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LEAVING MANITOWANING—The SS Norisle is towed out of Manitowaning Bay by the tug Ecosse, destined for a breaking yard in Pot Colbourne where she will be scrapped. The historic vessel was sent off by a crowd that included both supporters and detractors of the ship's presence on the Manitowaning waterfront. Although there was a significant police presence during the final preparations for the vessel's departure the ship left without incident.

photo by Michael Erskine

S.S. Norisle sails out of Manitowaning Bay

Leaves her berth of 48 years at Manitowaning waterfront, under tow, to be scrapped

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—It was the best of times, it was the worst of times—all depending on which side of the divide one stands. On Wednesday, October 4 the community of Assiginack bid adieu to the historic steamship SS Norisle, which has stood sentinel on the Manitowaning waterfront for nearly half a century. Onlookers expressed deep sadness at its passing or cheerfully urged the venerable lady on its final journey following years of community debate as to how to deal with the vessel.

Although the SS Norisle sailed into Manitowaning Bay in 1975 under the power of her 1,000 HP triple expansion steam engine, her final journey will be under tow by the McKeil Marine tug Ecosse's 1,500 HP engines.

The SS Norisle holds a place in Canadian

nautical history as the first passenger vessel to be built in Canada following the end of the Second World War and the last steamship to be built. As such, she floats representing the very pinnacle of steamship technology. Her sister ship, the MS Normac, which also appears destined for the scrap heap following her removal from the Sault Ste. Marie waterfront, is diesel-powered.

The keel of the SS Norisle was laid down in Collingwood in 1946 and launched from the Collingwood Shipyards Ltd. Works on July 15, 1946. She went into service with the Owen Sound Transportation Company and in the fall of 1946, going on to carry a maximum capacity of 200 passengers and 50 vehicles between Tobermory and South Baymouth until 1974. Her home port was moved from Collingwood to Owen Sound in

1948. She was replaced by the current ferry MS Chi-Cheemaun in 1974.

To put the life of the ship in perspective, the SS Norisle saw active service crossing Georgian Bay for 28 years and was moored at the Manitowaning waterfront for over 48 years.

In 1975 the SS Norisle was sold to the Municipality of Assiginack to be used as a tourist attraction, serving as a museum and restaurant—a role she fulfilled in various forms until finally being closed to the public for safety reasons in 2008. Since then, a group, Friends of the Norisle then SS Norisle Steamship Society, was formed with the goal of refitting and preserving the vessel as a four-star cruise ship. Unfortunately, those efforts came to naught and the ship is now destined for Port Colborne on Lake Erie where she will be broken up

for scrap.

Both sides of the debate over the SS Norisle's fate claim to have the majority of the residents of Assiginack in their corner, and over several political cycles mayors have made saving and scuttling the vessel central to their platforms. The latest cycle went to one of her opponents. Although the cost of having the ship towed away is estimated to run well north of the initial \$750,000 tab with interest costs tallied in, and the legal battles to save the vessel have already overflowed \$250,000, her fate seems finally sealed.

Earlier plans for her removal also included her sinking near Tobermory to go on "living" as a diving destination, but those plans eventually sank during the wrestling over her fate.

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Karen Pheasant named to Dance Hall of Fame

by Tom Sasvari

CALGARY—Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, who now lives and works in Calgary, Alberta said that being named as an 2023 inductee into the Dance Collection Danse (DCD) Hall of Fame was a complete surprise.

"When they told me, I was in shock for 48 hours," stated Mr. Pheasant-Neganigwane. "I am now closer to 70 than 60, I have three children, eight grandchildren, and I am now a university professor. I have been focussing on being an academic for many years. My priorities are different than they were in the past. But dance has always been part of my life."

The fifth annual DCD Hall of Fame, presented by Dance Collection Danse, announced the 2023 inductees of notable contributions to dance from across the country on October 2. The DCD Hall of Fame will honour and celebrate dynamic lifelong contributions to dance in Canada with a ceremony on Sunday, November 5 at the Palais Royale in Toronto.



Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane

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Gore Bay's west bluff selected site for new Lodge LTC facility

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—While the redevelopment project for the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home remains in the early stages, a potential preferred site has been identified for the new nursing home and an architect has been retained for the project.

"The proposed potential site we are looking at is on the top of the west bluff (Armstrong Road) overlooking the bay," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. "There are two reasons we are looking at this as a potential site. We require 5.5 acres of property for a new site for the develop-

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PHSD will explore amalgamation with its neighbouring health units

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has begun the process of exploratory dialogue with a couple of other neighbouring health units to look at the possibility of voluntary mergers in light of recent provincial announcements and building of previous collaboration.

Rene Lapierre, chair of the PHSD board of health told The Expositor last week, "the board (at its September meeting) decided to go ahead and pass a motion to talk to a couple of neighbouring health units about merging."

Mr. Lapierre noted that, recently, the PHSD had received notification from the province that it would receive a one percent increase over its base budget again this year (a rate that hasn't changed since 2018). "And the province had indicated they want health units to resurrect merger opportunities that had been looked at in 2019 prior to the pandemic. The difference between now and the past is that instead of the province dictating to health units, we were given a set of criteria and have the opportunity to look at merging together and make suggestions to the province."

"The province also indicated that it has money for things like infrastructure, human resource matters and consulting when we look at these mergers," said Mr. Lapierre. "So, if two or three health units want to look at merging, the province would provide some financial assistance toward making this happen." Mr. Lapierre pointed out the Timmins (Porcupine Health Unit) and Temiskaming Public Health Units are well underway on working toward a merger and the province has given the latter two health units the blessing to move forward.

"Our board agreed that we will talk to both the Algoma and North Bay Public Health Units to see if there is any interest in working

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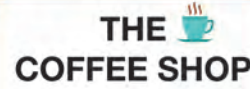
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



President of the Providence Bay Lions Club, Chris Bryan, presenting robotics team members with a large cheque (both figuratively and literally).

photo by Yana Bauer

Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club cuts MSS robotics team \$9,000 cheque

Proceeds from successful golf tournament fundraiser

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

MANITOULIN—As many know, Manitoulin Island is a tight-knit community filled to the brim with passionate, supportive people. The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is a prime example of these Manitoulin values.

On Saturday, September 16, the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club organized and hosted a golf tournament fundraiser to support the Manitoulin Metal Robotics team, also known as Manitoulin Metal. Manitoulin Metal is composed of enthusiastic students from across the Island. The team has been steadily gaining recognition in both national and international robotics circles after winning a prestigious award at the FIRST World Championships. However, pursuing their passion and

dreams in the field of robotics is no small feat and it often requires financial support beyond what the students and their families can provide.

The fundraiser golf tournament was held at Brookwood Brae golf course in Mindemoya and was subject to a terrific turnout. Golfers from Manitoulin to Sudbury showed their support for both the Lions and the robotics team. An attendee commented on how the young people seemed so caring and on how well they worked together.

Fast forward to Wednesday, October 4 when Lions Brian Mitchell, Christopher Bryan and Chris Walker met with Manitoulin Metal to present them with a large cheque. Thanks to the proceeds from the golf tournament and a generous top-up from the Lions,

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Island badminton coach wins top Ont. coaching honour

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—Mark Peltier, coordinator of the Healthy Living Youth Program for Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC), a local badminton coach and creator of the Badminton Warriors of Mnidoo Mnisng, received the top coaching honour this past Saturday (September 16). For the past 14 years he has spearheaded bringing accessible and affordable sport programming to First Nations and off-reserve populations of Manitoulin Island and district.

“I am honoured to have been nominated and selected for this award,” Mr. Peltier stated. “I probably have as much fun as the kids.”

“To celebrate National Coaches Week (September 16-24), the Coaches Association of Ontario (CAO), Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS), and Hydro One are excited to present 15 coaches with the province’s most prestigious coaching honour, an Ontario Coaching Excellence Award. From badminton to basketball, the 2023 Coaching Excellence Award helps fund and recognize the power of sport across local communities in Ontario,” a release states.

“Local badminton coach Mark Peltier, from Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and creator of the Badminton Warriors of Mnidoo Mnisng, received the top coaching honour this past Saturday (September 16). For the past 14 years he has spearheaded bringing accessible and affordable sport programming to First Nations and off-reserve populations of Manitoulin Island and district.”

“We are thrilled to recognize coach Mark for his unwavering dedication and support of athlete development on and off the playing field,” said CAO’s executive director, Jeremy Cross. “Our communities are strengthened by the relationships created and fostered through sport and coaches like Mark who are leaders in creating those safe, fun, and positive spaces for youth to grow. Congratulations and #ThanksCoach to all the recipients and for the impact you are having in your communi-

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Sheshegwaning member is program manager for imagineNATIVE festival

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—Kaitlynn Tomaselli, a Sheshegwaning First Nation member, is the program manager for the imagineNATIVE festival in Toronto.

“The festival provides a platform for Indigenous artistic resources, perspectives and cultures to be at the forefront,” Ms. Tomaselli told The Expositor. The imagineNATIVE festival is one, if not the largest, Indigenous festivals showcasing film, video, audio, digital and interactive media made by Indigenous screen-content creators.

This year’s festival features the work of creators from 71 First Nations, “From all over the world,” said Ms. Tomaselli.

Ms. Tomaselli was hired by imagineNATIVE Film + Media Arts Festival four years ago. “I’ve been here since 2019. I’ve always been in the arts and theatre field. I worked for Debajehmujig Theatre Group as a summer intern when I



Kaitlynn Tomaselli

was in high school. And I went to school for acting.”

“This year’s festival will be the 24th edition of the annual event,” said Ms. Tomaselli. “When the festival was founded, at that time it provided films about Indigenous people produced by non-Indigenous people,” said Ms. Tomaselli. “Now the films about indigenous people are being made by Indigenous people. It is awesome.”

“This is a large festival and important to Indigenous film creators and viewers around the world,” said Ms. Tomaselli.

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October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With harrowing statistics on the number of people who died in fire fatalities last year in Ontario, and the increasing trend this year, the importance of having a working smoke alarm in every residence and for people to be extra careful when cooking in their homes is even more significant.

“I know there was a significant number of fire fatalities in the province last year, and these numbers appear to have increased again this year,” stated Dwayne Elliott, Assinack fire chief and co-fire coordinator on Manitoulin Island.

Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg had encouraged all Ontarians to participate in “Test Your Smoke

Alarm Day” on September 28 to ensure every resident has working smoke alarms after a troubling 133 fire fatalities last year, the largest number of fire-related deaths in 20 years. And as of August 21, this trend appeared to have continued as there had already been 66 fire fatalities in Ontario this year.

“I know there have been a significant number of fire fatalities in the province, although I don’t know exactly what the cause of it is,” said Mr. Elliott. “I don’t know if it is just prevention and education people need to be provided or more.” “Fortunately, on the Island we don’t see numbers as high as

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An expanded Debaj 6-Foot Festival returns October 13

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—E’Naandegin, Debajehmujig’s 6 Foot Festival has seen many changes over the years, growing into one of the foremost expressions of modern Indigenous art in Ontario. Running from Friday, October 13 to Sunday, October 15 the festival will not only encompass its original exhibition of creativity within a six-foot cube (hence the name) but has come to include all manner of storytelling artforms.

The festival begins, in a good way, with a pipe ceremony at 5 pm on the Friday, followed by a fashion show at 6 pm featuring the creations of five Indigenous designers and a round dance to while away the night. InkBeadz Traditional Tattooing by Crystal Kimewon will take place all day, as will the Brasserie Café.

Saturday, the doors open at 10 am for viewing of the installations and watercolour workshops will run from 12 pm to 3 pm (with hourlong sessions starting on the hour), Sabrina Manitowabi will deliver a “cube performance” at 3 pm. Nanabush stories will be relayed at 4 pm.

One of the highlights Saturday will be the 6 pm live jazz performance (with food available) by Chuck Copenance, whose fusion of the jazz artform with traditional Anishinaabe beats will deliver an entertaining and eclectic diversion. As is the case throughout the festival, InkBeadz and the Brasserie Café will be in action.

The doors of the Creation Centre in Manitowaning will open once again at 10 am on Sunday, with another hourlong watercolour workshop taking place at 11 am, followed by Nanabush Stories at 12 pm, Ogi-mawah and Mary at 1 pm and from 2 pm to 4 pm you can make your own pizza. The 6-foot installations will be available for view throughout.

Parliament elects first Black Speaker

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Canadian MPs gathered in the House on Tuesday, October 3 to elect a new Speaker and made history by electing the first black Speaker in the nation’s history.

Greg Fergus (Liberal, Hull—Aylmer) received the most votes on a secret ranked ballot and was ceremonially dragged to the Speaker’s Chair by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Leader of His Majesty’s Loyal Opposition Pierre Polievre.

Also in the running for the Speaker’s Chair were Liberal Sean Casey, Conservative Chris d’Entremont, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapusksing’s own NDP

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Greg Fergus is the new Speaker.

Hydro One announces planned power outage for all of Manitoulin on Sunday, October 22

MANITOULIN—Hydro One has announced that all of Manitoulin Island will be without hydro for much of the day on Sunday, October 22.

Hydro One will be performing maintenance work on October 22 with a total of 10,456 customers to be affected by the power outage.

The outage will take place at 8 am with the estimated time of restoration set for 6 pm.

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editorial

Federal government is ill-advised to cut defence spending

Canada is a peaceful nation and our nation, indeed the world, is facing huge challenges in recovering from the economic and social fallout of combating (largely successfully) a global pandemic. But the world is also facing a new rising threat of aggressive expansion by a rejuvenated Russian empire led by an autocrat bent on securing his historical legacy by "restoring" that empire's furthest expanse and "protecting" Russians living in that territory. Now where have we seen something like that before?

The words "Lest we forget" have been uttered countless times down through the seven decades since the last time global conflict gripped the world. That was also a time when democratic nations had disarmed, convinced that the spectre of nuclear Armageddon and mutually assured destruction would restrain humanity's worst inclinations. Nearly without exception, Western nations chose butter over guns when forming their annual budgets, and the global prosperity that ensued seemed to justify those decisions.

In the days leading up to the rise of the demagogue Adolf Hitler and the fall of the Weimer Republic to the thrall of fascism and the promise to make Germany great again, Western nations were left scrambling to rearm and prepare for the inevitable confrontation.

It is easily forgotten that it was an expansionist Soviet Union that joined the Nazi dictator in invading Poland in 1939—only becoming a consort of convenience when Hitler turned his guns on Moscow.

Instead of providing a shield against expansion through aggression, the threat of nuclear annihilation has instead proven to be an armour against a fulsome reaction to those tactics. "Get in the way and we are all going to die" is Russian dictator Vladimir Putin's warning.

That he might be assured this tactic would work leads to a question as to what former US President Donald Trump told him during those

private and undocumented sessions between them as to the limits of American defence policy.

But we digress.

This is not a time in global affairs to reduce defence spending. Pre-war British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain has long been pilloried for his policy of appeasement, but the plain point of fact was that Britain (and a good portion of the rest of the world) was scrambling to shore up their defences at the time following decades of decline. Mr. Chamberlain was desperately trying to buy his nation time. In the end, he gained little but personal approbation.

Despite the steady derision aimed at federal governments (both Liberal and Conservative) for letting our guard down, the Canadian Armed Forces are a potent force and remain respected around the globe for their professionalism and skill, especially with our latest frigate fleet and its armaments (the source of much of the cost overruns Conservatives are now targeting in a bizarre suck and blow demonstration) nearing completion.

Now is not the time to reduce defence spending but rather a time to gird our defences. Our best strategy to avoid direct confrontation with an expansionist group of nations is supply their victims with the wherewithal to defend themselves, we cannot do that by stripping ourselves of defences. The Pax Americana, the umbrella under which we have sheltered is proving to be less secure in these troubled times.

We share a huge border with the expansionist Russian empire and that empire is busily building the tools to take those of our Northernmost resources they dispute by any means necessary. As a nation, we need to ensure the cost of such actions would far outweigh any benefit.

Lest we forget.

letters

An open letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford regarding SS Norisle

Hoping for an 11th hour reprieve for one of Ontario's most historic vessels

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford and is reprinted here at the writer's request.

Dear Premier Ford,

Please accept this communication as a formal request for your intervention to prevent scrapping of the Ontario heritage ship S.S. Norisle.

Norisle was the first passenger steamship built in Canada after the Second World War. She provided transportation services from Tobermory to South Baymouth from 1946 to 1974 when she was retired and replaced by the larger M.S. Chi-Cheemaun. Norisle was acquired by the Township of Assiginack in 1975 to serve as a static museum and tourist attraction.

In an effort to divest ownership of Norisle, the Township, in association with the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society, investigated options for her subsequent future. This responsible initiative was supported by a detailed year-long marketing and feasibility study that was funded by FedNor and private donations in order to determine the most effective future business opportunities that would support Norisle's ongoing preservation and her benefits to Ontario. The study determined that Norisle's refit to a 4 / 5 star Great Lakes cruise ship would provide Ontario with a unique self-supporting heritage business opportunity at a refit cost substantially less than required to build a new ship that would not possess the essential attributes of Norisle. In addition to Norisle's financial stability, other strengths from the study included her silent vibration free propulsion system, significantly lower air pollution than diesel powered ships, the important marketing attraction of her classic marine architecture and broad economic support, cultural and social benefits to Ontario communities.

In an effort to cost effectively prepare Norisle for the proposed refit, over one million dollars was raised from provincial and federal grants and private donations. One of the most important projects was the total removal of all asbestos.

Norisle's refit as a Great Lakes cruise ship complements your announcement last year expressing your interest to encourage and support the development of a Canadian flag Great Lakes cruise ship industry. Currently only foreign cruise ships serve the Great Lakes and S.S. Norisle could be Canada's first to return.

Your announcement of a \$ 3.7 million investment for Heddle Ship-

yards in support of apprenticeship & skills training for Ontario ship building and repair industries aligns with a proposal the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society had made to the Heddle shipyard at Hamilton prior to your announcement.

It was suggested that Norisle's refit could be used by the Heddle shipyard as an apprentice training ship in conjunction with the engagement of regional colleges. Such a tripartite alliance would provide multiple gains including: a shipyard training platform for all technical trade groups necessary for the building and refitting of ships, a physical training asset beyond any available college resources, reduced refit costs for Norisle, ongoing annual winter training opportunities during Norisle's future winter layup and maintenance periods and a mobile marketing statement in support of Ontario's shipbuilding industry excellence that would be viewed by thousands of Norisle's future passengers.

Regardless of the significant opportunities that Norisle would provide in support of Ontario's future, efforts to raise the necessary financial support has been frustrated by an inability to attract suitable government support outside of regular northern programs.

Resulting from this, the Township proceeded to have Norisle scrapped and her towing to the scrap yard commenced October 4th at what should have been an unnecessary cost to a small community of approximately \$ 1.2 million financed over a 10-15 year payment burden.

In a last-minute appeal, it is essential that you be aware of the pending and tragic loss of a unique and significant Ontario asset for Heritage, Business, Tourism, Education & Training and the Great Lakes cruise ship industry and I respectfully ask for your intervention to this process. I further request that her towing be diverted from the scrapyard and on to the Heddle Marine Shipyard in Hamilton where her refit plans can mature as supported by her comprehensive market feasibility business study.

S.S. Norisle is the last ship of her type and the unique and broad benefits she would provide Ontario must not be lost to our future generations.

Thank you for your valued time and consideration.

**Rob Maguire
Manitowaning, Manitoulin Island**

The SS Norisle gone, sights settle on the Burn's Wharf buildings

Open the waterfront to one and all— "Everyone's waterfront"

To the Expositor:

The Norisle was towed from your waterfront freeing up the view. But the work isn't done yet. The waterfront is still occupied by former industrial buildings that appear neglected, the rolling mill and a building previously occupied by a theatre. They sit on splendid parcel of land jutting out into the dappled waters. Why not also remove these maintenance-costly buildings, giving us public space for a wider variety of uses? This land would become "everybody's." The concept is to free up waterfront land in cities for recreational and environmental purposes. Free up waterfronts for everyone's use. Freeing it up from the maritime industries that have come to dominate every community's waterfront. Until now. With such industries in deep decline, we can reclaim. New York City has done this with a wonderful East River Waterfront Esplanade. Boston has done the same with the with the banks of the

Charles River. Concert venues, jogging tracks, bicycle paths, splash pads, flower gardens, dog parks, public art and much more. Closer to home, Sault Ste Marie has done this after removing its museum ship Norgoma. Parts of another old vessel were even included in a wind chimes art installation. A nod to the old but giving way to a broader future. A future more inclusive. A waterfront open to all. Everyone's waterfront.

Sincerely,

**Steve Lindsey
Keene,
New Hampshire**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steve Lindsey is a former U S Coast Guardsman who served on the Great Lakes in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

more letters

Espanola lawyer offers up explanation of the issues in the “Restoule Treaties Case”

Along with personal comment on the same

To the Expositor:

(“Who dares not offend, cannot be honest”)

There was a lot in your September 13 issue of *The Expositor* about the Restoule treaties case, but little that explained to your readers what the issues are. I offer this explanation and some personal comment here.

Ontario is still fighting this case on all issues. The case is to be argued before the Supreme Court of Canada this November 7 and 8.

It is inexplicable that, at the same time as they are fighting it, Ontario is joining with Canada in offering \$10 billion to the Robinson Huron treaty parties, seemingly as a down payment on damages. I guess Ontario expects to lose!

The main issue in this still ongoing case is whether the 19th century treaties that Great Britain and Canada entered into with Canada’s Indigenous peoples were land surrender agreements or land sharing agreements.

At trial the Restoule bands argued successfully that prior to and even after the making of the treaties they were and they remain autonomous, self-governing “nations,” each with their own “legal order,” “governance practices” and “jurisdiction” over their “exclusive territory,” which they “shared” with—not surrendered to—the Crown. They argued successfully that the treaties their forefathers made with the Crown give rise to permanent “nation to nation treaty relationships.”

They argued successfully that the true meaning of the treaties their ancestors signed with the Crown in 1850 was different than what the treaties said on their face and what their predecessors’ acquiescent and protest-free conduct had demonstrated.

They argued successfully that instead of the treaties having been land surrender agreements entered into by numerically tiny, clan-based, hunting and fishing bands, they were in fact land sharing agreements entered into by sovereign, independent “nations” with the nation of Upper Canada/Great Britain, and that, instead of just being entitled to \$4.00 per band member per year, the treaties, properly interpreted, entitled each band to an additional periodic, collective lump sum payment representing its purported “fair share” of the ongoing value of and revenues from the lands surrendered.

In essence they argued, successfully at trial, that the true meaning and interpretation of the treaties was that they were equal “partners in progress” with the Crown, and that for this entire approximately 150-year period the

Crown had wrongfully neglected to pay them their “fair share” of the “partnership” profits.

This is the main issue which will be argued at the Supreme Court of Canada.

The trial judge ruled that the treaties were not one-time agreements. Rather, she said they were “future-oriented agreements within an ongoing relationship,” which created a “reciprocal relationship between independent entities” involving “shared spaces and resources.” She ruled that when the Indian bands signed the treaties, given their unique “Anishinaabe perspective and worldview” they had a “cultural expectation of equal reciprocity,” despite there being no outward indication or talk about this during the treaty deliberations and no wording in the treaties saying this.

Ontario appealed this decision to the Ontario Court of Appeal. Ottawa did not, thereby abandoning to the judicial winds its sovereignty interests and the legitimate interests of the Canadian taxpayer, following what the writer calls Trudeau’s Crown Sovereignty Surrender Directive.

Again, in the upcoming hearing before the Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa is supporting the position of the Restoule respondents—these “independent nations.”

The majority in the Court of Appeal, unable to find that the trial judge made any palpable and overriding errors in her findings of fact, allowed her “sharing” interpretation to stand.

The two-judge minority, however, on this central, treaty interpretation issue, said that the trial judge ignored the plain meaning of the treaty wording in her ruling, and wrongly discounted and ignored cogent evidence that made it clear that the common intention of the parties when they made the treaties, as demonstrated by the conduct of all treaty parties for 150 years after, was that it only called for one annuity of \$4 per year per band member.

Ontario argues in its Supreme Court Factum (a written summary of its legal positions on all the issues), that the interpretation of the treaties by the two-person minority in the Court of Appeal is the correct one. Ontario argues that there was no collective annuity ever payable and no sharing obligation ever owing in addition to the individual \$4 per year per band member annuity, which again, makes their participation in this \$10 billion payment to the Robinson Huron bands inexplicable.

A second issue to be argued is whether the Crown is liable in money damages for treaty breach-

es. Ontario argues that it cannot be. Rather it argues that courts only have jurisdiction to declare that a treaty was breached, leaving it up to the Crown to decide, applying the “honour of the Crown” doctrine, what, if anything, to do about it.

The Restoule bands argue that the courts do have jurisdiction to order that money damages be paid by the Crown for treaty breaches.

A third issue to be argued arises in relation to Ontario’s Limitations Act, which states in effect that a legal action to recover monies owing must be commenced within six years of the arise of the cause of action i.e., the failure to pay the monies properly owing. Failure to commence the action within that six-year period means that the right to pursue legal action in the courts to recover the wrongly withheld monies is statute barred.

Ontario argues that the Restoule bands’ lawsuits were started about 150 years too late, and thus their claims for yet-to-be quantified money damages awarded by the trial judge are statute barred.

The Restoule bands argue that the Limitations Act, because of the “honour of the Crown” doctrine, does not apply to First Nations lawsuits.

In their appeal documents, the Restoule bands argue that Canada and/or Ontario have been “historically dishonorable treaty partners.”

In my opinion this is unjustified.

The forefathers of present day non-Indigenous Canadians were by and large honourable people, and, having regard to the brutal norms of history, they were, vis a vis Indigenous peoples, de facto conquerors with a conscience.

Canadian taxpayers provide to Indigenous Canadians free medical care, free dental care, massive grants for reserve operations and infrastructure, funding for schools, grants for post-secondary education, special business start-up loans and loan guarantees, housing assistance grants and loan guarantees, programs for Indigenous youth and women, employment initiatives, funds for Indigenous land claims lawsuits, it funds for the bulk of their “consult and accommodate expenses,” funds for the various associations and federations (like the Assembly of First Nations) that make up such a large and vocal part of Indigenous lobbying, funding urban Friendship Centers, and funding money-losing movies and television programs focusing on Indigenous Canadians.

In addition, with their new “consult and accommodate” de

facto veto power granted to First Nations bands by the Supreme Court of Canada, such bands in Canada are now able to demand and extract “impact benefit agreements” from any nearby resource project proponent as the price of securing their non-interference, consent and cooperation. These agreements are worth millions of dollars to these bands. The cost of these projects has to rise accordingly, which costs are eventually passed on to and paid by all Canadians.

Professor Emeritus Tom Flanagan of the University of Calgary writes that the current federal government has increased spending on Indigenous peoples from \$11 billion in 2016 to \$29 billion for 2023, an increase of about \$18 billion, representing a percentage growth of 156 percent. This increase in Indigenous spending, almost none of which is called for by any treaty, is over twice as fast as the increase in overall federal spending since 2015.

The federal government, through its new UNDRIP Action Plan and related legislation, proposes to “Indigenize” as much as federally-controlled Canada as it can, which will entail even more borrowing for and spending on Indigenous peoples by the Canadian taxpayer.

Thus, Canadians have always acted more than honourably towards Canada’s Indigenous peoples.

It does not appear anywhere in this situation that non-Indigenous Canadians are getting any acknowledgment or credit for these billions of dollars of benefits and programs provided by them to Indigenous peoples, which are not required by any treaty to be paid or provided. This does not seem fair.

If Ontario loses this appeal, then the floodgates will be opened, and every First Nations band whose ancestors signed a treaty with the Crown will be suing to have their treaty reopened on the same “Indigenous perspective and worldview” and “sharing” basis and will be claiming billions of dollars of retroactive damages from the Canadian taxpayer, as the Restoule bands are claiming. Some Prairie First Nation Bands are actively preparing such a copycat lawsuit, their leaders claiming that they want only “to share the land and resources as promised in the treaties.” A similar lawsuit is being promised by Ontario’s Treaty 9 bands.

More fundamentally, if Ontario loses this appeal, the sovereignty of the federal and provincial Crowns will be weakened even more than it has already been dangerously weakened by previ-

ous Supreme Court decisions and the federal government’s improvident adoption of UNDRIP. Our country will then arguably have three founts of constitutional sovereignty: the federal government, the provinces and thirdly, “Indigenous peoples.” This will add to the legal chaos and economic uncertainty already besetting our country in this profoundly important area of our national life.

Nelson Mandela wrote in his biography, ‘Long Walk to Freedom,’ that the very first step on the road to reconciliation is the complete dismantling of apartheid.

In Canada Samuel de Champlain’s dream was that “our French young will marry your Indigenous daughters and henceforth we shall be one people.”

Former Manitoba Minister of Northern Affairs, Jerrie Storie, wisely wrote:¹

“We governments and First Nations are captives of our past. We are indeed all treaty people, and it is time to revisit our treaties. Tying our collective futures to communities with no chance of jobs and opportunity is unfair to not only this generation of young people, but also future generations. The social dysfunction in First Nation communities cannot be fundamentally changed without money. People need jobs and hope. Our political leaders, both First Nations and at all levels of government, need the courage to rethink our treaty relationship for the good of First Nations youth.”

Over the past 25 years the Supreme Court of Canada, in their Indigenous law rulings, has relentlessly frustrated Nelson Mandela’s, Champlain’s and Jerrie Storie’s enlightened, universalist, “one people” dreams and aspirations, and let down the causes of Canadian racial unity and equality under the law.

In my opinion the Court owes the very many Canadians who embrace these universalist dreams and aspirations a ruling that will signal its intention to do more in its future rulings to bind Canadians together instead of splitting us apart—a ruling that will finally give Canadians some small hope that Nelson Mandela’s, Samuel de Champlain’s and Jerrie Storie’s goal and vision of one law for all races in the country might not be beyond the realm of reason and possibility after all.

Allowing Ontario’s important and meritorious appeal in the Restoule case would be such a ruling.

Peter Best
Retired lawyer
and Espanola native

A condemnation of Central Manitoulin council’s approach to short-term rentals

A call for resignation of the council

To the Expositor:

Last year, an article was written by a very astute gentleman who detailed the very things that would come to pass (regarding short-term rentals) at that time.

Perhaps it’s time Manitoulin councillors started listening to its constituents. And not just the Haweater ones. They would realize that the province is powerless and that municipalities had power when it was still moms and pops operating (short term accommodations). But instead of listening, you bullied them.

It’s now becoming clear that large international corporations have millions allocated to lobbying and legal fees. They will swallow any regulatory fees, pay legal teams to find any loopholes and utilize them and still buy up properties for short term rentals because the buying of properties grows their portfolio.

If they failed, they could liquidate and come out very well with the hundreds of thousands of properties they own globally—highly profitable and wanted properties, mostly lakefront homes with gorgeous views.

Plus, there are so many loopholes to get around any regulations. That even Lionel Hutz (an incompetent lawyer) of the Simpsons could come up with a solution. I’m sure their high paid lawyers are already absorbing all scenarios and have come out with strategies for whichever way it goes. Need an example of that happening already? Look at how they

bullied moms and pops out with their aggressive threatening tones. (And now look at how it didn’t work.)

But municipalities did manage to bully moms and pops out of the market. Good job there. You attacked your own voters thinking you had the solution when all you did was create a problem you can’t handle. Moms and pops who would have worked for you more than the faceless corporations, you’re now running to the province to help you with. Those moms and pops now sold their properties to these corporations—and will continue to do so. The buying and selling of properties will always be profitable to investors. I know I’m selling mine to Airbnb. The way it’s going, anyways, only large corporations will be able to afford to buy properties anyways.

Central Manitoulin council should resign because it was too obtuse to recognize in time those things it was warned about. They should be embarrassed that they let it get this far and they should apologize to its constituents for being wrong on their policies.

Same with any municipality who rushed to bully in short-term rental regulations. You were wrong.

Jeff McDowell
Mindemoya

Sheguiandah First Nation woman tapped to design TRC shirt for City of Toronto

by **Expositor staff**
TORONTO—The Expositor's own Xoë Roy, of Sheguiandah First Nation, recently had the opportunity to design a t-shirt in honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (TRC) in partnership with

Ambe Maamowisdaa Employee Circle and the City of Toronto, specifically Toronto History Museums.

The orange shirt that has become the flagship of the TRC movement depicts a mother with flowing black hair adorned with a feather

cradling and kissing the top of her baby's head. The words 'Every Child Matters,' in different fonts, are found within the image. The shirt sells on the City of Toronto's website for \$30 with all proceeds donated to the Native Women's

Resource Centre of Toronto through the city's United Way campaign.

Ms. Roy told The Expositor she was approached about the project by Aaron Bowerman, a fellow Sheguiandah First Nation band member who now resides in Toronto and works for the City of Toronto as an Indigenous research associate. Mr. Bowerman also sits on the Indigenous Employee Network for the City of Toronto as its community engagement lead.

"As an employee network we decided we wanted to work with a young, Indigenous artist," Mr. Bowerman told The Expositor. "I grew up with Xoë and watched her grow into the hard-working, talented, caring young adult she is today. Knowing Xoë was working hard to start her graphic design business, I wanted to bring her this opportunity to add to her portfolio and I'm happy to share that her work is now an important piece of bringing awareness to truth and reconciliation within the City of Toronto."

At first, Ms. Roy was given the directive of designing 'something for TRC,' which she admitted to struggling with. Ms. Roy shared that she had ideas involving people handing flowers to children or a large gathering with little footprints all around, but she felt something was

amiss. It wasn't until her co-partners asked for an Every Child Matters theme that it all came together for the graphic designer, who created the sketch under her design company, Rookie Culture.

"This particular design spoke to me most—the mother kissing their child," Ms. Roy explained. "Even if those children are no longer here, they still mattered. And without the survivors, well, I wouldn't be here. I'm really proud of it now."

"My grandmother went to residential school, so it made it that much more sentimental," she said. "It's a little nerve-racking," Ms. Roy admitted, "knowing this project is under me, but it's definitely an opportunity. I'm happy I got to do this—it's only the beginning!"

The t-shirt is available for sale by visiting cityoftoronto.myshopify.com

The shirt was proudly displayed at all 10 of Toronto's history museums in the lead-up to TRC day.



Fortunately no one was injured in a car fire that took place in Silver Water recently. The blaze was put out by members of the Robinson township volunteer fire department.

photo by Jaxson Perry

No injuries reported in Silver Water car fire

by **Tom Sasvari**

SILVER WATER—Luckily, no one was injured when a car fire took place in Silver Water recently.

"Fortunately, there were no injuries," stated Doug Wismer, fire chief of the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department. "The driver of the vehicle, Jaxson Perry, had dinner with his girlfriend on Friday night (September 29), and they were out taking a ride after dinner when he smelled hot oil."

Mr. Perry, who lives in Evansville, stopped the vehicle, got out and opened the

hood of the vehicle and discovered the fire.

With the car fully engulfed in flames Mr. Perry called 911 and the fire department responded.

"We were able to put out the fire in good time," said Mr. Wismer, noting four members of the fire department were on the scene of the blaze.

"We are thinking it was an electrical fire, it seemed to have started near the battery," said Mr. Wismer.

The car, a Chevy Cruze, was a total loss due to the fire.



Expositor production assistant and Rookie Culture owner Xoë Roy displays the shirt she designed for the City of Toronto.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

If you have been on the river trail in the last week or two, you know that it is alive with colour... and the slight funk of fish that comes with the annual salmon run. We emailed the salmon to ask why the early run this year, but they have yet to re-spawn-d to us. On a recent visit to the falls, we saw a salmon wearing a suit and tie. We aren't sure why it was so dressed up, but it looked very sophisticated. In other local fauna news, it would appear that the KGB has headed out of town for the Thanksgiving long weekend. Word on the street is that they are headed down to Stratford to take in a show. They have been dying to see Shakespeare's classic "Much Ado About Stuffing."

The Old Mill Road bridge was closed briefly last week for emergency repairs. The bridge deck was repaired in good time and as of this writing, it is now open for local traffic with a reduced weight limit of seven tonnes.

Interested in getting involved in the community? There's still time to join a committee! There are currently vacancies on the Climate Action Committee, the Lake Kagawong Resource Committee, the Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee and the library board. Contact tmills@billingstwp.ca for more info. On that note, the next town council meeting will be Tuesday, October 17 at 7 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre. Agenda packages will be available in advance on the township website (www.billingstwp.ca).

Here's some local news we won't sugarcoat: The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee is planning to hand out treats on Hallowe'en! Stay tuned for more details. As grateful as we are, Team Fergmeijer will pass on the candy. We're trying to maintain our ghoulish figures.

Shortly after Hallowe'en will be the annual Christmas in Kagawong market. Save the date - the market this year will be November 17 and 18. And don't forget about the Billings Library's annual silent auction November 23rd to 26th. More details on both coming soon!

Head's up! The municipal office will be closed on Monday, October 23.

With the weather starting to turn, there's snow place to be like the rink! If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain the community rink, please contact Tiana at the town office (tmills@billingstwp.ca).

Have you noticed? Ice skating is really just walking in cursive.

A good friend remembers your birthday but not your age. We don't really do either of those things, but happy birthday anyway, Jef with one f!

All aboard!! The Manitoulin Secondary School Musical Theatre Program invites you to "The Emerald Heist" dinner theatre experience on November 10 and 11. The killer

has covered their tracks well, and the truth is hidden in train sight. Join your fellow passengers in the dining car as you enjoy a delicious three-course dinner and work to unravel whodunit. Work together to keep the evening from going off the rails while you determine the criminal's locomotive. Email bauery@rainbowschools.ca for more information, or purchase your tickets online at www.ticket-spice.com/emerald-heist

While there's nothing like a good whodunit, we here at Team Fergmeijer will always prefer a good whopunit. Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

George and Carolyn Calback had their son Lorne and his wife Dawn and family visiting last weekend.

Darlene Orford and Larry Orford visited one day last week

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, September 29 we went to Meldrum Bay to play euchre in their community hall. In the short time we were gone there was a fire call related to a car fire near Armstrong Road. The fire team was back to the fire hall by the time we got home.

Saturday morning, there was a market in our yard. Thank you to the neighbours who stepped in to help organize it. I went with Peggy Morrison to Mindemoya to work at an auction for Norm Morrell. Both events were very successful.

Sunday, eight people from the West End went to Tehkummah to play in the euchre tournament.

Sunday afternoon, the Silver Water Recreation Centre held their annual election meeting. Thank you to the outgoing members and congratulations to the new members.

Monday morning, Myra Duncanson and I went to Little Current for errands.

On Monday, October 2 in the evening we travelled to Evansville to play euchre in the Burpee Complex. There were eight full tables plus one sit out. There will be euchre on Monday, October 10.

Tuesday, Murray and Gladys Duncanson went to Sudbury for an appointment.

Tuesday was the hygiene kit and quilting project day in Meldrum Bay from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome

that would like to help out.

Tuesday night, Albert Meijer went to fire practice.

Wednesday morning, Brenda Carter and I went to Gore Bay to do errands. The construction project from the bridge in Evansville to the police station in Gore Bay is nearing completion.

I had a short swim in Silver Lake Wednesday afternoon. The water was cool but felt very good, contrasting the high temperature for the day.

Safe travels to all the people coming home after the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Local Roads Board of Robinson will have their annual meeting on October 16 at 7 pm.

There will be a Christmas themed market at our house on October 28 from 9 am to 12 noon.

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night, September 29 at cards there was a good attendance and one very happy person. My husband, Rick Bradley won, the money jar with his men's high score of 85 points; high ladies went to Lynda Rumley with 76; ladies' lone hands went to Karen Noble with three; men's lone hands went to Harold Rogers with six; most Euchres went to Guy Bigras with eight; Doug brought home the juice; we all had a great time.

Saturday morning, some of us drove to Silver Water for Karen's yard sale and had a good time visiting and looking at things.

Saturday evening Marcus and Randi along with the Stop 540 crew, put on a dinner at the Silver Water Hall with a dance following. I missed it but I talked to some who went, and they said it was very nice.

Four of us from Meldrum piled into a car and drove to Silver Water for the UCW meeting. Peggy from here in Meldrum made the lunch. It was fun to drink coffee, munch on goodies and chat.

We have finally had some rain. A bit of rain will not dampen our Thanksgiving celebrations. The turkeys are bought and preparations are starting. Some people have left to join family but a lot of people are up in Meldrum Bay to celebrate. Have a great weekend, everyone, with family and friends.

...west bluff selected site for new Lodge LTC facility

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ment of the new Lodge and parking etc. This site sits on about 20 acres of property. There is no suitable property available within the main part of town, and the site we are looking at is all vacant, and privately owned. If it is transferred for a new nursing home, it would be transferred to St. Joseph Health Centre."

A release from the three proponents of the project, the Town of Gore Bay, Manitoulin Lodge (owned by Jarlette Health Services) and St. Joseph's Health Centre of Sudbury states, "In the interest of open and transparent communication with the residents, family and team members of Manitoulin Lodge, as well as the broader communities of Gore Bay and Manitoulin Lodge, we are providing the following update with regard to the planned redevelopment of Manitoulin Lodge long-term care (LTC) home."

"In our joint statement of June 15, it was shared that the Town of Gore Bay and Manitoulin Lodge were in preliminary discussions with St. Joseph's Health Centre of Sudbury to explore the possibility that it may become a partner in the proposed development to eventually become the management and the licensee of the LTC home. As a regional health services provider relatively close to Gore Bay, we are certain that St. Joseph Health Centre possesses the resources and expertise to manage the day-to-day operation of the redeveloped Manitoulin Lodge, which would be larger and more complex in operation than it is today, well into the future."

"Since these discussions include our ministry part-



Manitoulin Lodge, which began its life as a school, will see its licence run out in June of 2025.

photo courtesy Jarlette Health Services

ners and require provincial approval to move forward, the redevelopment project remains at an early stage. However, in the hope of positioning Manitoulin Lodge in an ever-stronger position for redevelopment and to demonstrate our commitment to moving forward, we are today sharing that ongoing and regular discussions have continued between the Town of Gore Bay, Manitoulin Lodge and St. Joseph's Health Centre. A potential preferred site for the development of the long-term care home has been identified within the town limits of Gore Bay and an architect has been retained for the project by St. Joseph's Health Centre."

As for the future of the current Manitoulin Lodge

building, "This will be further down the line, but if things go as we hope we (town) would become the owner of the building and redevelop it for what services we feel would be most useful," said Mayor Lane. He pointed out the current licensee, Jarlette Health Services has plans for the Lodge in place until June 2025. "If the new long term care home is not ready by then, it is proposed that St. Joseph's Health Centre would take over its operation until the new site is ready, to provide continuity for residents and staff at the Lodge. Once St. Joseph's begins to operate the current Lodge building and the town has ownership of it, we would lease it out to them. All of this depends on approvals being given by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. St. Joseph's would be applying for the licence for the new nursing home."

"The health, comfort and well-being of Manitoulin Lodge's residents, their

family members and team members, have and always will be our greatest priority. The Town of Gore Bay, Manitoulin Lodge and St. Joseph's Health Centre of Sudbury have been vocally advocating that long-term care services should remain within the community of Gore Bay to ensure that residents and families of Manitoulin Island continue to be well served," the release continues.

"It remains the objective of both Manitoulin Lodge and St. Joseph's Health Centre of Sudbury to preserve employment for the team members at Manitoulin Lodge who have been providing care to date. We also remain committed to providing regular updates to the residents, family members and team members of Manitoulin Lodge and community stakeholders throughout this lengthy process, as we have done today," the release adds.

Parents invited to learn about relationships, belonging and connection with renowned child psychiatrist Dr. Jean Clinton

MANITOULIN—Parents/guardians of students in Rainbow District schools are invited to learn about relationships, belonging and connection on Tuesday, October 17, at 7 pm with renowned expert Dr. Jean Clinton.

The live presentation will be held in person at Sudbury Secondary School's Sheridan Auditorium. Parents/guardians in Espanola and Manitoulin are invited to gather at Espanola High School and Manitoulin Secondary School to participate.

"Helping our Students Thrive Through Challenging Times" will highlight ways to create optimal learning conditions for all students.

"We invite parents/guardians to enjoy this not-to-be missed speaker," says Director of Education Bruce Bourget. "This topic will also be of interest to administrators, teachers and support staff. Everyone is welcome to join us for this free presentation."

Dr. Jean Clinton of McMaster University is one of four renowned experts to advise the former Kathleen Wynne government on bold reforms to the province's publicly funded education system.

The clinical professor of psychiatry and behavioural neurosciences of the Michael G. DeGroote School of Medicine, Dr. Clinton is a specialist in child psychiatry. Her expertise is in the development of young minds, and she is recognized internationally as an advocate for children's issues. Her special interest lies in brain development and the crucial role relationships and connectedness play

therein.

Dr. Clinton has spoken to many groups, advocating the importance of relationships, early child development and brain development, parenting and asset building. Dr. Clinton champions the development of a national comprehensive child well-being strategy including a system of early learning and childcare for all young children and their families, which she believes plays a vital role in prompting healthy human development.

The presentation will follow the annual general meeting of Rainbow District School Board's parent involvement committee which will begin at 6 pm.

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...S.S. Norisle sails out of Manitowaning Bay

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Her supporters have not yet given up hope, sending pleas to Premier Doug Ford to intervene and save the vessel as a unique historical artifact—given her status as the first Canadian passenger ship built following the Second World War and the last steamship representing the pinnacle of that technology.

As if by divine interven-

tion, bad weather on the Great Lakes has delayed the SS Norisle's final voyage by an estimated three days, extending the drama over whether she will receive a provincial stay of execution.

For many of those cheering on the SS Norisle's departure from the Manitowaning waterfront, their prayers have already been answered and no rancor would likely be expressed

should the vessel receive such a reprieve from the premier.

Assinack councillor Rob Maguire has been at the forefront of attempts to save the steamship and the venerable vessel holds a special place in his heart. "My first job was aboard the Norisle," he told The Expositor as he watched preparations for her towing from the side of the hill overlooking the marina. That job was as a volunteer summer student providing tours of the ship. When the summer ended, the town had made enough money from the tours to give Mr.

Maguire a 50 cent per hour honorarium.

Since then, as part of the formal group working to save the vessel, Mr. Maguire surveyed every inch of her length. "She was 'as built,'" he said, noting that the vessel was not completely built to its original specifications. "As such, the original plans we received were not accurate," said Mr. Maguire. "Everything had to be accurately measured."

The Expositor chronicled the initial arrival of the SS Norisle both at South Baymouth, when she provided a vital summer link to the mainland when first enter-

ing service with the Owen Sound Transportation Company, and her arrival into the harbour at Manitowaning in 1975 to much fanfare, hope and dreams. This paper has also documented her various incarnations and the machinations of both sides in the

battle over her fate. Those stories can be found in this paper of record's archives preserved on microfilm in the NEMI Public Library.

On Wednesday, October 4 The Expositor stood beside Armed Forces veteran Daryl King, the last onlook-

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The campaign in 2022 was a success. We collected \$16,441.30 from the local communities and donated over \$3,850.00 to support veterans and local charities.

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Onlookers take a seat in the amphitheatre to watch the ship's final voyage.

photos by Michael Erskine



A large crowd gathered on the Manitowaning harbour to bid adieu to the SS Norisle.

Norisle holds youth memories for former deckhand

Don Stevenson spent his Grade 13 summer working on the ship

by Warren Schlote

TORONTO—Last week's departure of the S.S. Norisle from Manitowaning Bay was a "very sad" occasion for Toronto's Don Stevenson, who worked as a deckhand on the ship in his youth.

Mr. Stevenson, now 89, spent the summer of 1952 aboard the Norisle as an 18-year-old. He grew up in Owen Sound and his father, who worked as a high school teacher in the community, also spent his summers working on the ship.

Mr. Stevenson had an even earlier start to his nautical career. At just 10 years old in 1944, his father invited him to work togeth-

er aboard the S.S. Caribou. That ship was on the 'Turkey Trail' between Owen Sound and Michipicoten Harbour, via the North Channel of Lake Huron.

While his father served as the ship's purser, the one in charge of administrative tasks like hiring waiters and pantry boys, Mr. Stevenson was assigned to run the tuck shop.

"A lot of the passengers were Americans, so I had a good lesson in arithmetic because the US dollar was about \$1.10 on the Canadian dollar," said Mr. Stevenson.

He said he fondly remembers the stops at the various points along the route. They included Killarney, Manitowaning, Little Current, Kagawong, Gore Bay and Meldrum Bay.

The Norisle, launched in 1946, was the first passenger ship built in Collingwood after the war. Although Mr. Stevenson did not witness the launch of the ship he would eventually work on, he did see the launch of the corvette HMCS Owen Sound in 1943, then the launch of the Chi-Cheemaun in 1974.

The summer aboard the Caribou was a one-off until 1952. Mr. Stevenson was in his Grade 13 year and worked as the circulation manager for Eddie Sargent's weekly newspaper. (Mr. Sargent was also the mayor of Owen Sound from 1948 to 1963, then represented the area in the Ontario legislature from 1963 to 1987.)

Mr. Sargent's brother



Don Stevenson visited the Norisle in 2017, the first time he saw the ship since the 1950s. He says it would be a great shame if the ship gets scrapped.

happened to be the secretary-treasurer of the Owen Sound Transportation Company. Mr. Stevenson approached him and enquired about a position with the shipping company. "He said, 'yes, if you can get to Tobermory tomorrow, you can be a deckhand,'" Mr. Stevenson recalled.

This was a very different assignment than his boyhood shifts running the tuck shop, and it was also different from Mr. Stevenson's brother, who worked as a waiter on the S.S. Norisoma.

"I enjoyed working there, but it was tough work sometimes. The ferry went 20 miles one direction and 20 in the other. On rough days it rolled one way half the

time, half the time it rolled the other. A lot of passengers got sick, so we spent a lot of time cleaning up," he said.

This was just one season among a series of summers working in various trades, something Mr. Stevenson did as a way to get more world experience beyond his years in a classroom.

Unlike his positions at an E.B. Eddy fine paper mill in the Ottawa area and working in a sawmill at a lumber camp near Red Lake, the seasoned workers on the Norisle were kind to the greenhorns and took time to teach them their craft.

"I remember the Norisle with fonder memories," he said, despite the difficulty of some of the jobs he did

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...Island badminton coach wins top Ontario coaching honour

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Mr. Peltier, who is from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) left the Island for high school at 14. “Physical education was always my favourite program in elementary and secondary school,” he said, noting “I graduated from Cambrian College in the Fitness and Business Management program. The job I have is exactly the type I had hoped for as a career choice. My job is to coordinate/promote physical health in First Nation youth in the Manitoulin District.”

“Yes, we work with other sports and types of recreation, badminton is not the only sport we take part in, but it has been a real focus the past two years, since Noojmowin Teg received a Sports Canada grant to promote and make it more prominent,” said Mr. Peltier. “The grant opportunity came through Sport for Social Development in Indigenous communities. We had received two-year funding approval.” The project calls for services with a target of working/targeting with youth. The project wrapped up this past weekend.

“We have had 30 youth participate, which is pretty



Mark Peltier, in photo centre, has won a 2023 Ontario Coaching Excellence Award. Mr. Peltier, a local badminton coach, is the creator of the Badminton Warriors of Mnídoo Mnising.

good,” said Mr. Peltier. “This weekend the students and I will be taking a trip to an actual badminton club, KTP Racquet Club in North Bay. It is a full day clinic for youth 18 and under working with elite coaches.”

Mr. Peltier said, “In my role to coordinate/promote healthy First Nations youth in the district I service, communities that provide the proper facilities for these types of activities, such as M’Chigeeng, Aundeck Omni Kaning and Wiikwemkoong and we have yearly badminton sessions in Assignack.”

“Our name for the program is the Badminton Warriors of Mnídoo Mnising,” said Mr. Peltier. “And as part of the project we

held the first elementary school Island-wide badminton championships this past April in AOK. And I am happy to see Noojmowin Teg will be continuing with all schools in the district on this.”

Mr. Peltier was nominated for the award by his wife, Lisa. “She sees me bringing all this equipment home all the time and she gives me a hard time, ‘where are you going to put all that equipment?’ But she sees all the hard work I do as well,” he said.

Eric McLoughlin, senior lead, events and partner development with CAO said, “with these annual excellence awards we receive hundreds of nominations in 35 different

sports and in 60 communities. A committee selects and measures each candidate to select the most deserving.”

“Mark is one of 15 coaches in all kinds of sports across the province being recognized for this award, with him being chosen in badminton,” continued Mr. McLoughlin. “Mark is a really good guy who does so much work with youth on Manitoulin Island and in communities beyond the Island.”

Omar Javed, vice president, communications, marketing and investor relations with Hydro One said, “Hydro One believes that coaches are important role models and leaders to their athletes, teams and communities. Through our partnership with the Coaches Association of Ontario, we’re proud to help support local coaches and their athletes as a new season kicks off. Congratulations to Mark and to all recipients. Thank you for the work that you do to make sports exciting, safe and accessible for all.”

Through the Safe Sport 101 partnership between the CAO and Hydro One each recipient will also receive funding for new equipment to keep their athletes and teams’ safe and their respective sports affordable and accessible. This continued partnership gives coaches the tools they need to make sports safe, fun, and inclusive for all.

“Coaches selflessly commit their time and efforts to inspire Ontario’s athletes and help them reach their full potential,” said Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and

Sport. “So many athletes and their families have benefited from the guidance of excellence, caring coaches and I am pleased to congratulate all of those being recognized.”

...Lions cut MSS robotics team a cheque

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Manitoulin Metal was presented with a \$9,000 cheque. It was an emotional moment for the team to see such a tremendous amount of community support. The money will be going towards travel costs and purchasing components for this season’s robot.

Manitoulin Metal hopes to make com-

munity sponsors and supporters proud at their upcoming competitions—including the World Championship—in March and April. In the less distant future, the robotics team is looking forward to meeting the Lions District Governor next week and sharing a presentation with the organization. Manitoulin Metal is extremely grateful for the continued support of the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club.

...October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week

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other parts of the province, but we don’t have a large population either,” said Mr. Elliott.

Since COVID-19 more people are staying at home and with this week, October 8-14,

...first Black Speaker

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Carol Hughes, Liberal Stéphane Lauzon (who withdrew before the vote), Green Party’s Elizabeth May, Liberal Alexandra Mendès and Liberal Peter Schiefke.

The number of ballots cast and the tally of votes for each candidate are kept secret.


MP Hughes noted that she has been in contact with the Parliamentary clerks and confirmed that she and the other Deputy Speakers would be remaining in their current positions.

The unusual mid-term Speaker election was held to replace Anthony Rota, who resigned following his calling for recogni-

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...Karen Pheasant named to Dance Hall of Fame

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“The 2023 Dance Collection Dance Hall of Fame inductees represent a diverse range of dance forms and backgrounds, highlighting the rich tapestry of the dance world. The evening will feature remarks from illustrious presenters, and inductees, live performances by the current generation of elite dancers, and a food and cocktail reception,” a release explained.

“We are honoured to recognize these (13) extraordinary individuals for their profound contributions to the world of dance,” said Amy Bowring, executive director of DCD. “Their artistry, creativity, and dedication have enriched the lives of countless people,

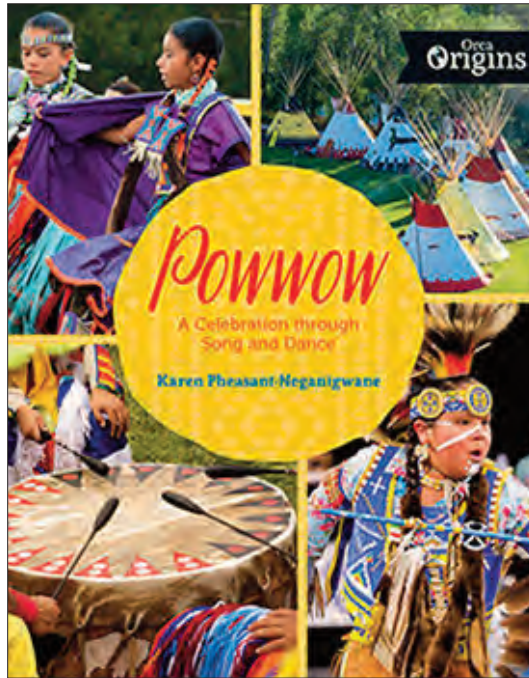
and we are thrilled to celebrate their legacy.”

“Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane is an Anishinaabe of the Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi),” a biography states. “She is a dancer, scholar, writer, artist and orator from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. The daughter of residential school survivors, Karen’s path to activism and scholarly work started as a youth during the height of the civil rights era of the 1970s. The social project of Rochdale College (Toronto) provided the embryonic opening for her inquisitive spirit.”

It was explained, “Shortly after an engaging ceremony with a great Indigenous philosopher and

scholar, Dr. Joe Couture, in the early 1980s, she left Toronto. She has spent the past four years being mentored by iconic Indigenous scholars from the Great Lakes of her people to Treaty Three, Treaty Six, and currently in Treaty Seven. Her Western education includes a B.A. in political science and English literature, and graduate studies in educational policy studies from the University of Alberta. Karen is an assistant professor at Mount Royal University in the Treaty Seven region in the Department of General Education, Office of Teaching and Learning, and the Department of Humanities-Indigenous Studies. A life-long powwow dancer, Karen is the author of the award-winning book ‘Powwow: A Celebration Through Song and Dance,’ which takes readers on a journey through powwow’s history and today’s thriving powwow culture.”

Karen J. Pheasant-Neganigwane is an Anishinaabe jingle dress dancer, a



Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane’s award-winning book ‘Powwow: A Celebration Through Song and Dance.’

dance given to her people in a ceremonial way to bring well-being to the people. She believes in this time of Reconciliation and the 8th Fire Anishinaabe prophecy that Indigenous Ninendamowin (Ontology) is a vital knowledge system requirement in contemporary society.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane is a current board member of Indigenous Performance Artist Alliance (IPAA), and former chairperson of the National Aboriginal Dance Collective and actively advocates for the preservation of cultural integrity and authenticity within Aboriginal cultural

expression of dance. Her gift of storytelling and her dance style techniques has led her to teach at distinguished Aboriginal Arts programs such as the Banff Centre of the Arts (Alberta), the Centre for Indigenous Theatre (Toronto), Debajehmujig Native Theatre Company (Manitowlin Island) En’owkin Centre, Women in the Arts (Toronto) and the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization.

In the summer of 2003, she facilitated the dance revival of one of Canada’s oldest dance forms, the Blackfoot Prairie Chicken Dance, at Eastern Canada’s oldest cultural festival gathering in Wiikwemkoong. In the summer of 2004 at The Debajehmujig Theatre Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane fulfilled a lifelong dream by choreographing and presenting “The Promise” the story of how the Anishinaabe dance-The Jingle Dress continues to bring healing to the dancers of the dress).

She is the eldest daughter of Rosemary Mishibinijima and Moses Wassegijig (Lavallee), both who had the Indian Residential School experience. She attributes her audacity to

both her parents, first generation to live successfully off-reserve, and remain connected to their land base of Wiikwemkoong.

As a young woman Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane worked in community centres during the height of the Civil Rights movement, in education (K-12, post-secondary) and her continued involvement in the arts, as a published author, beader, dancer (since childhood), and an arts performer.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane won the Top Canadian children’s book award in 2022 for Pow Wow Experience.

“Dance is my healing staff,” stated Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane. “I was the first born of two residential school survivors. Without getting into the barrage of that, since I was little I have danced, for example at the Wiikwemkoong Civic holiday weekend as a young girl, and studied dance at a young age.”

Dance Collection Danse, founded in 1986 by Lawrence and Miriam Adams, is a national arts organization that safeguards Canada’s dance archives and artifacts and disseminates this history through its varied programs. A unique organization straddling the performing arts, museum, and archival communities, DCD offers the opportunity to understand, investigate, and experience the legacies of dance in Canada.

DR. STEPHEN COOPER AND VIRTUAL CLINICS ANNOUNCEMENT

In addition to his work as a family physician with the Little Current Medical Associates, Dr. Stephen Cooper is the Chief of Staff for the Manitoulin Health Centre and Primary Care Lead for Ontario Health North.

Dr. Cooper has engaged the services of Dr. Radhika Dixit who will provide clinics virtually. Dr. Cooper will continue to be an active physician with the Little Current Medical Associates and remain involved with Dr. Dixit in the care of his patients.



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Hydro One offering ‘ultra-low overnight plan’ November 2

by Michael Erskine
 TORONTO—Come November 2, Hydro One customers will have access to a new pricing regime announced by the province on May 1. Since May 1, a number of Ontario communities have benefited from a change in electricity rates billed by the provincial government as “a new ultra-low overnight price plan.”

Under that plan, customers of Toronto Hydro, London Hydro, Centre Wellington Hydro, Hearst Power, Renfrew Hydro, Wasaga Distribution and

Sioux Lookout could opt in to the plan that would see their overnight electricity rates plummet to just 2.4 cents a kilowatt hour (kWh) providing a 67 per cent drop under time of use—but the caveat is dinner-time rates would skyrocket to 24 cents per kWh on weekdays from 4 to 9 pm, that’s up from 15.1 cents under time-of-use pricing plans. That new ultra-low pricing will be available to most Hydro One customers starting November 1.

The plan is expected to have a positive impact on

families struggling with current high interest and inflation rates.

“Our government has put families back in control of their energy bills, and the new ultra-low overnight price plan will give families and small businesses who use more electricity overnight more ways to save” said Energy Minister Todd Smith, in a release announcing the changes back in April. “Starting May 1, customers can opt-in to the new ultra-low electricity price plan which could save them up to \$90 per

year, while at the same time making our grid more efficient, helping to reduce costs for all ratepayers.”

According to the government release, delivery of the new ultra-low overnight rate is possible as Ontario continues to have excess clean electricity during overnight hours. By shifting electricity use to these hours, the province would be better able to leverage Ontario’s clean electricity grid. By increasing grid efficiency, the resulting potential capacity cost savings for the electricity system are estimated to be up to \$5.7 million per year, thereby helping to reduce costs for all Ontario ratepayers.

“By making better use of the province’s clean grid, our government is taking further action to keep electricity affordable in Ontario,” said Minister of the Environment David Piccini in the government release. “Offering more options for smart electricity use is good news for Ontarians and the environment.”

The new rates are anticipated to assist those with electric vehicles (EVs) and shift workers, as well as inducing Ontarians to move what electricity usage they can to the late night hours.

“As more and more people across the province begin to use EVs, the ultra-low overnight price

plan will make it easier and less expensive to charge their vehicles in the evening,” said Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade Vic Fedeli. “Ontario continues to strengthen our province’s end-to-end EV supply chain, ensuring that the cars of the future are build right in Ontario by Ontario workers.”

Several options are available to Ontario consumers and that plethora of choices can be daunting to navigate. The options include time-of-use rates, tiered rates or the “new and improved” ultra-low overnight rates. To better calculate which option is best for a consumer’s household, the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) (which sets the rates for

electricity providers each year on November 1) has set up an energy use calculator online at oeb.ca/consumer-information-and-protection/bill-calculator.

To get the best use out of the calculator, the OEB recommends knowing how much electricity you use and when you use it (paying attention to seasonal variations). That information can be found on the “Electricity line” of your Hydro bill and you should have a number of bills at your disposal in order to be as accurate as possible.

Eligible consumers include households, small businesses and farms, with some exceptions—primarily those whose internet access precludes the use of smart meters.

...program manager for imagineNATIVE

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 Ms. Tomaselli pointed out she had originally been hired to work as a digital interactive assistant for the festival. Since 2021 she has taken on the duties as program manager of the festival, overseeing all artistic

programming which includes film, audio, and digital interactive programming for imagineNATIVE’s year-round and festival initiatives.

“The festival will be staged in person from October 17-22, with the online

programming taking place October 23-29,” said Ms. Tomaselli. “There is a total of 14 feature films and 70 short films, along with 21 digital interactive works and 17 audio works to be shown during the festival.”

The festival continued to be held on an annual basis through the pandemic, said Ms. Tomaselli. “In 2020 and 2021 we provided online programming, kind of like the Netflix initiative and at drive-ins within the city of Toronto. And through a partnership with Cineplex, we were able to show films in Toronto, Vancouver and Sudbury.”

“Last year was the first year we have been in person for the festival,” said Ms. Tomaselli. “It was really great to get back to in person.”

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tion in the House of a Second World War veteran who then received a standing ovation from nearly all in the chamber. It was later learned served in the Waffen SS Galacia Division—a volunteer unit made up of Ukrainian’s fighting against the Soviet Union. The Soviets were, at that time, allies of the West. As a unit serving under the Nazi German regime, the veteran’s recognition was a national embarrassment—especially given that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was addressing Parliament at the time.

Mr. Rota, who is universally recognized as an honorable man and was twice elected Speaker, apologized for the error but had no choice but to resign given the fallout.

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...S.S. Norisle sails out of Manitowaning Bay

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er on the Manitowaning waterfront, as the vessel was towed out of sight. Mr. King was listening to the strains of a martial band play over his smartphone speaker as he saluted the departing ship. “It’s the music that would have played when she was launched,” he explained, going on to express his dismay at the callous treatment given to historical icons in this country. “We just tear it all down,” he said.

A tribute to the venerable vessel was written and performed by Manitoulin’s own minstrel Kevin Closs and the schoolchildren of Assiginack Public School and can be accessed on his Soundcloud site by scanning the QR within this article. See if you can pick out the voice of someone you know.



A large swath of Manitowaning now sits vacant with the Norisle’s departure.



Veteran Daryl King was the last man standing as the vessel departed Manitowaning Bay.

...Norisle holds youth memories for deckhand

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aboard the ship.

“My parents came up to see me once but they didn’t even recognize me because I had been shoveling coal. My face was all black from that, and there was also lots of smoke in those days,” said Mr. Stevenson.

The last time he set foot on the Norisle was in 1954, while heading from a summer job in Northern Ontario to a position at the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto.

As he grew up, ships faded from his life. Mr. Stevenson became involved in politics, serving as a deputy minister in the Ontario government for portfolios including resource development, municipal affairs and intergovernmental relations. He also worked in the US section of external affairs and in Canadian embassies overseas.

The Norisle was all but a distant memory for Mr. Stevenson until 2017, when his daughter and son-in-law took him on a circle tour of Georgian Bay. When they arrived in Manitowaning, he was shocked to see the Norisle waiting for him in the harbour.

“There was a banner up on top that said ‘Sesquicentennial Restoration Project.’ The Norisle looked fine to me, though it was listing a bit,” he said.

Someone on the shore told Mr. Stevenson that the restoration had stalled some months earlier, a disappointing revelation.

As they continued their circle tour via the Chi-Cheemaun, Mr. Stevenson was invited into the wheelhouse to briefly steer the ship, a point of pride for the former

mariner.

“With that, I had something to do with three generations of OSTC ships,” he said.

When this reporter broke the news to Mr. Stevenson that the Norisle had left her berth in Manitowaning, he paused before simply saying, “oh my.”

Mr. Stevenson had recently heard of the plans to scrap the historic ferry and was trying to work his connections at Queen’s Park to save the ship.

“It is certainly a big part of our Great Lakes history,” he said. “I think there’s a big missed opportunity here. And also disrespect for our heritage, our maritime heritage.”

He wrote a letter to the editor in the Toronto Star in defense of saving the ship, and also reached out to some connections in the Ontario Legislature. However, the government contacts did not come through as hoped.

“I feel bad that I’m just a bit too out of touch at Queen’s Park now,” said Mr. Stevenson, who retired from Ontario politics 34 years ago. He contacted the premier’s office directly, but only heard an acknowledgement after the ship had left her berth.

“I had difficulty really getting anybody to pay much attention,” he said.

Mr. Stevenson says he still has hope that something may happen to save the ship before the lighting of the scrappers’ torches. Until then, his memories and stories of working aboard the Norisle will carry forward a small part of its legacy.

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M'Chigeeng band member, author wins Indigenous literacy award

by Tom Sasvari
 SUDBURY—Marty Wilson-Trudeau, whose family is originally from M'Chigeeng First Nation, has had a children's book co-written by her son Phoenix Wilson selected by the Periodical Marketers of Canada's (PMC) for an Indigenous Literature Award, an award that encourages family literacy and the promotion of First Nation, Metis, and Inuit voices and experiences.

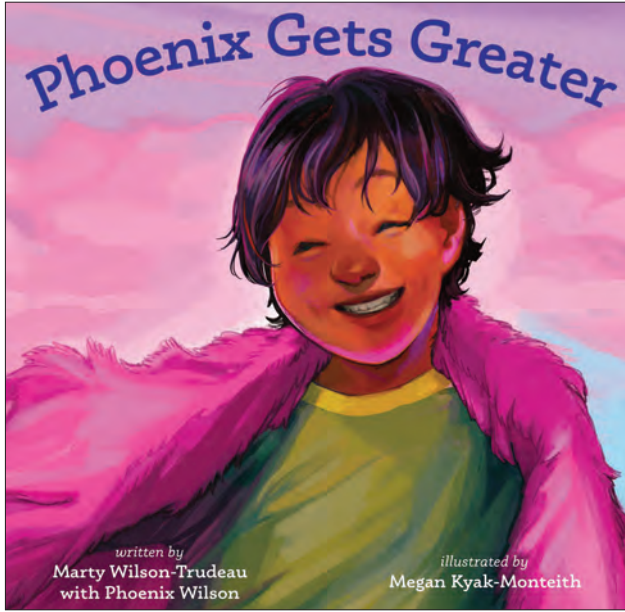
'Phoenix Gets Greater' is the story of Phoenix who loves to play with dolls and marvel at pretty fabrics. Most of all, he loves to dance—ballet, powwow dancing, or just swirling and twirling around his house. Sometimes Phoenix gets picked on and he struggles with feeling different, but his mom and brother are proud of him. With their help, Phoenix learns

about Two Spirit/Niizh Manidoowag people in Anishinaabe culture and just how special he is.

Based on the childhood experiences of her son, Phoenix, Marty Wilson-Trudeau demonstrates the difference that a loving and supportive family can make.

"I was so surprised, humbled and honoured when I was told we had won this award," Ms. Wilson-Trudeau, who resides in Sudbury, told The Expositor. She pointed out her son Phoenix helped her write the book. "Phoenix (who is 17) is a childhood actor in the Disney Plus short film 'The Roof,' which some writers are saying is Oscar worthy," she said.

Ms. Wilson-Trudeau is a post-secondary school drama teacher in Sudbury. She is the mother to two wonderful sons, Brandan and



'Phoenix Gets Greater' was co-written by Marty Wilson-Trudeau and her son Phoenix Wilson and just won an Indigenous Literature Award.

Phoenix Wilson. Phoenix Wilson is an Anishinaabe actor and dancer and is

very proud of who he is. He started dancing ballet at age three, grass dancing at age five, and acting at age six. He is now attending post-secondary studies in Toronto. He hopes to pursue a career in fashion.

"The book is designed for primary school age children from Grades 1 to 5," said Ms. Wilson-Trudeau. "We wanted to write this book, about being a two-spirit person, to explain what that means, how special they are, and things that they have to go through so that other kids will know and understand."

"It probably took us two hours to write the book,"

explained Ms. Wilson-Trudeau. "We knew exactly what we wanted to say, telling Phoenix's story, and how us as his family, classmates and others reactions to finding out he was Two-spirit, which is part of Indigenous culture."

When Phoenix told the family he was two-spirit Ms. Wilson-Trudeau said, "we knew already. Our reaction was one of acceptance, love and pride. His older brother and I have always accepted Phoenix and loved him as he is."

"There is and will always be bullying when someone declares they are two-spirit," said Ms. Wilson-Trudeau, who pointed out she and her boys have never lived on Manitoulin Island, but her biological family is from the Island.

"Those that understand what being two-spirit means have always been understanding, open and supportive of Phoenix," said Ms. Wilson-Trudeau.

'Phoenix Ani'Gichichi-Phoenix Gets Greater' is a bilingual book, written in both Anishinaabemowin and English, which introduces both Indigenous and non-Indigenous readers to the Anishinaabemowin language.

"First Nation Communities READ 2023-2024 announces the selected titles in the Children's and Young Adult/Adult categories," a release reads.

"Chosen by a jury of librarians from First Nation public libraries across Ontario, these titles represent the very best of Indigenous literature." The selected titles were recognized online during First Nation Public Library Week on October 5.

"This year, the First Nation Communities READ program celebrates 20 years of showcasing Indigenous literature for the library community and beyond. The Ontario Library Service is delighted to continue to host such an inspiring and successful program in this anniversary year."

Phoenix Gets Greater, published by Second Story Press won the award for Children's category while 'My Indian Summer' by Joseph Kakwinokanasum, published by Tidewater Press, was the award winner in the young adult/adult category.

"The two selected title authors are the recipients of the PMC Indigenous Literature Award generously sponsored by our partners of 10 years, the Periodical Marketers of Canada." The selected authors received a \$5,000 cash prize.

"Phoenix wants to pursue a career as a writer," said Ms. Wilson-Trudeau. "He will be going to university. And I intend on writing more books."

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towards merging with us," said Mr. Lapierre. "Our first meeting involving all three board chairs and their medical officers of health will take place (last Friday). In 2019 we did some preliminary work on this, so a little preliminary work has already been done. And now that the province is giving us the flexibility to look at merging voluntarily and have tied some financial support to this, we are going to explore the possibility."

Mr. Lapierre further explained, "the province announcement of an additional one percent on the base budget for health units is for the current year. The province

has also said if mergers do take place voluntarily, they will provide one-time funding and support to increase our ability to provide care for more people."

"No, the one percent increase in base funding does not even come close to inflationary costs we have," said Mr. Lapierre. "And between 2018-2023 a one percent increase (each year) is not significant. Our collective agreements with staff employees have increased by 2.5-3 percent the past couple of years and the cost of doing things has increased. So, we are facing a shortfall all the time."

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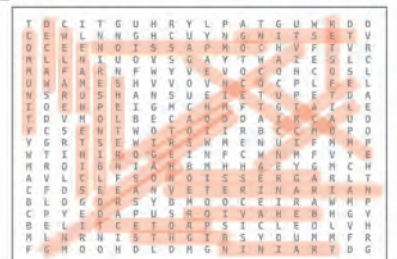
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Artist Ariel Hill's 'Lunar Reflections' exhibit extended for two weeks

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—An exhibit of engraved blown glass orbs complimented by accompanying beadwork earrings, both created by Indigenous artist Ariel Hill was to end this past week at the Ojibwe Cultural Centre in M'Chigeeng but assistant curator Shaelynn Recollet informed The Expositor that the display would be extended for another two weeks.

"This body of work is an exploration of the teachings about the 13 Grandmother Moons of the Anishinaabe lunar calendar," explains Ms. Hill in her artist's statement. "Each moon represents a time in the year that connects the people to the land

and to spirit. By naming these full moons we are given cues to what is happening in the natural world. These teachings guide us through the year with knowledge about survival, ceremony and celebration."

Ms. Hill notes that in the past few years, her artistic practice has shifted to more cultural elements and that she considers herself fortunate to have been raised with the teachings of not one, but two Indigenous cultures, that of the Haudenosaunee and the Anishinaabe. "These teachings have not always been directly present in my glasswork, but rather related to the connection to the land that I have always had as an Indigenous woman.

Ariel Hill hails from the Six Nations and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. She holds a jewellery certificate from the Kootenay School of the Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Alberta University of the Arts with a major in glass. The 13 Grandmother Moon teachings interpreted in 'Lunar Reflections' come from author Arlene Berry's 'Kinoomaadiewinan Anishinabek Bimaadinziwin,' volume two.

The extension of the exhibit provides an opportunity for those who have not yet had a chance to do so to view these intricate and inspirational works.



Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (OCF) assistant curator Shaelynn Recollet introduces 'Lunar Reflections,' a work by glass and beadwork artist Ariel Hill currently on exhibit in the OCF museum.

photo by Michael Erskine

Mindemoya hospital emergency room continues to operate 24/7

MINDEMOYA—The Mindemoya Hospital emergency room department remained open on a 24 hour basis this past Monday-Tuesday, despite an announcement last Friday morning that it would close for a 16 hour period beginning Monday, October 9, at 5 pm.

A public service announcement on the closure had been released by the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) late Friday morning. However, at around 1:45 pm that afternoon it was further announced by MHC officials that the Ministry of Health had provided funds to allow the MHC to maintain 24 hour coverage at the emergency department in Mindemoya.

MHC administration continues to work on solutions to resolve the potential gaps in service due to the shortage of doctors and locums.

Old Mill Heritage Museum committee proud to be sole Ontario finalist for Governor General's award

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—While it was selected to be on the short list of those nominated, the Old Mill Heritage Museum in Kagawong unfortunately did not win the Governor General's Award for Excellence in Community Programming.

"Obviously, on behalf of the museum committee, the municipality and our community, I am disappointed 'History Day in Kagawong' did not win," stated Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Museum. "However, it was an honour just to be on the shortlist, and to be the only application from Ontario to make the finals. I offer congratulations to the winning application."

As had been previously reported, History Day in Kagawong had origi-

nally been nominated by Gordon/Barrie Island resident Heather Jefkins for the award.

In a letter to Mr. Nelson dated October 2, Joanna Dawson, director of programs with Canada's National History Society wrote, "Thank you for your application for the 2023 Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming. We were honoured to review your submission and we appreciate the time and effort that went into your application. I am writing to advise that your project was not selected for this year's award."

"We know this is disappointing news but want to emphasize that we were impressed by the quality of your submission and the meaningful work that has been accomplished," wrote Ms.

Dawson. History Day in Kagawong faithfully paves the way for the sharing and honouring of important stories in the community, both near and far."

"We were pleased to receive many innovative and engaging projects from throughout Canada this year and are grateful to all the individuals and organizations who steward our community history with such care," continued Ms. Dawson. "On behalf of Canada's History Society, thank you again for participating in the awards program. More importantly, thank you for your dedication, passion, and inspiring contribution to the promotion of community history."

Mr. Nelson noted that History Day in Kagawong was one of nine selected for the awards' shortlist.

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Kenjgewin Teg Fall Harvest fills M'Chigeeng Powwow Grounds with laughter

by Margery Frisch
 M'CHIGEENG—Temperatures more in keeping with the dogdays of summer settled in on the 4th of October as the Kenjgewin Teg Fall Harvest in M'Chigeeng got underway. School bus after school bus poured into the powwow grounds and children of all ages spilled out and spread out among the many booths circling the centre pavilion.

Debbie Debassige gave a welcome to all visitors with an explanation of what could be found where. There were booths with



Darlene Bebonang at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation booth points out a detail to her granddaughter Briella Debassige.

apple sauce and apple crisp. Lakeview School, one of the partners of the Fall Harvest, displayed photos of the children from their Eagles' Nest Program, picking apples and preparing them to make the apple sauce and the apple crisp that was served at their booth that day.

"The kids did everything," said Lorraine Corbier Debassige, proudly. She, Ashley Debassige and Nicole Fox were busy serving up the products of an exceptional apple harvest. "I'm thinking we might



Jade Peltier oversees Lincoln Hardy's handiwork with hammer and nails.



Lakeview School's booth was "manned" by Lorraine Corbier Debassige, Ashley Debassige and Nicole Fox.



And they're off! The potato sack races are always a big hit with crowds of all ages.



Youths cluster around one of the display booths at the Harvest Festival, excitedly checking out what activity is on offer.

information about the agencies and organizations that partnered with Kenjgewin Teg in putting the event together. There were stations for making bracelets, cornhusk dolls, botanical printing, shakers, fried scone and yogurt; there

photos by Margery Frisch were potato sack races, drumming and hoop dancing, and the students flocked to each one. Especially popular were the booths offering delectable treats of the harvest: squash soup, pretzels dipped in pumpkin butter;



Mentors worked with youth in creating traditional crafts, such as this corn stalk doll.

make hawberry jelly next." Lorraine said, "the hawthorn berries are so plentiful this year."

Though food was popular, the activities equally drew crowds. Kenjgewin Teg offered the opportunity to tests one's skills with tools, supervised by Wayne Trudeau, Anishinaabe

Aadiziwin Facilitator and Jade Peltier, Trades Apprenticeship and Skills Program Coordinator. Perry Bebamash patiently instructed children in the art of creating cornhusk dolls at Binoojiinh Gamoonhs Day Care's booth and bracelet making was

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Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

"COOK WITH CAUTION"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.

FACTS

- ❗ The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking.
- ❗ Most cooking fires in the home involve the kitchen stove.



Cooking and Kids

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet (1 metre) around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.



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...Kenjgewin Teg Fall Harvest fills M'Chigeeng Powwow Grounds with laughter

...continued from page 16 skillfully demonstrated by Darlene Bebonang, with the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.

"This is our first harvest after COVID," said Beverly Roy, president of Kenjgewin Teg. "We're excited to host it again. We weren't sure how many people would come out. In past years we've had over a thousand people come, so this is sort of a re-introduction. You'll see all our community partners have booths all around. We asked them all to pitch in and help out and have a booth."

The most popular booth of all, especially around the lunch hour, was the UCCM Police booth where they had fresh fish they were preparing on the spot and frying up nice and crisp. The kids were all focused on Special Constable Matthew Bebonang, who pulled fish from the cooler, their eyes staring up at the students. Later, he had crowds of children lined up around the police car, with its lights flashing, all wanting to sit in the backseat and peer out through the barred windows.

Though there were a sea of children and their teachers everywhere throughout the grounds, "The numbers have been far greater than this in past years," Janice Cada, of UCCMM Justice Program, remarked. "But it's the first one we've had since COVID, the numbers should be back to normal next year."



Celebrities like Mr. Potato Head were on hand to entertain and delight.



Birch bark makes for a great medium when painting great works of art.



ABOVE: There were plenty of crafts to go around. These students from Island schools are utilizing items found in nature to create works of art. photos by Margery Frisch

"Again, it's all about community," Beverly Roy said, "it's not just about harvesting, but education and learning as well. It's a hands-on experiential learning opportunity for kids." And the kids were soaking it up on the M'Chigeeng powwow grounds at this year's Fall Harvest.

LEFT: One of the most popular booths at the Harvest Festival is the UCCM Tribal Police Service's fish fry. You don't get much fresher than this!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This week's edition of *The Manitoulin Expositor* will feature a new column, 'Happenings on the Farm' which will be submitted quarterly by the Manitoulin North Shore Federation of Agriculture (MNSFOA).

"We want to better inform people about farming," said Bill Orford, who along with Mike Johnston both of MNSFOA are introducing the new column. "And there are a lot of new people moving in opening private gardens or buying farms. A lot has changed on Manitoulin Island in the past three years."

"Our first column explains why as farmers we do certain things and farming practices so that we can produce enough food for everyone," said Mr. Johnston. "We are losing massive amounts of acres of farming property in Ontario every day. We need to have more production on these lands."

Mr. Orford pointed out, "five percent of the land base is growing our food in Ontario."

"If we continue only

happenings on the farm

using five percent of the land base and more prime agricultural farmland is used for development we are going to have to rely on other countries for more of our food," said Mr. Johnston.

"We hope our first column will help answer questions people may have," said Mr. Orford. "We would like to publish a quarterly column in the newspaper, for the major seasons and provide information of what people are going to see in terms of our farming community."

"We just want to get something off the ground to bring awareness of what we are doing and how we are producing the food we do," said Mr. Orford. "For instance, in the spring planting, tillage if spraying, and the machinery that might be seen on the roads."

"We want to make people aware of what and why we are doing things, and if they are not comfortable or understand what they are seeing they can approach us," said Mr. Johnston.

Below is a copy of the first column, "Happenings on the Farm."

Ontario farmers grow over 200 commodities and the agri-food sector employs 12 percent of Ontario's workforce. Here on Manitoulin Island, most of the farms and farmland is used for cattle and pasture production, allowing for strong crop rotation and improved soil health. Manitoulin farms contribute \$44 million in gross domestic product and employ over 650 people in the agri-food sector from farm to fork across Ontario. Apart from the economic impact and the importance of agriculture in rural economic development, farming in Ontario also helps put food on people's plate, both on the Island and across the

province.

Our strong, sustainable agricultural sector in Canada also affords consumers the luxury of choice. Consumers can make food choices based not only on cost or affordability, but also based upon environmental concerns, health needs or ethics. These choices exist because there are farmers across Ontario and here on Manitoulin who rely on different ways to farm (conventional, organic, grass-fed, free-range, etc.), all of which produce food that is safe to eat.

Canada currently has one of the most stringent regulatory systems in the world for pesticide use, administered by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada. Within Ontario, the ministry of the environment, conservation and parks administers Ontario's Pesticides Act, which requires that farmers be certified under the Grower Pesticide Safety

course before they can use certain pesticides, including glyphosate. While pesticides have been used for many years, products, application tools and technology continue to evolve to improve efficiency and accuracy of pesticide applications. Pesticides cost a lot of money and many farmers are already stringent about how much they use and whether they use it.

To remain healthy, we need to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. Pesticides help farmers make sure there is enough food for everyone by protecting crops from insects, weeds, and fungal diseases. There is no scientific evidence to show that there is a health risk from eating conventionally grown produce because of pesticide residue or that organic foods are safer to eat than conventionally produced foods. Almost 100 percent of fresh fruit and vegetables in Canada (domestic and imported) test well below pesticide

residue limits set by Health Canada. A review of more than 1,300 studies by Health Canada found that Roundup, when used according to the label directions, will not cause cancer, or pose other risks to people or the environment.

Farming has changed significantly over the last few decades and will continue to do so. In Ontario, less than five percent of the land base can support food based agricultural production and much of the best farmland in the province is under threat of development. If we continue to lose arable land, we will need to further intensify agriculture so that we can continue to produce enough food for the people of this province. Farmland preservation on Manitoulin Island and across Ontario is important and we encourage everyone to share this message with their elected officials.

If you would like to learn more about Canadian agriculture, we would encourage you to check out the Real Dirt on Farming. If you would like to learn more or act on farmland preservation, please check out OFAs Home Grown campaign.

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Town of Gore Bay announces hiring of new town manager

GORE BAY—After an extensive search and thorough interview process, the Town of Gore Bay has announced that Harry Schlange has been selected and hired as the new town manager.

"We are very pleased that someone with the extensive leadership experience that Harry has will be joining our administration as town manager and that he will be of great assistance with all aspects of the management of our various departments and will also take the lead on our projects currently underway or planned over the remainder of the term of this council and beyond," said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane.

Mr. Schlange has extensive leadership experience in both the private and public sector. He has been a CAO for 17 years, mainly in the Niagara region, for both small and large



Harry Schlange

municipalities. He has proven leadership experience in bringing various disciplines together to operate as one team. This includes partnering with neighbouring municipalities in

shared services including having recently received a national award in helping to consolidate two volunteer fire departments (Lincoln and Grimsby).

"What really interested me (in taking on the newly created town manager position) was the progressive approach mayor and council took in shaping this position, recognizing the need to bring everyone together to operate in a shared purpose for the residents and businesses in the community," said Mr. Schlange. "I will reside in Gore Bay and am really looking forward to meeting staff, residents, businesses and working with council to move the community forward."

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Death Notices

SHARRON CATHERINE BAYLEY (nee Strain)

Sharron Catherin Bayley (nee Strain) passed away peacefully at the age of 76 on October 1, 2023 in Penetanguishene, Ontario. Sharron is deeply missed by her devoted husband of 53 years, Frank; their three children Dean (Isabelle), Jill and Deborah (Dan); six grandchildren Kristen (Greg), Nick (Kendall), Shayla, Aspen, Stella and Sophie; three great-grandchildren Cameron, Bear and August; her siblings David Strain, Lynne (Jim) Sulyma, Debbie (Darcy) Warren and Kathi (Dean) Elvidge; and her many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Sharron's passion for science often had her learning about new technologies, while her love of nature and exploring called her to lakes, fields and forests. She loved to be surrounded by trees and sunshine, and family time spent 'off the grid' at the cottage was the highlight of each summer, along with countless road-trips through rolling hills. She greeted everyone with a smile, and her warmth and compassion left a profound impact on everyone she met, whether during her four-decades at IBM, her work with St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newmarket, her involvement in her children's activities and interests, or the many wandering travels she and Frank took together. In her passing, Sharron joins her parents Catherine and Wallace "Munroe" Strain, brother Ross, sister-in-law Susan Strain, mother-in-law Anna Bayley and father-in-law Chuck Bayley in her next grand adventure exploring the wonders of the universe. A memorial service was held to Celebrate Sharron's Life on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at Carson Funeral Homes, J.H. Lynn Chapel, 290 First St. in Midland, Ontario 705-526-6551. The service was livestreamed and recorded on You Tube and can be accessed by going to the Carson Funeral Home page. Sharron's family would like to give special thanks to the dedicated and caring staff at Trillium Health Partners Mississauga Hospital, Georgian Bay General Hospital and Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House in Penetanguishene. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Hospice Huronia - Tomkins House (hospice-huronia.ca) would be greatly appreciated by the family.

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It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our dear Murray Allan Black. Murray peacefully passed away September 29, 2023 at the age of 75, surrounded by all of his children, enveloped in their deep love for him. Murray's kind and creative soul was shaped through many unique experiences over his lifetime. From being raised in Ethiopia where his parents served as missionaries, his 24 years of serving the Township of Otonabee as a volunteer firefighter and owning/operating the Indian River Lodge in Keene for 25 years. He developed a deep sense of compassion towards all those he came to know and his love for people and for nature was often documented through his paintings and photography. He now joins both of his parents, Evelyn (Schultz) and Vernal, as well as his sister-in-law Jane in peace. He is survived by his siblings, Dorothy (Grant Adair), Howard (Claudette), Bob (Sue), Beth (Tom Fellows) and Carol (Demetrius Apokremiotis). Murray leaves behind six children Michael (Stacey Phelps), Aaron (Leah), Caroline (Alex Anstice), Lily (Andrew Mulder), Jane (Nikesh Narsimulu) and Julia (Ming Ma), as well as his five grandchildren Tommy, Vienna, Emily, Ben, and Chloe. As well as to his own children, Murray was a father figure to many others who were touched by his unwavering desire to see others doing their best. Although we know Murray is at peace, he will be greatly missed by all. The family would like to thank the amazing staff of the Health Sciences North ICU for their care and compassion at such a difficult time. A memorial service to Celebrate Murray's Life will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 11 am at the Peterborough Free Methodist Church, 450 Lansdowne Street East Peterborough, ON K9L 2A1. In lieu of flowers, please consider helping someone in need in your community, or making a donation in his name to DevXchange, Devxchange.org/Murray, a development organization dedicated to helping people help people, with many projects in Ethiopia which were very close to Murray's heart. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

SUZANNE INEZ BEAUDRY

November 15, 1934 - September 29, 2023



In loving memory of Suzanne Inez Beaudry who was born November 15, 1934 and passed away September 29, 2023. She was the wife of Richard Marcel Conrad Beaudry (predeceased.) Sister of Monique (Jim predeceased) Booth of Tillsonburg. Predeceased by her parents Raphael and Lena (Dupuis) Mallette. Suzanne is survived by and will be missed by her children, Joanne (Michel) Larocque, Marc (Terri), Raymond (Patti), David (Susan), Robert and Patrick (Tricia); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren. Sue was born in Callander Ont. After a couple of years the family moved to the little village of Goward (Temagami North). Her parents were employed by the Temagami Timber Company. Sue and her sister recall helping to pack the ice blocks in sawdust in the shed which they used to keep the ice cream, pop and water cold for the store their mother operated. Upon completing public school, Sue continued her education at the St. Mary's Academy in Hailybury where she had a passion for her studies and volleyball. She talked of fond memories meeting tourists while employed at North Ontario Boat Lines in Temagami and also enjoyed spending her summers with relatives on her grandparents farm in Corbeil, Ont. While there, she worked with her aunt down the road at the Dionne Quints Museum and store. After completing school, she worked at the ONR in North Bay. She met Richard and they were married on Feb. 11, 1956 at the St Elizabeth church in Temagami. With Richard working for the Hydro Electric Power Commission, it required many moves throughout Northeastern Ontario. While raising a family, they continued to keep in contact and visit with relatives throughout the Mallette, Dupuis, Beaudry and Lauzon families. Suzanne's interests included being a master home maker, seamstress, needlepoint, sewing, travelling, camping, bridge parties, golf, crafts and gardening to which she excelled. She had a great passion for being involved in the Catholic Church where ever they lived. She took great joy working with friends and going to the church annual tea and craft sale with St Kevin's Church in Val Therese. Sue was also an active longstanding member in the Catholic Womens League, where she also served as president. She volunteered to do the church linens for many years. Mom will be remembered for her love and care of immediate family, extended family and lifelong friends while always seeing the best in everyone. The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor for Suzanne's excellent care and compassion during her stay. There was a funeral mass on October 10, 2023 at St. Alphonus Liguori Catholic Church, 163 High Street North in Callander On. Interment was at the Callander Cemetery after mass. Luncheon followed at the church hall. Memorial donations may be made to Manitoulin Centennial Manor In Little Current, Centennial Manor Auxiliary in Little Current, St Kevin's Catholic Church in Val Therese or the foundation of your choice.

ALEXANDER MANSON

MCGILLIVRAY

"Sandy"

January 31, 1939 - September 25, 2023



Sandy passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North on Monday, September 25, 2023 at the age of 84. Sandy was born in Mindemoya, the son of the late Manson and Bernice (nee Boyle) McGillivray. Predeceased by his aunts and uncles; Grace (Emery) Strong, Owen (Mary) Boyle, Viola Boyle, Clayton (Viola) Boyle, Lorna (Ronald) Allen, Stanley Boyle, Flora McGillivray, Helen McGillivray and Minerva McGillivray. Will be forever loved and missed by his special friend Brenda Caloyannis, many cousins and friends in the community. Family and friends gathered for visitation at Island Funeral Home on Thursday, October 5, 2023 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was at Island Funeral Home on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 10 am with Pastor Jonathan Edralin officiating. Luncheon followed the service at the Little Current Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Burial followed the luncheon in the Providence Bay Cemetery. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca

Island
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coming events

Bingo Fall Fundraiser, Sunday, October 15 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall. Regular games, specials and jackpot. Regular games, \$20; specials games, \$50; jackpot, \$500. Admission is \$20. Also 50/50 draws and raffles. Canteen is open, light lunch. Bring your own bingo chips. Sponsored by the Tehkummah Seniors' Triangle Club. **20-21c**

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20-23c

"Come As You Are", an evening of contemporary inspirational music and sing-along, led by Cia and Bill Savage. Saturday, October 21 at 7 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong. Refreshments provided. Donations appreciated. **21-22p**

Early bird special of \$85 for NOCA Curling Provincial Men's and Women's Championship from January 23 to 28, 2024 at the Little Current Recreation Centre ends, October 31. Please obtain your tickets through the Little Current Curling Club Facebook page. **21-23c**

Notice of Meeting: the Robinson Township Local Roads Board Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16 at 7 pm in the Silver Water Community Hall. All Robinson Township ratepayers are invited and welcome to attend. **21c**

Harvest Luncheon: from 11:30 am to 1 pm on Thursday, October 26 at St. Francis Anglican Church, 6201, Hwy 542 Mindemoya. Take-out only (free delivery within Mindemoya). Homemade soup, sandwiches, desserts. \$15. Walk-in or phone 705-210-0409 to order ahead. **21-23c**

Legion events

Little Current Legion Branch 177 wing night is back! Thursdays 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 7:30 pm. Wings and mozza sticks: six for \$9, 12 for \$18. Cheese balls: 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. **tfn**

Kids' Hallowe'en Dance, Friday, October 27 from 6 to 8 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177, Little Current. Admission is \$5. Prizes to be won, fun to be had. Chips and juices will be available to purchase. **21-23p**

Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 28 from 9 pm to 1 am at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177, Little Current. \$10 entry fee. DJ Tom A Haw will be providing the music. Prizes to be won, fun to be had. Light luncheon will be served. Age of majority only. **21-23p**

coming events

Power outage breakfast, Sunday, October 22 from 9 am to 2 pm at the Howland Seniors' Hall, Sheguiandah. \$15 per breakfast. Come and visit, keep warm, have coffee and or breakfast. Bring your friends. Serving bacon, sausages, eggs, juice, waffles/pancakes, fruit, toast, tea or coffee. **21-22p**

\$ for sale

Mixed firewood for sale, 159 5th Sideroad, Tehkummah. Call 705-859-1093. **17-23c**

Craftex CX dust collector 2HP canister CSA CX400. Never been used, includes 25' hose, 7-piece accessory kit, \$1,000; Brush Master chipper shredder, two-way feed, excellent condition, \$650; Spax timber log power screws, ask for pricing; walk-in whirlpool tub with jets, \$2,000 or best offer; Total Gym universal home gym workout machine, \$600 or best offer. Pick up at Little Current address. Please call 705-368-0410. **20-21c**

Electric steam table for sale. Includes two round two-litre containers, two round four-litre containers and one six-litre rectangular container. Can be seen at Knox United Church in Manitowaning. \$1000 or best offer. Call Donna, at 705-859-2746 or the church at 705-859-3257. **20-21p**

Bunkie for sale, asking \$10,000 for quick sale. Perfect for hunt or sleep camp. To be moved at buyer's expense. 16' x 24'. Twelve years old, original price was \$35,000. Insulated to R-41 with hydro panel. Can be used year around. Includes one queen size sofa bed, love seat, easy chair, maple side table and coffee table, small electric fridge and wood burning stove. Contact Miv, 705-562-7783. Photos are available. **20-23c**

Brand new hi rise toilet for sale. Paid \$482, selling for \$350. Call 705-690-4443. **20-22c**

Ford 9N Tractor. As is where is. Make an offer. Phone 705-849-1100 (Blind River, ON). **21-22c**

Pontiac Parisienne 1984, four-door sedan. Never winter driven. Approximately 130,000 km. New tires. \$5,000 plus tax. Phone 705-849-1100 (Blind River, ON). **21-22c**

New plow for a Big Bear, 54" blade, click and go. Used once. Pictures available. Asking \$600. Call/text 705-690-9892. **21n**

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. **17fn**

rental

Hunting property available for hunting season, 60 acres with mixed bush, open areas and marsh. \$1,000 for rifle season. Call 519-857-7930. **18-21c**

Beautiful waterfront home near Kagawong, fully furnished, three bedrooms including a large loft and two bathrooms. \$2,000 per month plus utilities. Available for a six-month lease beginning December 1. Call or text 519-615-0746. **20-21c**

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OCT 15: 1 PM - 5 PM
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Many new items include: Halloween costumes for babies and kids, Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers, pj's, baby items, pet items, books, dishes and furniture. Very reasonable prices.
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House for sale

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Rosary Rally
at Centennial Park, Little Current
October 14, 2023 at 12 PM

Will you join us as we unite our prayers for Canada and the World with those of other rallies being held across Canada on this day?
For more information, contact Jackie at 705-282-4338

notice

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

COME TO GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
Thursday, October 12
at 7 pm
to collect materials
for Operation
Christmas Child.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to pick up shoeboxes, brochures and posters.

Refreshments will be available.

For more information call 705-368-2580

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7:45-8:45 pm

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Please join us in welcoming The Laws to the Cafe in The Woods stage.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 7:30 PM
2619 Hwy 540, Little Current

For tickets contact Kerrene Tilson, either by phone at (249)997-0009 or by email at cafeinthewoods@gmail.com. The tickets are \$20 and fees can be prepaid by etransfer to manitoulinskiclub@gmail.com or purchased at the door.

Kenjgewin Teg approved to access tri-council (SSHRC) research grants

M'CHIGEENG—Kenjgewin Teg has received formal notification that it meets the requirements for institutional eligibility from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). SSHRC is the federal research funding agency that promotes and supports research and training in the humanities and social sciences.

As one of nine Indigenous institutes in Ontario, this news represents another milestone in Kenjgewin Teg's ongoing and future participation and contributions to Indigenous (Anishinabek) research opportunities. To date, Kenjgewin Teg has been a

research partner in other SSHRC research projects led by partners Queen's University and the University of Victoria. These research projects have focused on Indigenous languages.

Research and research partnerships led by an Indigenous post-secondary place of learning provide added assurance that Indigenous worldviews are not only included in research ethics and methods but uphold cultural principles and provide safe spaces for research to happen with Indigenous people and communities.

"Although I feel that Kenjgewin Teg is

already doing different forms of research in its work with community and partners, we look forward to becoming part of the formal academic research community in advancing and supporting Indigenous/Anishinabek research within Ontario's post-secondary sector," shared Kenjgewin Teg president Beverley Roy. "While there is much work ahead and time needed to map out what future SSHRC research projects and partnerships may look like, one of my first priorities is to engage and listen to the research ideas of not only our Anishinabek communities but

also to reach out to Mniidoo Mnising scholars who might be interested in creating research alliances as part of this exciting work."

Kenjgewin Teg's new organizational eligibility represents an important and tangible element in the shared accountability of granting agencies and institutions in support of research in Canada. As an institution with full eligibility status, Kenjgewin Teg will have access to all SSHRC programs open to post-secondary institutions.

OSSTF/FEESO members approve pathway to resolve school board bargaining

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—Members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF/FEESO) covered under the School Board Collective Bargaining Act have voted overwhelmingly to approve a proposal to resolve bargaining with the Ontario government through a process that could include binding interest arbitration.

"It depends on which members of OSSTF you speak to, but over three-quarters of members (78.4 per cent) voted in favour of the agreement," stated Eric Laberge, president of the OSSTF Rainbow Local. "There was opposition to the proposal but for all those that voted, the vast majority voted in favour."

"We are proud to announce that after a three-week long vote, open to all members in the school board sector,

OSSTF/FEESO members have voted to approve a proposal that will put all unresolved items before an independent, third-party arbitrator," said OSSTF/FEESO president Karen Littlewood. "Premier (Doug) Ford can't be trusted. For over 14 months, we have tried to engage the Ford government in good faith bargaining but we haven't had a partner at the table that cares about safeguarding our public education system. Now we have the opportunity to bypass traditional bargaining pathways to secure a fair collective agreement."

"After five years of underfunding and under-spending under the Ford administration, our top priority is to get the best possible deal for OSSTF/FEESO members while working to protect public education in Ontario," said Ms. Little-

wood. "Learning and working conditions across the province have deteriorated under the Ford government, staffing and retention have languished, and students are unable to access the supports and resources they need to succeed as a result of this government's deliberate underfunding of education and shortchanging of students. We cannot allow this to continue."

Mr. Laberge explained, "this is not a collective agreement for a new contract. It is a process to resolve bargaining issues. There are three pieces to it." He explained the proposal creates a pathway forward for OSSTF/FEESO members in the school board sector to receive a remedy for wages lost under the Ford government's unconstitutional wage suppressing legislation, Bill 124. OSSTF/FEESO will con-

tinue to ensure that our university section and school board transportation consortia members receive wages unfairly taken away from them. Under this bill it limited public sector wage increases to one percent. A hearing on this is to take place this month."

"The second piece is that this is a pathway to bargaining at the two OSSTF/FEESO central tables, for teacher, occasional teacher and education workers bargaining will continue until October 27, at which time any matters that have not yet been settled will be put before an arbitrator," said Mr. Laberge. "And local bargaining across the province will continue until March 28, 2024, at which time all remaining items that have not been settled may be sent to arbitration. This is very similar to central bargaining.

Whatever has not been agreed to will go to binding arbitration."

Mr. Laberge continued, "as part of this pathway agreement there will be no strike or job action taken by the employees, and the employer, and the board English public school board system guarantee this school year. And everything that is ratified will take in the period from August 2022 to August 31, 2026."

"I want to thank all OSSTF/FEESO members who participated in the membership vote, those who shared information with their colleagues, and the thousands who attended one of our 30 information meetings held all across the province. Together, we are striving for the best possible outcome for our federation," concluded Ms. Littlewood.

Stephen Lecce, minister of education, issued a

statement on September 27 on the OSSTF vote. "I am very pleased that the members of the (OSSTF) have voted in favour of this deal that keeps kids in class. We came together to put 400,000 English public high school students first, and as a result, a student who started high school last year will now graduate in three years without the threat of strikes. This will allow students to focus on their studies as our government ensures school boards get back to basics."

"This is a significant step forward in providing stability for high school students," said Minister Lecce. "I believe strongly that every student deserves this certainty."

"With the approval of this agreement, I am calling on all outstanding education unions to reach a deal and end the delay. Nothing should matter more than students being in class and benefiting from uninterrupted learning for the next three years, with an enhanced focus on reading, writing and math," said Minister Lecce. He said over the next month the province will continue to bargain with the union to reach a fair and reasonable agreement. Based on the approved process, if a central agreement cannot be reached by October 27, the parties will enter binding interest arbitration to resolve any outstanding issues. Through this process, a neutral arbitration board will make binding decisions on all outstanding matters.

"The OSSTF's decision to vote in favour of an agreement that would preclude strikes during this round of negotiations reaffirms our joint commitment to the success and well-being of Ontario students," said Minister Lecce.



Application for CONSENT

Under Section 53 of the Planning Act

To be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:00 pm

File No.: Con 2023-14
Applicant: Delmer and Leslie Fields

Legal Description: Sheguindah Township – Lot 26, Concession 9, RP 31R4120 Parts 2 and 3
Official Plan: Rural Area and Shoreline Area
Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

This is a request to sever for the creation of a lot addition to Lot 17 and a new residential lot to put on the market for sale.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The Consent request is being made for the creation of a lot addition and a new building lot.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 11th, 2023
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608
Little Current, ON POP 1K0



INVITATION FOR TENDERS SNOW REMOVAL (2023-2024) Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

Tenders for the year 2023-2024 are now being accepted for snow removal at the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service. Required services are to include plowing (sanding, salting and pushback of snowbanks when requested) for the following property areas:

- Roadway
- Front of building (visitor's parking)
- Bay garage doorways
- Staff parking area

The roadway, front of building (driveway), garage doorways, staff and visitor parking areas must be plowed by 6:00 am and 10:30 pm all calendar days.

Please submit your proposal for:

Seasonal rate for the period of November 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024. This rate must include all plowing (salt/sand and snowbank pushback as required). Include the type of equipment to be used.

All tenders must submit legible copies: proof of WSIB coverage and proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance.

All decisions are based on price, quality and service level of supplier. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Closing date is Friday, October 20th, 2023 at 2 pm:

Please submit sealed tender to:

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After over 20 years of being on the front line at the real estate office, she is very well versed in the administrative aspects of the real estate business and often gets accused of doing all the work. Lori loves the small town vibe the Island has to offer and for Steve's sake, hopefully never retires. Lori adds a very welcoming and comfortable experience to the office in her role as office manager.



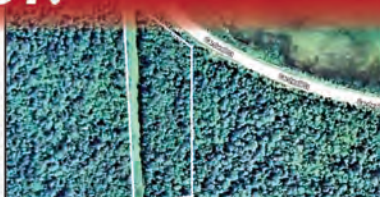
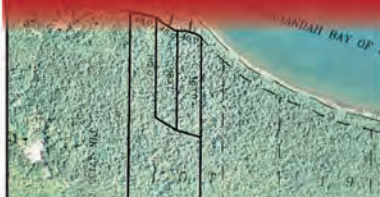
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NEW-ish to Manitoulin

Ukrainian newcomers speak of Thanksgiving

by Heather Marshall

Individuals and families who choose to make Manitoulin their new home invariably face personal sacrifices and lifestyle changes in doing so. However, a small group of recent newcomers from Ukraine have faced unimaginable challenges—fleeing a war zone to escape death or maiming, learning a new language, forfeiting former professions to find work, leaving behind loved ones they don't know if they'll ever see again—to secure their safety and the chance for a better life. And they are incredibly grateful to be here.

The influx of young Ukrainian families coincides with the Russian invasion of their country in February 2022, when Russia sent troops into Ukraine on three fronts and fired missiles on locations near the capital city of Kyiv. As of September 24, 2023, at least 554 Ukrainian civilians had been killed since the start of the unprovoked war. Yullia Donskova and her close friend, Yullia Zelenko, were determined that their families would not be among those statistics and were the first in the group to move to Manitoulin along with their younger children.



Art and Yullia Donskova with daughter Yeva.

support from another former resident of Crimea, Vera Kuminov, who had earlier immigrated to Canada and moved to Manitoulin. Vera had established a network of people in Toronto and on the Island helping those caught in the current conflict. The network assists with temporary housing, financial support, job offers and finding longer-term places to live. It includes Olga Tyvrovisky, who paid for Airbnb accommodation in Poland for the two Yullias and their children until their documents were ready. She also welcomed them into her home in Toronto when they first landed in the country in May 2022.

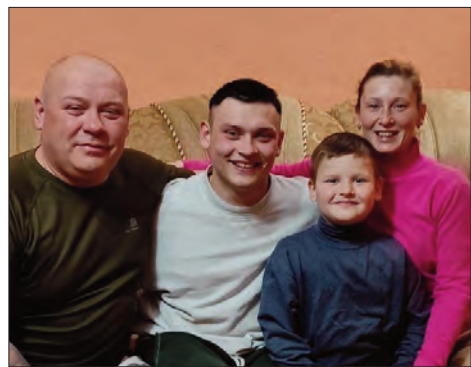
Upon their arrival on Manitoulin, Vera connected the newcomers with Courtney Elliott, owner of the Boo-Bah-Lou Candy Corner in Kagawong, who was the next to take them under her wing. Grateful to be safe and in a welcoming community, the women quickly adapted to being housecleaners and cooks. They became famous for their homemade cabbage rolls and perogies in no time. Hard work was no deterrent to settling into their new country, where they have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of local people whose donations and assistance got them off to a good start.

"We would get back from working all day to discover boxes of food and clothing left at our door by total strangers. We couldn't believe it," says Yullia D. "Everything has been so amazing since we arrived. This is paradise!"

Yullia Z echoes her appreciation for all the things that make life good here. "We don't need to pay to send our children to school or buy their books or pay for medical care if we need it," she adds. "Our children are thriving and happy and we are so thankful."

For health and other reasons, the men in their families were exempt from military duty. However, Art, Vlad and Vadym stayed behind in Kyiv for several months to wrap up their business and personal affairs. Once they got here, they also received a

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Vlad Zelenko, son Vadym, Yullia and son Timothy.

Yullia D had already encountered Russian backed separatists in her hometown of Donbas in Eastern Ukraine when Russia seized Crimea in 2014. She and her husband, Art Donskov, an executive chef in a large restaurant chain, and daughter Yvea, moved to Kyiv soon after where she worked as a nurse in a doctor's office for many years until being hired by a Kindergarten (daycare centre) to oversee children's nutritional and health care needs. There she met and befriended Yullia Z who was the director of the centre. Yullia is married to Vlad Zelenko, who worked for a security company that delivers money to banks and ATMs. They have two boys, teenager Vadym and a younger son, Timothy.

The courageous women struck out on their own to get their families to safety, first going to Poland while waiting for the necessary paperwork to enter Canada. The families qualified for the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program, which offers Ukrainians free, extended temporary status for three years and allows them to work, study and stay in Canada.

Through Facebook, the women found

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Island strong!

Congratulations to Alex McGraw of Aundeck Omni Kaning and Cole King (Mindemoya) and their small contingent of Troop MMA teammates who were in Montreal for the Montreal Fight League (MFL 32) on Saturday. Alex won his bout with a come from behind with a triangle choke in what his Coach Mitch Gagnon called, "truly a Rocky moment!" Alex is undefeated at 2-0!

Coach then retells how Cole's fight went, fighting a tough first round against a brown belt. His corner was trash talking Cole, calling him a 'white belt.' They would soon regret their taunts in the second round when Cole landed, "a beautiful right hand that stunned his opponent to finish him with an upper-cut, improving to 2-1! Don't poke the 'Coley Bear,' right Mom?! Way to go guys! Recover and repeat!"

Mustang Mountain Bikers

The Manitoulin Secondary Mountain Bike team competed at their second race at Walden on September 28 and MSS was represented by 17 riders participating.

Hats off to Trey Smith - 6th Jonah Balfe - 5th Novice Male, Isaac Quackenbush - 3rd Novice Male, Bradley Slaght - 5th Senior Male, Ryland Priddle - 10th Senior Male and all those training and participating but didn't quite crack the top-10: Thomas Redmond, Sebastian Mara, Ayden Hartley, Jack Hagman, Tim Arabadzhyi, Kian Corbiere, Zack Bond, Patrick McCann, Kira Panamick, Jack Koehler, Connor Mandigo and Rhyis Arthurs.

This past Thursday, October 5 the team hosted the third race on Manitoulin at Mclean's Park. Unfortunately, the Sudbury schools had their bus fall through so not all the schools were not able to attend.

However the following showed up in a big way! Isaac Quackenbush - 2nd Novice Male, Thomas Redmond, Sebastian Mara - 7th Novice Male, Ayden Hartley - 6th Novice Male, Jack Hagman - 10th, Novice Male, Trey Smith - 3rd Novice Male, Tim Arabadzhyi - 3rd Junior Male, Bradley Slaght - 1st Senior Male, Xavi Mara - 2nd Senior Male, Zack Bond and Patrick McCann - 5th Senior Male

In terms of the overall series, the final race is this week, tomorrow October 12th. It will be hosted at Kivi Park (*a change from the previous plan).

At this point the Individual Points Leaders' stats include a few locals. In Novice - Isaac Quackenbush, Jonah Balfe, Trey Smith and Seniors - Bradley Slaght and Xavi Mara. In the team standings MSS is currently sitting second in the overall standings behind LoEllen Park.

LoEllen leader!

Assignack's Dane Gibeault leads his LoEllen Knights and won the Junior Male category for the second straight week and had the fastest lap time of any rider. Following that up, Dane then came 'home' to win the race at Mclean's Park where he honed his skills. Dane not only won his race but also recorded the fastest lap time of any level of riders. Of course, Dane sits at top of the aggregate race as well with his perfect point total! Good luck tomorrow, Dane!

MSS Mustang cross - country

The cross country team is training for their upcoming races, hoping to peak for NOSSA in order to get a chance to travel to the all-Ontario OFSAA. This past Sunday some of the runners took in the Turkey Gobbler trail race in Sudbury.

The following are the remaining meets on their schedule. Pre-NSSAA AND NSSAA are now being held in Elliott Lake on October 11 and then October 18. NOSSA is on October 25 in Sudbury at Kivi Park and November 4th is OFSAA down at Centennial Stadium (Toronto).

After that, Coach Gerry Holliday may be bringing some runners to OTFA On November 12 and then the 'Canadians' in Ottawa on November 25. Congratulation to everyone's hard work and dedication.

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...Newish to Manitoulin: Ukranian newcomers talk thanksgiving and their journey

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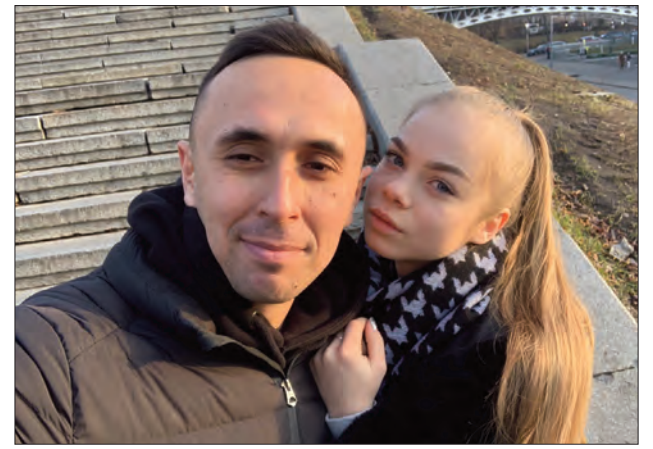
port from the community. Courtney's help extended to Art Donskov when he arrived in October 2022.

She gave him the chance to demonstrate his culinary skills and eventually proposed that he manage a new

restaurant she was opening in Little Current called Bear. Since its launch in December 2022, the restaurant has quickly become popular with Islanders and tourists for its Asian fusion cuisine and authentic Ukrainian fare made by the two Yullias.

The rest of the Zelenko family joined them in December 2022. Vadym is now part of the team at Bear and Vlad works on the Cole Munro fish farm that raises Ontario rainbow trout off Manitoulin's shores.

Ruslan Nosirov and his girlfriend, Hanna Stepanova, were the most recent duo in the group to settle on the Island in Little Current in March 2023. As with Yullia D, the Russian invasion of Ukraine dates



Ruslan Nosirov and his girlfriend Hanna Stepanova.


back nearly a decade for Ruslan, another former resident of Crimea. He was still living with his family and just starting a small tourism business on the Black Sea when Russian troops seized the region. His business destroyed and

with no hope of a future under the occupation, he took advantage of an invitation to join a friend living in Kyiv.

Ruslan would spend the next decade moving up the

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LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
 Position: Lands Officer
 Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
 Duration: Full-time permanent (pending funding and 3-month probation period)

POSITION SUMMARY:
 The Lands Officer will assist in the implementation of the UCCMM First Nations RIRSD Framework Agreement and associated claims. The multidisciplinary position requires a broad skillset and the ability to work cooperatively and collaboratively with all UCCMM First Nation Leadership and community members. The primary responsibility of the position is to ensure strong coordination of activities for the RIRSD Framework Agreement and associated claims. This is a full-time 5-month term position, with the possibility of a term extension pending funding.

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

Remuneration: \$1,250.00/week (annually subject to availability of funds); health and dental benefits to be provided upon successful completion of probationary period. (This position will be paid as an annual salary rather than as an hourly wage or otherwise).


Closing Date: Friday, November 03, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. – Eastern Standard Time

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

Please Send To: Saul Bomberry, Lands and Resources Manager
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
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Thank you to all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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JUSTICE PROGRAM
 Position: Gladue Writer
 Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
 Duration: Full-time permanent (pending funding and 3-month probation period)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION
 The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. Under the direct supervision of the Justice Manager, the Gladue Writer researches and writes Gladue reports for Indigenous people for submission at various stages of the court process.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Liaise with Crown Attorneys, Defence Counsel, Duty Counsel, members of the judiciary, resource persons and service providers to implement Gladue principles and methodology.
- Conduct interviews, research and write Gladue Reports, develop healing plans and maintain client files.
- Help facilitate educational outreach on Gladue to justice personnel.
- Maintain resources related to Gladue cases, including case law and developments; liaise with other similar service providers regarding best practices.
- Maintain quarterly financial, statistical and workplan activity reports and provide annual written reports and updates to the UCCMM Board of Directors.

QUALIFICATIONS


- Must have a post secondary degree/diploma in social services, law or Indigenous studies.
- Must have knowledge of Canadian criminal procedure, Criminal Code of Canada, R. v. Gladue case, and related court decisions regarding Indigenous people.
- Must have the ability to produce superior written reports for submission to court.
- Must have a minimum of three years' experience working directly with Anishinaabe clients providing social or legal services.
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders and local issues facing Indigenous people.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings and be a positive role model.
- Must have the ability to maintain administrative instruments (work plans, files, correspondence).
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin, Algoma and Sudbury for Indigenous people.
- Able to speak and/or understand Ojibwe is an asset.
- Must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.
- Must provide a clear current Criminal Record Check, and if selected, a clear Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Remuneration: \$50,000.00 annually and benefits
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Mail/drop off (no fax or email submissions) 1) cover letter 2) resume 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a direct supervisor/manager 5) current (within the past 3 months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

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JUSTICE PROGRAM

third posting

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
 Position: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Program
 Duration: Full-time, permanent (pending funding and 3-month probation period)
 Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
 The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. The FASD Program Worker will assist, support and advocate for community members who have been diagnosed with or who are suspected of having FASD and are involved in the Canadian justice system. The program worker will increase awareness about FASD and how the Justice System engages with Indigenous people affected by FASD.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Liaise with justice personnel and community resource persons to identify individuals who may have been diagnosed as having FASD or those who are suspected of having it.
- Coordinate diagnostic assessments for community members.
- Identify support services for pre/diagnosed community members.
- Assist individuals in navigating the justice system and act as a liaison between the two and any adjoining services.
- Facilitate positive change in how the justice system responds to individuals affected by FASD.
- Identify alternatives to incarceration through traditional restorative justice approaches.
- Create space, opportunities for healing and self-discovery through the offering of cultural activities and ceremonies.
- Maintain client files, statistical and activity reports as per the Transfer Payment Agreement.
- Attend court as necessary.
- Help facilitate educational outreach on FASD.
- Maintain resources related to FASD and justice, including case law and developments.
- Liaise with other similar service providers regarding best practices.
- Other duties as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must have a post secondary degree/diploma in social services, law or Indigenous studies.
- Willingness to learn about Canadian criminal procedures and the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Must have the ability to produce superior written documents for submission to court.
- Must have a minimum of three years' experience working directly with Anishinaabe clients providing social or justice related services.
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe culture and issues impacting Anishinaabek.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, and be a positive role model.
- Must have the ability to maintain work plans, files and correspondence.
- Must have knowledge of services available for Anishinaabek in the Districts of Manitoulin, Algoma and Sudbury.
- Able to speak and/or understand Ojibwe is an asset.
- Must have a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle.
- Must provide a clear current Criminal Record Check, and if selected, a clear Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Remuneration: \$50,000.00 annually and benefits
Closing Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 12 noon

Mail/drop off (no fax or email submissions): 1) cover letter; 2) resume; 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence; 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a direct supervisor/manager; 5) current (within the past 3 months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying, but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-FASD" to:

Paula Corbiere
 Justice Manager
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
 Box 275
 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0



Senior golf champ!

Dan MacQueen is the 2023 Manitoulin Golf senior men's match play champion! Mr. MacQueen was undefeated, winning six matches including the final over Bill Lloyd. In photo, left, Cheryl Deeg, manager of the Manitoulin Golf clubhouse presents the men's match play championship trophy to Mr. MacQueen.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Legion golf champs!

Manitoulin Golf hosted the annual Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 golf tournament on September 23. Winners were determined in three categories. From left, is Dave Leclaire and Allison Idle who won the mixed division. Amy Wright and Sherry Marois who won the ladies division. Honourable mention in this category went to Heather Hall and Sherry Forest. The men's division was won by Arran Campbell and (Kurtis Noble not shown in photo).

photo by Tom Sasvari

...Newish to Manitoulin: Ukranian newcomers talk thanksgiving and their journey

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ladder from waiter to deputy director in the restaurant chain that Art Donskov managed. Ruslan had a good job, as did Hanna who worked as a nail technician, and a good life when the nightmare struck again with the 2022 Russian invasion. The couple lived in a suburb of Kyiv only seven kilometres from Bucha, the site of a massacre of Ukrainian prisoners of war and civilians by Russian forces. They were terrified they might be next.

"When the war started, we were so nervous not knowing what would happen to us. My girlfriend and I hid during the day and slept underground in shelters at night, too afraid to be in our apartment. We only went

there briefly to eat, shower and change clothes. Hannah's parents lived nearby but we didn't know if they were dead or alive."

The couple were invited by Art and Yulia to join them on Manitoulin, which they gladly accepted. Ruslan began working at Bear upon his arrival and Hanna found work both at Tim Horton's and as a nail technician working with local estheticians. "Art saved me in Ukraine," says Ruslan, "And Manitoulin Islanders have come to the rescue since. I cannot begin to thank everyone who has been so kind to Hannah and me."

Whether the newcomers arrived at the peak of the fall colours or in deep winter snow, they all comment on how beautiful

the land is. "We had seen pictures sent by the Yullias but it was mind blowing to capture the incredible beauty of this place in person," says Vlad.

What has struck them equally is the beauty of the people living here, who opened their homes and hearts to the new arrivals. The families were deeply touched to celebrate their first experiences with Thanksgiving and Christmas in Canada in the homes of locals like Chad and Theresa Rhines and Jib and Debby Turner.

All three couples have high praise for the many people who have made them feel so at home and made it possible for them to start new lives on Manitoulin. In addition to those already mentioned, they give special

thanks to Dr. Dieter Poenn who set up English classes for them, Steven Rolston and Meredith Morris, Heather Pennie, Robin Best, all the Valumart staff and Little Current Business Improvement Area members for helping them get established. Art extends a special thank you to Jason Jordan, who he says saved his life year ago, a tale he's not yet ready to share.

"Our kids are learning English, French and Anishnaabe in addition to Russian and Ukrainian, which we speak. Their schools, teachers and friends are wonderful, like all our customers and everybody else we have come to know. We have such a good life and we are so glad to be here. We really had so much to celebrate at Thanksgiving."





Mindemoya Medical Clinic Clinic Assistant – Full-Time Position

Position Summary

- Excellent judgment to ensure best practices for confidentiality are always maintained within a health care setting.
- Support patient care delivery by preparing patients for their health care visit, managing the day-to-day requests from health care providers during clinical interactions, providing resources to patients.
- Perform a variety of clerical duties that include but are not limited to the following: manage telephone calls and patient concerns, coordinate communications amongst all health care providers, team members, patients, families, community resources and agencies and booking appropriate appointments with health care providers.
- Provide high degree of accuracy for data input within an electronic medical record.
- Provide efficient and effective team support within a busy clinical environment.
- Uphold a safe and healthy work environment by following health and safety standards.

Qualifications

- Experience in a health care setting is an asset
- Competent computer skills
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Energetic and strong team member
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to multi-task
- Satisfactory criminal reference check
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records is an asset

Please submit resume to:
Mindemoya Medical Clinic
 P.O. Box 10
 Mindemoya, Ontario
 P0P 1S0
 Attn: **Lori Oswald**
 Fax: 855-908-2517
 Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca

Please reply in writing **no later than 4:00 pm, October 20, 2023**
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted




Certified Dental Assistant Full-Time Permanent position

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FAMILY RESOURCE WORKER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-time (35 hours per week)
 Salary Range: \$49,036 – \$59,800 / year + Group Benefits and Pension
 (subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

The Family Resource Worker will work collaboratively with families who have a school-aged child(ren) up to 18 years old to identify their strengths and needs by creating an Individual Family Service Plan. The Family Resource Worker will facilitate and build on supports so that families can achieve the goals they have set and assist families on their healing journey. The Family Resource Worker will also assist to provide coordination and advocacy on behalf of families and children of Whitefish River First Nation.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides a culturally appropriate, safe and holistic approach to child and family service delivery especially as it pertains to child welfare.
- Researches, develops, implements and evaluates culturally/appropriate early intervention and prevention programs specific to child welfare.
- Develop strategies and tools to support quality programming for family and children including parent/caregiver support groups, youth support groups, Triple P Parenting, Anger Management, Life Skills, etc.
- Hosts information sessions on child welfare including WRFN's approach to child welfare, the roles and responsibilities of the child welfare team, the roles and responsibilities of a child welfare committee, the foster care program, etc.
- Provides and/or access opportunities for community members to receive Anishinaabe traditional teachings that will assist in their healing process including traditional healing circles.
- Include First Nation traditional ceremonies or community gatherings that celebrate child and family.

*For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

QUALIFICATIONS:

- BSW or B.A. Degree or Social Services, Native Child and Family Worker or Child and Youth Worker Diploma.
- At least two (2) years relevant work experience in an First Nation organization would be an asset.
- Aware of Health and Safety and Child and Family Services legislation.
- Knowledge of typical and atypical Indigenous child development.
- Knowledge of Indigenous family systems theory and an understanding of family functioning.

OTHER SKILLS:

- Excellent communication and negotiation skills along with the ability to effectively maintain solution focused dialogue.
- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with families, service providers and stakeholders and broader community.
- Ability to support self-advocacy with families.
- Knowledge of unique needs of WRFN children and families.
- Excellent group facilitation, verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, communication styles and value systems.

UPON HIRE:
 Must provide an up-to-date and clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check.

Applications must be submitted by: October 19th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work related references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

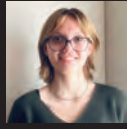
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 Whitefish River First Nation
 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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

It seems like the school year is going by so fast already! With Halloween right around the corner it is hard to believe that only a month ago we were just starting school!

The leaves are changing and the air is getting colder, a sure sign of fall...as is the Fall Harvest in M'Chigeeng. Organized by the Kenjgewin Teg, this celebration not only marks the abundance of the harvest season but also showcases the rich Indigenous culture that has deep roots on Manitoulin Island. On Wednesday, October 4, groups of students went to visit the Fall Harvest to experience this unique, annual event. There were a variety of booths

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson Zegil

showcasing different crafts, art, cuisine, and much more!

On Wednesday, October 4, excitement filled the air as the Providence Bay Lions Club presented a generous donation of \$9,000 to the Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics Team. The funds were raised at a golf tournament on Saturday, September 16. The cheque presentation ceremony took place on Monday, September 30, and it was an unforgettable moment for both the team members and their supporters. This contribution will undoubtedly pro-

pel our robotics team to new heights, enabling them to participate in competitions, purchase essential equipment and continue their pursuit of innovation.

Attention parents and guardians! Mark your calendars for the upcoming Parent-Teacher Night scheduled for October 12. This event is a crucial opportunity for parents to meet with teachers, discuss their child's progress, and gain valuable insights into their educational journey. Building strong partnerships between parents, teachers, and students is key to suc-

cess, and Parent-Teacher Night serves as a bridge to foster these relationships.

On Thursday, October 5, MSS was pleased to host a University Preparation Presentation for senior students choosing university as their post-secondary path. This informative session covered essential topics such as the application process, financial aid options, and scholarship opportunities.

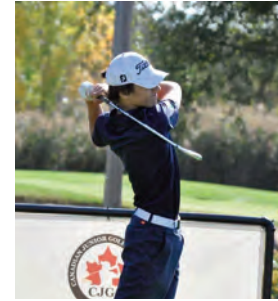
Stay tuned for more updates on the latest happenings at Manitoulin Secondary School in the weeks to come. Until then go, Mustangs, go!



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



NOAH THORPE



Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

Whether it be with a golf club, volleyball, badminton racket or javelin, Noah is always on the move, ready to take advantage of any opportunity to be active! His constant involvement in athletics from a young age has helped Noah to develop a passion for sports that is clear in each of his athletic endeavors. Entering his third year as a Mustang, Noah has built a reputation as a dependable all around player that consistently brings sportsmanship and a competitive edge to his game.

Prior to Noah's time at MSS, he sported the purple of Central Manitoulin Public School, competing as an Eagle for his elementary school years. At a young age he could be spotted signing up for a variety of athletic activities. Noah was often on the court, as a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. He recalls that volleyball was his favorite sport in elementary school because of the opportunity it provided to be on a team with all of his friends. However, Noah was not limited to the court. He could also be found on the field, playing for the soccer and softball teams. Noah often jumped from the trails to the track as he competed on cross country and track and field teams. One of Noah's most memorable moments of his elementary school years took place at the Island Track and Field Championships, where he tied the high jump record!

Noah jumped into the world of high school sports, bringing his success from elementary school with him. As a rookie Mustang, Noah made his debut in the black and gold on the golf team. He represented MSS at NSSSA and punched his ticket to NOSSA. When it was time to retire his clubs for the season, Noah picked up a volleyball, playing in the setter position as his team competed at NSSSA and NOSSA. Following the badminton season, Noah was also able to add NSSSA novice boys singles champ to his resume, earning another NOSSA experience. In his second year as a Mustang, Noah returned to NOSSA golf and volleyball. As a veteran junior player, he helped the junior boys' volleyball team secure another NSSSA banner and take silver at NOSSA. Noah also tested his abilities in track and field, competing in javelin, discus and long jump. This year, Noah has made his annual return to NOSSA golf, capturing an overall second place. His performance earned him a spot to compete on the provincial stage at OFSAA!

Although Noah has been involved in a variety of sports throughout his life, he has grown especially fond of golf. Noah explains that he has grown up playing the sport and worked at a golf course for many years. He appreciates the opportunity it provides to compete and spend time with friends. Noah also recalls the most memorable moment from highschool athletics being on the course. This took place at NOSSA golf where he went head to head with another golfer in a playoff hole, which he won to secure a silver medal and an OFSAA spot.

When Noah takes the black and gold jersey off, he can be found caring for his dog, Jimmy. He finds that Jimmy encourages him to stay active by going on walks together. Another one of Noah's favourite ways to enjoy the outdoors is by spending the fall months hunting, and summers fishing.

In the classroom, Noah particularly enjoys math. He explains that the subject of problem solving and critical thinking often comes naturally to him. He also appreciates that there are definite answers compared to opinion based/subjective answers.

With two years to go as a Mustang, Noah has a goal of becoming a professional golfer post graduation. However, he is also considering a back up plan in starting his own business in a trade.

With Noah's dedication and positive attitude, he is sure to meet all of his goals, on and off the court!

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Rainbow men's match play champ!

Robert 'Pie' Trudeau is the winner of the 2023 Rainbow Ridge Golf Course men's match play championship. Mr. Trudeau defeated Dustin Peltier 2 and 1 in the final.



ANAVETS support cadets

The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans Fred Nesbitt Branch #176 (ANAVETS) made a donation of \$500 to the Manitoulin Navy League at a recent Manitoulin Sea Cadets meeting. In photo, left, are Lt. (N) Sylvain Boucher Commanding Officer of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets, Bob Jewell president of the Manitoulin branch of the Navy League, Roy Eaton public relations officer, Tina Davidson executive officer, James Kiviahoo president, sub-lieutenant Miranda MacKay training officer for the Manitoulin Sea Cadets, Bernard Andrews member of the local ANAVETS and Denis Blake, member of the Manitoulin Navy League and Manitoulin Sea Cadets chair-liaison between the Sea Cadets and the ANAVETS.

Gore Bay United Church food cupboard reveals shocking rise in costs

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—What started out as a reprimand for putting the wrong dollar figure in a story on the Lyons Memorial United Church Food Cupboard program (in a story published in the August 16 edition of the Expositor on the Gore Bay Rotary Club annual Bay to Bay fundraising ride) turned out to be a somewhat shocking tale of how much of an increase the food cupboard has seen in the need and for the amount it requires every month to stock its shelves.

Kathy Mutch, of the Lyons Memori-

al United Church Food Cupboard program (which was one of the beneficiaries of this year's Rotary Bay to Bay Ride) told The Expositor that the food cupboard is faced with a significantly higher cost every month to stock its food shelves than \$300.

"It costs close to \$2,000 to fill the food cupboard every month," Ms. Mutch told The Expositor. "We have been at about \$1,800-1,900 and are getting very close to the \$2,000 figure."

"I know when I first started in the program our bills were close to \$1,000 per month and a big order was \$1,200,"

said Ms. Mutch. With expected further food price increases soon, "I'm not sure how young families and single parents are going to make it."

"We are lucky because we have great donors like the Rotary Club and local area churches that help us out," said Ms. Mutch. She and two volunteers make the food order and pick up the items for the food cupboard, and Reverend Mercedes Hughes is on hand on Thursdays to hand out the food being picked up by needy residents (mostly from Gore Bay and Western Manitoulin).

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Join The Manitoulin Expositor Team!

The Expositor Office has a reporter's position available under the Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) program effective immediately.

The scope of this job will be to report on:

- Manitoulin courts
- Environmental stories
- The opioid crisis

Five to seven stories per week are expected under the Local Journalism Initiative program, which will run in The Expositor and on its website, and will also be published on a national LJI website. This is a continuing position; there has been an LJI reporter covering these same beats for the past two years.

To send a resume and application, or for more information, please email editor@manitoulin.com or call (705) 368-2744.

We can't wait to hear from you!

We thank all those who apply. However, only those considered for this position will be contacted.

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:

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