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STEPPING OUT IN STYLE—Walker Frank Odjig (Fisher), 82, crosses the finish line at the Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race this past weekend as daughter, champion hoop dancer Lisa Odjig, films the occasion. Mr. Odjig quipped that he took first, second and third in his division again this year as the races's oldest competitor. Ms. Odjig tries to come up from her job in Toronto each year. "It's a family tradition," she said. Ms. Odjig also walked the 10k distance with her father. **SEE ON STORY AND PICTURES ON PAGE 2A-3A.**

photo by Michael Erskine

Big overdose numbers face upcoming opioid summit for Sudbury, Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari
 SUDBURY DISTRICT—While opioid deaths and overdose cases in the Sudbury-Manitoulin region have declined a bit in the first five months of 2023, the rates are almost three times higher in the area than the overall Ontario average. A report released last week by the Community Drug Strategy and published on the Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) website found that from January to May of this year, 39 residents of the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts died from an opioid-related overdose.

"This represents a local annualized mortality rate of 45 deaths per 100,000 per year, significantly higher than the rate in Ontario overall, 17 deaths per 100,000 population per year," the report said. During the same time period last

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Regional leaders meet to discuss Domtar closure, vow to 'think outside the box' for economic stability

by Michael Erskine
 ESPANOLA—The Town of Espanola sent out a rallying call to politicians, administrators and economic development stakeholders for the first of what are expected to be regular meetings on the situation at the Domtar Paper Mill, an area employer of 450 which is slated to shut down "indefinitely, but longer than a year."

The meeting was chaired by Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré.

"It was a very good meeting," said Mr. Serré. "It involved governments, federal, provincial and mayors and councils getting together to get some answers and take pro-active steps to deal with a situation that effects far more than just Espanola."

NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin noted that at one point in the meeting



it was shared that only 20 percent of the employees at Domtar actually live in Espanola. "Most live in the communities surrounding

Espanola," he said. "This really is a regional issue that impacts a far wider region."

"This is really an issue that impacts all of Northeastern Ontario," said Mr. Serré, who pointed out it is not just the employees at the paper mill that are being impacted, but all of the ancillary businesses and workers in the wood lots, trucking firms and other suppliers who depend on the mill for their livelihoods. "The forestry industry is a very important economic driver involving \$70 billion and 200,000 workers."

Mr. Serré noted that the issue expands far beyond the town limits of Espanola and Domtar, with many forestry sectors facing issues that include the unprecedented recent wildfire season.

"There are no quick fixes," he cautioned, adding that "this is something no government sub-

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Quick action saves life

Brian Boyd responds for calls for help from nearby marina

by Michael Erskine
 LITTLE CURRENT—It was looking to be a late night of moving for Brian Boyd and his wife Rikki as sometime around 9:30 pm or 10 pm, they were unloading a U-Haul trailer into the condo they had just rented near Low Island in Little Current. Young adults were enjoying the mid-fall weather down at the skate park and the sounds of their laughter filled the night, but something else was on the wind.

"I heard some yelling, but I chalked it up to kids down at the skate park," recalled Mr. Boyd. But something in the tone of the voice he was hearing seemed off. His wife also heard the calls, so Mr. Boyd decided to listen a little closer—they soon realized someone down at Spider Bay Marina was calling for help. "You better go check," said his wife, "I'll clear up here."

As Mr. Boyd got closer to the docks, it became clear someone had fallen into the water and was

unable to get out. "I asked him what pier he was on, and I knew right away where he was," said Mr. Boyd, who explained that he had once worked as a summer student at Spider Bay, so he was very familiar with the layout. As he got closer, Mr. Boyd realized that the man had somehow become trapped under the pier.

"It seems the man was staying on his son's boat and he is very elderly and not very mobile," said Mr. Boyd. "He had walked down the ramp using his walker and it slipped, tipping him into the water. I don't know how he managed to get caught under the dock, but he had apparently been there for quite a while by the time I got to him. He called out 'I can't swim.'" Aside from a risk of drowning, as the pier was floating in about 12 feet of water, there was clearly a danger of hypothermia setting in—adding another layer of urgency to the proceedings.

Ms. Boyd had by now called 911

and a couple of the young adults who had been at the skate park also came over. "I was leaning over the side of the pier, my arms and shoulders in the water," recalled Mr. Boyd. "I told him I

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Hoop dancer Lisa Odjig performs at CFL games

by Michael Erskine
 ONTARIO—The halftime show is a time-honoured tradition at football games, often proving to be almost as much of a draw as the games themselves. This season on the Canadian Football League (CFL) gridiron, Wiikwemkoong's world champion hoop dancer Lisa Odjig led a troupe of Indigenous dancers out onto the field as part of the league's moves toward reconciliation.

Asked by The Expositor as to how the performances—one for the Toronto Argonauts and a second for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats—came about, Ms. Odjig replied that it took a bit of reaching out.

"I had submitted my artist biography to the events management," she said, "and with time and

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Lisa Odjig and friends in the dressing room of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Petition seeks to save Norisle

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOWANING—One of the historic vessel SS Norisle's staunchest supporters is making a last ditch effort to save one of this province's most historic vessels from the scrap heap. Rob Maguire of Manitowaning, an Assiginack councillor, launched the petition on change.org, seeking signatures to affix to a letter

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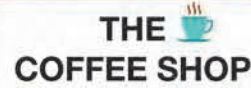
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



MUSICAL THEATRE RETURNS—Peter Baumgarten, Allison MacNeil and John Diebolt star in Burns Wharf Theatre Player's rendition of 'Closer Than Ever,' which debuted at Manitoulin Secondary School last week. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 5.**

Rotary Fall produce auction described as best yet

Rotary Club presents Paul Harris Fellow award to very deserving recipient

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—This year's annual Gore Bay Rotary Club produce auction has been described as possibly having been the best yet, in large part to local businesses and individuals along with those from other areas of the province. Another reason for the event being hugely successful this year was the efforts of Robbie White, who has been the auctioneer at the event for the past several years and requested and collected many of the items up for bid in the auction this year.

"We would like to welcome everyone to our annual Rotary fall produce auction," said Keith McKeen, past president of the Rotary Club at the opening of the produce auction. "At this time, we would also like to recognize Robbie White with the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow recognition award for all his tremendous work and effort in helping the club with the auction."

"Robbie is very well known and liked in the community," said Mr. McKeen.

Mr. White, on being presented with the honour said, "I love Gore Bay and Manitoulin Island. And I

love helping the community and the Rotary Club. It's all about giving."

As for the auction itself, Rotary president Jack Clark said, "we did very well at the auction. We were

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Keith McKeen, right in photo presents a Paul Harris Fellow Award to Robbie White, at the annual Gore Bay Rotary Club fall produce auction.

Manitoulin Lodge employee, resident, feted with 'Making a Difference' awards from Jarlette Health

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Staff employee Leo Orford and Myrtle Marknette, a resident of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay, have both received prestigious awards from Jarlette Health Services.

"On behalf of our team, the broader Jarlette Health Services family, and our friends and partners at SilverFox Pharmacy, it is a sincere pleasure to welcome

everyone to this year's celebration of the Making a Difference awards," said JaimeLynn Kalmikov, administrator of the Lodge.

"A highlight of our year, each October is this special celebration of the Making a Difference Awards," said Ms. Kalmikov. "The inspiration for these awards comes from our founders, Alex and Roberta Jarlette, and our organizations' purpose, which is to make an outstanding difference

in the lives of others. And while we are celebrating our own resident and team member today, these awards are celebrated at this time of the year across the Jarlette Health Services family of long-term care homes and retirement lodges."

"Here and now, however, we are celebrating two deserving individuals from our own home," said Ms. Kalmikov. "A resident will receive the Making a Difference

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Jamie Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home, left in photo, presents the Roberta Jarlette Making a Difference Award to staff member Leo Orford.

Rob Dearing selected by council to fill vacant seat in Gore Bay

GORE BAY—Gore Bay resident and long-time businessman Rob Dearing has been voted in by council as the newest Gore Bay councillor.



Rob Dearing

By a written ballot vote of 4-2 among council members and Mayor Ron Lane at a meeting last week, Mr. Dearing was selected to be appointed as the new councillor. He was one of

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Alison Orford receives prestigious award for contributions to Ontario's education community

by Tom Sasvari

SPRING BAY—Alison Orford, who served as a social worker for the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS), has been recognized for her efforts and contributions to the local education community with a Support Staff Worker Award.

"I am very honoured to have been nominated by one of my colleagues and chosen to receive this award," said Ms. Orford.

"We are happy to recognize these leaders for their dedication to the education community," said Vic Medland, chief executive officer of Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) who presented the OTIP support staff worker awards. OTIP is thrilled to recognize and celebrate two support staff workers for their contributions to our schools and to student success."

"This award recognizes the important role that support staff



Vic Medland, CEO of the Ontario Teachers Insurance Plan (OTIP) left in photo, presents Alison Orford of Spring Bay the 2023 OTIP Support Staff Worker award.

workers play within schools across Ontario, and our recipients are shining examples of what the Support Staff Worker Award embodies," said Mr. Medland.

"Nominated by their colleagues and selected by a panel of OTIP

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Three candidates vie for chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—A total of three candidates have been nominated for chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation with 11 people in the running for one of the four seats on council in the upcoming election.

Incumbent Alana Endanawas is in the race for re-election as chief, while Dean Roy and Nicole Bush have also been nominated.

Eleven people have been nominated for the four council positions. They include incumbent councillors Elma Marie McLeod, Jennifer Sampson, Nicole Bush and Gregory Owen Sampson. Also nominated for council was Christopher Endanawas, Caeley Genereux McLean, Deanna Sampson, Nicolas Leon Bush, Angela McLeod, Albert Cada and Ann Cada.

Candidates who have been nominated had until October 12 to withdraw their names for the election, which will take place on November 18.

Parliament approves federal election boundary changes

Northern Ontario to lose one Member of Parliament in House of Commons

by Tom Sasvari

NORTHERN ONTARIO—Northern Ontario will lose one federal member of parliament (MP) seat in the House of Commons (from 10 to nine) during the next election under the new federal election boundaries.

"The boundary changes were (officially) approved by Parliament on September 22," said Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) last week. "If an election (federal) takes place before April 22 (2024), the riding boundaries will remain under the old riding boundaries. After that date, if an election takes place we will be under the new riding boundaries."

"Nothing is definite, you never know when an election could be called," said MP Hughes. She noted that the present (Liberal) government is in its second year. However, "it is a minority government and in a minority, no one has lasted four years before an election took place."

The new Sudbury East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt riding means that the Nickel Belt area is losing part of the traditional Sudbury riding but adds Massey, Webbwood, Nairn Centre, Espanola and Manitoulin Island as well as Naughton and Whitefish.

The former Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding has been split up into the other renamed ridings.

The new electoral boundary and name for Sault Ste. Marie will also grow. The new boundary of Sault Ste. Marie-Algoma also includes Wawa and Dubreuilville to the North and stretches to the east, covering St. Joseph Island, Thessalon, Blind River, Elliot Lake, Spanish, and stretches to Sudbury, areas that were traditionally part of the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding.

Timmins-James Bay adds Smooth Rock Falls, Kapuskasing, Moonbeam, Hearst and Chappleau and will be rebranded Timmins-James Bay-Mushkegowuk.

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editorial

Another piece of our collective history will soon be lost

No matter which side of the divide one sits as to whether the SS Norisle should have remained berthed on the Manitowaning waterfront, one thing is clear: that vessel represents two key moments in history for our supposedly nautical nation. Not only was she the first passenger vessel built following the Second World War, she was also the last steamship built in this nation—thus representing the very pinnacle of that technology.

Northern Ontario's architectural history has been chipped away, plank by plank, in recent years, thanks largely to a cult of neglect and the fact that nearly all of the North's older buildings are built of wood and not stone. Soon, the elderly Burns Wharf and Roller Mills buildings will also likely be facing the wrecker's ball as they are deteriorating rapidly. Even the stone edifice that is the Mindemoya Old School was only saved by the determined efforts of a handful of stalwart defenders—and the verdict still remains out for that structure until it can be proven sustainable in its new life as an artisan and seniors' centre.

It is easy to blame municipal councils for the loss of such historical icons, but truth be told small rural municipalities wrestle with more day-to-day and pressing matters such as providing safe roads, services and supports for their ratepayers. The weight of preserving our collective heritage should not be placed upon property owners

already heavily burdened shoulders.

For too long our province (and nation) have blithely ignored our past, good, bad and even pretty. While they too have pressing current matters to attend to, they are in far better financial position to secure our past even as they seek to build our future.

The situation regarding the Manitoulin swing bridge and the Mindemoya Old School are two cases in point. In the former, the province has determined the current edifice is reaching its end of life, but its replacement will follow the same style and relative footprint as the old. In the second, a group of Island citizens banded together to successfully make a "business case" for saving that edifice. In neither case did upper levels of government step up to save the day.

Our nation, young as it may be, stands in stark contrast to those of Europe or south of the border, where heritage and their national narratives take a stronger seat at the state, provincial and national budget tables.

As Joni Mitchell's lyrics warn... "Don't it always seem to go...that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." She may have been talking about the environment, but the same goes for heritage. It is long past time that governments at all levels wake up and take the preservation of our national heritage more seriously and stop depending on the vagaries of small local populations to pay the freight.

letters

A response to a letter regarding the Burns Wharf buildings

Looking forward to a new arts and events centre

To the Expositor:

In response to Steve Lindsey's thoughtful letter about the Manitowaning waterfront ("The SS Norisle gone, sights settle on the Burn's Wharf Building's" *The Expositor*, October 11, 2023, Page 4), I would like to mention three things:

First, Mr. Lindsey points out that waterfronts can be reclaimed for community use, and specifically mentions concert venues. One of the buildings he refers to that "occupies" the waterfront is, in fact, a theatre called "Burns Wharf Theatre." It is an intimate concert venue that has delighted performers and audiences alike for decades. It already exists on the waterfront, and I miss being able to use it.

Secondly, Mr. Lindsey suggests that the buildings need to be removed as past industrial buildings, so that the waterfront can be enjoyed by

everyone. (Is the water treatment plant on this prime land less industrial?) People may not know that years ago the Burns Wharf Theatre building was offered to the Burns Wharf Theatre Players for \$1. Frankly, one of the main reasons we declined to purchase the building was our belief that it is a public building for everyone, not just one group.

Finally, as regards a concert venue, I would look forward to seeing the Arts and Events Centre plans that Assiginack Township has commissioned. I think it would be nice to finish plans for making something before anything else gets destroyed.

Sincerely,

**Ray Scott, music director
Burns Wharf Theatre Players**

An open letter to Premier Doug Ford on affordable housing

We need a coherent and comprehensive plan to address the current housing crisis

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

Dear Premier Ford:

Ontario has begun an aggressive program to build 1.5 million new homes over the course of a decade.

The Housing Affordability Task Force has put forward recommendations that the province plans to implement in order to make this happen. Having had the opportunity to consider this plan, I have the following concerns.

First, the program will do nothing to address the current housing crisis we are facing in this province. The 1.5 million new homes are to be built to house the 5 million economic migrants Ontario hopes to attract in the next decade. The current population is just over 15 million. I appreciate the need to bring in those who will contribute to our economy. We are facing shortages of workers in the health and trades sectors, among many others. I am aware that Ontario has taken extraordinary measures to encourage training of current residents, especially in the trades sector. I applaud this. Unfortunately, successive governments have instituted disastrous policies that have eroded the tax base. Yours has been the worst by implementing unnecessary and punitive C19 mandates. However, steps can be taken to correct that error. The province must apologize, re-hire, and guarantee positive work environments to those who lost their jobs for choosing bodily autonomy, especially in the health care sector.

Next, your government is using coercive measures to put forward the recommendations of the Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF). Municipalities will be punished for not subscribing to your policies. Local planning authorities will lose their right to determine how their community will grow. Elected council members will have no legal ability to represent their constituents. Central authority will rest with cabinet ministers, unelected bureaucrats, and developers. As one NEMI council member recently remarked, "municipalities are being forced to add legitimacy to a flawed process." The province wants to run roughshod over municipalities.

We have already seen overreach by you and your government: note the Greenbelt.

The HATF has a goal of providing housing to the new residents of Ontario that will see 30 percent of their income cover their housing

needs. Currently, far too many current Ontario residents are paying 65 percent or more of their income for housing that provides little security, does not place them where they want to live, and often has them living in unhealthy circumstances, if they can find housing at all.

As a candidate in the most recent municipal election I had the opportunity to discuss local concerns with a substantial portion of the community. A major concern was the need for affordable housing. Ours is an aging tourist community. Citizens who would like to live here and fulfill employment positions simply cannot afford to. They are leaving the community. Hundreds of jobs go unfulfilled, not because people are lazy, but because people can't find housing or afford to live here. Many who remain are underhoused, couch surf, or live as adult children at their parents' home. Local media highlights the difficulty in providing housing for desperately needed interim health care workers.

Adding to the crisis is the overrepresentation of short-term rentals (STR) in our community, specifically those owned by corporations or people who don't live on the Island, or in the accommodation that they provide. These STRs are removing long-term accommodations for those who would live and serve on the Island.

Last, there is no comprehensive or coherent plan to address the current housing crisis in Ontario. Recently, the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (MSDSB) celebrated the building of a new affordable seniors' housing complex in Little Current. This was the first new build for the MSDSB in 24 years. Unless drastic action is taken, it will likely be as long again before another build occurs. Except for a generous contribution of land from the late Lilly Fielding's foundation, this build would not have happened. There are at least 1,000 people on a waiting list for affordable housing through the DSB in our district. Something must change.

Currently, hope is also in short supply for far too many citizens of Ontario. Citizens want to be a part of the solution. Give us something to work toward. Solutions have been found in the past. Entire communities and nations have been rebuilt following natural disaster or war.

People respond to hope.

Sincerely,

**Zak Nicholls
Little Current, Manitoulin Island**

Family members take part in Run for the Cure event in memory of Mary Buie

by Tom Sasvari

CALGARY—They are separated by hundreds of miles across Canada, but the family of Mary Buie are connected by her unflinching spirit.

“It was more emotional taking part this year, and more meaningful as well,” stated Jennifer (Buie) Cichon, who along with her husband Dwyne and their children Chase and Brooke, her uncle Mike Coomes and his partner Susie DeKuyper, took part in the annual Canadian Cancer Society CIBC Run for the Cure in Calgary, Alberta on October 1 in memory of Mary, who passed away April 16. Meanwhile her brother Neil with his wife Meghan and their sons Simon and Sebastian took part in the run in North Bay, and her other brother Rob and his wife Kathryn and their daughters Charlotte and Juliette took part in the Lindsay, Ontario run.

“We felt the spirit of mom in all of this,” stated Ms. Cichon. “The whole family took part in their own local runs,” she said, explaining her mother, “took part in the Run for the Cure in Sudbury for years and later in Kagawong, since 2012 when she was first diagnosed with breast cancer.”

“And every year she and I would talk after we took part in the run,” said Ms. Cichon, who pointed out all the family members shared photographs of their participation in this year’s run.

“Mom would be so proud and happy to know that her family took part in the run in her memory,” said Ms. Cichon.

Ms. Cichon explained monies raised through the run make a difference in the lives of those people it supports. “We saw what research does with the clinical



Members of the Buie family took part in three different CIBC Canadian Cancer Society Run for the Cure fundraising events held in their area across Canada October 1. They took part in the run in memory of Mary Buie of Kagawong who passed away earlier this year. In photo are Jennifer (Mary’s daughter) and Dwyne Cichon and their two children, Chase and daughter Brooke along with Mike Coomes (Mary’s brother) and Susie DeKuyper, who all took part in the run held in Calgary, Alberta.

drug trials my mom took part in that worked to give her a year or more of her life.”

The Calgary Run for the Cure event raised over \$785,000 toward breast cancer research, said Ms. Cichon who raised over \$611 dollars herself. “I know around Canada through the run, over \$14.5 million was raised for Canadians impacted by breast cancer. It is so

significant and makes such a difference in the lives of so many people.”

Ms. Cichon noted, “I will continue participating in the Run for the Cure annually until I can’t physically take part. The money raised for breast cancer research is so important and critical.”



Rob Buie and his family wear their ‘Buie Bees’ shirts at the Run for the Cure event held in Lindsay, Ontario. In photo is Rob and his wife Kathryn and their daughters Charlotte and Juliette.



Neil Lawrence along with his wife Meghan and their children Simon and Sebastian took part in the Run for the Cure event in North Bay in memory of Mary Buie who passed away earlier this year.

Burns Wharf Theatre Players return to the stage with eclectic, melodic tour de force

by Michael Erskine

M’CHIGEENG—It’s been a long drought, but the Burns Wharf Theatre players reigned on the Manitoulin Secondary School stage this past weekend with their production of Maltby and Shire’s ‘Closer Than Ever,’ an eclectic musical that would stretch the talents of even the most accomplished of thespians.

Burns Wharf Theatre made its name by mounting complex musicals such as those of Gilbert and Sullivan, and this offering of the David Shire/Richard Maltby collaboration is no less complex. Unlike most musicals, this play does not have a single narrative running through it, explained producer Lynn Dee Sproule during her opening night introduction. Rather there are 24 individual story



There were plenty of enthusiastic performances, including this hilarious take on the exercise fad.

photos by Peter Baumgarten



A couple of numbers could be said to fall into the risqué category.



Music director Ray Scott kept the rhythms going.



Carole Labelle, Margit Alberti and Lynn Dee Sproule are wondering why?

lines, each contained within the lyrics of the songs of the two-act play—12 in each act—all held together on a major set of themes (doors figure prominently, as do love and relationships).

This production brings the Burns Wharf crew into modern themes and challenges, all without the use of spoken lines—it’s all musical all the time.

Although there were a few technical issues on opening night, the cast delivered an enthusiastic performance before an appreciative audience. The

choreography was well suited to the material and the veteran members of the cast were well-complimented by several newcomers to the Burns Wharf stage.



Isaac Gosse took a turn on the standup bass to great effect.

Music director Ray Scott took a turn or two as a cast member, stepping away from the keyboard to hilarious effect, while providing the backing melodies for the cast.

There were 15 players onstage in this production, including in addition to Mr. Scott, Margit Alberti, Alex Baran, Peter Baumgarten, Ann Cummings, John Diebolt, Audrey Jones, Isaac Gosse, Carole Labelle, Rebecca Laurenti (unfortunately off sick during the opening night performance, her parts filled by other cast members), Allison MacNeil, Jacob Pitawanakwat,

Jane Prosser, Kayla Simbirski, Carmen Sloss and Lynn Dee Sproule.

Stage direction was provided by Kayla Simbirski, music coach was Marilyn Wohlberg, set, light and sound provided by Isaac Gosse.

There are still performances to come, all taking place at Manitoulin Secondary School in M’Chigeeng. Evening performances start at 7 pm on October 26, 27 and 28; while a remaining matinee performance takes place at 2 pm on October 29. Tickets are \$25 and can be accessed online at burnswarf.net.



Law & Order

OPP ride program yields large quantity of drugs

Two people have been arrested and charged with drug offences after being stopped at a reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) program in Espanola.

On October 5, shortly after 12 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting a RIDE program on Centre Street in Espanola.

A vehicle was stopped as it was determined the driver was wanted. A search of the vehicle led to the seizure of over 870 grams of suspected Fentanyl and over 95 grams of suspected cocaine. The estimated street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$364,000.

As a result of the investigation, Luc Mayville, a 51-year-old from Elliot Lake has been charged with possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking cocaine, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking opioid (other than heroin), possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose and failure to comply with release order, other than to attend court.

Monique Frank, 55 years old of Sudbury has been charged with possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking cocaine, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking opioid (other than heroine) possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

Robert Walsh, detachment commander of the Manitoulin OPP told the Expositor: "This was a great stop by the officers, through the RIDE program. I was extremely happy to see this made." He explained, "taking 1.2 pounds of suspected fentanyl off the road, when all it takes is a very small amount to kill a person, is substantial. And that amount of narcotics being taken off the road curtails some issues down the road and possible overdoses."

The accused were remanded into custody and were scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on October 12.



An October 5 RIDE check resulted in big results.

MPP Mantha not surprised with RCMP investigation into Greenbelt land swap

by Tom Sasvari

ALGOMA-MANITOULIN—Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha is not surprised the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is going to be carrying out an investigation into the Ontario government's Greenbelt land swap.

"Yes, the RCMP is carrying out an investigation. This is not surprising based on the decisions the government has made on this and other issues," stated MPP Mantha. "This has been a pattern on the decision making by the province."

"There are several questions that need to be answered with ongoing questions from the public and the need for the government to provide the information that people have been seeking," said MPP Mantha. "And it will allow information to come forward that people are asking for and allow the decisions being made by this government to be scrutinized and how they got where they are with the lands that had originally been taken from the Greenbelt."

The RCMP said on Tuesday of last week that its "sensitive and international investigations" unit is leading the investigation.

As has been previously reported, the province had removed 7,400 acres of land from the Greenbelt last year as part of its initiative to build 1.5 million homes by 2031, while adding land elsewhere. The land swap triggered a public outcry and investigations from two legislative

watchdogs.

In January the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) announced it was working to determine whether it should investigate and in August they referred the issue to the RCMP out of concerns about a perceived conflict of interest.

On October 11 the RCMP announced an investigation into the Greenbelt land swap has been initiated. "Following a referral from the (OPP), the RCMP O Division's Sensitive and International Investigations unit has now launched an investigation into allegations associated to the decision from the province of Ontario to open parts of the Greenbelt for development," Corporal Christy Veenstra wrote in a statement. No further details will be released to protect the integrity of the investigation.

Canadian Press reported that Ontario Premier Doug Ford's office says the government will work with the RCMP. "We have zero tolerance for any wrongdoing and expect anyone involved in the decision-making about the Greenbelt lands to have followed the letter of the law," it wrote in the statement. "Out of respect for the police and their process, we will not be commenting further at this time."

Premier Ford has said previously he is confident nothing criminal took place.

Two legislative watchdogs examining the provincial land swap found the process to select the lands removed from the Greenbelt was flawed and favoured certain developers.

Ontario Integrity Commissioner found Steve Clark, the province's housing minister at the time, violated ethics rules. Mr. Clark resigned shortly thereafter as did another cabinet minister, Kaleed Rashed, soon afterwards.

Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk, in another report, found the developers stood to see their land value increase by \$8.3 billion with the land swap.

The Premier subsequently apologized for the decision and actions taken by the government and announced last month that all 15 parcels of land removed would all now be returned to the Greenbelt.

Opposition parties have all voiced their support of the RCMP investigation.

Air date of M'Chigeeng episode of 'Still Standing' still unknown

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—While an episode of the TV reality/comedy show Still Standing featuring the M'Chigeeng First Nation will be airing this season, no date for its release has been released as of yet.

At the recent taping of the show featuring Jonny Harris, those in attendance had been informed that the M'Chigeeng episode would definitely air this season, perhaps even early in the season.

Dave Kerr, of Still Standing told The Expositor last week, "No that date hasn't been set yet." He indicated he should know in about a month's time.

OPP detachment commander receives his inspector badge

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment commander Robert Walsh officially received his inspector badge earlier this month.

"My actual commissioning took place previously; I was hired as (detachment commander) on July 24, and this week I received my official badge at a meeting in North Bay," Detachment Commander Walsh explained last week.

As was previously reported, Detachment Commander Walsh joined the OPP in 2007 as a provincial constable and was posted to the Huron County Detachment, West Region.



Constable/superintendent M. Pilon presents Inspector Robert Walsh, Manitoulin OPP detachment commander, with an inspector's badge.

In 2017 he was promoted to the rank of sergeant at the Superior East detachment, Northeast Region and in 2019, he commenced his role as the operations manager for the East Algoma detachment.

Friends and Neighbours

Meldrum Bay

Elaine Bradley

Hi everyone. We've had a mix of rain, cold, sun and warmth. We certainly need the precipitation. It was nice to finally get some rain. We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving weekend. We had turkey at my brother's place here in Meldrum, ate too much, talked lots and had a great time.

Bow season has started. I was talking to a friend who reported that someone shot a buck in his first 15 minutes of hunting.

It is really exciting to see the ramps installed at the new docks at the waterfront. The project on the north side of the marina is pretty well complete and it looks really nice. The grass took well and the new lawn is green and lush just waiting for picnics next year. To complete the project we will now be doing some repair work on the boardwalk on the south side.

Friday, October 6 we had four tables at cards with 16 people attending. Karen Noble was high lady with 82 points and she also won the money jar. Congratulations, Karen. High man was Tom Rumley with 71 points; ladies' lone hands were won by Myra Duncanson with 4; Lisa Townsend won men's lone hands with five; most euchres were won by Anne Griffin with 10; Doug Carter won the juice.

Barrie Island

Lillian Greenman

Bill and Marg Goodward from Espanola visited Murray Montgomery last weekend.

Fiona and Ben Perry and Griffin from Ottawa visited with family here last weekend.

Scott and Enid Runnalls had their daughter Katie from Toronto visiting last week.

Natalie and Roger Hayden from Lively were here on the weekend and visited with their parents.

Congratulations to Oliver and Barb Runnalls as they celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on October 11.

Silver Water

Karen Noble

On Thursday, October 5 there was a UCW meeting at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water. We had lots of attendees and discussed many upcoming events.

Thursday evening, I ran euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall. Sara-Lyn Arnot was away for the week and had asked me to fill in for her. We had 25 people out to play.

Friday morning I cooked a turkey. Brenda Carter and I went to Little Current in the afternoon. We did a number of errands and still got home in time to have supper before going to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

Saturday morning, Albert and I went to Gore Bay to participate in the Rotary's fall auction. We had never seen so

many donations for sale. Thank you to all the people who gave gift certificates, baked goods, artwork and the produce. Our squash crop was very small this year, so it was nice to be able to buy some. The Rotarians did a very good job.

Saturday night we had turkey dinner. I heard various groups got together to enjoy their Thanksgiving meals. Arthur Addison's home included celebrating Tom and Linda Rumley's 45th wedding anniversary.

Iris and Keith Clarke were here for the weekend. They had Jeff and Sara Moore and daughters Ellen and Abigail with them. Hayden Clarke was also here.

Kate Duncanson was here with husband Chip Tomisch to visit her mother, Myra Duncanson. Kate and Chip enjoyed fresh venison for supper at Marc Charonneau's on Sunday night.

John Jagt spent the weekend with his family in Southern Ontario.

Stop 540 served turkey dinner or ham dinner on Sunday night. They were very busy.

Sunday night, I went to play six-handed euchre with Iris and Keith Clarke, Tom and Linda Rumley and Myra Duncanson.

Monday, the recycle bins were open. We had a visit with many residents who came out.

Our car went to Jewell's Collision this week to get the repairs done caused when the deer hit the car almost a year ago.

I have soap for sale to donate to the hygiene kits being packaged in Meldrum Bay. Thank you to everyone who has donated over 600 bars this past week. Thank you to all the people who helped with the organization and packing of the kits and creating the quilts that are sent to Toronto to go to people in need all over the world.

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

...Alison Orford receives prestigious award

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judges, OTIP is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 OTIP Support Staff Worker Awards: Alison Orford, formerly of MSS, in the Educational Support category and Lenny Palumbo, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Markham, Ontario in the office professionals, custodial and maintenance category."

At the award ceremonies Mr. Medland announced, "this year, we had a record-breaking number of nominations for our Support Staff Worker Award, more than 600 nominations across both categories. This is a true testament to the vital role that support workers play in our school communities, and to student success."

Christine McInnes, a colleague of Ms. Orford's who nominated her for the award said in a video, "it is a pleasure to have nominated Alison Orford for this award. She has an abundance of compassion and skill, is a compassionate listener and understands the importance of student and families social, mental, physical and sociological needs."

"In particular, she demonstrated

her skills in putting on a full school mental health first aid training program," said Ms. McInnes. "School staff underwent a two-day training session, and now over 250 school staff members (within RDSB) have learned how they can help students and others deal with difficult times."

"Students want to feel a part of the greater community," said Ms. Orford. "I am honoured to have won this award that acknowledges not only the work I have done but the work that all social workers do across the province. They help to make sure students become a fabric of a safe community and are able to access social, mental, physical and sociological needs."

"It shows that as social workers we are having an impact on the school communities, and schools throughout the province," said Ms. Orford. "By working with students, we help them gain confidence, resilience and benefit their well-being."

Ms. Orford said receiving this award, "was also bittersweet in that it acknowledges the work I did for the board. I never returned to school this fall and was nominated for the award in July. One of the things I was recog-

nized and nominated for the award was for the special mental health first aid two-day training program to help support those people facing mental health concerns or a crisis. It was in 2016 that I initially presented this program to the school board as a training program and since then we have trained over 250 people throughout the school board community including everyone, teachers, librarians, custodians, basically anyone who interacts with students."

The award ceremonies were held in Toronto at the end of September.

Ms. Orford, along with two of her colleagues, are now operating ACTIVE Minds Therapy and Consulting on Manitoulin. The collective was developed by Ms. Orford, Christine McInnes and Tricia Goeldner. The name of the company emphasizes the active collaboration between the therapist and the client. It identifies therapy as an active process that requires the engagement of both parties to achieve optimal results. The name also conveys a sense of energy, positivity and movement towards personal growth and transformation.

...Rotary Fall produce auction described as best yet

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very pleased with the results, and we were able to auction off everything. I think this was the best auction we have had. And 99 percent of this is attributable to Robbie's efforts."

Mr. McKeen, past Rotary president said, "this year's auction has to be a record. I can't believe how many items there were to bid on. There was quite a large assortment of items up for auction. And Robbie (White) deserves all the credit, kudos to him. He has a great sense of humour, and gets the crowd involved."

"The monies raised through the auction will boost our budget for help and work we do in the area," said Mr. McKeen.

Among the many items up for bid at the auction included a 14 pound turkey from Burt Farms, paintings from artists such as Ivan Wheale and Norval Morrisseau, eight one-way cruise tickets on the Chi-



Auctioneer Robbie White and members of the Gore Bay Rotary Club display some of the items up for bid at the club's annual fall produce auction.

Cheemaun, a North Channel Cruise Line cruise for two people to Killarney including a fish and chips dinner, golf packages involving all three golf courses on the Island, a one-night stay at the Queen's Inn, baking, produce, clothing and much more.

"We sincerely appreciate

all the people and businesses on Manitoulin Island and from all over Ontario who donated items for the auction," said Mr. White.

Mr. Clark told the packed Gore Bay community hall, "we want to thank all the local citizens and businesses that donated items toward our auction. Last

night (Friday, October 6) when we were setting things up (for the auction) we weren't sure we would have enough produce on hand. However, by this morning this wasn't a problem due to the many donations that came in."

...Rob Dearing selected by council to fill vacant seat in Gore Bay

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two residents who had put their name forward to fill the vacant seat on council, along with Maureen Arm-

strong.

Mr. Dearing said he is looking forward to serving on council. He has been a member of the town public works committee for the

past year. "I feel I can make a positive contribution to council," he told The Expositor. "I decided to run because there is a vacant seat on council and someone needed to fill this position."

Being a member of the public works committee, "opened my eyes to how much money it takes to run a town. And serving on a committee, you get to see some of the good side and more difficult points of what is taking place in town."

Town clerk Stasia Carr informed council at the start of the meeting that the two local residents had put their names forward for the vacant council seat position. The seat on council had been vacant since the recent resignation of former councillor Paulie Nodecker.

At the conclusion of the vote, and the results being announced, Councillor Kelly Chaytor said, "can we send a letter to the second person who had shown interest and put their name forward? I

don't want them to just be pushed aside."

Mayor Ron Lane pointed out, "we are always looking for volunteers for our committees. Our recreation committee has a vacancy. Maybe Maureen would be interested in being a member of this committee. I know people are not pounding on doors to be on committees."

The appointment declaration bylaw for Mr. Dearing as the new councillor will be brought forward at the next regular council meeting.

Perivale Gallery to host pop up event this weekend

Featuring special guests the MSS robotics team

PERIVALE—Perivale Gallery will be hosting a Fall for Perivale pop up event at the gallery this Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21 from 10 am to 5 pm.

"This stunning property at 1320 Perivale Rd. East, Spring Bay, is so beautiful in the fall that we decided to share the experience with our visitors," said Perivale Gallery curator Shannon McMullan. "Many of our artists have sent new works and there will be a great assortment of paintings, pottery, jewellery, woodwork, blown glass, puppets, sculptures and cards. There will be gift ideas for every budget and taste."

Visitors will also have the chance to enter to win a beautiful Ivan Wheale print door prize draw.

The Manitoulin Secondary School world championship robotics team will also be at Perivale Gallery during this special pop up event, fundraising for their award-winning team. There will be baking, hot cider and information about what the robotic team is up to.

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...Big overdose numbers face upcoming opioid summit for Sudbury, Manitoulin

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year, 53 residents of the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts died from an opioid-related overdose, a local annualized mortality rate of 61.6 deaths per 100,000 population per year.

In total for 2022, 112 residents of the Sudbury-Manitoulin districts died from an opioid-related overdose. This

represents a local annualized mortality rate of 54.1 deaths per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the comparable rate in Ontario overall, 16.8 deaths per 100,000 population per year, the report shows. In 2021, 98 residents in the Sudbury-Manitoulin districts died from an opioid-related overdose, with represents a local annual mortality rate of 47.7 deaths per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the comparable rate in Ontario overall, 19.2 deaths per 100,000 population per year.

It is with this in mind that PHSD is hosting an opioid crisis summit in December. "Yes, a City of Greater Sudbury Drug Toxicity Crisis Leadership Summit will take place in December," said Nicole Gauthier, health promoter health promotion division of the PHSD. "We will be inviting leadership from all health sectors in the Sudbury district including Manitoulin Island."

"We know the rates of drug toxicity are very concerning and are intensifying," said Ms. Gauthier. "The unregulated drug supply is becoming increasingly toxic, someone using may think they are taking one type of drug when it could be a combination of several different drugs."

"This is not an issue that is unique to Sudbury," said Ms. Gauthier. "No community is untouched by drug concerns. But Sudbury and district have one of highest rates in Ontario for overdose deaths, three times over the provincial average. People are dying unnecessarily, and it not only affects the person taking the drugs but their family, friends, and colleagues."

PHSD feels, "that we need to take a call of action to save lives," said Ms. Gauthier. She explained, "the purpose and goal of the summit is to bring people together for local action to be taken and to ensure accountability. By bringing all stakeholders together we want to explore strategies and come up with a comprehensive approach to tackle the issue. And we want to put together a concrete tangible series of next steps to dealing with this very important issue. We need to act now, people are dying."

The report notes that from January to September there were 260 visits to emergency departments in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts for confirmed opioid overdoses. This represents a local annualized rate of 166.3 visits per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the rate in Ontario overall, 79.2 visits per 100,000 population per year.

For the same period in 2022 there were 345 visits to emergency departments in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts for confirmed opioid overdoses, which represents a local annualized rate of 222.5 visits per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the rate in Ontario overall, 83.3 visits per 100,000 population per year.

In 2022 there were 472 visits to emergency departments in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts for confirmed opioid overdoses, representing a local annualized rate of 228.0 visits per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the comparable rate in Ontario overall, 81.1 visits per 100,000 population per year.

In 2021 there were 636 visits to emergency departments in the Sudbury-Manitoulin districts for confirmed opioid overdoses. This represents a local annual rate of 309.3 visits per 100,000 population per year, significantly higher than the comparable rate in Ontario overall, 115.6 visits per 100,000 population per year.

The original idea for the summit came about due to the significant number of overdose deaths in Sudbury and other Northern Ontario cities in the past two years, according to a motion that had been tabled by PHSD in June. The concept of a summit was endorsed by the City of Greater Sudbury city council.

PHSD said the plan is to hold what it calls the Drug Toxicity Crisis Leadership Summit. The event is inviting political leaders to get involved with public health leaders and members of the many social agencies that have a stake in trying to help people struggling with opioid addiction.

While the opioid summit is being planned, the province has frozen funding for Sudbury's safe supervised consumption site, which has about 300 clients. CTV News reported last week that the area NDP MPP's made an appeal to Ontario Premier Doug Ford to provide funding.

In Sudbury, municipal funding for Reseau Access Network received to operate the site runs out at the end of the year, putting the future of the site into question, CTV reported. A funding application to the Ministry of Health two years ago has been ignored at the provincial level, the NDP said.

Greater Sudbury agreed to fund the site until the provincial could step up, but that funding runs out at the end of this current year, reported CTV.

Nickel Belt MPP France Gelinis said at the press conference that the money for the site has been set aside. She was quoted by CTV as saying, "You know what not spending that money means? It means that people in my community will die. They will die because of the decisions you (Ontario) made to not fund this essential service in my community."

On Tuesday of last week, the province referenced a shooting outside a Toronto facility that killed a mother. As a result, the province is reviewing all sites in the province.

"These reviews will inform the next steps taken by the Ministry of Health," the ministry told CTV. "Applications for new consumption and treatment sites currently with the ministry are on pause."



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...Lodge employee, resident feted with 'Making a Difference' awards from Jarlette

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Award itself and a team member will receive the Roberta Jarlette Award, which honours the purpose and spirit of Roberta Jarlette.

Video greetings were presented by Harrison Jarlette, director of accounting and administration, and from Girish Bansal, chief executive officer of SilverFox Pharmacy.

"Residents, staff and visitors it gives me great pleasure to present this Roberta Jarlette Award to a very deserving team member," stated Gloria Hall, life enrichment coordinator of the Lodge. "This person started his journey with us on December 7, 1997. This is none other than Leo Orford. Before starting here, he took great care of his mother making sure all her needs were met. Great training for what he was about to embark on."

"Leo is a very hard worker as a personal support worker here," said Ms. Hall. "When I asked the staff and residents to tell me a little about him, the first comments were a great dude, a compassionate and very caring guy. He understands the residents' rights and is always advocating for them. He knows the rules and tries to abide by them. He makes himself available to residents, family and staff. He will spend the time needed with a resident and their family in any situation to ensure proper care and



Jamie Lynn Kalmikov, left, presents Lodge resident Myrtle Marknette with a Making a Difference Award.

their needs are met."

"He has a good rapport with residents and families," said Ms. Hall. "He even responds to whatever name a resident may call him, like Jeff or Dr. Leo," she quipped. "He is a great leader, willing to train new staff."

"Leo also takes great care with the new staff, training them, asking them if they need anything, answering all their questions and making sure they know how everything works at Manitoulin Lodge," continued Ms. Hall. "As a newcomer to Manitoulin, Leo guided and provided teaching to me in every step of training. A true character of a leader."

"Leo is extremely com-

passionate, always willing to go the extra mile even when we have a resident who is palliative, staying past his shift to provide extra care," said Ms. Hall. "Leo takes working here very seriously. He is a great team player. He is involved in many committees. He is our Tena King, making sure everyone who requires one has a comfortable product to wear. He has been involved in our joint health and safety committee. He continues to be in charge of mask fit testing, which he has done for many years. He is always checking in on all his coworkers. If anyone is sick, he makes sure they are okay and to see if there is anything they need."

"Besides working as a personal support worker, he also finds the time to be the president of CUPE, a position he values and does a great job with," continued Ms. Hall.

"It gives me great pleasure in presenting this very deserving award to Leo Orford who you can see goes above and beyond, is loved and respected by many. Congratulations," stated Ms. Hall.

Ms. Hall went on to explain, "every year we are asked to choose a resident for the 'Making a Differ-

ence Award.' This is a very hard decision as most residents make a difference in their own way."

"This year our resident was born on October 7, 1936, on a family farm in West Bend, Saskatchewan. She is the 11th in a family of 13. She is none other than Myrtle Marknette," said Ms. Hall.

Ms. Marknette went to school in Horse Lake, Saskatchewan. She had many jobs over the years, eventually leaving for Ontario in 1956, where she worked at Agriculture Canada in health of animals in Toronto.

"She met her husband in Toronto and they were married in 1960. Myrtle and Aubrey had no children but shared Robyn with Edna, her sister, and Merv. Plus, she loved all her nieces and nephews," continued Ms. Hall. "They bought their home in Mississauga in 1973." Myrtle retired at the age of 55.

"Myrtle has had many hobbies over the years. She was a member of the 50s club, the bowling league, ladies card club and trips to the casino. She would make lots of trips to Manitoulin to attend family functions. Myrtle would take over

making sure everything went well and smoothly," said Ms. Hall.

"After her beloved husband passed away in 2022, Myrtle moved to Manitoulin to live with her sister Edna. She lived with Edna until she joined us in August 2022."

"Myrtle soon became good friends with several residents. She helps to make sure all the laundry is neatly folded. She makes several trips to check that everything is looking great," explained Ms. Hall. "Myrtle is involved in many activities, making sure other residents are aware of what is happening and where. She is very involved in resident and food council meetings often having ideas and suggestions to share."

"You can often find her

sitting at the end of the hall with other residents, shooting the breeze or watching for deer," said Ms. Hall. "Myrtle also loves to share her recipes with us, making perogies and cabbage rolls for all to enjoy at supper."

"She also helps with supper club and baking, often doing up the dishes and cleaning up," continued Ms. Hall. "Myrtle is always asking how everyone is and if there is anything she can do."

Ms. Hall also shared that Ms. Marknette, "loves to share her colouring with us. She even won first place at the fair this year."

"It gives me great pleasure to present this well-deserved award to Myrtle Marknette," added Ms. Hall.

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Happy Birthday, Linda!

A do for the indomitable Linda Bowerman, super volunteer, was held at (where else) the Royal Canadian Legion in Little Current last Saturday. Above, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin stopped by to offer his birthday wishes to Ms. Bowerman on the occasion of her 80th.

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...leaders meet to discuss Domtar closure, vow to 'think outside the box'

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sity will fix." Mr. Serré pointed to the potential in the new economy that might provide hope, including bio-mass, electricity generation and mass fibre construction. He cited what he called the PAPER strategy: people, assembly, proactive, Espanola, resiliency. "We need to work together to find ways forward," he said. "The federal government is at the table and so is the province."

"It is obvious that the Town of Espanola has been extremely active in trying to mitigate the impact of the mill closure announced by Domtar," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "They have been focused on the workers and their families, the economic repercussions that may affect the community and outlying areas, as well as ripple effects to businesses. The intergovernmental stakeholder meeting hosted by the town was another step forward in sharing information on efforts being made and also strategizing on additional action and other possibilities that may be available or required."

"It was a high-spirited meeting," shared MPP Mantha. "There were a lot

of action items that need to be followed up." He pointed to the future of the hydro-electric power dam, "there needs to be clarity of control," said MPP Mantha. "Will the fibre basket remain with Espanola? That is a question for the MNR. There are currently thousands of loads of fibre sitting on roads across the North—many woodland contractors have not been paid and some have been waiting for over two years now. Will they be getting paid?"

During the meeting it was learned that some 85 employees at the Domtar paper mill in Espanola are eligible for enhanced retirement benefits and many of the skilled tradespeople have already secured employment thanks, due in part, to a number of job fairs set up by Espanola. Some 14 workers will remain at the plant after its November closure to maintain the infrastructure.

Taking part in the meeting were: Douglas Gervais, mayor of the Town of Espanola; Kevin Burke, mayor of the Township of Sables Spanish Rivers; Vern Gorham, mayor of the Township of Baldwin; Trevor McVey, deputy mayor of the Township of Nairn and Hyman; Al Mac-

Nevin, mayor of the Township of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands; Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha; Nickel Belt MP Marc G. Serré (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Official Languages and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources); Rebecca MacNeil, senior assistant, Office of MP Marc G. Serré; Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes; Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry Graydon Smith and his staff; Assistant Deputy Minister Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry Sean McGuire; Ontario Assistant Director Ministry of Environment David Manol; Director, Regional Economic Development Branch, Northern Development, Melanie Muncaster; Executive Director for FedNor Lucie Perreault; Kent Williamson, a policy and stakeholder advisor with the Office of the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Eric Johnson, vice-president federal government relations with the Forest Products Association of Canada; CAO/Clerk/Treasurer of Nairn and Hyman Belinda Ketchabaw;

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Also invited to the meeting were regional First Nations leaders Sagamok Anishnawbek Chief Angus Toulouse; Whitefish River First Nation Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow; and Mayor

of City of Greater Sudbury Paul Lefebvre, all of whom sent their regrets.

All participants in the meeting congratulated the Town of Espanola and staff for getting the meeting together.

"They did the impossible in a very short period of time," said MPP Mantha, who pointed out he has been involved in dealing with labour crises such as ones facing Espanola and its workers far too many times. That included his work prior to being elected to the legislature. "They did an outstanding job."

The Domtar situation will continue to evolve in the next few months, and a number of the participants in the meeting held out hope that the mill can either pivot to a new productive life or that a buyer will be found to take over the existing facilities and get them back to work.

"This meeting was just the beginning," said Mayor MacNevin. "There are a lot of questions that need to be answered and things to be looked into over the coming months."

Township of Chapleau calls on MPP Mike Mantha to be removed from Queen's Park

Town of Gore Bay concerned by a lack of evidence

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay town council has decided to not take action on a resolution passed by the Township of Chapleau that calls for the province of Ontario to remove Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha from his seat as MPP due to what it claims through research was inappropriate sexual misconduct that led MPP Mantha to be removed from the NDP caucus earlier this year.

"I'm not comfortable supporting this resolution, and I feel he would need to be found guilty of all these charges before we would even consider supporting



The Township of Chapleau is calling on MPP Michael Mantha to be ousted from his role of representative of Algoma-Manitoulin.

this," stated Gore Bay councillor Dan Osborne at a meeting last week.

At the meeting, council considered a resolution from the township of Chapleau sent to the province of Ontario regarding the MPP's seat in Algoma-Manitoulin. "That the council of the Township of Chapleau does hereby recognize that tolerance for inappropriate sexual misconduct is not accepted in today's world. And that NDP Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha has been removed from the NDP Caucus due to an allegation of misconduct. And

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Gore Bay fish and game club partners with two Island schools on micro-hatchery project

GORE BAY—With the salmon eggs collected by members of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club (GBFGC), two Island schools will now be able to embark on their annual micro-hatchery programs.

On October 2 members of GBFGC collected some chinook salmon eggs from the Kagawong River, with a permit having been issued by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) from the Sudbury district, Ian Anderson, a GBFGC member said. This is done each fall for the ongoing yearly micro-hatchery programs at Charles C. McLean and Central Manitoulin public schools.

Two hundred fertilized chinook salmon eggs were given (in egg boxes) to each school and the process of hatching these eggs and rearing the emerging fry to fingerling size next spring in a Manitoulin stream has begun, said Mr. Anderson.

All students in the schools will have the opportunity to watch this process as it evolves.

“This hands-on experience will stay with these students for a lifetime and teach them the importance of our natural resources,” said Mr. Anderson.

Club members Chris Robinson, Ches Witty, Randy German, Bryan Barker and Ian Anderson participated in this year’s egg collection.



Ches Witty, a member of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club displays one of the large chinook salmon club members collected eggs from to provide students at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay and Central Manitoulin Public School in Mindemoya for their micro-hatchery programs.



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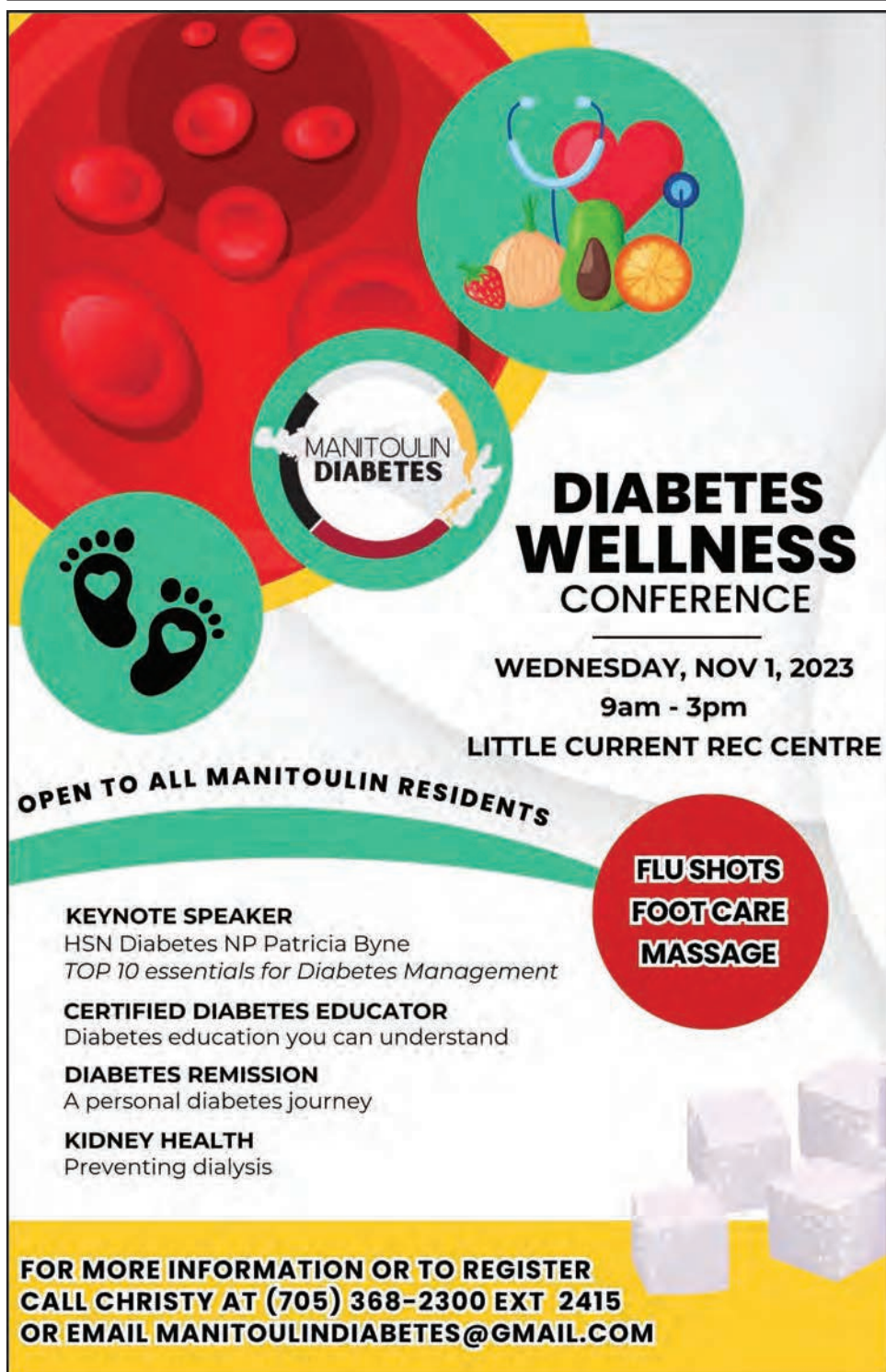
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was sorry, but I was going to have to put him under the water again. He was stuck between the two pontoons that float the pier." Mr. Boyd said that he believed one of the young adults may have also called 911.

With the help of the two young men from the skate park they were able to pull the man up over the dock to safety. "He told me he had been under the dock for quite some time, and by now he didn't think anyone was going to come for him," said Mr. Boyd.

As special constables with the OPP, Mr. and Ms. Boyd have received a significant amount of training in first aid, CPR and a host of other things. "Basically, we get the same training as a regular constable, just

over a longer period of time," explained Mr. Boyd.

Although the elderly man did not appear to be too much worse for wear, the couple decided an ambulance was to be on the safe side. Mr. Boyd fished the man's walker out of the water for him and the ambulance took the man away.

Mr. Boyd is the son of retired OPP Constable Al Boyd. Both Mr. Boyd and his wife worked in the emergency dispatch centre for about 15 years before taking on the special constable roles. They had just finally found a place of their own to rent when all of the excitement unfolded.

The couple has been nominated for an OPP live-saving award for their quick thinking and response.



Cleanup crew

Members of the Little Current Lions Club, and fellow community volunteers, took to the sides of Highway 6 near Little Current recently to clean up the roadside and ditches, as they do each year. This year the small but mighty crew consisted of, top row, from left, Linda Bowerman, Lion Russ Ferguson, Lion Joceline Hillman, bottom row, Lion Beth Draper, Chloe Bowerman and Lion Dave Draper. Missing from photo is Lion Lisa Moore.

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Parent conference at Wiikwemkoong provided insight and parenting strategies

by Michael Erskine
 WIIKWEMKOONG—The Children's Services Department of Naandwechige-Gamig Wiikwemkoong Health Centre hosted an Infant and Early Years Mental Health Parent Conference at the Wiikwemkoong High School October 14 and 15 that, judging by the crowds attending, was very well received.

The conference began with Grandmothers/Elders Dorothy Fox and Muriel Wakegijig-Assinewai starting things off in a good way, before turning things over to master of ceremonies Shanna Peltier and keynote speaker Brittany Biedermann. Ms. Biedermann, who is originally from M'Chigeeng, has spent the last 11 years working in the remote Northern Cree community of Moose Factory. With a master's degree in counselling psychology, Ms. Biedermann also draws on the experience of her own family consisting of her husband and two children, 10 and 5. She is currently a prevention coordinator with Child and Youth Milopemahtesewin Services. Her presentation 'Breaking Cycles Through Parenting' looked at how residential schools impacted Anishinaabe family structures while acknowledging "the intergenerational resilience we all carry." In her presentation,



Brittany Biedermann was the keynote speaker at the Early Years Mental Health Parent Conference at the Wiikwemkoong High School October 14 and 15.

Ms. Biedermann encouraged her listeners to find the courage to break unhealthy cycles.

The second day's keynote speaker was Ms. Peltier, who is currently a PhD candidate in Clinical Child Psychology at the University of Toronto. A psychological consultant at Kinark Child and Family Services, Ms. Peltier provides psychological intervention and assessment services. Her presentation 'Strengthening Parent-Child Relationships Through Emotion Coaching and Self Compassion' noted that loving reliable and responsive parent-child relationships form the foundation of positive child development and further, can support overall parent child well-being.

The two-day conference covered a wealth of sub-



Participants sport shirts with the words 'I am enough' and 'stand strong' at the parenting conference.

jects including: building support systems; Neurodivergent individuals, strengths, needs and supports; family planning through birth control; traditional parenting and the roles we carry; feather carriers program and traditional life promoting approaches and infant mental health (complete with painting activity).

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Debaj 6-Foot Festival enjoys another resounding success

by Michael Erskine
MANITOWANING—This year's edition of the Debajmujig Storytellers 6-Foot Festival expanded to include fashion shows featuring five outstanding Indigenous designers, an evening of jazz through an Indigenous lens, traditional tattooing and many activities for all ages.

"We have been very pleased with how the festival has been unfolding," said organizer Ashley Manitowabi. Mr. Manitowabi is the host of the YouTube channel Galloping Horse and many of the evening proceedings were telecast onto the internet.

As usual, the core of the festival was provided by Indigenous artists creating visions within the confines of a six-foot cube. The boundaries of the walls of the cubes help to condense the artist's visions into a space that liberates as much as those cubes were spread across the Debajmujig Creation Centre, both inside and out.

"This has been a great festival," said artist Lauren Satok of Manitowaning, whose six-foot cube was one of those outside and on the land. "We have had a lot of fun meeting and talking with people."

The festival began with a pipe ceremony, followed by well-attended evening of round dance honouring the residential school survivors, a theme that contin-



Pianist Sabrina performed live in her cube during the 6-Foot Festival.

ued throughout the days of the festival. "Thank you for your resilience and your contribution to our communities," said Debaj general manager Lynda Trudeau in inviting residential school survivors to join them at the round dance.

Jazz musician Chuck Copenace provided the Saturday evening entertainment that included food and drink as well as an opportunity to see an outstanding

live jazz performance. Mr. Copenace noted that the horn was not a part of his upbringing, but that was hard to believe when confronted by his playing of same. The quintet's smooth dulcet tones can be heard and seen online on the Debaj Facebook page.

"I never grew up around the drum so I couldn't take part in that," said Mr. Copenace, but a friend pointed out to him that he is a

melody carrier and that the music swirling around in his head gets an outlet when he plays. "I provide the structure," he said, "but I don't control what the other guys play, so every night is different."

Different is the name of the game when it comes to creativity and Debaj has once again delivered that creativity, albeit in six-foot square chunks.

photos by Michael Erskine



Indigenous traditional tattoos featuring clan symbols were a popular item during the festival.



Manitowaning artist Lauren Satok invites the audience into the six-foot cube that is her contribution to the festival.

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...Hoop dancer Lisa Odjig performs at Canadian Football League games

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 patience, I started to receive replies—which is a good sign. We kept in touch through emails, text messages and phone calls. I replied to every single request in a timely manner with any information they requested.” The result was an invitation to appear before the audience at the CFL games.

“I had reached out to the drum groups/lead singers and dancers, asking if they would be interested in performing in the halftime shows with me,” said Ms. Odjig, who has held global top honours as a competitive hoop dancer. “I thought it was important to include live drum groups/singers and additional dancers. I had pitched the idea to the event planners and after some time and thought, they welcomed us all together with open arms. They were all so nice and kind to work with and I know many of our Indige-



Lisa Odjig and friends at a Toronto Argonauts half-time show.

nous people and communities support the CFL. They treated us very well and we cannot thank them enough. I did share with them that we are all so proud of what they do and they are invited to our communities anytime.”

Ms. Odjig explained that there were seven to eight dancers, including herself, as well as two live drum groups.

“For the Saturday, September 23 Toronto Argonauts halftime show, we were honored to have All

Nations Juniors drum group, led by Kevin Myran. Dancers were Dennis Whiteye, Ian Akiwenzie, Deanna Pashe, Alanna Romero-Pashe, elders Gilbert Sunday and (Lisa’s father) Frank Fisher Odjig,” she said.

“It was something,” admitted Mr. Fisher when The Expositor caught up to him at the Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race on the weekend. Beaming at his daughter, who had made the trip up to walk with her 82-year-old father along the

entire course.

“For the Hamilton Tiger-Cats halftime show in honour of National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday, September 30, we had another beautiful drum group called Old-style led by singers Sheldon Primeaux, Gary Parker, Brian General and Phil Davis,” said Ms. Odjig. “Dancers were Nikki Shawana, Delbert Jonathan, Ziibi Jonathan, Daniel Secord, Nicole Leveck, Gilbert Sunday and Jennifer Martin.”

As to how the performances were received, Ms. Odjig was effusive. “The audience clapped and cheered,” she said. “We

felt the love and support. Before and after the halftime performances we were shaking hands and taking photos with some audience members, including some CFL players and retired football players. Later in the evening, we noticed social media posts, messages and tags all filled with love, excitement and support. Everyone enjoyed themselves and that’s what counts. We only live once, and I think it’s important to cherish the moments and appreciate the people around you and the ones who support you. It was a blast and we thank the CFL, Toronto Argonauts and the Hamilton Tiger

Cats for everything and we are all so proud of what they do and their support for all indigenous people and communities. They treated us well and we support them 100 percent too.”

Unfortunately, most halftime shows are not televised, but Ms. Odjig noted that the televised games “sometimes might show a quick glimpse.”

As an innovative example of reconciliation at work, the dance performances are one way that bridges are being built outside the rarified atmosphere of politics and into the world of sport.

...calls on MPP Mantha to be removed

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 that subsequently an investigation found that there was enough evidence through multiple witness interviews and video evidence that found him guilty of workplace misconduct; And that the council of the Township of Chapleau would like to see the province of Ontario send a clear message and set an example of MPP Mantha by removing him from our riding of Algoma-Manitoulin; And furthermore, that this resolution is circulated to the Premier of Ontario, leaders of provincial opposition parties, and municipalities within the Algoma-Manitoulin district.”

“I am a little surprised by this resolution—this is the first I’ve seen something like this,” said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. “We all know (Mr. Mantha) was expelled by the NDP caucus (for allegations of workplace misconduct),” but he noted Chapleau seems to claim to know

exactly all the details of what happened.

“I don’t think this (sexual misconduct) ever came out previously,” said Councillor Osborne. “If that was the case, he (MPP Mantha) would have been charged with this. And if this was the case, our provincial government has the power and would have removed him from the legislature.”

However, Mayor Lane noted that just because MPP Mantha was not charged with any criminal charges does not mean that it never took place.

“But this is the first time we have seen this (allegations of sexual misconduct),” said Councillor Osborne.

Mayor Lane said what has been publicized is that MPP Mantha had been removed from the NDP caucus due to an allegation of misconduct. “We don’t have to support the resolution (from Chapleau). But the allegation must have been serious enough that he was suspended from the NDP caucus.”

“But this is the only place we have seen these (new) allegations,” stated Councillor Osborne. “If we are saying we are going to support hearsay, I

will not support this.”

Councillor Kelly Chaytor indicated she was in agreement with Councillor Osborne.

Judith Meyntz, CAO for Chapleau told The Expositor on Wednesday of last week, “it was information council received through research from newspapers that they based the decision on. The information provided is that multiple witness interviews and video evidence found that he was guilty of workplace misconduct.”

“Council’s resolution was passed to send a clear message that this type of misconduct is no longer accepted,” said Ms. Meyntz.

Ms. Meyntz explained, “it was through research on Google that I confirmed (what is in the Chapleau resolution). Everything that was found was through researching newspapers on Google.”

Gore Bay council agreed to table the Chapleau resolution and ask for more information, and its source.

When contacted by The Expositor MPP Mantha stated, “basically any municipality has the right to put in any resolution they want.”

Halloween Safety Tips

- Ensure all costumes are flame resistant.
- Facial masks should be breathable and have strong visibility.
- To avoid tripping hazards, don't let costumes drag on the ground.
- Costumes should have reflective markings or have your child carry a flashlight to be seen.
- Use non-toxic face paint rather than masks with low visibility.
- Create a buddy system! An adult should accompany young children.
- Do not enter cars or homes- only accept treats on the doorstep.
- Keep children on the sidewalk or path, and don't let them run across the street or to the next house alone. Always walk together!
- Ensure an adult examines the candy before being eaten, and avoid eating candy that was already opened.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY MESSAGE

BE SEEN
 Carry a flashlight and wear a costume with bright and reflective colours so people can see you.

BE AWARE
 Remember to stop, look and listen before crossing the street. Stay in familiar neighbourhoods and only go to homes that are well lit.

BE CREATIVE
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BE SMART
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Island fire departments gather in Little Current for training

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Members of several Island fire departments came to the NEMI Recreation Centre parking lot where an Ontario Fire College mobile live fire training facility was set up for several days. The unit offers an opportunity for firefighters to experience rescue operations under conditions closer to those they would experience at an actual fire.

Taking part in the exercises were firefighters from NEMI, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Central Manitoulin, Gore Bay and Assiginack.

Ontario Fire College Instructor Mark Parliament noted that the turnout for the training was exceptional.

Unlike working with a derelict house such as the one recently donated to the fire department by Mark and Linda Schrader, working on a class B fire such as the one simulated by the trailer is much closer to the environment firefighters would find themselves in when facing a real fire.

“This is repeatable,” said Mr. Parliament. “A few minutes after the first team goes in, you can set it up again for another team.” The smoke, the flames, the darkness, all are simulated in the training trailer in a safe and controllable fashion.

The training took place over the course of several days, making it possible for the volunteer firefighters, most of whom have day jobs, to take part in the proceedings.



Island firefighters are suited up and receive instruction from an Ontario Fire College official before heading into the simulator.

...Petition seeks to save Norisle

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appealing to Premier Doug Ford.

The change.org citation reads: “On October 4, 2023 S.S. Norisle, the last remaining Canadian Heritage Steamship of her type was towed from the Township of Assiginack for scrapping at an Ontario scrapyards. This unfortunate and unnecessary action denies Ontario and Canada of the economic and cultural benefits that could be realized with a refitted and revitalized Norisle serving as a 5 Star Great Lakes Steam Heritage Cruise Ship.

“In a last-minute appeal, we are seeking the direct intervention of Premier Doug Ford to prevent the tragic loss of a unique and significant Ontario asset for heritage, business, tourism, education and training and the Great Lakes cruise ship industry.

“In signing this petition you are adding your signature to a letter written by Rob Maguire, asking Doug Ford as Premier of Ontario, to intervene ASAP as Norisle is currently under tow for scrapping.”

The letter itself was published as an open missive to the premier in last week’s edition of The Expositor.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS !



- Have a parent or adult trick or treat with you or stay in groups.**
- Always carry a flashlight or glow stick for visibility.**
- Look both ways before crossing the street.**
- Listen for traffic. Walk on sidewalks whenever possible.**
- Only wear costumes that fit well and are flame resistant.**
- Wear masks that you can clearly see out of.**
- Enter only the homes of friends or family. Avoid dark houses.**
- Examine treats before eating.**
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17-23c

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20-23c

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21-22c

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21-22c

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church services

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

30tfn

Prayer Group at Our Lady of Canada Church on Friday, October 27 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Bring your Bible. If interested, email keithlegree@gmail.com.

21-22c

yard sale

Gigantic Yard Sale, Saturday, October 21 and 28 from 10 am to 4 pm at 10 Hardbargain Road, Little Current. Contents of three sheds and a garage. Come check this out, something for everyone! Tools, lumber, picture frames, framing material, old sewing machines, window sashes, too many items to mention them all. All indoors, so rain or shine, the sale is on. Everything must go! All proceeds to the fund-raising efforts of the Men's group at St. Bernard's church.

22-23p

Giant Yard Sale, Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22 at 2258 B, Highway 540 (west of AOK). Muskoka chairs and table, tools, hoses, barbecues, furniture, screws, nuts, bolts and much more.

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20-23c

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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

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

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 breakfast. Bring your friends. Serving bacon, sausages, eggs, juice, waffles/pancakes, fruit, toast, tea or coffee.

21-22p

coming events

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a "Fall Colours" Rummage Sale on Friday, October 27 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, October 28, from 9 am to 12 noon. This sale will have lots of warm fall and winter clothing, linens, books, housewares and more. Donations will be accepted at the back of the church Monday through Thursday, during sale week, between 9 am and 12 noon. Thank you. Proceeds go toward our Community Outreach Programs. We hope you can drop by and pick up some fall items. See you at the sale!

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.

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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

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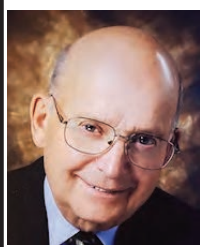
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For tickets contact Kerrene Tilson, either by phone at (249)997-0009 or by email at cafeinthewoods@gmail.com. The tickets are \$20 and fees can be prepaid by etransfer to manitoulinclub@gmail.com or purchased at the door.

Death Notices

**JOHN DOUGLAS TAYLOR
MCMULLAN**

March 24, 1934 - October 2, 2023



It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of John Douglas Taylor McMullan. Doug, as he was affectionately known, passed away on October 2, 2023 at Health Sciences North in Sudbury, Ontario at the age of 89. He was born on March 24, 1934 in Toronto, Ontario. The youngest of

three children, he grew up and attended school in Mimico. Doug was a people person dedicated to his family and his work. Doug graduated from University of Toronto in 1956 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He began his career in the technical department with KVP Company, which was later purchased by E. B. Eddy. He met and married the love of his life, Roberta McLaughlin, in 1960 and they embarked on the journey of building a family and life for themselves in Espanola. Through a dynamic and committed career, he was promoted to Mill Manager and eventually to Group Vice President, Pulp, Forestry and Wood Products until he retired in 1997. Doug took great pride in his work and his community, which made the walk to and from work every day a source of great satisfaction. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Roberta McMullan (nee McLaughlin). He will be cherished by his children Douglas McMullan (Elizabeth Dumas), Hugh McMullan and Heather Nicholson (Dennis Nicholson), as well as his grandchildren Ryan Nicholson (Kady Bilodeau), Daniel Nicholson (Mackenzie Kadwell) and Esme McMullan. He will be fondly remembered by his brother-in-law Hugh McLaughlin (Molly Anne Priddle), and nieces and nephews Alfred McMullan, Chris McMullan, Neil McMullan, Michael Holmes, Christopher Holmes, Kanina Holmes, Kim Smith-Chamberlain, Terrence Smith, Pamela McLaughlin, Sean McLaughlin, Cole McLaughlin and many grand nieces and nephews. Doug was predeceased by his father, Alfred Thomas McMullan, his mother, Hanna McMullan (nee Beresford), his brother, Alfred McMullan, his sister-in-law, Joan McMullan (nee deLaplante), his sister, Joan Holmes, and his brother-in-law, Brian Holmes, his sister-in-law, Dorothy Smith, his brother-in-law, Fred Smith, and his nephew, Kevin McMullan. Arrangements for cremation have been made through the Bourcier Funeral Home in Espanola. An interment service will be held next spring at the Hilly Grove Cemetery, Manitoulin Island. Doug's family would like to thank Dr. Samant Liauw and the HSN Cardiac Team Dr. Theresa Mirka, HSN nurses Brittany, Vidhi, Natasha, Shane, Emmanuel and Lori as well as the team of dedicated PSWs assigned to the eighth floor. Special thanks to Angele, Denise and all the Southwind Residence's staff. Your expertise, care and compassion are greatly appreciated. "Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear."

ATTICUS ANTHONY JONES
May 29, 2014 - October 5, 2023



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the untimely passing of Atticus Anthony Jones, a beloved soul who left us on October 5, 2023 in his home in Waterloo, Ontario. Cherished son of Russell Jones (Dara) and Ashley Makuch (Derrick). Beloved Grandson of Marilyn Jones (Charles Jones, predeceased), Kenneth Toulouse, Tony and Sylvia Makuch, Brett and Monica Schultz. Brother to Seth, Caius, Sadie, Maxwell and Skylar. Nephew of Shirley Gregorini (Jim), Colleen Jones (predeceased), Claudette Fournier (Nathan), Vincent Jones (predeceased), Savannah Jones, Danielle Makuch and Michael Makuch. Atticus will also be missed by many cousins and extended family. Atticus was a bright, spirited young boy whose joy, love and boundless curiosity touched the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. In his short time on Earth, he left a lasting legacy of happiness and inquisitiveness that will forever be cherished by those who shared in his light. Everyone was invited to join in honouring the memory of Atticus Anthony Jones at a mass which was held at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Sagamok, Ontario, on October 15, 2023, at 9 am. Following the mass, there was a feast celebrating Atticus's life at the New Community Hall on Star Road, Sagamok, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Earthsave Canada in memory of Atticus Anthony Jones, who was a spirited vegetarian.

MANITOULIN LEGAL CLINIC

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interested persons are asked to submit:

- A cover letter indicating the reason(s) why they wish to sit as a Director.
- A resume outlining skills and qualities they will bring to the Board.
- A description of any past experiences in serving other non-profit associations, organizations, or community groups; and
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Bidders are welcome to perform on-site inspections. Bids must be accompanied by proof of liability and property damage insurance and WSIB clearance certificate.

Tenders must be received at the Administration office no later than **October 25th, 2023 before 1600 hours** and must be in a sealed envelope marked "Snow Removal, Clearing and Sanding Tender."

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Pride after a year of progress

Community Living Manitoulin celebrates its successes

MANITOULIN—The lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, after months of repeated virus outbreaks among residents and staff of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) last winter and spring, was a highlight of 2022-23, according to CLM's Executive Director, Adrienne Kuula. She praised dedicated and resilient staff members who worked diligently to ensure the health and safety of people in their care during those difficult days.

This wasn't the agency's only success, however, as her report at the CLM Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Mindemoya on October 5 made clear. The past year included the new "Get to Know Me" campaign, carried on What's Doin' on the Manitoulin, which introduces Islanders to individuals who either live in one of CLM's group homes or independently in the community. Several fun and fundraising activities were also celebrated, including The Brothers of the Blade motorcycle organization's annual Penny Run. Bikers from across Canada and the US sponsor a day of fun activities for CLM individuals every summer when they tour Manitoulin. This includes giving motorcycle rides, playing games and hosting a bar-b-q lunch, as well as donating money to purchase things for the group homes such as outdoor gazebos and accessible picnic tables. CLM also operated a barbecue during Haweater Weekend in Little Current, generously supported by Orr's Valumart, with staff and residents taking their turns meeting and feeding hun-



The Community Living award winners are, from left, Dan Grandmaison, Tyler Madahbee, Michelle Lanktree, Linda McCulligh and Della Bridge.

gry locals and tourists. Especially important, the end of COVID restrictions enabled members of the CLM community to become active again in the larger community, whether reconnecting with immediate families or friends they had missed. Thanks to the Community Participation program, for the first time in ages, they were able to leave their group homes to join independent living members of CLM at the Community Hub to share in activities such as making crafts and playing cards that promote inclusion and friendship building. The program also lets group home residents enjoy outings like going to watch the Chi-Cheemaun come in or go shopping in Espanola and Sudbury. The Passport Program, which provides funds for every

individual to enjoy specially tailored experiences, was reactivated too. Some people chose to go to Tim Horton's for a coffee while others opted to take in a baseball game in Toronto. Still others took advantage of skills-building programs like learning to cook and bake, or to gain greater independence. One enormous success was the transition of an individual who previously received CLM care to being someone who has graduated as a personal support worker and is now out in the broader community helping others. CLM isn't without ongoing challenges. Like most organizations, it is suffering a serious staffing shortage which has placed added demands on its existing employees. The agency has undertaken proactive measures to boost the recruitment and retention of staff, including developing a partnership with Cambrian College to promote apprenticeships for students, attending volunteer fairs and being increasingly active on social media. Recognition of the outstanding efforts of both individuals under CLM's care, as well as its staff, was another highlight of the AGM, which entailed

tear-filled tributes to this year's winners for going above and beyond. Awards were given to three exceptional employees who were nominated and selected by their co-workers. They include Michelle Lanktree, a 33-year veteran of the agency, celebrated for promoting inclusion; Della Bridge, an employee of 22 years, for her advocacy work; and Rylee Mayer, a recently hired employee who was unable to attend the AGM, who is widely respected and appreciated for her work championing change. Several remarkable individuals were also recognized, including Tyler Madahbee for his peer support, Linda McCulligh for the power of her positivity and Dan Grandmaison for his success in gaining independence. Pam Lambert, longtime Chair of the Board of Directors, gave a huge thank you to all the award winners, staff and management, particularly Adrienne Kuula, for leading with excellence, perseverance, caring and skill over the past year, laying the foundation for even greater future progress.



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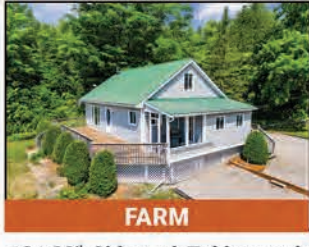
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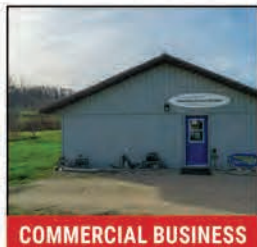
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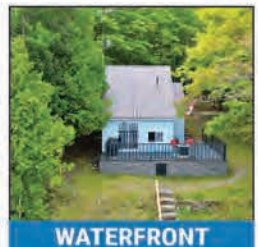
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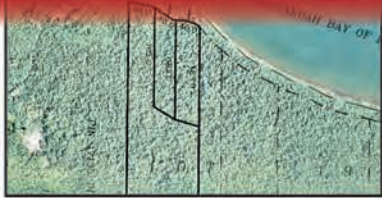
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Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School hosts another successful cross-country meet for Island schools

ASSIGINACK—Despite a soggy start at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course, the Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School held its annual cross-country meet. The picturesque yet rain-soaked course showcased the steady spirit of these young athletes.

At 10:30 am, the first of

demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and determination today. Rain or shine, they continue to inspire us with their dedication to the sport and to each other. The event ran smoothly, and we received many comments on how well the event was organized."

David Joyce (C.C McLean), third place, Gregory Wells (Biidaabin); 11-year-old girls: first place, Sydney Cunningham (C.C. McLean), second place, Kailyn Inglis (LCPS), third place, Emma Chaytor (C.C. McLean); 11-year-old boys: first place, Boston Abottosaway (LCPS), second



Runners from elementary and federal schools across Manitoulin Island gathered at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course where Pontiac School hosted its annual cross-country meet. The course at Rainbow Ridge provides a challenging set of terrain for the determined young athletes.

many races began. They began with nine-year-old boys and girls and continued all the way to 13-year-old boys and girls, their faces adorned with determination, at the starting line. The rain tapered off as the races progressed, making for perfect running conditions.

The difficult course at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course featured a variety of terrains, from rolling hills to rocky cart paths. Despite the course conditions, all schools managed to have at least one team member place. All the runners demonstrated their resilience and teamwork. The cheering spectators added an extra layer of motivation to the event.

The runners pushed through a challenging course, battling fatigue and mud-splattered running shoes. Their dedication to the sport was evident in every step they took. As they approached the finish line, their faces lit up with exhilaration, and the crowd made up of staff, students, and parents erupted in cheers for every runner who crossed the finish line.

Wiikwemkoong Pontiac School Principal Nicole Peltier expressed her pride in her staff and students' performance, saying, "Our staff and students have



Members of the Wasse Abin Pontiac School running team gather for a photo to remember the event.

As the runners celebrated their triumph, it was clear that all the participants not only conquered the challenging course but also the elements, leaving a lasting mark on this year's event.

The following is a list of runners who placed first, second and third: 13-year-old girls: first place, Rowyn Kasunich (Lakeview), second place, Mila Odjig (Pontiac), third place, Amber Brizuelun (CMPS); 13-year-old boys: first place, Collin Goodfellow (LCPS), second place, Rowen Deschenes (LCPS), third place, Sean Zembal (CMPS); 12-year-old girls: first place, Lily Simon (LCPS), second place, Ava Hartley (Assiginack), third place, Nova Debassige (CMPS); 12-year-old boys: first place, Casey Bowerman (LCPS), second place,

place, Ryan Mularickal (CMPS), third place, Knox Sheppard (CMPS); 10-year-old girls: first place, Rowyn Pfeifer (C.C. McLean), second place, Ayleana McDermid (Assiginack), third place, Daisy Gaiashk (Pontiac); 10-year-old boys: first place, Brody King (C.C. McLean), second place, Everest Symnons (CMPS), third place, Landon Nickson (CMPS); 9-year-old girls: first place, Addison Page (Assiginack), second place, Sulla Sheppard (CMPS), third place, Ashlyn Peglo (LCPS); 9-year-old boys: first place, Memphis Gaiashk (Pontiac), second place, Tate Abottosaway (LCPS), and third place, Gus Spry (Assiginack). Congratulations to all the runners.

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Golfing against Ontario!

Congratulations to the Manitoulin Secondary Golf Team that featured three competitors in the all-Ontario OFSAA Championships! **Noah Thorpe** had the best round of anyone at the tournament with his day one tally of 69. Along with his second day score, Noah finished in third! Hats off as well to **Ava Corbiere** and **Amy Smith** who didn't medal but played well!

Mustang Cross Country

The Mustangs continue to race and train for their upcoming important qualifying races. Sudbury's Turkey Gobbler has become a major race destination with over 370 participants participating in their three distances. In the 8km race, 16-year-old **Brodie Pennie** won the overall race in 28:48, a minute-and-a-half ahead of second place! **Maren Kasunich** was the fastest female in 35:24! The MSS Mustangs entered 11 runners for the event. Also competing were **Alan Wilkin** - 5th, **T.J. Green**, **Xavi Mara**, **Matthew Wilkin**, **Wyatt Williamson Wright**, **Ava Corbiere** and **Morgan Green**. Running in the 3.5 km distance was **Issac Quackenbush** and **Bazi Mara**!

Last week the team competed in the Pre-NSSAA warm-up for the real deal this week. The race was held at Stoneridge Golf Course in Elliott Lake. They had a very good day with four first place individual finishes and winning three team titles with only three full teams. Here are the top-10 finishers. In the Novice girls' race **Mady Keller**, 6th. Novice boys', **Bazi Mara**, 2nd, **Isaac Quackenbush**, 4th. Junior Girls' **Mya Balfe**, 1st, **Fia Flanagan**, 3rd, **Emery Watson**, 8th, **Izzy Hughson**, 9th. Junior Boys' **Wyatt Williamson-Wright**, 1st. Senior girls', **Maren Kasunich**, 1st, **Mackenzie Green**, 2nd, **Morgan Green**, 4th, **Autumn Davy**, 5th, **Delaney Bridgeman**, **Abby Hawke**, 10th. In the Senior boys' the Mustangs had a complete sweep with **Brodie Pennie**, 1st, **Alan Wilkin**, 2nd, **Xavi Mara**, 3rd, **TJ Green**, 4th and **Mathew Wilkin**, 5th!

Mountain bike Mustangs

The last mountain bike race of the season was held at Kivi Park with the ever-improving Manitoulin riders doing great. In Novice, **Isaac Quackenbush**, 2nd, **Sebastian Mara**, 4th, **Ayden Hartley**, 6th, **Trey Smith**, **Jack Hagman** and **Thomas Redmond**. In Junior the lone competitor was **Tim Arabadzhyi**. In Senior **Bradley Slaght** 3rd and **Zach Bond**.

The Overall Series Team Standings, MSS ended up 1st in the Novice Male division and tied for first with Lo-Ellen in the Senior Male division. The overall team ended up second to Lo-Ellen Park. In the Individual season standings **Isaac Quackenbush**, 2nd (tie), **Trey Smith**, 6th, **Jonah Balfe**, 8th, **Sebastian Mara**, 10th, **Bradley Slaght**, 2nd and **Xavi Mara**, 9th!

Dane Gibeault, who grinds it out for the LoEllen Park Knights again finished first in the Junior Male division at the 4th race. This completed his perfect season, finishing first in all four races and clinching first place overall in the series as well as propelling his school to the first place aggregate standings!

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Also, congratulations to **Genette Simon** and **Pierre Labine** who were bronze medalists at skill level 3.0 age 50+ at the Ontario Championships, September 22!



Bazi Mara came in second during a run at a pre-NSSAA event at Stoneridge Golf Course in Elliot lake.



TJ Green came in third at the senior boy's pre-NSSAA event at Stoneridge Golf Course in Elliot lake.

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51st Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race took things back on track

by Michael Erskine
 WIKWEMKOONG—It was a wet and blustery day as runners and walkers of all ages lined up at the starting line in Kaboni for the 51st edition of the popular Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race, ready for the starting signal that would send them running, jogging or walking toward the finish line at Thunderbird Park.

This year things are full on hi-tech, as the tabulations and recording of times was accomplished digitally and times posted online at zone4.ca almost immediately. Special sensors laid across the finish line interacted with wrist straps worn by each runner.

This year top honours in the adult female division (19-54) go to Sara Mcilraith whose time of 43:10.4 came in well ahead of second place Helen Francis at 48:23.0 and third place winner Julie Hayes' 53:55.1.

Top runner in the adult male division (19-54) was Neil Phipps, crossing the finish line with a blistering

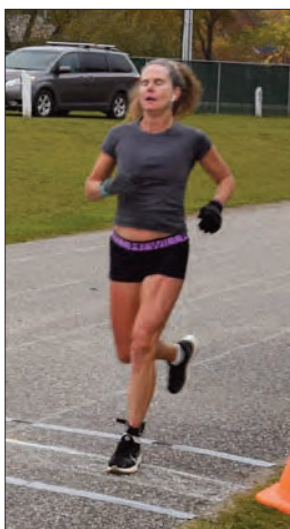


Top runner in the adult male division (19-54) was Neil Phipps, crossing the finish line with a blistering 38:13.1

photos by Michael Erskine

38:13.1; Ian Dokum came in second with a time of 43:58.3; and Miles Sutherland took third place with 47:16.6.

In the adult Golden Division (55+) David M. Crockett took first place with a



Sara Mcilraith came in first in the female 19-54 division with a time of 43:10.4.

time of 49:32.9; Chris Mara came in second place with a time of 1:01:57.1; and Bruce Recollet came third with a time of 1:03:41.

Lorrilee McGregor was the sole female runner in the Golden (55+) Division with a time of 58:35.3.



Violet Sutherland took first in the female child 11-13 division with a time of 51:52.

photo by Greg Sutherland



Maren Kasunich took first place in the female high school division with a time of 41:06.7.

Other results: Child Division 10 and under male, Simon Fessenden took first place with a time of 1:16:03; Lachlan Eshkawkogan took second place with a time of 1:25:32.3; and Jayden Trudeau Lewis took third with a time of 1:26:01.

In the Child division 11-13 years female, Violet Sutherland took first with a time of 51:52.3; Mila Odjig took second place with a time of 54:02.6; and Brooke Simon took third, with a time of 1:05:52.5. While in the Child division 11-13 years male, Jesse Dokum took first place with a time of 1:00:26.4; Brayden Wabuno (running shirtless) took second place with a time of 1:01:58.6; and Noodin Peltier took third place with a time of 1:06:02.4.

In the high school division female (with a strong contingent from Manitoulin Secondary School coming out) Maren Kasunich took first place with a time of 41:06.7; Ava Corbiere took second place with a time of 49:01.7; and Emiry Watson took third place with a time of 55:24.2.

In the high school division male, Brodie Pennie took first place with a time of 34:47.9; Alan Wilkin took second place with a time of 39:05.3; and TJ Green took third place with a time of 40:53.9.

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Members of the Manitoulin Secondary School running team were out in force for the Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race on the weekend.

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Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

Position: Special Constable – Court Officer - Permanent
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Reports To: Chief of Police

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Requirements:

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

Employment packages can be emailed to those interested. Please send in your request for an employment package to Staff Sgt. Chris Wesley at christopher.wesley@opp.ca.

Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume and three (3) work related reference letters to:

Attention: Staff Sergeant, Chris Wesley
Christopher.wesley@opp.ca

Deadline to apply: October 20, 2023 at 4pm

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



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

FULL-TIME positions:

Manitoulin Island:

Finance Team Assistant: Closes October 27, 2023

IT Specialist: Closes October 27, 2023

CONTRACT positions:

Sudbury:

After Hours Youth Outreach Supervisor: Closes October 20, 2023

Full-time Cook: Closes October 27, 2023

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line.

All postings close at 4 pm EST.

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

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



Job Title: Planning & Communications Specialist

Location: Owen Sound Transportation Company

Salary: \$77,466 - \$105,621

Apply by: October 29, 2023

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Join our team as a Planning & Communications Specialist at OSTC! Contribute to corporate governance, communications, event planning, marketing, and more.

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no later than October 29, 2023.

Mention "P&CS" in the subject line.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP tours innovative Wiikwemkoong food security partnerships

by Michael Erskine
 WIKWEMKOONG—The lowing of cattle can be heard in the background as Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha chats with Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Resources co-ordinator Annette Peltier-Flamand and Wiikwemkoong Food Bank co-ordinator Jamie Lynn Manitowabi about the work they are doing to enhance food security in their community.

Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Resources has been developing agricultural skills in the community in partnership with Ontario Works, bringing in cattle, chickens and developing a huge and successful community garden.

The tour starts at the cattle barn located at Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Resources's Andrew's Place farming operation. The small herd of cattle has been maturing nicely and will soon be ready to become food for the community.

Ms. Peltier-Flamand explains that they are hoping to be able to butcher the cattle on farm as the cost of



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha gets up close and personal with a non-voting constituent. The MPP was on a tour of the innovative agricultural skills program at Wiikwemkoong.

photo by Annette Peltier-Flamand

shipping to an abattoir or finding one still open in the North is challenging. A butcher working in the new butcher shop located in Wiikwemkoong's light industrial park is currently seeking to reinstate his inspector's certification.



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, left, is given a tour of the new chicken tractor operation in Wiikwemkoong.

"The cattle have to be under three years old in order to be able to do that," she said.

Following a visit to the chicken operation and community garden (all of which have been covered in The Expositor in recent months), Mr. Mantha was given a tour of the Wiik-

wemkoong Food Bank located under the Ontario Works offices.

Freezers and refrigerators line the first room, the freezers packed with an earlier crop of chickens and the fridges packed with other perishable items. "I like a five-pound chicken myself,"

said Mr. Mantha, quickly turning down the offer of one of the birds. "I'll take it and donate it back," he laughs.

Other rooms host a wide variety of canned and dry

but after seeing too much food not being used by clients, the food bank now sticks to the foods people eat.

Mr. Mantha expressed his admiration of the opera-



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha lends a helping hand in fixing the scarecrow at the Wiikwemkoong Community garden.

photos by Michael Erskine

foodstuffs—as well as some baby supplies and toiletries. Ms. Manitowabi explains that the food bank is learning and adjusting what it offers. At first the facility packed its shelves with whatever was on offer,

tions and noted that it is in thinking outside the box that innovative solutions to food security can be found. The MPP said that he would be providing some contacts and introductions that could prove useful.



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha displays a wide grin after noticing the Wiikwemkoong label on a five-pound frozen chicken at the Wiikwemkoong Food Bank.

...51st Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race



Wiikwemkoong Annual 10k Road Race high school female winner Maren Kasunich flashes her ribbon and cash during the awards and lunch ceremony.

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walkers this year as well. The oldest competitor was once again Frank Odjig (Fisher), who at 82 was accompanied by his daughter, champion hoop dancer Lisa Odjig. "She was going to run, but since I decided that I was going to walk again this year she decided to walk with me," said Mr. Odjig. "It's a nice tradition," said Ms. Odjig. "I try to come up every year."


"This is my last year," admitted Mr. Odjig. Reminded that was what he said last year, Mr. Odjig laughed and said, "we'll see."

Following the run, a light luncheon of beef soup, assorted sandwiches and sliced fruit was held in the Pontiac School gym as medals and prizes were handed out. Each participant also received a hooded sweatshirt commemorating the 51st running of the event.



Neil Phipps, winner of the 19-54 Male division of the Wiikwemkoong 10k Road Race is happy to take home the first place envelope.

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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.



Join The Manitoulin Expositor Team!

Position: Production Manager

Applicants should:

- Have knowledge of Adobe Suite and Wordpress
- Be skilled in graphic design
- Be familiar with Apple operating systems

Applicants should:

- Can operate quickly and efficiently under deadlines
- Can multi-task
- Can manage a large workflow
- Works well in a team environment
- Can help manage Manitoulin's busiest website and accompanying social media
- Have a good command of the English language (grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- Is creative!

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Gore Bay Angel bus fundraiser winner drawn during Oktoberfest celebration

GORE BAY—The Angel Bus coordinating committee concluded a very successful fundraising campaign. The winning ticket was drawn during the annual Split Rail Brewing's Oktoberfest celebrations held on the October 7 weekend. "Split Rail's Oktoberfest celebration was a happening place this past weekend, there were a lot of people on hand Saturday afternoon," said Sandy Cook of the Angel Bus committee. She explained Pat Best drew the winning ticket on her 'Hey Lolly, Lolly' queen sized quilt and was "very happy it is going to stay on the Island this year."

Lynn Quesnel, a resident of Ice Lake, won the beautiful quilt.

Ms. Cook noted the Angel

Bus committee, "sold \$4,660 in tickets for the quilt draw."

"The new Angel Bus is running well and quite busy with medical and social outings. Fuel and repair costs are down significantly, and passenger comfort has dra-

matically improved," explained Ms. Cook. "In the words of one of our frequent riders, 'I can relax on the bus with the air-conditioning. It's a quiet ride and much more comfortable for long trips.'"

Anna Barnet, a local cre-

ator of handmade arts and crafts, kindly donated six lap blankets to be used by Angel Bus passengers this winter, continued Ms. Cook. She explained, "each lap blanket has a hand warmer


attached that contains a sensory item to keep fingers busy. The woolen blankets originally belonged to Heather Roy's mother and were given to Anna for repurposing. Anna special-

izes in creating warm and cozy items made of no longer used sweaters and blankets, which you can find at her Northern Creative Studio in the Harbour Centre in Gore Bay."



Stan Zieleniewski, one of the volunteer Angel Bus drivers, helps Sandy Cook hold up the quilt 'Hey, Lolly, Lolly,' while Pat Best draws the winning ticket from the raffle tickets container held up by Ted Kilpatrick.

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**UNITED CHIEFS
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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 Anishnaabek.
- 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 Anishnaabek 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



**UNITED CHIEFS
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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
Closing Date: Wednesday, October 25, 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-Gladue Writer" to:
Paula Corbiere
Justice Manager
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0



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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:

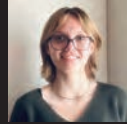
- 1. Covering Letter**
- 2. Resume**
- 3. Three Current References (one for a direct manager/supervisor)**

Please Send To: Saul Bomberry, Lands and Resources Manager
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing
1110 HWY #551, PO Box 275
M'Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1G0
Email: sbomberry@uccmm.ca

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

High school life on Manitoulin has been buzzing lately as students begin to engage in a variety of activities! From sports, to video games, to theatre, there was something for everyone this week.

One of the standout events was the OFFSA golf tournament. Our school's golf teams, made up of some talented and dedicated students, participated in this Ontario-wide tournament. The team exhibited their exceptional skills and represented Manitoulin



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Secondary School with pride. Amy Smith and Ava Corbiere were placed in Collingwood for the girls' tournament while Noah Thorpe was placed in Windsor for the boys.'

For students who prefer a microphone to a golf club, there was Karaoke in the Caf on Friday, October 13.

This month's theme for the lunchtime karaoke was 'spooky.' Students were able to pick their songs and sing their heart out in front of the cafeteria at lunch. Some of the songs students selected included 'Banana Boat,' 'Don't Stop Believin' and 'The Addams Family Theme.' Soon, the entire



A group of students and a community mental health worker singing 'Don't Stop Believin' by Journey.

photo by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

caf was singing along to the student's renditions of these popular songs. The lunch ended with students in high spirits from the fun they participated in. The MSS Student Council hopes to make Karaoke in the Caf a monthly occurrence.

The MSS robotics team's presentation to Lion's District A5 Commissioner was another highlight this week for the school. On Wednesday, October 11 members of Manitoulin Metal attended

a Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club meeting and were introduced to the Commissioner, David Kidd. The team showed Mr. Kidd the past seasons robot and

dren's hospitals. Along with the battery drive, the robotics team will be hosting training sessions for new and returning members. These sessions will teach students valuable and transferable skills in different areas including building, programming, and business. These sessions will take place after school on October 16, 17 and 18.

Mnaamodzawin Health Services will be hosting 2SLGBTQ+ Youth Video Game Nights at MSS every second Wednesday of the month from 3 to 5 pm. They offer a wide variety of games to choose from including, Super Mario Kart, Legendary Fishing and Switch Sports. All of these games are played from a Nintendo Switch and broadcast onto the big screen.

The annual MSS musical has been announced. This year's production will be 'Beauty and the Beast.' Students who are eager to be a part of this production are encouraged to sign up for auditions on October 17 and October 18 from 3 to 5 pm.

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



FULL-TIME BAND MANAGER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

The Band Manager at Whitefish River First Nation holds a key position in the organization, overseeing the day-to-day management, administration and delivery of all programs and services. Acting as a bridge between the administration and the Chief and Council, their primary role is to advise the Chief and Council on operational matters. Their responsibilities encompass implementing the strategic plan, effectively managing both human and financial resources and ensuring the efficient and effective delivery of programs and services to the community. In addition, the Band Manager acts as a liaison among stakeholders and maintains a strong relationship with external agencies with a particular focus on Indigenous Services Canada. They also guarantee the accuracy and timeliness of reports submitted to the Chief and Council and to the funders. In addition, the Band Manager is also tasked with fostering and nurturing community relationships, as well as providing support for cultural and community initiatives.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Strategic and Operational Band Management

- Upholds the values of Anishinaabe-aadziwin (way of life) in all work and interactions with elected leadership, community members and external stakeholders.
- Effectively communicates and drives WRFN's Strategic Plan to the community and external stakeholders.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT:

Oversees the general management of WRFN's financial affairs, ensuring the establishment and review of internal financial controls to ensure effective financial and fiscal management.

This includes (but is not limited to):

- Develops and monitors multi-year and annual financial plans and budgets in accordance with the strategic direction, goals, and objectives set by the WRFN Council, overseeing their execution by department managers/directors.
- Reviews financial statements and reports, providing recommendations to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

Program and Service Delivery Management:

- Supervises and monitors the Program Managers in the delivery of programs and services across all areas.
- Oversees the development of proposals for program funding.

Coordination of Community Development Activities

- Maintains an open, equitable and service-oriented relationship between the community and the First Nation Administration.

Council Support and Administration

- Prepares materials and reports in support of WRFN Council operations.
- Attends all WRFN Council meetings; coordinates the preparation of agendas, information and resources for Council Meetings and Council Members.
- Maintains and circulates minutes of Council Meetings as well as all Band Council Resolutions.

Human Resource Management

- Manages staff in accordance with WRFN standards and performance expectations.
- Oversees day-to-day activities and operations and evaluates the performance of staff.
- Approves short-term hires as recommended by Program Managers with confirmed identified funding.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- The successful candidate should hold, at minimum, an undergraduate degree in business, management, or a relevant field, with a strong financial background.
- Candidates who have completed graduate programs in business, public administration, or related disciplines will be given preference.
- It is required to have a minimum of five years of senior management experience, ideally in a First Nation or a First Nation organization or a similar capacity.
- An in-depth understanding of First Nations governance is necessary.
- Fluency in Anishinabemowin, along with cultural knowledge and familiarity with the traditions of the Anishinabek people, is preferred.
- Demonstrated expertise in managing complex organizations, including tasks like reporting, budgeting, financial management, human resources and policy development.
- Effective leadership skills for directing, developing, empowering, and inspiring the various departments.
- The ability to foster a collaborative environment, working closely with cross-functional teams and community partners.
- A strong drive to establish processes and policies while fostering capacity building, trust and transparency among the WRFN staff.
- Exceptional skills in facilitation, community engagement and conflict resolution are required.
- Possess outstanding verbal, written and presentation skills, demonstrating clarity and conciseness in communication.
- Excellent organizational abilities, including solid time management and project management skills.
- Proficiency in using Microsoft Office applications.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge of First Nation communities and structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices as a central and vital part of program and service delivery.
- Knowledge of local programs and services available to the WRFN community.
- Knowledge and understanding of federal and provincial legislations and government departments that impact First Nations including the Canada Health Act, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program and Indian Act.
- An understanding of the history of First Nations, and an interest to learn more about the history, culture, practices, socioeconomic conditions, rights, and future vision of the Anishinabek.

OTHER SKILLS:

- Excellent interpersonal, problem-solving, and written and oral communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and within a team environment.
- Capability to handle difficult and conflicting situations.
- Flexibility to work flexible hours and travel.
- Clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check required.
- Must possess a Class 'G' Ontario Driver's Licence, with access to a vehicle.

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

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Whitefish River First Nation

c/o Human Resources

17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0

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

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

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- Knowledge of Indigenous family systems theory and an understanding of family functioning.

OTHER SKILLS:

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- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with families, service providers and stakeholders and broader community.
- Ability to support self-advocacy with families.
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- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, communication styles and value systems.

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Decorate your gate! Gordon/Barrie Island event a great success

More than 10 entries vied for top honours in annual event



This year's annual 'Decorate Your Gate' competition put on by Gordon/Barrie Island township was a success. Several stood out as exceptional, with the top prize garnering consensus among the judges as the best of the lot. Taking first prize was the entry of Melanie Chatwell on Olde Highway, with second prize going to Vicki Wright on the Tenth, and third prize to Carolyn Quinn on Lighthouse Road.



Taking second prize in the Gordon/Barrie Island 'Decorate Your Gate' competition was this entry from Vicki Wright.



The third-place prize went to Carolyn Quinn for her entry shown in photo.

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Manitoulin Nature Club learns about major orangutan project from expert

by Phyllis Cacciotti

MANITOULIN—On September 29 the Manitoulin Nature Club (MNC) was very fortunate to have Leif Cocks as a presenter on Zoom—all the way from Perth, Australia. There were 15 people present in person and 24 who joined on Zoom which was fantastic!

The Orangutan Project was established in 1998 by founder and world-renowned orangutan expert, Leif Cocks, as a result of his almost 30-year career working with orangutans. Leif is a passionate campaigner for orangutans and has been the leader of The Orangutan Project since its inception.

Leif's years in the field have earned him respect within the conservation field. He has been a key player in developing conservation plans for orangutans and influencing positive change for their protection and survival. This includes the first ever successful reintroduction of the zoo-born



Leif Cocks, is shown interacting with an Orangutan. Mr. Cocks is a world-renowned orangutan expert project who established The Orangutan Project in 1998.



Leif Cocks being embraced by an orangutan.

orangutan. This respect has given The Orangutan Project world standing in conservation.

A small population biologist and curator by trade, Leif has several academic qualifications, including a Masters of Science in the study of orangutans. He is a seasoned public speaker and has published several papers on orangutans in peer-reviewed journals. He is also the author of the books 'Orangutans and their Battle for Survival' (2002) and Amazon best seller 'Orangutans My Cousins, My Friends' (2016) and 'Finding our Humanity' (2019).

Amongst many roles, Mr. Cocks is currently a technical advisor for PT Alam Bukit Tigapublik (a company leasing and protecting rainforest), head of International Elephant Project, head of International Tiger Project, vice president of Orang Utan Republik Foundation and on the advisory board for Forest, Nature and Environment of Aceh.

The Orangutan Project's key mission is to ensure that endangered wild orangutan species in Borneo and Sumatra, will be protected against extinction and will continue to live in secure populations for generations to come.

Since its formation in 1998, the project has contributed more than \$22 million directly into orangutan conservation projects and has earned a reputation amongst its partners and donors for being financially responsible and transparent.

In 2017 at the annual general meeting, a motion was passed that The

Australian Orangutan Project Incorporated would become Wildlife Conservation International Limited, the umbrella organization of The Orangutan project, International Elephant Project and the International Tiger Project.

It was truly fascinating to hear Leif speak of these beautiful primates' 'personhood,' the fact that they recognize themselves and others, can project themselves in the past and future (similar to humans) and are self-secure in their psychology becoming friends with humans because they like them. They are non-violent creatures and there is not a single case of an orangutan killing a human.

They will act after mulling things over and I don't think anyone present will forget Leif's screwdriver analogy; orangutans will use a screwdriver to escape whereas other primates will

use it for violence or copulation! They are geniuses in the rainforest and are capable of mapping out the fruit trees using a temporal spatial map.

The mothers truly love their offspring and are extremely nurturing, suckling their babies for as long as eight years. Females lead a semi-solitary lifestyle with a couple of their offspring while the large males live alone.

Man has proven to be the biggest predator of orangutans. Crime syndicates that are buying up and destroying the rainforest pose the largest danger with illegal logging in forests under management by timber, palm oil and mining companies.

A self-aware being, as intelligent as a six-year-old child, the drive of orangutans into extinction is an individual story of horror as they are macheted and burnt alive as an agricultural pest. Being the slowest reproducing species in the world, they are highly prone to extinction, so if we do not act now, we could lose them in our lifetime, with the next 10 years being absolutely critical.

Over 100,000 orangutans have been slaughtered in Borneo alone and 5,000 a year are killed on an ongoing basis. The illegal pet trade is also a factor in their survival in the rainforests. Their natural lifespan in the wild is into their 60s and a major undertaking by the Orangutan Project is reintroducing captive orangutans into the wild after teaching them the skills to survive.

Extinction in the wild is likely within the next 10 years for Sumatran orangutans and soon after for Bornean orangutans. Both the Sumatran species (*Pongo abelii*) and the Bornean species (*Pongo pygmaeus*) are classified as critically endangered according to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

The name orangutan means, "man of the forest" in the Malay language and given all we know about their intelligence and beauty, these creatures truly deserve to live in freedom and dignity in their natural habitat. We are very fortunate to have dedicated people like Leif Cocks in the world of conservation!



Thanksgiving golf!

A total of 10 teams took part in the annual Manitoulin Golf Thanksgiving scramble and dinner on October 7. From left are Christine Barbeau, Kristal Kowaluk, Dave Barbeau and Jake Punkari who took first place with a score of 66. There was a two-way tie for second place, teams made up of Cayley Barbeau, Gary Zarichney, Kyle Kowaluk and Tammy Bourque and the team of Stewart Simpson, Sheila Bray, Richard Huneault and Dave Beaton had scores of 68.

photo by Tom Sasviri

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson

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DELANEY BRIDGEMAN

Whether it is on the ice or on the track, Delaney is constantly showing her love for athletics! Growing up with siblings constantly on the move with rep teams of their own, Delaney found her competitiveness and love for sports very early on. During her past four years as a Mustang, Delaney has always been found bringing determination and hard work to every sport she plays. She has made many positive contributions to Mustang athletics, as she continues to be a great student, teammate, and all around athlete. Wrapping up her final year at MSS, Delaney has established herself as a positive team player and role model for the next generations of Mustangs!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Delaney was an Eagle at Central Manitoulin Public School. Here, she took advantage of every opportunity to play sports, participating in flag football, basketball, volleyball, track and field, soccer and cross country. Delaney showed competitiveness and great spirit by always working hard and aiming for improvement. She notes that throughout her days as an Eagle, basketball was a sport she found the most pleasure in as it was intense and always brought a sweat!

Lacing up her skates from a young age, Delaney has been found for many years playing for the Sudbury Lady Wolves hockey association. Here she has made countless friendships and memories that will continue to stick with her! She has played for the AA team as well as the A team throughout her many years as a Wolf. Despite aging out as of this past season, Delaney hopes to continue to jump at every opportunity to be on the ice, as hockey is her passion.

After four years representing the MSS Mustangs, one memory that Delaney says continues to stick out to her the most was her cross country season of her Grade 12 year. The senior girls' team worked hard, constantly encouraging and picking each other up along the way. The team consisted of herself and four other runners, Mackenzie Green, Morgan Green, Marren Kasunich and Willow Cooper. After many weeks spent training, their team of driven runners successfully won NOSSA sending them to compete at OFSAA. This experience continues to stay among many of Delaney's best memories at MSS as she quotes, "We all had a rough time but we picked each other up and only became closer as a team because of it. It's the closest I felt to a team for the first time outside of hockey."

Kicking off her last year as a Mustang, Delaney was eager to participate in many of the sports offered at MSS. Already she has made an appearance joining the senior girls' volleyball team, eager to improve and learn new skills, as well as continuing to run cross country, as she has in years prior. Disappointed that there would not be a senior girls' basketball team, Delaney took this opportunity to expand on her athletic abilities by stepping back onto the court, this time in knee pads! Delaney notes that she is eager to join volleyball, as it means new opportunities and new friendships to be made!

Outside of her busy schedule, Delaney enjoys reading and long bike rides with her sister Sadie. When the warm weather forces her to hang up her skates, she particularly likes going swimming, and taking her 8-year-old boxer, Mia, for walks.

Although her time as a Mustang is coming to an end, Delaney continues to work hard as she will soon be starting her new chapter. Delaney acknowledges her dad as one of her biggest inspirations in sports and life. She quotes, "I admire his work ethic and how he continues to balance his work life, his relationships and his physical health."

As athletics have played such an important role in Delaney's life, she hopes on pursuing a career in community service post graduate, as her experiences with team sports have inspired her desire to help others.

As she continues to work hard in her studies, and enjoy her last few months sporting the black and gold, Delaney has been an incredible role model to future generations of Mustangs. With her kindness, determination and hard work she is sure to excel, just as she has in her years at MSS!

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Level: Intermediate

Here's how it works:

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

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CLUES DOWN

1. A device to disengage without a key
5. Subdivision
8. Network of nerves
12. Lounge chair
14. Ocean
15. C. European river
16. Bowl-shaped cavity
18. ___ Caesar, comedian
19. Lyric poems
20. Tia's sister
21. A way to develop
22. Cows collectively
1. A dissenting clique
2. Japanese city
3. Spiritual leader
4. Second letter of Greek alphabet
5. Musical term
6. Ruled over
7. Fortified wine
8. First year player
9. Moved in a circular way
10. Adolescents
11. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language

23. Areas close by
26. Slightly disreputable
30. Made a mistake
31. One who cites
32. Food stall: ___ pai dong
33. Narrow valley between hills
34. Members of people living mainly in the Congo
39. More (Spanish)
42. Classroom implements
44. Cognizant of
46. One who tells on others
47. Free from slavery
13. Someone who serves in the armed forces
17. Bring up
24. Factual written account (abbr.)
25. Having three sides
26. Annoy
27. Hustle
28. American WW2 leader
29. Stale atmosphere
35. US Treasury
36. Sound unit
37. They ___
38. Soviet Socialist Republic

49. Thick piece of something
50. Containing two nitrogen atoms between carbon atoms
51. Removed entirely
56. Late rocker Turner
57. Appreciated
58. Observation expedition
59. Opposite of subtracts
60. Unit of work
61. Wreckage on the sea bed
62. Affirmative! (slang)
63. Witness
64. River in England
40. Places to play video games
41. Medical event
42. When you hope to arrive
43. Fixed prices
44. Popular Boston song
45. Valley in Indiana and Illinois
47. Omit when speaking
48. German explorer of the Congo Basin
49. Stick around
52. From a distance
53. Heroic tale
54. Amounts of time
55. Eat

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, this week you may invite a friend over who shares all of his or her good energy with you. It's just the boost you need right now to have a positive few days.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You may have an urgent need to get physically active, Taurus. That can propel you to get a gym membership or to organize a walking club with some local friends.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

You are brimming with energy right now, Gemini. It's only a matter of figuring out what to do with it. A painting or other home renovation project could be the perfect fit.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

You are in the process of widening your field of opportunities, Cancer. This may translate into taking a trip overseas or even across the country for a little bit..

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Your typically amicable personality could be nowhere in sight this week, Leo. Perhaps you are feeling disrespected and bullied and want to advocate for yourself.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

There are moments when everyone gets strong feelings of where they should be heading in life, Virgo. Sometime this week you could receive an epiphany moment.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Take a few moments this week to go over spending, as you may determine that you have to reel in your budget a little more than you had expected, Libra.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, this week you could be inspired by someone who comes across as a natural leader. Learn from this individual about how you can become more assertive.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your help is urgently needed, so there is no time to waste. When the alarm clock goes off, it is time to spring into action each day.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, put all of your cards on the table this week, especially with those close to you. They deserve to see the bigger picture if they are involved with you.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

The week ahead may be trying for you, Aquarius. You may have to prove yourself to loved ones by offering a speech or other actions. It could be emotionally draining.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you can look forward to your busy week ahead because the time is going to fly by. Do not schedule anything extra, as you will not be able to fit it in for the time being.

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The Ontario Provincial Police continues to grapple with calls for break and enters at cottages and camps in and around Manitoulin Island.

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OPP shares tips to keep your cottage, camp safe from thefts

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With the continuing influx of people visiting and moving to Manitoulin Island, it means that those who have seasonal cottages need to be even more vigilant in preventing break and enters during the late fall and winter months.

"I haven't run the numbers yet for this year, but there was a fair amount of cottage break-ins reported in the spring," said Jessica Gilbertson, provincial constable community safety officer/media relations with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). "We haven't had as many reports in the summer."

"With more people coming to live and visit the Island every year, this can cause a con-

cern for cottage owners," said Constable Gilbertson.

"Yes, we still get reports of a number of cottages that get broken into every spring," Constable Gilbertson continued. "When they get back to their cottages in the spring, they will call the OPP if their place has been broken into."

"Things have changed a lot over the last couple of years," said Constable Gilbertson.

One of the suggestions Constable Gilbertson has for those who own a cottage is "to make sure the cottage doors and windows are very secure before leaving your cottage for the fall/winter. You can also install motion lights on the exterior of the house or

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Composting brings a cornucopia of rewards

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWLIN—They call it “black gold” and given the boost it can give to your gardening efforts that name is well-applied, composting also has plenty of benefits for Island residents facing increasing costs due to landfill closures and the need to ship waste off-Island. By composting, as much as 28 percent of waste can be diverted into valuable fertilizer, but many households are reluctant to compost because they think it is complicated—it needn’t be.

Put simply, composting breaks down organic matter, which is anything that was once living. This means you are recycling vital nutrients so you can use them to improve the quality of your soil—the benefits are almost magical.

In a world concerned with greenhouse gases, there is

also the benefit that composted material captures more carbon than it releases. Left in landfills, that waste turns into methane, an extremely potent greenhouse gas.

Options for composting include small backyard bins, obtainable from your local garden centre or building supply and an easy way to start in, especially if your yard is not all that large. For larger properties, a compost pile might be the way to go. With the latter method, you can set up several “bays” to have compost available at different stages of readiness. The best location for your compost operation should have some shade to keep your material from drying out too much.

There are two broad categories that you can put in your compost bin or pile, let’s call them “green” and

“brown.” “Green” materials include fruit and vegetable scraps, used tea, coffee grounds, crushed eggshells, grass clippings, green plant cuttings, old flowers and many weeds (avoid seeds in the latter so as not to spread the misery). “Brown” materials are things like straw, paper and cardboard, dry leaves, woody prunings and sawdust (but not from treated wood). Leaves are a great addition to composting.

“Now is the time to collect leaves, for a number of

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The author’s composter is set up in his back yard and comes with a cover and access door at the bottom.

photo by Michael Erskine

... keep your cottage safe

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garage that will help.”

Cottage owners should not hide their keys or an extra set of keys on the property. “If you have a duplicate set of keys, one should leave them with a friend or neighbour,” the constable said.

“And for any belongings being left behind in a cottage, the property owner should take down the serial number of each item, which helps in the OPP trying to recover the items,” said Constable Gilbertson. The officer suggested cottage owners should ask neighbours and friends to check on the property on a regular basis during the winter.

“Technology is a good tool as well in helping to prevent crime from taking place,” said Constable Gilbertson. “Cottage owners can install security systems, and can have fairly inexpensive video cameras installed on a cottage, garage or driveway that work well. And with a lot of them you can watch what is going on at your cottage and property remotely.”

“If you have any valuables that you don’t want to take home for the winter, don’t leave them in your cottage. Store them in a safe or a safety deposit box,” continued Constable Gilbertson. She also said that to make it look like the cottage property is not left vacant in the fall/winter, a cottage owner “could pay someone to shovel out the driveway or walkway in the winter. The important thing is to make it look as if someone is living there.”

“It is also important to leave contact information and a phone number with someone that may be checking your cottage in the winter and the OPP number in case it looks as though someone has broken into or tampered with the cottage,” added Constable Gilbertson.

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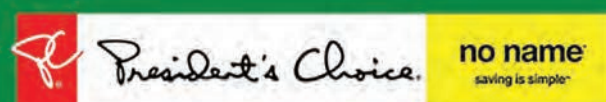
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Don't get caught with frozen pipes this winter

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—When it comes to draining and wrapping the water pipes at your cottage for the winter, getting this taken care of is better done sooner rather than later, says a representative of O. Bond and Sons Plumbing in Mindemoya.

“The biggest thing is that people shouldn't leave everything to the last day,” stated Scott Keller. “If you do (with the winter conditions setting in in late fall/winter), it could cost you a lot of money.”

“That is the biggest thing I would recommend to a cottage owner. Some people will wait too long to get their water pipes drained at their cottage. People need to plan ahead and have this work done no later than Thanksgiving,” said Mr.

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...Composting brings a cornucopia of rewards

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reasons,” suggests Justin Tilson of Honora Bay’s Northern Ontario Permaculture Institute, who describes himself as a great proponent of composting. “Fanatic would be too strong a word,” he laughs.

Avoid diseased plants, pet droppings, cooking fat, glossy paper, the aforementioned weeds with seeds, treated timber or large branches in your compost bin (the former contains chemicals you really don’t want and neither breaks down well. It’s best to avoid meat and bones as well.

Whatever type of composting method you choose, it is important to layer your compost.

Experts advise starting with a base layer of twigs, mulch or old potting mix to encourage air circulation and provide drainage. The soil also contains microbes that do the heavy lifting when it comes to breaking down the material into compost.

Leaves can play an important role here, allowing for air pockets that help with the process of breaking down the plant material. “You need four things to compost,” said Mr. Tilson. “They are carbon, nitrogen, oxygen and water. The leaves supply the carbon and help with the oxygen as they create air pockets, but you need to add nitrogen.” That is where much of the kitchen waste and green plant material comes in.

With the first layers down in your composter/pile, start layering green and brown material such as garden clippings and kitchen scraps, followed by leaves and wet paper. It is a good practice to add water after each layer, that helps to keep the pile moist (but not too wet). Top it off with a layer of soil or finished compost to help reduce odours and add in more microbes.

“I have made a few mistakes along the

way,” noted Mr. Tilson. “The biggest one was creating a rat condo in Vancouver.” Mr. Tilson explains that he was too enthusiastic in his wet waste additions and did not aerate enough or cover. “You need to be aerobic, with oxygen, not anaerobic, or without oxygen. Otherwise, it can become a sticky, smelly mess. That is usually what upsets the neighbours.”

The smaller your items are, the better they will be able to break down. When putting in your layers, two parts brown material to one part green tends to be best practice.

As Mr. Tilson explained, aeration is our friend when it comes to composting, so turn over the compost with a fork every week or two, or if not an option, then poke garden stakes or plastic pipes through the heap to allow oxygen in—microbes like to breathe too. Tossing in a bunch of worms will also help the process along—with an added fishing bonus when you pull the compost out for use.

It is important to cover your compost pile, should you be using that method to help keep heat and moisture in. The compost can continue to break down over the winter months through the heat generated by the process.

You’ll know when your compost is ready by the colour and texture—a rich dark brown product that crumbles easily lets you know you are ready to go. This process can take a few months.

Compost is a great soil conditioner. It will add nutrients to your soil and will help your garden retain moisture. Composting can also reduce the need to add fertilizer while at the same time making your plants more resistant to disease. All around, a win-win for everybody.



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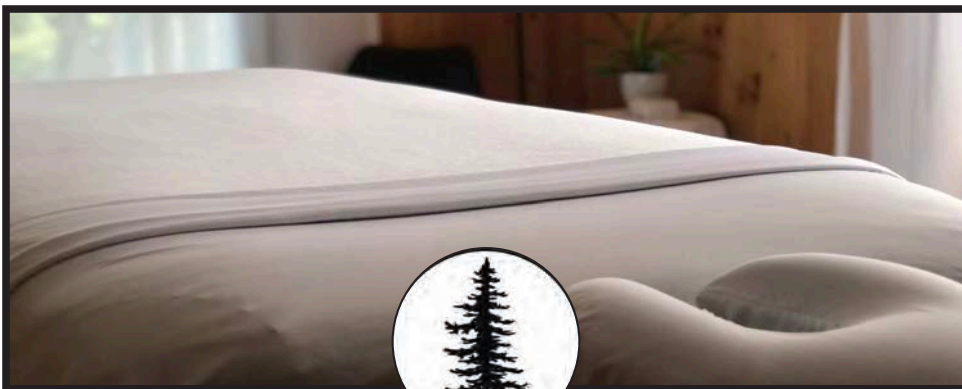
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A version of gingerbread with historical roots

Gingerbread is a popular sweet that often finds its way onto holiday dessert tables. Some people bake and construct lavish gingerbread houses, while others make cut-outs of gingerbread people to turn into cookies.

Legend suggests that gingerbread originally landed in Europe in 992 with an Armenian monk named Gregory of Nicopolis, who brought a honey-and-spice cake to other monks in France, where it quickly became a favorite and was considered a “food from heaven.” Historians are not really sure if the original gingerbread had any ginger in it at all. In fact, typical medieval recipes for gingerbread include no ginger and the French would later refer to it as “pain d’epices,” or spiced bread.

Gingerbread once was a treat only for the elite, but as the masses discovered it, recipes evolved to include soft cakes to hard biscuits and everything in between. The following recipe for medieval “Gingerbread” produces a chewy, almost candy-like texture with potent ginger flavor. Try it for holiday gatherings, courtesy of “Tasting History” (Simon Element) by Max Miller.

Gingerbread
Makes 20 to 25 1-inch pieces

- 12 to 14 slices (238 g) stale white bread**
- 1 cup (330 g) honey**
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger**
- 3/4 teaspoon ground long pepper**
(a spice similar to black pepper but
with more heat that typically must be
ordered online)
- 1/2 teaspoon sandalwood powder, if**
desired, for color (one drop of red food
dye can be used instead)
- 1/2 cup or less sugar (enough for**
sprinkling)
- 20 to 25 whole cloves**
- Gold leaf**

1. Either with a food processor or by hand, grind the bread into coarse bread crumbs. Commercially bought bread crumbs will work as well, though the texture from homemade bread crumbs is preferable.

2. Pour the honey into a large saucepan set over medium heat, and heat to a rolling boil; the honey will become like syrup. Note that it

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...Don't get caught with frozen pipes

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Keller. "You never know what the winter is going to be like. But every year it seems there are a lot of people who wait until the last minute to have the work done on their water systems for the winter."

"If cottage owners want to hire a company like ours to do this type of work they should make sure it gets done earlier rather than after Thanksgiving," said Mr. Keller. He also suggested, "cottage owners should invest money to make it easier to drain the water from the pipes (by opening two pipes)."

By waiting to have the water lines drained at a seasonal cottage, "if 100 camps call us to do this work after Thanksgiving we may not be able to get to all of them before the cold weather comes in and pipes can freeze," said Mr. Keller.

Gravenhurst Plumbing, Heating and Electric (GPHE) recommends, "If you have had your seasonal cottage for years, you likely know the drill, perhaps you just need a bit of professional assistance when you are crunched for time."

"But if you are new to seasonal cottage upkeep and maintenance, the onset of cottage closing season can be a stressful endeavour.

As climate change continues to unfold, some of our long-predictable weather patterns are beginning to shift. This can make it

more challenging to choose an optimal cottage closing date.

Traditionally, cottage owners have aimed to have a seasonal cottage closed and winterized no later than Thanksgiving weekend, perhaps earlier, if snow is predicted to make an early appearance that year.

GPHE noted on their website that some items on your cottage checklist are simply too important to be neglected. Forget or skip over these items and you may return to ghastly and expensive repair jobs.

They recommend property owners drain and wrap pipes at the cottage, leak proof your hot water heater, defrost your refrigerator/freezer, prepare your septic/sump system for winter, wildlife-proof your roof, vents, main cottage, and storage shed areas, take in and secure all equipment, furniture, docks, vehicles and gear, secure any items to be left outside during winter and check to be sure all seasonal vehicle and cottage insurance is up to date.

It is further suggested to winterize your lawn and garden, clean out and winterize your fireplace, give your cottage itself a good pre-winter cleaning, and place anti-damp packets in each room to guard against winter humidity.

Don't get caught off guard this fall!

...A version of gingerbread with historical roots

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will boil up quite a bit, so do not use a small saucepan. Slowly add the bread crumbs to the honey while stirring. The mixture should come together and begin to pull away from the sides of the saucepan. Continue to mix until fully combined. Remove the pan from the heat and quickly stir in the ginger, long pepper and sandalwood, if desired. Turn the mixture out onto a sheet of parchment and spread with a spatula. Then, place another sheet of parchment and, with a rolling pin, roll the gingerbread out

to about 1/2-inch thick (1.2 cm). Wrap in plastic wrap and chill in the refrigerator until stiff, about 2 hours.

3. Once the gingerbread is cool, sprinkle sugar on top and cut into 1-inch squares or whatever shape you like. Keep in mind that each piece should be bite size, as they are very strong. They will also be quite sticky, so handle them as little as possible. Insert a whole clove into each piece of gingerbread and fleck with gold leaf. Leave the clove in until serving, then remove it just before eating.

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