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William 'Bedaw' McGovern's memorial banner is appropriately positioned adjacent to Little Current's Anchor Inn, a business he once owned, known as the Mansion House at that time.

A First World War tale of heroism, friendship and 'A Dream Fulfilled' SEE STORY PAGE 5

### Sheguiandah speed limit to be set at 60

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—When Sheguiandah First Nation Chief Elvis Mishibinijima first took office two years ago, he set his sights firmly on increasing safety within his community.

"I requested the Ministry of Transportation install school bus signs and pedestrian signs with flashing lights along the highway," he explained to The Expositor. "I also asked for a reduction in the speed limit by 10 kilometres to 60 kilometres and hour."

In discussions with officials from the MTO, Chief Mishibinijima said he highlighted the fact that two of his community members had died along the highway in Birch Island in the past—and that he felt it was only a matter of time before tragedy struck again.

"During my travels I looked at other communities," he said, "Bruce Mines' speed limit is 50 kilometres. I didn't want to raise the issue of race, but when you look at it, you have to wonder."

Time and again, Chief Mishibinijima raised the issue with ministry officials and his persistence has now paid off. A letter recently received from the MTO indicates that the speed limit will be drop-

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**ISLAND'S LAST D-DAY SURVIVOR GOING STRONG**—Manitoulin's last WWII veteran, Justin Roy, who is originally from M'Chigeeng First Nation and now lives in Mesa, Arizona, recently visited the Island, including The Manitoulin Expositor. In photo from left is Alicia McCutcheon, publisher, Mr. Roy and Michael Erskine, associate editor. Both Expositor staffers have interviewed Mr. Roy about his wartime experiences. **See story on Page 15.** 

# Final area First Nation signs on as part of Robinson-Huron Treaty pact

ROBINSON-HURON—All 21 First Nations in the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) including all First Nations on Manitoulin Island, have completed all the required documentation to move forward with the signing of the settlement. The governments of Canada and Ontario continue their work to complete the internal approval processes as the next step. The proposed settlement agreement had originally been announced on June 17. Serpent River First Nation was the last to sign on.

In an update on November 4, the RHLTF indicated, "all parties are committed to making this settlement a reality for communities living on Robinson Huron Treaty Territory. We hope to have the settlement signed by the end of November 2023 or each December 2023. A date for executing the settlement agreement cannot be set until Canada and Ontario complete their internal approval processes. Once the settlement agreement is signed by the parties, we will go before the Superior Court of Justice to dis-

miss the past compensation portion of the claim."

"Once finalized, the settlement amount will be distributed to the 21 nations from the RHTLF Trust based on a formula agreed to by the treaty leadership and their councils. Each nation will decide how to distribute their own share of the settlement amounts after receipt from the RHTLF Trust (with the distribution expected to take place in the spring-summer)."

"Until then, the Robinson Huron First Nations will continue the work that was started at the community engagement sessions this past summer," the release continues. "These sessions opened important conversation with communities we want to continue."

"We heard from you, our community members, about the need for more communication at a community level," the RHLTF continued. "We heard from many community members that you want to

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### COVID-19 has not gone away

### Caution urged as virus continues to transform

by Tom Sasvar

MANITOULIN—With Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is indicating that COVID-19 hospitalizations have reached numbers not seen since the late winter and early spring of 2022, Ontario's chief medical officer of health and officials from the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) are encouraging people to get both the COVID-19 and booster shots. As was previously reported, MHC has returned to mandatory universal masking in all areas of the Island hospitals for all patients, visitors and staff.

PHSD has stated that COVID-19 and rates are as

high as February/March of 2022.

Paula Ferguson, vice-president clinical services and chief nursing officer of MHC told The Exposi-

tor last Friday, "we have returned to mandatory universal masking in our hospitals. I can't comment on specific numbers (of confirmed cases of COVID-19). This is a pre-emptive measure to keep our all patients, visitors and staff safe."

Ms. Ferguson explained, "we follow the PHSD dashboard, and in having monitored it they are reporting an increasing trend (of persons

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# Health Canada committing more than \$21M for people at risk of substance-related harm and overdose

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

OTTAWA—The toxic drug and overdose crisis has touched every community nationwide and, as such, has been deemed a national public health crisis. Health Canada is pledging more than \$21 million toward prevention, harm reduction, recovery, treatment and enforcement.

The Honourable Ya'ara Saks, Minister of Mental Health and Addiction and Associate Minister of Health, announced more than \$21 million in federal funding for 52 projects through Health Canada's Substance Use and Addiction Program (SUAP). The budget is focused on improving health outcomes for people who are at risk of experiencing substance-related harm.

Since 2017, over \$500 million has been committed through Health Canada's Substance Use and Addictions Program and has benefitted more than 380 projects nationally, including Indigenous communities and low-income and low-education populations. Through new investments announced in the 2023 Federal Budget, the Government of Canada also proposes over \$359 mil-

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### 65-year-old woman dies in Hwy 6 crash on day of sudden sleet

by Tom Sasvari

ASSIGINACK—One person has died as a result of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 6 in Assiginack Township on October 31, the day of the unexpected heavy and wet snowfall.

On October 31, shortly after 2 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services and Assiginack Fire Department responded to a two-vehicle collision on Highway 6 in Assiginack Township.

The Expositor has learned that Christine Hunter, 65, from Manitowaning was pronounced dead at the scene.

Two other individuals were transported to a local hospital

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### The Manitoulin West Recorder



Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane holds high her Canadian Dance Hall of Fame award, received last weekend at the Palais Royale in Toronto

# Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane inducted into the Canadian Dance Hall of Fame

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—For her role in ensuring current and future generations understand the history of powwow dances and invigorating First Nation dancing, Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane, who is originally from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, was inducted in the Canadian Dance Hall of Fame by Dance Collection Danse (DCB) this past Sunday, November 5 at a ceremony held at the Palais Royale in Toronto.

"Karen has been a significant part of the movement to recover Indigenous dancing," Amy Bowring, executive director and curatorial director of DCB (who also heads up the induction selection committee), told The Expositor. She pointed out the Indian Act banned Indigenous dancing from 1884-1951, with those performing Indigenous dances threatened with incarceration. "The dancing never actually stopped, but Indigenous people had to hide it."

"When the ban was lifted Indigenous people worked to recover their traditional dances," said Ms. Bowring. "Karen is a big part of that, being a big part of the powwow movement and jingle dance."

"And she literally wrote the book, 'Powwow: A Cel-

ebration through Song and Dance,' which won the Norma Fleck Award for writing the Best Canadian Children's Non-Fiction Book in 2021, to help educate everyone on indigenous powwow dance, why it is important historically and culturally, what happens at a powwow and the food found at a powwow," said Ms. Bowring. "And in her teaching work she has helped to reclaim and invigorate Native dancing."

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane, who now lives in Lethbridge, Alberta said upon receiving the induction award this past Sunday, "I have been a dancer since I was a child, more active as a young woman, as a mother raising my children as dancers, both the sacred and the secular. The Canadian Dance Hall of Fame has recognized the contributions of dancers in ballet, jazz, modern and now in Indigenous Dance-Powwow."

"Over the years, Indigenous dancers have performed and choreographed extraordinary works of contemporary dance expressions. Included are prior inductees, such as Rene Highway, my first contemporary mentor, Michael Greyeyes, my son's dance

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# Expositor's Michael Erskine honoured for 25 years in the newspaper industry

by Expositor Staff

HOCKLEY VALLEY—The Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA), of which The Expositor is a charter member, holds an annual fall gathering each year in early November.

This year's event was held at the Hockley Valley Resort, near Orangeville, and a veteran Expositor scribe (and now associate editor) Mike Erskine was on hand to be recognized with a Silver Quill award for toiling for at least 25 years in the newspaper industry.

Mike, spouse Linda and their large family moved to Manitoulin from Sudbury over 30 years ago when Linda had the opportunity to grow her profession of social worker.

That was fairly early in the computer era, so Mike was busily engaged as a consultant and mentor to individuals and businesses who needed advice and training on what equipment to acquire and how to use it.

Just over 25 years ago, Mike took a reporter's position at the Manitoulin West Recorder and two years later joined the staff of The Expositor, initially as a freelance reporter and then as a staff reporter. Publisher Alicia McCutcheon named Mike as asso-

ciate editor of the paper in 2021, when Tom Sasvari became editor in chief.

This year, Mike's writing has again had national recognition when the national newspaper association, News Media Canada, awarded his work first prize in two categories: Best National Editorial and Best Feature Story.

The Silver Quill (and Gold

Quill) awards are certified and given by this same national body, News Media Canada, on the recommendation of the newspaper's

publisher.
In Mike's case, the presentation was made last Friday evening, before a gathering of 60 of his peers, by Dave Adsett, president

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### MP urges Parliament to take action against intimate partner violence

OTTAWA—Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) called on Parliament to take action against intimate partner violence (IPV).

"Women need us to stand up for them now more than ever!" stated Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing as she spoke in the House of Commons last Wednesday to address the urgent issue of IPV.

"Last week, Canadians were collectively heartbroken by the barbaric act of intimate partner violence that took the life of Angie Sweeney and her three young children in Sault Ste. Marie," said MP Hughes. "As we grieve for Angie and her children, we must redouble our efforts against intimate partner violence."

MP Hughes called on Members

of Parliament to implement the recommendations from last Parliament's Justice Committee report on stopping coercive and controlling behaviour in intimate partner relationships. She further highlighted that the rates of IPV have been increasing for a number of years.

"Gender-based and IPV in Canada has increased for five consecutive years," said MP Hughes. "In 2021, the rate of IPV was 336 victims per 100,000 people. Women and girls represent almost 70 percent of victims (of IPV). The gender-related homicide rate in 2021 for Indigenous women and girls was more than triple the rate of gender-related homicides over-

"This epidemic cannot continue!" stated MP Hughes.

# Sheguiandah First Nation finalizes nomination list for December 9 election

SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION—There are five candidates who let their names stand for chief in the Saturday, December 9 band council elections and 13 for the three council seats.

Running for chief are Jason R.K. Aguonie, Elvis Mishibinijima, Zoe Peltier-Roy, Ruby Thompson and Nevada Waindubence.

Vying for council positions are Jake Agoneh, Alison (Alley Cat) Aguonie, Orville (Bugsy) Aguonie, Emma Chokomoolin, Joanne Fox, Carolyn Pickford, Lisa Sagutch, Darren Shawanda, Nathan Shawanda, Ruby Thompson, Shalyne Thompson, Carrie Waindubence and Matthew Waindubence.

### Gaps in mental wellness for Indigenous men to be addressed at Two-day Men's Wellness Gathering

Renowned mentors George Couchie and Glen Gould will attend as keynote speakers

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

LITTLE CURRENT—Noojmowin Teg is hosting a two-day gathering on Indigenous men's wellness on Tuesday, November 14 and Wednesday, November 15. The event will be held at the Manitoulin Conference Centre and features keynote speakers George Couchie of the Red Tail Hawk Clan from Nipissing First Nation and Glen Gould of the Membertou First Nation.

Mr. Couchie is a retired police officer with 32 years of service and a published author who wrote three books: 'Raised on an Eagle Feather,' 'Creation of the Spark' and 'The Gifts of the Seven Grandfathers.' He has also delivered award-winning Indigenous Awareness Trainings and Initiatives, including The Niigan Mosewak Program for Indigenous youth aged 12-17. Close to 150 kids are invited to the culture camp that delivers powerful messages of hope by encouraging positive and healthy lifestyle choices.

Glen Gould is an acclaimed actor, producer and director with a prolific career in theatre, film and television. His powerful performances have garnered him critical acclaim and awards such as the Best Actor Award at the 2015 RNCI Awards, 2014 AIMPA's, Best Actor Nomination at the 2014 and 2020 RNFCI Festival, Dreamspeaker Film Festival, and at the esteemed David Renton Award for Outstanding Performance by an Actor at the AIFF.

Mr. Gould has known tragedy and mental health struggles of his own. Early in his career, the loss of his best friend to suicide was bookended by the death of his grandfather and the loss of both parents in a car accident. "I was messed up for a while over that,' he said. "When Colin died, I

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### George Williamson inducted into Great Northern Opry

by Tom Sasvari with files from Alicia McCutcheon

SAULT STE. MARIE—Musician George Williamson is the latest Islander to been inducted into the Great Northern Opry in Sault Ste. Marie.

"It was pretty amazing," Mr. Williamson told the Expositor on Sunday, having been inducted on Saturday evening. "I felt like a movie star, meeting all the other inductees, who have an amazing amount of talent. It was real special and I am very proud to have been inducted along with all of these talented musicians."

Mr. Williamson said, "I was very surprised when Ben (Lentir) (a fellow musician and Opry inductee) came over in the spring and told me he had booked me for the Bluegrass In The Country event, and said 'by the way you have been chosen to the be next inductee in the Great Northern Opry.' I was like wow, really?"

"Ben is an awesome musician, and is doing a great job in making sure our area is recognized for the musical talent locally," said Mr. Williamson.

Jeff Pyette, Mr. Williamson's cousin, had nominated Mr. Williamson for the award. "I thought that was great," he said. "It's such an honour. I'm not a competitive person, but when things like this happen it's great, and so well-appreciated."

Mr. Williamson comes by his love of music honestly. His father played a lap steel guitar. He said he didn't know too many songs, but he loved to play. In high school, the musician then managed to talk himself into a band headed by his Lively High School's music

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"who dares not offend, cannot be honest"

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<u>editorial</u>

### Honour the peace bought with our nation's blood

The remarkable story of the friendship between the May family of Sudbury and Brüggen family of Cologne, Germany celebrates peace and the coming together in friendship of the children of bitter wartime enemies. It is a perspective and a story that the world direly needs today.

Canada has largely enjoyed peace over the nearly 80 years since the end of the Second World War. Sadly, our nation's armed services have not always been able to enjoy that same peace of Canadian citizens at home, being called upon to lay their lives on the line trying to maintain global stability and peace in far-flung locations, including Korea, Vietnam, Cyprus, Bosnia, Rwanda, Mali and a host of other conflict zones.

Far too often, many of those conflicts have spilled over onto our own streets, unleashing havoc and tragedy, nearly always upon the innocent. Today is no different, as supporters of terrorists in the Middle East use the occasion to assault Muslims and Jews, their homes and businesses in our cities and towns.

Refugees of the world's conflicts flock to our shores seeking shelter from the bombs and bullets being rained down upon them by combatants seeking supremacy in the name of revenge, retaliation, security, resources or whatever other ever-so-vital excuse comes to hand.

Canada has long been a nation of differences. For generations political scientists have dined out on the concept of our nation's many "cleavages," differences that in other parts of the globe would lead inexorably to violence and man's inhumanity to man. That those

issues have nearly always been dealt with through dialogue, compromise and relative compassion is the envy of the world. Let's do our uttermost to keep it that way.

Protests in Canada tend to be inconveniences,

rather than terror-inducing confrontations. We may rail against those who bring that inconvenience, and while yes, there are exceptions, we rarely resort to violence in reaction.

This has often been attributed to our nation's developmental history. Unlike our neighbour to the south, our immigration has largely been driven by those fleeing conflict, rather than seeking economic glory. The harsher climate in which Canada is enveloped for a major part of the year has forced us to be more of our brother's keepers. Throughout our history, we have needed each other's good will far more than we coveted their assets.

We have usually strived to honour each person's dignity—even to the point of our own discomfort. Multiculturalism has not been an easy path, but largely we have managed to maintain the core values of civility that has characterised our self-image as Canadians and that which we hold up to the world. Today, despite what some might try to claim, Canada remains unbroken.

There are those in our midst who would lead us down the paths of madness. That is something we must do our utmost to resist—peacefully and with understanding, not condemnation nor ridicule.

Currently, protests are taking place across the nation focussed on the Israeli-Hamas conflict. That is a conflict in which there are no saints—and a very great number of victims on both sides. But attacks against individual Muslims or Jews, their homes and their businesses cannot be countenanced. Canada should hold no place for such racism, such extremism, or such barbarity.

Our veterans have laid their lives on the line through countless conflicts in order to bring and maintain peace, order and good government—we should not let their sacrifices become vain here at home.

Lest we forget.



<u>letters</u>

### On November 11 we remember those who gave their lives willingly

### We must never forget the ulitimate cost of our freedoms

To the Expositor:

Today we remember all those men and women who gave their lives so willingly and freely for something they believed in.

They believed in our country and freedom.

It is through the cost of their lives, their sacrifices that we live as we do today.

Remember, they sacrificed not only their lives but the lives of

their families.

We must not forget the ultimate cost of our freedoms, never take what we have for granted.

In today's world, with conflict-wars raging and taking the lives of so many innocent people, we see the repeated destruction of what wars, what hate can do and does do.

Much of our social media, computers, iPhones, etc., have helped to change so much in our lives.

We are constantly bombarded with the bad events that are happening in our country and in other parts of the world.

Sometimes it is easy to forget about all the good that is around us, the

good people and the good deeds being done.

We are to learn from past history, past mistakes, past experiences and yet history keeps repeating itself.

Power, greed and hate seem to fuel man into a state of killing

I pray for not only our past Veterans and their families but for the men and women of today that are caught up in a fight for freedom and justice.

Never forget those who are living with life altering injuries.

Never forget those who are living with life altering injuries inflicted by wars or conflicts. Life altering injuries affect their family life in many ways; financially, emotionally and socially, depending on the injuries sustained.

At 1100 hours on November 11, let us stand proud as Canadians, honouring and remembering our veterans, who gave so

much for all of us.

Joanne Wade I Will Remember Sheguiandah

### Local residents laud local health services

### We are fortunate we live where our health is a priority

### To the Expositor:

Health care services across the North have been a topic of conversation for some time, particularly the need for physicians. Myself and my husband are two people who happen to be without a family doctor after ours retired after a long and dedicated career to the health and well being of folks on Manitoulin.

We however, both would like to point out how fortunate we are to live where health care is a priority with our hospitals and with our family health teams. Particularly, we would like to recognize one of the nurse practitioners from the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team, Danae Page. Danae always takes time for us, ensures we receive the

care needed and follows up, even with a phone call to simply see "how we're doing." This level of care reminds me of the time when doctors weren't so busy and their careers so demanding.

I moved to Manitoulin from Edmonton 17 years ago and one of the concerns expressed by my family was access to health care. I assured them then, and reiterate it more daily, how fortunate we are to live where we do with dedicated health professionals in our community. Thank you all, and especially Danae, for making the health and wellness of our community a priority.

Kelly and Craig Timmermans Little Current

### Public Health Officer calls on Canada to take a public health approach to climate emergencies

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

OTTAWA—The global community has been facing an unprecedented rise in emergencies, from COVID-19 catastrophic weather events to the toxic drug crisis. This year alone, Canada saw an increase in wildfires, heatwaves, floods and other events linked to climate change.

"These events can have a profound impact on our physical and mental health, as well as the well-being of our communities," the Chief Health Officer of Canada said in a public statement. "With crises that sometimes intersect and overlap, responding to these emergencies is becoming more complex and challenging at every level of government and civil society."

The report calls on Canadians to reflect on and reset how we think about emergencies and decries the need to address foundational con-

ditions contributing to community resilience.

"By taking a public health approach to emergencies, guided by health promotion and equity, we can create the conditions for resilient communities. When communities are more resilient, we are better equipped to prevent, withstand, and recover from emergencies."

The annual report comes at a prescient time, in the wake of the Provincial Climate Resilience Assessment and the Assembly of First Nations Climate Strategy being released. All levels of government and stakeholders are taking climate and other emergencies very seriously.

The impacts of emergencies are not felt equally among all citizens. Marginalized communities such as the disabled, unhoused populations, those living with drug dependency,

and racialized communities, along with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, are disproportionately affected and are less likely to recover from public health crises and climate emergencies.

The goal of public health promotion is to provide opportunities for partnerships between communities, the public and private sectors, and government agencies to build policies and environments that advance health equity, strengthen social supports to promote social cohesion and empower communities to become active partners in emergency prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Equity-centred research, evidence, and tools are central to building community resilience to emergencies.

### World War One stories are becoming rare, but the McGovern story deserves retelling

by Expositor staff

LITTLE CURRENT—The stories from the First World War are growing dim more than a century after the end of hostilities, but this Remembrance Day The Expositor has found just such a story that involved two volunteers from Little Current and area, William McGovern and Bill Richards, and an act of heroism.

William (Bill) McGovern was nicknamed 'Bedaw' because he began or ended oral statements with this unusual epithet.

His lifelong friend, Bill Richards was from the Green Bush. They both enlisted as part of the "Men 'O the North", the 227th Battalion.

Both men are long dead; Bill Richards' death was a tragic one when a fire tore through the Green Bush farmhouse he shared with his brother Dan Richards and he was unable to escape, likely because he was an amputee dating from his wartime injury, which is part of this story. He died in 1959, outliving his friend William McGovern, who had saved his life so many years before, by almost two decades. William 'Bedaw' McGovern died in 1942. He was only 44.

The story that follows was written by long-time Toronto Globe and Mail reporter and columnist Bruce West and was published in the August 25, 1938 edition of the Globe and Mail, four years before William McGovern's death and a year before the onset of the Second World War. It is republished here with the generous permission of The Globe and Mail, complete with its original headline, 'Little Current Urchin Sees Dream Fulfilled.

 $The \, `Mansion \, House' \, the \, 1938 \, article \, refer$ ences Mr. McGovern eventually owning has, for at least a half-century, been known as the Anchor Inn, a downtown Little Current landmark that is currently owned and operated by Denise and Chris Callaghan.

One of the Veterans' Banners, honouring William 'Bedaw' McGovern, is this year appropriately mounted on the light standard closest to the Anchor Inn.

It is interesting that 'Bedaw' McGovern is an uncle (by marriage) of Linda Bowerman, the Little Current citizen who conceived of the Veterans' Banners idea for Little Current, (after having seen the same successful tributes in Espanola) and this idea has spread to Manitowaning this year and is being seriously considered by Gore Bay and Mindemoya. Ms. Bowerman's late aunt was Ella (Lockeyer) McGovern.

One of Bedaw McGovern's grandchildren, Lisa Dorcich of North Bay, shared some other details with her cousin Linda Bowerman, who in turn passed them on the The Exposi-

Apparently Bedaw McGovern, like so many other young man in the days of the First World War, was so eager to enlist that he lied about his age, being only 16 or 17 when he signed up.

Mrs. Dorcich also noted that, from her mother's recollections and family lore, that because Bedaw McGovern was such an excellent shot, he wanted to be assigned duties as a sniper. His friends allegedly talked him out of this military career choice because of the high casualty rate for snipers.

Mr. McGovern died in 1942 at just 44 years of age. Ms. Dorcich explains that, during hostilities, he got "one whiff" of mustard gas because he was "a bit slow putting his mask on and that seemed to be what destroyed his health over time and shortened

it prematurely. He left my poor grandmother a widow with four children.'

### Little Current Urchin Sees Dream Fulfilled

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story originally appeared on Page 10 in the August 25, 1938 edition of The Globe and Mail and is reprinted here by permission.

by Bruce West Staff Writer, The Globe and Mail

LITTLE CURRENT—On the main street of this busy Manitoulin Island village stands a monument to a local boy who made good.

It is an ancient hotel called the Mansion House. Its once-red bricks are now weather-beaten brown and it isn't nearly so luxurious as its name implies.



But no towering skyscraper in the heart of a great city could bring more pride to the heart of Bill McGovern,

"sole owner and prop.

Many years ago, two youngsters carried bricks to build it. Every one in the village used to stand out on the corner watching each brick being placed in its proper spot. Merely to help carry them was an honor and a privilege to this pair of ragamuffin pals.

Stole in to Admire

The time came to pass when the Mansion House was completed and stood in all its glory. Over across the street, where now stands a war memorial, the two



William McGovern



A long time ago, when Little Current's Mansion House hotel was new and highly impressive, two young urchins used to get themselves kicked out of the lobby regularly when they stole in to take a peak at a large framed picture of "Custer's Last Stand." Rubbing the sore spots, they would cross the street and lie in the grass dreaming of the day they would own it. Today, after more than twenty years, Bill McGovern, one-half of the partnership does own the Mansion House and its doors are always open to Bill Richard, the other half. Shown above is the Mansion House. Sitting in the exact spot where once they did their dreaming, are Richard and McGovern. The former, shown at left, lost a leg during the war and was carried to a dressing station by McGovern.—Staff Photos.

youngsters used to lie in the grass and look at it.

Their names were Bill McGovern and Bill Richards. Occasionally they used to sneak into the lobby to take a look at a large, flaming-hued picture of Custer's Last Stand against the Indians. It still hangs on the wall. Whenever the proprietor spotted them, he kicked them out.

One day after a particularly hard boot in the seat of the pants, the pair were lying on the grass not saying much about anything, just looking at the hotel.

"You know," said young Bill McGovern to young Bill Richards, "I'm going to own that hotel some day. Just you wait and see."

Bill Richards just laughed, because the two were prone to play hookey from school and Bill McGovern hadn't even learned to read nor write.

They hadn't really grown up to be young men when the war broke

out. When the bugles started to blow and the drums began to beat they forgot all about the hotel and joined

up in the army to fight the Germans like Custer fought the Indians in that picture in the Mansion

Blown Sky High

With a bunch of other young

Canadians, they ended up one black and terrible night on the Canal du Nord in France. Again and again

the Canadians had tried to cross the ditch of water and each time they had been blown sky high. Bill Richards, who always was a reckless sort of a guy, tried several times, got chased back, but ended up safely.

But he tried it once too often. A German shell came screaming across the ditch, and when the awful whine and crash was over, Bill Richards lay writing. One leg was gone completely and the rest of his body contained more shrapnel holes than one could possibly count in the fitful glare of battle.

The panting youngster who lifted the pile of meat to his shoulder and staggered two miles through the mud to a dressing station was



Bill Richards would have admired the lobby painting of 'Custer's Last



The Anchor Inn as it looks today.



Both Bills would have recieved these medals for their service overseas

Bill McGovern. He kidded Richards about getting wounded just so he'd have the ride and they laughed during the whole two miles to hide their terror from each other.

And Bill Richards lived and the war finally came to an end and they both came back to Little Current. Bill Richards hobbled along on a peg leg and laughed when his old pals told him he looked like Long John Silver of pirate fame.

As for Bill McGovern, then a full-fledged man, he waded right into the business of building up for the day when he'd own the Mansion House. He worked at odd jobs and saved his money and finally managed to buy himself a pool room. Eventually he saved up enough to make a first payment on the Mansion House when it chanced to come up for sale. That was two years ago.

Has Run of Hotel

Today he can sit down in the best chair in the lobby and look at the picture of Custer's Last Stand just as long as he wants to. It hangs right beside the door that leads into the dining-room.

Bill Richards has a little farm just outside the village, but there's always a room for him at the Mansion House when he comes hobbling into town on his peg leg. If there isn't a room, some guest will have to get out, and that's all. The same goes for meals, at any hour of the day or

"What's mine is Bill's," declares the owner and proprietor of the Mansion House.

Which always causes Bill to

grin widely and proudly at his pal, because it isn't every man that has the full run of the Mansion House.



### Little Current home sustains extensive damage due to chimney fire

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Extensive damage was done to a house in Little Current due to a fire that took place on Tuesday, October 31.

Duane Deschamps, fire chief for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) fire department explained, "the fire took place at the home owned by Kevin and Melanie Aelick, on Robinson Street in Little Current at around 2 pm. Basically the fire started as a chimney fire. It resulted in extensive damage to an area of

house inside and outside."

Mr. Deschamps explained, "We (fire department) were able to quickly suppress the fire. The homeowners' son, Travis, had used a water hose to try and douse the flames on the outside which certainly helped." He said there were no injuries, and everyone got out of the house safely.

"I believe the family had insurance," said Mr. Deschamps who noted the family will be displaced from their home for now.

The horrific weather conditions with heavy snow, sleet and



Firefighters battle to save a Little Current home from a chimney fire. The home sustained extensive damage despite best efforts of the son, Travis Aelick and the fire department

photo by Michael Erskine

rain made getting to the fire difficult for the fire department. From the fire hall, "It was three blocks to the house, but these were three of the hardest blocks I've had to travel in a long time," said Mr. Deschamps. "It was very slippery."

The home suffered a great deal of smoke damage, damaging everything the family owned.

A GoFund me page has been set up for those who would like to support the family as they deal with this difficult time at GoFund.me/983dba38.

### Public Health Sudbury and Districts reports human case of Lyme disease

SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has received laboratory results confirming an adult has tested positive for Lyme disease with investigations indicating the disease was most likely locally acquired in the Sudbury East area.

Although reports of locally acquired Lyme disease remain uncommon, people need to protect themselves when enjoying the outdoors. Blacklegged ticks infected with the bacteria that causes Lyme disease have been found in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts in past years, however, they are commonly found in rural areas along the north shores of Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, Lake Superior and the St. Lawrence River, as well as in the Rainy Riv-

er area of Northwestern Ontario.

"People enjoying the outdoors need to check for ticks immediately after activities like gardening or hiking. This is one of the simplest ways you can protect yourself from Lyme disease," said Ashley DeRocchis, an environmental support officer with PHSD.

Blacklegged ticks do not jump or fly. They wait on grass and bushes for animals or humans to brush against the vegetation. Ticks vary in size and colour and can be hard to see until they are full of blood.

Avoiding a tick bite in the first place is best, says the PHSD. To prevent tick bites avoid walking in tall grass, make sure yards are kept clear of debris and overgrown vegetation, grass, bushes and trees; keep wood piles and bird feeders away from homes; wear a long-sleeved, light-coloured shirt, pants, and closed-toe shoes; use insect repellents that are approved by Health Canada and follow the application recommendations on the package; do a tick check; take a shower after outdoor activities to help wash off ticks that have not yet attached themselves to the skin.

If you find a tick attached to a human, use fine-tipped tweezers to grab the tick close to the skin and gently pull straight up, wash the area with soap and water, put the tick n a dry container and bring it to your local public health unit to be sent for identification and testing for Lyme disease. You

should also follow up with your health care provider to determine if you need treatment, especially if the tick has been attached for more than 24 hours. Lyme disease is treated with antibiotics.

If left untreated, Lyme disease can cause serious complications to the heart, joints and nervous system.

Signs and symptoms of Lyme disease may include a characteristic rash around the area of the bite that looks like a red bull's eye, fever, muscle and joint pain, fatigue, stiff neck and swollen glands.

For more information on Lyme disease and ticks, call PHSD at 705-522-9200, ext. 464 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200) or visit phsd.ca.

### Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

autumns up! We are on that fine line between fall and winter and if you don't like sappy puns, well you better leaf right now. It's no secret that Team Fergmeijer loves the golden time between summer and winter (our favourite outfit is a har-vest). In fact, we recently finished writing a really long book about the fall season. It's a tome. But don't worry, the main characters live appley ever after in the end.

The Kagawong Cenotaph Board is once again presenting a Remembrance Day service on Saturday, November 11th, at 11am, 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 this Friday and Saturday. 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 locomotive. Email fergusj@rainbowschools.ca for more information, or purchase your tickets online at www.ticketspice.com/emeraldheist

Why did the turkeys cross the road? To go through the Main Street Express drive-through, of course! Keep your eyes peeled on the highway coming into town from the east. The turkeys have been roaming that area lately and you don't want to fowl up your commute.

This November, Billings is kicking it into high gear with events galore! Everyone is welcome to the next Island Wide Waste Management Meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm, at the Kagawong Park Centre.

The following weekend, November 17 and 18, is the annual Christmas in Kagawong market. The many vendors will fill the Park Centre chock full of amazing, creative and unique gifts. Always a highlight of the approaching holiday season!

Hot on the market's heels is the library's annual silent auction. Bidding starts at 9 am on Thursday, November 23 and final bids must be in by 6 pm on Sunday the 26. Join the auction Facebook group (FB.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! This (in)famous community event will be held on Saturday, December 2 at the ever-versatile Park Centre. We are looking for acts to fill the ranks and have a VERY flexible definition of 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.

Another year older, another year of questionable life choices for Jody K and Connie F. Happy 29th birthday to

vou both!

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@billingstwp.ca).

We have low-key porch envy every time we go past Ethel N's house. We have no idea how she manages to decorate things so fantastically in the fall. Maybe she's born with it; maybe it's maple leaves. Have a great week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

riday night, October 27 at cards, there were two full tables and one with three people. High lady was Donna Kay McDonald with 70 points; high man was Guy Bigras with 80 points; ladies' lone hands was won by Brenda Carter with five; men's lone hands was won by Murray Duncanson with three; most euchres was won by Elaine Bradley with 12. No, I was not a weed sitter. I took lots of risks. It just turned out that way! Juice was won by Elaine Bradley. The money jar is safe.

Saturday morning was a Christmas event in Silver Water, but we had a more solemn event to attend. A very good friend of ours, Rene Lampe, was buried in the Meldrum Bay Cemetery. Janice Frame officiated. Together we planted tulips and daffodils at the gravesite. Afterwards we went to Shirley Hoskins' for a lunch and get together. Rene's niece Alison served us cake. She is a very nice person, like her uncle Rene, and we appreciated getting to know her.

Sunday morning was a Services Board meeting which we missed due to going to church. Monday evening was a Road's Board meeting. We really appreciate the people who work so hard to make this community a good place to live in and I want to say thank you to everyone who works so hard.

We woke up to minus seven degrees celsius one morning this week. I am afraid that it is a warning of worse things to come.

The docks are put away behind the wharf for the winter. The geese are feasting on the new grass that was just planted and watered so carefully. But there are still a few boats at the marina. The people at Cockburn are still going back and forth to their camps and the Purvis fishing boat is still active.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

In the morning of Friday, October 20, Albert Meijer and I went to help my brother Shawn and sister Lara Chevrette empty the moving truck. Luckily it was half empty when we got there.

Friday evening, I took a load of players to euchre in Meldrum Bay.
Saturday, October 21 there was the last vendor market in

our yard for the season. Sunday, the electricity was off from 8 am until 5:30 pm. St Andrew's United Church held their service in the Silver Water Community Hall which has a Generac system.

Monday, I took three players to euchre in the Burpee/Mills complex. Nikki Middleton is doing a great job and getting big groups out every week. The game starts at 7 pm.

Tuesday, Brenda Carter, Larissa Chevrette and I went to Espanola for most of the day.

Wednesday evening, the Local Services Board had their pre-budget meeting and discussed many of the expenses for the upcoming year. Doug Wismer spoke about the need for adding more firefighters to the team and the search for a new fire chief to replace him when he retires in 2024.

On Thursday, Albert and I packed up the yard sale that was in the garage. Then we set up the tables with Avon Christmas items and my knitting.

Thursday evening was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Friday, October 27 Murray Duncanson, Myra Duncanson, DonnaKay McDonald and I went to play euchre in Meldrum Bay. We saw several deer cross the road.

Saturday morning, there was a Christmas Market in our house, gazebo and garage. We had eight vendors. The UCW had their craft and bake sale. We had a good number of people out to shop.

In the afternoon, the recycle bins were open and we had many households participate.

Albert and I attended the potluck supper in Evansville in the evening. We went home after supper. There was a dance afterwards

Monday, we got our first day of snow on and off all day. We were happy to see it all melt.

Monday morning, Jewel's Collision called to say we could pick up the car. Albert went to get it.

Tuesday, October 31 I went to do books in Mindemoya. The snow continued a lot of the day in parts of the Island. The worst roads on my way home were from Mindemoya through M'Chigeeng until shortly before Jerusalem Hill. There were a number of vehicles in the ditches and tow trucks on site to pull them out.

We had no children show up for Hallowe'en at our house. Wednesday, Albert put the snow tires on the car.

Thursday, the UCW held their monthly meeting at St Andrew's United Church in Silver Water. There were 15 ladies in attendance. The next meeting is the Christmas meeting which starts at noon on December 7 with a potluck lunch. All west end ladies are welcome.

Thursday evening, there were six tables of players out for euchre.

There will be a potluck supper on November 11 at the Silver Water Community Hall. The proceeds are for the Angel Bus.

We are starting to plan for the Hunters' Pancake Breakfast on November 19 at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Congratulations to Joseph Cull and Coleen North on the birth of their son, Killian North Cull, on October 23. Congratulations to grandparents, Andy and Theresa Cull and to great-grandmother Ardith Cull.

Happy Birthday to Wilda Hunter. Happy Birthday to Jack Addison.

Get well to Jerry Martin.

Condolences to the family of Angel Yates. Condolences to the family of Norman Hopkins.

### ...George Williamson inducted into Northern Opry

teacher. "We were booked solid for two years playing all over Sudbury and the North Shore," he shared. "I got a lot of good training

"It is a real honour to win this award," said Mr. Williamson. "I am not the type of person who expects to win an award. I do play a lot of music around the Island and have for about eight years." He is a fixture playing in downtown in Little Current on Friday nights at Soldier Park during the summer. "I play an open mic session every Friday with the money raised going to the Manitoulin Food Bank. I've been doing this for about eight years, (the last few) with Cole Hughson. During COVID we broadcast online every week. Cole is an amazing musician."

"I had met (the late) Dave Patterson, the founder of the Great Northern Opry even before I moved to the Island." said Mr. Williamson. "He had put a lot of his own money into starting the Opry to recognize musicians in Northern Ontario. His daughter Jen now runs it and does an awesome job."

At the award ceremony, Mr. Lentir presented Mr. Williamson with his induction ring, with the (inductee) number 148 and



Crystal and Ben Lentir pose for a photo with this year's Great Northern Opry inductee George Williamson, right, following the ceremony in Sault Ste. Marie Saturday evening.

his name on it, a certificate and a letter from the Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie.

"George said he was proud to be inducted into such a wonderful organization," said Mr. Lentir. Mr. Lentir added, "It was a really fun weekend," pointing out he was among 44 people from Manitoulin who travelled up to the Sault for the weekend celebration.

Opry members

guests from each district who were to be inducted sang a song with a back-up band as part of the Saturday evening ceremony.

"Mr. Williamson sang the George Jones song 'He Stopped Loving Her Today," said Mr. Lentir. "it was fantastic."

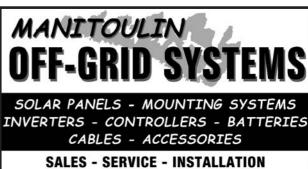
Williamson Mr. explained, "I had a table full of cousins and other relatives from the Sault at the

ceremony. He also had his sisters, Joan Sagle and Betty Heis on hand, his son Curtis along with his wife Miranda and his daughter Cassidy in attendance. Saturday morning, we all went for breakfast and my daughter gave me another gift; she asked me to walk her down the aisle at her upcoming wedding. I used to sing "Butterfly Kisses" to her when she was younger, so her gift left me emotional. And the George Jones song I sang (at the awards ceremony) is a sad song, so I wasn't sure I was going to get through it." He pointed out among the Island musicians on hand for the celebration included Robbie Shawana, Doug Hore, Roy Robertson, Carol Gilmore, Jeff Pyette, Debbie Robinson and many others.

"Having the opportunity to meet many of the other musicians who have been inducted, and knowing how much talent they have, I am really proud to be a member of the Opry. It is really special," said Mr. Williamson who added, "this is the first time I've attended a Great Northern Opry event. I am totally impressed with everything about it. And I feel it is an important organization because it brings together so many talented people and recognizes the importance of music in the

### LITTLE CURRENT Congratulations to Calann Lockyer! The "draw" prize winner of \$728.00 Thank you to Green Acres Manitoulin - Family Campground & Restaurant for sponsoring the 24th Progressive Raffle Lottery! DRAW DATE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 AT 8:00 PM PROGRESSIVE PRIZE STARTING AT \$12,175.00! (before 30% of weekly sales added) TICKETS GO ON SALE: FRIDAY - THURSDAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT LITTLE CURRENT LIONS CLUB ON FACEBOOK





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—Bahá'u'lláh

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### ...Gaps in mental wellness for Indigenous men

...continued from page 3 thought, 'why him and not me?" He turned instead to the big drum and a song that had come to him in a vision. At the time, he didn't know that the song was the Mik'maw Honour song that the church had banned."

"While my buddies and I were practicing in the school gym, the nun came in and told us we had to ask permission from the priest to play at the funeral," Mr. Gould recalls. The group of young men had a pickup truck donated and led the funeral procession while drumming for their friend instead. "I thought to myself, 'no, we aren't going to ask permission; they never asked us for permission when they came and

took our culture away' Today, the Honour Song is played at every Mik'maw funeral on Membertou First Nation.

The rationale for developing a program of services by and for Indigenous men in a First Nations community was published in Alter-Native: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples in 2019. Canada's Mental Health Strategy recognizes the disproportionate mental health and wellness crises that the Indigenous community faces, such as elevated risk of suicide and self-injury, yet the strategy does not address gender. The participants in the study identified several challenges with mental health, substance misuse and violence issues related to the effects of colonization, loss of language, cultural identity and spiritual-

The impacts of the resi-



Glen Gould is an acclaimed actor, producer and director with a prolific career in theatre, film and television and is one of the keynote speakers at the men's welness gathering.

dential school system creat- only see the behaviors on ever teach us how to speak ed a lack of mentoring and the news, complaining or the language?' he said, traditional teachings in dying or dead." 'Why would I put you their early years. Programs like the Men's Two-Day Indigenous Wellness Gathering are essential because of financial and systemic barriers such as racism and discrimination that Indigenous men face when seeking support and services. The program addresses the needs of Indigenous men by providing culturally safe practices. It is focused on traditional Indigenous lifeways and individual, community and family strength to overcome the effects of intergenerational trauma.

"Aboriginal people were targeted to be destroyed,' said George Couchie in his video. Cultural Mindfulness. "And who we are now is not who we are. When we talk about our communities, most of the time, we

"An anthropologist told me one time that once you lose your culture, most of the time, it will be filled with alcohol and drugs,' Mr. Couchie continued. "And in our community, we have lost our culture. My father was a residential school survivor, and I had asked him when I was a little kid, 'Why didn't you

through the same thing that I went through? You don't need to learn that language.' And really, I did need to learn that language. And when I was a kid, the last thing we wanted to be was Anishinaabe. We were embarrassed about who we were."

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### ...Michael Erskine honoured for 25 years in the newspaper industry

of News Media Canada and publisher of the Fergus-Wellington Advertiser based in Fergus, Ontario.

Mike is also a busy member of his community where he sits in his fourth term as a councillor on the Northeast Town council. He is also the chair of the Little Current Place board, the volunteer master of ceremonies for the Café in the Woods music series, a director/writer and actor with Espanola Little Theatre and coordinator of liturgical

music for St. Bernard's Catholic Church. He also volunteers as a driver for the Manitoulin Country Fest and Rockin' the Rock music festivals. He is a past volunteer with Manitoulin-North Shore Victims' Services.

Mike's current writing awards for national competition through News Media Canada are only the latest such recognitions as he is a multi-award winner with both that organization and also in the OCNA's annual Better Newspapers

He has also received accolades from the Royal Canadian

Legion and the War Pensioners of Canada.

"It has been both an honour and a privilege to contribute to the work of The Manitoulin Expositor and, before that, the Manitoulin West Recorder, helping to bring the stories of importance to Manitoulin communities to light. On occasion, I have been delighted to be able to make a difference in some people's lives in a positive way. There are few occupations where people will stop you in the street to tell you how good a job they think you are doing," Mike observed after receiving the peer recognition.

### .Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane inducted

...continued from page 3 trainer/mentor, and Alejandro Ronceira, who mentored me for years while teaching at the Banff Centre for the Arts," said Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane. "It is a true honour to have our dance form recognized at the National dance level."

Ms. Pheasant-Neganig-wane explained, "In 1954, my mother had her first big city dance floor experience at the Palais Royale, where we are gathered for this historical event in recognition of the Canadian Dance Hall of Fame inductions. A couple of years later my mother met my father, again on the dance floor, that time in Wikwemikong.'

"For many societies, dance was a standard practice," said Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane. "According to the International Encyclopedia of Dance, dances were performed, "for magical purposes, rites of passage, to induce states of

ecstasy or trance, mime, as homage. Dances were performed by individuals but mostly by groups at both sacred and secular occasions. This was from ancient Roman times, through each period of history to colonial times, except for Indigenous peoples.

"Federal policy/legislation considered Indigenous dance an act of crime and charged anyone involved with dance with being guilty 'of a misdemeanor, and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than six nor less than two months in any jail or other place of confinement; and every Indian or persons who encourages an Indian to set up such a festival shall be liable to the same punishment.' "Although the primary issue was of ceremonial dance, which is the foundation of other societies and their dances, such as the Ancient Romans and Greeks, why was it a crime for Indigenous peoples to dance at 'Both sacred and secular occasions.'

"Dance did not end for Indigenous peoples, it merely went into secret societies," explained Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane.

"My own father shared how his mother went far away into the bushes to keep their ceremonial practices, as I have shared in my

She continued, "In 1951, the Indian Act was revised, families and communities were shamed for their upholding ceremonial ways. That was 72 years ago. I am not quite that age, but I am of the first generation since our people have brought back dance into lives, both the sacred and

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane acknowledged, "Miigwech to the singers, dancers of the Lake of the Woods region who brought me the teachings of the Shiibaashka'igan (jingle dress)

dance, particularly the late Alex Skead and wife, Elizabeth, late Joe Morrison and wife, Mary Alice Smith, the Copenace's of the LOW drum. To the theatre groups who brought Indigenous dance to their studies, Centre for Indigenous Theatre, Native Earth and to Debajehmujig Theatre company who produced my first dance story over 20 years ago. Also, to Marie Mumford, Alejandro Ronciera from the Banff Centre, Aboriginal Arts program. Miigwech for believing in me. Lastly, to my parents, Rosemary Lavallee (Mishibinijima), and Moses bah Lavallee (Wassegijig) for listening to their little girl plead to be taken to the dance floor.'

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane is currently an assistant professor at Mount Royal University in Calgary and teaches in the Department of General Education as well as Indigenous studies with the Department of Humanities.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane was one of six inductees in the hall of fame this year.



Manitoulin Expositor associate editor Michael Erskine, left, receives his Silver Quill for 25 years in the newspaper industry from Dave Adsett, News Media Canada board chair and publisher of the Fergus-Wellington Advertiser

### Watch out! Community Service Officer Jamie Peltier from the Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police provided invaluable assistance during the Wiikwemkoong High School Zombie Walk. With the enthusiastic involvement of students from Mrs. O'Leary's class in creating captivating makeup effects and the dedicated efforts of the students, they raised some funds for Student Wellness activities. Students and staff were able to give a little scare to the residents at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home too. Officer Peltier's



support ensured the safety and

smooth execution of the Zombie Walk and students are truly appreciative of his commitment to the community and

the schools. Thank you for being an integral part of this memorable event

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### German couple visit Little Current with son of Canadian bombardier

by Michael Erskine LITTLE CURRENT—It is a remarkable artifact of conflict that yesterday's bitter enemy can become today's close friends. This fact was illustrated by a visit to Manitoulin Island by Peter and Gaby Brüggen of Cologne, who have become close friends with Philip May and his wife Rachel Trudeau of Sudbury. Mr. May's father, Royal Canadian Airforce Flight Officer Michael May, was shot down during his last mission over Germany

and landed in what would later become the Brüggen family's garden—a plaque today marks the location where his Halifax bomber crashed.

Mr. May met the Brüggens on a trip to Germany, following the footsteps of his father who spent the last months of the war as a prisoner of war.

"The odds of survival were brutal, 45 percent of completing the standard 30-mission tour,' noted Mr. May. "Can you imagine the courage that took? To time, knowing how the during his last mission over Germany.
odds were stacked Lt. May was a descendant of against you?" Accord-

ing to family lore, the pilot of the bomber took one last mission with his crew even though he had completed his 30 missions. "The crews had an incredible bond," said Mr. May.

Mr. May grew up fascinated with the story of his father. "My favourite memories are of trips to Louisa Island in my father's 14-foot aluminum boat," laughed Mr. May. Unfortunately, Mr. May's parents separated when he was just eight years old and his father died five years later. Like many of those returned from the war, 2nd Lt. May was held firmly in the throes of alcoholism.

"My father was born in Wainright, Alberta in 1920, but moved to Manitoulin Island when he was eight after his mother died," said Mr. May. The Mays have deep roots on Manitoulin, being descendants of Humphrey May, the first child of European ancestry born on the Island. "My father was sent to live with his uncle, Jack May, in Little Current.



get into the plane each 2nd Lt. Michael May was shot down

When the Second World War broke out, Michael May enlisted in the air force, became part of a ground crew, but transferred to flight crew, eventually rising to the rank of Pilot Officer and found himself assigned to a Halifax bomber as bombardier. It was on his last mission over Germany that his plane was hit by flak and the crew bailed out.

The navigator was stuck in the doorway and 2nd Lt. May had to kick and push him out, but could not fit through the door himself with his parachute. "My father was a large man, he had to leave the plane holding his parachute," said Mr.

Michael May's plane was shot down in February 1945, just two weeks after the firebombing of Dresden. "My father told me that you hoped you were captured by the Wehrmacht (German army) because if you were caught by civilians, you would be summarily executed," said Mr. May. "Such was the propaganda that followed the bombing of Dresden."

May's live in Sudbury, while the Brüggens live near Cologne, Germany. Mr. May's father parachuted into the back garden of the Brüggen's home

and was captured after being shot down on his last mission over

In four raids between February 13 and 14, 1945, 772 heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force and 527 of the United States Army Air Forces dropped more than 3,900 tons of high explosive bombs and incendiary devices on the city. The bombing and the resulting firestorm destroyed 1,600 acres of the city centre where up to

people

25,000

were killed.

The bombardier landed near where the Brüggen family home is located now. Despite a back injury that tortured him for the rest of his life, 2nd Lt. May survived the following death march and the horrific conditions in the POW camp. The Germans considered airmen to be high value prisoners and marched them further away from the advancing Allied forces.

Although he chose to become a professional musician, Mr. May was fascinated by his father's service and later researched his father's service online. "I came across this site called, 'air crew remembered' that

knocked on the door of the house and it was answered by a young woman, the Brüggen family daughter Lara. "The first question he asked was 'do you speak English?'," he recalled. "She said, 'yes, I do,' she invited me inside and that was how I met Peter and Gaby for the very the first time."

"What blew my mind was that the plaque, which I had assumed was placed by the Canadian government, was actually part of a project by State Forum (translation), he said. "This was a group that in 2007 decided to clear the debris. This local group, I was gobsmacked. There was an entire possibility that had the plane crashed a few metres away it would have landed on a munitions dump and the entire family, the farmhouse, would have been obliterated. You can't imagine how moving that was-that they decided to put up a plaque honouring

A second memorial in the back of the house consists of part of the fuselage of the Halifax nestled amongst the rose bushes. "Again, very, very moving," he said.

The Mays soon became friends and been close ever since. They invited the Brüggens to come and visit them in 2020, but that plan was derailed by the advent of the global pandemic. The visit had to be delayed until

summer 2023.

Mr. May is a drummer by vocation (website philipmay.ca where his awardwinning albums can be found). His academic training includes history, and he has been encouraged to write about his experience.

"In this time, where people are so fraught, so polarized in society, so angry, with so much resentment, hostility, willingness to do battle at the drop of a pin over trivialities, this story to me is remarkable,'

said Mr. May. speaks of the notion of compassion, of forgiveness, recognising history, and yet at the same time not forgetting history, obliterating history. We cannot become slaves of history. That story is universal."

Mr. May said that he would like to do more to tell that story, either through music or through the written word.

"At first I heard Lara speaking in English, I thought it was someone from school," said Ms. Brüggen. "She said Mama, Papa, there are people here from Canada."

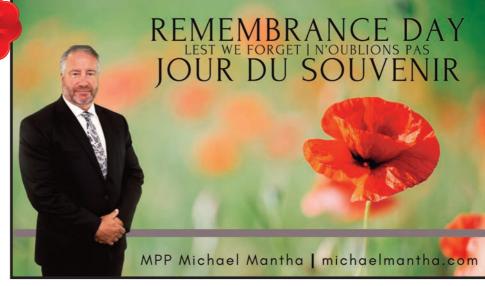
Ms. Brüggen said that it took very little time to feel sympathy. Although she was scheduled to work the next day, she called her employers and told them she needed to take a few

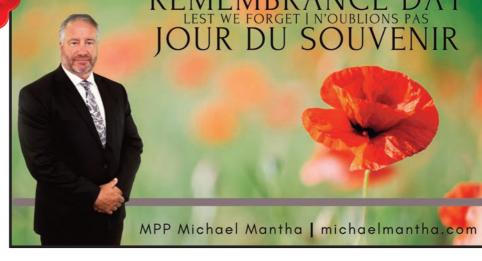
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chronicled their service," he said. "I found a photo of a plaque on a house honouring my father and his air crew—three of seven of the crew had died. At that point it became a pilgrimage, a hadj, something I had to do, I had to go see that plaque." He travelled to Germany

photo by Michael Erskine

in 2019. Arriving at the house, Mr. May simply





### Remembrance Day Service



Saturday, November 11th, 2023 at 11:00 AM **Kagawong Park Centre** 



Manitoulin Women's Memorial



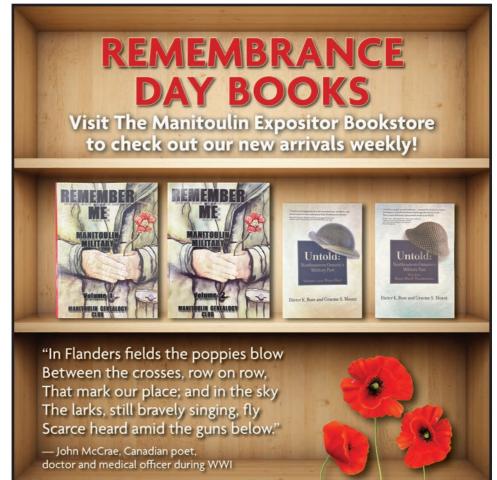


**POW Ethel Mulvany** 

Remembering the women who sacrificed, including Manitoulin POW Ethel Mulvany, as told by historian Dr. Suzanne Evans, author of "A Taste of Longing".

Silver Collection

Potluck lunch (finger food only) to follow after service. Presented by the Kagawong Cenotaph Board.



### REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES IN LITTLE CURRENT

Little Current Legion Br. 177, in cooperation with Little Current Public School, will conduct a Remembrance Ceremony at 10 a.m. on Thursday, November 9 at the school. Members are asked to be present by 9:45 a.m. Our traditional Remembrance Ceremony will start at 11 a.m. at the Little Current Legion. At 1:30 p.m., a Remembrance Ceremony will take place at Centennial Manor followed by a Wreath Placement Ceremony at the downtown Little Current Cenotaph at 2:15.

Ceremonies will be held in communities and First Nations across Manitoulin Island to recognize the achievements of our Veterans and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We hope you will attend.



### Saaren Films to make full-length feature film on Ethel Mulvany

Mindemoya woman was POW in Japanese camp in Japan during WWII

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—The awardwinning film company Saaren Films will be doing a full-length feature film on Ethel Mulvany, a Mindemoya woman who was a prisoner of war (POW) inside a Japanese concentration camp during World War Two, about her life, including here on the Island. Ms. Mulvany's story has been the subject of two books, including one by Suzanne Evans, 'The Taste of Longing, Ethel Mulvany and Her Starving Prisoners of War Cookbook.

Noura Kevorkian, who operates Saaren Films told The Expositor that after producing a film during the COVID-19 pandemic she and "my partner and I went on a holiday in Prince Edward County when my partner gave me a copy of book written by Suzanne Evans about Ethel

Mulvany. I fell in love with Ethel and was inspired by her story."

"Ethel Mulvany was certainly a woman who faced adversity—a POW in a Japanese Concentration Camp in World War Two," said Ms. Kevorkian. "The story of Ethel was so amazing and gave me inspiration. We decided to do the project, a feature length film."

Canada History wrote on May 29, 2022, "In Pioneer Museum (in Mindemoya) there is a small red bible. Upon close inspection, one can see where the spine has been chewed by a starving prisoner of war.

"In 'The Taste of Longing'," Suzanne Evans tells the remarkable story of the bible's owner, Manitoulin Island's Ethel Rogers Mulvany. After marrying a British doctor and settling in Singapore, Ms. Mulvany was taken as a civilian prisoner of war following the invasion by Japan in 1942.

"Conditions in the prison were horrific, with overcrowding, disease and hunger among the worst injustices. Ms. Mulvany suffered from bipolar disorder, as well as an unshakeable sense of duty, and she constantly busied herself with projects. To distract female prisoners from their constant hunger, Ms. Mulvany encouraged them to record favourite recipes, which she com-



Ethel Mulvany as a teacher at S.S. Campbell #1 (Perivale) in 1922. A documentary film company will be doing a full-length feature on Ms. Mulvany, of Manitoulin Island, and a book has previously been written about Ms. Mulvany by Suzanne Evans, 'The Taste of Longing, Ethel Mulvany and Her Starving Prisoners of War Cookbook.

piled into the Prisoners of War Cookbook. It was one of her many acts of resistance during the time she was imprisoned," wrote Canada Histo-

The latter part of the war was hard on Ms. Mulvany,

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### **NOTICE BOARD**

14 Water Street East (Post Office Building) Town of NEMI PO. Box 608 Little Current, ON POP 1KO

#### **Notice of Meetings**

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is offering hybrid meetings. Come and join us in the Council Chambers located at 14 Water Street, or join us via Zoom by using the following:

Meeting ID # 489 313 1974 or call 1-587-328-1099 For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca

Wondering what is going on in the municipality? Check out our community calendar on the website! www.townofnemi.ca

### **Mayor MacNevin and Council**

Would like to take this time to recognize all the veterans that fought for our country. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

### **Reminder of Due Dates**

Taxes - two bills, four due dates First tax bill - February and April Second tax bill - July and September Water - four bills January, April, July, October

### **Commercial Office Space for Rent**

Approximately 20 x 20 Office space available for rent located on the bottom floor of the Tourist Information Booth. Side door entrance shared with the local gym. Rental fee is \$550 per month, utilities included. Contact Reid Taylor to arrangements for viewing at 705-968-0386

Come join in the fun and watch some great hockey at the NEMI Recreation Centre November 10 – Puck drops at 7 pm Elliot Lake Vikings vs Iroquois Falls Storm

Join us at the Recreation Centre for some of our upcoming sessions.... Contact : Ihallaert@townofnemi.on.ca for more information **NEMI Rec Centre Happenings** 

> **Christmas Workshops at the NEMI Recreation Centre** Email lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca to register

> > All supplies included in pricing

Workshops with Artistry 67 - Enchanted Sleigh workshop November 12, 1 to 3 pm

> **Christmas Wreath with Paulie Nodecker** November 21 at 6 pm Cost is \$45

> > **Trio of Christmas Trees** December 3, 1 to 3 pm \$55

Winter Walking upstairs at the Rec Centre Monday-Friday 12:30 to 2 pm

Christmas at the Museum Market - Centennial Museum of Sheguaindah November 24, 6 to 9 pm November 25, 10 am to 3 pm

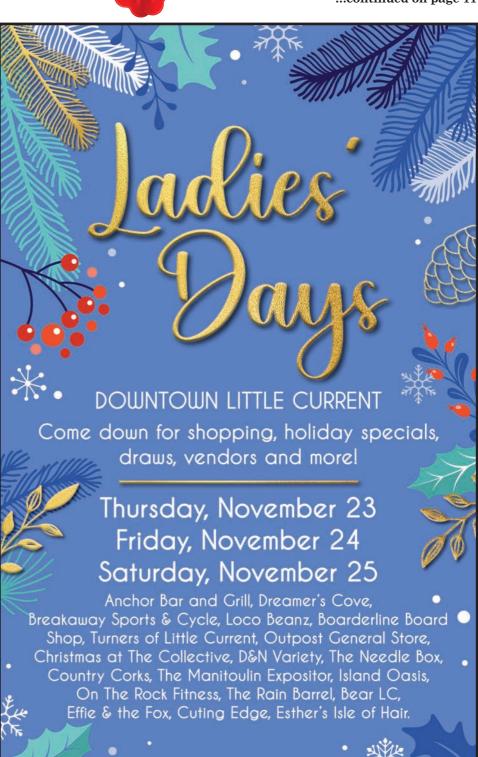
**FREE public skating** 

Sundays 9 am to 10 am for beginners with adult Sundays 10 to 11 am Tuesdays 3 to 5 pm

**NEMI Painterspace** 

Thursdays at 11 am to 3 pm Everyone welcome to join!

Wednesday Crafts at 11 am at the Recreation Centre, \$6 each class November 22, Personalized Christmas Ornament November 29, Christmas Crackers



### ...Saaren Films to make full-length feature film on Ethel Mulvany

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as she suffered through torture, solitary confinement and serious bouts of mental illness before she was finally freed in 1945. She made her way back to Manitoulin Island and eventually published her cookbook as a way to tell her story. She raised \$18,000 dollars, which she donated to hospitalized former POWs in England.

"'The Taste of Longing' is an engaging read that explores war, loss, illness and the indomitable strength of the human spirit. Ms. Evans uses oral history, diaries, and of course, recipes to uncover Mulvany's journey from Manitoulin Island to Singapore's Changi prison and back again. Ms. Mulvany's colourful personality shines through the pages, while her story is at once devastating and inspiring," wrote Canada History.

Ms. Evans told The Expositor that she came upon the story of Ethel Mulvany, "when I was working in the Canadian War Museum looking for stories about Canadian women

and the war involving physical and occupational therapy. I found a story about Ethel and signature quilts that she had made to give to Japanese, Australian and British hospitals, and I thought this was interesting and I decided to

> dig deeper.' "Then I read a story about her collecting recipes from other female prisoners. It seemed perverse at first, when so many peo-

ple were dreaming of food," said Ms. Evans.

"And I was so lucky when I wanted to find out more information on Ethel," said Ms. Evans, who through conversations with a neighbour and another person who lived just 10-minute drive from her home in Ottawa that provided her contacts to find out more about Ms. Mulvany.

"I am very excited that a film is going to be made on Ethel based on the book," said Ms. Evans. "Noura and her husband optioned the film rights for the book, and I understand the majority of the filming will take place in the

Ms. Evans will be the guest speaker at the annual Remembrance Day ceremonies being hosted by the Old Mill Heritage Museum and the Kagawong Cenotaph Committee on November 11. "It gives me an opportunity to visit Manitoulin Island and visit people there. As it stands now, we will be descending on the Island on November 9, with my two daughters who had asked to come as well." They will stay on the Island until November 12.

Well, when I originally undertook the book project, I felt that it would be a story that people would like to read and I'm sure the full-length documentary film will be one that people will like to see," said Ms. Evans.

Saaren Films is a company based in Toronto that has won numerous awards. "We're visiting the Island on November 11 to film the Remembrance Day celebration in Kagawong and see the Island, where Ethel lived, where she worked as a teacher and talk to people that have more information on her background. She is definitely a deserving

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### ...German couple visit Little Current with son of Canadian bombardier

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off. Over the next three days, the two couples experienced a great deal of emotion. "It was like we had known each other for

a long time, many souls," recalled Ms. Brüggen.

"We talk a lot of the past," she said. "One time we cleaned the house for the building. We found papers from Peter's grandmother. We knew that there had been a crash of a Halifax bomber." The writing was in an old style, so the Brüggens gave the papers to an old man who had been a commissioner. The man took the papers to the internet and "a few texts later we arrived

with an email from Canada, we had always thought the Halifax was from England." They know now it was a Halifax from Canada.

Tom Evenson from Alberta, Canada had contacted them about the crashed bomber, thinking it might have been his uncle's plane. It later transpired it was not his uncle's plane. A book was eventually written about his experiences.

Over the years, a number of people have come to visit the site, some even staying with the Brüggens for sevwith the days, Brüggens taking them to the local cemeteries. "It was a very emotional moment for us," she said. "When Russ Mendenhus came through our door and said 'and now we come as



A flower tribute is laid with seven rocks from Louisa Island for all of the fallen pilots that were lost over Germany.

friends.'

was emotional."

Even now, the memory chokes Ms. Brüggen's voice she recalls those moments.

An ecumenical service

held commemorating the fallen airmen and was attended by government officials.

"The crew was seven persons, three died in our garden, the other four landed by parachute before the plane crashed," said Ms. Brüggen. "One father found a parachute and took it home. It was very good quality silk. His daughter sewed a coat from the material. The daughter remembered the incident and recalled it during the memorial.

During the memorial, Tom Evenson wrote a text about looking for his uncle. "It was very emotional," said Ms. Brüggen.

During this time Mr. Brüggen was hospitalized. A friend brought him from the hospital for the service.

Mr. May brought seven rocks selected by children from Louisa Island to Germany, one for each member of the crew, and laid them in the garden with flowers in memory of the servicemen. "I was able to bring Peter and Gabriel to Louisa Island and let them share in the magic of that spot," said Mr. May. "Would it have been possible for Peter and my father to ever have imagined that their sons would become such close friends. Could he have imagined that the son of his enemy would come to Canada to visit, what is for me, a very special, sacred place—I suspect it goes in the other direction as well."

That is what Mr. May suggests is the most important lesson to be found within their story. "In a world where we are at permanent fisticuffs, the fact is, there really is hope," said Mr. May. "We have far more in common than what divides

Lest we forget.







### ...Sheguiandah highway speed limit now set at 60 kn

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"The limit will drop all the way to NEMI at Orr's Sideroad and Trotter's Sideroad, all the length of my community," he said. "I kept sending emails to everyone in the department. It took two years, but it is finally happening. It was the minister that was the roadblock, she just kept ignoring me (indicating former MTO Minister Carolyn Mulroney)," he said. But that all changed with the recent cabinet shuffle. With the new minister (the Hon-

orable Prabmeet Sarkaria) Chief Mishibinijima said there had been a sea change in attitude toward his con-

Chief Mishibinijima said the frustration in his community had risen to the point that they were considering a blockade to bring attention to the issue. He had also sought the support of the Anishinabek Nation, who through their weight behind the issue.

"They always sent technicians to our meetings, but never any actual decision makers," said Chief Mishibinijima. "But now,

finally starting to get some traction on the issue.'

'Thank you for taking the time to meet with me earlier this week. The assistant deputy minister and I appreciate the opportunity to discuss the important safety concerns you and your community have with Highway through Sheguiandah First Nation," reads a letter dated October 31 from Herb Villneff, director north operations with the Ministry of Transportation. "In response to the concerns brought to our attention at

a meeting in January of this year, the ministry has reviewed the operational performance along Highway 6 and has implemented the following improvements: School Bus Stop Ahead sign locations were reviewed in Spring 2023 and signs have been installed, the existing pedestrian warning signs were inspected and replaced if needed and, where warranted, the pedestrian warning

signs have been retrofitted

On top of a new, lower speed limit, Highway 6 through Sheguiandah First Nation also sports new highway signs, such

with flashing beacons."

"As you requested, the ministry also completed a speed study along Highway 6 through your community," continued Mr. Villneff. "When determining the speed limit for a highway, the ministry considers several factors, such as the type of road (freeway, local road, etc.) and its design, driver expectations and adjacent land use/development. As a result of the Highway 6 speed study, the ministry has determined that the existing speed limit

of 70 kilometres an hour should be reduced to 60 kilometres an hour. The ministry is currently preparing the necessary Ontario Regulation to make this happen. We anticipate the posted speed limit to be reduced to 60 kilometres an hour by spring 2024."

The letter goes on to indicate that the ministry would be in touch once a more definite date for the speed reduction is determined.

### ...\$21M for people at risk

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lion over five years to support a renewed Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy, which will continue to inform how care is provided to those at risk.

The Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy launched in 2016 was also renewed and builds on the work done in previous iterations, including the Expert Task Force on Substance Use. The federal government is using an integrated approach to address the overdose crisis and other substance use-related harms by supporting community-based programs to help reduce stigma and meet the needs of those who are affected by getting the services and support when they need them.

"As a harm reduction nurse, I understand the incredible complexities of this devastating crisis. There are multifaceted ways to approach it. Compassion lifesaving interventions are not up for debate. I have seen firsthand the lifesaving impact of community-based initiatives, and we must listen to the perspective of those with lived and living experience because they know best what is needed," Chief Nursing Officer of Canada, Dr. Leigh Chapman, said in an emailed statement.

Addiction is a treatable medical condition, not a moral failing—yet many people affected by addiction continue to face stigma and shame. The language that is used has direct and profound impacts. Public education around addictions is a critical facet of overdose and substance harm prevention.





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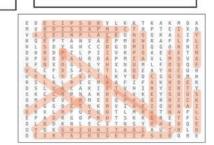
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### ...Caution urged as COVID-19 virus continues to transform

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having confirmed COVID-19 and hospitalizations) and knowing we are well into the respiratory illness season we have taken these measures." She said MHC has not seen inpatient increases or outbreaks in the hospitals but have heard that COVID-19 is circulating through the Island community.

"We are taking the precautionary measures to keep everyone safe," said Ms. Ferguson.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) also reported recently that COVID-19 hospitalizations are on the rise across Canada as a wave of autumn infections sweeps the population, but indicate the latest numbers are nothing to panic over, infectious diseases experts say, but they can't be ignored either, especially with so many hospitals in the country already operating at or near capacity.

Canada recorded a total of 10,218 new COVID-19 cases from October 1-7. As of October 10, COVID-19 patients occupied 3,797 hospital beds across the country, the highest occupancy rates since last winter.

With testing practices, data sources and reporting to PHAC not consistent from one province or public health unit to the next, the agency warned the data could be incomplete.

Ontario's chief medical officer of health, Dr. Kieran Moore told Canadian Press October 30 that this year's respiratory virus season should be easier on the province and its hospitals than last year, but success will largely depend on levels of vaccination.

Ontario residents who are six months of age and older can receive a free flu-shot and an updated COVID-19 vaccine. Dr. Moore says it is safe and convenient to get both shots at the same time.

New COVIID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna were approved by Health Canada earlier this fall and are designed to target the XBB COVID-19 variant.

The province says those who are six months and older can receive their new COVID-19 shot if six months have passed since their last vaccine dose or confirmed infection.

Last fall and winter, high levels of COVID-19, the flu and respiratory syncytial virus overwhelmed hospitals, particularly children's hospitals, but Dr. Moore told Canadian Press that while levels of RSV are on the rise at the moment and COVID-19 is still having a significant impact on the health system, flu season hasn't yet started.

Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer of MHC told The Expositor last week, "I can tell you from a community perspective there is an increase (in COVID-19 cases). We're seeing pockets on the Island of people testing positive for COVID-19."

Ms. Fields encouraged people to consider getting their booster shots and COVID-19 shots, as well as to consider masking in public places.

"PHSD is pleased to announce the updated COVID-19 vaccine, which better protects against the Omicron XBB subvariant, is now available to the general public at all our vaccination clinics in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts," a release from PHSD states. All public health clinic opportunities can be viewed at phsd.ca/COVID/19vaccine-clinics.

Public health recommends that you stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines to build long-term protection and protect against severe disease and hospitalization. Individuals are recommended to receive an XBB.1.5-containing RNA COVID-19 vaccine this fall as soon as they are eligible.

The seasonal flu vaccine is available at many locations throughout the community, including local pharmacies and health care providers' offices. Those receiving a COVID-19 dose at public health clinics may be able to receive a flu shot at the same time, PHSD explained.

As for vaccination opportunities this month on Manitoulin Island, an appointment and walk-in clinic will take place at Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya on Wednesday, November 8 and in Little Current at the NEMI Recreation Centre in Little Current. COVID-19 vaccine for those six months and older and a flu shot may be available for those six months and older who have booked an COVID-19 appointment.

An appointment and walk-in clinic will take place at Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya on Tuesday, November 21, and at the NEMI recreation Centre in Little Current on Tuesday, November 28

Current on Tuesday, November 28.

To book online, visit covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine or call 705-522-9200 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200) between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

### ...signs on as part of Robinson-Huron Treaty pact

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communicate directly with your chief and councils to have your questions answered and provide your input into discussions about the use of the compensation funds. A summary report of the prior engagement sessions and notes from those meetings will also be available to you. We trust that each First Nation has or will have more community

### ...woman dies in Hwy 6 crash

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with non-life-threatening injuries.

A witness at the scene said the accident took place near the High Falls corner on highway 6

"I didn't actually see the accident take place," said the witness, who explained the car travelling southbound was "t-boned" by the other vehicle and ended up sliding into the ditch.

The vehicle that ended up in the ditch was driven by a young woman, and there was a young boy in the vehicle as well. While the woman was able to get out of the vehicle on her own, the Assiginack Fire Department had to take the doors off the vehicle to get the young boy out of the vehicle

"All the emergency services were there in very quick time," said the witness. "The fire department was amazing in getting the young child out of the vehicle, and the paramedics and the police also did an amazing job. It was so good to see all of them working together so well."

The highway was closed for approximately six hours. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement team.

Further information will be released as it becomes available, the OPP reports.

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information sessions in the coming months.

On November 7-8, the government of Ontario's stage one and two appeal is to be heard at the Supreme Court of Canada

The Supreme Court of Canada will be hearing an appeal brought by Ontario seeking to overturn the decision of the majority of the Ontario Court of Appeal (ONCA).

In 2021, the government of Ontario appealed Justice Hennessy's stage one and two decision, which found that the First Nation plaintiff's claims are not barred by Ontario's limitations legislation and that Ontario does not benefit from the doctrine of Crown immunity. This appeal was unanimously rejected by the Ontario Court of Appeal (ONCA). Ontario then submitted an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada seeking to overturn ONCA's decision.

Ontario will be arguing that the ONCA's majority were wrong in upholding Justice Hennessy's interpretation that Ontario had a mandatory and reviewable obligation to increase annuity payments. Ontario will also argue that awarding past compensation for historical treaty breaches is inappropriate and that the RHLTF should only be entitled to receive declaration from the court at a future stage three. This means that Ontario is claiming that the treaty should be interpreted to mean that increases to the annuity should be at the Crown's discretion, and that it is not appropriate for courts to intervene.

RHLTF's legal team will argue that the majority were correct in upholding Justice Hennessy's interpretation of the augmentation promise. They will also argue that the ONCA made an error by overturning Justice Hennessy's findings that the Crown had a fiduciary responsibility to increase its annuity payments.



**GET YOUR HOME WINTER READY** 



### 'Remember Me Manitoulin Military Volume Two' launched at NEMI library

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—An official book launch was held at the NEMI Public Library last week featuring the final volume in a series relaying the lives of those who served in the two world wars. 'Remember Me Manitoulin Military' was a labour of love by members of the Manitoulin Genealogy Club. Its authors include Joanne Pilon, who acted as master of ceremonies at the book launch, Norma Hughson and Bev Morphet.

The members scoured the archives of The Manitoulin Expositor and The Recorder to uncover the details of the lives of Manitoulin servicemen and their families, as well as soliciting stories and memories from Island families.

"In 2012 the Manitoulin Genealogy Club posted advertisements in local papers requesting information from families that had

relatives or friends who served in the military," said Ms. Pilon. "Volume one of our book 'Remember Me Manitoulin Military,' which has the identical cover to this one, was published in July 2015. It had 175 biographies and excerpts from The Manitoulin Expositor from 1914 and 1915. Volume Two was published this July with 110 biographies and Expositor excerpts only, a total of 112 pages from 1916 to 1917. The rest of The Expositor editions

for the war years are not available, they are all lost unfortunate-

Ms. Pilon noted that The Expositor excerpts were transcribed by Norma Hughson

ANAVETS member Roy Eaton read an excerpt from the book relating the experience of Captain R. L. Graham, a veteran of the Northwest Rebellion, the



Joanne Pilon, one of three volunteer authors, members of the Manitoulin Genealogy Club, discusses the second volume of the Manitoulin Military book during a launch held last week.

Boer War and a volunteer in the First World War. Capt. Graham was a suc-

cessful lumber entrepreneur who owned LaCloche Island who commenced service in 1885 with the

photos by Michael Erskine Lorne Rifles, which saw service in the Northwest Rebellion. "A Colonel Jones recognized he was a valuable man and the best possi-

ble man to lead the Mani-

toulin company," read Mr.

Eaton. "At the commence- ny was to be led by a Maniment of the war, Capt. Graham immediately placed his services at the disposal of the Minister of Militia. He offered to fight or to raise men. He was appointed as recruiting officer of the 119th Manitoulin Battalion." Captain Graham later was seconded to the 227th Battalion.

A crack shot, Captain Graham qualified twice a member of the Canadian Army marksman team, today known as the Bisley Combat Shooting CAFTeam.

Captain Graham established his headquarters in Little Current, necessary to main establishing platoons at Little Current, Providence Bay, Manitowaning and Gore Bay to draw in from the surrounding townships to fill those platoons. "There is lots of good material to be found on the Island," read Mr. Eaton. "In fact, none can find better than Island men.'

The Manitoulin Compa-

would be on their badges, relayed Mr. Eaton. The company served overseas following training at Camp Borden, sailing in 1917 for France where they joined the Canadian Expeditionary Force as part of the 8th Reserve Battalion. Throughout its history, the Manitoulin Battalion was commanded by Lieut-Colonel C. H. Jones, the same man who had recruit-

Following the reading by Mr. Eaton, other readings took place by descendants of the individuals chronicled within 'Remember Me Manitoulin Military Volume 2.

ed Captain Graham.

Both volumes can be purchased from the bookstore located in the Little Current offices of The Expositor on Water Street. The cost is \$25 and provides a wonderful compendium of those Islanders who served our nation overseas.

Lest we forget.

### .full-length feature film on Ethel Mulvany

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Canadian woman to have her story told. She worked with the Red Cross as a nurse, fed prisoners, and gave hope to 400 women and children in prison.'

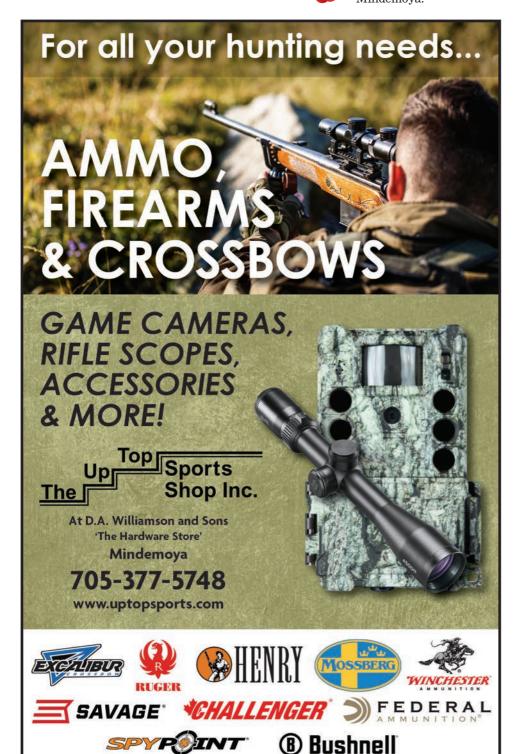
Ms. Kevorkian said while she is on the Island, "we will do more research. The actual filming for the film will take place in the spring." She explained it usually takes about two months for the filming to be completed. "The story of Ethel will be a feature length film about 80 minutes long.' "We already have a very rich archive about her life through audio interviews, pictures from prison, of her and her life," continued Ms. Kevorkian. "We will be meeting with people on the Island, anyone who remembers Ethel and can share stories, and we are going to be able to use4 information and photos on display at the Pioneer Museum (in Mindemoya) and the Old Mill Heritage Museum (in Kagawong). I'm hoping that other

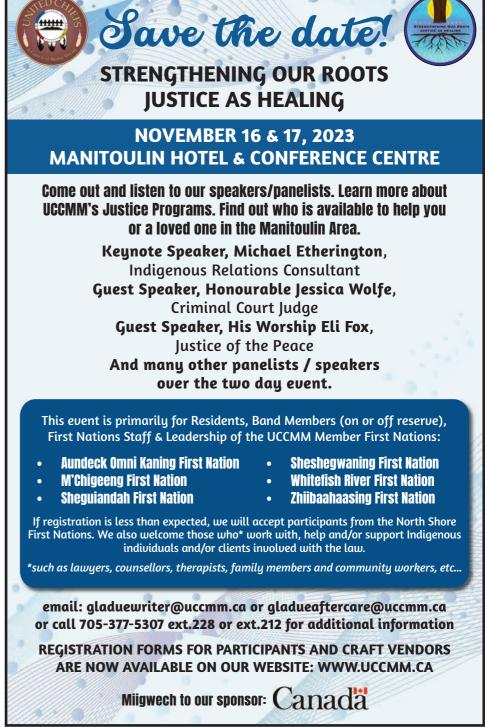
people that have pictures or anything that relates to Ethel and her life will contact us. We have a lot of material to work with, but we are always looking for more. They can forward it to Rick Nelson, curator of the museum in Kagawong who is going to be our guide on Manitoulin Island. You never know what is out there. We already have recipes, books, a suitcase, pictures and audio interviews and a whole lot more. But we are always looking for more to use in the film."

Mr. Nelson told The Expositor that at the Remembrance Day ceremonies in Kagawong on November 11, Suzanne Evans, author of The Taste of Longing will be the featured speaker at the ceremony. "Noura and the film crew will be there as well as people who knew or know about Ethel Mulvany will be there as well. I will be taking Noura on a visit to many sites pertaining to Ethel, like the Perivale School where she taught, to her gravesite, and where she lived in Mindemoya."



Roy Eaton reads an excerpt from Volume Two of 'Remember Me





### Manitoulin's last First Nation WWII veteran visits Manitoulin

MANITOULIN-Mani-

toulin had a very special visitor to the Island recently, Justin Roy, Manitoulin's last First Nations World War Two veteran.

"If I can't make it (to Manitoulin) next year, I've gone moose hunting,' quipped Mr. Roy who turned 99 on August 19.

Mr. Roy visited the Island for a little over a week earlier this fall with his friend Cindy Beatrice, who provides health care aid. "We have been staying at Lillian's Crafts (owned by Lillian's Crafts) Debassige) M'Chigeeng and hopefully next year we will be able to come to the Island for a month. We already have a spot booked for next year."

'We have been taken all over the place on the visit," stated Mr. Roy, who pointed out he had a ride on a pontoon boat ("We had a blast") and went fishing with his nephew Wally Corbiere and his wife Menesa where they caught walleye and bass. "They are great people," he said.

"This is my first trip to the Island in a few years," said Mr. Roy.

While on the visit recently he enjoyed his first smore, which he calls 'marshmallow hamburg-

"He had it all over him," Ms. Beatrice laughed.

Mr. Roy is originally from M'Chigeeng First Nation and now lives in Mesa, Arizona. "I've been in Arizona



During a recent trip to Manitoulin WWII veteran Justin Roy, who hails from M'Chigeeng, stopped in at Turners of Little Current where proprietor Debby Turner presented him with a sweatshirt featuring the Anishinaabemowin name for Cup and Saucer.

since 1962," he said noting, "It was pretty rough at

first. When I first got to Arizona I tried for a federal government job, and was qualified for the position.

But I was told I had to be a (US) citizen so I wasn't

Mr. Roy and his first wife Joyce, also of M'Chigeeng, had moved to the US where he worked mining jobs before he went to school to become an air conditioner repairperson and sheet metal contractor. He ran and operated his own company until he was 96.

He explained that when he started off in Arizona, he had perfect credit and a small savings account; however, the bank was leery of giving him a bank loan because of his race. Mr. Roy and his wife spent the first little while living out of their car until they could get on their feet.

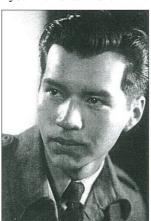
"I had a pretty good life once I started contracting.'

"Everyone wanted a new car in those days, but I bought the old ones," said Mr. Roy. One in particular he was fond of was an eight-cylinder 1947 Packard. "One guy was always bugging me about buying the car. I had paid \$3,000 for it, and I got \$125,000 when I sold it. The other guy I sold it to later sold the car for \$375,000."

Mr. Roy eventually got into business for himself. At one point in the US he had been offered a gov-

ernment job would have paid him \$125,000 a year plus benefits. "They gave me a month to take it, but I declined the offer. I figured

I can do this, run a business myself and avoid all the



A young Justin Roy

headaches."

"All my siblings and everyone I grew up with in M'Chigeeng is now gone,' said Mr. Roy, noting he is the uncle of Pam Roy, of M'Chigeeng.

Ms. Beatrice explained Mr. Roy had his heart defibrillator changed December, as his heart valve was not working properly. He had to have

surgery last January to correct the heart valve.

"I met Morgan Hare (who earlier this year was elected the new chief of M'Chigeeng First Nation). "We're distant relatives. He is a really nice guy."

"Justin lives by himself," said Ms. Beatrice. "I live in a place on one side of the street, and he lives on the other side. I've known him about 15 years, have been taking care of him for the past four years. He is a wonderful person.

"Cindy is a very nice lady, and she helps me out a lot. She takes good care of me,' said Mr. Roy.

Mr. Roy still suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder from the horrors he saw in the armed forces.

Mr. Roy grew up in M'Chigeeng, but left at age 13 to find his own away in the world after his father passed away. First working at a lumber camp in Whitefish Falls, then on to Sudbury and he eventually found himself in Sault Ste. Marie where he secured a iob at the steel mill.

In 1943, at age 19, Mr. Roy travelled to Toronto to enlist with the Canadian Forces, explaining that like everyone else at that time he spent some time at the CNE's Horse Palace (where basic training was conducted in wartime) before being shipped off to Petawawa for four weeks of basic train-

Wanting to join the paratroopers and the air force but being denied due to a lack of education, Mr. Roy settled into his role in the 3rd division of the Allied Expeditionary Special Forces.

After landing in England, the young soldier and his unit spent more time in advanced training, and then Mr. Roy was called to the front and so it came to be that he joined in the battle known to history as D-

More than 5,000 Canadians were lost on the beaches of Normandy, but none suffered more casualties than the second and third Canadian divisions. Mr. Rov was in the third division.

"I was part of the second wave," said Mr. Roy. "We were told the day before (that they were to be deployed) and we knew that something big was going

"When you got off that ship, down that rope ladder, your life expectancy was 15 minutes. The water was so rough, sometimes it was over our heads."

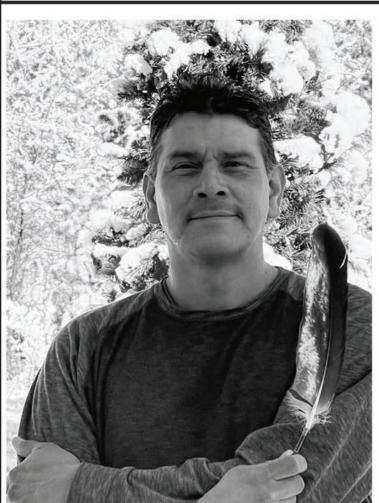
He said their objective was a point of land seven miles inland, which he and his companions succeeded in reaching, but at a tremendous cost. "There were 45 of us left out of 200."

"On about the second day I crawled under a tank that had been blown up and played dead for two days." said Mr. Roy. When he felt it

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- I will vigorously fight for our Treaty Rights and Land Claims (Heywood Island, Lewis/Stoneman Farms and French River #13).
- Community safety and more assistance for the elders and youth will be a priority. Further, the building of a new Multi-purpose building will be pursued. This building will be centrally located and will meet the needs of our members for Recreation and Community Gatherings.
- Economic Development will also be a priority. This will create employment and generate much needed income for SFN members. We will also be making our two farms (Charlton and Lewis/Stoneman) operational, create an industrial park and pursue tourism with the development of our shorelines.
- A New Housing Strategy will be formalized to meet the needs of SFN members and a new subdivision will be created on Water Tower Hill. Further, we will secure funding for an Independent Community Living building for our elderly members.

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### Bowerman women participate in Canada Army Run in honour of fallen soldiers

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—Linda Bowerman, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 in Little Current along with her two daughters and a grand-daughter walked in memory of family members and close friends at the annual Canada Army Run 2023 in Ottawa. This walk is a fundraiser for veterans.

"The first time I took part in 2012 (participating again in 2013) I found it to be very emotional witnessing so many veterans who had lost limbs taking part in this event," said Ms. Bowerman. "It's quite a touching thing to see."

"This year we didn't see that many veterans, but it was still very emotional as we had learned from a post online that Roy Eaton had posted to the Legion Facebook page about a memory

lane at the run," said Ms. Bowerman. "Leeanne (Ms. Bowerman's daughter) looked into it and found that as there was four of us we would be able to honour four veterans. So we honoured my two uncles, Norman F. Lockyer, who served with Royal Canadian Artillery 4th Field Regiment and was killed on July 13, 1944 and is buried in Beny-Sur-Mer Canadian cemetery in France; and Herman Lockyer who was a member with the 3rd Cameron Highlanders.' in Espanola "Living Leeanne and Connie

knew the families of Corporal Glen Arnold in the second Field Ambulance and Private David Byers was in the 2nd Battalion Canadian Light Infantry. Both were killed on September 18, 2006, in Panjwai (by a suicide



Linda Bowerman, second from left in photo, along with her daughters Leeanne and Connie and grand-daughter Peyton took part in the annual Canada Army Run 2023 in Ottawa recently. They took part in the event in honour of four veterans Norman F. Lockyer, Herman Lockyer, Glen Arnold and David

bomber) in Afghanistan. So, they reached out to the two families for permission to honour them," continued Ms. Bowerman.

"There had to be over 10,000 people on hand, runners/walkers and people cheering everyone on in Ottawa," said Ms. Bowerman.

The five-kilometre portion of the run/walk took place at 8 am. "Everyone who was taking part in this race started at the same time, so we joined families pushing young ones in strollers or families walking with young children," continued Ms. Bowerman. "Leeanne and Peyton ran while Connie and I walked it."

Ms. Bowerman and explained, "when you are given your shirt and race tag before the race it contains a bar on the back which tracks your time." 'A race She was happy to say that she and her daughter Congration.

nie walked it in 53 minutes. "I think we would have had a better time but when we got to the Canadian Heroes Memory Lane Wall we stopped to take pictures of those were honouring," said Ms. Bowerman. "The streets in Ottawa where the race took place had water stations, people waving banners of encouragement,

and bands playing different types of music, including a Cadet band."

"At the end of the race a military person gives you a dog tag, congratulates and thanks you for participating," said Ms. Bowerman.

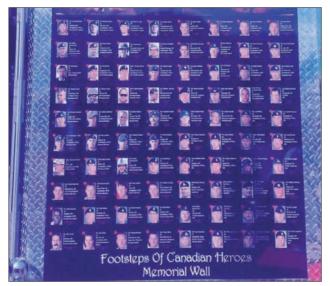
The memorial wall, including pictures of each of the 80 veterans honoured, had both Mr. Arnold and Mr. Byers on the wall. "Leeanne and Connie knew both of them and when they had asked their families if they could honour them at the event were very sup-

portive," said Ms. Bowerman.

The 16th annual Canada Army Run is hosted by the Canadian Army, BMO Bank of Montreal, along with sponsors, partners, supporters and volunteers.

"I sincerely thank you for joining us and supporting our military community,' said Major Lesley Quinlan, Canada Army Run Director in a release. "This year, we have once again received incredible support through you the participants. I truly thank all of you who have worked hard to raise muchneeded funds to support Canadian Armed Forces members, veterans and their families through our charitable causes, Support Our Troops and Soldier On.

"Canada Army Run is far from an ordinary race; it is an opportunity to show your support to the military by raising funds will directly that impact the lives of ill and injured soldiers, veterans, and their families. Since the inception of Canada Army Run, \$4.5 million has been raised in support of our charitable causes, and we're excited to watch that number soar even higher this year while we're also enjoying a fun challenge that will take us through the scenic streets of Ottawa.'



The Footsteps of Canadian Heroes Wall has the photographs of 80 fallen veterans in Ottawa.

### ... Manitoulin's last First Nation WWII veteran

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was finally safe enough to crawl out and rejoin his division, he went on to spearhead their campaign seven times.

"I never thought I'd get out of there alive," he said. "I was shot at, I got shrapnel in my back," he said, noting that while it didn't puncture his lung, it left a shadow on the x-ray that required surgery. "I had to have surgery in England. I was in the hospital for two months, then convalesced for another three months. I didn't think I was going to make it."

The CAF wanted to ship him home, but he insisted he didn't want to go as he wanted to go back to the front lines with his buddies. They wouldn't let him, and he ended up driving the officers around.

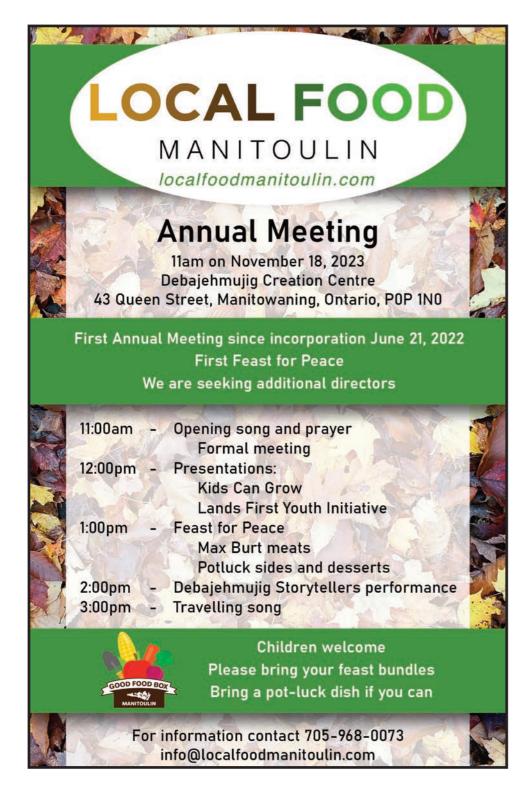
He spent the months following the war as part of the occupation forces, but as a young man from M'Chigeeng he was eager to see the world, and after requesting a one-

year leave of absence from the army he spent the year visiting several countries across Europe finding work in restaurants, shipyards and hospitals to see him through. In 1946, he reported back to the Canadian embassy in London and asked to be sent home.

Eventually he made his way back to M'Chigeeng and tried his hand at farming, then worked at Falconbridge in Sudbury for seven years, and eventually he and Joyce moved to the US.

Later, he met his second wife, Barb, while he was receiving counselling for his PTSD.

Mr. Roy continues to keep a busy schedule, however, and attends Veterans Day observances in the US. He is a member of the local chapter of Veterans of Foreign



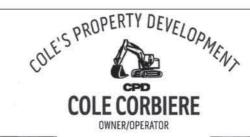


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### Diabetes conference hears inspiring tale of remission from Noojmowin Teg staffer

by Michael Erskine CURRENTis Diabetes November Awareness Month (with World Diabetes Day taking place November 14). The Manitoulin Diabetes Conference was held in the upper hall of the NEMI Recreation Centre on November 1 from 9 am to 3 pm and featured speakers on the top 10 essentials for diabetes management (a keynote by Health Sciences North Nurse Practitioner Patricia Byne), kidney health to prevent the need for dialysis and a personal journey that resulted in diabetes remission (delivered by Noojmowin Teg Child Nutrition Program Coordi-

nator Cody Leeson). The conference was open to all members of the Manitoulin community and enjoyed a large turnout of those living with diabetes and health professionals.

Although all of the speakers were engaging, it was Mr. Leeson's personal journey that seemed to strike the greatest chord among the attendees. The child nutrition program coordinator was cautious to note that his story was his story, and that not everything that worked for him would necessarily work for others. But given that he managed to lose a remarkable 60 pounds over the course of the past year with the result that his diabetes is now in a state of remission and that he no longer requires medication to control his blood sugar had many in the audience sitting up to take notice.

"It's different to hear from somebody who isn't just a health professional, but who has actually walked the walk along the path to a healthier life," noted one audience member.

"I was on the see food diet," quipped Mr. Leeson at the start of his talk. "If I see food, I eat it." The result was steady weight gain and a sudden diagnosis of diabetes. Normally, he noted, people are diagnosed first with a pre-diabetic warning. The news struck him like a thunderclap, and his reaction was one of anger.

"Choose your hard," he advised. A saying he adapted from the anonymous quote "Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard. Choose your hard. Obesity is hard. Being fit is hard. Choose your hard. Being in debt is hard. Being financially disciplined is hard. Choose your hard. Communication is hard. Not communicating is hard. Choose your hard. Life will never be easy. It will always be hard. But we can choose our hard. Pick wisely.'

Mr. Leeson's hard was to harness his anger. In the seven stages of grief, one starts with denial. That is often the result of a pre-diadiagnosis-which inevitably results in fullblown diagnosis. Having never received the pre-diabetic warnings, Mr. Leeson had to start out at the second stage—anger. "I never moved on from anger," he

SOURCE



Noojmowin Teg Diabetes Wellness Nurse Kendra Recollet joins a svelte Noojmowin Teg Child Nutrition Program Coordinator Cody Leeson for a photograph during the Manitoulin Diabetes Conference. Mr. Leeson was a keynote speaker at the conference detailing his own diabetes

said. Instead, he went all in. "You can choose all or nothing," he said. "I chose all."

The result was an aggressive regimen aimed at "getting myself back into remission.

He downloaded an app from the internet that worked well for him. (Loseit, available for free trial from loseit.com.) "At the beginning, I was weighing all my food," said Mr. Leeson. He set his caloric intake at 1,500 calories, with the additional focus on burning off any excess. "So, if I eat 2,500 calories, then I burn off the 1,000 extra calories through exercise.

Mr. Leeson readily admits he has never been big on "activity," being more of a football fan than player, but he took up walking with a vengeance. He also limited his carbohydrate intake to less than 20 grams a day. As for medication, Mr. Leeson was on the initial dose of a metformin.

Three months later, he went for his diabetes check up. "I was down 30 pounds and my A1C was 5.1," he recalled. That provided a clear indication that to Mr. Leeson that he should stay

When it comes to eating, one of the biggest challenges is FOMO, he explained. "Fear of missing out." Another is having to explain to people why he didn't want to eat some-thing being offered. "Trying not to be rude when people offer you food," he said.

He also adopted intermittent fasting, taking a timeout from eating for period each day. For him, it was from 8 pm to noon the next day, or from 7 am in the morning to 3 pm in the afternoon. "Choose 16 plus eight or 20 plus four.'

The challenge with hard core routines is that they can quickly become boring. So, Mr. Leeson said he had to find ways in which to change things up. Luckily, he is a bit of a foodie, so changing things becomes kind of a hobby. Variety helps to overcome ruts," he noted. "There are staple foods that I eat every week, but they can become

exhausting."

He still finds himself eating something he knows he shouldn't, and it can be hard to get back on track, but "you choose your hard," he said.

Today, Mr. Leeson is at a weight suitable for his height, 152 pounds, and his BMI is 23.8. His blood sugar comes in at 4.9. "I maintain a calorie load of 1,900," he said. "When I go over, I will go under the next day." He has maintained the same weight for the past three months, and that is down 60 pounds from when he received his diagnosis 401 days ago.

His anger has abated somewhat, and he has relaxed somewhat from his aggressive focus when he was first faced with the diabetes diagnosis. "I still do intermittent fasting, but not as much now," he said, "not every day."

He benefits from a glucose monitor that tells him what his blood sugars are regularly. "Oh, my blood sugar is high," he would notice. "Then I go for a walk." He has gotten into photo by Michael Erskine

yoga, but still is not keen on like exercises weights. His favourite winter exercise is watching his sports team play while riding on the stationary bike.

Mr. Leeson highly recommends getting a fitness watch like his Fitbit and setting achievable goals.

"Oh, and read labels," he said. "You will be surprised at how many supposedly 'Keto' things that spike glucose.'

Another important strategy that works for him is finding a group of people to share your experiences with. He uses the internet social media app Reddit. "Find a community to share your successes with," he said. It also helps to have a place to vent—one that isn't your partner. "I didn't realize how much I wanted to talk about things," he

"Remember, your best is good enough," he said. "Things are different for everybody, and what works for me might not work as well for you. Find a solution that works for you."



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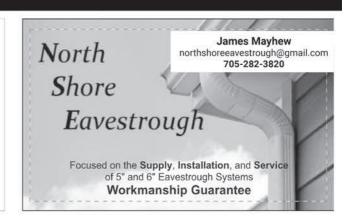
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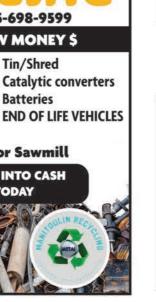
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### notice

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

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Knox United Church rummage sale in Manitowaning has closed for the season and will reopen sometime in January. We thank all our customers and those who donate for supporting us. We also ask that further donations be held until the new year as our storage space is full. Thank you. 25-26p

The mission of The Royal Canadian Legion is "to serve veterans and their dependents, to promote Remembrance and to act in the service of Canada and its communities." A major source of funding is the annual Poppy Campaign of our Remembrance Program. Making a donation and wearing a Poppy shows you support the Legion in accomplishing this most important work.



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coming

events

26-28p

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 St. Andrews United Church.

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

The Little Shoppe Around Corner at Knox Unit-Church in Manitowaning is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. 26-30p

Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Luncheon Bazaar and Bake Sale at the Mindemoya Community Centre on Saturday, November 11. Bazaar and bake sale, 11:05 am to 2 pm. Luncheon, 11:30 am to 1 pm. Cost of luncheon, adults \$15; age 6 to 12, \$10; five years and under, free. 24-25c

Christmas in Kagawong at St. John's Church, Saturday, November 18, from 9 am to 2 pm. Baking, craft table, gift baskets plus homemade meat pies and pasta sauce. 25-26p

Bake Sale, Saturday, November 18 beginning at 10 am until sold out at the Little Current United Church. Offering a variety of homemade baked goodies. 25-26p



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OF ASSIGINACK

Notice

Hilly Grove Cemetery

The Corporation of the Township of Assiginack has submitted by-laws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact Freda Bond at 705-859-3196 for information, or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed or copied at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON POP 1NO, during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm.

These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002.

Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356



Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are held monthly on a rotating basis around the Island. The next meeting is October 25 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team at 2 pm; and November 19 the Little Current Legion at 2 pm, but support can be given over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer support group contacts: Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@ hotmail.com or Ann Cranston, 705-272-7531, bnannc@gmail. com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

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

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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 we will be accepting new donated items for a silent auction. Items can be dropped off at Mahlon and Ruth Streichers. Call 705-859-2159. Thank you for your kindness! 24-26p

Turkey Dinner at the Tehkummah Hall on Saturday, November 18. First seating, 4:30 pm, second seating 6 pm. Admission, \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 5 to 12 years of age; under 5 free. Takeout is available at 5:15 pm on November 18, but please call Friday, November 17 between 10 am to 4 pm or Saturday, November 18 between 1 to 4 pm to order, 705congregation of Saint Andrews by the Sea United Church.



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For further information, please contact: Dianne, Human Resources/Operations at: (705) 968-0576 Or email: dianne.nicholson@noojmowin-teg.ca

### Tender submissions can be mailed/faxed and/or hand delivered to:

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre 48 Hillside Rd., Hwy 540, Postal Bag 2002 Little Current, ON POP 1K0 Fax #: (705) 368-2229

Tender submissions will be accepted until November 30, 2023 @ 12 noon.



### 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.

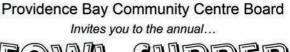
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Little Current Legion Branch 177's traditional Remembrance Ceremony will start at 11 am at the Little Current Legion. At 1:30 pm, a Remembrance Ceremony will take place at the Centennial Manor followed by a Wreath Placement Ceremony at the downtown Little

### **NEWS TIP?**

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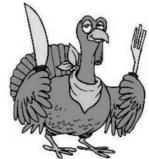




Tuesday, November 21 4:30 - 7:00 pm

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### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001 ONTARIO REGULATION 181/03 MUNICIPAL TAX SALES RULES

TAKE NOTICE THAT tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on **Tuesday, December 19, 2023** at the Township of Assiginack, P.O. Box 238, 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 7:00 p.m. at Township of Assiginack Municipal Office at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, Ontario.

#### DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S):

PIN 47133-0392 (LT); Part Lot 37, Con 2 Assiginack Being Part 1, Plan 31R-855 Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin Municipally known as 15542 Hwy 6 Roll No. 5111 000 006 04400 0000; File No. A-19-07 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$39,500

Minimum Tender Amount: \$33,176.05

Minimum Tender Amount: \$11,992.13

PIN 47133-0569(LT); Part Lot 5 E/S Albert Street PL39 Being Part 1, Plan 31R2457 Township of Assiginack; District of Manitoulin Roll No. 5111 000 013 03100 0000; File No. A-19-15 According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is: \$11,300

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, Crown interests, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interest of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

Deb MacDonald, Treasurer Township of Assiginack, P.O. Box 238, 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0. (705) 859-3196 ext 203 dmacdonald@assiginack.ca



### services

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

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



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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-Alon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information 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

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### **Death Notices**

### WILLIAM "BILL" CAESAR June 5, 1942 - October 28, 2023



We are so sad to announce the loss of Bill Caesar, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, neighbour, teacher and friend, who was born on June 5, 1942 and passed away on October 28, 2023. Bill and the love of his life, Mary, moved to Manitoulin in 1969 (first settling in Big Lake) to

take teaching jobs at the newly-opened Manitoulin Secondary School. Bill taught history and eventually became a guidance counsellor at MSS, where he spent his entire career. He truly loved and wished for the success of the Island's young people and helped generations of Islanders find their way through school and into postsecondary education suited to their interests. He was appreciated by students and co-workers alike for his sense of humour, kindness and advice. Sometimes the main subject discussed in his office was fishing, we've heard that from former students quite a lot. Bill and Mary started a family in 1974 with the arrival of Michelle, followed by Michael in 1977. They were the first full-time residents of Whites Point, converting a cottage into their beautiful home of 50 years. He was a wonderful father, loving, supportive, fun and inspiring. He and Mary took their kids everywhere, from the old dump at Green Bush (followed by candy at Green Acres) to hockey and ringette games across the Island and North Shore, to London, England (Mary's hometown) and beyond. He gave his kids and later grandkids (Riley and Jeffrey) a lifelong love of the North Channel. Bill embraced retirement with enthusiasm, developing interests in Manitoulin and area history and geology, as well as a passion for making things at the work bench outside his shed. He loved giving gifts: homemade feather pens, fish lure knives, fossil necklaces, pendants, axes and more. Bill was involved in preserving the island's lighthouse heritage, and he published books and gave many talks on the swing bridge, fossils and northern boat-builders. He served on the boards of the Manitoulin hospital and the Centennial Museum in Sheguiandah, and for several summers worked as an enthusiastic tour guide to cruise ship visitors arriving in Little Current. Bill also taught several adult education courses in Wiikwemkoong and M'Chigeeng. Throughout retirement, Bill and Mary took a number of wonderful trips abroad. Highlights include Morocco, Turkey, Crete, China and of course, England, where they met. Bill truly relished his life as an Islander, but above all he was devoted to family. Without hesitation he said the best decision he made in his life was getting married to Mary, his companion and best friend for 54 years. Born to Helen and Cameron Caesar of Sarnia, Bill deeply loved his parents and his siblings, George, Mary and Eleanor, with whom he shared a lifetime of laughs and adventures, as well as Joan, Richard, Nick, Nikki, Nathaniel, David, Ben, Iain, Kath and their families. He deeply loved his son-in-law, Colin Findlater, and he was incredibly proud of and cherished his grandsons, Riley and Jeffrey, who have fallen in love with Manitoulin in no small part thanks to their grandpa. The entire Caesar family wishes to express deepest thanks and respect to the incredible health care staff at Health Sciences North and the Sudbury cancer centre (led by Dr. Gopalakrishnan), and at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current (led by Dr. Meikleham). We will also be forever grateful for the kindness of our friends, neighbours and the community. Thank you all.

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#### in memoriam

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**BRUDER**—In loving memory of Donna Bruder who passed away November 11, 2022.

Donna would claim this was as a result of determination, preservance, humour and an unwavering Faith that the Creator would get them through it, together. Donna was a humble woman but had an inner strength that many came to trust and rely on. She never sought fame or riches, but she was rich beyond words in the courage, joy and love to so many. Donna was a Spiritual warrior, she prayed unceasingly for her family, friends and community 24/7, 365 days. She went to bed praying and woke up praying for everyone, everywhere. Her Spiritual legacy was her wish that all people would turn back to God and return to church and live a life based on kindness, charity and faith in the Creator and love. Donna, we thank you for all you taught us by your life. Your example will bot be forgotten and we ask that you continue to watch over us, pray for us and until we meet again. Know you are loved. Chi megwetch, ba ma pii Donna! Jack and Joyce

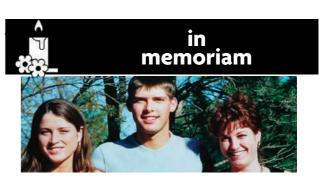
### MARVIN HARLEY COWAN April 5, 1926 - November 1, 2023



Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at the age of 97. Beloved husband of the late Iva Varey of Little Cur-

rent. Marvin will be lovingly remembered by his daughter Linda Weir and daughter and son-in-law Kimberly and Ralph Evans. He was a cherished grandfather to Stephen Dvernychuk (Heather), David Dvernychuk and Rebecca Higginson-Rollins (Jason Davis); great-grandfather to Montana and Samantha Dvernychuk. He will be sadly missed by his nieces, nephews and friends. Marvin was third generation born in Toronto. He enlisted in the Air Force during WWII at the age of 17. Marvin is predeceased by his parents Frederick Harold Cowan and Alice Ellen Penfold and his sister Alwyn Hayward. Marvin was a kind gentleman who was always there for his extended family. He counted reading, fishing, photography and aircraft among his interests. He was fortunate to live a long and healthy life. A visitation will be held at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, 318 Main St. E., Shelburne on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 11 am to 12 noon, with the service following at 12 noon. A reception will take place immediately after the service at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 220, 203 William St., Shelburne. Interment at Parklawn Cemetery (Section M), 2845 Bloor St. W., Etobicoke on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 12 noon. If desired, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 220 would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at JackAndThompsonFuneralHome.com.

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



WADE--In loving memory of Brent Wade. Twenty-four years have come and gone my son, My thoughts take me to things I wish I had done. Often so many instances remind me of you, Twenty- two years on earth were far too few. The loss I feel is a void so deep, All I have left is the memories I keep. The hands of the clock I wish I could turn back. For months a purpose I did so lack. Through "The Threads of Life" I did find, A new norm, a life of a different kind. Your death, for nothing must not be. our story I tell so others ca That near misses one, two, three, Can end a life in a fatality By public speaking a purpose I do have. Through Health and Safety awareness a life I hope to save. One death, two deaths, three deaths, four, The rippling effects we cannot ignore. No one can imagine a life so full of strife. When suddenly our loved one has lost his life. Why is it that one death does not matter? Do we have to shout and carry a banner? Saying; "One death, is one death too many!" I pray for all those whom a child they have lost, A life for a job should never be the cost. Brent, every day I miss you oh so very much, If only I could reach out and feel your loving touch. However, "The if only," to the wind I must cast, The reality is "it is what it is and the past is the past" Through my faith in God, He has helped me adjust. Now in God's hands you are, I truly must trust, That at peace you are and one day I will be. With you in Heaven and feeling so free. Our lives are so different without you my son. In your short life span so many lives did you touch. Brent, "forever in our hearts you will always be" We love you and miss you each and every day. Mom, Laura, Scot, Jaida and Chase, Chrissy, Aaron and family

### Historic Gore Bay building, 'The Island Pantry,' torn down

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—An historic building in the town of Gore Bay was demolished last week due to safety concerns. The former Island Pantry store was torn down at the corner of Dawson and Meredith Streets.

"There is a lot of history in that building," stated Trish Moran, owner of the building and property it was located on. She explained the building, which she had owned since 2011, had at one time housed Twin Bluffs Restaurant before it relocated to Eleanor Street.

Ms. Moran said the building, "Was not in good shape, or salvageable. We had Paul Sheppard look at it a couple of years ago and he agreed it was not in Ms. Moran pointed out the building has been dormant since Doryell Nodecker had operated the pantry but closed several years ago.

have it torn down because

of safety concerns?

"We knew the writing was on the wall that the building would have to come down because of safety issues," said Ms. Moran. "No, we have no plans for the property at this time."

"It is very sad," said Lou Bock. "I had a funny feeling seeing it torn down. My dad and mother, (Marv and Rhea) Woods had bought the building from my grandparents, Simon and Margaret." Her parents started a restaurant until they sold to Lily



The historic Island Pantry, the original home of Twin Bluffs restaurant, was torn down recently.

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Third who ran Twin Bluffs restaurant until she moved the restaurant (to Eleanor Street) in town and sold the building to Klaus Bach."

In the book The Early Years of Gore Bay, written by W. John McQuarrie and published in 1990, Ev Proctor wrote a brief history on all the businesses in town. He wrote of this building, "When I was a boy this was A.E. Johnson's Ice Cream Parlour. Johnson sold out in 1926 to the Simeon Woods family. They started Woods' Restaurant which became a store, meat market and finally "Marv's"

for many years. Marvin Woods sold to Ed and Lily Third who called it Twin Bluffs. The Thirds sold to Klaus and Donna Back who have made it a thriving business called the Island Pantry, dispensing all kinds of health foods."



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### LAMBAC hosts Island-wide job fair in Mindemoya

by Margery Frisch MINDEMOYA—LaCloche-Manitoulin Business Assistance Corporation (LAM-BAC) hosted a job fare on November 2 in Mindemoya's Community Centre. In all, 22 companies took part, presenting a wide range of positions and career opportunities to those in search of employ-

"It's been a really good turn out so far," said Stephanie Pepin, the LAM-BAC customer services officer who greeted everyone at the door. "People have been showing up with resumes in hand, they're really seri-

Some of the companies were looking for individuals with very specific skills. Indigenous Tourism's Steven Debassige explained the position they had available, digital media intern, was funded with certain requirements that must be met: identifying as Indigenous and living on Manitoulin Island were at the top of the list. Andy Campbell, of Campbell Heating is looking for HVAC technicians and seemed more than a little frustrated at the lack of individuals following this career path.

Manitoulin Family Resources, the Wikwemikoong Board of Education and Community Liv-Manitoulin and childcare services were all looking for a variety of



LAMBAC executive drector Carolyn Campbell, left, and Northern Ontario Women (NOW) program operator Susan Whynott hosted

photos by Margery Frisch

positions to be filled. Those with the education and experience to step into fulltime positions of authority, assistant positions, aids, dietary or nutritional help, household staff, and parttime positions in many areas. These companies were the most enthusiastic with the turnout. "We've gotten a few resumes," said Cameron Beaudry, with the Wikwemikoong Board of Education, "and we've handed out several job applications.'

Beacon Images is a fullservice sign shop on Manitoulin Island. "We are looking for somebody who wants to learn how to make signs, put them together; how to embroider, how to imprint on clothing; how to do vehicle wraps, how to put lettering on vehicles

and how to do decals. So, it's completely a training position," said Julie Pearson. "Really what I'm looking for is someone I can train who is smart, capable and dependable."

Dorothy Anstice was looking for farm help. The Anstice Dairy farm in Tehkummah could use some 'motivated, reliable and hardworking individuals who enjoy working patiently and calmly with animals.' Not just with the milking but with the care of the calves and heifers and general farm chores as well. "Some people have shown an interest," Ms. Anstice said, "of course, we are willing to train. Though having to get up at 5:30 in the morning has some people rethinking the idea," she said with a laugh.

Most looking for employment were enthusiastic and hopeful, but there were a few who came away disappointed. "I'm not seeing any alternative healthcare," said Launette Gibson, "I've studied massage therapy, and I don't see any of those services here." Another young woman was hoping to get a job as an esthetician and was also discouraged.

"Most in those fields work for themselves and don't often employ others," Susan Whynott said. She is affiliated with LAMBAC through the NOW program, which supports Northern Ontario Women in business

and is funded by FedNor. "But once our programs are up and running, we'll be able to assist these women with courses and funding to set up their own business-

The degree of enthusiasm for the job fare depended on the type of personnel for which the employers were searching. A few mentioned the obvious lack of a younger demographic in attendance. "Where are the young people? I don't see any young people," said Renatta, from the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre. The paramedics were not intending to hire anyone at the fair, though they had hoped to direct the interest of school age students toward their field. Some felt the hours in which the fair was held may have been a factor in the absence of a more youthful response. "Something in the evening might have been a better choice," said one employer. "School and work could have kept many away in the middle of the

Overall, the employers were pleased with the day and were hopeful this would become an annual event. If you were unable to attend the job fair, you can find many of the positions that were on offer listed in the careers section of The Manitoulin Expositor.



Manitoulin Transport and, to the right, Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services were just some of the vendors on hand at the Island-wide job fair held recently.

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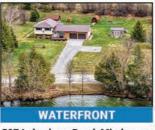
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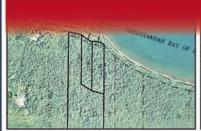
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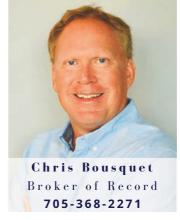


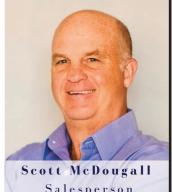
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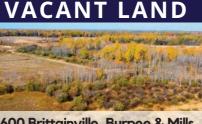
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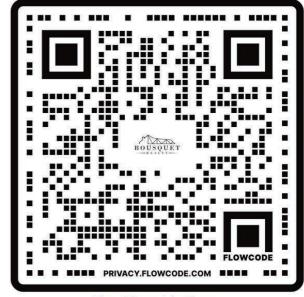
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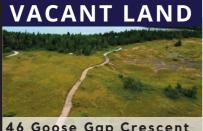
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### Doug Wismer announces pending retirement as fire chief

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—As far as he is concerned, Doug Wismer has served his time as fire chief for longer than most.

"I am getting too old for this business—there is just too much responsibility as fire chief," stated Mr. Wismer, fire chief of the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department. He has announced his retirement as of July 7, 2024.

By July of next year Mr. Wismer will have turned 77 years old. "Not many fire chiefs continue beyond the age of 55, most are retired a lot earlier than that."

Mr. Wismer took over the duties of fire chief after the retirement of long-time fire chief Arthur Addison who retired at the age of 80, eight years ago. At the time of his pending retirement, "I will have been with the (Robinson) fire department for 44 years," said Mr. Wismer. "This also marks the start of the fire department, on June 1, 1980."

"There is only one other person left from the original fire department that is still active, Ken Duncanson being the other person," continued Mr. Wismer. "I know a lot of firefighters have gone through since the fire department started. When I think back it is amazing to think of all the people that have been firefighters."

"Yes, I will remain as a firefighter on the department after I retire as fire



Robinson township fire chief Doug Wismer, who has served as a firefighter for almost 44 years, has announced he is stepping down from the duties of fire chief July 7. Mr. Wismer will continue as a firefighter in the township.

chief," said Mr. Wismer. "It is a hassle dealing with record keeping and keeping everyone going in the same direction. If you can herd cats and sheep, you can be a fire chief," he quipped. "I have enjoyed being a fire chief and a firefighter," said Mr. Wismer. He has seen many changes in firefighting over the years, "mostly in terms of the training requirements. It has really increased over the years and the paperwork we have to do now is crazy"

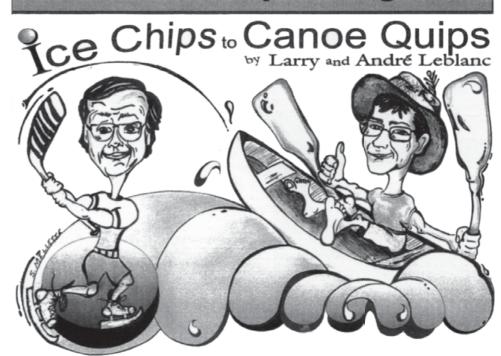
"We have really had to adapt to the changes over the years and we have, and we have had a lot of great people volunteer on the fire department over the years. And I have a really good deputy fire chief (Tim McKinlay), who is the best we have ever had for helping find sources to find better equipment (for the fire department)," added Mr. Wismer.



A Christmas 'Wrapped in Courage'

Karen Noble, right, displays a purple 'Wrapped in Courage' scarf she received for making a donation to Manitoulin Family Resources at the table manned by Colleen Hill at the M'Chigeeng Christmas Market November 4. Ms. Hill explained, "We are raising awareness that November is Women Abuse Prevention Month, providing education and information on the issue. We will be at various events across the Island and we encourage people to visit us at our table and talk to us about the issue. In November we will be focussing on the issue of intimate partner violence."

## **Manitoulin Sporting Life**



**Missing NOSSA?** 

I apologize for the absence of the Northern Ontario secondary schools cross country results. The Manitoulin Mustang team, although small, has doubled in size since last year. With that they have doubled their impact on the Northern Ontario running scene. Thanks to all of their dedicated training and relentless coaching by Gerry Holliday the team had an amazing NOSSA!

The Black and Gold finished second overall with a first in senior girls and second in senior boys and a second in junior girls!

Maren Kasunich loped to another win the senior girls' race and with the efforts of her teammates Mackenzie Green, Autumn Davy, Delaney Bridgeman and Morgan Green they earned a trip to the all-Ontarios!



Brodie Pennie won his race at NOSSA.

Brodie Pennie also won his race and his second place, senior team of Xavi Mara, Alan Wilkin, TJ Green and Matthew Wilkin qualified for OFSAA as well.

The second place junior girls was led by Mya Balfe in 6th place, followed closely by Ava Corbiere, Fia Flanagan, Emery Watson and Izzy Hughson won their way south.

Wyatt Williamson Wright in Junior Boys finished in 5th place also earned his ride to OFSAA. So out of 22 runners from Manitoulin, 17 went to OFSAA in Toronto at Centennial Stadium this past weekend.

### OFSAA!

The above mentioned runners had a quick turn-around from NOSSA to the All-Ontario meet this year at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. The senior girls had an amazing result finishing 13th of 38 teams and even finishing way above NOSSA rival Lo Ellen (26th). Congrats again to Maren Kasunich who finished in 11th overall with an average pace of 3:46/km over the 6km route, followed by Mackenzie Green, Autumn Davy, Delaney Bridgeman and Morgan Green.

The senior boys' team was led by **Brodie Pennie** with an elite pace of 3:15 was 23rd in the province. Also having peak races were teammates: **Xavi Mara, Alan Wilkin** who bested teammate **TJ Green** by less than a second in a field of 270) and **Matthew Wilkin**. The crew were the 15th school in their division.

The junior girls team of Mya Balfe, Ava Cobiere, Fia Flanagan, Emery Watson



Maren Kasunich finished 11th overall.

and **Izzy Hughson** were 25th overall! Hats off to the lone wolf of the junior boys from Manitoulin, **Wyatt Williamson Wright** who was in the top third of his field. Congrats Coach **Gerry Holliday** and team and a great season!

### **Volleyball Veterans Victorious!**

Although alliteration is a sickness, the Manitoulin Mustangs, haven't had any glitches, gladly. The senior boys' team have had a dominant regular season with a 10 and 2 record earning them home court advantage by hosting NSSSA this week. These cagey veterans are, Luke Heinen, Jack Pennie, Aidan McGraw, Davin Deschenes, Colin Linder, Eli Lock, Ian McGauley, Jaron Panamick, Noah Thorpe, Cody Campbell, Liam Lariviere and Cash Duchene have been highly honed by Coaches Mike Wesno and Derek Debassige. Good luck, guys!

### Wishing luck to Leeanne!

As we read this, local adventurer **Leeanne Lewis** is likely winging her way to Ecuador in a chance of a lifetime hike for charity. The Challenge for Shelter is cause near to Leanne's heart. She posted the following just before leaving:

"Forty-four percent of women or 6.2 million women aged 15 and older have reported some kind of abuse in their intimate partner relationship (Government of Canada, 2022). Every six days, a woman in Canada is murdered by her intimate partner (Roy & Marcellus, 2019) .. this means that while I am trekking to the base of Mount Cotopaxi... a woman is very likely to lose her life."

You are still able to donate to her important cause by seeing her link on Facebook.

### RHL Hockey back!

The so called RHL (Rez Hockey League) has been such a success they are at it for another season that goes from November to March 2024 and all for a low \$150/player fee. Organizer, **Gerry Baibomcowai** says he "has four goalies confirmed and is looking for players of all types... veterans/beginners/thinking this is your last tryout for JR. Lol jk!" You get the idea, all are welcome but must first pay to play! If you are interested ask Gerry on FB!

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### Halloween For Hunger Campaign sweeps across Manitoulin Island

MANITOULIN—"We scare hunger!"

Every Halloween, Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) goes beyond the costumes and candy to make a meaningful impact on the local community. This year was no exception, as SHARE/Go Green hosted their annual "Halloween for Hunger" event, which left a lasting impression on students, staff, and the entire Manitoulin Island community.

On Halloween night, instead of asking for candy, over 36 students from various Manitoulin Island communities asked for canned food donations. These individuals volunteered their time to ensure the widespread collection of nonperishable food items was a success. Their dedication to

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this cause exemplified their tion and the homeroom commitment to their local communities making Halloween for Hunger a remarkable and heartwarming event.

Halloween for Hunger also included a homeroom challenge, engaging the competitive spirit of students for a good cause. Mr. Balfe's Grade 12 Math class emerged victorious from this week-long challenge, having raised the most amount of money for the cause. Instead of opting for the reward of a class pizza party, they decided to use their win as an opportunity to make soup for MSS students. This choice embodied the spirit of this initiaand allowed all students to celebrate the good work they've done.

The door-to-door collec-

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challenge resulted in an astounding total of 1,071.2 pounds of donated food and a monetary donation of \$860. These contributions went to the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) food bank to help ensure those in need have access to nutritious meals, especially during the colder months when food insecurity can be particularly challenging.

On Friday, November 3 three MSS students and two teacher volunteers delivered these donations to MFR. These students were able to witness firsthand how the school's donations make a difference in a community. The food bank plays a crucial role in ensuring those in need have access to essential items, especially on Manitoulin where com-





### WIKWEMKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE **Crime and Drug Unit**

Location: Responsible to:

Detective Constable - Crime and Drug Officer (2) Permanent Full-Time Wikwemikong Unceded Territory Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency who hold the rank of 1st Class Constable with a completed probationary period, to make application for the Detective Constable, who will provide operational support, supervision, and leadership to benchmark criminal investigations and will coordinate crime prevention initiatives in the community of Wikwemikong.

#### **Summary of Duties:**

- Knowledge of community policing methods, statutes, regulations, policies and procedures
- Understanding of crime trends, demographics and geography of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory and their needs and objectives.
- Provide operational leadership in the investigation of benchmark crimes.
- In coordination with detachment personnel to promote and maintain an ongoing flow of information and partnership between uniform, and crime unit personnel.
- Monitor trends in benchmark crimes.
- Assist in the development of strategies to alleviate identified problems, proactively implement,
- assess and maintain crime prevention strategies in the Wikwemikong Unceded Territory. • Prepare a variety of comprehensive administrative, investigative, and statistical reports.
- Ensure that the Command Staff are briefed on all ongoing investigations.
- Cultivate relationships and liaise with internal and external agencies including but not limited to OPP, UCCM police service, other police agencies, Crown Attorney's, Coroners, Medical Personnel, Victim Services, Community Groups and other Government agencies.
- Communicate new/revised legislation and significant reported cases to detachment uniform and
- Ensure timely compliance in DNA banks, Powercase, VICLAS and the Sex Offender Registry.
- Makes notification to the Command Staff, of high-risk offenders and make recommendations regarding community notice and community management strategies.
- Create and maintain a record of crime trends by demographics and geographic areas.
- Handle investigations that meet a certain threshold and assisting with major incidents.

### **Summary of Qualifications:**

- Personnel records must indicate exemplary status with no form of discipline in the past three (3) years.
- Knowledgeable and respectful of the Wiikwemkoong culture, language, and traditions.
- Knowledge in criminal investigation techniques and case management to conduct investigations. • Excellent interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism and courteousness to members of the public and all justice partners.
- Understanding of how emergency response, assistance to victims of crime, crime prevention, etc., relates to criminal investigations.
- · Ability to multi-task in a high stress and time driven environment.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- · Ability to work within a team and independently, manage time efficiently and effectively.
- Excellent computer skills to learn a variety of software applications for the use of daily duties • Proficient in Microsoft Office software applications.

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### Other Important Information to Be Submitted with Your Application:

- Cover letter and resume, as well as three letters of reference must be provided.
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification.
- Completed Application Form, Medical and Vision Form and Consent and Release of Liability Form, located at WTPS office or email request to larry.ross@wtps.ca

Employment packages can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and 3 reference letters to: Inspector, Larry Ross at larry.ross@wtps.ca

### Deadline for this employment opportunity is November 24, 2023 at 4:00 pm

Please note, applications will be screened. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPB) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.



A group of students giving a food bank volunteer a cheque behind boxes of food donations.

#### photo by Yana Bauer

munities can be isolated from support systems. The students were given a tour of the food bank and shown what their services look like for clients. During the tour, it became apparent how hard-working and dedicated the food bank's volunteers are. This tour served as a valuable educational experience, highlighting the significance of community support and reinforcing the importance of giving back.

Along with the MFR food bank, a portion of the food donations went towards The Living Well Locker, which provides food and other essential items to stu-

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#### WIKWEMKONG 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.



### **Zhiibaahaasing First Nation**

#### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Family Wellbeing Worker

POSITION: FAMILY WELLBEING WORKER POSTING DATE: OCTOBER 26, 2023 START DATE: ASAP LOCATION: ZHIIBAAHAASING FIRST NATION REPORTS TO: BAND MANAGER TERM: FULL-TIME, SIX MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD

#### Job Brief

Are you interested in making a difference in the lives of others in the community? Then this position might be right for you. Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is looking for a Family Wellbeing Worker to join our program. The Family Wellbeing Worker will assist our team in facilitating a community led initiative focussed on preventing and addressing the root cause of violence and the over-representation of Indigenous Children and Youth in the child welfare and the justice system.

#### The successful candidate will have the following key duties:

- To support Indigenous women by developing policies and resources to support families within the
- To support families, children and youth affected by the welfare and youth justice systems by reducing the need to bring children into care the reduction of occurrence of violence and improvement of the overall health and well-being of community.
- Responsible for delivering the range of programming that responds to the needs of the community.
- Designing culturally based, preventive and holistic supports, providing counseling services.
- Development of safe space manual and managing safe space.
- Other duties as required.

#### Qualifications/Requirements

- Post-Secondary Diploma in Social Services, Educational Support, Early Childhood Education, Child and Youth Worker or related field.
- A minimum of two (2) years of experience in a similar role.
- Valid G-class driver's licence with a reliable vehicle.
- Current CPR and First Aid certification.
- Clear CPIC and Vulnerable sector check

How to Apply

#### Application Deadline: Open until filled. Only full Packages will be accepted.

How to apply: Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume and three work-related reference letters. Copy of Valid G drivers licence.

> **Email to:** bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

> > Attention:

Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells - Riberdy RE: JP FWB

Please note that a criminal record check (CPIC) Expenses for CPIC are reimbursed after orientation.

We thank you for your interest in employment with the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, however only those candidates demonstrating the above noted qualifications will be contacted for an interview.

### KENJGEWIN TEG

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

KENJGEWIN TEG IS RECRUITING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN PLANNING, DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING A PLACE OF LEARNING THAT SUPPORTS AND INSPIRES STUDENTS THROUGH LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

### DEAN OF PATHWAYS FULL TIME CONTRACT – 2 YEARS, SECOND POSTING

As an accredited Indigenous institute in the province of Ontario and a part of the third pillar in the Postsecondary education sector, the organization is seeking to recruit an individual who has the skills and knowledge to contribute to the rapid growth and participate in building a place of learning that reflects Kenjgewin Teg's Anishinaabe philosophy of education for adult learners through the Pathway Programs.

### **Dean of Pathways**

Classification: Manager M4 Middle-Manager/Salary Grade Band M Qualified Level Salary Range: \$86,732 - \$96,368 - \$106,005 Advanced Qualification Salary Range: \$98,006 - \$108,895 - \$119,785

Position Objective: The Dean of Pathways will be responsible for providing strategic leadership on academic programs and curricula ensuring students are provided with quality instruction and support services in a welcoming learning environment. This position will act as an academic and student services leader by providing program delivery supervision, coordination, administration, and financial budgeting, while monitoring and reporting on key achievement and program deliverables including data management. The Dean of Pathways will ensure the integrity of programs and services that are in alignment with Anishinaabe Aadziwin.

### **Qualifications:**

- Must possess a minimum of a Bachelor of Education.
- Must be a member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers.
- Applicant must possess Principal's Qualifications or commit to completing the Principal's Qualification course in an identified timeframe.
- $Have \ a \ thorough \ understanding \ of \ operating \ a \ private \ secondary \ school \ in \ Ontario \ for \ Ministry \ Inspection.$ Minimum of five years of demonstrated substantial management experience in a secondary or adult learning
- environment

### Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and be supportive of Anishinabek practices, language revitalization and protocols.
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals and reports
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures involving budget management and reports.
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision. Intermediate Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office (Outlook, TEAMS, Word, Excel, Power Point).
- Familiarity with Brightspace LMS.
- Familiarity with SIS.
- Strong understanding of PLAR PPM132.
- Knowledge of Trauma Informed Educational practices.
- Ability to maintain filing systems and databases

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

### **Application Deadline: Monday, November 20, 2023**

Please note that the successful candidate must be willing to travel when required, possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle. For further information, please contact the Director of Human Resources at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of: Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or by mail to:

Kenjgewin Teg "HR – Director of Student Wellness and Services" c/o Director of Human Resources 374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented, which is designed to promote the development and aintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace. Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging. Late applications and incomplete application packages will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.

### ...Hunger Campaign sweeps the Island

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dents who may be facing food insecurity. This resource ensures that students have access to necessary supplies throughout

The impact of Halloween for Hunger extends beyond just the numbers and statistics. It is another demonstration of the close-knit Manitoulin community coming together to support each other. The number of people needing to access food resources is higher than ever and so is the need for a call to action around food insecurity on Manitoulin. Collecting non-perishable food items all across the Island brought awareness to the importance of helping others and ensuring they have a meal to go home to. The homeroom challenge winner's choice to make soup for their peers and the educational tour of the Food Bank show that it's not just about the donations but also the spirit of giving and the understanding of the importance of supporting the community around you.









#### **Cleaner - Floater**

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a Cleaner -

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

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

**Bob Clement Board Chair** 

**Bruce Bourget** Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca

### KENJGEWIN TEG-

### **OPPORTUNITY**

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### DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLNESS AND SERVICES – FULL TIME CONTRACT

As an accredited Indigenous institute in the province of Ontario and a part of the third pillar in the postsecondary education sector, the organization is seeking to recruit an individual who has the skills and knowledge to contribute to the rapid growth and participate in building a place of learning that reflects Kenjgewin Teg's Anishinaabe philosophy of education for adult learners.

### **Director of Student Wellness and Services**

Classification: M2 Department Head/Salary Grade Band J Qualified Level Salary Range: \$72,308 - \$80,343 - \$88,377 Advanced Qualification Salary Range: \$81,710 - \$90,788 - \$99,865

Position Objective: The Director of Student Wellness and Services is responsible for providing leadership, supervisory and direction to team members responsible for the emotional, spiritual and social needs of the adult student population at Kenjgewin Teg. This position will lead, create and promote a campus life environment for wholistic student wellbeing, which considers key organizational philosophies of the organization. This position's focus is to ensure support and services are provided to ensure the personal well-being and learning needs of all students are aligned to support student success.

### Qualifications:

- Undergraduate degree in Social Services.
- Valid registration with a regulatory body.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in a counselling setting.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in a supervisory capacity.
- Certificates in Mental Health First Aid Training, SafeTALK, and Applied Suicide Intervention Strategy Training (ASIST).

### Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and be supportive of Anishinabek practices, language revitalization and protocols.
- Experience in facilitation and small group presentation skills.
- Understanding of Trauma Informed Approaches.
- Possess conflict management, resolution or mediation skills.
- Understanding of Personal Information and Privacy legislation.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong knowledge and skills with Microsoft Applic ations, Teams, Outlook, Word, Excel, Sharepoint,

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

### **Application Deadline: Monday, November 20, 2023**

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#### **Zhiibaahaasing First Nation JOB ANNOUNCEMENT:** CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES WORKER (CFSW)/ **COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER (CSW)**

JOB TITLE: CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES WORKER (CFSW)/COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKER (CSW) **DEPARTMENT: Administration** POSTING DATE: October 26, 2023 START DATE: ASAP LOCATION: Zhiibaahaasing First Nation; Preferred (ZFN), Hybrid available **REPORTS TO: Band Manager** 

TERM: Full-Time(1), Permanent upon Successful completion of probation

#### Job Brief

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is seeking to employ a qualified candidate to work with the Social Wellness Team. The successful candidate will be responsible for influencing positive change and promoting self-reliance and family unity for community members. Community-based family preservation programming based on the Anishnaabe culture and lifestyle. Must be flexible and available for on-call after hours and during evenings and weekends as required. Reporting to the Band Manager.

#### Responsibilities:

To have knowledge of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act (Part IV). To advocate for the best interest of the children to ensure the rights of First Nation children and their families. To plan and execute family prevention programming for families, children and youth. Coordinate and/or participate in activities including physical, outdoor or other active elements.

#### Requirements:

Minimum post-secondary (Diploma or Degree) in Social Work, Social Science or related field; Minimum of 3 years' experience working in Social Services or a related field in a First Nation; Must have valid Class 'G' driver's licence with liability insurance with reliable method of transportation; Excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize work, Excellent written and verbal communication skills; Strong organizational and planning skills, Proficient in MS Office and in Apple Products, iMac, iPad, IOS. Current Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Search required (if position offered).

#### Application Deadline: Open until filled. Only full Packages will be accepted.

#### How to apply:

Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume and three work-related references letters of reference. Copy of Valid G driver's licence

#### Email to: bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells - Riberdy RE: JP Asset Management Manager

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We thank you for your interest in employment with the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, however only those candidates demonstrating the above noted qualifications will be contacted for an interview.

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#### Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Membership/Recruitment and Training

JOB TITLE: Membership/ Recruitment and Training POSTING DATE: October 26, 2023 **START DATE:** ASAP

LOCATION: Zhiibaahaasing First Nation; Preferred (ZFN), Hybrid available **REPORTS TO: Band Manager** TERM: Full-Time(1), Permanent upon successful completion of probation

**NATURE AND SCOPE OF POSITION** 

Membership, Recruitment and Training Officer will support Zhiibaahaasing First Nation in keeping an up-to-date list of the First Nation's Membership list. Will create job descriptions for all administration staff and will identify and advertise job vacancies, recruit candidates and assist in the selection and reassignment of employees. The Membership, Recruitment and Training Officer will ensure efficient and effective training opportunities and will implement and monitor a training module of all staff. All under the direction of the Band Manager and approval.

### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Lead administrator for the Indian Registry for the First Nation.
- Work alongside governance department on the membership laws.
- Projects relating to membership.
- Maintaining contact with all membership, ensuring the membership contact information is up to date.
- Assisting membership with any membership issues, registering child, applying for status cards, ect. Identify current and prospective staffing requirements, prepare and post notices and advertisements,
- collect and screen applications as directed by Band Manager.
- Advise job applicants on employment requirements and on terms and conditions of employment.
- Review candidate inventories and contact potential applicants to arrange interviews and placement of
- . Recruit graduates of colleges, universities and other educational institutions.
- Coordinate and participate in selection and examination boards to evaluate candidates.
- Notify applicants of results of selection process and prepare job offers.
- Arrange staff training.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of Secondary school is required.
  Minimum of 2 years experience in administration support.
- Experience in document management.
- Knowledge of First Nation concepts and procedures.
- Strong oral, written and interpersonal communication skills.

#### Minimum Qualifications

- Valid driver's licence and \$1M liability insurance.
- CPIC and VSS acceptable to position upon conditional offer.
- Demonstrated computer literacy and skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, IOS, Google.
- Ability to multi-task and work with a high level of confidentiality, tact and discretion.

#### Minimum Qualifications

Regular sitting, standing is required.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Please forward your cover letter, resume and three (3) work references by email to: bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org RE: Membership Recruitment and Training Officer Resume Anishinabek and First Nation members are encouraged to apply. We thank all applicants for their interest, only those interviewed will be contacted.

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### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

### **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

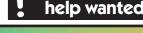
Or email: debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca

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.

help wanted





P.O. Box 181 Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0



t: 705.368.3400 f: 705.370.4796

### **Child Care Supervisor Full-Time 6 Month Contract**

Manitoulin Family Resources requires a Full Time Child Care Supervisor for a 6 month contract with a possibility of extension. This position will be responsible for the day to day operations of Manitoulin Family Resources' Child Care Centre in Mindemoya (Family Grouping and Before and After school Program).

### The Successful candidate must have:

- 2 year diploma in Early Childhood Education or equivalent.
- Be registered and in good standing with the College of ECE's [Registered Early Childhood Educator].
- Management experience in a child care setting working with a variety of age groups is considered • Strong understanding of current theories [including How Does Learning Happen?, ELECT and Think,
- Feel, Act], governing agencies requirements, CCEYA, Public Health and Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice in the Early Learning community.
- An understanding of working with people who identify as Indigenous and Indigenous communities
- Experience and understanding of managing in a unionized environment.
- Proficiency with MS Office Suites including MS Word and Excel.
- Strong relationship development skills with the ability to build and maintain both formal and informal networks.
- Sound judgment and decision-making skills with the ability to effectively administer/reinforce policies as appropriate.
- Strong problem solving skills with the ability to analyze and diagnose the issues reaching a
- Ability to work in stressful situations with the ability to respond to changes and fluctuating demands with shifting deadlines. • Strong written/communication skills with the ability to clearly articulate directions, concepts
- and information. • Experience and understanding of working efficiently in a diverse environment.
- Current Driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle with an insurable Drivers abstract.
- Up to date medical and immunizations

This position is a full time management position in a unionized environment. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the centres.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

This position has physical requirements such as lifting and physical play with young children.

Deadline for applications: Friday, November 17, 2023 at 4:0 0pm

Please forward applications to: Diana St Pierre, RECE, Children's Services Director dst-pierre@mfresources.net

# M.S.S. M Kids in the Halls



Alexandra

### Exciting times are happening at Manitoulin Secondary School

igh school life is always bustling with activities and events, and the recent happenings at MSS have been nothing short of exciting! From welcoming a new staff member to a delicious feast, it has been an eventful time for both students and staff.

MSS had the privilege of welcoming a new school social worker-Emma-to their crew. Student wellbeing is important for academic success and Emma plays a crucial role in providing support to students. On Tuesday, October 31 Emma invited students to introduce themselves to her

by handing out candy in her office and offering face painting. Welcome, Emma!

Last week, Grade 10 students had to write the literacy test also known as the OSSLT. This is a standardized test everyone hoping to graduate must pass. To prepare, students were offered test-writing tutorials during lunchtime in the days leading up to the test. The actual test took place during period one and two on Wednesday, November 1 and Tuesday, November 2. Students can expect to find out if they have passed the test before the end of the school year.

MSS has an exciting new adventure planned for French students! Mme. Cheng is preparing for a senior French trip in March 2025. Students would travel in a group to Europe, visiting London, Paris and Rome! Along the way they would see world-famous landmarks from each region. In London students would visit Covent Garden, the National Gallery, Leicester Square, Big Ben and the House of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, Borough Market,

and the London Eye. In important details such as Paris students would see Place de la Concorde, Champs-Elysées, Arc de Triomphe, Les Invalides, the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower. Lastly, in Rome students will explore the Roman Forum, the Colosseum, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona and the Spanish Steps. This trip is run through EF Educational Tours and will take place over a nine-day period. Parents of students interested in going were asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, November 7 to discuss

the impact of travel and what the students will be doing abroad.

The culmination of SHARE/Go Green's Halloween for Hunger efforts have been totaled. The students gathered over a thousand pounds of non-perishable food items and over eight-hundred dollars in donations for Manitoulin Family Resources Food Bank. Great work, Mus-

On Wednesday, November 1 students were encouraged to bring reusable plates and cutlery to school to partake in a school-wide

feast. Spaghetti and side dishes were served along with a plethora of desserts. These regular feasts create a sense of community in the school where everyone can come together and enjoy a meal. The food is made and brought in by volunteering students and staff who want to partake in the feast. This event is hosted and run by the Three Fires Confederacy. Thank you to those who made this event possible!

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



#### **Zhiibaahaasing First Nation** JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Ehnnaagdaagdahwenjiget

**POSITION:** Ehnnaagdaagdahwenjiget **DEPARTMENT:** Governance JOB TITLE: Policy and Procedure Specialist POSTING DATE: October 26, 2023 **START DATE:** ASAP

LOCATION: Zhiibaahaasing First Nation; Preferred (ZFN), Hybrid available

**REPORTS TO:** Band Manager

TERM: Full-Time (1), Permanent upon Successful completion of probation

Under the direct supervision of the Band Manager, and accountable to the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Chief and Council, the Ehnnaagdaagdahwenjiget will be responsible for managing the overall implementation of legislative authorities including language and culture, leadership selection, management and operations and citizenship.

Our ideal candidate will have a working knowledge of and respect for Indigenous culture, customs, traditions and issues. The Ehnnaagdaagdahwenjiget will demonstrate strong leadership skills with the ability to manage, supervise and provide support to staff. This position requires excellent written and verbal communication skills, well-developed organizational and time management skills. The ability to engage and listen to the community is key to the overall role

In the newly-created Governance Department, you will be tasked with developing and implementing the administrative capacity to exercise self-governance jurisdiction. This high-profile position demands strategic and long-range planning skills, coupled with experience in organizational development/governance as well as public affairs. Sound decision-making skills and the ability to motivate your staff will be crucial to your success in the

### **Minimum Qualifications**

- Anishinabek background is preferred, Knowledge of First Nations People
- Bachelor's degree in Community Development, Public Administration, Law or a related field, or equivalent experience
- 2 years of senior-level management experience
- Previous experience working within or with a First Nations community

  Knowledge of distinctions between Federal, Provincial and First Nation legislative and jurisdictional
- environments and clear understanding of how they interrelate
- G Class driver's Licence, personal vehicle and insurance

- Work with the Governance Team to ensure activities align with Council expectations and approved expenditures for the entire Governance Department
- Manage the development of First Nation laws under governance authorities, including the community consultation process
- Develop the administrative framework to support enactment and compliance of First Nation laws
- Develop and implement policies and procedures for Governance using best practices across the Department Attend meetings as required and act as a liaison and public relations officer in matters related to areas of Governance responsibility
- Experience facilitating meetings, delivering presentations and managing projects
- Develop and maintain working relationships with other governments, Indigenous organizations, communities
- Manage funding agreements, plan, administer and control budgets for Governance activities, including all year-end reporting requirements
- Coordinate service providers and contractor agreements and requirements
- Oversee the Governance operations including staffing and community engagement as well as
- troubleshooting any problem areas
- Supervise, support and coach staff with progression towards Departmental objectives with specific attention to the areas of change management, accountability and professional development
- Foster, encourage and promote teamwork and effective communication within the Department and among colleagues within the entire First Nation Administration
- Other related duties as assigned

### Accommodation

- Hybrid ability to work remotely
- In person requirements to Zhiibaahaasing First Nation will vary depending on need (Band manager/Chief and Council/and Community)
- In person meetings (anywhere in Ontario)
- Zoom meetings (Band manager/Chief and Council/and Community)

### Application Deadline: Open until filled. Only full Packages will be accepted.

### How to apply:

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#### Zhiibaahaasing First Nation JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Policy and Procedure Specialist

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LOCATION: Zhiibaahaasing First Nation; Preferred (ZFN), Hybrid available **REPORTS TO: Band Manager** 

TERM: Full-Time(1), Permanent upon Successful completion of probation

#### **GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Policy and Procedure Specialist will help to ensure consistency and clarity of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation internal policies by developing and reviewing such documents. This will assist staff, Chief and Council and the public with effective operation and understanding of the administration.

#### NATURE AND SCOPE OF POSITION

Reporting to the Band Manger the Policy and Procedure Specialist is responsible for developing and maintaining all policy, procedure and work instruction documents to reflect Zhiibaahaasing First Nation's operational realities and requirements so as to enable consistent performance and outcomes. This role works with all departments and internal subject matter experts to revise, refine and/or create the required documentation that is to be made available to internal and, where appropriate, external audiences.

#### **SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Write various types of documentation, such as operational policies and procedures, forms and reference
  - o Gathering information through external research, internal interviews and review of source documents/ existing documentation, where it exists.
  - o Analyzing current processes to determine documentation requirements.
  - o Managing regular reviews with departmental staff to maintain accuracy and completeness of documents.
  - o Ensuring documents comply with Zhiibaahaasing First Nation's standards on language, writing style, structure and format.
- o Producing documentation for electronic or hard copy publication.
- Perform regular, scheduled updates of the documents produced in conjunction with relevant departmental Develop policy templates to be applied to all new and existing policies within Zhiibaahaasing First Nation
- and convert existing policies to said templates.
- Update, edit and improve existing documents based on established standards, quality and style guidelines. As necessary, participate in project teams and make recommendations on the type of information necessary to achieve administrative goals.
- Work on Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Trust.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Diploma or Degree in Business Administration, communications or similar.
- Minimum of one year of policy and procedure development experience.
- Strong interviewing and listening skills.
- Strong research skills, through a variety of mediums.
- Strong organizational skills
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills.
- Time management/ability to perform comfortably in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented work environment. Strong ability to: o Write clearly, concisely and accurately o Write for a wide variety of audiences o Proofread and edit
  - o Pay attention to detail. o Demonstrate initiative, problem-solving and decision-making within scope of responsibilities.
- Comprehend abstract and complex concepts and translate them to concrete, simple, user-friendly
- documents.
- Maintain confidentiality of sensitive information
- Proficient in MS Office Suite, including Word, Excel and Teams

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid driver's licence and \$1M liability insurance. CPIC and VSS acceptable to position upon conditional offer.
- Demonstrated computer literacy and skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, IOS,

WORKING CONDITIONS

Ability to multi-task and work with a high level of confidentiality, tact and discretion.

### This position is at present one that is primarily remote and requires some on-site travel.

How to apply:
Applications MUST include a cover letter, resume and three work-related reference letters. Copy of Valid G drivers licence.

Application Deadline: Open until filled. Only full Packages will be accepted.

#### Email to: bobbisue@zhiibaahaasing.org

### Attention:

Band Manager, Bobbisue Kells - Riberdy RE: JP Policy and Procedure Specialist

Please note that a criminal record check (CPIC) Expenses for CPIC are reimbursed after orientation.

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### 10th annual Jim Rayner **Memorial Bass Fishing** competition celebrated

GORE BAY—October 8 brought an end to the 10th annual Jim Rayner Memorial Bass Fishing competi-

Jim Rayner was a wellliked, well-known area sportsman who highly valued family and friends, and a long-time community contributor in Gore Bay.

Terri Noland (one of Mr. Rayner's daughters and the winner of last year's event) presented the winning trophy to the 2023 winner, Larry Armes.

The trophy features Jim Rayner's 'Bass Fishing' belt buckle but is otherwise made from all natural materials. Then each year the winner's name is recorded, the year and the largest bass caught that year on a fishing lure which is then attached to the pine root piece on top of the trophy.



October 8 marked the conclusion of the 10th annual Jim Rayner Memorial Bass Fishing competition. In photo Terri Noland, left, presents the winning trophy to this year's competition winner, Larry

photo by Norma Armes

### KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates, please self-identify in your application.

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

### **FULL-TIME positions:**

### **Sudbury or Manitoulin:**

Finance Supervisor: Open until filled Specialized Services Coordinator: Closes November 10, 2023

### Manitoulin Island:

Youth in Transition Worker: Closes November 10, 2023 Education Liaison: Closes November 10, 2023

### **Sudbury:**

Cultural Support Worker (Education Team): Closes November 10, 2023 Case Aide (1 yr. contract): Closes November 10, 2023

### Manitoulin Island or Sudbury:

Health and Safety Officer: Closes November 10, 2023 Service Manager: Closes November 10, 2023 (2) Rapid Response Trainer(s): Closes November 10, 2023 Wellness Coordinator: Closes November 17, 2023

Jordan's Principle Data Entry Clerk: Closes November 17, 2023 Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line.

\*All postings close at 4 pm EST.\*

To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

At KGCFS we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (current and within three months of application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.

### help wanted









**Zhiibaahaasing First Nation** JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: Health Director

POSITION: Health Director POSTING DATE: October 26, 2023

REPORTS TO: Band Manager
HOURS OF WORK: Monday to Thursday – 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Occasional evening and/or weekend work may be required to meet operational needs. The Health Director is required to be on site Monday-Friday.

#### **Job Brief**

Under the direction of the Band Manager, the Health Director will be responsible for coaching the Health and Social team to plan, organize, implement and control health, social, cultural and educational programming and services. The Health Director will also be responsible for developing health, cultural and social service-related policies and procedures for approval, implementation and enforcement. The Health Director will provide front line supervision, direction, guidance and support to the Community Wellness Worker, Community Health Representative, Child and Family Services Worker, Community Support worker, First Nation Child Welfare Representative; Education Advisor and other staff and providers who administer ZFN health, cultural and social programs and services to the community. Water Guardian Program.

- Supervise day to day activities of staff and ensure adherence to HR policies and procedures
- Work with Health and Social team to ensure program activities meet the community needs and align with funder expectations and approved expenditures Support and coach staff with progression towards departmental objectives
- Develop staff in the areas of change management, accountability and professional development Foster, encourage and promote staff teamwork and effective communication
- Support FNCWR with child welfare cases
- Ensure Health & Safety compliance of staff, contractors and service providers who report to the Health Director
- Support staff with reviewing and approving budget account charges on purchase orders and invoices
- Review and monitor attendance of all staff and approve leave requests
- Oversee operations of Health and Social (staffing/usage/troubleshoot problem areas)
- Assign tasks to program staff
- Research health related information topics that would assist in meeting the community health needs
- Research, develop and implement policies to support implementation of best practices across program areas

#### <u>Duties – WEEKLY:</u>

- Delegate administrative tasks
- Review and approve timesheets
- Support community member requests for health services/programs
- Counsel and advise staff on programming ideas/design/implementation Advise Council on all child welfare matters
- Oversee policies and procedures for designated programs and make recommendations/decisions
- Effective Staff communications (e-mail, interpretations, community newsletter inserts, surveys, meeting summaries

- Coordinate professional development initiatives for staff as required
- Attend committees/meetings (Managers meetings, monthly report meetings with Council, Health and Social Staff Meetings)
- Negotiate funding agreements and plan, administer and control budgets for designated programs
- Develop and maintain working relationships with other governments, aboriginal organizations, community and other stakeholders
- Support Health and Social staff in the development of workplan to be: 1) created in conjunction with the employee, or portfolio councilor, 2) submitted with the annual budget each year. 3) monitored monthly and coaching of the employee to accomplish the work plan

#### **Duties - QUARTERLY:**

- Attend quarterly meetings
- Support staff with preparation of funding reports (financial/narrative)
- Prepare policies (prepare drafts/co-ordinate feedback/final copy)
- Participate in Strategic Planning

#### **Duties – ANNUALLY:**

- Conduct probationary and annual Employee Performance Review Meetings
- Coordinate Service Providers and Contractor agreements and requirements
- Budget preparation and variance analysis of all Health and Social program budgets Support program planning with HRC staff to identify priority areas of upcoming fiscal year
- Prepare proposals for identified needs
- Conduct compensation reviews with Chief and Council
- Coordinate budget submissions & year end reports to funding agencies and oversee year end activities related to budgets
- Make arrangements with Health Care service providers, Traditional Healers and Elders re: agreements, requirements (WSIB clearance and liability insurance)
- Negotiate funding agreements with various funding agencies with the support from Band Manager Research and access employee training funding opportunities

- Liaise with members/general public on specific issues; assist with troubleshooting problems; refer to appropriate department and/or organization
- Liaise, assist and support members regarding specific federal/provincial government initiatives Participate in interviewing, hiring, orienting and training designated staff
- Support new employees in orientation to policies and procedures and policy interpretation
- Assist staff in establishing attendance and performance standards, work plans, training plans, action plans, accommodations, agreements and professional development requirements to reduce absenteeism and improve performance
- Work collaboratively with employees in resolving progressive discipline issues
- Receive questions, requests or complaints from employees and advise on conflict resolution, mediation, investigation and/or grievance procedures and Meet with community members to evaluate services
- Resolve Health and Resource Centre client complaints and issues; if unresolved refer to Internal Complaints Policy and Procedures Present program updates at monthly staff meetings

Submit agenda items for planning and staff meetings

- Back up the duties of the First Nation Child Welfare Representative (FNCWR)
- Develop and assist in the design of acquiring health services to meet community needs
- Oversee one-time programs Manage Family Violence Program through the Family Wellbeing position
- Collaborate on HR with Band Manager in separation contracts and agreements (hiring, terminations, layoffs, retirements, etc.)
- Special projects, assigned tasks and additional regular duties as required by the Band Manager and Council Coordinate the implementation of a database to support Health and Social programs and services
- Proposal writing
- All other duties as required

### PAY RATE: to be determined based on Qualifications

LIEU TIME POLICY applies to additional hours beyond 34.5 hours per week

### Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a health or social services field required Master's degree in Health Administration, Health Services, Social Services, Community Development, Public Administration or related field preferred Minimum 5 years related health services experience
- Valid driver's licence and \$1M liability insurance CPIC and VSS acceptable to position upon conditional offer
- Knowledge and understanding of Native culture, traditions, teachings and community dynamics Knowledge of legislation governing First Nations (Ontario Health Act, Privacy Act, Child Welfare Act, Ontario Works Act, Education Act, Anishinabek Education System)
- Demonstrated knowledge of financial budgeting processes
- Demonstrated computer literacy and skills: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, IOS, Google Excellent communication skills, problem solving and mediation skills
- Knowledge of the operating structure of Indigenous Services Canada/Health Canada/Ministry of Community and Social Services/Ministry of Children and Youth Services
- Knowledge of Federal and Provincial programs available to First Nations Knowledge of Federal/Provincial funding and contribution agreements/arrangements, regulations/guidelines
- General knowledge of human resources procedures
- Ability to multi-task and work with a high level of confidentiality, tact and discretion

### Considered an asset:

Additional Indigenous training and education will be considered an asset

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### Newish to Manitoulin residents get acquainted

by Margery Frisch

SANDFIELD—On a beautiful Sunday afternoon in September, Heather Marshall, Expositor columnist and author of the popular 'New-ish to Manitoulin' column, invited all whose stories she's told to a meet and greet. In addition to these interesting people, the publishers of the paper, Alicia McCutcheon, and her parents, Rick and Julia McCutcheon, were also in attendance.

Heather Marshall organized the event, but the McCutcheons graciously provided the catered food and drink. In addition, won-

derful live and local entertainment was provided and very much appreciated.

Those gathered recognized each other from the stories Heather had written; Beth and Joe Arnold of Island Time Dancers were there, as well as Chef Artem Donskov and family from BEAR LC, Miss Universe Canada, Madison Kvaltin, though unable to attend, sent a video greeting. There were those who have brought new businesses to the Island, those who have come to retire and those who have come with young families to begin a new way of life: a collection



A group of new-to-Manitoulin residents gather on the deck following a meet and greet event.

of warm, friendly individuals who have come here to that is Manitoulin Island.

### MANITOULIN CENTENNIAL MANNOR - EMPLOYMENT OPPORUTNITY

### **Behavioural Supports Personnel**

Manitoulin Centennial Manor is looking for a someone with a health care background to run our BSO program.

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION & CORE COMPETENCIES:**

Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) is a specialized service enhancement that has been implemented across Ontario since 2012 to better support older adults with or at risk of responsive behaviours. BSO's three pillars that guide positive system transformation consist of: (1) System Coordination & Management; (2) Integrated Service Delivery: Intersectoral and Interdisciplinary; and (3) Knowledgeable Care Teams and Capacity Building.

#### **CORE QUALIFICATIONS:**

• Degree or Diploma in the Health Care field with a governing body.

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATES:**

- P.I.E.C.E.S.TM and/or U-FIRST! required.
- Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA) basics training required.
- Montessori Methods or Dementiability Methods for Dementia Care required.
- Mental Health First Aid for Seniors Training required.
- Indigenous Cultural Competency Training or equivalent training required.
- Teepa Snow "Positive Approach to Care" Training an asset.

#### **ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES:**

- Demonstrated positive person-family centered values and practice.
- Demonstrated understanding that all behaviour has meaning, as reflected in practice.
- Flexibility and adaptability to competing needs within fast-paced work environments.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work as an effective member of an inter-agency and interdisciplinary team; with a strong
- Strong communication skills and ability to communicate in a non-stigmatizing way.
- Ability to positively represent and advocate on behalf of BSO in public forums/committees.
- Demonstrated awareness and competencies regarding cultural diversity, including francophone, LGBTQ+ and Indigenous-specific considerations.
- Proficient computer skills.
- Physical ability to assist residents and move program equipment.
- Good attendance and work record.
- Criminal Reference verification.

### **EXPERIENCE**:

- Relevant clinical experience working with older adults and care partners in long-term care.
- Experience working within an interprofessional team model. (Long term care setting preferred).
- Experience implementing quality improvement initiatives (e.g. Residents First Training) December 2017.
- Experience supporting the lived experience of older adults and their care partners living with or at risk of responsive behaviours.
- Experience with electronic documentation.

### KNOWLEDGE:

- Demonstrated extensive knowledge working with older adults with various forms of dementia, delirium, complex mental health, substance use, other neurological conditions including those with or at risk of responsive behaviours and the effects on care partners.
- Knowledge and familiarity with recent research and best practices for our patient population and ability to apply this knowledge.
- Knowledge and understanding of all pertinent legislation and policies, including the Long-Term Care (LTC) Homes Act, the Personal Health Information and Protection Act (PHIPA, 2004).
- Knowledge of internal and external community resources.

### SHARED CARE DELIVERY

- Plan, facilitate and implement purposeful individualized therapeutic programs founded on interest, need and ability in accordance with established policies, primary care and clinical team collaboration and overall plan of care and within the scope of practice.
- Enhance the positive impact and spread of BSO (1:1 and group) therapeutic modalities to address and prevent responsive behaviours while adapting to individual changing needs.
- Promote brain health through engagement activities tailored to maintaining skills and abilities and focused on validation, individual success and social stimulation.
- Work in collaboration with all care partners to find the best possible quality care solutions for the patient/family.
- Create and nurture continuous improvement of Behavioural Support and organizational practices for improved system co-ordination.
- Support the spread of improvement practices with internal team members (e.g. activation and restorative teams) regarding overall prevention of responsive behaviours.

### CLINICAL ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Actively participate in all relevant professional development as coordinated at the regional, hub and local level as guided by NE BSO Structure.
- Participate in and/or facilitate referral-based complex case reviews.
- Actively engage in BSO quality improvement initiatives within the organization and as part of the regional structure.
- Monitor, document and evaluate therapeutic activities and relevant literature.
- Formulate individualized therapeutic program plans and goals.
- Conduct evaluation of practices using measurable outcomes.
- Maintain accurate, complete, organized and legible clinical records.
- Maintain and submit standard data collection, as required by the regional lead organization (NBRHC) and the NE LHIN.

For more information or to submit your resume, contact:

Sylvie Clark RN Director of Care

### Manitoulin Centennial Manor

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TJ GREEN

From the trails to the track, from the court to the arena, TJ can be found constantly on the move with a smile on his face! As a senior Mustang, TJ brings a positive attitude and enthusiasm to all of his athletic endeavors. His involvement in sports from a young age has instilled a love for athletics that is evident in every minute of gameplay. TJ has established himself as an excellent all around player, setting the standard for the next generation of Mustangs!

Long ago, before TJ was a Mustang, he was a Coyote, repping the blue and grey jersey for his elementary school career. At Little Current Public School, TJ took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in cross country, flag football, three pitch, soccer, volleyball, basketball, and track and field. TJ recalls a memorable moment from elementary school twice being on the field, as his intermediate soccer team won the RDSB tournament in Sudbury for two years in a row. Despite the success in soccer, TJ explains that his favourite sport at LCPS was a tie between volleyball and flag football. He remembers having a strong volleyball team and enjoyed performing well in tournaments but he also had a lot of fun playing flag football.

After COVID postponing TJ's first year of highschool sports, TJ was eager to be involved in grade 10. As a rookie Mustang, TJ made his debut on the golf team. He represented MSS at NSSSA and punched his ticket to NOSSA. He quickly switched his clubs for volleyball, where he returned to NOSSA, having the opportunity to represent the black and gold again. To keep busy during the winter months he also participated in basketball and badminton. TJ played in the junior singles category and earned a gold at NSSSA, allowing him to compete on the Northern Ontario stage. In his grade 11 year, TJ brought the same enthusiasm to all of his athletic endeavors. A standout moment of his second year of highschool sports took place in the volleyball season, when his senior boys' team took silver in an exciting finals match at NOSSA. He also picked up tennis and badminton for another year, taking a run at OFSAA but coming up just short in both sports. This year, TJ has decided to put his skills to the test in one of the only sports he hasn't competed in yet, cross country running. With the combined dedication and hard work of the senior boys team, they have qualified for OFSAA, meaning TJ will represent MSS on the provincial level.

Although TJ has been involved in a variety of sports throughout his life and enjoys being involved in various teams, TJ favours the sport of hockey. He explains that he has played hockey from a young age and has always had fun playing with and against his friends.

When TJ takes off the black and gold jersey he can be found continuing to invest his time in athletics in his community. Last year, he played with the Mindemoya Thunder, helping his team win the U18 league title! TJ can also be spotted working at Borderline Board Shop.

Outside of the community, TJ spends his free time hanging out with friends, watching football and caring for his dog, Bauer. In the summers, he loves to enjoy the outdoors by spending as much time as possible on the golf course and fishing.

In the classroom, TJ particularly enjoyed his Kinesiology class. He takes great interest in learning how the human body works, especially in relation to sports.

In his last year as a Mustang, TJ plans to apply for Kinesiology for post secondary studies.

With TJ's commitment and positive attitude, he is sure to continue setting the standard for MSS athletics!



Proud Supporter of our

MSS Mustangs





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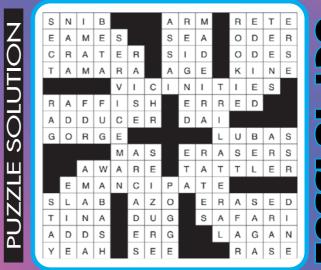
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#### Here's how it works:

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

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### HOROSCOPES



### **NOVEMBER 5-11**



### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Play to your strengths to reach your goals, Aries. You do not have to change much about yourself to get ahead. In fact, people will appreciate you being honest about who you are.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, do not worry about being passionate about what you do. If you weren't this passionate, you may not be able to persuade others to listen up and follow your suggestions.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you may not have had the entire story, but you certainly will get it this week. It's up to you to make up your mind how you want to act on the information you gather.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

For some reason you are really interested in a friend or family member's behavior and comings and goings, Cancer. Are you having trust issues? Give them the benefit of the doubt.

### **LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**

friend or family member's behavior and comings and goings, Cancer. Are you having trust issues? Give them the benefit of the doubt.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

A romantic adventure may prove the catalyst for change in your life, Virgo. Many exciting prospects are ahead if you allow yourself to get swept along in the momentum of your feelings.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Unchecked anxiety can lead you down a slippery slope, Libra. It's not easy facing new situations, but worrying about things before it is necessary will not do right now.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

For some reason you are really interested in a Scorpio, you are no stranger to psychic feelings. Unraveling old patterns or actions will be good This week you know what a loved one is thinking and want to help this person out in any way you can.

### **SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

Sagittarius, you cannot control the world or others' behaviors. All you can do is control how you react to situations. Don't be sidetracked by noisy distractions in the days ahead.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you have been making pleasure and play time your priority of late. It's now time to get down to business. Own up to your responsibilities.

### **AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

for you right now, Aquarius. If you can't do it on your own, work with a friend or therapist to get to the root of any issues.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, think about collaborating with others to bring out the best in yourself. In fact, you might find any group activity transformative. Don't shy away from these ventures.