future for his next few years at MSS!

Before Jack became a Mustang at MSS, he attended Little Current Public School for his elementary years. Here, his passion for sports blossomed as he was constantly found taking advantage of every opportunity to stay active, participating in softball, track and field and basketball. Outside of school Jack could always be found at the rink, as he was introduced to the ice from a young age. He notes that hockey was always his most cherished sport growing up, making many new memories and playing with close friends!

Not only has Jack made many contributions to MSS athletics, he has also been seen as a stellar athlete for the Manitoulin Panthers Hockey Association. During his first years, the Panthers fought hard and finished off their season with a huge win at the Tournament of Champions. To this day, it is still Jack’s most memorable moment in his hockey career. During his last year stepping on the ice as a Panther in the 2022/23 season, Jack was honoured to be given the role of Captain on the U15 team! This year he continues to play the sport he loves, this time sporting the orange and blue of the Mindemoya Thunder hockey team.

In only his second year as a Mustang, Jack has already made many great accomplishments in MSS athletics! During his first year he was excited and eager to experience game play at the high school level. Jack found himself constantly on the go playing volleyball, basketball, badminton and participating in track and field. Their junior boys’ volleyball team was able to pull off a win in the NSSSA finals and after a long hard battle, placed second at NOSSA!

From one sport to another, he found himself picking up a badminton racket and competing for the first time in mixed doubles. Jack and his partner Prestlynn Biedermann put on an incredible match, taking home the gold at NSSSA, advancing them to compete at NOSSA.

Outside of the rinks, courts and off the golf greens, Jack can be found enjoying his love for the outdoors. He notes that away from sports, fishing and hunting are two of his favourite pastimes. Growing up in Little Current he has been seen working within the community, and continues to do so at Wally’s Dock Service.

Growing up with many supports, Jack gives great thanks to his parents, noting that he would not be where he is without them. With a household of hockey fans, he spent many nights watching the Toronto Maple Leafs with his dad. This shared interest in watching the games together is what eventually sparked Jack’s interest in the Leafs, and they continue to be his favourite team to this day.

Although he still has three more years at MSS, Jack is determined to someday give back to the community and hopes to one day own his own business. Still unsure of which path he will pursue, Jack speaks of wanting to be his own boss and run a business that is needed and good for the community. In school, Jack is found giving full effort in each class, and notes that science is among his favourites, as he enjoys doing labs and experiments, finding them very interesting!

With Jack’s hard work and dedication, he is sure to continue to be a standout Mustang, reaching all of his goals on and off the court!

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