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LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT—One of the many events held in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory for Every Child Matters Week was a 'Light up the Night' kayak in Smith Bay. Community members were invited to adorn their kayaks with lights in honour of those children who left for residential schools and never returned home. For more Every Child Matters coverage, see pages throughout this newspaper.

photo by Jacqueline St.Pierre

Wiikwemkoong chief urges Canada to help fund new nursing home

Suggests slowing down process might mean displacing elders, akin to residential school experience

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
WIKWEMKOONG—In Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, a familiar pattern replays itself, cloaked in legislative squabbles and funding delays as the sovereignty and well-being of a First Nation appear to be undermined by a bureaucratic battle between Ottawa and Ontario—this time over the future of an elders' home, where 50 residential school survivors face the possibility of being removed from their community for a second time.

action, politics reveals itself again: legislation and funding become tools to control the fate of Indigenous communities.

"If we don't get this funding, our elders, many of whom are residential school survivors, will be forced to leave their homes once more," Ogimaa Ominika says. "It's going

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Hefty new garbage pickup costs worry Robinson residents

by Tom Sasvari
SILVER WATER—With an estimated increase of \$10,000 per year in the costs of GFL (Green for Life) hauling its waste from the township, the local services board of Robinson Township agrees it needs to consider every option possible to look at decreasing this cost.

"There is going to be a big increase this year, so we are just throwing out options for everyone to consider," said Paul Sorbara, Robinson LSB chair at its annual election meeting last week. He said residents are looking at a significant increase in their tax bill.

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Kohyn Eshkawkogan makes assist in first OHL game with Ottawa 67's

by Tom Sasvari
OTTAWA—Kohyn Eshkawkogan not only made the Ottawa 67's roster, he made his Ontario Hockey League (OHL) debut with the team this past weekend, suiting up for the club's first two games of the regular season last Friday and Sunday.

"I'm a little nervous but I'm really looking forward and excited about (making his debut) playing my first game," stated Kohyn, 15, who is from Little Current, told The Expositor last Thursday.

"To have a young defenseman step up into a role where you

know he is going to get an opportunity immediately is exciting," stated 67's assistant coach Paul Stoykewych in an article posted on the team's website.

"I had a good training camp with the team," Kohyn told The Expositor. He has not only developed his skills over the summer he also got bigger physically. "Since our rookie camp I've gained 13 pounds and gone from 5' 8" tall to 5' 10."

"I had a little expectation in the back of my mind (that he

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Twice the Ace!

Chris Dunlop notches second hole-in-one this golfing season

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—The odds are about 15,500 to one that an amateur golfer will get one hole in one in their lifetime, and even more staggering that one person will notch two aces. For someone trying to notch two aces in the same season the odds increase even more.

But Chris Dunlop, of Bay Estates, has done all three. He notched his second hole-in-one of his life, and second of this golf season, at

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Chris Dunlop, of Bay Estates notched his second hole in one of this season, at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning on September 17. From left is Ted Pearson, Chris Dunlop, Bruce McCullagh and Greg Richer, Mr. Dunlop's playing partners when he notched his first ace June 27.



M'CHIGEENG RALLIES SUPPORT— Mothers and Grandmothers gather in support of the Lakeview School Walk for Residential School Survivors held last week. For this and more stories and photos of Truth and Reconciliation across Mnidoo Mnising, please see additional coverage throughout this newspaper.

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The Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire that took place at the town of Gore Bay burn pile in an area behind the Gore Bay Curling Club early on the morning of September 27.

Quick actions by fire department keep Gore Bay bush from catching fire

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Thanks to the quick response by the Gore Bay volunteer fire department and the town public works crew, along with the report coming in from members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), a fire at the town's brush pile behind the Gore Bay Curling Club didn't get totally out of control and spread to the nearby bush.

"I received a fire call early this morning from the fire dispatch, through a report they received from the OPP," said Mike Addison, Gore Bay Fire Chief last Friday morning. "It was reported the fire was at 17 Range Street behind the Gore Bay Curling Rink."

"When I got to the scene of the fire there were two police officers on hand," said Mr. Addison. "I was concerned the fire could spread into the trees, so I called Roger Chenard (Town of Gore Bay town foreman) and he had town public works employee Wyatt Dearing to attend the scene, and using a backhoe, move the burn pile further away from the tree area." He pointed out the town's

burn pile is far removed from the curling club.

"When I talked to Roger (Chenard) he pointed out the town public works hadn't lit the burn pile," said Mr. Addison. The latter arrived on the scene of the fire at about 3:20-3:25 am. "By then it was burning good—the flames were about 30 feet in the air."

The firefighters, "protected the back side of the property so the flames would not get into the tree area," said Mr. Addison.

"At this point we don't know who lit the burn pile," continued Mr. Addison. "You can't just light a match to the fire because it is too damp, and once it gets going it dries everything out. I believe it was intentionally set."

Mr. Addison noted the town put out a report on the fire on its website. "The Gore Bay Fire Department responded to a call this morning regarding a brush fire at the town's burn pile behind the curling club. Thanks to the swift action of the fire department and public works the fire

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First Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act surplus in years looking likely

by Expositor Staff

GORE BAY—For a number of years, predating the impact of the pandemic, the Provincial Services Act committee has reported a deficit, requiring Island municipalities to kick in funds to keep the wheels of (mostly) vehicular justice turning.

During its recent meeting, the POA board was informed that this year's books look to be coming in with a surplus—largely thanks to increases in revenue from enforcement, but also a result of more tickets being dealt with through mediation, without the need for a court appearance.

POA manager Aly Niemi noted that the budget to date was sitting at a current surplus of \$38,924, a far cry above the situation last year which saw a deficit of \$11,554 (which was itself an improvement over the nearly \$25,000 budgeted for).

"Since COVID, we have been operating at a deficit, but this year we've experienced some revenue increases due to procedural changes and improved enforcement," said Ms. Niemi. "Our goal is to end 2024 with

a surplus and to continue this momentum moving forward. Our staff is continually learning and connecting with the extensive network of POA offices throughout Ontario. By leveraging all available resources, we've streamlined our processes and ensured that we are meeting all of our requirements."

Revenue to date was up to

\$150,896, far more than the \$109,759 that was in the budget for year end. The trend in increased revenue and decreased costs is anticipated to continue.

The OPP has brought in significant increases in the number of officers in the Manitoulin Detachment as a pilot, and the impact on POA revenue is like-

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Little Current Public School celebrates 50 years since expansion

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Under the direction of school principal Tracy Chapman, Little Current Public School (LCPS) held a celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the expansion of the school into its present form.

Ms. Chapman cited the school's entry into the "The Little Current Story" history book by the late

local historian Sandy McGillivray.

"With the prospects of more pupils in the Howland and surrounding areas, the (Manitoulin) board of education, in the late winter of 1972, applied to the Department of Education for money to build a major addition to LCPS,"

opens that citation. The additions included regular classrooms, a gymnasium, library and re-

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Town of Gore Bay creates new planning and housing development task force

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay Planning and Development Task Force (GBPDTF) is focusing on several lots and under used buildings that exist in the town for housing, to draw more people as residents to the town in the future.

"Yes, there are many lots and under used properties and buildings that we are looking at in term of development," said Harry Schlange, town manager after a town council meeting last week. "Our planning and development task force is looking at innovative ways to optimize all the current lots that are not developed or under used."

Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane told council at its meeting last week, "You will recall that one or two months ago we had established this planning and development task force involving three members of council (councillors Rob Dearing, Dan Osborne, Mayor Lane), town staff (Harry Schlange and Michael Lalonde) and community members (Theresa Carlisle and Brian Dittmar). Our inaugural meeting took place September 11 where we appointed a chair and vice chair, and why we are here."

"Housing is a priority, we will be looking intently at that," stated Mayor Lane. "In the next few months, we will be looking at all the lots, building lots, plans for the Manitoulin Lodge and how to fix these issues."

At the committee meeting Mayor Lane was chosen as chair of the committee, with Councillor Rob Dearing being vice-chair, staff person Nicole Divok as the secretary for the planning and development task force.

"It was a positive meeting, there were no negatives," said Councillor Osborne.

"There is vacant, potential land that can be used for housing," said Councillor Dearing. "There are also homes that are not being used. That's something I wouldn't have thought about."

The committee had received macro indicators (provincial and federal direction) for information. Mr. Schlange noted, the province is looking at an additional 1.5 million homes being developed in the next 10 years and the population growing by over 700,000 by 2025. And the federal government supports

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Expositor takes two national awards at newspaper competition

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Expositor once again has a couple of national accolades under its belt with the recent naming of the 2024 Canadian Community Newspaper Awards announced recently.

This year, associate editor Michael Erskine again took top honours in the local editorial category for his November 22, 2023 hunting week editorial 'Hunting is not a sport in the North—it's a way of life.'

"Congratulations on a compelling and insightful editorial!" the judge wrote. "The dedication to addressing community issues with clarity and passion is truly commendable."

"Mr. Erskine is on an editorial roll," said publisher Alicia McCutcheon. "On both a provincial and national level, he has been winning awards consistently for his thought-pro-



Associate editor Michael Erskine poses with his latest award-winning editorial.

voking pieces that appear on Page 4 each and every week. Congratulations, Mike!"

For The Expositor's website, which underwent a massive change under Dave Patterson last year, Manitoulin.com took home a second place for best website on the national stage.

"The Manitoulin Expositor website has an aesthetically appealing design that is quite different than what the majority of news websites use," the judge writes. "It has good local coverage ... it's not overwhelming and keeps things simple for readers, who are likely to come back multiple times a day to get their local information."

"While Dave is no longer with The Expositor, he continues to lend us his expertise and for that we are truly thankful. Way to go, Dave!" Ms. McCutcheon said.

Op-ed

Long-time Manitoulin Expositor publisher looks at past half century

From Rick McCutcheon

Long-time publisher of The Manitoulin Expositor

It was 50 years ago this week, the first issue in October 1974, when Julia and I took over the reins of The Expositor as resident publishers.

It's an easy date to remember because that week's lead story and front-page photo was the first crossing from Tobermory to South Baymouth of the brand-new Chi Cheemaun ferry that this season is celebrating a half-century in service.

We had been here before, of course, when I worked at the paper as editor/general manager, a job that meant writing the news, selling the ads, laying out the paper, hiring staff, dealing with the post office, addressing the papers and a few more tasks. A great learning opportunity for a 22-year-old! Julia had come here after responding to an ad in the paper for a teacher whose job it would be to establish a kindergarten for the old Little Current Elementary School Board. (We'd met in Grade 13.)

That fall of 1967, a newly minted teacher, she'd been teaching Grade 2 class at a Toronto school where she had 35 pupils, no teacher's aide and at least three of the children spoke no English!

I'd been sending her help wanted notices for teachers at Island schools and she liked the idea of starting something from scratch, so the Little Current one was the one she applied for and received a job offer. She gave her notice to the Toronto School Board effective January 1, 1968 and moved here and began setting up the new program. Another great learning opportunity.

Julia had always planned on going to university so, after three years' teaching, she applied to Lakehead University for the Bachelor of Science Nursing (BScN) program and off she went in the fall of 1969.

The Expositor, then owned by four Sudbury businesspeople, came up for sale in early 1970. I was asked if I was interested in buying it, I said I certainly was and managed to get a bank loan unsecured by anything other than the paper's last couple of financial statements and suddenly I was a newspaper proprietor.

The problem was, I was here in mid-Canada and Julia was in the Northwest of the province in Thunder Bay.

At the end of her first year of the four-year program, I took some summer holidays and went to Thunder Bay to look for a job there, leaving resumes and applications at both daily newspapers.

A couple of weeks later, I had a job offer from the Fort William Times Journal, which I accepted.

So now, who was going to manage The Expositor, with all of those myriad tasks?

John Low, a university friend, was looking for an employment change so I asked him to come and look at this job. He came and accepted the challenge immediately. John became interested in environmental issues while he was here, an interest that led to post-graduate work in the environment and the law, a career that took him as far afield as Papua, New Guinea and finally back to Ontario where he worked for many years as a self-employed environmental consultant.

When John left to begin the education in his field that would launch his career, we brought Mike Atkins aboard. Mike quickly learned the newspaper business while he was here on Manitoulin and when the opportunity came for him to take over the faltering Sudbury Life newspaper, he jumped at the chance, re-branding it as Northern Life and then also launching Northern Ontario Business, both of which he published for nearly 50 years.

The third person we brought aboard, when Mike left for Sudbury, was Ian Gibb who had been working at the paper as a reporter. Ian met his wife Mary here (she was teaching at the new Manitoulin Secondary School) and when he left, he also returned to university, completing a second degree, this one in mathematics, with a view to a career as an actuary. This was also a good move as Ian had a long career with the federal government and had many international experiences.

We were in Thunder Bay during these busy years, connecting with John, Mike and Ian a few times every week by telephone.

We were married during that time and our son Duff was born in Thunder Bay (conveniently during the summer between Julia's third and fourth years at university!)

Then came 1974: Julia graduated from Lakehead and wrote her Registered Nurse exam.

What were we going to do then?

Well, of course, we had this newspaper on Manitoulin Island, we'd both enjoyed our time here and so it was then that we became the resident publisher of The Manitoulin Expositor a half-century ago this week.

How time, as they say, flies!

Ours, like everyone's lives, is marked by milestones. Our daughter Alicia was born and this necessitated enlarging the home we'd bought in 1977 (and where we still live) a year after her birth.

The paper purchased and squeezed into the former Musil shoe repair shop on Little Current's front street. This worked out well because, while we were still in Thunder Bay, the lone vacant lot in the downtown area of Little Current came on the market and the paper bought it (thanks again to the bank!), thinking of one-day building an office there. Coincidentally, that was right beside the Musil building so we were able to expand across the width of that property in 1985 with a brick facade to tie it all together.

There's another Expositor office milestone coming up: in the fall of 1974, we advertised in the paper for someone to help every week with addressing, bundling and getting the papers into mailbags for postal delivery.

A couple brand-new to Manitoulin, Kerrene and Chris Tilson, applied.

We quickly learned that Kerrene was familiar with the newspaper industry as she had worked for several years at the Toronto Star as a classified ad salesperson. She's been working at The Expositor ever since so in a little more than month, Kerrene will have been at the paper for a half century as well. People also know her for her work in the community (most recently) organiz-

ing Café in the Woods musical events at the ski chalet in Honora Bay and for persevering to found the busy community fitness centre in Little Current, located in the basement level of the Welcome Centre by the swing bridge.

Our daughter Alicia took over the publisher's role at the paper about six years ago and she, as with her parents, has been blessed with exceptional staff in every department over these five decades. I'm not going to name names because so many people have cycled through The Expositor and who have left their very positive marks and because I don't want to leave anyone out.

I will, however, name Peter Carter who was our editor from 1981 through 1983 and who has a piece in this week's edition.

While Peter was editor, The Expositor was nominated for... and won... the Michener Award for Meritorious Public Service Journalism.

That was in 1982, 42 years ago. That is Canada's equivalent to the Pulitzer Prize in the US and this newspaper was the first community newspaper to win it for reporting on the unpleasant topic of a rash of Manito-

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Rick and Julia (then school teacher Miss Rutledge before they wed) McCutcheon in a 1969 photo.

Journalism for the Public Good: The Michener Awards at Fifty

A snapshot of the good that quality journalism can accomplish

by Peter Carter

TORONTO—"Thanks for the Greenbelt!"

So said Manitoulin Expositor former publisher Rick McCutcheon to Toronto Star reporter Noor Javed as she found her way out the door of Toronto's Massey College last Thursday evening.

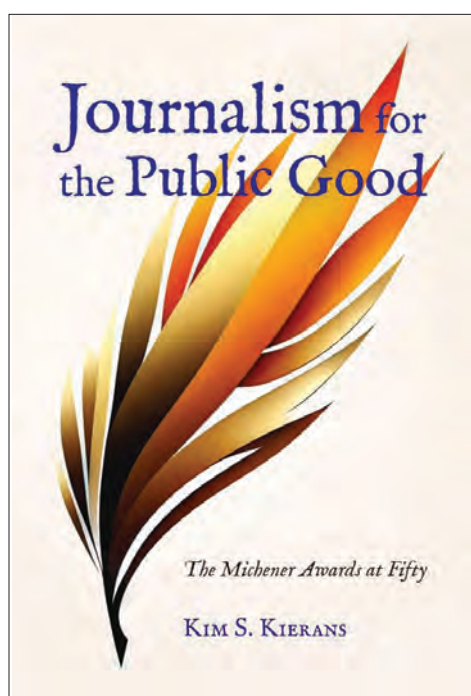
The "greenbelt" Mr. McCutcheon was talking about is approximately about two million acres of farmland, wetlands and forests around the Toronto area protected from development, identified and described by former premier Dalton McGuinty's Greenbelt Protection Act, 2004.

Twenty years later, around Toronto, the word greenbelt reeks of Premier Doug Ford and political corruption.

In a private scheme designed in 2022, Premier Ford planned to open parts of the protected land to developers; some of them Ford family friends. However, on Thursday, September 21, 2023, Premier Ford took the province by surprise when he told reporters that deal was off. The Greenbelt would not be opened to development.

"I made a promise to you that I wouldn't touch the Greenbelt. I broke that promise, and for that, I am very, very, sorry," the premier said.

To a large degree, Premier Ford changed his mind because of the in-depth and persistent reporting of the Star's Ms. Javed, along with her colleagues at the online news source The Narwhal. Thus, for what amounted to saving the Greenbelt, the journalists won the 2023 Michener Award for Public Service Journalism; aka. Canada's Pulitzer Prize; aka. report-



The cover of the new book by Kim S. Keirans. ing that yields positive results. In 1983, The Expositor won the Michener.

That's why Mr. McCutcheon was in the same room as Ms. Javed. (Coincidentally, a tiny slice of the Green Belt includes the farm McCutcheon lived on as a child.)

They—joined by about 50 others, including some of Canada's other most prominent journalists, like the CBC's Anna Maria Tremonti, former Saturday Night magazine Editor John Fraser and former Globe and Mail editor Edward

Greenspon—were at Massey College for the launch of 'Journalism for the Public Good: the Michener Awards at Fifty,' by Kim S. Kierans, a largely unsung but stellar Canadian journalist. She's definitely worth a Google. And The Expositor's achievement is recounted in colourful detail in chapter three of 'Journalism for the Public Good.'

Thursday's event was no self-congratulatory book launch. The two-hour discussion was more an interactive Ted talk on the seminal role that a robust fourth



Author Kim S. Kierans autographs Peter Carter's copy of her book.

estate plays in democracy.

Which is also the underlying theme of Ms. Kieran's very readable new book.

'Journalism for the Public Good' ought to be required reading for not only every reporter in the country but also for anybody who cares about the well-being of this country.

From the 1975 reportage of The London Free Press's George Hutchinson and Dick Wallace of mercury poisoning on the Grassy Narrows Reserve in Northern Ontario to the courageous reporting of the Montreal Gazette's Gillian Cosgrove who went undercover to unveil horrific living conditions and abuse of girls aged 12 to 18 at Maison Notre-Dame-de-Laval, a Montreal correction centre for girls, Ms. Kierans' book covers major news events from the early '70s to today.

Ms. Cosgrove's horrific and tragic reportage included personal accounts of torture suffered by a 14-year-old girl handcuffed and forced to lie in her own feces; a true horror story no one would have known about had it not been for the journalist's tenacity. The coverage resulted in more than 45,000 Quebecers signing a petition and eventually led to the introduction of the Youth Protection Act and the closure of several youth correction centres.

Ms. Cosgrove, who was on hand Thursday, won a Michener in 1975. According to the book, she is still working on the story and appeared in a 2019 Fifth Estate episode called "The Forgotten Children of Marian Hall," and she is supporting the

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay
Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your Friendly Fly. October 2 officially marks the beginning of the silly season in my books, so it is officially time to fall-in. Fall in to the cooler temperatures, get lost in the orange hanging crescent moons and the quick fade of the cotton candy sunset skies, get nostalgic at the fall scenes and scarecrows, poised around our favourite landmarks; get glints and glimpses of childhood memories from neighbourhood porch pumpkins; get busy with Thanksgiving gatherings and holiday planning; get creative with costumes and decorations; get grounded with the inherent knowledge that despite the chaos and kaleidoscope that is October, you will see your way through this season again, as you have so many times before. The cyclical nature of history and nature's history of cyclical balance will make it so. Remember, when leaves are plentiful, the ground is soft. Breathe deeply, remember fondly, live graciously. Be fastidious and fierce and with all your might and mane, fall in!

Here's what's happening: Providence Bay arena and fairgrounds: Final Rec Nite frenzy of 2024 has begun! Join the final night of Rec Night fun at the Providence Bay arena on Friday night from 7 to 9 pm. Enjoy a game of air hockey, badminton, pickleball or basketball with family and friends.

Fall Market: Central Manitoulin Markets invites you to the Fall Market at the Providence Bay arena on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. Over 60 vendors all under one roof! It will be tons of fun and a great opportunity for getting some gifts for the holidays.

Providence Bay Curling Club: Interested in learning about ice maintenance? Visit <https://curlinginontario.ca> and sign up for the Ice Tech Assistant course on Saturday, October 26 from 8 am to 4 pm at the Espanola Curling Club.

Providence Bay Hall: Exercise class is Fridays for adults age 55+ from 10:30 to 11:30 am. It's a 12-week program. For info contact Alison, 705-377-5726 or email asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca

Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Club: Lions Bottle Drive: Drop off your empties next to the arena for a good cause. This helps keep our township clean and helps us give back to the community.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Sunday Service at 10:30 am; Youth Group Meetups is Wednesdays at 6 pm.

The Heavens: October 2 is the Annual Solar Eclipse 'ring of fire' which will be visible in the sky across Easter Island and parts of southern Chile and Argentina. October 2: Micro New Moon, the first of two New Moons in October is a Micromoon which explains why today's solar eclipse is annular. On October 8 and 9, the Draconid Meteor Shower occurs, the best time to see the shooting stars of the peaking Draconids is just after nightfall.

Providence Bay Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: Huron Island Time will remain open through the early fall season right through to October. Nothing better than good maple syrup, butter tarts, spicy patties, hot soups and delicious roti to set you right on a crisp fall day or evening. And you bet, they're still serving up great treats and ice cream!

Reminders: Looking for cool costumes for Halloween and Harvest Glory Days scarecrows? Check out Treasures in Mindemoya, local yard sales, Facebook Marketplace or the Providence Bay transfer station at 4077 Government Road. The hours are Thursday and Saturday, 1 to 5. Great job so far on all your Harvest Glory Days decorations and scarecrows everyone! Remember, the more "corners" that are decorated, the more Island pride there is for visitors to see! For further information, please contact The Expositor office by email at services@manitoulin.com or call 705-368-2744. This event is organized as a public service by The Manitoulin Expositor. Judging will take place the week before Thanksgiving. Deadline for entries is Friday, October 4. As we enter the season of gratitude and giving, we count our blessings big and small, enjoy the bounty of our harvests and enjoy the gift of making holiday memories with family, community and friends.

Mentions: Happy Birthday wishes to my darling daughter Ceilidh, Ruby, Grayson, Kennedy and all you beautiful October babies out there. Happy Thanksgiving and Halloween countdown to all! This is a fun time of year, play safe and take it easy out there.

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery.

Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer

It is ofishally salmon run season in Kagawong! Please don't harass them or give them any carp as they are working hard to head upstream. We aren't just moaning and whaling for the halibut with no porpoise. If their return trip upriver is made too difficult, the whole process for spawning a new generation will flounder. As they reach the end of their lives, the returning salmon can definitely use more friends than anemones.

At time of writing, the township burn ban has been lifted. Better to be safe than sorry, for the most updated status, check out the township website at billingstwp.ca.

We know there is no use crying over spilled brine, but Team Fergmeijer was a little disappointed that our suggestion to name the covered rink the "Township of Dillings PickleDome" didn't make the shortlist of potential names. With the announcement of the top four names, voting is now open! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HSDCSV9> to have your say. Voting will close Tuesday, October 22 at 12 noon.

Body Stories Dance is back at the Kagawong Park Centre this fall, with programming for dance enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. Check out their website at <https://www.bodystoriesdance.com/schedule> for class times and fees.

Mark your calendars and get your bidding hand ready: the Billings Library will be holding their annual online silent auction from Thursday, November 21 to Sunday, November 24. Last year's auction had over 70 items up for bid and this year is shaping up to be just as impressive (can anyone say Ripley's Aquarium tickets?!). All bidding is done via [facebook.com/groups/libraryauction](https://www.facebook.com/groups/libraryauction) and with nearly 400 participants, it is always a lively event. If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, or would just like more information, drop a line to billingsreads@gmail.com.

They say good things come in threes, but we at Team Fergmeijer are more inclined to find groups of four superior. Many good things come in fours: Ninja Turtles, the Golden Girls, the A-Team, the Ghostbusters, the Fantastic Four, ghosts in Pac-Man, horsemen of the apocalypse (okay, maybe we should have stopped while we were ahead). We would like to wish many happy returns to a fantastic foursome of Kagawongians: Keith, Kim, Dennis and Jamie

Do you have a friend or family member you would like to honour (or embarrass) with a mention in the column? Birthday coming up? Anniversary? Birth announcement? Matched every single sock to its correct partner on laundry day? Reach out to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we will make sure they feel extra special.

Did you know? You can catch up on all past Team Fergmeijer columns at <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com/>. That's right - all the punfoolery in one spot.

Did you know that you can take your basic, everyday caramel popcorn, add some homemade maple syrup and nuts, and you will have some delicious and sappy poppycock? You're welcome! Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay
Elaine Bradley

There was a fashion show in Silver Water on Saturday which I missed. A friend of mine from Meldrum went and said that it was very nice. I was disappointed to miss it because I had enjoyed it last year.

I did make it to chair yoga on Tuesday and brought a friend with me. I was a little more coordinated this week which was a relief.

The carrots I bought from the market gardener here in Meldrum were so sweet and delicious that I will need to go back for more. The onions were hot and juicy and I have been going through them quickly too.

Friday night, September 20 at cards, there were four tables. High lady was Myra Duncanson with 72 points; high man was Harold Rogers with 77; ladies' lone hands went to Sara with three; men's lone hands went to Lois Wismer with three; most euchres went to Mildred Kelly with eight; Karen Noble brought home the juice; the money jar is safe. Murray Duncanson won the 50/50 draw and also brought home the door prize.

Barrie Island
Enid Runnalls

Bird hunters have been active on Barrie Island in various fields. It is a good goose season so far.

Last week, Enid Runnalls attended Rod Carley's Book Launch at the Gore Bay Harbour Centre, as well the Book and Brew and a workshop with children's author Sahar Golshan during the North Words and Elemental Festival events in Gore Bay and Kagawong last weekend.

Carolyn Lane-Rock has returned from Sudbury's Cinefest after attending the Gala and seeing 14 films! She has given two thumbs up to the following films: 'Aberdeen', 'The Mother and the Bear', 'Bob Tarino Likes This', and the 'Count of Monte Cristo'. She also recommends 'Seeds', and 'Bookworm'. For a thorough review, please give her a shout because she will tell you all about it.

Visiting Carolyn this week, are her friends from Sudbury, Mary Waddell and Kath Salidas. They hiked the Noble Trail in Gore Bay and found it to be quite beautiful.

Katie Runnalls is up from Toronto and visiting her parents for a few days this week. She has also spent some time with Cameron and Micah Runnalls and her grandad, Oliver Runnalls.

I know it's early but keep your eye on the local bulletin boards; Gordon/Barrie Island Holiday Market posters will soon be posted so mark your calendars for Saturday, November 30, 1 to 4 pm and come out for some holiday spirit and shopping!

Silver Water
Karen Noble

On Friday Albert and I went to town to do our errands. We had lunch with the Elizabeth Bay church group at the Watersedge. They were very busy during the two hours we were there.

On Friday evening, I took Myra Duncanson, DonnaKay McDonald and Lois Wismer with me to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

On Saturday morning, we had a vendor market in our yard. Jose Daniels is bringing more produce with her every week and beautiful gladiolas.

Holly Scott and her granddaughter stopped at our house to pick up the lunch for the 14 people involved in the bicycle ride to Meldrum Bay to raise funds for the Mindemoya Hospital.

On Saturday afternoon starting at 2 pm at the Silver Water community hall there was a fashion show featuring clothing from Diane Paquette's store. There were 42 ladies in attendance. The lunch was wonderful thanks to Marie Leeney and her helpers. It was a fundraiser for the UCW.

On Monday evening we went to euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex. There were eight tables, I won the money jar.

On Tuesday at 1 pm there was chair yoga at the Silver Water hall. Thank you to Nell Staalstra for leading the group.

On Wednesday evening there was the Local Services Board's election meeting. Thank you to the services of Murray Duncanson, Brenda Carter and Sara-Lyn Arnot who have gone off of the board. The new board starting on October 1 is Paul Sorbara, Doug Wismer, Colleen Julseth, Charles Pickard and myself. The pre-budget meeting is scheduled for October 23. The big discussion will be the garbage cost with GFL Environmental who have asked for a large increase. There will be regular roadside pickup on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving weekend, October 15.

On Thursday night there was euchre at the Silver Water Hall, there were six tables. Congratulations to Natasha McVey who had 87 points and won the money jar.

I swam on Friday, September 20. It seems time to go for walks going forward.

There will be a Silver Water Recreation Centre meeting including an election on Wednesday, October 2.

The Local Roads Board meeting will be Monday, October 7 at the Silver Water Hall.

On Saturday, October 26 starting at 9 am there will be a Christmas Market in my yard and at the community hall. There is still room for more vendors so please contact me if you are interested.

There is no tournament in Tehkummah in October. The next one is November 3.

Happy 80th birthday to Oliver Coburn.
Condolences to the family of Stanley McLean.
Condolences to the family of Alberta Graham.

...Gore Bay creates new housing task force

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additional housing.

"This task force is taking action on increasing the town housing supply, with a sense of urgency to do so," said Mr. Schlange. "We want to sustain Gore Bay as a full service town and going forward we want to work and bring forward different types of housing that allows residents to 'age in place,' such as downsizing, multi-residential homes and assisted living homes, which also opens up housing for new families to the community."

"There are definitely lots of underutilized buildings and lots in town. We are also looking to upgrade services above the bluffs to facilitate development," said Mr. Schlange.

At the planning and development task force meeting, the task force approved the planning and development task force-terms of reference. "There is a common understanding that an increase to the housing supply is required, including different types of housing and is a key priority for the town," said Mr. Schlange. The task force is open to any (and all) ideas.

The task force agreed to the overall themes: the Town of Gore Bay needs more housing, and there is a sense of urgency to this issue; the Town of Gore Bay has land that can be developed; there are also a number of existing homes that can be converted, including building and land holdings that are owned by other investors; different housing types are needed in town and should be prioritized; and the town should encourage different housing types that allow residents to 'age in place,' such as downsizing, multi-residential homes and assisted living homes.

In the short term the task force has approved plans which include a review of under-utilized publicly and privately-owned buildings and lots, promote existing vacant commercial properties, planning for Manitoulin Lodge, identify and champion developers, planning experts and real estate professionals to address the task force and provide further guidance and information.

In the medium to long-term (12 months and beyond) the list of action items approved by the task force is to include looking at community improvement programs

and tax incentives.

The next steps in the process for the task force is for town staff to review under-utilized publicly-owned buildings and lots. Town staff will bring a list back to the task force for their review and comment. Theresa Carlisle will provide five printed copies of the 'Vacant and underutilized parcels' to the group. She will also send an electronic copy of the map to Ms. Divok for distribution. Town staff will invite some local developers for a brainstorming session during the next meeting. The town staff will apply to Intake 2 of the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, which closes November 1, 2024.

As well, town staff will provide a copy of a municipal community improvement plan and tax deferral plan for information. The task force agreed that the 2024 'Destination Gore Bay' marketing plan being worked on the next two years will complement the work being done by the task force.

"This and previous councils have prided themselves on reinvesting in this community to differentiate itself from other small communities in the north as a destination for people to live, work and play," said Mr. Schlange.

"This is yet another initiative to build a brighter future for Gore Bay. We need to attract and retain current residents to our community, and look at the investments that have been made just during this term," said Mr. Schlange, noting this includes physician recruitment, keeping long term care in the community, major watermain infrastructure investment, downtown revitalization, continuing investment in the town amenities (over \$100,000 invested in the town arenas), community spirit programming, special events, Harbour Days, fireworks, Easter egg hunts, fun runs, investing in a marketing plan for the community.

"The planning and task force is yet another targeted initiative as part of Gore Bay wanting to provide for more housing supply in order for our seniors to age in place (offer different housing types going from big lots/houses to downsize) which opens up housing for families," continued Mr. Schlange. "This team is very focused on ensuring we grow in a responsible way to continue to sustain Gore Bay as a full-service community."

...First POA surplus in years looking likely

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ly, at least in part, a result.

Ms. Niemi, who is relatively new to her post and this being her first POA meeting, noted a number of improvements that have been made to the POA operations.

Those improvements included a customer service focus—with timely access to justice, increased early resolutions and trail backlog clearing, a move to following up on failure to respond issues daily, and the keying in of tickets as they come in. The improvements also included removing barriers to payment by adding an online option.

Ms. Niemi also noted that a part-time POA position has been eliminated (although severance costs at the board have hidden some of those savings). She is also working with the Temiskaming Shores on the replacement of the POA servers.

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A POA manager, she has met with the Espanola POA office and attended a number of conferences and delegations, including an Association of Municipalities of Ontario meeting with the Attorney General where ongoing sustainability issues were discussed with the province.

Ms. Niemi noted that, going forward, management would be investigating options for collections and working with the regional senior justice of the peace on the future of the Little Current satellite court.

In 2024, so far, there have been 1,257 tickets files, compared to 1,170 last year, 74 early resolutions have been heard (compared to 75 in all of 2023), while 638 matters were heard in court in (compared to 241 in all of 2023). There were 532 fail to respond convictions (compared to 143 in 2023).

Seed sales help pollinators and Island service clubs

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A local woman has come up with a unique idea that will see beautiful flowers blooming to help further beautify Manitoulin and funds derived by the sale of flower seeds, going to several local service clubs and organizations.

Bonnie Hore, of Gore Bay, has personally purchased over 2,000 packages of seeds that she will be selling through the 'Seeded Soul' campaign, which will also raise funds for the local groups and organizations. "Let's beautify the Island and benefit our local charity clubs so they can continue to support people in need. With a small donation, you can help."

"I will be selling the



Bonnie Hore, right, sells a package of flower seeds to a customer as part of her 'Seeded Soul' project. Ms. Hore purchased over 2,000 packages of flower seeds and will be selling them at Dean's Valu-Mart in Gore Bay three days a week. Proceeds from the sale of the seeds will be shared equally among three local fire departments, two service clubs and a Royal Canadian Legion Branch.

flower plant seeds at the Valu-Mart in Gore Bay, to raise funds for three area fire departments, the Gore Bay, Burpee and Mills and Billings Volun-

teer Fire Departments, the Gore Bay Rotary Club, the Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club, and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 (Gore Bay)," said Ms. Hore.

The seed packages will be sold for \$7 each, "and all the proceeds from the sale of the seeds will be divided equally among the four groups," said Ms. Hore. She purchased the seeds from Seedville Supply Store, an Ohio based business.

"We have different colours and flowers for the seeds available," said Ms. Hore. "I wanted the flow-

ers to match the colours of the four organizations. There is blue 'Forget Me Not' flowers to match the Rotary Club colours, yellow perennial flowers representing the Lions Club colours, red 'fire chief' petunias for the fire departments and perennial poppies for the Legion.

Ms. Hore is planning to sell the seeds from Tuesday-Thursdays at Dean's Valu-Mart in Gore Bay from 11:30 am to 4 pm, on a weekly basis until all the seeds are sold.

"If this goes really well, I will do this again next year and begin selling the seed packages earlier than this year," added Ms. Hore.

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...keep bush from catching fire

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is under control and everyone is safe. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time.

"The pile may be smouldering for a few days and there may be some smell of smoke in the air."

Mr. Addison said over the past 13-day period the fire department has responded to four fire calls, three at the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay, all false alarms due to a false alarm which has now been repaired. As well the firefighters responded (as did Hydro One) to a transformer fire on Thorburn Street in Gore Bay.

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...Little Current Public School celebrates 50 years since expansion

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source centre, a “proper” Kindergarten room, health and guidance area and other facilities.

The plans included the demolition of the old stone school building built circa 1940/41 and the abandoning of the old senior school (parts of which hailed back to as early as 1925). The changes included relocating the school from Blake Street in Little Current to its current location on Draper Street.

Construction began in the spring of 1973 and moving in day took place in the late summer of 1974.

“When all the alterations were finished,” quoted Ms. Chapman, “the school had the appearance of an entirely new building, a unified



Junior students at Little Current Public School perform songs that were popular in 1974, the year the school opened.



Principal Tracey Chapman presents long-time LCPS principal John Hodder with a shirt adorned with his favourite phrase: “I can still hear you.”

whole with little indication of where old met new. The ribbon cutting for the

building took place in October 1974. Enrollment at LCPS was close to 450 that fall.”

Smaller schools in the region were closed and/or amalgamated—with the school in Tehkummah lasting the longest (closing in the 1980s) thanks to strong opposition to its closure.

Ms. Chapman called out the former staff who were also at the celebration, including John Hodder, the former LCPS principal who shepherded the new school building into existence. Mr. Hodder was called upon to speak and he recalled the efforts that went into building the modern new facility.

As a thank you gift to Mr. Hodder, Ms. Chapman presented the former

principal with a T-shirt bearing his favourite saying: “I can still hear you.”

Many of the teachers who now fill the roster at LCPS were themselves students at the new LCPS building, including two sets of sisters—April Aelick and Amber Jewell and Tanya and Melissa McCulloch.

Following the remarks, LCPS junior students sang two songs that were popular among children in 1974 and then those in attendance were invited to share in a celebratory cake before touring the student’s classrooms and lockers. A bulletin board display featured the history of the school along with historical class photographs.

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A photo display of class photos throughout the 50 years was on display for children, families, staff past and present and community members to enjoy.



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...Wiikwemkoong chief urges Canada to help fund new nursing home

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to reopen those same wounds—being taken away from their community, their culture, their language. It's the same story, over and over."

This isn't just a question of dollars and cents—it's about autonomy and survival, the ogimaa says. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action demand that Canada support Indigenous communities in reclaiming their sovereignty and healing from the traumatic legacy of residential schools. Yet, when it comes to Wiikwemkoong's Elders, the federal government hesitates, while the clock ticks toward the expiration of the facility's licence next year.

A former chief of Wiikwemkoong, Rachel Manitowabi, emphasizes the broader implications of relocating the elders: "Many have Alzheimer's or dementia and struggle to speak English. If they are sent to homes elsewhere, they'll lose access to their language and culture." This displacement would sever them from their Anishnaabemowin language, the very core of their identity—yet another erasure that echoes the forced assimilation of the past.

The situation has only worsened with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw the cost of the project balloon from \$25 million to \$60 million.



Alison Recollet, a second generation survivor of Indian Residential Schools, listens to Ogimaa Tim Ominika address the crowd at the ruins of The Holy Cross Mission on Truth and Reconciliation Day. Her father, John Recollet, 85, is a resident at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home and suffers from dementia. The message on her short is an important one.

Despite this, Ontario and Ottawa continue to pass responsibility back and forth. While Ontario defends its \$30 million investment, claiming the federal government has failed to engage meaningfully, Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu points to a deeper, systemic issue: a pattern of discrimination by the Ontario government against First Nations.

"Repeatedly, we see Ontario treating First Nations differently," Minister Hajdu remarks. While Ontario has earmarked operational funding, Ogimaa Ominika and his community are left holding the burden of this shortfall, waiting for federal intervention that never seems to come.

In contrast, Ottawa has recently funded major projects for other communities—a \$1.2 billion

hospital in Moosonee, a \$30 million elder care home in Tyendinaga and a \$194 million long-term care facility in Nunavut. Yet, when Wiikwemkoong asks for support to care for its elders, the response is tepid at best, with Prime Minister Trudeau offering only to help "find other sources of funding."

When posed with the question "where should the funds come from, the feds or the province?" Ogimaa Ominika said, "It doesn't matter whether it's the federal or provincial government—what matters is that they work together to ensure we can move forward with constructing this new building. They're suggesting we apply for alternative funds like the Green Build Fund, which would make the project more energy-efficient,

but that would push the cost up to \$75 million. We're only asking for \$20 million to finish what we started, yet they're steering us toward something that will cost more. Why not just support us now?"

For Ogimaa Ominika, this is nothing new. "One comment from one of the chief of staff suggested we were coming at the last minute, almost 'strangling' them for funds. But I told him that's simply not true. We've been asking for these funds since 2021 because we knew our licence was expiring. It's inappropriate to say we're coming at the 11th hour when we've been reaching out for years,

with no response—that's why we showed up at Parliament's doors."

The stakes are high. This new home isn't just a facility for the elderly; it's a vital cultural hub. It will have 96 beds—37 more than the current home—and space for programming that would allow elders to share their knowledge with the younger generation, preserving Wiikwemkoong's language, stories, and traditions. "If we don't get this money, we're going to lose all of that," Ogimaa Ominika warns.

In Wiikwemkoong's struggle, there is a microcosm of a larger colonial strategy: delay, defund

and ultimately, destabilize First Nations' efforts to care for their people on their terms, the chief says. Through legislative barriers and funding shortfalls, the very sovereignty that Indigenous communities are striving to reclaim is systematically undermined.

As Wiikwemkoong waits for the federal government's final decision, the shadow of history looms. Once again, First Nations people find themselves forced to fight for the right to stay connected to their land, their culture and each other.

...Kohyn Eshkawkogan makes assist in his first OHL game

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would make the team), but I just decided to put in my best effort at all times and see what happens," said Kohyn.

The 67's had four pre-season games with the team keeping eight defenseman on its roster. "There are eight of us, we're always trying to earn a spot on the team and dressing for the games," said Kohyn.

Kohyn spent last season with the North York Rangers U18 AAA team, where he scored 65 points in 76 games. His team reached the semi-final of the OHL Cup, and he produced over a point per game in the tournament, finishing a plus five.

"Now (as Ottawa) prepare themselves for their home opener against the Niagara Ice Dogs on Friday Night (a game the 67's lost 3-2), it's expected that Eshkawkogan will not only make his OHL debut, but also play an important role in the 67's success this season. Oh yeah, not to mention, he doesn't turn 16 until November 19," the 67's said.

Kohyn told The Expositor after his opening game, "The first game went good but we lost 3-2. I played pretty good. I got regular shifts and was on the second power play unit." He had around 30 family members and friends at the game.

Mr. Stoykewych told

the 67's website, "there are a lot of defensemen now that pride themselves on offence, and defensive defencemen are very few and far between now. Kohyn brings a little bit of everything. He can move the puck, he moves his feet really well when he defends, he defends well, he's got an unbelievable stick, and he's got really good poise."

"At development camp a couple of months back, Eshkawkogan's potential leapt off the page, that much was obvious. He was a smooth skater with tremendous IQ, but the package wasn't quite OHL ready, he would admit," the 67's release said. "Over the summer, that



Kohyn Eshkawkogan of Little Current, and a M'Chigeeng band member, made his debut as a member of the Ottawa 67's of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) this past weekend. He played two games, last Friday and Sunday. He notched his first career OHL point, an assist, in the team's game Sunday night game against the Oshawa Generals.

development camp to main camp this summer, he's a little bit taller and he's a lot stronger," Mr. Stoykewych said. "He looks after himself off the ice, he puts in the time in the gym, and you can see it's a direct result into his game." "As a staff, myself included, we have to be very cautious (with Kohyn)," said Mr. Stoykewych. "I don't want to put him in situations that overwhelm him or put him in positions that can limit confidence and hurt his execution. I have to remind myself, even though

he's a mature young adult, he's still 15 years old, and he still hasn't played one regular season game in this league." Mr. Stoykewych added, "I hope he's coming in with his eyes wide open, and I hope he's excited. This is a really cool opportunity for him, because it's pretty rare to have a 15-year-old defenseman step in and secure a role. It's a learning opportunity, especially early, and he still has to earn it going forward. He's done a really good job thus far, and he's put his best foot forward."

slowly began to change. In the gym, he was a dedicated student, putting on 13 pounds. He participated in the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships in Grand Prairie, Alberta, flashing this talent, scoring 13 more points, with five goals, and earning the tournament's most valuable player award." "He came back from

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...Hefty garbage pickup costs worry Robinson Twp. residents

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Karen Noble secretary/treasurer of Robinson LSB told the meeting (attended by about 20 people), "I received a note from GFL in August. They had indicated they have not put increases in place in the past few years and the new pricing system they are looking at would see an increase from \$600 to \$750 per garbage run, as well as a 26 percent increase in fuel surcharge costs and HST. We would be looking at more like a 30-35 percent increase in total."

"Jason (Haman operations manager of GFL)

said in their memo that they have never increased the rates previously," said Ms. Noble. "I said this wasn't right because the first year they bought out Riverside they increased the rates by 20 percent."

Mr. Noble said she had inquired if the township could buy a bigger bin (40 yards long) for its garbage to be collected. Other options could include having the number of garbage pickup runs from GFL reduced or moving a larger bin to a central location where residents would have to drive to drop off their garbage for pickup from GFL. "We're not going to decide tonight on

the options we want but we are looking at about a \$10,000 increase per year if we have the same number of garbage bin pickups as we do now." She pointed out when fuel prices were reduced to half of what they normally are in Canada during the pandemic, the Robinson LSB did not receive a reduction from GFL.

"We want everyone in the township to come out to our pre-budget meeting October 23, to discuss and vote on which option we should go forward with," said Ms. Noble.

"These guys (GFL) basically have a monopoly on these services," said Ms. Noble. She explained another waste management company had been contacted a couple of years ago about providing the garbage pick-up services, but they indicated they would not come to Manitoulin. Vince Grogan and the Island Waste Management Resource Committee (IWMRC) is working with GFL. "He is not happy with the increases they have put in place and would like to see negotiations take place on an Island-wide basis for the services GFL provides."

It was mentioned that Dawson township has one large waste bin that is regularly covered, and the area around it is fenced off so no one can get in to drop off garbage bags when the site isn't open. And they have someone

on hand when the bin is open for residents to drop off their garbage.

Charlie Pickard suggested the township residents should get together with five or six trucks and haul the township garbage to Dodge in Espanola instead of having GFL do this.

Hazardous materials and products can't go out in the normal waste the meeting was told. It was suggested that the board can look at the costs of participating in the an-

nual Island Hazardous Waste Day. "I will look into this," said Ms. Noble. "I know MSS (Manitoulin Secondary School) got an e-waste bin and residents around Manitoulin can bring their e-waste to, and they use it as a fundraiser."

"We just got hit with all of this information (from GFL) last week. We need all of you to get this information out to your neighbours and be ready to discuss the options and help us make a final deci-

sion on what we are going to do, at our pre-budget meeting," said Mr. Sorbara.

The Expositor contacted Mr. Haman of GFL last week. He did not want to comment at that time but would provide comments this week.

Mr. Grogan said the concerns raised by Robinson LSB fall in line with the IWMRC wanting to get all Island communities together to negotiate on the services provided by GFL on an Island-wide basis.

...Chris Dunlop notches a second hole-in-one

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the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) in Manitowaning on Tuesday, September 17. "You never figure your luck is going to go that way," stated Mr. Dunlop. "Jeepers, it is hard to believe."

Mr. Dunlop notched his first ace on June 27, on the second hole at RRGC using a hybrid club that he rarely takes out of his golf bag.

On his second ace (using his five wood club) he hit his tee shot over the water on the 16th hole, "and a couple of the other guys in my foursome were yelling the ball was running up the green toward the hole, while I was saying, I can't see the ball," said Mr. Dunlop.

"It is unreal to get two aces in one season," said Mr. Dunlop, who is 75.

And, if that wasn't enough, "yesterday (Tuesday of last week) I damn near got another hole in one after my tee shot landed two feet from the hole," said Mr. Dunlop.

MSS golfers qualify for North Shore championship

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Seven Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) golfers and one from Wikwemikong High School have all qualified for the Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA) championship.

"Our top five golfers on the boys' team have qualified for NOSSA," said Jordan Smith, sports coordinator for MSS. "We finished third overall as a team at the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship. This despite the tournament being played on a very rainy, tough day to golf. The North Shore playdowns were held at Stone Ridge Golf Course in Elliot Lake."

MSS was led by Noah Thorpe who finished second individually in the 18-hole tournament in the boy's open division, with a score of 81. Rylan Carrick finished fifth overall with a score of 85, while Kyle Nodecker and Corbin Best finished tied for seventh with both post-

ing a score of 92. Lucas Brown posted a score of 94 to finish in ninth place. The MSS team finished third overall in the boys' division standings with eight players finishing in the top 15.

The MSS girls' team did really well with two of its golfers tying for first place overall. Ava Corbiere and Amy Smith both posted 18-hole scores of 100, to finish in a tie for first place individually and have qualified for NOSSA. Trinity Cheechoo of Wikwemikong High School, finished in third and also qualified for NOSSA with a score of 110.

"We are looking forward to (this) week when our golfers will go against the rest of the best high school golfers in Northern Ontario," said Mr. Smith. MSS took 21 golfers, 19 boys and two girls to the NSSSA championship.

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Inspired programming in starring role at Kagawong arts- and land-based festival

by Isobel Harry
KAGAWONG—Fans of Kagawong’s annual homage to the creative arts were in for a special treat September 20 and 21 as two well-loved festivals joined forces to produce exciting and educational public programs.

This year, 4elements Living Arts’ Elemental Festival, a celebration of land-based arts presented each fall since 2017, and Billings Library’s NorthWords, a festival of all things literary now in its second year, partnered to present an engaging series of workshops and events on the theme of ‘A Passion for Pollinators.’

“Land art can take many forms,” explained Susan Snelling, chair of the 4elements board. “For example, music that responds to the landscape—essentially, it’s art that references the land, it’s anything that makes you think about where you are.”

Ms. Snelling and Jill Ferguson, CEO/Librarian of the Billings Library, were much in evidence during the festival, along with volunteers Willa Wilson, Phyllis Cacciotti and Candice Irwin. Says Ms Ferguson: “Partnering on the festival means we can pool resources and ideas and boost the sustainability of the festival, with the support of funding from the Trillium Foundation, Ontario Arts Council, Culture Days and the Township of Billings.”

A relaxed atmosphere prevailed at Friday evening’s Book & Brew at Split Rail Brewing on Gore Bay’s waterfront for the author readings, enhanced with the smooth vocal harmonies of Elora Miller and Jon Best on guitars.

While noshing on “autumnal treats” provided by the organizers and sipping on Split Rail’s craft beers and sodas, the evening began with Mike Strobel, former Toronto Sun columnist now living and writing in Kagawong. Sardonic and straight-faced, Mr. Strobel had everyone chuckling at his humorous tales from ‘Bad Girls and Other Perks’ (his implausible-yet-true investigation into porn filmmaking), and ‘Viking



Elora Miller and Jon Best sang and strummed melodies from their repertoire during intervals at the Book & Brew event at Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay.

photo by Isobel Harry



Former Toronto Sun columnist Mike Strobel delighted the audience at Friday’s Book & Brew at Split Rail Brewing as he read from ‘Viking Cat,’ his book about his cat’s adventures around Kagawong. With the author is Jill Ferguson, CEO/Librarian of the Billings Library.

photo by Isobel Harry

Cat: Saga of Tulip the Brave on Manitoulin Island,’ a tale of his formerly-urban rescue cat that comes complete with a map of the feline’s adventures around Kagawong.

Lighthearted word-delivery continued with Sudbury’s feisty former poet laureate Vera Constantineau, who giggled fetchingly throughout, sprinkling witty asides into her readings, including from her latest book of haiku poetry, ‘Laugh Lines and Other Wrinkles.’

Coltrane Seesequasis was next, with a dramatic reading of his debut fantasy novel, ‘Secrets of Stone,’ featuring a young wolf named Silver-song. A young Indigenous writer from Gatineau, Quebec, Coltrane’s suspenseful

storyline kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

Saturday dawned sunny after the previous evening’s deluge of rain, thankfully, as the first workshop of the day took place outdoors at the Riverbend Stage in Kagawong.

Welcoming each new arrival into the forested amphitheatre was author Sahar Golshan with her children’s picture book, ‘So Loud! Stories from the sounds from my trip outside.’ An experienced arts facilitator, Sahar soon had children and adults howling, yawning, growling, shouting, sneezing, whispering and learning Persian words as she read the story of young Rudabeh’s city adventure to her rapt audience.



Sahar Golshan had children and adults howling, whispering and learning Persian words at the Riverbend Stage as she read her book, ‘So Loud! Stories from the sounds from my trip outside.’

photo by Isobel Harry

“My voice matters!” rang through the trees as everyone gleefully joined in.

Workshops were all around, free to drop in: ‘Crochet a Tree’ with Toronto installation artist Gwen MacGregor, whose ‘Treelines’ project “imagines the land before it was clear cut,” placing strangely affecting small crocheted trees “in locations as stand-ins for the trees that would have grown in the area.” ‘Flower Feelings’ with Jenn Mezei and Candice Irwin employed dance, painting, flower arranging and seed planting to inspire participants about “pollinators, plants and colour.” A painting of bees, birds and butterflies on silk by Jacqueline St-Pierre fluttered in the light breeze amid the trees.

Artist-farmer Jenn Mezei also led ‘Be Your Own Wild Robot,’ for kids, creating a robot with found objects and bits of nature from the nearby woods. Writing workshops were given by Coltrane Seesequasis on ‘Finding your recipe for success,’ and by Mike Strobel on ‘Writing the Rhu: Turning a Manitoulin tragedy into a book.’

At one o’clock the M’Chigeeng Lady Drummers took to the stage in the Park Centre, adding their hauntingly beautiful songs accompanied by hand drums to the festival’s diverse creative offerings.

Then, keynote speaker Carol Pasternak, looking for all the world like a comic-book explorer in sensible shorts, butterfly t-shirt and sneakers and

a sun visor emblazoned with ‘Monarch Crusader’ in glitter, bounded onto the stage. Butterfly expert, author and former lawyer, Ms. Pasternak had the full house eating out of her hand as she spoke on ‘Drama in the Butterfly Garden – How discovering the creatures close to home will inspire you to save them,’ lushly illustrated with slides and videos. Billing herself as a “motivational nature speaker,” Ms. Pasternak brings her speaking skills to events, conferences and clubs. If you weren’t passionate about protecting monarch butterflies before hearing her speak, it’s guaranteed you’ll be a convert when you leave.

On her flight to Sudbury from her home in Toronto, Ms. Pasternak brought monarchs with her in small envelopes sitting on a bag of frozen peas (“They’re dormant when they’re cold”). Once airport security realized these were hardly dangerous goods, they let her board without running her carry-on butterflies through x-ray.

Looking for a cause after her legal career, Ms. Pasternak settled on monarch butterfly preservation because, she says. “It’s happy, exciting and there’s never a dull moment! Also, it feels better to connect with nature.”

She conveys the love of her subject with infectious energy and much humour while teaching about the monarch life cycle, food, habitat and ways to help the populations that are dwindling worldwide. “Insects are declining,” she says. “We

need to have a relationship with nature so we can know what we can do.”

Ms. Pasternak led everyone outside where audience members helped her free her bright orange charges. As the monarchs soared high above the trees, she gazed upwards, “They’re flying to Mexico!”

“People ask me what butterflies and insects are good for. They are valuable in themselves, like every living creature, because they were created.”

The festival drew to a close on Saturday evening with a performance by Melody Johnson, an award-winning, multi-talented actor, comedian and storyteller with wide experience writing and directing in Canadian theatre, including with the renowned Second City improv club in Toronto and Chicago. Ms. Johnson first worked on material for her latest show, ‘Person of Interest,’ in comedy clubs in Halifax and Toronto, presenting it as a theatrical reading to wrap up the Northwords/Elemental Festival.

The thoughtful and thought-provoking festival programming, bringing diverse and fresh voices to the Island, opening new avenues of discussion, educating on critical issues, infusing all in an electric celebration of arts and culture, is a gift that audiences received with enthusiasm. Long live these vital creative manifestations on Manitoulin.

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Lakeview School students walk to honour residential school survivors

by Margery Frisch

M'CHIGEENG—At Lakeview School on Thursday, September 26, a sea of orange shirts spilled out of the school as children and teachers lined up to walk in honour of residential school survivors.

“This walk today is in honour of those people who are here and suffer from mental health issues, and for those who didn’t make it back. We honour them and we walk for them,” explained Grade 7 student, Michael Taukei, when asked what the significance of the walk was for him.

In addition to students and teachers, parents and grandpar-



From left are Gloria Panacheese, Nookaa Bebamash and Isadora Bebamash.

in which it’s included.

At the end of the walk, after soup was served to the guests who took part, Ms. Taukei expressed one final thought: “As

proud Anishinabek people we continue to advocate for equal funding in comparison to our provincial counterparts, for funding for elementary schools; we continue to advocate for the necessary funding to not only revitalize but preserve our indigenous languages, and we also call upon resources to support the healing of generations of intergenerational trauma that still impacts us today. This school has children whose great-grandparents, grand-parents and even parents are residential school survivors. That’s when the real reconciliation will take place, when those things can be fully addressed.”



A poster attached to Dora Bebamash’s banner.



An orange banner recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation helped lead the walk.

ents joined the walk, UCCM Police were there, Indigenous-led community support workers and the fire chief, Andrew Corbiere, all came to march with the children and show their support.

Teacher Michelle Taukei organized the event. In addition to the walk, the students have been learning the significance of Truth and Reconciliation.

“The younger students understand the story behind Orange Shirt Day,” Ms. Taukei said, “and our older students are learning more about the cultural genocide that took place in the residential schools, and also understanding those connections to generational trauma.” Ms. Taukei spoke of the difficulty of teaching the topic, and what is age appropriate, there being no curriculum presently



Sheguiandah First Nation remembers the children

Following a walk down Highway 6 from the Every Child Matters sign near the entrance to Sheguiandah First Nation to the Elders’ Centre, members of the community got together for a barbecue.

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...Long-time Manitoulin Expositor publisher looks at past half century

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ulin suicides and suicide attempts. This led to a class taught by Mary Nelder, then a teacher at Central Manitoulin Public School, sending letters of concern to the paper to be published and then Ms. Nelder was instrumental in linking Manitoulin to a Sudbury-based helpline where people could call if they were depressed and, in some instances, suicidal.

There were verified examples of the help line discussions intervening with and preventing suicides and it was this series of events, all happening within a 12-month period, that led the late Fred Sople, then director of education for the old Manitoulin School Board, to nominate the paper for the Michener Award.

The conditions of the award are that a news media must bring something to the public's attention that sparks a response and a solution to the issue. The Expositor qualified that year, was named one

of five finalists, we were invited to a ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa (the Governor General's residence) where the placements were announced. We were just honoured to be in that company, with no thought at all of winning the award, but we did.

It actually took, for me, several years to realize how significant that moment had been because, the next day, we were all back at work putting out that week's paper.

Peter is back in the paper this week because last Thursday, there was a book launch in Toronto for a book titled 'Journalism for the Public Good: The Michener Awards at 50'.

The author is veteran journalist and professor emerita of journalism Kim Kierans. She is also a Senior Fellow at Massey College at the University of Toronto and Julia and I were at Massey College where the launch was held. Ms. Kierans, who has been a Michener

judge and chair of the judging committee, felt strongly that the good journalism, making Canada a better place as represented by the winners and finalists of the first 50 years of Michener Awards (it was established by then-Governor General Roland Michener in 1971,) should be recorded as examples for future reporters and for the Canadian community. Ms. Kierans interviewed both Peter and myself about two years ago, part of a process that took her over half a decade to compile, write and publish the book.

We asked Peter to cover the book launch and he and his wife Helena as well as Julia and I, attended it. Interestingly, we four (Helena was at that time Peter's girlfriend, soon to become his fiancée) attended the Rideau Hall banquet and presentation over 40 years ago, presided over by then-Governor General Ed Schreyer, (although retired Governor General Roland Michener was in attendance.)

Last Thursday's event was a pleasant one and in her opening remarks, author Kim Kierans' first reference was the The Expositor and Peter and and I.

Peter modestly leaves this out of his report, as he does any mention of his role in this newspaper's nomination and win. But he shouldn't have as it was his stories that received public attention. And it was Peter who accepted the award on behalf of the paper and ad-libbed his acceptance speech.

So here we are, 50 years as resident publishers with another generation at the helm.

Julia remarked that, when we came back in October of 1974, someone (she thinks it was the late Jack Ashley, Mary Nelder's dad and at that time the administrator of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor) commented, "I knew you'd be back."

... Journalism for the Public Good: The Michener Awards at Fifty

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survivors in quest for compensation.

"The story," Ms. Cosgrove told the group Thursday, "is still going on."

Remember the 1990s tainted blood scandal that led to more than a thousand unnecessary AIDS-related deaths? After the Globe and Mail's extensive coverage, federal and provincial governments reversed policies, and the eventual Krever Commission yielded more than \$5 billion in compensation.

The same year that The Expositor won the Michener, among the finalists was another Globe project: The story of an incarcerated Mi'kmaw man named Donald Marshall.

Five days after the Globe's Marshall interviews appeared, the Federal Justice Minister ordered a hearing into the Marshall case and ultimately, Mr. Marshall, who spent 11 years in prison for a crime that he didn't commit, was acquitted and released.

'Journalism for the Public Good' is not just a historical accounting of stories like tainted blood and pollution; the book is a rallying cry for journalists of the future, too. As was Thursday's event.

As countless old-school journalists shrug and bemoan the loss of big-city newspapers and supertime news broadcasts, a surprisingly optimistic Ms. Kierans says her experience and research tells another story.

Good reporting—the kind of journalism that results in democratic activity—needs investment. And the largest traditional source, i.e., advertising, has effectively evaporated. So, journalists have to create new financial models to finance their work.

The question of where revenue is going to come from to finance future journalists tasks the best minds in the business.

Meanwhile, co-operative news organizations, lean online operations like the Narwhal, and what Ms. Kierans described as "hyper-local" initiatives, appear with increasing frequency.

"These stories will continue to be told but the platforms will be different," she said, adding "It's like nature," she said, "Journalists keep popping up."

More evidence of same?

In the audience Thursday was a friend of Ms. Kierans and the founder and CEO of a citizen-journalism start-up called CITIZN, Murray Simser. Mr. Simser describes CITIZN as "not just a platform; it's a stimulus package for the entire profession. By integrating with websites, apps and social media globally, it creates an almost limitless market for journalistic content.

"The result? A thriving expanded journalism industry where quality reporting is handsomely rewarded. It's not just a win for journalists—it's a win for democracy, informed citizens, and the very concept of truth in a digital age."

"It's like Uber for journalism," Mr. Simser said.

As I listened to and tried to comprehend CITIZN, I recalled working at the Financial Post when reporter John Greenwood tried to sell us a on story about something called "The Internet." I had no idea what he was talking about.

Finally.

Also present at Thursday's book launch? The Expositor's Julia McCutcheon. Decades earlier, her mother Alice Rutledge was chastised by the late scholar, man of letters and Massey College principal, Robertson Davies.

Rutledge's crime?

Being female on the Massey College property.

What would Gloria Steinem say?

About the author: Peter Carter was the editor of The Manitoulin Expositor for three years, 1981 to 1983. Stories he wrote for the paper in 1982 and the community's response to a crisis on which he reported merited The Expositor a nomination for The Michener Award for Meritorious Public Service Journalism, which ultimately was awarded to the paper. Peter attended and covered the recent launch of a new book detailing journalistic accomplishments over the past 50 years that resulted in positive responses to community concerns and where this work was recognized with Michener Award wins and finalist placements. Peter presently works as the Analysis Editor at Law360 Canada.

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Mnaamodzawin Health Services Marks third Annual Truth and Reconciliation Day with sacred ceremony

by Margery Frisch

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—To mark Truth and Reconciliation Day, Mnaamodzawin Health Services held a ceremony outside its office building on Friday, September 27. Staff gathered along with family members and friends of the community to honour those children lost to their families and the difficulties faced by those who survived residential schools.

September 30 is recognized as the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and it coincides with Orange Shirt Day, which has been observed on a national level since 2015, first begun in British Columbia in 2013. The main goal of both Truth and Reconciliation and the Orange Shirt Society



Prior to the ceremony, Naanookshkaasii Husain was a busy assistant.

is bringing awareness and recognition to the public of the intergenerational impact residential schools had and continue to have on indigenous communities.

The sacred ceremony held at Mnaamodzawin Health Services was led by Executive Director

Craig Abotossaway. In the drumming and song, Mr. Abotossaway was assisted by William Trudeau and Nina Trudeau. Eleanor Debassige, recently retired from the organization, was seated among them as a guest of honour. Little Naanookshkaasii Husain aided with the

smudging ceremony, approaching everyone in attendance with smudge bowl and feather. “It’s important to include the children,” Mr. Abotossaway said, “they need to be a part of these rituals; to learn and to under-

stand.”

The ceremony was brief, but powerful in the songs chosen and the accompanying teachings Mr. Abotossaway shared—those dedicated to honour the ancestors and the lost children; the

song to honour the feather and its role in the celebration, the giant feather that stands outside Mnaamodzawin’s office building, commissioned for the purpose of Truth and Reconciliation. The final song was one of thanksgiving, “It’s important to be thankful and grateful,” Mr. Abotossaway concluded.

The ceremony was held on the Friday because most offices and organizations on the Island were closed on the actual day of Truth and Reconciliation, Monday, September 30. Those in attendance at the ceremony, most especially the non-Indigenous community members, were given an opportunity to learn and better understand the significance of this important day.



William Trudeau (in cap) and Craig Abotossaway with celebrants Nina Trudeau and Eleanor Debassige in between.

Pontiac School in Wiikwemkoong holds a TRC powwow



Step dancing finalists Brittany, Mya and Lyndsay dance to jig to collect prizes—it was a three way tie.



The fancy shawl dancers provide lively swirls of colour with their energetic dance moves.



Men’s traditional dancers provide storytelling with their moves. photos by Michael Erskine



Jingle dress dancers bring healing as they dance around the arena. **BELOW:** A sea of orange could be seen as visitors arrived at the school.



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Wiikwemkoong hosts profound ‘Every Child Matters Week’

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

WIKWEMKOONG—In the heart of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, a deeply moving week of events brought the spirit of “Every Child Matters” to life. While the official National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is marked on September 30, Wiikwemkoong extended this crucial reflection across an entire week, underscoring that for Indigenous communities, the fight for justice, remembrance and healing is ongoing. Chief Tim Ominka’s words rang clear: “For us, Every Child Matters is not just one day—it is every day.” This commitment was evident in the carefully curated presentations, workshops, and educational programs that honoured the history of Indigenous peoples and their resilience in the face of colonization.

The week began against the backdrop of the Robinson-Huron Treaty settlement, a landmark victory that reaffirmed the rights of the Anishinaabe people. The timing of the events felt significant, highlighting the enduring relevance of treaty rights and the broader movement toward reconciliation and land reclamation. Each day of the week-long commemoration built upon this theme, offering a space for the community to gather, share stories and engage in transformative education.

A Story of Survival and Resilience: Steven George’s Opening Presentation

The week kicked off on Monday, September 23, with a powerful presentation by Steven George, a community historian, genealogist and language carrier with the Wiikwemkoong Heritage Organization. His work focuses on the preservation of oral histories and cultural knowledge, much of which he learned from his elders. Mr. George’s presentation was a tribute to the tradition of storytelling that has kept the spirit of



Steven George, a community historian, left, spoke on the preservation of oral histories and cultural knowledge, much of which he learned from his elders. Mr. George’s presentation was a tribute to the tradition of storytelling that has kept the spirit of the Anishinaabe people alive through generations.



Jose Garcia, left, a Taino potter and artist who has worked in Wiikwemkoong for over 40 years, has dedicated his life to preserving traditional pottery techniques and sharing them with the community. photos by Jacqueline St.Pierre

the Anishinaabe people alive through generations.

Standing before a packed room, Mr. George spoke largely in Anishinaabemowin, his first language, offering English translations for those unfamiliar with the language. His use of Anishinaabemowin was a powerful reminder of the importance of language in preserving cultural identity—a central theme in the fight for Indigenous rights. “My ability to speak Anishinaabemowin,” he shared, “comes from sitting with my elders and listening to their stories. The knowledge they passed down was not just about our history, but about who we are as a people.”

His presentation featured rare archival photographs and records that he had personally sourced from the Algoma University archives. These images offered a window into a dark chapter of Canada’s history—residential schools. Shingwauk Hall, a prominent building on Algoma University’s campus, was once a residential school for First Nations children. It operated from 1873 until 1970, and its legacy is one of both trauma and survival.

“When I first started looking through these archives, it was painful,” he admitted. “But it’s important that we face this history. For too long, our stories were told by others, often by those who viewed us as ‘savages.’ But when we tell our own stories, the narrative changes.”

Mr. George’s commitment to reclaiming Indigenous history started at a young age. As a teenager, he became fascinated by old family photographs that his mother had carefully preserved. These photos became his first connection to his ancestors, and as he grew older, his interest in genealogy blossomed. “My mother had photos of our family going back generations—grandparents, great-grandparents and beyond. But some of these photos didn’t have names

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attached, and I realized that if I didn't start asking questions, the stories behind those faces would be lost forever."

This passion for uncovering the past took him to Laurentian University, where he studied law. But his heart always remained with his community's history. Mr. George's dedication to uncovering and preserving the history of his people extends beyond formal archives. It started with family photographs and stories passed down through generations, a personal passion he pursued even while studying law at Laurentian University. "I was told learning Anishinaabemowin was useless in the modern world," he shared. "But I never believed that. Speaking two languages has only strengthened my intellect and memory."

In his presentation, Mr. George highlighted the importance of oral traditions in maintaining a fuller picture of history—one that goes beyond the written accounts of colonial historians. "When we rely only on written records, we get a one-sided view of the past," he explained. "But through oral stories, we can hear the voices of those who actually lived through these experiences. Our ancestors passed down their knowledge in a way that was accurate and meaningful. That's why it's so important for our young people to learn both our language and our history—they go hand in hand."

Challenges of Colonial Record-Keeping and the Power of Oral Tradition

As Mr. George described the process of researching his family and community history, he emphasized the difficulties of navigating colonial record-keeping. "The records kept by settlers and missionaries are often incomplete or biased. They don't capture the full picture of who we are," he said. "Our oral traditions, on the other hand, offer a more complete and truthful account. I've spoken with people who are the grandchild-



A one-day powwow was held at Thunderbird Park as part of Every Child Matters Week last Saturday.

dren of those who signed the treaties, and the stories they've inherited from their ancestors provide details that are missing from the official records."

He recounted one such story about the signing of the 1862 Robinson-Huron Treaty. "There were over 1,500 Anishinaabe present at the negotiations," he shared. "But when you read the settler accounts, they don't convey the intent and worldview of our ancestors. It's as if we were just a footnote in our own history. That's why we must tell our stories, in our own words, and in our own language."

The presentation was a blend of historical documentation and personal testimony, calling upon young people to continue learning the language and stories of their ancestors. Mr. George stressed the importance of reclaiming Indigenous narratives and challenging the colonial record-keeping that often distorted Indigenous histories. "Our way of telling history is just as accurate, if not more, than a written record," he said.

were four, five 'caciques', chiefdoms, five chiefdoms. There were three women and two men (chiefs) and the women fought the Spanish fiercely."

Mr. Garcia's pottery practices are deeply rooted in tradition, but he also embraces new techniques, using both traditional earth kilns and modern propane-fired kilns in his work.

"Working with clay is where we are born," he reflected, smiling as he described the focus required for the craft. "Sometimes, the creation comes from somewhere beyond us," he added, gesturing skyward.

Throughout the workshop, Mr. Garcia spoke about various pottery techniques, including Dominican, Navajo, Anishnaabe and Japanese styles. He emphasized the universality of clay work, noting that almost every culture around the world has a tradition of pottery. "Working with clay connects us to the earth," he explained. "It's a tradition that has been passed down through generations, and it requires focus, patience, and respect."

One of the highlights of the presentation was the description of traditional clay pieces using an earth kiln—a method that Mr. Garcia teaches as a way to connect students with the land. "We dig the kilns right into the ground, just like our ancestors did. The earth holds the heat, and the fire brings the clay to life. It's a powerful experience, but you have to be careful—if you rush the process, the clay can explode."

Mr. Garcia's teaching goes beyond the technical aspects of pottery. He views the practice as a form of spiritual connection. "When we work with clay, we're not just creating objects—we're tapping into something much deeper. Sometimes the creation doesn't come from us—it comes from somewhere beyond us."

Mr. Garcia was presented with a beaded dreamcatcher by Barbara Peltier, Prevention Services Program Manager, for his contribution to the day.



Orange flags surround the powwow arena to mark Every Child Matters Week.

A Community United in Remembrance and Healing

Throughout the week, Wiikwemkoong's "Every Child Matters" events brought together a wide range of voices, from historians and artists to elders and community leaders. Each day was an opportunity to reflect on the past, honour those who suffered under colonial oppression, and build a stronger future for the next generation.

Workshops, healing circles, and cultural teachings filled the days, creating a space for both education and emotional processing. The stories shared during the week served as a powerful reminder of the resilience of Indigenous peoples and the importance of reclaiming cultural traditions.

For Wiikwemkoong, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is not just a date on the calendar—it is a living practice, woven into the everyday lives of its people. As Chief Ominika so powerfully stated, "Every Child Matters" is not a slogan, but a guiding principle that calls on all Canadians to engage in the work of truth, justice and healing.

Cultural Preservation through Clay: A presentation with Jose Garcia

Following Steven George's presentation, participants were treated to a roundtable discussion and presentation led by Jose Garcia, a Taino potter and artist who has lived and worked in Wiikwemkoong for over 40 years. Mr. Garcia, who was exiled from the Dominican Republic during the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo, has dedicated his life to preserving traditional pottery techniques and sharing them with the community.

Mr. Garcia's workshop was not just a lesson in art but a journey through history. He spoke about the sophisticated societies of the Taino people before the arrival of Christopher Columbus, describing how his ancestors had developed advanced irrigation systems and produced beautiful hand-dyed textiles and pottery. "When Columbus got lost at sea and landed in the Dominican Republic, my people were thriving with advanced irrigation systems, pottery, and textiles," he recounted. "There

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Clothing sale at the Little Current United Church Hall, 5 Robinson Street on Friday, October 4 from 3 to 7 pm and Saturday, October 5 from 9 am to 12 noon. Lots of gently used clothes including a number of new items. Men's regular and large size clothing plus shoes and work boots; ladies' regular and plus size clothing; maternity clothes; baby clothes; teens and children clothing; shoes and boots; bedding and mats. All prices between \$0.10 and \$5.
20p

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

KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc.manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome.
4tfn

coming events

NEMI FARMERS' MARKET
Every Saturday 9 AM to NOON (plus extended hours)
Downtown, Little Current on the Waterfront at the Market Garden Pavilion
See you Saturday!

wanted

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

services

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

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

\$ for sale

2008 Tahoe LT2 for parts, installed new battery, new starter, new fuel sending unit with straps on tanks. Call 705-368-6146.
17-20p

Seasoned maple or poplar firewood for sale. Call 705-859-1093 and leave a message.
17-22c

Guns for sale, 303 Lee Enfield; .410 H&R ARMS, model 49 "Topper"; .22 Winchester tube magnum, semi automatic, model 190. Contact t.22303410@outlook.com for prices and/or viewing appointment.
20c

Farm Equipment For Sale

Kverneland plow, 3 PH, long boards 14-inch three furrow, depth wheel, \$2,200
Vicon KM281 disc bine, works well, 3 PH hookup, 9 ft, owner's manual parts book, \$5,800
Universal 500 diesel tractor, cab, new heater, 3 PH, 45 HP, new hydraulic, water pump, used around the farm, \$6,700
McKee 3 PH corn grinder, 540 PTO, for filling silo, for cobs or whole corn, with hood hookup, \$2,200
JD two row silage corn head, \$2,200
JD one row, \$975
For pictures go to AG Dealer, Dan Seifried, Harriston 519-338-2688

notice

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

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, shoes, household, books and miscellaneous.
17-24p

Boat storage available in Providence Bay. Call 705-665-5923.
18-26c

coming events



Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services
Volunteer Orientation/Orientation des Bénévoles

Join us at the Espanola Library on **October 22nd @ 6:30 pm** or at the Little Current Library on **October 29th @ 6:30 pm** for an evening of orientation to find out more about what we have to offer!

Afin d'en apprendre davantage sur ce que nous avons à offrir, venez à nos soirées d'orientation le 22 octobre à 18 h 30 à la bibliothèque d'Espanola et le 29 octobre à 18 h 30 à la bibliothèque de Little Current.



Call 705-370-3378 or visit our Facebook Page using the QR Code



BOARD VACANCY OFF-RESERVE REPRESENTATIVE
A place of healing

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

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

Send "Confidential" to:

**Attn: Board Chair c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
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Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 235, Fax: 705-368-3922
Or email: debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca**

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

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

services

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

services

Overeaters Anonymous-Do you have an eating disorder? Is food a problem for you in any way? We can help. Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Anchor Inn in the basement, 1 Water St. E, Little Current. Knock loudly.
Tfn

services

Christian Counselling: Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com.
Tfn

Gore Bay Rotary Club to host annual harvest auction on October 12

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—The Rotary Club of Gore Bay is gear-

ing up for its annual fall harvest auction to take place on the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, October 12. "Last year we raised ap-

proximately \$17,000 in the harvest auction," stated Dave Rogalsky, president of the Rotary Club. "This is all due to Robbie White, who did an incredible job in getting many of the donations of items that were bid on."

"All the proceeds we raise from the auction goes back into the community," said Mr. Rogalsky.

Mr. Rogalsky wrote in a letter to potential donors of items for the auction, "on October 12, the Rotary Club of Gore Bay will once again be hosting their annual Fall Harvest Auction. This event has been a long-standing feature in the community and has proven to be an important fundraiser for our organization."

"Funds raised from this event is put towards helping community members in need of assistance due to medical emergencies or catastrophic loss. They are also used to support a variety of groups and pro-

grams including student bursaries, local youth activities and leadership skills development opportunities, community service such as Angel Bus and Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Christmas hampers, among others."

"Over the years the Fall Harvest Auction has evolved from primarily an auction of garden produce to include a wide range of items including numerous gift certificates," explained Mr. Rogalsky. "We have been very fortunate to have Robbie White partner with the Rotary club both as auctioneer and as a major recruiter of donated goods and services. We are delighted to have Robbie lending his services to us again this year."

"The work of the local Rotary Club and all the assistance we are able to provide to the community is only possible through the generous support of local businesses and indi-

viduals. If you can assist us with this event, it will be much appreciated," continued Mr. Rogalsky.

Mr. Rogalsky noted, "One of the things I've heard through the grapevine is that a lot of producers who have donated produce for the auction in the past are getting older and not putting gardens in. So, we are looking for people who might have surplus produce that we could have for our auction. We would be very grateful to anyone who can help us out by providing produce." Those people that would like to help out can contact Jeff Hietkamp at 705-210-9970 or email the club at rotaryclubGB@outlook.com. A Rotary club member will contact them and arrange to pick up their donated produce/goods on October 10-11.

"We hope everyone will have an opportunity to attend the auction on Thanksgiving Saturday, October 12, at the Gore Bay Community Hall, to experience this annual event and see the excitement and support that it generates within the community," said Mr. Rogalsky. "Just a reminder that the doors open at 9 am on October 12 to register for a number to bid on items, with the auction to start at 10 am. If you arrive late you are going to miss out on some great items."

notice **notice** **notice**

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

File No.: Con 2024-11
Applicant: Blake and Janice Burnett
Legal Description: Sheguiandah Township, Lot 1, Concession 14, 31R2541 Parts 2 and 3
Official Plan: Shoreline Area and Rural Area
Zoning: Rural

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION
This is a request for two consents with the remainder of the property being retained for personal use.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
The request is being made for two consents, both of which will have waterfront access and road access, via an existing right of way.

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

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

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

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

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

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<p>Gore Bay West Bluff building lot Potential beautiful water view MLS #2118695, \$115,000 - (1645)</p>	<p>South Baymouth Marina home, house, garage/workshop, bunkie MLS #2117361, \$429,000 - (1632)</p>	<p>Central Manitoulin Hunt Camp 100 acres north of Rockville Road MLS #2118693, \$229,000 - (1643)</p>	<p>Family forest cottage or deluxe hunt camp, 100 acres, 1,552 Sq. ft. living & sauna MLS #2116092, \$375,000 - (1623)</p>	<p>Little Lake Huron Waterfront lot with improvements MLS #2116227, \$199,999 - (1620)</p>
<p>Mills Township Hunt Camp 100 acres west of Dominion Bay MLS #2118694, \$175,000 - (1644)</p>	<p>Historically Charming Cottage Mudge Bay 200 ft. & 2.25 acres MLS #2118723, \$419,000 - (1646)</p>	<p>Carroll Wood Bay water acreage & hunt camp, 91 acres & about 1,244 ft. fronting Lake Huron MLS #2117436, \$519,000 - (1631)</p>	<p>Dawson PL31C14, 67 acres Large equipped camp MLS #2117735, \$157,000 - (1633)</p>	<p>Otter (Whitefish) Lake 702 ft. frontage & 2.3 acres MLS #2114626, \$349,000 - (1619)</p>



A glaze for every occasion

Shoppers were able to pick up early Christmas gifts and enjoy the fall colours while visiting several potters on the annual Pottery Tour held on the Island this past Saturday. A total of six Manitoulin Island potters participated including, clockwise from left, Lynda James, Melanie Hunt, Jack Olive and Glenna Treasure. Missing from photos are Jan McQuay and Gertha Griffiths.



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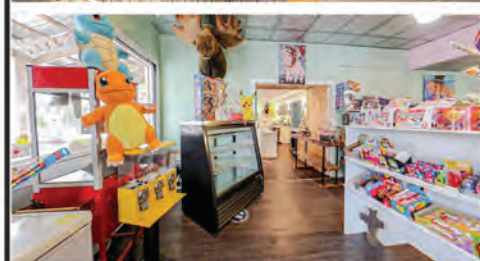


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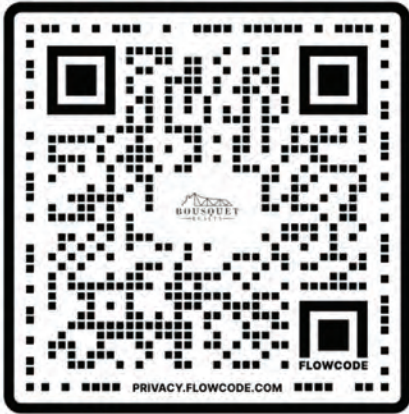
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Tour de Meldrum Bay raises \$200,000

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Well over \$200,000 has been raised by riders over the now 24 years the annual Tour de Meldrum Bay has been held. In the first year the event took place only one cyclist, Dale Scott, took part.

“We have averaged about \$10,000 being raised each year over the first 23 years of the ride,” said Mr. Scott, last week. “One year we raised \$26,000 when work was being done on the emergency room at Mindemoya Hospital, with several administration, doctors and nurses

Meldrum Bay and on a stop along the way they were provided a hearty lunch by Karen Noble of Silver Water, before returning to Lake Wolsey Cabins. “A good friend of Bill Slaght of Little Current will be putting on a barbecue for all the riders Saturday night,” said Mr. Scott. After spending the night at the Lake Wolsey Cabins, the riders will then travel to Providence Bay Sunday morning where they will enjoy lunch and then return to Evansville.

“This year it looks as if we are down in the number of riders, to 14,” said Mr.



Nine riders took part in the 24th annual ‘Tour de Meldrum Bay’ bicycle ride which benefits the Mindemoya Hospital.

photo by Tom Sasvari

es from the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) taking part.”

“This year marks the 24th year of the ride,” said Mr. Scott. “I started out on my own the first year and collected donations toward equipment at the Mindemoya Hospital.”

Two more riders joined Mr. Scott the second year, with three the third year and these numbers continued to rise every year, with participants beginning the ride in Mindemoya to Meldrum Bay and returning the next day. “And over the years the number of riders taking part has increased. We had 28 riders for the 20th anniversary ride.”

Riders this year left Lake Wolsey Cabins at 9 am on Saturday morning to

Scott. “This is due to various reasons. Some of the usual riders are dealing with illness and some have moved away over the years.”

While he has raised \$4,000 himself for this year’s ride, Mr. Scott he did not have a final total on how much was raised this year as of press deadline. “I don’t know at this time what we will collect in total in donations this year. But we will still get a good amount that will be donated to the Mindemoya Hospital for equipment. Whether it is \$4,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000 in donations everything goes to the hospital for renovations and equipment.” Last year the ride raised \$15,500 for the Mindemoya Hospital.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



World Bagatoway Bronze!

‘Wiky girls!’ I can just hear Eric Corbiere baa yelling it to the rafters if he were there! **Mackenzie** and **Reese Shigwadja** had a great tournament at the World Box Lacrosse in Utica, New York last week. The girls, playing for Team Haudenosaunee, had an amazing run, taking the bronze medal! BTW, Mackenzie was even the subject of a feature article this week on the Brock University website.

The women’s gold was won by the USA over team Canada while on the men’s side, Team Canada prevailed over the US. Interestingly, lacrosse will be returning to the Olympics for the 2028 Games in Los Angeles from a brief hiatus since it was played back at the 1908 Olympics in London! Wiky GIRLS!

Manitoulin Mustang MTB (plus Dane)

The second race of the season took place at the Walden Mountain Bike trails on September 26. The race course was a rugged 4.9km loop with Novice riders completing one lap, Junior riders completing two laps and Senior riders completing three laps. In all, there were 73 riders participating from twelve schools, including 12 riders from Manitoulin Secondary (plus Dane!).

The following are Island Kid results from each division. In the Novice Male race, **Joey Roy** was 20th and **Alina Brown** was second in the female event.

The Junior Males featured **Isaac Quackenbush**, 7; **Sebastian Mara**, 12; and **Thomas Redmond**, 17! The Senior Male race was almost a carbon copy of last Thursday’s first race with Manitoulin’s **Dane Gibeault** (cycling for LoEllen), again was second to Mustang **Bradley Slaght**, in third. Then, **Xavier Coleman**, 12; **Jacob Swartz**, 17; **Jack Koehler**, 18; **Tim Arabadzhayi**, 22; and **Cole Laidley**, 23.

Georgia Roy picked up a bronze in the senior female race! Congratulations to all!

The local racers (plus Dane) will really be excited for the next race as MSS will host at the McLean’s Park. I am quite certain that they will have the advantage of knowing where every single hazard, intimately! If you want to see this fast moving, skilled event, check it out tomorrow, October 3 on New England Road in Assiginack.

NOSSA Golf tomorrow!

Trinity Cheechoo, a Gr. 9 student at Wiikwemkoong Highschool has qualified for NOSSA Golf alongside two girls from MSS, **Ava Corbiere** and **Amy Smith**. They head to Stone Ridge in Elliot Lake this week for Thursday’s October 2 event. Good luck, girls!

WHS is back!

It is great to see that Wiikwemkoong High School sports has picked up where

COVID left them. Along with Trinity in golf, athletics director **Jillian Peltier** relayed that they also have a girls basketball team competing in the NSSSA B division for the first time since pre-COVID! They are anticipating rebuilding their Athletics program. Great job, Jillian!

Elementary Three-Pitch championships

In the annual, dog days of summer classic, Manitoulin softball (3-pitch version) players were playing in Gore Bay for the Junior tournament while Central Manitoulin Public School played host to the Senior version.

The Mindemoya event was a multi-headed volunteer effort. Thanks to **Greg Lockeyer** and umpires **Rodney Cox**, **Bruce Wiggins**, and to new recruits for stepping up, **Jamie Farquhar** and **Lisa Pennie**. Also, to scoreboard operators **Gloria Haner** and **Lauren Dewar**. Many thanks as well to the Central Manitoulin Lions Club for allowing the Grade 8 class to use the food booth for a fundraiser.

The home-town team played host and as it turns out, were the new champions. Congratulations to new Coach **Alison Orford** and her players (as yet, unnamed).

Charles C. McLean hosted the Grade 6 and under tournament in Gore Bay. The Assiginack Allstars were on top with Lakeview second and Little Current, third. Assiginack had a perfect record, 5W-0L, winning the final 8-2, scored five runs in the final inning!

Holliday on holiday!

With all the above youth activity it is still encouraging to see some of our slightly older, citizens still training and competing! **Gerry Holliday**, who has been running and coaching since shoes were invented, is still at it. Last week he took a ‘holiday’ to catch up with running pupil **Brodie Pennie** in his first university race in London. The plan was made only slightly complicated by being entered in a 24-hour Relay that day!

The run was called “Dam Hill Relay” in Springbank Park, last week. The relay went from 8 am Saturday to Sunday with repeated 4.7 km laps. Gerry figures he completed about 33 km over the 24 hours. He is not sure of his team’s placing but confirmed that they were the oldest team there, by far.

The relay wasn’t just a ‘one and done’ for Gerry who then ran the **Don Farquharson** 4 km Memorial race in Aurora. He finished 2nd in the 70 - 74 age group category in a time of 20:221 He is glad to see his times are slowly improving, although he intimates that, “at my age it sure a lot harder than when I was young. Great to be back at it!” It is great that you are great to be back at it, Gerry!



They also serve!

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay held their annual Honours and Awards presentations at the branch last Friday evening. In photo from left is Jim Kiviaho Legion sergeant at arms, Vicky Clark who received a certificate of appreciation, Heather Strain who received a 10 year associate member pin, Legion president Marilyn Clarke, Don Skrumeda Legion leadership and development who received a certificate of appreciation, Bev Wright Legion second vice-president, Trevor Wright, first vice-president, Loyalle McDougall who received a 25 year membership award, Legion secretary Annie Porter who received a 10-year associate member award, Robert Yaeger who received a 20 year associate membership award. 2024 certificates of appreciation will also be going to Margaret Tuomi, Catherine Priddle, Sue Priddle, Andrea Maskell, Bousquet Insurance and Dean’s Valumart.

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

Help Wanted!

Manitoulin Centennial Manor is looking for a

Gardener (casual)

to maintain the gardens in our new resident courtyard.

We would like them to be able to start this fall to prepare the gardens for the winter.

Interested parties can contact:
Don Cook, Administrator
don.cook@exeassist.ca

Welcome back! It's been a busy couple days at MSS. Students had the chance to dive into a variety of activities and extracurriculars last week. Let's take a look at what they got up to!

The annual Stratford Theatre trip was a success! From Wednesday, September 25 to Saturday, September 28, students from various grades had the extraordinary opportunity to visit the renowned Stratford Festival where they experienced productions of Shakespeare's 'Romeo And Juliet' and 'Twelfth Night.' The students also got to see the musical 'Something Rotten!', which is set during the renaissance and follows two brothers trying to out-compete Shakespeare. Everyone



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

had positive reviews and a smile on their faces when the shows concluded. The group was welcomed by organizers and staff at the festival and they participated in workshops. The first workshop the group did was a Shakespeare-themed workshop. The group got to hurl Shakespearean insults at each other, reorganize phrases, and perform a little on stage. Their next workshop was a stage sword fighting workshop. Students got into pairs and choreographed a sword fight using wooden dowels. They learned about stage-fighting safety procedures so that no one accidentally clocked their fighting partner. Lastly, the students learned from the best – the choreography co-captain and one of the leads from 'Something Rotten!' taught the group one of the dance numbers from the show. When there weren't any activities scheduled, students got to explore downtown Stratford. According to some students, the town looked right out of a fairytale with cute brick buildings and hole-in-the-wall shops.



The Stratford field trip group.

Overall, the trip was enjoyed by all attendees and students are looking forward to going back next year.

Speaking of theatre, the much-anticipated announcement of this year's musical is here. This year MSS will put on a production of 'Mamma Mia!' This beloved musical, featuring ABBA's hits, is sure to be a fun and energetic production. Auditions for the musical will be held in the next few weeks, all students are encouraged to try out, both those with previous stage experience or those wanting to make a debut. Rehearsals will

begin shortly and the production will take place in February. Get ready to see our talented students bring this story to life on stage!

Last week, on Wednesday, September 25 the French class students took part in celebrating Franco-Ontarian Day, a day dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the Francophone culture and heritage in Ontario. Students made posters of famous French-Canadians, with short biographies of them in both French and English. They also recreated the Franco-Ontarian flag. The large flag takes up part

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Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre

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66 Meredith St. E.
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0



Internal/External Posting

Shelter Supervisor, Haven House – 1 Full Time, Permanent Position
Violence Against Women Prevention Program
Wage: \$28.54/hour – \$30.91/hour + wage enhancements

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one full time Shelter Supervisor to lead and guide the front line team at Haven House Emergency Shelter, to meet the needs of women and children fleeing violence. The ideal candidate will have strong and compassionate leadership skills and extensive background in delivering services in the field of gender-based violence. Responsibilities include scheduling and supervision, supporting shelter operations, ensuring the health and safety of the shelter residents and staff, and participation at local tables and in public awareness activities. Haven House Shelter, as part of the Violence Against Women Prevention Program of Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), works within a harm reduction, feminist and inter-sectional framework, following the vision, mission and guiding principles of the agency.

The successful candidate will have:

- Degree in a related discipline, with work experience in the field of gender-based violence or equivalent education and experience
- Registration with the OCSWSSW or CPO
- 1 – 3 years' experience in a management capacity or significant field experience
- Strong interpersonal, coaching and supervisory skills
- Financial management skills
- Expertise in conflict management and creative problem-solving skills
- Valid First Aid/CPR certification
- Clear vulnerable sector screening check
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle and insurable driver's abstract are requirements of the position and conditions of hire

Work will generally be performed from the main office, located in Mindemoya. Flexibility of hours to meet program needs is required, as is an on-call availability for emergencies in coordination with the Executive Director. Hours shall average 36.75 hours per week. Attendance at the Mindemoya location is required, though a flexible work schedule can be proposed. A comprehensive benefits and vacation package is extended to all full-time positions. This position is part of the management team of MFR and outside the bargaining unit, reporting directly to the Executive Director.

We strive to foster an organization that reflects the diversity of the community we serve and welcome applications from all qualified candidates. We encourage applications from individuals from underserved and underrepresented cultural and racial communities, from First Nations, Inuit and Metis communities, people with lived experience, Two-Spirit, LGBTQIA+ communities and people living with disabilities. If you require an accommodation, we will work with you to meet your accommodation needs to ensure your equal participation.

Deadline for applications: Monday, October 7, 2024, 11:59 PM

Interviews will be conducted as successful applications are received.

Please forward applications to:
Colleen Hill, Executive Director, Manitoulin Family Resources
chill@mfresources.net

Help Wanted!

Maintenance (Permanent Full-Time)

Manitoulin Centennial Manor is seeking a maintenance person to maintain our Home on Robinson Street

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Perform a variety of routine maintenance, servicing and repair operations to maintain facility, equipment, furnishings, fixtures and grounds in proper condition.
- Observes and monitors all areas of the facility for ongoing maintenance requirements and carries out repairs as required. Documents and implements preventative maintenance programs. Maintains adequate inventory of tools and spare parts.
- Performs mechanical maintenance and repairs to equipment such as replacing drive belts, lubricating motors and hinges, repairs to heating and ventilation systems, repairs to kitchen and laundry equipment, repairs to beds, chairs, tables, etc.
- Performs general maintenance and repairs to plumbing and electrical systems such as clearing drains and removing stoppages, repairing or replacing fixtures, replacing switches, replacing fuses and light bulbs, repairing emergency nurse call and fire alarm systems.
- Performs general carpentry work and repairs such as installing floor and wall tiles, repairing drywall, replacing doors and door hardware, repairing roof leaks, painting, installing wallpaper and other redecorating tasks.
- Following approval, refers problems requiring specialized work such as electrical or plumbing to outside contractors and monitors work performed; provides general assistance to skilled trade persons such as mechanics, electricians, carpenters, plumbers etc., as required.
- Adheres to established departmental policies, procedures regarding quality assurance, fire, safety, environment and infection control.
- Participates in facility meetings as assigned. Attends in-service education programs.
- Other duties as assigned by Supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Gas/Propane, Carpentry, Electrical or HVAC Tickets would be considered an asset, in place of the identified education/training requirements the licensee may look at previous experience that will allow them to satisfactorily perform the duties required of the Maintenance position.
- Previous Maintenance/Construction in leadership role experience preferred 5+ year(s).
- Must be able to locate and acquire required parts to make repairs.
- Must be able to stand for long periods of time.
- Must be able to calmly problem solve and critically think during stressful situations.
- Ability to communicate problems effectively to the appropriate trades people.
- Ability to read and write English as well as to understand simple verbal and written instructions in English.
- Ability to work safely, following established safety practices and procedures.
- Must be able to do moderate to heavy lifting.
- Successful candidate must be available to work days, evenings, weekends and statutory holidays.

Interested applicants can forward their resume to the attention of:

Brad Dubreuil
Dietary Manager/Support Services Manager
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
70 Robinson Street,
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Phone: 705-368-2710 ext.314| Fax: 705-368-2694
Email: brad.dubreuil@exeassist.ca

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of the wall in the French hallway and is decorated with painted green handprints. Orange Shirt Day, a day to recognize and raise awareness about the impacts

of the residential school system on Indigenous communities was on Monday, September 30. This important day, observed annually, is a part

Help Wanted!



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

Sudbury:

- Child Well-Being Worker
- Youth Outreach Worker - Contract

Manitoulin:

- Child Well-Being Worker
- Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator
- IT Specialist

Sudbury or Manitoulin:

- Proposal Writer Administrative Assistant
- Human Resources Administrative Assistant - Contract
- Youth Cultural Support Worker
- Cultural Enaagmaaget
- Youth Connection Worker
- Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

All postings close October 11, 2024 at 4 pm EST

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

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

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

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Proven ability to provide an exceptional customer experience
- Ability to set and achieve targeted goals
- Highly detail-oriented and organized
- Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills
- Valid G driver's license
- Valid OMVIC License (or willing to obtain)

EXPERIENCE

- Experience in Automotive Sales or Equivalent Sales Experience is considered an asset
- Experience working in a Finance or Insurance job is considered an asset

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Drop it off at: 6015 HWY 542, MINDEMOYA



AUNDECK OMNI KANING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SECONDARY TEACHER

Full-Time: Monday-Friday (25 hours/week)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The ideal candidate will be passionate for the job with the ability to reach out to each student and create a positive relationship of mutual respect, trust and honesty.

We are seeking a secondary school teacher to assist students with class assignments to gauge and enhance the students' levels of understanding, and review subject material, prepare for tests and advocate on their behalf. This individual must possess a degree in education or equivalent. Experience working with secondary students in a classroom environment. Knowledge and understanding of Google operating systems, iPads, Chrome Books, Smart Boards and educational applications is required for this position. Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibwe language and its peoples are an asset for this job.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist students to learn and understand concepts, assist with completion of homework and ensuring their work has been handed into the teacher.
- Work directly with students from Grades 9-12 at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS).
- Work in collaboration with students, parents, teachers at MSS, AOKFN Education Counsellor, Band Manager and Chief and Council.
- Provide knowledge and instruction to each student advocating for the implementation of IEPs (if applicable).
- Working knowledge of the Ministry of Education updated curriculum guidelines.
- Access and record students' progress and provide weekly updates, monthly reports and feedback to Education Counsellor.
- Collaborate with teachers and principal from MSS regarding AOKFN students' needs, challenges and strengths.
- Participate in meetings as directed with teachers, parents, AOKFN Education, Band Manager, Chief and Council.
- Observe and understand students' psyche and report suspicions of child abuse, neglect, following AOKFN protocol.
- Understanding of First Nations' history, culture and Ojibwe language skills an asset.
- Must possess a valid 'G' licence, first-aid and CPR training up-to-date.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 4, 2024 at 4:00pm

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Attention: AOKFN Secondary Teacher
13 Hill Street
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
POP 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.



AUNDECK OMNI KANING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Full-Time: Monday-Friday (25 hours/week)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The ideal candidate will be passionate for the job with an ability to reach out to each student and create a positive relationship of mutual respect, trust, and honesty.

We are seeking an elementary school teacher to assist students with class assignments, review subject material and prepare for tests and advocate on their behalf. This individual must possess a degree in education or equivalency. Experience working with elementary school children in a classroom environment. Knowledge and understanding of Google operating systems, iPads, Chrome Books, Smart Boards and educational applications is required for this position.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist students to learn and understand concepts, assist with completion of assignments.
- Work directly with students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 at Little Current Public School (LCPS).
- Work in collaboration with students, parents, teachers at LCPS, AOKFN Education Counsellor, Band Manager and Chief and Council.
- Provide knowledge and instruction to students while helping develop positive educational skills.
- Provide individualized instruction to each student advocating for the implementation of IEPs (if applicable).
- Working knowledge and understanding of technology and computer skills.
- Access and record students' progress and provide monthly reports and feedback to Education Counsellor.
- Collaborate with teachers and principal from LCPS regarding AOKFN students' needs, challenges and strengths.
- Participate in meetings as directed with teachers, parents, AOKFN Education, Band Manager, Chief and Council.
- Plan and execute educational daily in-class and outdoor activities and events.
- Create an orderly and pleasant learning environment for students.
- Observe and understand students' psyche and report suspicions of child abuse and neglect, following AOKFN protocol.
- Understanding of First Nations' history, culture and Ojibwe language skills an asset.
- Must possess a valid 'G' licence, first-aid and CPR training up-to-date.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 4, 2024 at 4:00pm

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Attention: AOKFN Elementary Teacher
13 Hill Street
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
POP 1K0

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WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The starting salary of this position is \$49,036 (including group pension and health benefits).
*Offer is subject to education and experience or a combination of both.

The Executive Assistant will provide executive office leadership to support the Band Manager and ensure that the workload is prioritized to leverage the Nation's priorities and be strategic and effective in a fast-paced environment. The Executive Assistant will also lead, coordinate and support administrative work for the Band Manager on a wide variety of complex, sensitive and confidential matters requiring in-depth knowledge of WRFN programs, services and administrative policies and procedures. The Executive Assistant will also coordinate and provide oversight of the high-level administrative work associated with Program Managers, Chief and Council and other stakeholders.

Key Responsibilities:

- Acts as a contact and responds to inquiries from WRFN band members, Council and internal and external stakeholders.
- Independently composes, proofreads and edits various documents, including emails, letters, memos, reports and minutes. Corresponds with multiple stakeholders, including employees, committee members and leadership.
- Independently composes, proofreads and edits various documents, including emails, letters, memos, reports and minutes.
- Receives, screens, prioritizes, directs or responds to incoming communications to the Band Manager, including telephone calls, emails and mail.
- Uses sound judgment and provides information and direction on sensitive matters or other information of a confidential nature.
- Ensure the Band Manager's calendar is updated to include all meetings and events.
- Assist with communicating relative information to other staff.
- Works with the Band Manager to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and organizational standards.

Qualifications:

- University Degree in Social Services field of study (Social Work, Psychology) and up to two (2) years of relevant work experience.
- 3-5 years of work-related experience in child and youth mental health would be an asset.
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addiction awareness and prevention.
- Excellent public speaking and facilitation skills.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.
- Current Mental Health First Aid Certification and First Aid and CPR.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to own vehicle.
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.

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

Skills:

- Extensive proficiency using computers and standard computer software programs (e.g. Excel, Word, Outlook, Publisher, PowerPoint, etc.).
- Demonstrated ability to keyboard at a minimum of 60 wpm.
- Detail-oriented and organized with strong project planning and time management skills that support meeting deadlines.
- Demonstrated organizational and time management skills with the ability to multi-task and set priorities.
- Ability to communicate professionally and respectfully in any situation, including difficult discussions that may arise.
- Conflict-resolution skills and handling situations respectfully.

Applications must be submitted by October 7, 2024 at 12 pm

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

Confidential: Executive Assistant

Whitefish River First Nation, c/o Human Resources, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, PO Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

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



WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS WORKER

The starting salary of this position is \$49,036 (including group pension and health benefits).
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The Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor (CYMHAC) will provide counselling to children and youth to support mental wellness by assisting with emotional regulation and resulting behavioural management. The CYMHAC will provide services through a trauma-informed lens, focusing on addressing intergenerational trauma, including grief and loss. The position will also offer services that include traditional ways of healing and a gift for connecting with children and youth.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement the delivery of work plan initiatives.
- Linking to Indigenous and Western models of care, provide counselling support, including appropriate interventions, referrals, follow-up, advocacy, ongoing support and case coordination.
- Develop and prepare treatment care plans and outcome measures for the family unit through collaboration, needs identification and assessment, which can complement current service involvement with other clinical staff.
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality of all client records and files.
- Provide direct counselling to children and youth.
- Provide trauma-informed care services.
- Provide appropriate referrals to other services.
- Provide aftercare services and support for children and youth.

Skills:

- Must have a working knowledge of Harm Reduction Philosophy.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills with the ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Act professionally appropriately when working and not working and be a positive role model for clients and the WRFN community.
- Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office and general office procedures.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal).
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the Anishinaabe's culture, history and customs.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends.

Qualifications:

- University Degree in Social Services field of study (Social Work, Psychology) and up to two (2) years of relevant work experience.
- 3-5 years of work-related experience in child and youth mental health would be an asset.
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addiction awareness and prevention.
- Excellent Public Speaking and Facilitation Skills.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.
- Current Mental Health First Aid Certification and First Aid and CPR.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to own vehicle.
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.

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

*Successful candidates must provide an up-to-date Police Vulnerable Sector Screening check upon hire

Applications must be submitted by October 24, 2024 at 12 pm

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

Confidential: Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor

Whitefish River First Nation, c/o Human Resources, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, PO Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

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Community Living tourney a hit

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) held a successful first ever golf tournament this past Saturday, with the promise that this event will become an annual event.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out here today to take part in this tournament," said Adrienne Farquhar-Kuula, executive director at the awards ceremony this past Saturday at Manitoulin Golf. "This was my first stab at organizing a golf tournament. We had a fantastic turnout."

"Thank you very much to Manitoulin Golf for hosting the tournament, hospitality and putting on a great meal," said Ms. Farquhar-Kuula. She pointed out CLM received tremendous support from the community with many prizes being donated, along with two door prizes.

The nine-hole four-person scramble format tournament drew a total of 10 teams. Taking first place was the team made up of Dean Fox, Melanie Debassige, Denise Debassige



from left in photo congratulates the first place team at a CLM fundraiser golf tournament held at Manitoulin Golf this past Saturday. Members of the winning team included Melanie Debassige, Denise Debassige, Dean Fox and Del Riley.

and Del Riley who posted a score of 35 (one under par). Finishing in second place with a score of 38 was the team of Doug and Cathy King, Shannon and Jamie Farquhar. Third place, with a score of 39, went to the team of Debbie Ense, Rochelle Debassige, Sandra McKay and Donna Noble.

There were special prizes given out, with Del Riley winning for the closest shot to the pin on the second hole, the longest drive for the women

being Rochelle Debassige and on the men's side Dave Leclaire.

Melanie Debassige won the door prize of a four-night stay at the Wee Point Resort, with Debbie Ense winning a beautiful handmade mailbox.

Ms. Farquhar-Kuula noted that the tournament will be an annual event, and the event will be held earlier in 2025. "We would like to see everyone back here again next year."

Help Wanted!



WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER (2nd position)

Term: Full-time indefinite (35 hours per week)

Starting salary: \$40,864/year plus group benefits and pension (subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both).

Do you have a passion for working with youth? Are you innovative when it comes to collaborating, planning activities, workshops and training? Do you have a background in youth guidance and coaching, life skills mentorship, outdoors training, youth leadership, coaching, tutoring, etc.? If so, Whitefish River First Nation invites applications for a Youth Support Worker position. The successful candidate should possess skills and direct work experience working with youth and be positive role models in their daily habits and outlook.

Responsibilities:

- Assess the needs of the youth by planning, linking and delivering programs related to areas such as life skills development, health and fitness, education, employment services, healthy relationships, etc.
- Mentor, coach and support youth to facilitate personal, social and educational growth by encouraging greater social inclusion.
- Build positive relationships/rapport with the youth to encourage healthy lifestyle alternatives.
- Reinforce conflict resolution, positive communication and household respect through positive reinforcement, role modelling and supportive listening.

Relationship and Team Building:

- To work collaboratively and cooperatively at all levels to support the use of a family-centred, strength-based, child-focused practice while assisting families in building their capacity to provide safe and nurturing environments for the youth.

Internal Participation:

- Actively participate in internal, external, or local committees or youth groups in support of coordinating programs and services to the community.

Administration and Reporting:

- To complete administrative functions and reports and adhere to Agency policies, procedures and relevant practices.
- All other duties as assigned.

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Qualifications:

- Native Child and Family Worker Diploma, Child and Youth Worker Diploma or related field.
- At least two years of related experience working with youth, preferably in an Indigenous community or Indigenous organization.
- Valid Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR, Mental Health First Aid and A.S.I.S.T Certification.
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).
- Valid G Licence with access to own vehicle.

Skills:

- Knowledge of Health and Safety and Child and Family Services Legislation.
- Excellent communication and effective solution-based techniques.
- Ability to develop collaborative relationships with youth and other service providers or First Nations in the area.
- Excellent verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to travel and to work flexible hours according to the needs of youth.
- Demonstrate proficiency in word processing and electronic data management systems.
- Efficient time management skills include maintaining your schedule and competing priorities.

Applications must be submitted by October 3, 2024 at 12 pm

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