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MANITOWANING REMEMBERS—The banners of Assiginack veterans Eric G. Hughson, Ida Ferguson and Herb Reid are just some of the new banners currently on display until Remembrance Day in downtown Manitowaning.

Manitowaning mounts first veterans' banners, Little Current adds more, Gore Bay has plans

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Beautiful new veterans' banners are being prominently displayed in Manitowaning and Little Current, while the Gore Bay Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay has received a very good response to having similar banners dis-

played in the downtown area in the future.
"They look awesome," stated Jennifer Hooper, a councillor in Assiginack Township of the new veterans' banners that have been hung in Manitowaning. "There are 23 banners with the veteran's photo and rank in the Canadian Forces on display.'

"The banners are displayed on poles in the com-

munity starting just off the highway at Wayside Hotel, down Queen Street, and up Arthur Street," explained Councillor Hooper. "They look lovely, and we will be adding to this collection every year, depending on the price of the brackets and the municipal budget.

In Little Current, the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) Branch 177 has added another 29 veterans' banners on display in the downtown area and along the 'Veterans Walk' on the waterfront, said organizer Linda Bowerman. Last year, a total of 32 veterans banners were displayed and with this years' addi-

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Central councillor, Mindemoya physician disagree on calculating emerg shortfall

toulin municipal councillor is disappointed with the way doctors within the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT) have approached the funding provided by the province to hire more

Mindemoya ER currently covered

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) does not expect the emergency department at the Mindemoya site to be closed over the next few weeks.

"Shifts for October are all covered," said Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the MHC last Friday. "We do not expect any emergency department closures in the next few weeks.'

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

doctors, with concerns that they to fill 68 percent of the doctor tle Current Family Health Team.

"I'm pretty passionate about this," stated Councillor Dale Scott at a meeting of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) last week. "I'm very disappointed with how the MCFHT approached this, and it's more of a game they are playing. Obviously, they are upset with the Ministry of Health and the shortage of doctors, but it is the same for places across the province and Canada.

"But to come out and compare what the two FHTs received in funding to hire new doctors is totally wrong," stated Councillor Scott. "We have two wonderful hospital sites on the Island (Mindemoya and Little Current) and they need to work together, not have a wedge between them.

With the funding provided by the province earlier this year to both the FHT in Little Current and Central Manitoulin. "Little Current hospital has filled 44 percent of its doctor allotment and Central Manitoulin has been able

MINDEMOYA—A Central Manilost out in comparison to the Lit-shortage gap. Their (MCFHT) beef is with the numbers of doctors they are able to hire with the funding and they wanted to compare themselves with the allotment for Little Current."

Councillor Scott explained that the doctors within the Northeast

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Municipalities agree to cooperative plan, to fight forest fires

In anticipation of warming planet, more wildfire events expected on Island

MINDEMOYA—Members of the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) are in support of the idea of putting together an Islandwide wildfire emergency plan.

Dale Scott, a Central Manitoulin councillor told members of the MMA at a meeting last week, "My wife Holly did all the legwork on this. This motion was presented to the (Central Manitoulin) safety, security and health committee a month ago. From what I understand nothing has been done with it so far."

Councillor Scott read the contents of the motion: "to prepare a specific wildfire emergency plan and to immediately authorize the fire chief to give evacuation orders and provide him or her with the information and support needed to expedite the orders." The motion calls for "immediately investigating a telephone alert system and subscribe if necessary; To initiate work with the Manitoulin Municipal Association to put an Island-wide wildfire emergency plan in place; to communicate with the public regarding emergency preparedness and emergency alerts."

"I have a daughter in Halifax, Nova Scotia who was ready to evacuate her home with her family when the wildfires got out of control there," said Mr. Scott. "For 14 days straight they had their bags packed, and she knew at any time she might be advised that they would have 15 minutes to

"And look what happened in Hawaii earlier this year," Councillor Scott continued, who said he and his wife Holly spoke "about the need for this plan. I know there is no plan currently in place for Central Manitoulin. We do have one in place for snowstorms and flooding, but not for wild-

"All of Manitoulin Island should be working together on an Island-wide wildfire emergency plan," said Councillor Scott. "Next summer could be even drier than this past summer, and we could be facing longer fire bans than this year."

"Again, just look at what happened in Hawaii earlier this year and in the case of Nova Scotia everything happened so fast; and if we don't have a plan it could prove to be disastrous," said Councillor Scott.

"I think this is an issue our association should address," Councillor Scott told the MMA members. "The risk is going to be there again next summer."

Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin, explained Central Manitoulin has an emergency management team. Every year we do a desktop emergency scenario for such disasters and floods. This year the desktop exercise will be on wildfires (to be held in November) so we can plan on being prepared in the event of a wildfire.

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The Hallowe'en scene: Island-wide events

Your guide to who's spooking, and where!

MANITOULIN-Hey Manitoulin! The following is your ghoulish guide to the many haunted happenings on Manitoulin. Read on...if you dare!

In this very paper this week, from the comfort of your home or elsewhere, you can search and find Hallowe'en candies "hidden" in ads. Fill out the form in this week's paper on Page 16. The deadline to enter is on noon Monday, October 30. Three entries will win special treat



Island-wide

Within the pages of this newspaper are 20 'candies' hidden within the advertisements. Head over to Page 16 and fill out the form that asks where the candies are hidden, on what ads and on what page. Then drop it off to The Expositor Office or take a picture and email it to services@manitoulin.com for your chance to win great prizes!

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The Manitoulin West Recorder



MILKUP FOR THE WIN - Alex Anstice, left, makes a presentation on behalf of the Manitoulin West-Sudbury Dairy Producers to Ben Quackenbush, a coach for Manitoulin Youth Mountain Bike Team. Funds are available to the team through Dairy Farmers of Ontario's MilkUP program, and will be used for safety equipment, bikes and travel to races. MilkUP's objective is to empower youth to reach their full potential, foster community and consumer engagements through sports, and build appreciation for local dairy. This MilkUp support, as well as sponsorship from Breakaway Sports and Cycle in Little Current, will

photo by Dorothy Anstice

Annual Tour de Meldrum Bay raises over \$15,000 for Mindemoya Hospital

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, and in turn the Mindemoya Hospitals, will benefit from a substantial donation made to it by the organizers of the annual Tour de Meldrum Bay bicycle ride, spearheaded by Dale Scott.

'On behalf of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary I would like to thank the Tour de Meldrum Bay for everything they have donated toward the auxiliary which benefits the hospital, this year and in past years," said Margaret Cadieux, president of the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

Eric Theriault, vice-president, corporate and support services and chief financial officer of the Manitoulin Health Centre said, "it is incredible the support we receive from the two hospital auxiliaries (one in Little Current as well) and our partners like the Tour de Meldrum.'

This year's Tour de Meldrum ride raised a total of \$15,520 for the Mindemoya Hospital Auxil-

Dale Scott, who originally

spearheaded the Tour de Meldrum, said he was very pleased with the participation in the ride again this year. He pointed out the

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The organizers of the annual Tour de Meldrum Bay presented a cheque in the amount of \$15,520 to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary and Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) representatives last week. In photo, from left, are Holly Scott, Marcus Mohr, Annette Murphy, Dale Scott, Eric Theriault vice-president of corporate support services and chief financial officer of MHC, Mary-Alice Lewis, Marilyn Holmes, John Carlisle, auxiliary president Margaret Cadieux and Jo-Ann Carlisle.

Health unit calls for expansion of air quality monitoring stations across Northern Ontario due to increased wildfires

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Research indicates that climate change in Ontario is to significantly increase the number of wildfires caused by human activity and lightning over the next 17 years, and with it poor air quality. The fact that there is only one air quality monitoring station located in the Sudbury district, Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is joining other health units in Northern Ontario in calling on the province for an expansion of the monitoring stations across Northern Ontario.

'We have identified that the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) is a great tool to understand air quality and the forecast," said Jane Mantyla, health promoter, health protection division of PHSD last week. "It is a great tool but unfortunately in our area only the City of Sudbury has a monitoring station, and other areas like Manitoulin Island don't have the same information on air quality and health risks."

momentum that has already started, with both the Porcupine and Temiskaming health units calling on the Honourable Minister David Piccini for the installation of air quality monitoring stations in their respective service areas," said Ms. Mantyla.

Ms. Mantyla made a presenta-"We wanted to build on the tion to the members of the board of health of PHSD at its meeting in September on climate change awareness and adaptation. She outlined the impacts of climate change including the increasingly significant health hazards such as extreme heat, heavy

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Several Island First Nation residents recognized with lifetime achievement awards

RAMA, ONTARIO—Several Manitoulin Island First Nations people have been recognized for their achievements and successes with lifetime achievement awards through the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity. As well, 2023 secondary and post-secondary scholarship award recipients were announced.

Local residents who received lifetime achievement awards included Talon Chin-McGregor of Whitefish River First Nation, the late Joseph Endanawas of Sheshegwaning First Nation, Kevin Mossip of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation and Ferdinand Paibomsai of Whitefish River

Jason Restoule of the Anishinabek Nation told the Expositor last week, "The Anishinabek Evening of Excellence began as the Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Awards in 1990. At that time, the goal of the event was to bring awareness to our Anishinabek Nation citizens who have succeeded in various professional endeavours."

"The idea was to recognize those individuals who have taken us from reservations to First Nations. People who have made a lifetime commitment to improving the quality of life on First Nations through volunteerism, political service, language preservation, health services, social services, personal achievement, cultural practice and those who are survivors of residential schools or who served in the military," continued Mr. Restoule.

It was explained the Evening of Excellence held October 19 at the Casino Rama Resort brings together close to 300 people annually to recognize deserving Anishinabek citizens who are presented with

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Members of the Tehkummah First Response team pose with the Heppenheimer and Hemstreet family, seated on bench, following a donation to the team.

South Baymouth restaurants donate funds to Tehkummah township first response team

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—When they moved to South Baymouth several years ago, the owners of RC's Diner in South Baymouth definitely brought with them their sense of community and helping others. For the third season in a row, they have made a donation to a very worthy benefactor.

"They are wonderful people and their restaurant (RC's) along with the Pierside Restaurant and the Wigwam Gift Shop and Hotel have donated just over \$1,000 toward our first response team (part of the Tehkummah Township Fire and Rescue department)," said Lori McAnsh, a member of the Tehkummah First Response

Charlene Hemstreet, who owns

RC's Diner along with her husband Rob Heppenheimer and their 10-year-old daughter Julia explained, "this was the third sea-

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Federal amnesty extension for firearms not a surprise say local, provincial reps

OTTAWA—Local and provincial representatives who represent firearms owners are not at all surprised that the federal government has extended the amnesty order on firearms it had prohibited after the deadly 2020 Nova Scotia shooting rampage. The amnesty has been extended an extra two years, until October

"Ultimately, the extension was inevitable," stated Mark Ryckman, manager of policy of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). "There is no way the government could implement the buyback prior to the end of the current or previous amnesty order."

"It is good news it will not leave the government in a legal bind,"

said Mr. Ryckman. Bill Elliott, a member of the ...continued on page 24

Manitowaning's own orchestral composer

Meet accomplished composer and artist Michael Geroux

MANITOWANING—The town of Manitowaning has the distinction and privilege of an orchestral composer living in its community. Down a quiet road, ending with a stunning view of the bay, sits a modest home where Michael Geroux and partner, Rex Leonard reside.

Mr. Geroux has been composing music for over 30 years and in that time has learned every aspect of the business to where he produces his own artisan CDs from start to finish.

Michael Geroux wears his heart on his sleeve, and this is evident in his compositions. Even an

untrained ear feels the emotions that sweep through his music.

"I was still working on The Traveler when I woke up on May 28th, 2021, at 4:00 in the morning. That's when I usually head to the studio, but that day I thought I'd stay in bed, and I picked up my iPad intending to look at the news and possibly fall back to sleep." But he saw the headline: 215 unmarked graves found at residential school in BC. "It just hit me hard," he said, "then came Angry Dawn, which is all about my working through the emotions of

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editorial

Innocence lies in the crosshairs of geopolitics

being butchered by heartless terrorists erupted on news feeds across the Western World on October 7 as Hamas terrorists swept out of the Gaza strip and into homes, shops and music festivals. Such scenes are nothing new to the world and, with actors changing from location to location, occur nearly every day in some part of the world—what makes this different?

To be clear, Hamas is not Palestine (however these monsters wish position themselves as such), nor are the vast majority of Palestinians members of Hamas, supporters of the Lebanese terrorist group Hezbollah or otherwise aligned with those who would butcher the innocent. The Palestinians are descendants of those who were forced to flee the lands we now know as Israel during the Arab-Israeli conflict in 1948.

The Palestinian people have legitimate grievances—end stop. But there are those in this world who stand in the way of finding a peaceful solution to those grievances and they do so for their own cynical reasons. There are also those among the Palestinian people (and far too many of their supporters world-wide) who leverage those grievances as justification for horrendous acts of inhumanity. Too often their victims respond in kind.

Hezbollah, which is not Palestinian, and which has had its own differences with the Hamas in the past, has funneled huge amounts of munitions, including most, if not all, of the rockets that have streamed out of the Gaza strip onto civilian homes and businesses. This is not Israeli propaganda; Hezbollah itself gleefully admits to the same. Why might that be?

Hezbollah is supplied and funded by Iran. This is also not any kind of secret or propaganda ploy by the Israeli government. Following the links, one easily discovers that Iran has been supplying Russia with weapons for its assault on Ukraine. In the evil world of geopolitics, there are few, if any, coincidences.

The US has recently diverted millions of rounds of artillery ammunition stored in Israel that had been earmarked for delivery to Ukrainian defence to the Israeli military in response to rising tensions there. The strands of the spider web that is geopolitics stretch far and the enemies of democracy are well aware of which levers to pull in order to manipulate public opinion and divert attention.

It is far easier to paint the world in colours black and white than it is to part the grey mists of reality. Gazing back to 1953, we discover our close friend and ally the US successfully overthrowing the demoreign was characterized by state terror through the dreaded secret police—the Zavak. But he was our guy. In 1979 the Shah and his Zavak were replaced by an equally despotic theocracy. Sadly, in the cynical world of geopolitics there are no knights in shining white armour just a handful of heroic men and women who choose to shelter those caught in the crosshairs.

It is easy to demonize those who identify with the plight of the Palestinians. They are a people largely abandoned by their neighbouring Arab nations and oppressed by a nation obsessed with its own survival and the security of its citizens. The Palestinians have been pawns in the Great Game, as have the Afghans, the Iranians, the Indians, and yes, the Jews of Israel before them. World leaders have callously slaughtered each by the millions in their turn—sacrificed on the altar of "our side."

Passions rise exponentially as children, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, cousins are torn to pieces, lives shattered. Those passions create near-insurmountable obstacles to peaceful resolutions, to the unending glee to those who would use that pain towards their own ends.

Canada is not immune to this cascading madness. Already cynical politicians are attempting to simplify events into colours of black and white for their own gain—while youth are manipulated into planning acts of terrorism in our own cities. Electors, in the meantime, like things simple, for who has time in a busy world trying to keep up with the challenges of affordable housing, rising food costs and inflation? In a world flooded with disinformation and spin, anyone can pick their own preferred flavour of reality.

But as indiscriminate rockets fly and artillery shells drop, it is the innocent baby in the sheltering arms of a mother or father who will bear the cost in this game played by madmen. Be the innocents Palestinian, Israeli, Ukrainian or Russian—they will all bleed the same.

Canadians cannot afford to be blinded by the haze of indifference. This does, and will, impact us. Our nation's leaders must find ways to build bridges across those impossible chasms of historic pain, even as we shore up the bastions of democracy against the march of tyrannic autocracy. Some might say it is silly for such a tiny nation to believe it can make a difference on a global scale, but Canada has long shouldered these burdens far beyond its weight and numbers—and the terrible truth is, we cannot afford not to try.

letters

Anishinaabe Nations are sovereign and should act as such

The \$10 billion Robinson Huron Annuities settlement amounts to crumbs on the table

To the Expositor:

Let's see. Canada's GDP for 2022 was \$1.74 trillion (CDN) in 2012 constant prices. The province of Ontario's revenue for 2023-2024 is projected to be \$188.2 billion. The outlook for 2024-2025 is estimated at \$196.9 billion. (budget.ontario.ca) The value of mineral production in Ontario in 2019 was \$10.7 billion. In 2021, Ontario mining contributed approximately \$8 billion to the GDP.

One-hundred and seventy-three years' worth of resource extraction from 180 square miles of Anishinaabe lands including timber, minerals, aggregates, agricultural production and other resources was worth \$4 per year per person in the Robinson Huron Treaty. The reason only \$4 per year per person was paid out in annuities was because the British could not afford the principal price of 180 square miles of land. So, they talked about paying the interest on the principal on 180 square miles of land. Then, they realized that they couldn't afford that, either. Finally, someone came up with the brainwave, "why don't we pay only the interest on the interest – an annuity in perpetuity?" So, that's what happened when the Robinson Huron Treaty was negotiated. The British offered only interest on the interest on the principal - \$4 a year.

A treaty is a legally binding, internationally recognized agreement between sovereign nations. The fact that there is a Robinson Huron

Treaty is an acknowledgment by the British that they were dealing with sovereign Indian nations. Robinson Huron Treaty "Indians" are not domestic dependent nations or wards of the state. We are sovereign Indian nations, and we should start behaving as such. We are hosts in our own homelands, and yet we are treated as if we don't know the difference between a million, a billion, or a trillion.

The monies that were made from the sale of Indian lands were placed in an Indian Trust Fund. However, through seepage, mismanagement, and just plain theft, Indian monies were used for such things as roads, bridges, railways, canals, universities and other infrastructure. Some of the beneficiaries of Indian money were: the City of Toronto, Montreal Turnpike Trust, Desjardins Canal, the Grand River Navigation Company, and the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund. Eventually, Indian Trust Fund monies were absorbed into the Consolidated Revenue Fund, the main account where all revenues and taxes are placed.

"\$10 billion? Crumbs on the table." So say some folks about the Robinson Huron Treaty settlement agreement. If you ask me, land back is the better discussion to have. Mii sa iw.

Marie McGregor-Pitawanakwat Doognaning

A response to the idea of Burns Wharf and Roller Mill tear down

By tearing them down we give up a part of our history

To the Expositor:

I am moved to respond to the letter by Steve Lindsay Keene of New Hampshire in your Wed. Oct. 11th 2023 issue. ('The SS Norisle Gone/Sights set on Burns' Wharf Buildings' The Manitoulin Expositor, October 11, 2023, Page 4.)

Thank you Steve for your interest in the Manitowaning waterfront. However, I am very upset by your remarks recommending the removal of the Roller Mill and the historic theatre (Burns Wharf) buildings.

A very recent study initiated by the Assiginack Council has revealed that the Roller Mill building is in excellent structural condition and can be utilized in any manner as an entrepreneur may comprehend. I had a

visit about four years ago from the director of the School of Architecture Laurentian University in Sudbury. His comment was very specific— "You MUST NOT tear down buildings like this. By doing that you give up a part of your history and culture."

I am pleased by your suggestion of the variety of activities that can take place at the waterfront but they also can take place without tearing down these buildings

Respectfully submitted by,

Elwood Geron Wohlberg Manitowaning

Ed and Shirley Sagle

These two talented and remarkably busy history buffs live comfortably among two dozen Muscovy ducks and a few deer nestled among the fall trees that bear their coats of many colours today. A bunkie displaying the sign of their previous bed and breakfast accommodations in South Baymouth, a sizable workshop and a duck coop add ambience to the idyllic colourful fall scene. Their home, built in the late 1800s, boasts many historic elements, including the narrow floorboards, wainscoting and numerous antiques. It is a comfortable setting that welcomes the writer. Tea and tasty cookies are served. Both Ed and Shirley have gathered numerous details about their ancestors, and they have been vital members of the Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints where they have volunteered their services for many years. Ed was also a driving force for the creation of the Michael's Bay Historical Society and the organization's rejuvenation plan for the old townsite.

"My paternal great-grandfather, John Robert William Thompson, born in 1833, left Ireland and worked on the railroad in Scotland before moving to the United States with his wife Sarah Ann Bell and seven children," Shirley begins. Two more daughters were born in Pennsylvania where John worked at a lime kiln. Their fourth son James became my grandfather. He stayed with the family after his brothers had moved out. The family moved north to Muskoka and in 1981, John, 48, died when a tree fell on him. Son James was a quiet man who farmed and grew strawberries in the Muskoka area. He married Jane Cairns from Uffington, Ontario. They had seven children and my dad was the sixth child. Jane quilted, raised chickens, cared for farm animals and preserved fruits and vegetables. She had a strong affiliation with both the Anglican and Presbyterian faiths."

'Maternal grandfather was George William Smith of Surrey, England. He was a blacksmith who served in the Boer War. His wife, Grace May Yarrow was born in Glen Miller, Ontario. The Smiths had fruit orchards. A horse and buggy would get Grace to the local market gardens and when her horse grew tired of the task, the family truck was assigned. They had nine children. My mother Edith May Smith was born early, on December 31, 1917, weighing about two pounds. Her mother placed her in a box on the oven door to keep her warm. She was the smallest child but lived to be 94.

Shirley was born to Edith and Gordon Thompson on January 25. 1949, in the Red Cross Hospital in New Liskeard. "My father, born in 1905, served in World War Two and was away when I was born. We didn't have a phone so mother had asked her neighbour to watch for a specific item to be hung on the laundry line when she was ready to give birth and that did the trick." Shirley, the eldest, would have two sisters, Mary and Gloria and two brothers, James and Brian. "If I behaved, I remember getting a pint of chocolate milk from the milkman several times a week. We always left the correct change on the top of the milk bottle lid. When brother James was born, we moved to the Long Lake area of Sudbury. Father was a carpenter and he built us a house on Fourier Avenue in the valley. Dad also fashioned homemade skis one year, and they were well-used."

"Picking berries was a yearly task. We loved to eat them, but many raspberries, strawberries and blueberries were also canned. When we had time, we would walk the two miles to Witson Lake and



Now and Then A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin Mnaachtoong Maadsewin By Petra Wall





Ed and Shirley Sagle at home in early October 2023.

go swimming," Shirley shares, "On a more serious note, I once helped my sister avoid a possible abduction. I was just coming around the corner of the house in time to see a car stop at the end of our driveway. A man was offering candy to my little sister Gloria. I quickly intervened and got her back to the house. it was lucky that I had been in the right place at the right time."

Regular chores for Shirley at 12, in addition to ironing, were scrubbing and waxing the floors. "Buying groceries with dad taught me to budget well, with the cash I had. I knew what the family needed for the next two weeks but had to prioritize and make sure I didn't exceed our available funds. I



The happy couple's wedding on June 22, 1968 in Sudbury.

my mother's side. Moving up to 1803, we have my paternal greatgreat-great-grandfather Henry Sagle and his wife, Susanna, both of whom lived in King Township, York County. Henry's family was one of only 33 families living there at that time. Great-great grandfather Peter Sagle married Abigale Morris, both farmers in King Township. One of their seven offspring was Thomas Sagle, my great-grandfather who was born in 1832 in King Township. He married Elizabeth Rhyndress and had 11 children when they moved to Manitoulin in 1879. He died in 1897 and is buried in Hilly Grove Cemetery. Their son David John Sagle, my grandfather, was born in 1861 in Grey County.



All the Sagle grandchildren gathered for a photograph.

was also a candy striper in the geriatric wing of the Memorial Hospital. We helped with the meals, wrote letters, provided fresh water and paid welcomed visits."

Shirley recalls winning a contest to name the new public school she attended. "I was proud that they chose my suggestion, 'Valley View Public School.' I remember having to give a speech and being so very nervous. I did get an award, a pen with my name on it. When I graduated from Grade 8, my teacher said, 'don't let your artistic skills die.' I didn't. I have enjoyed various artistic projects over the years, including working with watercolours with nine of my 11 grandchildren."

"I liked going to La Salle Secondary School. Biology was my

favourite. I met Ed on a blind date in Grade 12. I remember telling the mother of my friend, Judy Brown, that I was nervous about this date. She reassured me that 'you never know, this person might be the man you marry.' Six of us went to the movies. My first impression of him was a little subdued due to the cold Ed had, but he was genuinely nice, and he was tall. We soon hit it off and dated for the next five months. This was followed by going steady for five months and finally with our five-months engagement.

Ed and his ancestors hailed from the Manitoulin area. "I have researched 15 generations of my family, with the earliest record going back to 1520," Ed begins, "that date belonged to Wilfred Temple, of Yorkshire, England, on

"Grandfather David cleared the land in the Slash and farmed. He married Annie Isabella Sim, born in 1868. Her father Robert Sim had emigrated from Scotland. Annie's grandmother, Hannah Still, had been married to Joe Ritchie. After he was killed in Montreal, she married Robert Sim. David and Annie also had 11 children. Annie looked after her neighbourhood as well as her family. The land they owned, and their large home, are still in the Sagle family. Grandfather died of a stroke at 66, in 1927. It is noteworthy that a Sim reunion was held this August for the five offspring of Robert Sim."

"My mother is Margaret Sandie, originally 'Sandy' for her grandfather's generation. She was born in 1909 in Thessalon to George and Wretha (Kerr) Sandie, also Scottish. Margaret was one of four children. Her grandfather James had been a stone mason in Fergus, where his name is still on a plaque of the historical building he built and lived in. James also worked on the Welland Canal. George built the high school and many houses in Thessalon after a fire destroyed part of the town. Margaret married my dad David John Sagle in 1931 in Thessalon. Margaret's father bought a gas station and corner store when he retired. I recall grandmother saying, 'George, don't give the kids a lot of candy when you take them to the store.' Nevertheless, when we got to the store, he declared, 'take as much candy as you like.' We were in heaven."

"I was the eighth child of 11 children in our family. I had five brothers and five sisters. Jean and Wayne are both deceased now. Joyce and Ken are also deceased. Then there is Anne, Eileen who has died, Calvin, me, Maxine, Terry and Dale. I was born on February 8, 1947, in Mindemoya, the first born in a hospital, when it was named the Red Cross Hospital. Mother was temporarily staying in Nevill's boarding house. When her time came, she walked across the street to the hospital. She told us earlier, when Wayne had been born at home, the doctor from Manitowaning had not been allowed upstairs, because he was inebriated. Aunt Betty Sagle, midwife, delivered most of the older children."

"I remember our house burning down when I was four. My older sister Jean saved me. She ran back in when she noticed I wasn't standing outside with the family. She dragged me out from under the bed. We could see the flames beside the chimney when we were heading out. It had been a narrow escape. We lived near grandmother's house and could stay there while father, a logger at that time, built us a new home."

"Our one-room school was at SS#7, but attending was not my favourite pastime. I did like history and math. Ruby Coultis, our teacher, wound up instructing all my siblings over time. Grade 8 was held in SS#3 school. High school was in Mindemoya where the public school is now. On weekends, I helped dad cut wood for shipping and for the stove. Work in the summers included helping local farmers with odd jobs, like picking the unwanted mustard plants growing in oat fields."

"It was my plan to quit school after Grade 10 to work for a year at INCO. I made \$1.97 per hour for surface work and \$2.19 underground, which later became \$2.37. Instead of returning to school, I bought my first car, a 1966 Volkswagen, with \$2,800 cash. My brother and I also bought 100 acres for \$600 in the Lower Slash Road. I raised chickens, ducks, pigs, geese and guinea hens." When Ed met Shirley, plans began to include them both.

The wedding was held on June 22, 1968, at the Church of Ascension on Sparks Street in New Sudbury. About 100 people attended the dinner and dance at Carol Richard Park Hall in the Valley. "One Grade 13 friend played the organ, and another was our photographer," Shirley adds. "The honeymoon took us to Ottawa, Upper Canada Village, Niagara Falls and Hamilton where my sister lived. We had no credit cards and needed cash so had to go to a bank that was willing to call our Sudbury bank and forward cash during the trip. "We certainly had a wonderful time."

That September, the couple moved into a small apartment on Londsdale Avenue. Shirley enrolled in a nursing assistant program in 1968 and the RN training at the Regional School of Nursing in 1969. "They wanted me to stay home for six months to get

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New OPP Truth and Reconciliation vehicle turns heads as it tours Manitoulin Island

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Truth and Reconciliation Vehicle (TRV) certainly turned heads among students and school administration and members of the many communities it visited on Manitoulin Island last week.

"It is an OPP initiative," stated John Hill, OPP provincial constable with the OPP provincial liaison team. "I was really pleased with the conversations we had with the students in the schools about Truth and Reconciliation and the good working relationship the OPP has with the UCCM Anishinaabe Police Services and the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service."

"The students I had the opportunity to meet were so happy to see the OPP vehicle (the only one of its kind in Ontario), with symbols that they recognize," said Constable Hill. "Not just the students but school administration and teachers. It has been a really positive three days."

Jamie Peltier, senior constable with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services (WTPS) said the idea of the (TRV) cruiser, "is an OPP initiative. It is designed to provide an awareness of Truth and Reconciliation issues and is the OPP way of bringing awareness of the issue and the call to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Wiikwemkoong was fortunate to have the first tour of the

Robert Beaudin, princi-



The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Truth and Reconciliation Vehicle visited many communities and schools on Manitoulin Island last week. The new vehicle, the only one of its kind in Ontario is part of an OPP initiative to build trust and confidence within Indigenous communities.

pal of St. Joseph's Anishinabek School in Sheshegwaning First Nation said, "the idea of the OPP and the Anishinabek Police Services coming to the school definitely helps in relationship building. It shows the OPP and UCCM Police is not so much about enforcement but about being service oriented in the community. It is getting beyond the enforcement aspect."

"The officers and the new (TRV) cruiser were well received by staff and students at the school," said Mr. Beaudin. "We have been trying to include our police services in the school activities more frequently. And there has been nothing but success in this initiative from both."

"Seeing both police services together with the cruiser at the school was good, and all part of the relationship building."

ongoing commitment to broader organizational and community knowledge and understanding of issues impacting First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples."

"The vehicle is merely a symbol of the OPP's continued dedication to build relationships of trust, mutual understanding and respect, between police and Indigenous people and to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Calls to Action and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Calls for Justice."

"As part of the OPP's dedication to reconciliation, codevelopment strategies are being used to ensure changes made to policies, procedures and practices that affect Indigenous peoples are guided by survivors, elders, knowledge keepers and Indigenous community members."

There are 215 feathers on the orange cruiser. "In May 2021, the remains of 215 Indigenous children were detected in unmarked graves on the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. Subsequent investigations identified the locations of more unmarked graves on former residential school grounds

(TRC) of Canada and is intended to acknowledge the history and legacy of residential schools and to honour survivors, their families and communities. The responsibility falls on all Canadians to build and repair relationships with Indigenous communities,



The orange colour scheme is indicative of Every Chld Matters

across Canada," an OPP release notes.

"On September 30, 2021, the government of Canada marked the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day is recognized as a vital component of reconciliation by the to hold space for survivors and to listen to their truth and lived experiences."

Nadia McLaren, an Anishinaabe artist, storyteller, and Indigenous educator, began painting Adizokan in 2017 in honour of

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reminder of the OPP's the orange cruiser. "In May of reconciliation Law & Order

One person charged with drug and weapon offences

Constable Hill provided

information from the OPP

that explained, "the vehicle

design, which is supported

by the Indigenous Advisory

Circle to the OPP, is intend-

ed to raise awareness and

promote learning about

truth and reconciliation

and to serve as a visual

One person has been arrested and charged with drug and weapon offences in Espanola.

On October 18, shortly after 4 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a noise complaint on Marguerite Street in Espanola.

Upon police arrival, a person was located attempting to start an all-terrain vehicle.

Further investigation revealed that the individual was in possession of a loaded handgun. A search was conducted and led to the seizure of over 137 grams of suspected cocaine and over 10 grams of suspected crystal methamphetamine. The estimated street value of the drugs seized is over \$14,000. Police also located over \$1,500 in Canadian currency.

As a result of the investigation, Douglas Weir, 37, of Baldwin Township has been charged with: possession of schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, cocaine, possession of schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, methamphetamine, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, possession

of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, two counts of possession of a prohibited device or ammunition, possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition, and use unauthorized plate.

The accused was held in custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on October 26.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fermeijer

Tell, we had a good run - an entire year of not missing a week's paper, but it had to end sometime. Apologies for the absence of the Team Fergmeijer column from last week's Expositor. Turns out that not only is our short-term memory horrible, so is our short-term memory. Of course, the good thing about a bad memory is that jokes can be funny more than once!

It's going to be a great Hallowe'en... we can feel it in our bones! If you're out trick-or-treating, or just planning on going out for a gourd time, Billings Township has you covered. The Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee is planning to hand out treats at the Park Centre! Little ghouls and goblins are welcome to stop by the fire hall and the library, too.

Shortly after Hallowe'en will be the annual Christmas in Kagawong market. Save the date, the market this year will be November 17 and 18. And don't forget about the Billings Library's annual silent auction November 23 to 26. Join the auction Facebook group (FB.com/groups/libraryauction) to see some sneak peeks of the items that will be up for grabs and to be ready to bid when the auction starts!

A very happy 29th birthday goes out to Kagawongians Ken F and Rachel B, while a very happy not-quite-29th birthday goes out to Meranda V. Don't let aging get you down. It's WAY too hard to get back up again.

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

The next Island Wide Waste Management Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, November 14 at 7 pm, at the Kagawong Park Centre. Everyone is welcome.

What are you doing on December 2? Laughing with family, friends and neighbours at the annual Kagawong Community Christmas Concert, of course! There's speculation going around about the return of the chicken skit, but with

the price of groceries being what they are, we can't be sure if it's true or just a rumour.

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

The good thing about a bad memory is that jokes can be funny more than once! Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

riday night, October 13, at cards we had three tables and one sit out. High lady was Sara-Lyn Arnot with 77 points; high man was Guy Bigras with 60 points; ladies' lone hands went to Diane Jones with two; men's lone hands went to Harold Rogers with 73; most euchres went to Doug Carter with eight; Rose VanEvery took home the juice; the money jar is safe.

I woke up one morning this week and the temperature was zero. It was an unwelcome surprise. I checked all the plants and only the basil suffered. This fall has been amazing for warm temperatures and beautiful colours.

Have a good week.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

eepest sympathy to Ann Runnalls from Mindemoya and family in the passing of her husband Lewis Runnalls on October 13.

Silver Water Karen Noble

urray and Gladys Duncanson had their son, Craig Duncanson here for the Thanksgiving weekend. Their son Blake and his daughters Willow and Shelby were here and left Monday afternoon. Murray and Craig left to go moose hunting on Tuesday morning. They arrived home a week later with lots of partridge

but no moose.

Friday, October 13 I drove Myra Duncanson, DonnaKay McDonald and Lois Wismer to Meldrum Bay to play euchre. Doug and Brenda Carter took Sara-Lyn Arnot with them.

Saturday morning Albert Meijer and I got up early as usual to get the market organized. We set up extra tables full of sale items outside. Diane Jones arrived. The coffee was ready. Then the rain started. Albert got three tarps out and on top of the tables. When the sun came out, we moved the tarps. Five minutes later there was more rain and the tarps went back on. At 10 am we closed up. We heard later that the rain was very selective as the road was completely dry not far from us on either side.

Sunday, October 15 I took Myra Duncanson, Sara-Lyn Arnot and DonnaKay McDonald to the Burpee and Mills Complex for a euchre tournament. There were eight tables of players.

Doug and Lee McDonald left for moose hunting. Charles Pickard also went moose hunting.

Monday evening the Local Roads Board held its annual meeting. Attendance was good. The same board members were re-elected, Eric Thiessen, Jerry Martin and George Purvis

Tuesday morning Albert Meijer and I went to Meldrum Bay to help with the kits and quilts project. Jane Wismer and Lois Wismer were also there.

I went to a potluck supper at Lynn Pickard's Tuesday night. She had lots of ladies invited.

Wednesday evening, I went to the Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting in Mindemoya.

Wednesday evening the new board for the Silver Water Recreation Centre had a meeting.

Thursday, I went to euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall. There were six-and-a-half tables.

I stayed up late to see my brother, Shawn, arrive with his moving truck. He was here full-time as of Sunday, October

The Local Services Board of Robinson will hold their pre-budget meeting on Wednesday, October 25 at 7 pm.

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

Our family found out on October 12 that my mother's oldest sister, Joyce Hilton, was in the hospital with leukemia. She passed away on October 17. Condolences to her family. Condolences to the family of Lewis Runnalls.

Happy Birthday to Colleen Julseth.

...residents recognized with lifetime achievement awards

...continued from page 3 Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Awards. "We recognize these people as building blocks to improving the lives of Anishinabek citizens and the Anishinabek Nation as a

Ferdinand Paibomsai's nomination states, "A committed and loyal leader, he began his career in carpentry in 1966. He learned from his mentors about what it took to build quality homes from the foundation up for his community of Whitefish River First Nation. He went on to work on many projects within the community including the construction and renovation of residential buildings as well as numerous administration buildings.

"Loving the trade, he wanted to teach and mentor others. Many women in the community joined 'Women in Carpentry' project where (Mr. Paibomsai) was able to mentor and transfer his knowledge. To this day there are still a few of these women who work in the trade of carpentry."

"As though the literal building of the community wasn't enough, he wanted to give back in other ways as well. Learning from his best friend and mentor, he was taught the art and responsibility of becoming a cross and rough box maker for his community. In memory of the person who passed, he takes his time and creates a unique cross for the family. An important part of the grieving process.'

"He has since hung up the hammer, but still continues to work with wood, carving and making wooden bowls through his small business, From the Wood Pile.'

"Recognized in his community as living the good life, Mr. Paibomsai has been presented with the (WRFN) 7 Grandfathers Award. He is a respected elder and lives his life demonstrating kindness and helping others when he can.'

The nomination letter for Kevin Mossip read at the awards celebration states, "After initially being elected as a deputy band councillor in 1995, he has been elected to and has continued as a band councillor for the past 28 years. His hard work and dedication to his community is unmatched, working tirelessly in several roles throughout the years in order to help build his community, almost literally, from the ground up."

"From his start in the finance department, Mr. Mossip) found himself being part of many projects throughout the years and is still going strong to this

"He has gained extensive knowledge over the years, having a hand in several projects, such as the Robinson Huron Treaty, wind farm, Manitoulin Hotel project, \$10 million tourism project, economic and housing projects, to name a few. He has also campaigned on governance issues as well as for the Anishinabek educa-

tion system." "Through all this he has also served as a board member for Waubetek Business Development Corporation for 15 years,'



Talon Chin-McGregor of Whitefish River First Nation, right, is presented with a lifetime achievement award by Reg Niganobe, Grand Council Chief of the Anishinabek Nation



Ferdinand Paibomsai of Whitefish River First Nation is presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe at the annual Anishinabek Evening of Excellence, held October 19 in Rama.



A Lifetime Achievement Award was presented by the Anishinabek Nation in memory of the late Joseph Endanawas of Sheshegwaning First Nation. The award was presented to Mr. Endanawas wife Maryanne and daughter Jackie Locking by staff of the Anishinabek Nation as well as Patrick Madahbee, Anishinabek Nation chief commissioner on governance, Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg



Kevin Mossip, Sheshegwaning First Nation is munity's health nurse. He presented with achievement award by Anishinabek young Anishinaabe men Nation Grand Council Chief Reg who are considering a Niganobe at the annual Anishinabek Evening of Excellence held career in nursing in addi-

the nomination letter reads. "He is always available to help whenever called upon to share his knowledge and expertise wherever it's needed. He is dedicated to his community and the future of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation."

In receiving his lifetime achievement award at the ceremony it was stated in the nomination letter for Chin-McGregor, "Whitefish River First Nation is known for hon-

ouring the people of their land who have served their community with strong cultural awareness, ethics, and pride. Talon is a great example of this."

"A graduate of the nurs-

ing program at Cambrian College, his career choice was to become a community helper. After gaining knowledge as a long-term care nurse, he is now fulof the filling his role as his comlifetime is paving the way for tion to being a role model for those who have an interest in giving back to

> "He has recently added to his role within his commu nity as he was elected as a band councillor. In this role he is committed to expanding his knowledge and his service to his community."

their community."

"Recently Talon was deemed a hero as he was dining in a local restaurant. A young two-year-old boy was choking to the point of unconsciousness and withhesitation Talon

stepped in and administered life-saving efforts, helping the child to regain consciousness. A true act of selfless courage in a time of crisis.'

"The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the late Joseph Endanawas (posthumously) for all his efforts over the years.'

"From serving in the US Army to being Chief of his community, he accomplished so much during his lifetime and touched so many lives along the way. He was known as an Indigenous advocate and well respected elder, keeping his culture at the forefront in the work that he did throughout his lifetime. A strong advocate for language preservation, he received accolades for his role as a knowledge keeper of traditional teachings.

For Mr. Endanawas, "The importance of education for Anishinaabe children was a guiding force throughout his life, leading him to many roles in the area, supporting the movement from Indigenous rights and education.'

"His presence was felt at the countless meetings and functions he participated in over the years, always helping to continue the work for the betterment of our First Nation communities," read his nomination letter.

"His distinguished service has been an inspiration to many. He was a true Anishinaabe warrior."

"We would like to say Chi-Miigwech to the late Joseph Endanawas of Sheshegwaning Nation for his unwavering dedication to his community and the Anishinabek Nation as a whole."

The Anishinabek Nation also recognizes the academic achievements of Anishinaabe youth at this event. In 2005, a new component of the evening of excellence was introduced. Through some key partnerships the AN7GC was able to establish the Anishinabek Student Excellence Awards. Each year four to five Anishinaabe students are selected to receive a scholarship celebrating their post-secondary academic excellence and community involvement. Each student receives an allexpense paid invitation to the event where they are presented with an Anishinabek Student Excellence

Those locally received Anishinabek Student Excellence Awards were Nicole Abotossaway of Aundeck Omni Kaning and Cheryl Recollet of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Ms. Abotossaway also received an Educator Excellence Award.







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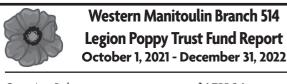
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...Central councillor, Mindemoya physician disagree on emerg shortfall

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Manitoulin FHT not only carry out emergency room duties, but they provide services for two nursing homes, Wilkwemkoong every day five days a week and services in





Opening Balance \$6,755.26

Total Income \$5,499.58 \$12,254.84

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Campaign Expenses (supplies, advertising, etc.)

Grants, Bursaries, Youth \$1,965.32

Balance as of December 31, 2022 **\$8,876.25**

Branch 514 wishes to thank all the residents who made this campaign a success.

Jim Woods, Co-Chair

Aundeck Omni Kaning and Whitefish River First Nation First Nations, whereas MCFHT doctors don't do this. "Little Current also hosts specialists. It tells the story of how hard working, overworked and understaffed they are, as is the case for MCFHT. Everyone is in the same situation."

Currently the Little Current hospital has a doctor complement of 13.5 doctors that are funded for regular and emergency room duties while Mindemoya hospital sits at 6.5 doctors, said Councillor Scott. He noted, however, "neither hospital can fill those positions. But trying to compare the two family health teams is totally wrong."

"I'm really, really disappointed. I know the Central FHT wanted to make a point that there is a doctor shortage, and it is making it difficult to man the emergency room, but to involve other family health teams that are also struggling is wrong. They are my doctors in Mindemoya," said Councillor Scott. "To go to the ministry and complain and petition for more doctors and more funding is good, although I think they are knocking their head against the wall, but the way they are doing it is not right at all."

Billings township councillor Vince Grogan suggested the MMA could make a request to have a meeting with MOH officials at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) annual meeting taking place early in the new year. "If they say they will not meet us they can at least tell us why not."

MMA chair Ken Noland asked if the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) or the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) have called for meetings with the MOH recently to discuss the issue. "This issue of doctor shortages has been an issue that has been brought up by FONOM and AMO for a number of years," said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin. "There has been a number of times I, Paula Fields (president and chief executive officer of the MHC) and Dr. Maurianne Reade have made delegations to the ministry."

"The message is there," stated Mayor MacNevin. "But the issue (doctor shortage) is an issue across the province." He pointed out Dr. Reade has indicated the number of visits to the emergency room at both island hospital locations is higher than the provincial average.

The MHC had indicated previously that for the month of October the emergency room at the Mindemoya Hospital could be closed for several days.

"Notice was given of this two weeks prior to the anticipated first closure on the Thanksgiving weekend," continued Mayor MacNevin. "I understand (this) week there could be another situation where this could be the case."

Mayor MacNevin said, "At the FONOM level we are able to join with (Northwest Ontario Municipal Association) and have the same conversation and bring up the same issues and concerns with the minister. Across Ontario and even Canada-wide it is not easy to hire doctors because of shortages, especially in areas like the Gore Bay Medical Centre where two doctors have been wanting to retire for a number of years but haven't been able to."

"My understanding is that it is hard with the new breed of doctor graduates, as many just want to specialize, work 9 to 5 every day and don't want to work the emergency

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...agree to cooperative plan to fight forest fires

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"Maybe everyone should take this proposal back to their own municipal councils for support," suggested MMA Chair Ken Noland.

Gore Bay councillor Dan Osborne pointed out, "when a risk assessment (desktop exercise) is carried out for forest fires, wildfires are not on the radar. But with everything that has happened in the last year, there should be."

Councillor Scott said there is a lot of homework that needs to be done in these type of assessment plans. "Every-

one in each community needs to know where all residents are, some people can be living on a lane, basically on a mud track. And when the fire comes can't get on the phone and get the MNRF to respond immediately, it could be two weeks before you even get an email from them."

It was agreed by the MMA members that they will bring forward the idea of the Island working together to their councils and preparing a specific wildfire emergency plan for Manitoulin.

...Tour de Meldrum Bay raises over \$15,000

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funds raised will be going toward a chemical blood analyzer at the Mindemoya Hospital.

A total of 22 riders participated in the ride which took place September 23-24. The group began its ride from the Lake Wolsey Cabins in Evansville on the morning of Saturday, September 23, travelling to Meldrum Bay for lunch, "where the ladies from the church auxiliary in Silver Water hosted a lunch for the riders. From there the riders travelled back to the Lake Wolsey Cabins Wolsey Saturday. The entire group had a buffet meal at GG's Restaurant in

Evansville on Saturday evening.

Riders then made their own breakfast Sunday morning before they travelled to the Providence Bay Beach where they enjoyed refreshments and then returned to Lake Wolsey Cabins.

As well as the donation from the Tour de Meldrum to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Mr. Scott and Marcus Mohr, president and secretary, respectively, of the Central Manitoulin Lions Club also presented a separate cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to the hospital auxiliary. The donation was derived through funds raised by the Lions Club at its Ribfest celebrations held this summer.

...restaurants donate funds to first responders

...continued from page 3 son we have been here since opening the restaurant. The first year we raised money to donate to Pet Rescue, and last year we donated funds towards the South Baymouth museum."

"We moved to the Island from London where there was a Humane Society in the community," said Mr. Heppenheimer. "Charlene would deliver the mail to the Humane Society, and she would ask if she could advertise the pets up for adoption. Then she would

tell friends and other peo-

ple she knew about the beautiful animals there

and how they needed to

find a nice home. And our daughter wanted to set up a lemonade stand to raise funds due to her love of animals."

"So, we have always helped contribute to the community even before we came to the Island," said Mr. Heppenheimer. "And having this restaurant here that draws people in, and we can give back 100-fold."

"We are passionate about helping others," said Ms.

Hemstreet who noted that along with the couple's restaurant, they were helped out by Pierside and the Wigwam who put donation boxes out in their businesses as well.

"We are very grateful for this very generous donation, and with it we will be buying some new equipment and supplies for the first response team," added Ms. McAnsh.





Students from Nine Area Schools Attend Expo at AOK

by Margery Frisch
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—October 12th, Kenjgewin Teg, in partnership
with M'Chigeeng First
Nation, hosted a very successful Education and
Employment Expo. The
event was held at the 4
Directions Event Complex,

in Aundeck Omni Kaning,

where 24 booths were set up to attract the attention of the participants. Opening remarks and a welcome, with a song by the Kenjgewin Teg Drum group began the proceedings.

Ontario colleges and universities, unions, trades and area businesses were all on hand to offer guid-

ance, direction and lots of information. In addition to the booths there were scheduled workshops on fire safety, fire suppression and aviation, and skilled trades presentations. Those areas attracting the most attention, not surprisingly, were the Kenjgewin Teg welding simulator, Hydro to

One's harness safety and pole climbing, the Canadian Armed Forces booth and the MNR Aviation Forest Fire and Emergency Services workshop.

In all, 258 attendees, from nine area schools, as well as community members from all over Manitoulin, came away from the event with a broader view of the educational and career choices available to them. Robin Anderson, Marketing and Communications Specialist at Kenjgewin Teg, provided the Expositor with the details of the event. "We were very happy with the turnout, she said. "And it all came together beautifully.'

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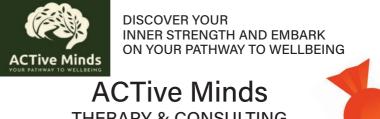
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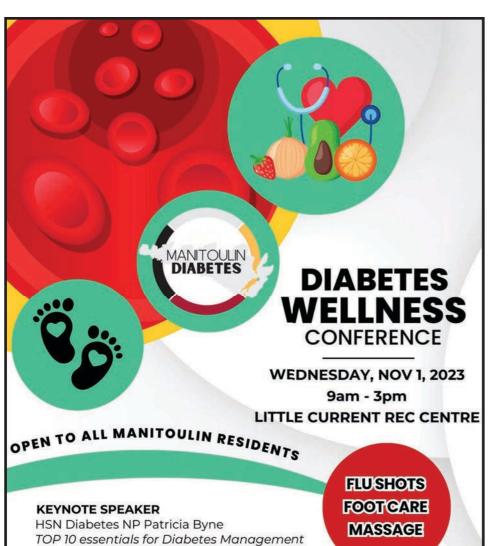
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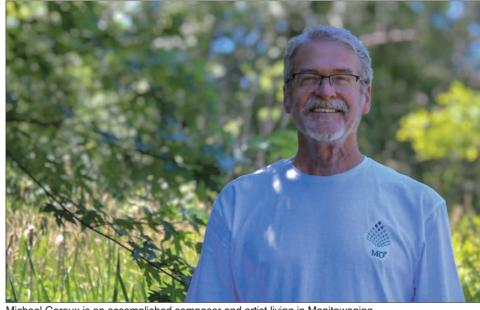
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...continued from page 3 the impact that story had on me."

He explains how, when he writes something, he must remain in that mood and he will stay away from people, just to keep himself in that headspace. The pieces of the CD follow his emotions as he worked through his feelings. He wasn't sure of how to end it; where to end it, but he felt a healing piece was the next step. In all his work, the titles he gives his pieces so aptly reflect the mood and emotion of the

'garden music' was written and produced in 1999. "At that time, people thought I was right off my rocker." Michael said, "Because it was what is now called, Studio-in-the-Box; my music is all done electronically, although it's all live players, it's programmed electronically. Way back then, technology was not what it is today, and I spent a massive investment in hardware and software and learning how to make an orchestra come out of a computer, without the musicians



Michael Geroux is an accomplished composer and artist living in Manitowaning.

being in the room." He went on to say that 'garden music' is a ballet and, though people thought he was 'off his rocker,' "it paid the rent for 10 years, so I guess it wasn't such a bad idea," he added with a wry smile.

"I practically invented Studio-in-the-Box and now, about 90 percent of the soundtracks in Hollywood films are made using Studio-in-the-Box technique. I should have copyrighted that idea," he said and laughed.

In 'garden music,' as in all of his compositions, the titles evoke the images the music portrays. You can 'see' the butterflies flitting; you can imagine the march to the garden

with the stomping melody; the snake slithering. aspects of sitting in the sun makes you want to do just that, with the meditative strings to calm you.

Following one's passion is not an easy road to travel, so many setbacks and letdowns. Michael Geroux has had his fair share. After an unpleasant experience and consequent letdown recently, he began a new piece, with the constant refrain: "It's just as easy to be kind," his way of dealing with unpleasant people. Rather than fight with them, he chooses to be kind. His song goes along with that refrain but in the end...doesn't that work both ways? The ending does a turn around and

makes us think of how we treat others. "It's just as easy to be kind...to.....me!"

A fascinating man, a composer with a passion for his work and for the world, you can see Michael's beautiful videos: This is What Art Sounds Like - Manitoulin and Every Child Matters (22n Me) on his YouTube channel: @MGGeroux and you can learn more about him and the music he creates at mgmusic.name. No matter your musical preference, expand your horizons, get lost in the textures and lavers and emotions of this composer's work.



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.Central councillor, Mindemoya physician disagree on emerg shortfall

...continued from page 8 room," said Mayor Mac-Nevin

FONOM will be taking the issue to ROMA, but this doesn't mean the MMA can't make a request for a meeting with the MOH at the ROMA conference, said Mayor MacNevin. "And Paula (Fields) has said the potential for closure of the ER some days in Mindemoya will keep coming in the future." He said making a delegation to the ministry is a good idea, but it has not amounted to much in the

"What is not getting mentioned is that the situation with nursing shortages is

just as severe," stated Mayor MacNevin. He pointed out the MHC is projecting on its budget a \$1 million cost for nursing.

"I think the MMA should request a delegation with the MOH at the ROMA conference," said Mayor Mac-Nevin. "We've been raising concerns on that issue and the lack of housing for a number of years.'

Councillor Scott said he understands two full-time doctors in Little Current will be retiring in the next year, while another doctor will be added to the roster in a year or so. "So, the hospital will be down another

"I was really disappointed that on the Monday before Thanksgiving notice had been given that it was expected that the emergency room (in Mindemoya) was supposed to the closed," said Councillor Scott. "But by Friday, the MHC announced it would be open."

Richard Stephens, mayor of the municipality of Central Manitoulin said that originally in September, the MHC had announced that the emergency room department in Mindemoya could be closed for a number of days in October. "Then a letter went out on October sixth that the ER

would be closed that weekend. Then a subsequent letter came to council that the ER would not be closing.' Someone wasn't on the ball on that one.'

Mayor MacNevin told the MMA that in this case the MHC got a contract with the province to sign for doctors to work the ER the Thanksgiving weekend and they filled all 10 shifts. "Their position is that they were able to sign locum doctors to fill the shifts.'

"Even though funding was provided to hire the locums for the ER, and funding has been provided to hire more doctors at both hospitals, the problem is

that here, and everywhere, no one can attract new doctors," said Reeve Noland.

The MMA passed a motion to participate and request a meeting with the Ministry of Health at the ROMA conference to discuss the issues of doctor shortages and recruiting.

After the meeting the Expositor talked to Dr. Maurianne Read on the issue and the concerns that had been raised at the MMA meeting.

"As a long-time physician in Mindemoya and as the president of the professional staff at MHC. I am saddened to hear the opinions expressed by councillor Scott at the recent MMA meeting," said Dr. Reade. "I had offered to attend an emergency meeting earlier this summer to discuss the concerns about physician staffing challenges. The MMA felt that we didn't need to meet at the time as they were fully supportive of our advocacy efforts."

'Councillors may not all realize the significant challenges that we face in

recruiting doctors," continued Dr. Reade. "Any of the doctors looking across the province for a new place to call home are looking for a sustainable work life balance.'

"There is indeed now a large discrepancy between the two sides of MHC as the councillor mentioned," continued Dr. Reade.

"As we have said repeatedly, we have concerns about flawed processes leading to flawed outcomes, including the woefully inadequate 7.5 full time equivalent assigned to Mindemoya. Truly, the Mindemoya group is also working with less than half the number of physicians it should have assigned."

"We are optimistic about ongoing advocacy and dialogue with the ministry and the OMA," continued Dr. Reade. "We continue to need community support, more than ever, as we struggle to create a sustainable place to work.'



Spooktacular moon

The above is an images of the partial (annular) solar eclipse on October 14. Brett Zimmerman who took the photos explained, "Some of our lucky American cousins were directly under the path of the eclipse shadow and saw most of the solar disk covered by the moon. Here on Manitoulin Island we only saw what we can call a partial solar eclipse but the views were nonetheless impressive. We're still two years away from solar maximum, so we can expect many more fantastic spectacles such as we've already seen across Canada, including here on Manitoulin Island.

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4Elements launches fall/winter 'Collab-Lab' programming

by Tom Sasvari MANITOULIN—4Elements Living Arts is h

ments Living Arts is hosting a land-based artmaking series over the next few months.

"The Collab-Lab is part of the 4Elements Living Arts (4E) fall and winter land-based artmaking series based on a program in place for fall/winter," stated Susan Snelling, of 4E. "This program will feature local artists sharing their talents with the community."

"The Lauren Satok and Friends Collab-Lab will feature Lauren Satok putting on five workshops, some solo, and some artist collaboration," said Ms. Snelling.

The first in the series of workshops was held this past Saturday at Rainbow Farm North in Manitowaning with 'Cycles: Autumn plant drawing and Painting.'

'Touching Earth as Snelling. "We're very Home Assemblage' art excited to be featuring

exploration and 'Making' will take place on November 4 at Ms. Satok's studio in Manitowaning. This will be followed by a 'Not Quite Winter Collab-Lab' taking place again at Ms. Satok's studio on December 2.

'A Winter Teachings II: Painting From Memory' event will take place on December 27 at the Sheguiandah First Nation Community Centre, followed by the 'Winter Teachings II: Making Natural Prints and Ink' workshop taking place February 8 at the Sheguiandah First Nation community centre

Ms. Snelling noted, "the workshops taking place in November/December are available for people to participate online as well as in-person."

"Lauren (Satok) is a well-known landscape painter," continued Ms. Snelling. "We're very excited to be featuring her."

While there are attendance limits on how many people can take part in person for the workshop "we wanted to make sure everyone who wants to take part can. So, we extended the workshops to being online as well," said Ms. Snelling. The workshops are free.

"This is a new program, and we will have it running until April with other workshops being planned as well," said Ms. Snelling. The series of workshops are being supported through a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.



Lauren Satok is welcoming you with open arms to Collab-Lab this fall and winter

Robotics in the Gallery

Last weekend, the Manitoulin Metal Robotics squad were part of the Perivale Gallery "pop up" event, selling cider and homemade treats to fundraise. From left the participants are Robin Horowitz (parent), Perivale Gallery owner Shannon McMullan and students Garrett Charbonneau (standing), Phoebe Aeschlimann and Addy Gray.

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...first veterans' banners

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tions, over 60 veteran's banners are displayed in town.

Beverly Wright of the RCL Legion Branch 514 in Gore
Bay told The Expositor last week that the Legion had taken a survey of their membership to see what interest they
have in veterans' banners being purchased and hung in

the town downtown.

"There is definitely interest among (Legion) members," said Ms. Wright. The Legion is waiting to see if the town will be proceeding with new light standards being installed in the downtown area. Ms. Wright pointed out the RCL is aiming for 2024 to have veterans' banners displayed in town.



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"Adizokan is an Anishinaabemowin word that describes ancestors, stories, a traditional story and a remembrance of spirit. and can be translated to mean 'a spirit being that carries wisdom and knowl-

'Elements of Adizokan are reflected in the OPP Truth and Reconciliation vehicle design.'

The cruiser is orange. "Phyllis (Jack) Webstad's grandmother gave her an orange shirt to wear on her first day at St. Joseph's Mission Residential School in British Columbia. Upon arrival, it was taken and never returned. The orange shirt and wearing orange have now become symbols of the loss experienced by Indigenous children, families and communities."

"The Orange Shirt Society held the first Orange Shirt Day in 2013 to support reconciliation and create awareness of the intergenerational impacts of residential schools. Their message 'Every Child Matters' recognized that all children are important, including the ones whose lives were stolen and the survivors who continue to heal from the trauma.

In this design, the feather represents the path of life,



From left are Constable Curtis Hare of the UCCM Anishinaabe Police Services, Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare, OPP provincial constable John Hill outside the UCCM Anishinaabe Police HQ

truth and presence of Creator's spirit. The while feathers represent the Seven Grandfather Teachings (respect, love, truth, bravery, wisdom, honesty and humility) and the importance of the teachings being used together. The orange feathers represent the Indigenous children who never made it home.

Reflecting on Nadia McLaren's Anishinaabe teachings the animals displayed on the vehicle (bear, wolf, marten, fish, hoofed, turtle, crane, and eagle) honour Indigenous governing systems known as Clans. Coming after the story of creation, each clan has sacred responsibilities.

Together they bring order to society and teach how people relate to the environment and each other.

The cruiser, with Constables Hill of the OPP and Jamie Peltier of WTPS visited Wasse-Abin Junior School and Wasse-Abin Pontiac School on Wednesday last week along with St. Joseph's School in Sheshegwaning First Nation, Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng First Nation, and Central Manitoulin Public School in Mindemoya on Thursday. It visited Assiginack Public School and Little Current Public School on

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New ED helms Victim Services as organization launches volunteer drive

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services (MNSVS) found a new home in the 54 Boosneck Road headquarters building of the Manitoulin OPP Detachment when it opened in 2020, but not all that many people know where MNSVS is located or even what the organization does. MNSVS's new executive director Amy Collins aims to change all that.

Ms. Collins took over the role of executive director in May and comes to the job following a 10-year career in social services—most recently with Manitoulin Family Resource's Haven House women's shelter. Before that, Ms. Collins worked for the Northeastern Ontario Elizabeth Fry Society for five years.

'It was the executive director at the Elizabeth Fry Society that supported I take this opportunity for growth," she said. Although she currently lives in Espanola, Ms. Collins says that she "loves the Island" and is delighted to be able to work here.

She has taken on a significant role. The MNSVS catchment area extends from Waldon to Nairn Centre, the North Shore and all of Manitoulin Island, she explains. "There is about 19,000 people during the winter, a number that expands to include about 50,000 in the summer including

The landscape of the region is changing and so too is MNSVS as it responds to many of those changes. "We still do crisis intervention," she assures The Expositor. With the increase in drug addiction and the accompanying mental health crisis some of those challenges now being faced by the organization have greatly expanded—especially given the need for volunteer training.

And it is in its volunteers that MNSVS finds its greatest strength, notes Ms. Collins. "We have three staff," she said. "Myself, Jennifer our victim support coordinator and Jacqueline, our program coordinator." The rest are volunteers, people coming from every community in the region. Which is important given the challenges presented by low funding relative to the size of the need.

"We are currently in the middle of a volunteer recruitment drive," said Ms. Collins. Her response as to why someone would want to volunteer doesn't miss a beat. "If you care about your neighbour and have a sense of belonging to your community," she offers. "You can make a valuable and important contribution to community wellbeing and develop your own people skills."

"A lot of people don't know about the information and services that are out there," continues Ms. Collins. In addition to stepping in to support people in the midst of crisis, whether through crime, accident or untimely death or injury, MNSVS also does follow-up.

One of the recent projects taken under the MNSVS wing is Project Lifesaver, a program wherein those suffering



Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services Executive Director Amy Collins invites volunteers or those facing crisis to pop by the

photo by Michael Erskine

from the ravages of dementia and their families are provided with a measure of security. Project Lifesaver uses technology to assist in the search and rescue efforts for those who wander and get lost. Project Lifesaver has been proven to significantly reduce the search time for police-and that timely response can prevent loved ones from experiencing

Under Project Lifesaver, those who are at high risk of getting lost receive a bracelet transmitter, with a unique frequency. When the person wanders, a locator housed with local police services is used to find that unique frequency. The bracelet transmitter that the person living with dementia wears requires daily checks and maintenance to ensure it is always working. Participants must: have a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of dementia or a related disorder; be at high risk for wandering; have daily contact with a care partner or family member; and be restricted from operating

Ms. Collins explains that in its core function, MNSVS provides crisis intervention services to victims of crime and tragic circumstances after an incident 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the request of the police. MNSVS also provides services at the request of other community agencies, medical services, and by self-referral during their office hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, exclud-

In addition to on-site crisis intervention, other services offered through the Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) program include: safety planning for all eligible victims of crime; referrals to appropriate community supports and services; needs assessments and customized service plans; enhanced support for vulnerable victims; and referrals to community agencies.

To be eligible, victims need to reside within the Mani-

toulin-Northshore region covered by MNSVS (those living outside the region are advised to seek service contacts online at ovss.findhelp.ca or to contact the Victim Support line toll-free at 1-888-579-2888.

Those ineligible are victims under the influence of drugs or alcohol; those simply seeking a form of transportation or if the call is otherwise deemed to be unsafe for the volunteer workers to attend.

The Victim Quick Response Program (VQRP+) seeks to provide timely assistance to eligible victims of the most violent crime. Under the VQRP+, short-term financial support is provided toward essential expenses for victims, their immediate family members and witnesses in the immediate aftermath of a violent crime to help reduce the impact of the crime, enhance safety and meet immediate practical needs that are a result of the crime.

VQRP+ is available to individuals who have no other financial means (for example private insurance) and where there is no publicly funded program available. Eligible applicants can access supports for critical needs such as: emergency home safety expenses (such as window repair and lock changes); practical assistance expenses (such as basic necessities, clothing, meals/groceries); travel and related expenses to shelters or safe accommodations; crime scene clean-up (such as the removal of hate-crime graffiti); short-term counselling services; supports required for serious injuries; basic funeral expenses and other financial support for families of homicide victims; and cellular phones for eligible victims.

Similar to the Project Lifesaver program is the Mobile Tracking System (MTS). MTS is a GPS tracking device that is provided to individuals at high risk of violence. The program is designed to assist in the prevention of domestic violence and criminal harassment and in the protection of their victims. This is a personal alarm for persons identified at high risk of experiencing violence. Given that the MTS is a short-term program, all recipients actively work on other safety measures with the GPS portion acting as only one component of a larger safety plan.

Tall orders for a largely volunteer program, but ones that can make a real and meaningful difference in people's lives.

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services is a part of the Ontario Network of Victim Services Providers, and provides services within the Manitoulin-Northshore region. This includes all of Manitoulin Island and the Northshore from Walford/Sagamok to Nairn Centre, including Espanola, Birch Island and all parts in between.

To become part of the MNSVS family of volunteers contact find an online form at mnvictimservices.ca/supportus. To financially contribute to the cause, simply go to canadahelps.org and search for Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services.





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The Light from the Porthole

h time. How sweet it is in its cruelty. We have moments we see as being 'the good ol' days;' those we see through rose-coloured glasses. Time is cruel because nothing stops it. Neither person, structure, nor empire can stop taking its toll. Enough with the philosophy, we've got a tale to tell.

This year we're taking our journey to Manitowaning. to the other side of the family, the Sizes and Leesons. The tale of the Norisle has been simmering in my mind for some years now. With the unfortunate departure of the

Norisle, it's time to commit it to paper.

The SS Norisle was built in Collingwood in 1946 and it served as one of two ferries that ran from South Baymouth to Tobermory. Her sister ship was the Norgoma and both ran until they were replaced in 1974 by the current MS Chi-Cheemaun. The Norgoma was moored in Sault Ste. Marie and the Norisle was moored permanently in Manitowaning. Our story takes place in the early '90s. I was around the age of 10 when my cousins Chris, Jo-Ellen and Michael Size had come to Gramma Moyra's to get me.

"We have to show you the Norisle!" they exclaimed. Back then, you could tour the whole ship for a few bucks. After bugging my mother, she gave in and forked over the cash and off we went. We went into the museum to pay our fee. The lady at the counter was very nice as she told us about the history. As she was preparing to let us go board, her face darkened when she told us about the one rule—the stairwell down to the car hold was closed and off limits. We were not to go down there under any circumstances. We quickly agreed as we ran out of the We were finally aboard the Norisle and I couldn't believe it! There was no one on this ship but us. No adults to say "no." It was a kid's paradise. You could jump off the side of the ship if you really wanted to! I also took note of a strange sound, "creak, creak... creak, creak." I asked my cousins what the noise was and we all concluded it was either waves on the hull or the ship was pulling on its moorings. We ran all over that ship. We went to the captain's quarters, the helm, the crew's quarters, anywhere but the car hold. The four of us toured for a good hour, passing the closed stairwell several times. I still remember the creaking—everywhere you could hear it. We all met back at the stairwell to the car hold; soon it would be time to get going, "creak, creak, creak, creak." We all looked at each other. It sounded like it was coming from the car hold. We debated breaking the rule. As we discussed it, one of my cousins noticed a closed hatch. We lifted the lid to the hatch and wouldn't you know it, a ladder down into the abyss. The lady at the counter said very clearly that the stairwell was closed... she didn't say anything about a ladder. Four assenting nods later, down the hatch we went.

At the base of the ladder we looked around and found amazing antiques, from spinning wheels to dressers, old lamps and chesterfields. "Creak, creak, creak, creak." We were now down in the lowest point of the ship. That noise was not waves against the hull and it didn't sound like the moorings. It was dark down there but at the end of the car hold there was light. We inched closer and halfway down we could see light shining in through a porthole. It was shining on what looked to be a rocking chair. We moved closer and we could clearly see someone or something in it. "Creak, creak, creak, creak!" the chair groaned as it rocked back and forth. My cousins and I turned white. We were the only ones on the ship, or so we thought. We backed up out of that hatch like scur-

To this day, none of us know what or who was in that rocking chair. It shall forever remain a mystery to us. A good story for the kids at Halloween.

I will personally miss the Norisle. Great Grandpa Wright Leeson was part of the committee that purchased the Norisle for a dollar so there is important history there and to pass on, the best I can. While it's sad to say goodbye to the Norisle, never forget: time always wins. Perhaps that's scarier than the tale itself.

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Had you heard the creak, creak, creaking from the Norisle?

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..The Hallowe'en scene: Manitoulin Island-wide events guide

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Saturday, October 28 marks the Haunted House Tour in Manitowaning from 7:30 to 9 pm.

Pick up a map in your vehicle at the arena at 59 Vankoughnet Street and drive around to the "scare stations." There are a record number of spots this

The admission is by donation, with the minimum being \$5. All proceeds are divided between the Manitoulin Food Bank and the Manitoulin Secondary School Food Locker.

At 9:15 pm, the Assiginack Fire Department will have fireworks in the fairgrounds. The track and infield will be closed to the public.

Aundeck Omni Kaning

Residents of Aundeck Omni Kaning are encouraged to participate in a Halloween Yard Decorating contest with three categories: seriously scary, creepy creative and too cute to spook. Prizes for first, second and third. Winners will be determined at the community party on Friday, October 28.

Head to the Four Directions Complex for the Halloween costume party on Friday, October 28 at 6 pm. Besides the costume contest there will be, arts and crafts, games, prizes, a haunted house and treat

Central Manitoulin

The Central Manitoulin Lions Club presents its 6th Annual Haunted Trail in Mindemoya on Saturday, October 28. The Pioneer Museum trails at 2207 Hwy 551 are transformed into a dark wooded clown nightmare. Daylight hours from 6 to 7pm are less scary and better for kids. Full scare mode is in effect from 7 to 10 pm. Proceeds to benefit the Central Manitoulin Historical Society.



The theme at this year's Walkthrough Halloween Experience and Pumpkin Inferno at Buzwah Variety and Toys is 'Nights of the Werewolf.

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Facial masks should be breathable and have strong

To avoid tripping hazards, don't let costumes drag on the

Costumes should have reflective markings or have your child carry a flashlight to be seen.

Use non-toxic face paint rather than masks with low

Create a buddy system! An adult should accompany

Keep children on the sidewalk or path, and don't let them run across the street or to the next house alone. Always

Ensure an adult examines the candy before being eaten, and avoid eating candy that was

Buy your ticket online and pay \$5 at the door. Thirty tickets sold per half hour block.

M'Chigeeng

The Trail of Terror is back in M'Chigeeng from October 27-29, 7-10 pm. Entry fee is \$5 and a canteen is available. Stop by 55 Johnny's Park Drive. M'Chigeeng for a spooky

On Saturday night, help celebrate the upcoming nuptials of Anna and Atticus at their Halloweenthemed stag and doe at the M'Chigeeng Complex from 8 pm to 1 am. Tickets are \$40 per couple or \$20 for singles. Prizes for best couple, guy and girl costumes! Games and raffles!

NEMI

The NEMI Public Library has some Halloween fun planned, starting with an after-school Halloween Party on Thursday, October 26 from 4-7 pm.

Kids are also invited to a Halloween Storytime at the library on Saturday, October 28 at 3 pm then on Monday, gather round for spooky stories in the library on Monday, October 30 from 6 to 8 pm.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 in Little Current also has your Halloween covered.

Kids ages 1-12 are invited to a Halloween Dance on Friday, October 27 from 6 to 8 pm. Admission is \$5 and there are prizes to be

The following night, Saturday, October 28, the Legion is hosting an adult Halloween dance from 9 am to 1 am. Admission is \$10 and DJ Tom A Haw will spin terrifying tunes all night long. There will be prizes awarded for best costumes and a light luncheon served.

The Business Improvement Area (BIA) downtown Little Current and the Little Current United Church, are once again handing out treats to costumed youths this year on Saturday, October 28, 1 pm to 3 pm.

Providence Bay

Community Living Manitoulin is hosting a Harvest Ball on Friday, October 27 from 7 to 10 pm at the Providence Bay Community Centre. The ball promises food, a live band and lots of fun! All are welcome.

Sheguiandah **First Nation**

Sheguiandah Nation is hosting a Halloween Family Dance on us for scary fun. Please, no drugs or alcohol. Doors open at 1 pm at the Sheguiandah First Nation band office hall.

Saturday, October 28. Join

Wiikwemkoong

Buzwah Toys and Variety is once again hosting its Walkthrough Halloween Experience, Pumpkin Inferno and Pumpkin Carving Competition from October 27-29 at the store grounds on Wikwemikong Way. This year the walkthrough has the theme of Nights of The Werewolf.

Lon the Wolfman is not just a special guest, he is the star attraction this year. Don't get too close or you might be bitten and turn into a werewolf under the full moon!

Wiikwemkoong The Unceded Territory WUT Annual Halloween Haunt takes place Thursday, October 26 from 5-9 pm.

The Halloween Family Dance starts at 5 pm and the Halloween Haunt starts at 7

Participants can look forward to dance contests, costume contest, candy bags, Jamie's candy apples and more, Lulu's gifts and goodies, Dan's candy stand, a haunted trail, children's services spooky tent (ages 0-6 years), chicken door and the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Spooky Bus.

Please note that Wiikwemkoong Food Bank will be accepting donations at the entrance gate for nonperishable food items. Please donate what you can!

The Wikwemikong Health Centre is inviting you to show of your baking chops. The Halloween Cake Bake-off takes place Monday, October 30, 5 pm at Wikwemikong Health Centre. Prizes will be awarded for Most Spooky, Most Creative, Most Devilish (tasty). To register, contact 705-859-

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS!



Have a parent or adult trick or treat with you or stay in groups.



Always carry a flashlight or glow stick for visibility.



Look both ways before crossing the street.



Listen for traffic. Walk on sidewalks whenever possible.



Only wear costumes that fit well and are flame resistant.



Wear masks that you can clearly see out of.



Enter only the homes of friends or family.



Examine treats before eating.



Never eat treats that are not sealed well.



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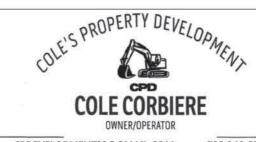
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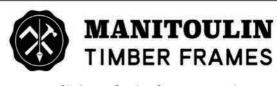
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...Now and Then: Ed and Shirley Sagle

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used to married life." After the training was completed, Shirley was hired at the General Hospital. "Our first home in 1971 was on Greg's Lane. It was 400 sq ft, and the lot was 120 ft deep by 30 ft wide and both cost \$10,000. Prize roses decorated the front. We added a basement and spent seven wonderful years in that Italian neighbourhood." Over time, the couple had three



Student Nurse Shirley Sagle circa 1970-71.

sons, John, Don and Scott.

In June of 1977, they bought a 1,500 sq. ft house in the Valley. We played Tball with the boys. Our oldest son later played in a Little League championship in Timmins and Quebec. Both Ed and Shirley were still active in the church, and they spent 15 years with the Boy Scouts. Shirley nursed and volunteered three times a week, at the Family History Centre Library for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. "It was fun to get to know people who were searching for their ancestors in the microfiche and films." Ed was a pastor in the church, for seven years in Sudbury and later, 20 years in Little

Current. When Ed retired as a trainer of new recruits from INCO in 1997, the couple moved to the Island. Ed and Shirley had transformed a home in South Baymouth into 'Gramsie's (Shirley's grandma's name) Bed and Breakfast.' Ed was on council for Tehkummah Township for eight years and a first responder for the Tehkummah ambulance and fire for 15 years. He became the curator of the South Baymouth Museum. Ed and Brian Gleason were also the founding members of the Michael's Bay Historical Society. Anita March, Esther Spadzinski and Dorothy Duncan, government representatives, were on the committee that drove the idea forward to protect the Michael's Bay townsite and the five graveyards. "One-hundred and fifty peocame to Tehkummah Hall to support this initiative. It was an exciting meeting. We were happy that others felt this was important too."

"It took us 20 years to move the Michael's Bay initiative forward with the Island and the government. government only required us to pay \$7,500, including legal fees, to get the 30 hectares but it took



Gramsie's Bed and Breakfast was in South Baymouth for many

us all winter that year to negotiate the purchase. The Biosphere owns the land around the town site. Eventually, we hope to make the property a tourist attraction with much of the town rebuilt, including the blacksmith shop, the general store, the school, and the mill. It could be peopled

were becoming church members with leadership and teaching roles starting in 1978, teaching Sunday School and being a president of the Relief Society, a long-established women's organization. Lastly being a Organization Women's counsellor to encourage the love for the Saviour, as a



Lily, a Muscoby duck.

with summer students to represent our first settlers, many of whom are buried in Michael's Bay. We hope to make the rejuvenation project a tourist attraction.'

Were you named after anyone? "Edgar Kerr on mother's side. A cousin of Dad's sister was Shirley."

Most important event in your life? "Our wedding and the birth of our children. Other key events orchard that must be

way of life for every day, not just Sundays.'

Favourite pets? "Our huskie-border collie mix, a rescue dog named Shadow. She seemed to know she was rescued. She loved our ducks and the local deer."

season? Favourite "Spring and fall. In spring we would tap 97 maples, get barrels of sap and this year, 85 liters of syrup. We also have a heritage apple

pruned and picked. We now have honey boxes and are awaiting an inspection to start gathering honey. In spring and fall, our trees are so beautiful. It's nice to see the daffodils and crocuses pop through the snow in spring. We celebrate Thanksgiving in the beautiful log home in the Slash where our son lives. Fall is also time for travel.'

Hobbies? "The sawmill on the property gives me lots to do and I love it," Ed offers. "The front deck was cut from logs that came from an 1884 barn in the Green Bush area." Shirley loves to play with recipes, paint with watercolours, and make memory or comfort quilts out of old materials like flannel pajamas.

What are your strengths?



Ed in Grade 2.

Shirley claims effective communication, being perceptive, also knitting, sewing, and quilting. Ed is compassionate, works well with wood, and children are attracted to him. Both have spent time teaching grandchildren how to make book bags, paint and bake. The children also learned to tap, prune or saw trees. Lastly, they know how to recognize trees, even those that are partially dead.

Anything you still want to do? "Write a cookbook and make photo albums of our family histories."

What did you enjoy most as a parent? "The exciting adventures that we had with the boys. In 2012, I was part of 95 bus loads of high school kids and grandfathers that travelled overseas. I took Thomas, our oldest grandson. We spent a week travelling to Vimy Ridge for their 95th anniversary. While there, we went to Amsterdam, Vimy Ridge, Juno Beach and Parkindale. All the stu-



Shirley knitting a beautiful blanket on the deck

the rain listening to the sensitive talk and nobody complained. It was a very emorewarding tionally experience. We checked out the Eiffel Tower in Paris."

Recipe for happiness? "Love and effective communication."

'Our son Don, in Sudbury, is also interested in our family histories. Both Don and Scott work for a government data centre. John owns his own business, Diversified Naval Architects in Dowling. They do ultrasounds on boats."

Grandchildren? "We love them: Kayla, Thomas, Brianna, Celine, Kyle, Peter, Steven, Harrison, Jordan, Robert and Charlotte and four great-grandchildren: Riley, Bailey, Aurelia and Oakley."

"Manitoulin has so much beauty and serenity. Before moving here, I wanted to stay in Sudbury, my hometown, and where my mother still lived, but Manitoulin is Ed's home and after being here, this is now my home too. I worked for VON on the Island and started the bed and breakfast, enjoying the interesting visitors from all over the world. For Ed, he has come back home to his ancestral home.'

Ed adds, "I left at 18 and at 50, felt a calling to be back here and now I am happy as a clerk in my church and working with the Michael's Bay Historical Society. The church has been so important to both of us. Now the children love this place as much as we do. We will reside here among the ducks, the trees, and the Manitoulin ambience and we will be here for the rest of our lives.'

Favourite verse: "Be Thou humble, and the lord, thy God, will lead thee by thy hand and give answers to thy prayers



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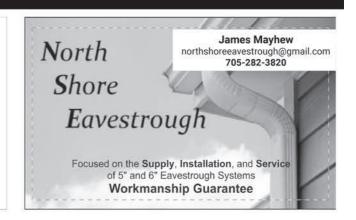
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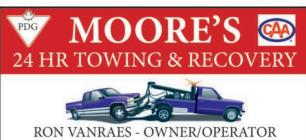
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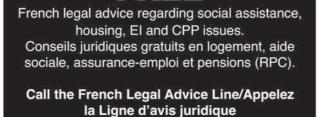
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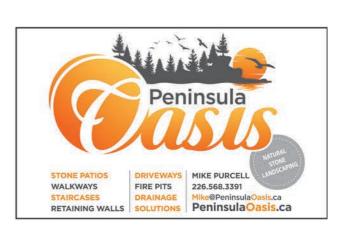


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Harvest Luncheon: from 11:30 am to 1 pm on Thursday, October 26 at St. Francis Anglican Church, 6201, Hwy 542 Mindemoya. Take-out only (free delivery within Mindemoya). Homemade soup, sandwiches, dessets. \$15. Walk-in or phone 705-210-0409 to order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

On October 27 at 7 pm Manitoulin Nature Club is hosting author Bob Bell who will be speaking on his challenging and fascinating journey from Lyme's Disease to the therapy of birding. His book 'Out of the Lyme Light and Into the Sunlight' will be available for sale at the meeting. Join us in person at the Trinity United Church in Mindemoya (6070 King Street), or contact manitoulinnatureclub@gmail.com to join by Zoom. Membership is \$20 per year, first meeting is free.



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

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



church services

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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-

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heartfelt thanks for the unending support we have received during Joe's sickness and more recently, his passing. We will be forever grateful for all the many cards and expressions of sympathy, phone calls, visits and food brought to us at this difficult time. We would like to extend a special thank you to the girls at Bayshore that took very good care of him throughout his illness, Beth, Amy, Maryanne, Ruth and Sherri. You made things so much easier for us. We would like to thank everyone who leant a helping hand while Joe was ill and after his passing. God has provided us with just what we've needed in the moment it was required, through you, our family, friends and neighbours. We are truly blessed.

Thank you, Mary Middleton and family



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Death Notices

HOLLY ROSE KATHERINE SUTHERLAND

February 2, 1998 - October 15, 2023



Holly was an amazing daughter, mother, sister, niece, auntie, cousin, and friend. Her beautiful, gentle, and kindred spirit led her to live her life joyfully. Holly devoted her life to being a fantastic mother to the one person she cherished, her daughter, Arianna. Holly's beauty shone through, and her

contagious laughter lit up the room and lifted spirits. She will be fondly remembered for her witty sense of humour with elegant and quick comebacks. While growing up, Holly attended public school in Thunder Bay and high school in Wiikwemkoong. Holly was an outstanding athlete who loved playing hockey, playing defense at the Little NHL tournaments, and soccer. Her above-average academic abilities made her a regular honour student. Holly's artistic talents led to her artwork being displayed in a professional journal and on Lakehead University Christmas cards. She continued to hone her artistic talents in her makeup artistry, and painting pictures with her baby girl, Arianna. Her talents extended to cooking and baking as well. She and Arianna often created favourite meals together and she loved Grandma Shirley's porcupine meatballs. Holly's connection to art extended to her listening to a variety of music, such as alternative rock, rock, rap, country and that list goes on and on. Holly loved visiting her mom every summer in Thunder Bay as well as spending time with her childhood friends and going to camp on Whitefish Lake. She also loved to be at Sudsy's camp (a.k.a. dad's camp) where she and Arianna would spend time swimming, kayaking and spending time with her friends. Holly treasured visiting family and creating special memories with them. Holly loved the many Christmas celebrations at her auntie Donna donut's house in White River, remembered for making midnight snow forts around with her cousin Jessy. To some, Holly was fondly known as "Pumpkin" or "My Little Groundhog". Holly was open to new challenges and exploring to find her niche, such as working at Ardene's to explore fashion and working as an Administrative Assistant with Wiikwemkoong Band. She was currently engaged in pursuing an Introduction to Trades course at KTEI. Holly lived life to the fullest, enjoying time with family and friends. She will be sadly missed by her daughter Arianna Rose Marie Sutherland-Trudeau; her mom Jennifer Genereux-Gernat (Clark); her dad Robert Sutherland (Brenda); her brothers Trent Hawke (Jessica) Shane Flamand and Brett Hawke(Haylea); her aunties Donna S., Leslie S., Donna G., Heidi G.; her uncles Allan G. and Aaron G.(Alicia); and all of her cousins and many friends. She is predeceased by grandparents Donald Sutherland, Arlene Sutherland, Donald Genereux, Shirley Vaillant (Fox), her cousin Todd Eaglechild and her Uncle Todd Genereux. Traditional Services held at the South Bay Center, Wiikwemkoong on Wednesday, October 25 at 11am until Friday, October 27 at 11 am. Feast to follow. She will be laid to rest at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Little Current, in the spring of 2024.

"A limb has fallen from our family tree
But please don't be sad for me.
Remember the good times filled with laughter and song,
A life fully blessed and forever strong"

SALVATORE D. BONDI (Sammy Carl) May 4, 1938 - October 19, 2023

ammy Carl passed away peacefully and quietly at the Mindemoya Hospital on October 19, 2023 with the sounds of Rhonda singing quietly to him. Sammy was born May 4, 1938, to Rose Scaletta and Carl Bondi. Rose passed away with the birth of Sammy and he was lovingly welcomed into the home of Rose's sister, Josephine Scaletta and Carl's brother Charles. They became his mother and father. Sammy lived with his family in Newmarket for 73 years until Josephine passed in 2011. Sammy spent his teenage and early adult years working very hard and diligently in the family produce business (Rusto's Fruit) with his uncles, up until the closing of the business in December 1973. He then spent the next 37 years participating in the day program at Community Living Newmarket. Those years were to be some of Sammy's most enjoyable. He made many friends and thoroughly enjoyed the many social activities that he eagerly took part in (sometimes to the chagrin of his mother!) With the passing of Josephine in 2011, Sammy went to live in Mindemoya with his "brother" Sam. There he was fortunate to find a place in a group home, under the care of Community Living Manitoulin, where he quickly made many friends. He received wonderful care while there and his 12 years in Mindemoya were very good years. He began to experience some medical issues that slowed him down but the loss of his sight, several years ago, was a challenge that he was never able to accept. Sammy leaves behind his "brother" Sam (Yvonne) in Mindemoya, his much loved "sister" Nina in Hamilton as well as his half-sister Sandra Carruthers (Clark) and half-brothers Wayne (Mary) and Barry. He also leaves many loved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Sammy's greatest joy in life was engaging with his many family members. Sammy's funeral will be held at St. John Chrysostom Church on Friday October 27, 2023 at 10 am. Internment will follow at St. John's Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at the St. John's Parish Hall. Visitation will be Thursday October 26, 2023 from 2 to 4:00 pm and again from 7 to 9 pm. All arrangements are through Roadhouse and Rose, Newmarket. On-line condolences may be made to RoadHouseAndRose.com.

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

Death Notices

LEWIS OLIVER RUNNALLS "Free at last"



In loving memory of Lewis Oliver Runnalls, who passed away at the Mindemoya Hospital on October 13, 2023, surrounded by his loving family, in his 93rd year. Lewis was the best friend and partner of Ann for 69 years and 39 days. Much loved father of Judy, Paul (Nina) and Cindy (Mark).

Cherished grandpa of Lauchlan, Connaire and Katie (Adam). Survived by sister Shirley, brother Richard (Shirley) and sister-in-law Dawn. Predeceased by sister Doris, brother Alvin, brothers-in-law Jim and Howard. Lewis was a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College Diploma Course, Licenced Real Estate Broker and graduate of the Canadian Securities Course. Lewis was a passionate farmer. He led a delegation to Queen's Park to meet with the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable William Stewart and his colleagues. He presented, on behalf of the delegation, a brief as to why the Agricultural Office should remain in Gore Bay. After a short discussion, Minister Stewart upheld the decision that the Gore Bay Agricultural Office was moving to Little Current. The following morning Minister Stewart called and said, "Lewis, that was one of the best briefs ever presented to me, the Agricultural Office is staying in Gore Bay." Education was very important to Lewis. He was the Chairman of the Manitoulin Board of Education when the Manitoulin Secondary School opened in 1969. The family wishes to express their heartfelt appreciation to all the staff at the Mindemoya Hospital for their compassionate care. He was always treated with the utmost care and concern. The hugs helped to carry us through. Thank you. Cremation has taken place. Please no donations. Take a walk in the woods, down a country lane, beside a stream or lake, stop, listen and look up, it's magical. Please share your thoughts, memories photos SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.



MARGARET MARY PATRICIA KELLY MCSTRAVICK May 9, 1934 - October 3, 2023



Margaret Mary Patricia Kelly McStravick of Brantford, Ontario passed away on October 3, 2023, in her 89th year. She was predeceased by her parents Jim and Betty and her brother Michael. She is survived by her sister Liz Lewis (Jim, predeceased). Lovingly remembered by nieces and

nephews as well as their families. Marg will be missed by long-time friend and companion, Marie Jamieson (Phil predeceased) and family. As a teen, Marg worked as a Bell operator before moving on to become one of the first women officers to be hired by the Toronto Police Department. Ten years later, the travel bug bit again and while others were heading east to Expo, Marg headed west and then south to Australia where she trained and worked as a nurse in Sydney for over 20 years. Then it was time to retire and come home to Canada where she settled in Brantford with Marie and Phil. Her last trip will be to Manitoulin where she wished to be buried. As per her request, cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will take place at a later date in Brantford. Special thanks to the staff at Fox Ridge Nursing Home for their care. If so desired, donations in Marg's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

in memoriam



MISHIBINIJIMA—In loving memory of Eugene C. Mishibinijima (Moose), December 24, 1981 – October 27, 2010.

When I come to the end of the road,

And the sun has set for me, I want no tears in a gloom-filled room,

Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not too long.

And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the times that we

once shared,
Miss me, but let me go.
For this journey that we all must

And each must go alone. It's all part of the master's plan, A stop on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart,

Go to the friends we know and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.

Miss me but let me go. You are with the Angels. So very, very missed by dad, brothers and family

23p

in memoriam

BAILEY—In memory of a loving husband and devoted dad, Glendon Grant Bailey, March 15, 1939 to October 8, 2005.

We do not need a special day
To bring you to our minds,
A day we do not think of you,
Is very hard to find.
They say time heals all sorrow,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far has only shown,
How much we miss you yet.
If love could build a stairway,
And heartaches make a lane,
We would walk up to heaven,
And bring you home again.
Forever loved and missed,
Betty Jean and Valerie.

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Death Notices

CATHERINE MAUREEN MCCOLMAN

December 11, 1971 - October 18, 2023



It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the death of our precious sister, Catherine Maureen McColman. Catherine passed away peacefully on October 18, 2023, at Manitoulin Health Center, Little Current site. Catherine was born December 11, 1971, in Sudbury, Ontario. Her childhood and

young adult years were spent in Capreol, Ontario where she was raised by her parents Ray and Alma McColman (nee Laronde) (both predeceased). Catherine was the light that shone for her family, pure of heart and soul. Catherine was a very loving young lady who despite having Down's Syndrome became a known and proud member of the community. Catherine enjoyed Special Olympics bowling, swimming, and outings with her family and looked forward to going to her school. She loved wrestling, music, dancing and swimming in Lake Manitou on Manitoulin Island. Catherine was an incredibly loving and kind child and adult who enjoyed having all her brothers and sisters visit. She loved to celebrate as many occasions as possible and it brought her so much joy to be together with everyone. In 2010, after the death of our mother, Kelly and her husband, Darren Haggart took Catherine into their home and loved and cared for her like their own. When she felt safe with a person, she loved with a fierce loyalty and so it was with her sister Kelly. Catherine remained in the security of their home for 10 years. There, she continued in special Olympics swimming and bowling and continued to win many trophies and medals. Catherine's family extends heartfelt love and thanks to Kelly and Darren for the years of care they gave her. We also extend our gratitude to all her therapists, doctors and medical specialists who supported and helped, through the years, with a special thank you to Dr. Cooper, the nursing staff, and especially Nurse Kim, as well as the staff at Wikwemikong Nursing Home. We will deeply miss our precious little Angel whose presence enriched our lives immensely. Catherine is survived by the McColman family, Anne Marie, Michael, Chris, Barry, Kelly and David. We also acknowledge the Haggart family, Warren, Audrey (predeceased), Darren and Jessy, who are also Catherine's Manitoulin Island family. We are deeply thankful to Michael Jackson who's music kept her dancing and singing and Bret the Hitman Hart who put the moon in her sky. Cremation at the Park Lawn Crematorium. A Celebration of Catherine's Life will be held in 2024 for family and friends. Details will follow at that time. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Ontario Special Olympics or to Pet Save. Arrangements entrusted to Jackson & Barnard Funeral Home. For donations or messages of condolence LougheedFuneral-

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...Federal amnesty extension for firearms not a surprise

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Manitoulin Small Handgun Association told the Expositor, "I have to admit I haven't been following the issue too closely, but I know the cost projections for the buyback are astronomical."

Public Safety Canada updated its website about the yetto-be developed firearms buyback program on October 11, saying the amnesty period that was set to expire at the end of the month will remain in place until October 30, 2025.

The amnesty applies to those who own one of the more than 1,500 models of guns that the federal government announced it was banning, saying assault-style firearms, such as the AR-15, have no place in communities, according to National Newswatch.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau had originally announced the ban in May 2020, after a gunman in Nova Scotia committed the deadliest mass shooting in modern Canadian history. At the time the Liberals promised to compensate those who own such weapons through a buyback program, which the parliamentary budget officer said in 2021 indicated would cost over \$750 million.

In April, former public safety minister Marco Mendicino announced his department had started to work on the first phase of that program, starting with sorting out how to compensate retailers.

Jeff Helsdon of OFAH wrote in Ontario Out of Doors magazine the amnesty order to prevent owners of prohibited firearms from criminal liability applies to firearms that became prohibited through the federal governments May 1, 2020 order-in-council prohibition of what it calls assault weapons. The majority of the firearms affected are semi-automatic centrefire guns, such as the AR-15. The initial order covered about 1,500 firearms models and variants. Another 500 have been added since.

"The extension of the order will ensure affected firearm owners and businesses continue to be protected from criminal liability for unlawful possession while they come into compliance with the law, including having the opportunity to take part in the buyback program," according to the Public Safety Canada website.

"Given the sheer number of firearms that would be eligible for compensation, I expect the program to include multiple avenues for turning in firearms, including via police detachments and firearm businesses," said Mr. Ryckman. "However, these details have yet to be confirmed and are simply speculation at this point."

"The lack of progress to implement the buyback program, three-and-a half years after the initial prohibitions were announced, is extremely disconcerting," PolySeSouvient, a prominent gun-control advocacy group said in a statement to National Newswatch.

It said the amnesty extension, "is a testament to the government's overall mishandling of the assault weapon file," including Bill C-21.

That legislation, which the Senate is still considering, was criticized by many firearms owners, the Assembly of First Nations and the federal Conservatives for trying to ban rifles commonly used by hunters.

The Canadian Doctors for Protection from Guns, another gun-control advocacy group, said in a statement on Wednesday that it was disappointed in the absence of a clear plan for the buyback to accompany the extension of the amnesty.

"It will be interesting to find out what the (government) accomplish with the amnesty," said Mr. Ryckman. "Buying back from businesses the government will know how many and where the guns are and what businesses for instance have in their inventory. It will be easier than from individuals, the government has no idea what exists."

Mr. Ryckman pointed out, "the government hasn't extended the amnesty yet. It is going through the legislative process, so it will be. In their mind extending the amnesty gives them some breathing room, to find out how they are going to deal with these guns."

...Health unit calls for expansion of air quality monitoring stations

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intense rainfall, spring flooding and freezing rain, Lyme disease, West Nile virus, wildfires, food and water-borne illnesses and blue-green algae blooms that occur due to climate change.

Public health's role in climate change, per the Ontario Public Health Standards and Guidelines was reviewed. Examples of public health's work in action in these three categories per the public health mandate were provided along with the mitigating exposure to direct hazards.

They include: Assess health risk and conduct hazard surveillance, raise awareness, promote health protective actions, and collaborate with municipalities and partners on climate change adaptation and mitigation.

It was concluded that public health builds climate resilience in partnership and independently by supplying knowledge on climate change impacts, conducting surveillance of hazards, protecting residents through hazard response, raising public awareness of hazards and health protection actions, participating in adaptation and mitigation strategies and building adaptive capacity in priority populations.

"Research has shown with climate change in many areas there will be a longer period of no rains in the summer. As well, leaf litter will become more flammable," said Ms. Mantyla. "Fires caused by lighting and humans will be increasing."

"And for example, a wildfire doesn't have to take place on Manitoulin Island to affect local people in the area," said Ms. Mantyla. "Wildfire smoke will travel hundreds of kilometres, so it doesn't matter if wildfires occur close by, they can present health impacts. A healthy person can recover quickly from the affects, but it is harder for those more susceptible. Wildfire smoke can have major health impacts."

"Another great thing with having an air monitoring station is that it can be used in a team health improvement program," said Ms. Mantyla, such as for younger children, older people and those at higher risk. "For instance, if you are running a daycare or recreation program outside, you can use the information provided by the monitoring station and decide if it would be better to keep everyone inside that day and not allow outdoor play to take place due to low air quality."

At the September meeting of the Sudbury Board of health it passed a motion that reads in part, "Be it resolved that the board of health for PHSD endorse the letters dated July 5 from the Porcupine Health Unit and August 1 from the Temiskaming Heath Unit to the Honourable Minister David Piccini, calling for the installation of air quality monitoring stations in their respective service areas and further that air quality monitoring stations and the AQHI be expanded across Northern Ontario to improve opportunities for health for all."

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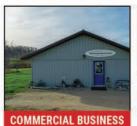
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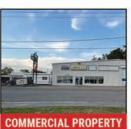
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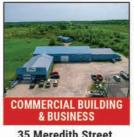
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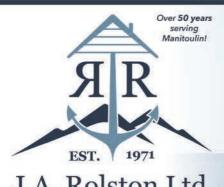








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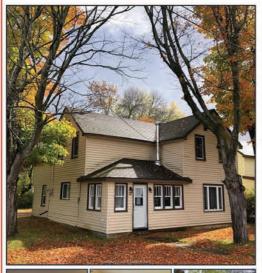




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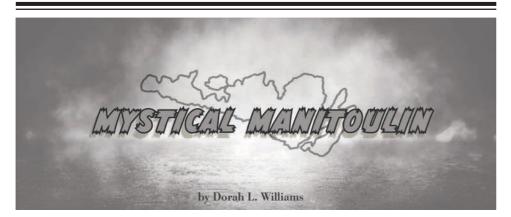




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Wednesday, October 25, 2023



Tn the spirit of All Hallows Eve, join me at this virtual campfire and let's journey into the supernatural realm with these shared haunting experiences, where the past reaches out to touch the present and the boundaries blur between here and the hereafter, right here on Manitoulin.

Big Bang Theory

My family has lived on Manitoulin Island for generations, and that will always be home to me, but this story is about an experience my partner and I once had after relocating to a different part of the province for work.

Fortunately, or so we thought, we got what seemed like a good deal on a rental home. A co-worker gave me his uncle's number and suggested he might have something "reasonable" if we were inter-

After viewing the property, we decided the house would do just fine. The only flaw I could see was with the front door. It still operated OK, but it looked like a violent forced entry had occurred in the past and severely damaged it. It was patched up and repainted, but the look of it was unsettling.

"What happened there?" I asked the own-

The question seemed to fluster him a bit, and he quickly changed the subject without answering me. I should have trusted my gut instinct about his reaction and kept looking at other properties, but I decided it wasn't a deal breaker, and we signed the rental agreement.

At first, all was well. Within a few weeks, though, a growing list of strange stuff kep occurring. Coins suddenly appeared all over the house in the weirdest spots. Items like car keys and glasses disappeared whenever needed and then reappeared in very random places. The feeling of being watched was constant. Electrical devices went haywire regularly for no apparent reason. Just to name a few examples.

Our dog was often mesmerized by something we could never see, almost in a trance-like way. At other times, though, she would go into complete protection mode, with teeth bared as she growled threateningly at thin air. That was not her disposition at all. Something in that house was turning her into a nervous wreck.

Then, the noises began. Late at night, when everything should have been perfectly still, we would be jolted awake by loud bangs that seemed to shake the house. We would rush downstairs to see what was happening. But nothing could ever be seen. On two consecutive nights, we heard the frightening banging along with the sound of glass shattering, as though something heavy and fragile had been smashed against the hardwood floor near the front door. But nothing was out of place when we



ran to see what had happened. It was crazy. As we got to know our next-door neighbour better, he asked us if we were doing OK in the house. We smiled and nodded, not wanting to tell him how bizarre it was.

"Well, that's good," he said. "The last folks couldn't get out of there fast enough."

We stared at him speechlessly, then asked for more information about that. He then told us about the woman who had owned the house for many years and about her death there about a decade ago. She needed medical help, but when the fire department and ambulance answered her call, the front door was locked, and they couldn't get in to help her. By the time they broke through the door, it was too late, and she was dead. And some seem to think she haunts the house now.

That explained the damaged front door and possibly the residual banging noises that haunted that environment. After we moved out, we saw that the owner put the house up for sale instead of renting it out again. We also noticed he finally had a new front door installed. Wonder if that ended those haunting bangs."

Big Kid

"When I was a little boy, I sometimes saw a "big kid," as I called him, who seemed to be a part of our household but never spoke to anyone. No one else ever saw him, and my brothers made fun of me for having "an imaginary friend."

But I did see him walk into the room where the rest of us were gathered, stare straight at me and give me a slight smile. He'd glance at the rest of the family, one by one, and then slowly walk out again. No one else ever noticed him, so I stopped mentioning him to avoid being laughed at and told I must have dreamed it.

As I got older, though, I stopped seeing

It wasn't until I was an adult and sorting through some old papers and photographs after my father's death that I happened

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Manitoulin Sporting Life



Elementary Cross Country

The annual Manitoulin cross country meet for the elementary schools set last week marks the end of a long and grueling season. C.C. McLean in Gore Bay played host to the chilly event on Thursday. The Lit-



T.J Green



Wyatt Williamson Wright

In the 11-12 class, Kailyn (LCPS) 1st, Ava (APS), 2nd and Ella (LCPS), 3rd. In the boys' race **Casey** (LCPS) 1st, **David** (C.C. McLean), 2nd and Boston (LCPS).

The 13 plus division is traditionally not very well attended so kudos to those that participated. The girls' event was won by Rowyn of Lakeview, Mila of Pontiac and Amber of CMPS.





LCPS inning 9-10 boys.

tle Current Coyotes won the overall aggregate trophy with 20 points, ahead of Mindemoya's CMPS at 12.5 and C.C. McLean with

Here are the individual medal winners for the top three in each age group. Unfortunately, the results do not include surnames, hopefully runners will recognize themselves!

In the 8 and under girls' division, congratulations to: **Aryanna** (C.C. McLean) 1st, Mya (Assiginack), Megan (APS). The under-8 boys featured Alex and Arlo from C.C. McLean followed by **Hunter** from LCPS.

The 9-10 girls' winner was Addison (APS) 1st, Sulla (CMPS) and Ayleana (APS). The boys' winners were Tate (LCPS), Brody (C.C. McLean) and third Ollie (LCPS).

Roen (LCPS) won the boys,' Collin (LCPS) second and Sean (CMPS), was third.

North Shore Cross Country!

The Manitoulin Secondary Mustangs competed in the North Shore (NSSAA) Championships last week as well. The Black and Gold won the dress rehearsal last week and ran with similar results! Beginning with veterans, Maren Kasunich 1st, Mackenzie Green 2nd, **Morgan** Green 4th, Autumn Davy 5th, Delaney Bridgeman 6th, Willow Cooper 8th and Abby Hawke 9th to walk away with the team

The guys were as dominant with a near-perfect sweep! Brodie Pennie 1st, Xavi Mara 2nd, Alan Wilkin 3rd, TJ Green 4th and Matthew Wilkin 6th!

Mya Balfe won the race and teammates Fia Flanagan 4th, Ava Corbiere 5th, Emery Watson 9th and Izzy Hughson 10th to easily win the division. The guys' side unfortunately didn't have any teammates back up Wyatt Williamson-Wright's great second place placing!

In the junior girls race

The novice girls' race was similarly lonely for Mady Niven's impressive 5th place finish. The novice boys' race featured Bazi Mara in 2nd, Isaac Quack-3rd, Aaven Edralin 9th yet just shy of recording a team result!

Wikwemikong runners shine at NSSAA!

The Wasse Abin High School had a small cross country squad out this year and were not able to enter a full team but the trio of Tryton Kanasawe, Seth Bennet and Patrick King-Shawana need to be commended! Way to go guys!

Mindemoya Curling Club AGM (with food)!

The Mindemoya Curling Club knows how to attract new members-food! The Club's AGM and Potluck will be held on Sunday, October 29 at the club (103 Thorne Street, Mindemoya). All present and new members are welcome! At 4 pm doors open/food dropoff/bar open, then the potluck at 5 pm then 6 pmfor the Annual General Meeting

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about joining the Mindemoya Curling Club, please reach out to Susan via email at mindemoy-

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

...Mystical Manitoulin: The Hallowe'en edition

...continued from page 1A upon a very old family portrait at the bottom of the box, taken before my father was born. According to the faint pencilled message on the back, the teenage boy was my grandparents' adopted son and was phowith their tographed younger children shortly before his death.

I turned the photograph

over again and stared at the incredible to have had this same "big kid" I had seen many times in my childhood, decades after his death. He had a very distinctive look, and I recognized him immediately. And, if all those encounters in my childhood somehow were just dreams as my parents and brothers had insisted they must have been, that would also be

same young man come to me as I slept.

But I know I was not dreaming. It was real.

He must have still felt a connection to my father's family, with how he "checked in" on us the way I saw him doing in my younger years. Perhaps he still is, and one of my own little children can see him.

I display that photograph, framed and on our mantle, beside other family members, to honour and keep his memory now. Evervone will know who he is if he ever decides to visit

The Best Chum

"My late dad and his familv moved out west when he was very young. But every summer, they came back to visit their family on the Island, especially his great aunt, who had helped to care for him as an infant when his mother was very ill. They always remained very close.

This is a tale I heard my father tell, that I'd like to share with you. One day, during a sum-

mertime visit, his greataunt asked if he'd like to join her for a walk. She grew beautiful flowers in her front gardens to adorn her loved ones' gravesites. It gave her pleasure, and my father was happy to pick the flowers she pointed to and

arrange them into bouquets for her. When several bouquets had been tied with ribbons, they set off together to the old cemetery not too far down the road from

her home. As they strolled along, my dad noticed a tiny girl in the distance. She was watching them as though waiting for them, and as they approached closer, she

hopped up and down with excitement.

His great-aunt told him the names of the family and friends whose gravesites would receive floral tributes that day. He already knew of the first few mentioned but stopped her when she included an unfamiliar name.

"Whose name is that?" he

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WIKWEMKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Position: Staff Sergeant

Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

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

PREREQUISITES:

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

SUMMARY OF FUNCTIONS:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

The application is to consist of:

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

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

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

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

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

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FULL-TIME BAND MANAGER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT:

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

- This includes (but is not limited to): Develops and monitors multi-year and annual financial plans and budgets in accordance with the strategic direction, goals, and objectives set by the WRFN Council, overseeing their execution by department
- managers/directors. Reviews financial statements and reports, providing recommendations to the Finance Committee for their

Program and Service Delivery Management:

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

Coordination of Community Development Activities

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

Council Support and Administration

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

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

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

KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge of First Nation communities and structures and the ability to integrate traditional and mainstream practices as a central and vital part of program and service delivery.

 Knowledge of local programs and services available to the WRFN community.
- Knowledge and understanding of federal and provincial legislations and government departments that
- impact First Nations including the Canada Health Act, Non-Insured Health Benefits Program and Indian Act. An understanding of the history of First Nations, and an interest to learn more about the history, culture, practices, socioeconomic conditions, rights, and future vision of the Anishinabek.

OTHER SKILLS:

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

Applications must be submitted by: October 27th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, three (3) work-related references (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to: **CONFIDENTIAL: BAND MANAGER**

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

Whitefish River First Nation c/o Human Resources 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON POP1A0 Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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

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"She was my best chum when I was a little girl about your age. I still bring her flowers too sometimes,

red curly hair?" he asked

did you know that?"

her, jumping up and down and looking at us from over there," and he pointed towards an old tombstone in the cemetery as they neared the entrance. He never questioned why his great-aunt's best chum had remained so small while

she had become a fullgrown lady. But he said he fully believed at the time that she was just an ordi-

His great-aunt walked directly to the gravesite he pointed to, not because she saw a little girl there too, but because that was the grave of her best chum, who had sadly died at a very young age many years ago. She gently placed one of the bouquets of flowers on her tombstone and said some words that sounded like a prayer to my dad, so he closed his eyes and bowed his head as she spoke.

When he looked up again,

the little girl had simply vanished. She was nowhere to be seen in the cemetery or along the road that day, and he never saw her again. But she definitely had been there, he claimed, and she was literally jumping for joy as she awaited them and their flowers. He swore every word of that story was true. And I always believed him.'

These shared experiences are a good reminder of the incredible mysteries surrounding us. Let's embrace the magic, welcome the unknown, and always keep our sense of wonder alive. After all, life is full of surprises, and who knows what we might encounter next?

Here's to a Happy and Mystical Halloween!

ing and mystical tale to tell?

Do you also have an excit-

Whether you've experienced a haunting, a mysterious cryptid sighting, or a brush with the inexplicable, please share it with Canadian author Dorah L. Williams at dorahlwilliams@gmail.com

Your story, too, could be featured in an upcoming column of Mystical Manitoulin!









EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

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

Send "Confidential" to: Attn: Board Chair

c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre

Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002, Little Current, ON P0P1K0

Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 235 Fax: 705-368-3922

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

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

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



LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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

POSITION SUMMARY:

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

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

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

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

How to Apply: Mail, Email and/or hand deliver the following:

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

Please Send To: Saul Bomberry, Lands and Resources Manager United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

1110 HWY #551, PO Box 275 M'Chigeeng, Ontario P0P 1G0 Email: sbomberry@uccmm.ca

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

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Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT) MCFHT is looking to fill the following position: Daily Cleaning Service Provision

The successful candidate will be required to:

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Position Summary

- Provide daily cleaning services to a busy medical clinic and administrative office.
- Provide cleaning services according to IPC guidelines
- This position will include but is not limited to the following services: floor stripping, waxing and polishing, disinfection of examination rooms, garbage and recycling removal and quarterly in-depth cleaning
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to move furniture and equipment as required to fulfill duties.

Qualifications

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

Please submit resume to: Manitoulin Central Family Health Team P.O. Box 10 Mindemoya, Ontario, P0P 1S0 Attn: Lori Oswald

Fax: 1-855-908-2517 Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca Please reply in writing no later than 4:00pm, November 3rd, 2023. *Only those selected for an interview will be contacted*



APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 2:00 PM **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

ENAAGDENJGED (one who takes care of others or things)

Department: Administration Classification Level: Department Manager Level 1-5 **Employment Status:** Regular Full-Time

Salary: Negotiable (subject to education & experience), includes pension

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

Summary of Position:

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

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Preferred: University Degree with minimum of 5-Years direct management or direct work

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

It is mandatory for successful candidates to submit a current (30 days) CRC; offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory CRC record. Interested applicants please submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WORK-RELATED REFERENCES (with contact information) & EDUCATION CERTIFICATION THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023, by 2:00 P.M. to:

ENAAGDENJGED

Art Jacko M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 artj@mchigeeng.ca or Fax 705-377-4980

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. We appreciate your interest, however, only those selected for an Interview will be

For Job Description, please contact Art Jacko 705-377-5362 Ext. 207

contacted. Preference will be given to Anishnabek people. www.mchigeeng.ca

or artj@mchigeeng.ca

Another week has passed and more leaves have fallen. Halloween decorations are starting to come out, reminding us that our

showcase their school spirit. This spirit day is hosted by the Student Council and highly anticipated by many students. Students who par-



candy prizes. That same day, members of SHARE/ Go Green went around the all homeroom classes to announce the Halloween For Hunger classroom contest. From Monday, October 23rd to Monday, October 30th each classroom has been tasked with bringing in non-perishable food items and monetary donations. These

ticipated were invited into

the front foyer at lunch for

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to the Manitoulin Family Resources food bank as well as the Living Well Locker at MSS. The class with the most total donations will win a pizza party. This contest is always highly competitive between classes, with a daily leaderboard announced each morning. As part of Halloween for Hunger, students will be "trick or treating" for nonperishable foods on Halloween night to put towards Manitoulin Secondary School's total donations.

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

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Join The Manitoulin Expositor Team! **Position: Graphic Designer**

Applicants should:

- Have knowledge of Adobe Suite and Wordpress
- Be skilled in graphic design
- Be familiar with Apple operating systems
- Can operate quickly and efficiently under deadlines
- Can multi-task
- Can manage a large work flow
- Works well in a team environment
- Can help manage Manitoulin's busiest website and accompanying social media
- Have a good command of the English language (grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- Is creative!
- Have problem solving skills

You will be required to be in office, Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, with some overtime hours required during the busier seasons.

To send a resume and application, or for more information, please email expositor@manitoulin.com

We can't wait to hear from you!

We thank all those who apply However, only those considered for this position



Volunteering students collecting batteries in the Duracell battery

Students participating in Twin Day with their friends.

warm weather has come to an end. Despite this, there are many things to look forward to at MSS, especially as we enter "spooky season."

Last week, the MSS robotics team hosted their annual school-wide battery drive. This initiative aimed to raise awareness about the importance of proper battery disposal and recycling. Used batteries contain harmful chemicals that can be detrimental to the environment if not disposed of correctly. Manitoulin Metal encouraged students and staff to collect used batteries from their homes and bring them to school for recycling. Students volunteered every morning to monitor battery collection and were often seen in a battery costume. Zinc will be collected from the batteries and sold with the profits going to children's hospitals. The battery drive not only serves as an educational campaign but also as a step towards sustainability. The robotics team once again showcased their commitment to being responsible global citizens and encouraged others to follow in their footsteps.

Friday, October 20th was Twin Day. Students were asked to dress identically with their friends to

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

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

FULL-TIME positions:

Manitoulin Island:

Finance Team Assistant: Closes October 27, 2023 IT Specialist: Closes October 27, 2023

Sudbury or Manitoulin:

Finance Supervisor: Open until filled.

CONTRACT positions:

Manitoulin Island:

Education Support Worker: Closes November 3, 2023

Sudbury:

Full-time Cook: Closes October 27, 2023 Cultural Enaadaamaaget: Closes November 3, 2023 Youth Outreach Worker: Closes November 3, 2023

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. *All postings close at 4 pm EST.*

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

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



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PLAYER PROFILE

by Emery Watson





WYATT WILLIAMSON-WRIGHT

Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

Tearing up the track and the trails or digging and spiking volleyballs on the court is often where Wyatt can be found! His focus and competitive edge is displayed in each of his athletic endeavors. In his second year repping the black and gold, Wyatt has built a reputation as a dedicated athlete who consistently brings sportsmanship to his game. His commitment to constant improvement has set him up for a promising athletic future at MSS!

Before Wyatt was a Mustang, he was a Colt, sporting the red jersey for his elementary school career. At Charles C. McLean Public School, Wyatt took advantage of the variety of sports offered, participating in cross country, three pitch, soccer and track and field. Wyatt recalls a memorable moment from elementary school being on the field as his Grade 5 team from a soccer tournament at CMPS got to take home the trophy. Despite the success in soccer, Wyatt explains that his favourite sport at CC. McLean was track and field because it had a special season and wasn't practiced all year around like other sports. He also produced stellar in this sport, as he earned a bronze medal in Grade 8 at the Island Track and Field Championships.

Wyatt charged into the world of high school sports, bringing his passion for running with him. As a rookie Mustang, Wyatt made his debut on the cross country team. He represented MSS at NSSSA, and punched his ticket to NOSSA. After taking a break over the winter months, Wyatt was eager to test his abilities on the track. Wyatt laced up his spikes again and competed in the long distance races. He replicated his success at NSSSA, leading him back to NOSSA where he broke his 3000m personal record by 25 seconds! This year, Wyatt has joined the cross country team, where he has already competed as a junior in Pre-NSSSA and Timmins. Up north against a different field of competition, he brought home the bronze. Recently, he took the win at Pre-NSSSA in Elliot Lake and is preparing for NSSSA on Friday. Despite keeping busy with running training, Wyatt has taken on volleyball. He plays in the left side position, hitting to score points for his team. When the cross country and volleyball season wrap up, Wyatt plans to play badminton and compete for the track and field team again.

Although Wyatt has been involved in a variety of sports throughout his life and dedicated a lot of his time to running, evident in his accomplishment of running a half marathon in one hour and 46 minutes, Wyatt favours the sport of badminton. He explains that his love for athletics stems from his appreciation for challenge while having fun, which he finds in badminton. Wyatt also prefers solo sports making singles badminton the perfect fit.

When Wyatt takes the black and gold jersey off, he can be found continuing to invest his time in athletics in his community. Last year, he curled for the Gore Bay Curling Club and played slo-pitch in the summer. Wyatt can also be spotted volunteering for the curling club and the Burpee and Mills office. For the past two years he has worked for the Valu-Mart in Gore Bay as well.

Outside of the community, Wyatt spends his free time caring for his four cats, Tux, Fritz, Loki and Sarge. He wants to mention that he did not name them. He also finds time to enjoy the outdoors by spending the fall months small game hunting and summers fishing.

In the classroom, Wyatt particularly enjoys science. He explains that the subject is of great interest to him.

With two years to go as a Mustang, Wyatt has the tentative goal of becoming an engineer because of his passion for math and science.

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





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