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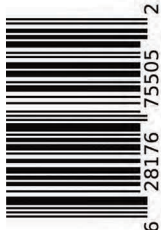


Fall's glory and bounty spills out of the cornucopia, the traditional symbol of harvest time. This display is one of Aundeck Omni Kaning's eleven installations.

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EVERY CHILD MATTERS—A group of children gather on the steps of the ruins at Holy Cross in Wiikwemkoong. They were part of a group that walked on Saturday to honour the Truth and Reconciliation process from the Elder's Centre to the marina, stopping to reflect at the Holy Cross ruins. The day included elders' talks, a powwow and a feast.

Central asks province for airBnB regs

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—There was little debate at the September 28 meeting of Central Manitoulin council when it came to a motion calling on the provincial government to step up and regulate short-term accommodation rentals in the province.

The motion, moved by Councillor Dale Scott and seconded by Councillor Derek Stephens, was in response to a recommendation from the municipality's property committee where it had been discussed at greater length.

Councillor Stephens pointed out that the challenge with the current situation is that, although the municipality can enact bylaws to deal with the issue, many of the properties in the province being rented out are not 'mom and pop' operations, but rather large international companies who advertise globally.

Those companies are buying up lakeshore properties and putting them up on global sites, noted Councillor Stephens who added, "We might not even see them being advertised." The municipality has few resources to discover who is renting those units out.

The motion, which has a very lengthy preamble, cites the disruptive global technology firms

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Truth, Reconciliation gathering at Wiikwemkoong walks for healing

"Important for youth to know where we've been, to know where we're at now and to be able to move forward in a good way"

by Gina Gasongi Simon

WIKWEMKOONG—A day of reflection on the legacy of Canada's residential schools was one of both celebration and healing for all who participated in Wiikwemkoong's Orange Shirt Day march through the community. Folks before the walk at the Family Healing Lodge.

Ten years ago, Phyllis Webstad spoke about her residential school

experience in front of an audience of residential school survivors in Williams Lake, BC. She recalled there how when she arrived at the residential school, she was told that she could not wear her favourite shirt.

A small memento her mother packed to comfort Phyllis back in 1973, a new orange shirt, was taken away from Phyllis, never to be returned. On that day, when she

recounted her story, Orange Shirt Day was born. This small gesture of love by her mother, denied by an education system intent on assimilation of Indigenous children, has grown into a massive

movement across Canada where thousands of supporters wear orange shirts and celebrate Orange Shirt Day on September 30.

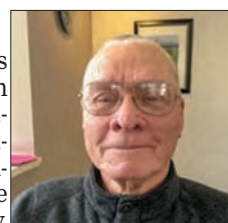
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Manitoulin Streams honours Paul Moffat

Recognized as a founder of a National model

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—Friends and colleagues from Manitoulin Streams and the community at large gathered behind the Assinack town office on the evening of Wednesday, September 27 to join in the unveiling of a memorial bench and plaque celebrating the immense contributions of the late Paul Moffat, a founding member of the award-winning Island watershed conservation program. Manitoulin Streams Project Coordinator Seija Deschenes opened the proceedings by welcoming those in attendance and



Paul Moffat

acknowledging the presence of Mr. Moffat's widow Ann and one of his sons, Jason, (Mr. Moffat's other son John is a professor teaching in Saskatoon and was unable to attend the ceremony.) and said Manitoulin Streams wanted to let them know "how much Paul meant to all of us."

"We wanted to do something that would acknowledge Paul's contribution toward establishing what is now the largest stream restoration initiative in Northern Ontario and his vision for healthy self-sustaining river and stream

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DOMTAR union assisting workers with job searches

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—Lemonade is the order of the day when it comes to dealing with the lemons of the indefinite closure of the Domtar paper mill in Espanola. UNIFOR, the union representing the workers and company representatives are working with the union membership to secure a softer landing for those being displaced.

Not everyone will be losing their jobs, notes UNIFOR rep Jer-

ry Logan, as the union and the company has come to terms on the "idle agreement" for the shuttering of the plant facilities. "Generally, in these situations, we are negotiating a 'closure agreement'," said Mr. Logan. "But we are calling this an 'idle agreement'."

As part of the agreement, a shutdown crew will be in place for the foreseeable future to ensure

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Early Deadline

As the Thanksgiving holiday falls on Monday, October 9, the Expositor Office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm on Wednesday, October 4.

Display advertising customers are also asked to have copy to The Expositor by Wednesday afternoon, as are rural correspondents. The Expositor office will be closed on Thanksgiving Monday. Thanks for your co-operation and enjoy the long weekend!



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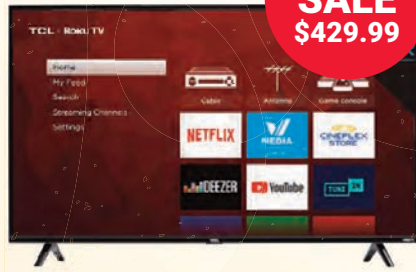
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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Anishinaabe artist Leland Bell discusses his latest work 'Miikaan' during an artist's talk held in the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation foyer. Mr. Bell is among the foremost of Indigenous artists in Canada and his work is on display at the OCF until November 12. photo by Michael Erskine

Anishinaabe artist talks colour and inspiration at OCF presentation

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Internationally renowned Anishinaabe artist Leland Bell delivered an artist's talk in the foyer of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation where 'Miikaan: A Leland Bell Exhibit,' featuring a collection of his work, is currently on display. The main focus of Mr. Bell's talk was on a series of large panels that surround the foyer and depict his life journey along the path of the Midewiwin Lodge.

Mr. Bell was accompanied on his talk by a number of elders. Mr. Bell and elder Marie Eshkibok-Trudeau spoke before the lunch break and elders Stanley Peltier and Dan Commanda spoke after. An audio-visual presentation featured interviews from Giigidowin (2021) in which the elders discussed art, ceremony, life and stories.

Following a short introduction by OCF assistant curator Shaelynn Recollet, Mr. Bell stepped into the circle and addressed those in attendance in Anishinaabemowin, recognizing the day as one to honour those who survived the residential school system and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. As the presentation was taking place on National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (and the grassroots Orange Shirt Day memorializing the children who never returned home from residential school) many in the audience were wearing orange.

Mr. Bell began his artist's talk with a joke made at his own expense, a recurring theme in much of this most gentle of artists' conversation. The artist apologized in advance for any stumbles he might make in

his presentation, noting it has been nearly a quarter century since he did any serious public speaking.

"I've always been very proud to be an Anishinaabe person," said Mr. Bell. "I don't have a crisis of identity," he quipped, "I just know where I'm from." Mr. Bell is from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, but has spent many recent years in Sudbury or travelling the Three Fires territories to visit and learn from Anishinaabe elders.

"Age is not the main thing," he points out in explaining his own interpretation of elder. One can find wisdom and knowledge among the very young or the very old, pointed out Mr. Bell, deftly avoiding the obvious counterpart to that observation.

"Language is very important to me," said Mr. Bell, noting his own fluency remains a work in progress.

Mr. Bell acknowledged the grants he received during the recent pandemic that allowed him the time and space to create the panels he would be talking about during his time in the circle. Those include the Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council and the OCF itself in providing the exhibition space.

He also acknowledged the 10 different elders whose wisdom has been foundational in his work but cautioned that his talk would be primarily a "me session," to which his audience responded with laughter. The artist's 'self' is practically unavoidable when it forms the base of an 'artist's talk.'

Mr. Bell said that from the time he was quite

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Expositor reporter nabs national awards

by Expositor staff

CANADA—Expositor associate editor Michael Erskine can add a couple of significant feathers in his cap. Mr. Erskine received two first place awards for his writing on the national stage as the winners of the Canadian Community Newspapers Association were announced earlier this month.

Mr. Erskine received a first-place finish in the Best Feature Story category for the piece 'On Valentine's Day, Mindemoya couple ended their lives together,' which appeared in the March 9, 2022 edition of The Expositor.

"Compelling features need compelling personal stories and you don't get more compelling than a couple married for 73 years who choose to die together on Valentine's Day," the judge writes. "Michael Erskine chose to tell the tale in chronological fashion, straightforwardly giving the facts about the couple's relationship in a way that made their decision to die together understandable to any reader. Erskine avoids the temptation to be overly dramatic or sentimental, and explains the

MAID process through the experience of Donna and Jim Nevills. It's a heart-tugging story told well."

Second place in the category went to The Eastern Graphic of Montague, PEI and third place to Pique Newsmagazine of Whistler and Pemberton, BC.

"This was a remarkably difficult category to judge because of the high quality of entrants across the board," the judge continues. "It was impressive to see how many in-depth features are being done related to news stories to give readers background and angles they would not get from breaking news—the involvement of local people in world events, detailed explanations of organizations and events, local angles to national stories, original investigative work relevant to local communities and compelling personal stories of the people behind the headlines. It shows community papers are doing their job well, going beyond the headlines to provide the kind of journalism that readers can't get elsewhere to help understand what is really

going on in their communities."

Mr. Erskine also took first place honours in the Best National Editorial category for his July 27, 2022 editorial 'An apology marks the start of reconciliation, not the end.'

"An engaging and well-crafted piece of writing that takes a strong stance on a topic of impor-

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Gore Bay Rotary Fall Auction set for October 7

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay Rotary Club has been in operation since its founding charter back in 1954. The club has been a fixture on the Island scene for nearly 70 years and one of the most anticipated events of the autumn season is the Rotary Fall Harvest Auction.

"Harold Hilliard introduced Rotary to Gore Bay," noted club member Dave Rogalsky. "He was the branch manager at Bank of Montreal in town at that time."

Although the exact date of the start of the fall action may be lost to the mists of time, judging from

MP Carol Hughes in the running for Speaker of the House of Commons

OTTAWA—Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes has announced her intention to run for speaker of the House of Commons. Speaker Anthony Rota resigned following his decision to honour a Ukrainian Second World War veteran from his riding who was later discovered to have served in the Waffen SS Galicia Division.

"After some deliberation, I have made the decision to run for speaker," said MP Hughes. "It's a challenging job, but I have the experience, judgment and temperament necessary for this role that is vital to the functioning of our democracy."

MP Hughes is the most experienced chair occupant currently in the House of Commons, having served as assistant deputy speaker in two previous Parliaments, as well as the current Parliament. Members of Parliament are scheduled to elect the next Speaker on Tuesday, October 3.

"In my time as assistant deputy speaker, I've worked to be even-handed and have received feed-

back from members of all parties affirming this," said MP Hughes. "I believe now, more than ever, we need a speaker who can both allow important debate to flourish and firmly keep order in the House to ensure Canadians feel represented by their MPs."

Ms. Hughes issued the following statement last Wednesday on the resignation of Speaker Rota: "Today, House of Commons Speaker Anthony Rota resigned from his position. This follows his invitation to, and recognition of, a man who fought for a Nazi unit in the Second World War during last week's state visit of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy."

"I was horrified to learn of the situation that occurred in the House Chamber during President Zelenskyy's visit," said MP Hughes, who currently serves as assistant deputy speaker in the House of Commons. "It is the speaker's duty to vet individuals being honoured in the House, and that work was clearly not done. The speaker is the face of the House of Com-

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Trinity Manitoulin United hosts Covenanting service

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—Sunday, September 24 was a red-letter day for the members of the Trinity Manitoulin United Church in Mindemoya as they celebrated a special Covenanting service, installing Kim Inglis as a full time Diaconal Ministry student serving the local Manitoulin congregation.

As the United Church prescribes, a new appointment is celebrated through a formal installa-

tion service which celebrates the pastoral relationship and spiritual covenant between God, the ministry personnel, the community of faith and the wider church as represented by the regional council.

As Church Council Chair Marion Sloss explained, "Going back to 2017, Mindemoya, Providence Bay and Kagawong United Churches amalgamated to become Trinity Manitoulin United Church. In 2020, we found ourselves without ministry personnel and were reliant on "pulpit supply" (preachers assigned on an ad hoc basis from other churches) during and after the Covid shutdown. During and after this period, with hopeful hearts, we moved forward with the accessible lift and washroom construction. In the Fall of 2021, we were, and still are, blessed with a pianist who brings the gift of music to the congregation each week. In August of 2022, a phone call came from a student for the Diaconal Ministry, saying she would like to do some pulpit supply during the Fall. This offer of pulpit supply evolved into hiring Kim Inglis, a Candidate for Dia-



Kim Inglis at her Covenanting service.

photo by Betty Bardswich

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that in the early auctions the Gore Bay arena floor was not even poured concrete at that time.

Mr. Runnalls recalled one year when the auction organizers forgot to contact the auctioneer to arrange for his services. Luckily, as it happened, a certain Lauchlan (Lauchie) McCannell from Ice Lake, who had been anticipating the call, just happened to be outside on the main street that morning so he jumped into action on the spot.

Down through the years several other auctioneers have stepped up

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editorial

Orange Shirt Day stands sentinel for Canada's conscience

The grassroots movement to remember residential school system survivors and those who never returned to their families, Orange Shirt Day, started on the West Coast and quickly went "viral," to use the vernacular of today.

Canadians recognize Orange Shirt Day by wearing orange T-shirts on September 30 and that date was selected by the federal government

as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, now a statutory federal holiday, and which is now "celebrated" in the nation's capital and in several provincial capitals across the nation. Not all provinces have designated the day as a statutory provincial holiday, although a number have made it a holiday for non-essential government workers; we shall gently call that "a work in progress."

It is incomprehensible that anyone in this nation, at least anyone who has not been living off the grid in a remote cave, does not know that Orange Shirt Day is a day to recognize the impact of the residential school system on Canada's Indigenous population. The impact of removing children from their families, punishing them for speaking their own languages or practicing their culture, forcing them to adopt the dominant religious practices of the time, and in general attempting to "kill the Indian in the child" to quote one of the most infamous policy statements of the time, still reverberates to the present day. The term "genocide" has been bandied about, sometimes "qualified" with the prefix "cultural," but the unvarnished definition of that word fits and we, as a nation must learn to wear it. When Pope Francis visited Canada last July, specifically several First Nation communities, he was moved to declare on his flight back to Rome that what he had learned and observed was "cultural genocide."



Every Child Matters is the theme that accompanies Orange Shirt Day and the banners have become somewhat ubiquitous at public and commercial facilities in recent years.

photo by Michael Erskine

Generational trauma, where children grow up in families parented by mothers and fathers who were themselves bereft of the benefit of learning how to be parents from their own parents—instead being raised by people struggling with their own challenges, continues to bedevil Indigenous families and communities.

We must honour those who came through that system with characters tempered by the fire and who went on to accomplish great things (think the late Dr. Cecil King, Joe Hare baa or the very much still with us Grace Fox, as examples), but we should recognize that so many less redoubtable of spirit came away damaged, sometimes beyond repair or recompense.

The residential school system is now in our past, but not in so distant a past that we can claim it as simply an historical wrong. The final residential school closure took place in 1996 and the last day school closed in 2000. The lesser known Indian Day Schools did not remove children from their families or communities but followed the same assimilation program as the residential school system had.

As our nation attempts to make reparations for the residential school and day school systems and take some of the steps called for in the TRC Calls to Action to attempt to reverse the harms inflicted on survivors of those systems, the orange shirts stand as a visible reminder of what has passed, what remains with us today, and how we must never allow such atrocities to occur again under our watch. We can and must be better than that.

The world seems to be slipping backwards. With attacks on Jewish synagogues and gravesites, denialism and misinformation about the Holocaust rising, and inhumane reactions to the wave of refugees, both economic and those fleeing war and pestilence, rife across the globe, those orange shirts loudly cry out—never again.

letters

Can Tehkummah afford to fund a municipality?

Municipality needs to partner with other townships for quality admin

To the Expositor:

With a resident population of 240 people, one must ask, can Tehkummah afford to fund a municipality in the 21st Century. Having still not fully recovered from the last catastrophe over the clerk, we appear to be going through the same motions. Once again we have no clerk and no one can tell us why. The administration doesn't bother to post agendas and minutes as directed in its Procedure By-Law, doesn't bother responding to constituents' inquiries, and seems unable to manage such basic day to day operations as opening the washrooms at the public beach.

All the municipalities on Manitoulin combined do not make one

decent sized urban municipality. All those clerks, superintendents, administrators, inspectors, all the different by-laws, the mish mash of road repairs, the plethora of unco-ordinated tourism projects, we can't even co-ordinate an Island wide fire hazard warning.

I do not believe Tehkummah can afford to pay for the quality of administrative service that is required in today's world. We need to partner up with other municipalities and operate under a well-funded, professionally qualified administration.

David Samuels
Tehkummah

Response to letter decrying health unit amalgamation

Questions on the statistics on higher disease rates

To the Expositor:

I am writing in response to the letter of Sue Nelson (agreement with this newspapers stance on Health Units) page 4, September 20, 2023.

The letter states, "the Northern Ontario population has higher rates of cancer, cardio-vascular disease, stroke, respiratory disease and diabetes, etc."

The term higher rates require a comparison with what? The rest of Ontario or the rest of Canada or the rest of middle America?

When I was living in the Sarnia area in the 1970s and 80s, I had read statistics that because of the air pollution in the Sarnia (Chemical Valley) area there was a higher rate of all kinds of diseases within a 20-mile radius of Sarnia then in the rest of Canada. As there is a lot less

air pollution in Northern Ontario the rates of these diseases should be a lot lower.

Also, there is less stress because of less traffic etc. I believe that because the younger generation because of jobs have moved out of Northern Ontario. There is a large percentage of older generation. If a comparison is made with people in the same age group in the rest of Ontario or Canada, I believe that the result will be that there are actually fewer medical problems in Northern Ontario.

Sincerely,

Hank Reckman
M'Chigeeng

A call for public meeting on potential ER closures

Knowing the challenges will set the tone for informed public session

To the Expositor:

The hearing of the recent decision to close the Mindemoya Hospital emergency department for a considerable number of days, yet to be announced, is of great concern to all people on the Island.

We would urge you to hold a public meeting so that we can be informed by our professional health leaders and boards, our MPP and MP of the facts, statistics used, and challenges that our province, Northern Ontario and specifically our Mindemoya Hospital currently face which led them to believe that closure of our emergency department is the only option.

Knowing the details of our challenges will set the tone for an informed public session. We believe that together we can find solutions that will help to create a resilient, effective community package, show-

ing the largest freshwater island in the world to young doctors as a hard-to-resist place in which to live and safely work.

We urge you to invite to this meeting the hard-working and resilient residents who have a strong desire to help, regardless of our low population numbers, in order to together find an Island solution and to avoid failing to serve our community as the only option.

The hospital board and our municipality must do everything they can to serve the needs of our community.

Let us be of informed help.

Sincerely,

Maja Mielonen and concerned citizens
Mindemoya

obituary

Alexander (Sandy) Manson McGillivray

Island historian and community benefactor remained a vital resource even to his final day

by Expositor staff

Manitoulin Island has lost an important public historian.

With the passing of Alexander (Sandy) Manson McGillivray on Monday, September 25, the community lost not only an important historian but someone who had devoted much of his life to being a volunteer, a friend to many, a generous and compassionate man and a wonderful neighbour. Sandy died, gently and peacefully as he had lived, following brief stays at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current and at Health Sciences North in Sudbury.

Sandy was a Haweater, born in Providence Bay on January 31, 1939, the son of Manson and Bernice (Boyle) McGillivray.

His early years were spent largely in Providence Bay where he began his education at the one-room schoolhouse there.

Sandy's grandparents William (Billy) and Rosalie Boyle were prominent in his young life. His grandfather had owned a hotel in Providence Bay where he raised his family but in 1938, purchased the Manitoulin House hotel in Little Current and that became his new base of operations. A young Sandy and his mother and grandparents and other relatives moved to a home on Fulton Avenue in Toronto's East end in the mid-



Alexander Mason McGillivray, or Sandy as he was affectionately known to most, was a Haweater who served as a vital resource on all things Island in history. His voluminous tome 'The Little Current Story' chronicled the life and times of that town throughout its existence as a town.

every community on Manitoulin, neatly laying out Little Current's and Manitoulin's pioneer origins following the signing of the 1862 Manitoulin Treaty, the surveying of the land not reserved for First Nations communities and the taking up and settlement of this land



Sandy McGillivray enjoyed dining out with his close friends, including Dr. Brenda Caloyannis, pictured here on one of their many outings at Island restaurants.

1940s. Sandy was a man of many parts and one of these parts was a bible scholar. Part of his early years in school in Toronto were at Sunday School run by the Wesleyan Methodist church and that experience was no doubt the beginning of his lifelong interest in bible scholarship.

This early experience in an evangelical Christian environment continued throughout his life and when Sandy, his mother, grandmother and Aunt Viola Boyle returned to Little Current in the early 1970s, the family chose the meetings of Pastor Ernest Gray, at his home on Blake Street East, as their place of worship, twice weekly.

Following Pastor Gray's death, the family became members of the Grace Bible Church congregation where he remained an active member until his death.

Sandy had become widely known and admired as a Manitoulin Island historian, the author of the 816-page detailed history and reference book titled "The Little Current Story."

Sandy's book was about much more than Little Current: it detailed important events in

by people of European descent. The book clearly examines several themes (business, transportation, education, tourism, healthcare) in bite-sized eras of about five-year duration.

The book was published a decade ago, in 2013, but the research and original writing were undertaken by Sandy over a nine-year period, from 2000 to 2009, when he wrote a weekly column (also called The Little Current Story) for The Manitoulin Expositor.

Sandy, a Little Current municipal councillor for 15 years, served as the chair of the town's centennial committee and, as part of the centennial celebrations, had offered to research and write a history column for the paper during 1990, the centennial anniversary of the incorporation of Little Current. In an 1999 interview with Jim Moodie, the editor of The Expositor when the column had caught up with the current time and was retired, Sandy observed, "I got sort of hooked on it. It was interesting to me to confirm or contradict a lot of the things I'd heard about the town's past."

Four years later, Sandy edited

these nine years of weekly columns, almost all of them illustrated, into the large tome that will be a resource for generations to come. In this endeavour he was assisted by Marilyn Irish (who re-typed his manuscript) and genealogist and historian Norma Hughson of Little Current.

Norma Hughson grew to know Sandy well during the intense time of organizing the manuscript for publication. "He was a great historian and was great to work with," she says, adding, "he was a very interesting man."

Sandy's interest in history was built in. He had undergraduate and Master of Art degrees in history from the University of Toronto and taught high school history for a time in Toronto. (He also had a stint of teaching elementary school.)

In fact, his return to Manitoulin was prompted by a tentative offer to teach history at Manitoulin Secondary School, something that didn't come to fruition as the person Sandy was going to replace changed course and decided to remain on staff at MSS.

While some may have become unhappy with the community resulting from this kind of misunderstanding, Sandy did not, and the result was that the community benefited greatly from his full-time attention.

He served consecutive terms as councillor for the Town of Little Current (now part of the amalgamated Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands), chaired the Little Current Library Board for many years and oversaw the library's move from its tiny quarters at the "old jail" building on Campbell Street West to a much larger footprint in the former St. Bernard's Catholic School building on Meredith Street West where it shared quarters with the municipal office, with the promise that it would one day occupy the entire building, which it now does.

Sandy was also active with the Little Current-Howland Centennial Museum (now the Sheguiandah Museum) board at a time when it was expanding its footprint and resources. When Sandy retired from Little Current municipal politics, he was the longest-serving councillor in the town's history.

Al MacNevin, the long-time Mayor of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, served terms on council at the same time as Sandy. Mayor MacNevin recalls Sandy as an excellent councillor. "He was the kind of councillor who could recall everything that council had said or done. He had a mind like a steel trap."

Mayor MacNevin also observed that Sandy liked to keep everyone (on council) getting along and was a mediator. "He also always wanted to get all the facts on issues and he was a good mentor for many of us."

"He certainly cared deeply about the community" Mayor MacNevin added.

Sandy was also a musician. He'd begun playing the violin, and taking lessons, as a child but it was a lifelong interest and he enjoyed playing with friends Barb Cranston, Gert Aelick and others at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay and elsewhere when he was asked.

During his research for his Lit-

trades for cement finishing, plumbing and electrical. For a couple of years, Sandy could be found daily up on scaffolds and ladders, doing his work.

After that, he built another, smaller home, beside his own home on Robinson Street, eventually selling both these properties.

Sandy was a gentle person, a good man who loved people.

A long-time neighbour, Julia McCutcheon observed that, "Sandy sure knew how to visit." She also said that in the more than 45 years they'd been neighbours, she had never heard him utter a harsh opinion of anyone.

He was inquisitive, never pushy and sympathetic, Ms. McCutcheon observed.

Sandy enjoyed travelling. He had relatives who had moved to California in the 1930s and he made two road trips (with his mother as company) to visit them and also made a solo road trip to visit a cousin in Oregon.

He went to England, where he spent a great deal of time at the British Museum in London, and,



The Northeast Town public library upon whose board Sandy McGillivray served for many years as chair, flies its flag at half-mast. The flag above the municipal offices in downtown Little Current was also lowered in his honour.

tle Current Story column, he came across the lyrics for the battalion song of the Soo to Sudbury 119th Battalion that was raised during the First World War.

He wasn't able to find sheet music for the song at the time so he sat down at his piano and composed a rousing accompaniment to the lyrics of "The Men 'O The North" battalion song which he dully rendered in musical notation on staff paper. (He eventually located sheet music with the original composition.) He organized a public performance of a choral group singing the old song, likely the first time in nearly a century.

It was noted earlier that Sandy was 'a man of many parts.'

He changed the oil in his cars and replaced his summer for winter tires routinely, as long as he was able.

But he also built things: large things.

Besides the three garages he built for himself on various properties he owned, he built an up and down duplex building on a lot he owned on Robinson Street, beside Channelview Apartments. And he built it himself, relying on

with his then-Pastor John Vankesteren (now deceased) and a larger party, visited the Holy Land and Egypt. He gifted his friends with a CD he made from this trip, with musical accompaniment by himself.

Those weren't the only CD compilations Sandy made. He took the time to interview all of the Second World War veterans in Little Current and area, recording their memories of service in their own words.

There are several other "old timer" recordings as well and copies of all of these are archived at the NEMI Library and the Sheguiandah Museum.

Sandy McGillivray was, in the words of his friend Brenda Caloyannis, "a highly intelligent, gentle and kind man."

He is survived by many cousins and many many friends.

He will be missed. In his honour and memory, the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands lowered the flags on the municipal office and public library buildings to half-staff following his passing.

Opp arrest four people for drug offence at a RIDE program

Four people have been arrested and charged with drug-related offences after being stopped at a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) program.

On September 26, shortly before 1 am, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were conducting a RIDE on Centre Street in Espanola.

While a vehicle was stopped at



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the RIDE, police detected an odour of cannabis coming from the vehicle and four people were arrested. Police searched the vehicle and found drugs, suspected to be cocaine.

As a result of the investigation, Ashley Corbiere-McLean, 20 years old from M'Chigeeng First

Nation, has been charged with possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking – cocaine.

Anawahs Migwans, 21 years old, from M'Chigeeng First Nation, has been charged with possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of traffick-

ing – cocaine, drive vehicle with cannabis readily available, drive motor vehicle – no licence, operate unsafe vehicle, operate a motor vehicle without insurance, and driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

Gage Bright, 21 years old, from Toronto, has been charged with

possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking – cocaine, and possession of a schedule I substance – cocaine.

Kaleb Borden, 21 years old, from Thornhill, has been charged with possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking – cocaine, and obstruct peace officer.

The accused persons were released from custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on November 6.

Warning issued on potent new drug circulating in Sudbury and Manitoulin

SUDBURY—The Community Drug Strategy (CDS) has received confirmation of a new potent substance, flubromazolam, circulating in Sudbury and Manitoulin districts.

Flubromazolam, also known as “liquid Xanax”, is a potent designer benzodiazepine (benzo). Consuming flubromazolam can result in strong sedation and partial amnesia lasting more than 24 hours. Death can occur if taken in large quantities. Sedation and partial amnesia can make people vulnerable to injury and loss of personal possessions. In Toronto's drug-checking report of September 25, 31 percent of samples expected to be fentanyl contained bromazolam instead, a class which includes flubromazolam.

Benzos and opioids when taken together increase the risk of poisoning (overdose) and death.

An overdose occurs when a person uses

more of a substance, or combination of substances, than their body can handle. As a consequence, the brain is unable to control basic life functions. The person might pass out, stop breathing or experience a seizure. Overdoses can be fatal.

Prevent overdoses to save lives: avoid mixing drugs, including prescribed, over the counter, and illegal drugs; avoid drinking alcohol while using other drugs; use caution when switching substances: start with a lower dose than usual; and if you have not used in a while, start with a lower dose.

Your tolerance may be lower when using substances, CDS advises considering the following options: have a trusted person with you who can provide support as needed; visit an overdose prevention site such as The Spot in Greater Sudbury (Réseau ACCESS Network); connect with the National Overdose Response Service at

1.888.688.6677 (NORS line); access the Brave App; avoid using drugs when you are alone.

Drug checking is available at The Spot in Greater Sudbury (Réseau ACCESS Network), even if you are not using substances at the site.

CDS also advises drug users to carry a naloxone kit and know how to use it and to call 911 if you suspect an overdose.

Overdose symptoms include: the person can't be woken up; choking, gurgling, or snoring sounds; slow, weak, or no breathing; drowsiness or difficulty staying awake; and slow heart rate, irregular heart rate, or no heartbeat.

If you suspect an overdose is taking place, call 911 to get medical help and continue to monitor breathing. Give Naloxone as this will help reverse an opioid overdose and will do no harm if the overdose is not opioid related. This may improve breathing, but the person may not regain con-

sciousness due to sedation.

If the person suspected of having an overdose is not breathing, give rescue breaths and chest compressions—push hard, push fast.

If the person is breathing on their own, place them on their side and in any case, stay until help arrives. Overdose symptoms may come back.

These steps are especially important as flubromazolam decreases breathing and the effects such as sedation can be long lasting.

For a free naloxone kit, contact The Point at Public Health Sudbury & Districts, Réseau Access Network, Sudbury Action Centre for Youth (SACY), or ask your local hospital or pharmacy. Or visit www.ontario.ca/page/get-naloxone-kits-free.

Be cautious if using drugs and please distribute this information widely to help save lives.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Did you know? Today, October 4th, is both World Animal Day, as well as Random Acts of Poetry Day! In honour of this auspicious pairing of celebratory days, Team Fergmeijer is pleased to present an ode to the Kagawong Gobble Brigade:

Ah, to be free like a Billings turkey,
And onto people's lawns we could lurkey.
We'd set mischief to brew,
And strut around with bright hue.
Though in traffic, we'd be a bit jerky.

Betty B has been heard bragging about her new great-granddaughter who arrived last week. She was overheard saying that it doesn't feel odd to be a great-grandmother so much as to realize her son is a grandfather. Congratulations to the whole family!

Congratulations to local Chris T on winning the Manitoulin Tennis Club singles tournament, held on September 17 at the MSS tennis courts. Chris joins local doubles champions Keith M and Mike M (no relation) in taking top prize at tournaments this year. Tennis continues every Wednesday evening and Sunday morning at Manitoulin Secondary School. All are welcome.

They say good things come in threes: Musketeers, Neapolitan ice cream, MacBeth witches, Stooges, blind mice, Lord of the Rings books, billy goats gruff, and let's not forget the birthdays of Kim, Keith and Dennis! These three amigos all turned 29 on the same day in September. Jamie F is also celebrating, although he doesn't turn 29 until this weekend. Many happy returns to you all!

Interested in getting involved in the community? Join a committee! There are currently vacancies on the Climate Action Committee, the Lake Kagawong Resource Committee, the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee, and the library board. Contact tmills@billingsstp.ca for more info.

Yeehaw! This fall, head on over to the Kagawong Park Centre for line dancing Wednesday evenings. Contact joebeth.arnold@gmail.com for more information.

Body Stories Dance Instruction is offering dance classes at the Park Centre in Kagawong this fall, for ages five through adult. Check out their fall schedule for more information, or to register: <https://www.bodystoriesdance.com/schedule#schedule>

Save the date and start working your way onto the “nice” list - the annual Christmas in Kagawong market is just around the corner on November 17 and 18! Following shortly after is the library's annual silent auction November 23 to 26. More details on both coming soon.

Looking for that special gift to get the person who has everything? How about an embarrassing mention in our column?! Email us (fergmeijer@gmail.com) and let us know when your brother's birthday is, or your parents' anniversary, or your neighbour's graduation. We'll do our best to make them regret their relationship with you.

As we head into the long weekend, we hope you have the baste Thanksgiving ever. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Greetings from Meldrum Bay. The leaves are beautiful. Mississauga Light House Road and Cemetery Road are especially spectacular. Although the temperatures are warm, fall is definitely here. Our home is busy with bringing in the garden, oil changes and a septic pump out.

Friday night, September 22, at cards was exceptionally well attended and everyone seemed to have a great time. High lady was Karen Noble with 79 points; high man was Andy Cull with 78 points; ladies' lone hands went to Elaine Bradley with four; and men's lone hands went to Bob Benedict with four. Most euchres went to Sylvia Pfeiffer with 12; the juice was brought home by Sary-Lyn Arnot; the money jar is safe; there were five tables and two sit outs. During cards someone brought up my electric car. Now, the reason we bought it was to manage the winter with poor access to gas stations out here. But, at home charging, has turned out to be very delightful and we love the car as well as our older truck. I was complaining about the slowness that highway 540 was taking to get fixed and someone inferred that it was electric car drivers that were partially responsible due to not paying the gas tax. I googled the Ontario gas tax. According to Google, the gas tax in Ontario, goes to public transit. So, the guilt is now off my shoulders, at least for this.

Saturday, we attended the funeral for Eleanor Steele and Anne gave a lovely eulogy. She will be missed greatly.

Rose is back from a holiday with her sister in Southern Ontario. I was in charge of her plants and am relieved to say that they all survived.

There's a large boat at the docks called the Sturgeon. It does fish population studies. It would be interesting to know what the results of this year's studies are.

anything because it will be full of that wonderful vanilla.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Dave and Theresa Carlisle visited their daughter Stephanie in Waterloo last weekend. Sandy and Jim Miller from Ottawa are her for a few weeks visiting family.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday, September 15, two cars full of euchre players went to Meldrum Bay. Saturday, there was a market in our yard. We had a good crowd out for shopping and lunch.

Albert Meijer went to fire practice on Tuesday, September 19. Doug Wismer announced he is retiring from the fire chief position next summer.

Thursday, September 21 there was a large group out to

play euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Friday, September 22 we travelled to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

Saturday, September 23, there was a market in our yard. We packed the yard sale up quickly so Albert and I could get the recycle bins open for 1 pm. We had lots of people bring out their recycling. A few of the summer residents were out for their last time and we look forward to seeing them in the spring. Thank you to everyone who brings egg cartons, Farquhar milk bags, pop cans and liquor containers. It keeps them out of the landfill.

September 23 was the bicycle ride to Meldrum Bay for the Mindemoya Hospital. I prepared most of the lunch on Friday and finished it up on Saturday morning. Holly Scott picked it up on her way to meet the bicyclists at the hotel in Meldrum Bay where they ate and rested, before turning around and heading home. There were 20 riders.

I went to Silver Lake for a short swim on Saturday, September 23. The water was very calm and it felt refreshing.

Gladys Duncanson, Brenda Carter and I have been walking as often as we can in the evenings. Brenda has been walking with Shelley Cull on Silver Lake Road near Ardith's cottage.

Andy Cull is here visiting his mother, Ardith.

The Local Services Board held their election meeting on September 24. Thank you to the previous board and congratulations to the new board members.

Tuesday, Gladys Duncanson and I went to Gore Bay to do errands. She had a gift card for Linen and Lavender. We had a great time in that store seeing all the items for sale. I ended up bringing home a bag of goodies, too.

Our car had to go to McQuarrie's on Wednesday. New rear brakes and one wheel bearing.

Thursday, Albert and I pulled the two rows of beets we planted. We gave some away to several neighbours. Then we roasted tray after tray in the oven and turned them into pickles. We have 18 jars done and some beets still to cook, or to give away.

Anne Boyd had Hydro One cut three trees in her yard. Albert has been picking up the wood. Anne has been clearing loads of the branches and removing them to the back yard.

Thursday, there were 29 euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Starting with the market on September 30, we are fundraising for the Manitoulin Resources food bank for the rest of this year. The news shows how empty the shelves are at food banks all over Canada, so we are going to help out our local one. Anyone who wants to donate non-perishable food items, there is a basket for collecting them at St. Andrew's United Church in Silver Water. There is a collection at the Valu Mart in Gore Bay. Lyons Memorial United Church collects food for their food bank. Cheques can be mailed to Mindemoya. We will also collect it here in our yard and get it to Mindemoya in time for the preparation of the Christmas food hampers.

John Jagt's turkeys have had their last meal and will be frozen for delivery early next week. I sure hope my turkey weighs less than twenty-five pounds or it will not fit in my roast pans.

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

We are looking forward to attending the Rotary's auction on Thanksgiving weekend.

Happy Thanksgiving weekend to everyone.

Harvest Glory Days shows strong community spirit

by Expositor staff

MANITOULIN—Thanksgiving weekend is upon us and the tally of communities decorating in the spirit of Harvest Glory Days and the fall splendour all around us is complete, Manitoulin Expositor observers agree.

Several communities have gone above and beyond this year. Their community spirit shines brightly and they'll be getting new "leaves" representing 2023 excellence for the Harvest Glory Days signs they've already been awarded.

In the small community category, this certainly includes Aundeck Omni Kaning that stepped up last year and received its Community Spirit sign.

This year, there is great seasonal decor on all community buildings, many homes (especially in the Amelia Heights area of AOK) and on the church and seniors' centre. Congratulations decorators.

Another winner in the small community category is Spring Bay. The first year of this friendly competition, Spring Bay was a winner, hands down, and somewhere, they have a Harvest Glory Days sign. Hopefully, it can be found because they're getting a 2023 leaf to add to it.

In Spring Bay's case, the recognition is not made for numbers of places decorated but rather for ingenuity: five farm tractors (some are really old timers) have been placed in and around the hamlet, but all in a straight line along Highway 542 and fetchingly decorated. They make the point. Congratulations.

In the mid-sized town category, Providence Bay has really stepped up the decorating game with corn stalks, pumpkins and mannikins holding forth at virtually every hydro pole and at many homes, especially along the street through town and along to the Mindemoya River bridge, which is, as usual, also decorated. Well done. Your original sign has all its leaves already marked with winning years so Providence Bay gets a sign addition.

Likewise, Sheguiandah gets a leaf for 2023. The picnic-

ing family by Batman's Mill is something to look forward to seeing, as is the décor at the government dock and, of course, at the Bass Creek fish viewing station.

There are three large communities (Manitowaning, Mindemoya and Gore Bay) that already sport Harvest Glory Days award winning community spirit signs and each of them will be getting brand new leaves for their 2023 decorating efforts.

Manitowaning has embraced the Harvest Glory Days fall decorating theme right from the start with solid decorating throughout the town.

Similarly, in Mindemoya, once a few souls in the community ran with the Harvest Glory Days idea, they've never looked back with scarecrows "too numerous to count" throughout the downtown area, many themed appropriately for nearby business.

Gore Bay has likewise done it again with the downtown ablaze with seasonal décor, as well as homes throughout the town and Campbell's Drive In too, although that business is in neighbouring Gordon/Barrie Island Township.

There are highlights in several other communities, notably Little Current, where homes on the western entrance to the town, along the Gore Bay Highway, sport great displays, as does the Royal Canadian Legion front yard on Vankoughnet Street.

On the easterly outskirts of Big Lake, passers-by are cheerily saluted by an orange-suited character.

In Sheguiandah First Nation, Pearl Waindubence and family have done a bang-up job decorating near her family home at 49 Mkwá Miiikan.

These are just a few examples but there's lots of Harvest Glory Days nuggets throughout Manitoulin, so just keep your eyes open.

To take a look at some of this year's Harvest Glory Days highlights, see the spread on pages 16 and 17 of this newspaper.

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Burns Wharf Theatre Players

Burns Wharf Theatre Players return to the stage with a tour de force production called 'Closer Than Ever'

MANITOULIN—Founder of Burns Wharf Theatre Players Marilyn Wohlberg says "'Closer Than Ever' is a tour de force you won't want to miss." She gets giddy when she tells people that after a four-year pandemic hiatus, the Players are back with another hit musical.

The show opens with the first of eight performances at Manitoulin Secondary School on Thursday, October 12 at 7 pm There will be six evening performances October 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, and 28. Two Sunday matinees will be presented at 2 pm on October 15 and October 29. It runs about 2 hours with one 15-minute intermission.

'Closer than Ever' is a highly entertaining and touching musical revue in two acts about the highs and lows — and everything in between — of life and love in modern times. When 'Closer Than Ever' opened on Broadway, The New York Times pronounced that "The songs of Maltby

and Shire communicate something rarely found in theatre music nowadays: a rich, sweeping sense of lives being lived and people changing over time."

Music Director Ray Scott fell in love with the revue when searching for Burns Wharf Theatre Players' first post-hiatus production. He was especially captured by the way each song in 'Closer Than Ever' is an engaging story in itself. From the surprising exploits of an unassuming office worker to the tenderness of a second marriage. From the enduring bonds of friendship through to the anguish of unrequited and lost loves. Through the joyful humour and trials of relationships to the poignant wisdom of shared experiences, 'Closer Than Ever' will strike at least one chord with everyone. Due to the mature content, the show is rated PG-13.

Audiences will be happy to see many of their favourite Burns Wharf Theatre performers. They will also be

treated to a lot of wonderful, new talent like Stage Director Kayla Simbirski, a seasoned actor and director who moved with her family to Wiikwemkoong last year.

Tickets are \$25 and are going fast. They can be purchased at www.burnswharf.net. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on performance days, for cash only, but Burns Wharf Theatre encourages people to purchase online so they will be certain to get tickets for their performances of choice.

'Closer Than Ever,' with music by David Shire and lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr., opened on Broadway in November 1989 to rave reviews. "A bookless book musical," it began as a one-act play conceived by Steven Scott Smith, who later expanded it into a two-act production, with Maltby taking over as director. Maltby is best known for the two Broadway shows he conceived and directed, 'Ain't Misbehavin' and 'Fosse.'

Fixing our Felines Manitowaning



Benjamin



Daniel

Benjamin & Daniel

Benjamin, our 1.5-year-old tuxedo sweetie, is hoping for a forever home.

Brown tabby Daniel is eagerly awaiting his first birthday. He is being treated for a urinary tract infection.

Interested adopters are advised to call 705-918-2879 or to contact the F.O.F Facebook Page





Bahá'í Writings

*He ordaineth what He pleaseth.
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 in submission, and put thy trust in the
 all-merciful Lord.*

— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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...Manitoulin Streams honours Paul Moffat

...continued from page 1 ecosystems on Manitoulin Island,” said Ms. Deschenes. “Paul helped bring Manitoulin Streams into the incorporated world in 2007 as our chair and steered us in our first years as an incorporated non-profit organization. Paul stayed on as chair until we became charitable in 2011 and then took on the role as vice chair.

“In 2015, he finally stepped down from the Manitoulin Streams board to focus on some of his other committees,” said Ms. Deschenes.

“Paul was a very private person,” said Ms. Moffat. “He would have asked ‘now what did they go and do that for?’”

The answer to that question hangs on many of the walls in the Moffat household, where photos of Mr. Moffat’s efforts on behalf of Manitoulin Streams predominate. “Manitoulin Streams was very important to Paul,” said Ms. Moffat.

Ms. Deschenes outlines some of the other community work Mr. Moffat was involved in. “Paul Moffat was one of the hardest working retired individuals that we knew,” she said. “He was mayor of Assiginack; chair of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor board, board member of the Lake Manitou Area Association, member of the Manitoulin Planning Board, member of the Manitoulin East Municipal Airport Commission Inc., golfer extraordinaire as



Members of the family of Paul Moffat, Manitoulin Streams and the Manitowaning Senior Men’s Golf Club gather behind a memorial bench recently unveiled behind the Assiginack Town office. Inset: a memorial plaque holds a Scott Stabile quote near and dear to the departed community volunteer.

part of the Manitowaning Senior Golf Club and, of course, a founding member of Manitoulin Streams.”

“I didn’t know half the stuff he did,” laughed Ms. Moffat. “He just loved Manitoulin Streams. It was his baby.”

“Even though he stepped down, Paul was still around to help out with some of our events or he would drop by the office to learn about our new projects and just be an all-around helpful presence in the organization,” shared Ms. Deschenes. “Paul spent so much time helping others and being an integral part of the commu-

nity and it is easy to forget that most of what he did was volunteer work. He was always there and willing to lend an ear or helping hand. We couldn’t have thanked Paul enough for the amount of work he did for Manitoulin Streams and our surrounding communities. So, on that note, in conjunction with the Manitowaning Senior Golf Club, we thought that a memorial bench overlooking the water in the bay in Assiginack was appropriate since he contributed a lot to this community and Manitoulin Streams through his volunteerism, work and play.”

The bench also features a plaque bearing a memorial tribute that includes a Scott Stabile quote “I was still water, held by my surroundings. I am now a river, carving my own path.”

Manitoulin Streams’ board director Bob Florean also spoke at the unveiling. “I want all to know that Paul was instrumental in the formation of Manitoulin Streams,” he said. “Since its inception in year 2000, Paul gave his all to make this happen. Why? Because he firmly believed that in order to get the much-needed stream

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...Central Manitoulin asks province for airBnB regs

...continued from page 1 Airbnb and VRBO that have improved access to rental opportunities, particularly vacation and short-term business, and the concentration of ownership taking place amongst owners “with minimal interest or accountability to local communities.”

The motion goes on to note the negative impact short-term rentals have on housing affordability and housing for seasonal workers in tourism or farming communities.

The motion also references other provincial and national jurisdictions that have successfully implemented “comprehensive regulatory frameworks.”

It is in the realm of that comprehensive and consistent regulatory approach that the municipality sees a

possibility of relief from the negative impacts of short-term rentals in Ontario.

Councillor Rose Diebolt alleged that such regulation in other provincial jurisdictions has resulted in “a large number of houses being sold” with a resulting calming on prices.

“Maybe it is working, Rose,” said Mayor Richard Stephens.

The motion itself reads: “Council requests the Government of Ontario to establish a regulatory framework requiring digital platforms such as Airbnb and VRBO to: 1. Require owners using the digital platforms to comply with municipal planning and licensing regulations, and 2. Prevent advertising of properties that are not registered with the relevant municipality, and 3. Provide a contact with

the platform to ensure ongoing and effective communications for provincial and municipal officials and further that: The Province of Ontario work with municipalities to address situations in which long-term housing stock has been lost to corporate ownership of short-term rental properties.” The motion ends authorizing a copy of the resolution being forwarded to the Premier of Ontario (Honourable Doug Ford), the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Honourable Steve Clarke), local MPPs, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities in Ontario.

The motion passed without further comment or opposition.

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...Manitoulin Streams honours Paul Moffat

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restoration efforts carried out, we needed a focussed community-based organization founded and working to meet the goal. That work involved building Manitoulin Streams to be an environmental stewardship leader in the community.”

“Paul worked extensively to get a solid Terms of Reference, an onerous task, and then sell this initiative to other community leaders and to build the capacity needed to organize and carry out these efforts,” Mr. Florean continued. “He led by example and the sweat on his brow, for example helping a crew of six plant nearly 6,000 trees on the Edwards’ property on the Blue Jay Creek.”

Mr. Florean outlines the many accomplishments of Manitoulin Streams made possible through the efforts of people like Mr. Moffat, including raising nearly \$6.4 million, restoring nearly 12 linear kilometers of in-stream habitats and their adjacent lands, planting thousands of trees and shrubs, installing livestock fences and watering spots, hiring and training staff, managing invasive species, stocking native fish species, and educating literally thousands of



Paul Moffat was never afraid to get his hands dirty.

photos courtesy of Manitoulin Streams school children and the general public.

“Not to forget that, as a result, Manitoulin Streams has won bi-national, national and provincial awards for being among the best examples of all community-based efforts to restore and protect waters, lands and natural places,” said Mr. Florean. “This did not just happen on its own, it was through the volunteer efforts of Paul and others like him that made it all happen. They have a vision for the future, which gives future genera-

tions a chance to also benefit from these efforts.” Mr. Florean said that this was “especially timely now, given the effects of climate change that is threatening the health and sustainability of our waters and natural resource values.”

“Most of all, Paul helped get the community working together on a common goal for the benefit of all and the natural resources that sustains us,” concluded Mr. Florean. “Thank you Paul for all you have done.” Mr. Florean then called for a round of applause for the efforts of Mr. Moffat and those that follow his lead.”



Not one to get cold feet when there was work to be done, Paul Moffat is seen here hauling fry to Norton’s Creek.

Manitoulin Snowdusters dedicated the McLennan’s Creek Bridge in memory of Bob Lewis, who worked on the bridge which was completed in December 2000. Bob was a longtime member of the club and an avid snowmobiler. Bob was Volunteer of the Year for OFSC District 12 in 2000.



In the picture is Snowdusters President Mike Skippen, daughter Sherry and wife Anna.

...DOMTAR union assisting workers with job seaches

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the plant infrastructure is maintained. “The number we are talking is around 14 workers, but that could fluctuate,” said Mr. Logan.

Domtar set up a job fair for the employees to meet with prospective employers and an application from the union went to the federal government on September 28 for funding for a Workers’ Action Centre that would run from November 1 of this year until November of next year.

Should that plan be approved, then the Domtar Unifor Action Centre (DUAC) would also employ some of the Domtar employees with supports including preparing resumés and a host of other employment services aimed at ensuring workers and their families would find security going forward.

Domtar has also committed to providing around \$175,000

for the centre.

“Hopefully, the DUAC application gets approved,” said Mr. Logan, who admitted the past couple of weeks have been the toughest of his career.

Domtar has also committed to paying eight hours of pay for each employee’s intake into the centre, albeit on their own time. “We wanted it to be during work time,” said Mr. Logan, but the employer insisted that it be on the worker’s own time.”

Me. Logan noted that, should the DUAC plan funding be approved, it will be important to get employees in the door. “There will be peer-to-peer help available,” he said, “but we need them to come in if we are going to be able to assist them.”

Come November 30, operations at the Domtar paper mill in Espanola will be shuttered for an indefinite period—but in excess of one year. The Expositor will be following

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<p style="text-align: center;">Tue. Oct. 10th</p> <p>Massey Municipal Office 9:00 - 10:00</p> <p>Espanola Recreation Centre 11:00 - 12:00</p> <p>Little Current Arena Lions Den 1:00 - 2:00</p> <p>Manitowaning Municipal Office 3:00 - 4:00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wed. Oct. 11th</p> <p>Wiikwemkoong First Nation Band Office 9:00 - 10:00</p> <p>Gore Bay Municipal Office 1:00 - 2:00</p> <p>Silver Water Stop 540 Restaurant 3:00- 4:00</p> <p>Evansville GGs Diner 6:00 - 7:00</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thu. Oct. 12th</p> <p>Aundek Omni Kaning First Nation 4 Directions Complex 11:00- 12:00</p> <p>Whitefish River First Nation Band Office 1:00 - 2:00</p> <p>Nairn Centre Township Office 3:00 -4:00</p>	

MPP Michael Mantha is hosting constituency clinics in the communities listed above. Constituents who have questions or matters of concern are invited to meet with him individually. To book an appointment, call or email the constituency office.

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Rainbow Schools wear pink on Stand Up Against Bullying Day

SUDBURY—Staff and students in Rainbow schools wore pink on Thursday, September 14 as Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) marked the back-to-school tradition.

“For 16 years, we have recognized Stand Up Against Bullying Day at the start of the school year,” said RDSB chair Bob Clement. “Wearing pink has become a tangible sym-

bol of our collective commitment to safe schools.”

“In Rainbow schools, we not only instill in students the skills they need to become independent, we also build responsible and respectful citizens who care about each other and the world in which they live,” said Mr. Clement.

“When students feel safe and supported, in warm and welcoming learning environments, they gain a sense of belonging at school,” said Mr. Bourget. “Belonging is fundamental to well-being, a foundation for student success.”

Director Bourget invited parents/guardians, education partners and community members to join staff and students in Rainbow Schools in wearing pink on September 14.

“When we all wear pink, it sends a positive message

that the entire community values safe and inclusive schools,” said Mr. Bourget. “It shows students that there is a strong circle of care supporting them in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.”

RDSB’s commitment to student success is reflected in Strategic Directions, through its renewed mission: “Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.”

Strategic Directions includes 10 values that will be modeled, taught and expected in Rainbow schools. The Seven Grandfather Teachings—humility, bravery, honesty, wisdom, truth, respect, love—are braided together with resilience, equity and community.

“Our values provide the

building blocks for ongoing character development throughout the school year,” said Mr. Bourget. “Character development programs and activities in Rainbow schools complement the board’s code of conduct, which promotes responsibility, respect, civility and academic excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment.”

‘Stand Up Against Bullying Day’ began in Nova Scotia where secondary school students Travis Price and David Shepherd arranged for dozens of their classmates to wear pink shirts in support of another student who had been bullied for wearing pink. “The province of Nova Scotia subsequently declared the second Thursday at the start of every school year to be ‘Stand Up Against Bullying Day.’

The actions of these two

young men, along with their fellow students who wore pink to school in support of another student, reverberated across Canada and in Rainbow Schools. RDSB’s parent involvement committee championed the cause.

Trustees unanimously endorsed the following motion and continue to support and encourage this positive initiative: “That Rainbow District School Board declare the second Thursday of each new school year commencing September 11, 2008, as ‘Stand Up Against Bullying Day.’ Further, we encourage all Rainbow students and staff to conduct activities that day to increase awareness and to support action and, to wear something pink to demonstrate their support and commitment to ending bullying in our schools and communities.”




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Island schools joined tothers in the Rainbow District School Board to support Stand Up Against Bullying Day on September 14. The day is a call to action for solidarity with bullied students.



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Manitoulin Pottery Tour puts the finest of Island clayworks on display across the Island

by Margery Frisch
 MANITOULIN—On the last day of September, the trees were displaying their finest colours. But not all who were on the roads were leaf-peepers, many were travelling Manitoulin's back roads in search of potters (some in out-of-the-way places). It was easy to get lost, but difficult to get upset with gorgeous fall colours and beautiful lake views at every missed turn.

The Pottery Tour took place on September 30 with artists from Mindemoya, Spring Bay and Kagawong taking part. Each potter's style is unique; each piece holds its own visual appeal.

Jan McQuay of McQuay Click and Clay chose to display her pottery outdoors,

once Ms. McQuay mused about her small display of product, but she's a busy woman with other projects on the go. "I will have more ready for the Christmas Market," she promised, with a laugh.

The largest display of the tour was, by far, that of Lynnda James. Her colourful and varied pieces spilled out of her shop and onto the deck of her studio. Ms. James has been working at her craft since about 1998, learning and perfecting her pieces while continuing to work at her day job. Now, she no longer goes to craft shows and fairs, she is in the envied position—well off the beaten path—of having people seek her out. She calls her work, Pottery for



Gertha Griffiths of Lonely Bay Pottery showcases plates, cups and mugs.



Fern and Feather gallery owner Melanie Hunt in her summertime shop where, in addition to pottery, she showcases her weaving, fibre arts and knitting.



Click and Clay's Jan McQuay has long been a vital cog in the Island's pottery community, sharing her skills and mentoring.

photos by Margery Friesch



Glenna Treasure of Pottery to Treasure stands in front of some of the works she had on offer during the tour.



Jack Olive can be seen behind his wonderful handthrown teapot.

the sun and warmth of the day seemed to warrant it. She greeted everyone with a warm smile. Ms. McQuay has been throwing pots since 2005, after taking courses at Cambrian College. Her pieces are practical and functional mugs, bowls, and plates, all with simple design and lovely patterns of her own creation.

"I run the Island Summer Market," she said, "I have a booth there, as well. And we're going to have a Christmas Market on November 4, in M'Chigeeng, so I will help to run that too." More than

Fun and Function, the perfect description of her work.

Spring Bay has its challenges when one is searching for an address, especially when the address is not properly printed. "If you put a space between Deer and foot, and put it in your GPS, you should find us," Glenna Treasure said, probably for the umpteenth time that day. Tucked away, on a road marked, 'No Exit,' Pottery to Treasure can be found.

"I just want to keep it a hobby," Ms. Treasure said when a patron asked why

she doesn't teach pottery. "Once it becomes a job, it's Gertha Griffithsnot fun." And many of her pieces are fun; light and bright, some with whimsical patterns, but all with clean lines and functionality.

Gertha Griffiths of Lonely Bay Pottery has been working at her craft since around 1982, taking a hiatus to raise the kids, "You know," she said, "the whole nine yards. I started back up again in 2002, taking courses at Mohawk College in the evenings because I was working, and I moved up here in 2018. This is my side hustle," she added with a laugh. What's her main hustle? Retirement! Ms. Griffiths clearly loves what she does, and it shows in her beautiful pieces. Her pot-

tery is available all winter long.

In Kagawong, Jack Olive's Ceramic Studio runs most of the year. His pieces are dramatic, with distinctive artwork on each one, depicting birds, or fish or trees laden with fruit. He came to Manitoulin from British Columbia's Sunshine Coast. When a piece he was wrapping for a sale, dropped on the floor, unbroken he said, "It's pretty tough. I actually had a mug fly off the roof of my car and land on the road, and when I drove back later it was still there, still in one piece."

Feather and Fern Studio is Melanie Hunt's summertime shop where, in addition to pottery, she displays her weaving, fibre arts and

her knitting. Ms. Hunt learned to throw pots "about 19 years ago," she said, "with Jan McQuay, who you've probably already met. I took lessons from her." Ms. Hunt's pieces have clean lines and an elegant simplicity to them.

Though her studio is closed in the winter, she manages to do well with the Kagawong summer market on Wednesdays and the

large market in Sudbury before Christmas. She's also open by appointment the rest of the year.

These potters are all social media savvy, if you Google any of them, you will see displays of their work and you will learn where they can be found. Christmas is coming and no gift is as special as a unique piece of pottery. -



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Manitoulin Newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. Blair Bailey, who were married recently in All Saints Church, Gore Bay, have now taken up residence in the district. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Dinsmore, of Gore Bay, and the groom is the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Bailey, of Evansville. Attending the couple were the bride's sister, Mrs. Jim Heis, as matron of honor, a cousin, Miss Ila Dinsmore, as bridesmaid, and Mr. Roger Bell as groomsmen. Little Joyce Dinsmore was flower girl.

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...Anishinaabe artist talks colour and inspiration at OCF

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young, his sole ambition was to be Anishinaabe. “Not part, not full, nothing other than that,” he said. “What am I now? I don’t know myself,” he chuckled. But the works on display document his journey along the “Anishinaabe Miikan” (the Anishinaabe road) “up to this point in time.”

The artist pointed out that when he first set out on the Anishinaabe Miikan, “cultural wasn’t ‘in.’”

He described his introduction to culture and art at the famed Schreiber Art Camp (founded by Tom Peltier baa, an influential Wiikwemkoong band member who would go on to work in the prime minister’s offices of both Lester B. Pearson and Pierre Trudeau, before being tasked with travelling the country collecting Indigenous art for the National Gallery).

Mr. Bell recalled how a friend (unnamed as his passing is too recent for his name to be spoken, less it interrupt his spirit jour-

ney) convinced him to go to the camp. There he found practitioners of all forms of art taking place under the mentorship of luminaries such as Ojibwe artist Daphne Odjig baa and Cree artist Carl Ray baa. The camps stopped for a brief period and then resumed under the wing of the OCF.

During his artist’s talk, Mr. Bell described his method, which includes placing many light coats of pigment on the canvas to accomplish the smooth, brilliant colours that characterize his work. “I could put it on heavy and scrape it off,” he suggested, “but that isn’t how I paint.”

The background colours, orange, green, grey and blue, utilized by Mr. Bell in his four panel Miikan series, have deep symbolic meanings to the work and his journey along the Midewiwin path. Mr. Bell admitted uncertainty about the meaning behind the grey background, but elder Eshkibok-Trudeau explained grey is the colour of the spirit level in her later remarks.

Orbs float around the figures in the paintings, at first nebulous, but then gaining greater detail within.

The figures’ posture within the paintings plays an important role in the story, with all but the gift giver in the final panel facing in the same direction, the Midewiwin path coming to all of the people. Drums, gifts, gathered groups, elders, the water carriers, pipe carriers; all of those that carry knowledge can be found depicted on the paintings.

In the third last panel, the orbs descend toward three fires, with half of the figures facing the same direction. In the final panel, the orbs float among the people who are gathered with the gifts of knowledge from

the ancestors.

Among the collection in the Miikaan exhibit are other art mediums, carvings and mosaics, which form part of Mr. Bell’s journey and development as an artist. He noted his early work, mostly featuring shapes, has come a long way down the path. One unusual series of five panels, ‘Maa-soweh,’ is presented on three circular panels, separated by tall rectangles. The presentation is indicative of digital ones and zeros.

‘Miikaan: a Leland Bell exhibit’ runs at the OCF until November 12 and tells the story of the development of Mr. Bell into one of the globe’s foremost artists.

...Manitoulin Covenanting service

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conal Ministry, as of July 1, 2023, on a half-time basis during her third year of Diaconal Ministry studies. But on this special day, Ms. Inglis will take over full duties.”

Ms. Inglis lives in Providence Bay and loves Manitoulin. “The Island is very welcoming,” she said. “There is a spirituality. It makes one feel welcome.” She went on to say that “today represents belonging and hope for this community and for the community of faith.”

Ms. Inglis has two more years—one year of studies and a year of integration—before she will officially be ordained a United Church minister.

The Covenanting ceremony began with welcoming remarks by presider Reverend Mercedes Hughes. “As we enter into this scared time together,” Reverend Hughes said, “let us remember that we gather in Christ’s light, here in this church community in Mindemoya that sits on the traditional territory of the Ojibwe, Potawatomi and Odawa, many of whom continue to live and work here today. They are the ancestors of the Three Fires Confederacy. Today, this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of the Indigenous peoples.”

The next speaker was Barbara Nott, chairperson of the Canadian Shield Regional Council of the United Church of Canada who brought greetings from that body. The Act of Covenanting began with Ms. Sloss saying, “I present Kim Inglis who has been appointed to the Ministry of Edu-

cation, Social Justice and Pastoral Care in the name of Trinity Manitoulin United. We believe that Kim is qualified and has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.” Ms. Nott added that Ms. Inglis was responding to an appointment within the Canadian Shield Region and that the members are called to join her in worship, study, prayer and action. She went on to say that the Canadian Shield Region will be responsible for the support and accountability of this ministry.

“To all who are gathered here today,” Ms. Nott said, “you have appointed Kim Inglis to serve in various capacities. Kim will need your support, encouragement and love. God invites us into communities of faith where we can work and pray together with openness and integrity, where we can experience grace and forgiveness, where gifts are able to be offered and received, and where, in spite of differences, we gather around the table Christ sets in our midst. On behalf of Canadian Shield Region, The United Church of Canada, I ask you: “Will you respond with Kim to God’s call of worship, growth, outreach and spiritual practice within the church and the world?”

The congregation replied, “We will, by the Grace of God.”

As always, the Trinity Manitoulin United Church service began and ended with song thanks to pianist Shelley Lanktree and choir members Murray and Jan Arnold, Wayne Neil and Jane Stewart. Ms. Stewart, singer/guitarist, performed a song entitled ‘Let Me Be a Living Statue.’ The service ended with the benediction ‘You Shall Go Out with Joy.’

...Michael Erskine wins national awards

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tance to all Canadians,” the judge writes. “It lays out its argument clearly and coherently, while providing vital historical context along the way. Well done.”

Second place in the field went to Nunatsiaq News of Nunavut/Nunavik, NU while third place went to The Carillon in Steinbach, MB.


“I was impressed by the wide range of important topics covered by the submissions in this category—almost all of which would certainly spur debate among the paper’s readers, whether on the letters

page or over a cup of coffee,” the judge notes. “For me, the three that stood out were exceptionally well-executed. In each case, the writing was clear and concise and struck an appropriate tone for an editorial. All three writers took a strong stance on their chosen subject and did an excellent job of backing up their argument.”

“It is both an honour and singularly humbling to be recognized nationally for simply doing something I love—an honour in that my writing was singled out by my peers in the industry as being best in its

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Early Rotarians Grant Oakes (floor level), left, John Lane and Larry Lane (on the elevated platform) were hard at work during one of the first Gore Bay Rotary Club auctions. Rotarians in attendance are wearing the hats with a feather.

...Gore Bay Rotary's fall auction

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to wield the gavel, including the inimitable Norm Morrell—and even a few amateur auctioneers such as current Rotary members Jack Clark and Keith McKeen have taken on a stint. “This year the auctioneer is Robbie White, to whom the club members are very grateful,” said Mr. Rogalsky.

Rotary member Jack Clark recalls that in early auctions held at the Gore Bay arena live chickens were part of the mix. Mr. Clark recalls the auction was all produce when he was a kid, but that other items

were added over time.

These days, the Rotary Fall Harvest Auction is held at the Gore Bay Community Hall. Doors open at 9 am on October 7 for bidder registration, while the auction itself starts that same day at 10 am.

The mission of Rotary International is “to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders.”

...Michael Erskine wins national awards

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class, yet humbling when I consider the important role that subjects of those stories played,” Mr. Erskine told The Expositor.

“It is an honour and a privilege to serve our communities by bringing stories that matter to our readers to light. In both instances, the pieces for which these awards were assigned to us are stories that attempt to bridge those divides that too often beset our communities,” he adds. “I say ‘us’ because these stories were only made possible by the hard work and dedi-

cation of the team that is The Manitoulin Expositor and through the ongoing support of those communities we serve.”

“I am so incredibly proud of Mike and these most recent accolades,” said Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon. “This is far from the first time Mike has been honoured on the national stage and it is so well-deserved. A hallmark of community newspapers is how in touch its reporters are in the communities they serve. Mike is no exception and it shows in his writing. He truly cares about Manitoulin and its people. Congratulations, Mike.”

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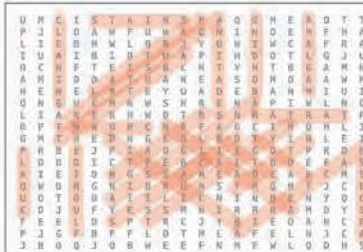
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...MP Carol Hughes in the running for Speaker of the House of Commons

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mons and must act beyond reproach.”

MP Hughes was not in the House of Commons at the time of Friday’s state visit due to prior commitments in the riding.

“I do want to thank Speaker Rota for his service,” said MP Hughes. “I’ve worked with him for a number of years, and have known him to be a decent, honourable man. I appreciated his apology for the incident on Monday, but this event made his ability to continue as Speaker untenable. His actions, regardless of intent, hurt Canadians, particularly

Jewish Canadians and World War II veterans, as well as our international reputation.”

“I wish him well and thank him for making the right decision,” she concluded.

All members of the House, except for Ministers of the Crown and leaders of recognized parties, are automatically considered candidates for the position of Speaker. Any member who does not wish to have his or her name appear on the list of candidates must inform the clerk of the House in writing by no later than 6 pm on the day before the election is to take place.

The election is presided over by the MP with the longest period of uninterrupted service who is neither a Minister of the Crown, nor the holder of any office within the House. This MP is vested with all the powers of the chair, save that he or she retains the right to vote in the ensuing election and is unable to cast a deciding vote in the event of an equality of votes being cast for two of the candidates. The mace (symbol of the authority of the House) rests beneath the table until a new speaker is elected. Before proceeding with the election, the member presiding will

call upon any candidate for the office of Speaker to address the House for not more than five minutes. When no further candidate rises to speak, the member presiding will leave the chair for 30 minutes and the sitting will be suspended. After this suspension, the sitting resumes and the voting begins.

A single preferential secret ballot system is used to elect the speaker. In that system, each MP lists their preferred candidate for the speaker’s chair in order. Should no candidate receive more than 50 percent plus one on the first count, the candidate receiv-

ing the lowest number of votes is dropped from the ballot and the second choices on those ballots are distributed to the remaining candidates, then the third and so on until one candidate has secured the requisite 50 percent plus one. This system is now the one used by most political parties to choose their leaders as it ensures the winner has a broad level of support.

The member presiding will then announce from the chair the name of the successful candidate. After having invited the Speaker-elect to take the chair, the member presiding will step down. The speaker-elect, standing on the upper step of the dais, will then thank the members and assume the chair. The Sergeant-at-Arms will place the mace on the table, signifying that now, with the speaker in the chair, the House is properly constituted. Once the speaker has been elected, the Clerk will destroy all ballot papers and related records, in accordance with the standing orders. The standing orders enjoin the clerk not to divulge in any way the number of ballots cast for any candidate.

The newly elected speaker will then be dragged to the chair by their colleagues in a time-honoured show of “reluctance” to take on the job.

The speaker receives the same pay scale as a minister of the Crown (The speaker earns an annual salary of \$287,400—\$194,600 as an MP and \$92,800 for the speaker’s role), an apartment on Parliament Hill and an official residence “The Farm” (French: La Ferme), a historic farmhouse that is the official residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons of Canada. It is located in Gatineau Park in the

community of Kingsmere, Quebec, near Ottawa.

“We are at a unique moment in history and need to re-establish trust in parliament and with our international reputation,” noted Ms. Hughes when contacted by The Expositor for a message to her Island constituents regarding her bid for the Speaker’s chair. “Canadians are looking to



Carol Hughes was named as assistant deputy speaker in 2015.

us to make Parliament work to deliver results for them and our country. Given my years of experience as assistant deputy speaker and the feedback I have received from some members of all parties who feel that I have been one of the chair occupants that has been consistently firm and impartial on maintaining decorum and in managing the business of Parliament, I believe I am well prepared to take on the role of speaker. I also believe by electing a woman as speaker we are encouraging more women to recognize that they have the ability to take leadership roles, even as Speaker in the House of Commons.”

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Billings council approves request to province for expansion of current waste disposal site

Approval would mean landfill could still operate for well over 20 years

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings Township council has asked Pinchin Environmental to request the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks push forward the final approval for the expansion of the Kagawong waste disposal site. That approval would see an extension of the site's operating lifespan for well over 20 years.

Pinchin's Tim McBride and two other company representatives presented at Billings Township's September 5 council meeting and requested permission to "push the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOE) to approve the applications" on behalf of the municipality.

The application has been put on hold (by the ministry) and is "caught up in the administration game," Mr. McBride said when asked by Mayor Bryan Barker how long it could be on hold. It is typically a two

to three-year process. The original certificate of approval for the landfill was provided in 1980 for a 0.81 hectare (ha) dump site. The current environmental certificate of approval has a volume restriction of 40,000 cubic metres (m3) and an area restriction of 1.0 ha. Pinchin is currently going through the process to get the area expanded.

The 2012 plan for the site was revised in 2013, and the 60.2 containment attenuation zone was approved in 2015, for 20 ha on-site and a 40 ha off-site area to the east of the current site.

"In the expansion we have gone for the 40 cubic metres, which is a small landfill. There are things we could do without a licence," said Mr. McBride. "The 40 m3 is a trigger to do bigger things. We have to be cognizant that we can't increase by another 40,000 ha or we have to do an environmental assessment. We are trying to work within the rules, so

(it's) not a higher level and we don't have to go through these type of assessments."

The most recent topographic drone survey of the landfill site was conducted in 2019 with 42,039 m3 waste in-place and a 1,070 m3 annual fill rate, Mr. McBride said. He pointed out that with seasonal residents spending more time in the township during COVID, there did seem to be a huge influx of garbage.

A graphic showed the site as per the current ECA amendment application for site expansion. "We haven't expanded beyond the current site boundaries," he told council. "We want to expand a little to the left. The other thing to note is, there was a fill beyond allowable limits (FBAL) of 2,550 m3 in the southeast portion of the site. It was filled before (with) glass, metal, cans."

The waste was sampled by Pinchin in September 2022 for analysis and was

found to be non-hazardous, non-ignitable solid waste. Pinchin wants to close and regrade the area with the waste in place. "I did the testing myself and again we submitted that it be classified the same as the garbage that is already in the site," Mr. McBride said. He doesn't want to move it to landfill but wants it to be capped.

As for the site expansion, the current fill area is 1.0 ha and the proposed expansion would be 1.25 ha. The current volume of waste is 40,000 m3 and with the expansion would be 73,061 m3. This has not been approved but the proposed expansion would see 2,550 m3 and 0.05 ha added.

The landfill is currently over capacity and the proposed expansion would give the site a lifespan of 26.5 years as of 2019. (The MOE will not extend an approval beyond 25 to 30 years).

The application for the expansion was submitted in September 2021, and was reviewed by an MECP technical reviewer (waste), with comments received in April 2022. All comments were addressed in September of the same year and Pinchin is waiting for review by a hydrogeologist and a surface water specialist. The application was administratively placed on hold this year to retain the application fee.

"The landfill is functioning well," said Mr. McBride, noting that is based on the water quality monitoring program, which is conducted annually in the fall but is likely to change to twice a year with the expansion approval. "All 12 groundwater monitoring wells were observed to be in good condition and in

compliance with regulations, apart from BH1 and BH3 which have no casings."

Groundwater results from 2022 showed Guideline B-7 exceedances (TDS, chloride, sodium and boron) at the downgradient property boundary, but these were interpreted to originate from the preparation and storage of winter sand and salt occurring at the adjacent property to the east. Pinchin has not identified any significant landfill related impacts originating from the site, Mr. McBride said.

Councillor Vince Grogan said he wants Pinchin to go ahead and get the application approved. "We're down to 21 years now as long as there's not an increase in population."

Councillor Jim Cahill agreed.

Landfills are an asset and municipalities should wait until they're done to

see how much it costs, Mr. McBride said. "They need to be handled as an asset and need to be properly maintained. This landfill is pretty good for a community of this size. I like the way it's run."

"There has been a lot of talk about repurposing what goes into the landfill," said Mayor Barker. "A true re-use center for bicycles and other items would need to get special approval and should also be reviewed by the municipality's legal counsel. Sudbury has a re-use centre, as an example."

"I would put this in the application now if this is the case," said Mr. McBride. "Get it in and be done with it. It is probably something worth doing. Anything to divert waste and streams and extend (the landfill) life."

"This our focus and we are fortunate to have a dump," Mayor Barker said.

Health unit begins search for a new leader

SUDBURY—The board of health for Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has established a medical officer of health (MOH) and chief executive officer (CEO) recruitment and selection subcommittee for (PHSD).

Rene Lapierre, chair of the board of health said August 24, "Dr. Penny Sutcliffe will continue to lead the agency and ensure public health meets the needs of our communities as the board undertakes its recruitment for her successor and as she prepares for her long-planned sabbatical and future retirement. Dr. Sutcliffe has been our passionate and exemplary leader for over 23 years and has been unwavering in her commitment to public health and healthy equity, both locally and in her many contributions to Ontario's public health system."

The board of health has a legal duty under the Health Protection and Promotion Act to appoint a full-time medical officer of health and to ensure the provision of public health programs and serv-

ices as required by the act. "Our recruitment efforts to attract a permanent full-time MOH and CEO demonstrate our ongoing commitment to stable and strong leadership, and to our responsibility to ensure continued responsiveness and excellence in our public health programs and services. Throughout Dr. Sutcliffe's 23-plus years of service, we have benefited from her expertise and ability to connect with the community, and having a candidate who can build on this legacy is our goal," said Mr. Lapierre.

The recruitment and selection committee, comprised of the board chair and vice-chair and two members of the board of health's executive committee, will undertake efforts to recruit and recommend a candidate for the position of MOH and CEO. Active recruitment efforts will begin in the coming weeks to attract a candidate "to contribute to public health's history of being a strong, leaderful and collaborative organization."

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111 Virginia Crescent
4 Sweetgrass Lane (off Virginia Crescent)
1012 Hwy 540
1014 Hwy 540
1187 Hwy 540
1276 Hwy 540
1300 Hwy 540 (4-Directions Complex)
1370 Hwy 540 (AOK Fellowship)
AOK sign with teepee
10 Hill Street (Elders Centre - corner of property facing the highway)
12B Hill Street (AOK Health Centre)
13 Hill Street (band office)
48.2 Hill Street (home)
48.1 Hill Street (daycare)
10 Appletree Lane
57 Maple Crescent
22 Lakeshore Lane
7 Deer Trail Road
71 Deer Trail Road</p> <p>2 LITTLE CURRENT
Throughout the Community
Downtown core
Little Current United Church
5 Water Street East
1 Manitoวานing Road
9721 Highway 6
Manitoulin Centennial Manor,
70 Robinson Street</p> <p>3 SHEGUIANDAH
Throughout the Community
49 Mkwa Miikan</p> | <p>52 Robinson Street
260 Highway 540
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266 Highway 540
2515 Highway 540
8 Draper Street East
35 Draper Street East
15 Vankoughnet Street East
29 Vankoughnet Street East
20 Vankoughnet Street West
26 Blake Street West
48 Meredith Street West</p> <p>3 SHEGUIANDAH
Throughout the Village and Fish Viewing Stand
Batmans' Mill
Municipal Bridge
108 Townline Road
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11 Townline Road East
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10944 Highway 6
12 David Street
7 Tekumah Street
63 MacDougall Street (waterfront)
6 Dunlop Street
22 Mill Street
8 Robert Street</p> <p>3 SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION
Throughout the Community
49 Mkwa Miikan</p> | <p>4 ASSIGINACK
Throughout the Community
834 Slash Road
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Throughout the Community
834 Slash Road</p> <p>6 WIKWEMKOONG
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6031 Highway 542
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Throughout the Community
22 McNeven Street
36 McNeven Street
98 Cedar Crescent
5394 Highway 551
12 Mulchmor Street
527 Mira Street
72 Munro Street
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69 Grimesthorpe Road
9298 Highway 542 (Spring Bay Hall)
950 Perivale Road East</p> <p>10 GORE BAY
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37 Meredith Street</p> <p>11 SILVER WATER
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A Shared Vision: Financial Planners Announce Merger

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David Yurich and Susan Nardi of Sound Financial Strategies Inc. know the importance of this approach better than anyone. For more than 30 years, from their home bases in Sudbury and Manitoulin Island, they have forged meaningful relationships with people throughout Ontario and in communities across Canada, sharing family stories with their clients and sending them yearly Christmas cards with pictures of their children. To them, the people they serve are more than just customers; they represent an extension of their own family. After decades of providing a wide range of financial services, including investment management, tax and estate planning, risk management, special needs planning, and analysis of financial settlements during separation and divorce, they realized it was time to partner with a team that shares their intrinsic core values. This was the catalyst to merge their practice with Innova Wealth Partners.

During their first meeting with Innova, Yurich was pleasantly surprised by how much their internal philosophies matched. "They were caring, empathetic, attentive, and dedicated," he says. "It was all about working together as a team." On a separate occasion, he recalls coming into their office to consult with them.

They made room in their schedule to support him, saying, "If it's important to you, it's important to us." This personalized perspective convinced Yurich beyond a doubt that merging with Innova Wealth Partners would be in the best interests of their clients.

Both Yurich and Nardi see Innova Wealth Partners as an exception to the impersonal and unfriendly customer service that is becoming all too common within many industries today.

"They take a personal and holistic approach to financial planning, and so do we,"

Nardi explains. This involves considering each person's priorities and helping them make choices that are right for them.

For Jean-François Démoré, Innova's Chief Investment Officer and founding partner, this merger is the perfect partnership. "We are thrilled to welcome David, Susan, Barb, and Evan into the Innova Family! Their collective expertise, professionalism, and client-centric approach to financial advice is reflected by the long-standing and deep relationships that the team has built in our community," Démoré says. Another founding partner, Cliff Richardson, notes that this merger will

not only help their business but, more importantly, will be very beneficial to their clients: "With a shared vision for the future and a commitment to helping clients reach their goals sooner, the coming together of our two teams will help the people we serve receive the best in product, pricing, service, and expertise."

These priorities are echoed by Yurich, who says, "Your clients always have to be first and foremost ahead of your own interests." He notes that after this merger, their clients will benefit from a larger team with an even wider range of skills and knowledge. Yurich describes this as a "vertical move" that will elevate everyone involved, giving their combined team the tools necessary to support and achieve their clients' goals.

The merger is being finalized at the beginning of October, and the Sound Financial Strategies Inc. team will move into Innova Wealth Partners' Sudbury office in November. For Yurich and Nardi, joining Innova Wealth Partners is not only a practical step but also something that connects with what they describe as their "core values." As Nardi says, "We built our business developing strong and caring relationships with our clients, and we see and feel this philosophy at Innova Wealth Partners."



...Truth, Reconciliation gathering at Wiikwemkoong walks for healing

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They came in droves, of all ages and for all reasons, to participate in the memorable walk Saturday at Wiikwemkoong.

Madeline Pashe, four years old, was waiting for her two-year-old brother Barrett and mother Silvana Trudeau to catch up. Silvana wanted her children to participate in the walk, as she believes to teach healing “you have to do it while they are young and impressionable”.

Councillor Gladys Wakegijig walked for “community unity” and added “it’s important for the youth to know where we’ve been, to know where we’re at now and be able to move forward in a good way.”

Margaret Simon, who is 89, came for the memory of “my husband Max Simon, my siblings and my mother Jane Manitowabi who attended the Wikwemikong Residential School back in

not to be who they are and were.” And that, she says, “needs to be honoured as part of our history”. In our Anishinaabe way, she added, “we are taught to accept everything that is given to us in a good way, ‘mino bimaadiziwin’ in order to move forward in a good way.”

Like many other residential schools, the boys and girls schools at Spanish on the North Shore closed after years of operation. For some, like Gilbert Pitawanakwat, years later he became a deacon with the Catholic church. Some may find his choice difficult. He admits at times it was. “I remember reading the story of Max Simon printed in The Expositor after the papal apology. I too felt like him, angry, wanting to punch someone out, because we were denied who we are and our truths. But he found it in his heart to forgive, such a gentleman.” When asked



Orange walkers in front of ruins near the site of the plaque unveiling.

photos by Gina Simon

now sits in front of the old ruins located beside the church in Wikwemikong.

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Eva Jackson with granddaughter lay tobacco at beachfront site of boys IRS school.



Stanley Peltier shares healing teachings.

how he comes to terms with all of his past with the residential schools, he says, “it’s good to see us getting back to who we are, after the devastation of finding out about the graves and bodies found at the residential schools came to life, I cried and cried. We have to forgive, it is the only way or it will destroy us. We have to move on. My relationship is with God, between the Creator and me. In my path in life, I do not differentiate between colour, creed or man or women. I pray to one God, we all do no matter how one prays, it is up to them. Give thanks and gratitude,” he explains.

At the water’s edge, elder Stanley Peltier shared healing teachings of sound and resilience. He spoke of the importance and significance of order. “The Anishinaabe teaching of the original sound brought forth at the beginning of time brought order, and just like the sun it is a constant, the sun follows its same order, like the original sound, and it still continues today and we need to reconnect with it in our process of healing; to restore our balance.” He also reminded those present to remember to “stand on Aki, Mother Earth, barefoot and reconnect with her ability to heal us.”

The Wikwemikong Indian Residential School was imposed in 1844 by Egerton Ryerson and by 1856 there were two schools, one for girls and one for boys. The plaque

early 1904. It amazes me the hardships they lived through and still have the ability to pass on forgiveness and their Anishinaabe pride.”

Gloria Peltier carried a memento of her mother Rose Peltier’s home economics project, saved from her days attending Spanish Indian Residential School. “After she passed to the spirit world, we found this in her treasures. It was marked at the back with number 26, her residential school number.”

At the unveiling of the memorial plaque, Chief Manitowabi spoke about the heavy burden some carry and she spoke of the history. “This day marks a history we can’t deny. Our people, our children were denied who they were, Anishinaabe, and in some respect, we’re still forced

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Arrogant Worm Michael McCormick holds home concert piano recital in Mindemoya

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—The musical comedy trio The Arrogant Worms hold a near-and-dear place in the hearts of Manitoulin Islanders, having immortalized the Island resort Gordon's Park, which once featured a trail featuring mounted animals along its length, in one of the group's songs 'Mounted Animal Nature Trail.' Michael McCormick, a member of that irreverent troupe has recently settled on Manitoulin Island and held a free-will house concert at the Mindemoya home of Dale and Holly Scott.

Although the concert may have featured an Arrogant Worm, and some of their music was presented, the performance was a piano recital in which Mr. McCormick had the opportunity to showcase his ivory tinkling skills before a live audience. Mr. McCormick is normally to be seen wielding guitar in hand as he performs (lately including stunts with Manitoulin choral groups such as The Island Singers), but recently Mr. McCormick decided to undertake his Royal Conservancy Grade 9 exam at the piano.

He was aided in his quest to attain that considerable achievement by the tutelage of Ms. Scott and Jane Best, both accomplished at the keys themselves. As the evening progressed, Mr. McCormick delivered several classical pieces, leav-



Michael McCormick at the piano during the recital.

ened with some of the comedy troupe's extensive catalogue, that undoubtedly

made his mentors proud. Among the classical offerings were J. S. Bach's Prel-

ude and Fugue in C minor, Joesph Haydn's Sonata in D and Edvard Grieg's Not-

turno; Op. 54 No. 4.

Oddly, the aforementioned ode to stuffed Manitoulin wildlife did not make the cut, but this was most likely due to the fact that the live performance of that piece is best experienced while the performers are better able to free their hands. Mr. McCormick's own creations such as 'I am Cow (Hear Me Moo),' 'Cross Border Shopping,' 'Quarantine' and, by request, 'Rocks and Trees' did make the cut, however.

An eclectic number of cover songs, including pieces by Jim Croce ('Bad Bad Leroy Brown'), John Lennon ('All You Need is Love'), Robbie Robertson ('The Weight'), Jimmy Buffet ('Margaritaville'), Billy Joel ('This Night') and Oscar Peterson ('Hymn to Freedom') interspersed the performance, providing something for just about everyone—including a hilarious 'freestyle' middle-aged guy rap to start the

evening out.

Throughout the performance Mr. McCormick provided ample proof of why he and his colleagues in the comedy trio have remained a fixture on the Canadian music scene for over three decades. During the performance Mr. McCormick enlightened those present as to how the Arrogant Worms came upon their name—involving a number of jugs of draft and the zeitgeist of the times for juxtaposed paired names (The Tragically Hip was apparently already spoken for).

Following the performance (played on the Scott's beautiful baby grand), the guests (who counted among their number several accomplished Island musicians in their own right) were invited for light refreshments that included a pair of trifles, artisanal bread and cookies made by the hand of Rose Diebolt of 'Rose's Recipes'.

Annual Tour de Meldrum Bay to benefit Mindemoya Hospital

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Twenty-three years ago Dale Scott of Mindemoya rode his bicycle from Mindemoya to Meldrum Bay, with a return trip the next day. His lone efforts were all done to raise money to benefit the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

On September 23-24, Mr. Scott will be joined by several riders again this year for the 23rd annual Tour de Meldrum ride.

"The first year I went by myself," stated Mr. Scott. "I can't even remember much about it, it was so long ago," he quipped.

"The money raised by riders goes toward ben-

efitting the Mindemoya Hospital, for needed equipment," said Mr. Scott. "Last year, the funds we raised went towards the hospital 'Let's Emerg' campaign for the newly expanded hospital emergency department."

Mr. Scott said with an average amount of about \$6,000 being raised each year through the ride, "I'm thinking that including this year we will have raised something like just south of \$150,000 over the years."

"There won't be as many riders as there usually is, this year," said Mr. Scott. "We are looking at maybe having a total of 14-16 riders. A lot of the regular riders will not be able to attend this

year due to personal commitments."

The group will begin its ride from the Lake Wolsey Cabins in Evansville on Saturday morning, travelling to Meldrum Bay for lunch, "where the ladies from the church auxiliary in Silver Water will be putting on a lunch for us," said Mr. Scott. "Then we will ride back to the Wolsey Cabins Saturday. We will be having a buffet meal at G.G.'s Restaurant in Evansville that evening."

"Riders will make their own breakfast Sunday morning before they travel to the Providence Bay beach where they will enjoy refreshments and then return to Lake Wolsey Cabins," added Mr. Scott.

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Central Manitoulin sends letter of support for increased NOSM funding

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Faced with the unsettling news that the emergency room at the Mindemoya site of the Manitoulin Health Centre may be closed a number of days in October due to staff shortages, Central Manitoulin council passed a motion in support of a request from the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM). That request was for a motion from the municipality indicating Central Manitoulin's support for the Northern School of Medicine (NOSM)'s request for an increase of \$4 million in base funding before the end of the year.

The motion notes that one in eight Northern Ontario residents do not have a family doctor due, in part, to the shortage of trained physicians and specialists and that the life expectancy of Northern residents is two years lower than the provincial average and experience four times higher rates of mental health and addictions.

The motion goes on to point out that although the province announced an "unprecedented" medical expansion for NOSM medical programs, base funding has not increased sufficiently to accommodate that growth and expansion. The motion included a provision that a copy of the motion be forwarded to a wide range of provincial ministers, including the premier and deputy premier, as well as the heads of each of the opposition parties.

Councillor Derek Stevens suggested that Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha be included in the motion, to which Mayor Richard Stephens replied, "sure, he is still

our MPP." Mr. Mantha, a former NDP member was removed from the NDP caucus following "substantiated" allegations of an inappropriate relationship with a staff member and now sits as an independent.

Councillor Stephens went on to note that he had an opportunity to speak with Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones while at the recent AMO conference. "She told me that 'nothing is off the table,'" he said of finding solutions to the issue of the Northern doctor shortage. Councillor Stephens went on to assert that NOSM has been highly effective in selecting students who later decide to remain in the North to practice.

Councillor Rose Diebolt interjected into the discussion that for anyone applying for training as a nurse practitioner, "it is free."

Councillor Dale Scott brought up the matter of the other Northern medical school located at Lakehead in Thunder Bay, going on to say that he wondered what the relationship in levels of funding for Northern schools of medicine is in relation to those in southern Ontario. He noted that members of his family are doctors and backed up Councillor Stephens' assertion that NOSM is effective in training doctors who then stay in the North.

Councillor Brian Mitchell inquired if it was mandatory that NOSM students remain in the North following graduation, to which Councillor Scott replied it was not.

The motion carried unanimously.



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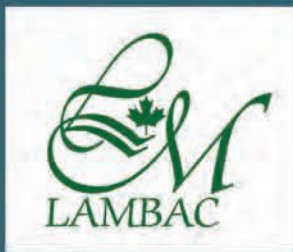
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Billings council approves request to province for expansion of current waste disposal site

Approval would mean landfill could still operate for well over 20 years

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings Township council has asked Pinchin Environmental to request the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks push forward the final approval for the expansion of the Kagawong waste disposal site. That approval would see an extension of the site's operating lifespan for well over 20 years.

Pinchin's Tim McBride and two other company representatives presented at Billings Township's September 5 council meeting and requested permission to "push the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOE) to approve the applications" on behalf of the municipality.

The application has been put on hold (by the ministry) and is "caught up in the administration game," Mr. McBride said when asked by Mayor Bryan Barker how long it could be on hold. It is typically a two

to three-year process. The original certificate of approval for the landfill was provided in 1980 for a 0.81 hectare (ha) dump site. The current environmental certificate of approval has a volume restriction of 40,000 cubic metres (m3) and an area restriction of 1.0 ha. Pinchin is currently going through the process to get the area expanded.

The 2012 plan for the site was revised in 2013, and the 60.2 containment attenuation zone was approved in 2015, for 20 ha on-site and a 40 ha off-site area to the east of the current site.

"In the expansion we have gone for the 40 cubic metres, which is a small landfill. There are things we could do without a licence," said Mr. McBride. "The 40 m3 is a trigger to do bigger things. We have to be cognizant that we can't increase by another 40,000 ha or we have to do an environmental assessment. We are trying to work within the rules, so

(it's) not a higher level and we don't have to go through these type of assessments."

The most recent topographic drone survey of the landfill site was conducted in 2019 with 42,039 m3 waste in-place and a 1,070 m3 annual fill rate, Mr. McBride said. He pointed out that with seasonal residents spending more time in the township during COVID, there did seem to be a huge influx of garbage.

A graphic showed the site as per the current ECA amendment application for site expansion. "We haven't expanded beyond the current site boundaries," he told council. "We want to expand a little to the left. The other thing to note is, there was a fill beyond allowable limits (FBAL) of 2,550 m3 in the southeast portion of the site. It was filled before (with) glass, metal, cans."

The waste was sampled by Pinchin in September 2022 for analysis and was

found to be non-hazardous, non-ignitable solid waste. Pinchin wants to close and regrade the area with the waste in place. "I did the testing myself and again we submitted that it be classified the same as the garbage that is already in the site," Mr. McBride said. He doesn't want to move it to landfill but wants it to be capped.

As for the site expansion, the current fill area is 1.0 ha and the proposed expansion would be 1.25 ha. The current volume of waste is 40,000 m3 and with the expansion would be 73,061 m3. This has not been approved but the proposed expansion would see 2,550 m3 and 0.05 ha added.

The landfill is currently over capacity and the proposed expansion would give the site a lifespan of 26.5 years as of 2019. (The MOE will not extend an approval beyond 25 to 30 years).

The application for the expansion was submitted in September 2021, and was reviewed by an MECP technical reviewer (waste), with comments received in April 2022. All comments were addressed in September of the same year and Pinchin is waiting for review by a hydrogeologist and a surface water specialist. The application was administratively placed on hold this year to retain the application fee.

"The landfill is functioning well," said Mr. McBride, noting that is based on the water quality monitoring program, which is conducted annually in the fall but is likely to change to twice a year with the expansion approval. "All 12 groundwater monitoring wells were observed to be in good condition and in

compliance with regulations, apart from BH1 and BH3 which have no casings."

Groundwater results from 2022 showed Guideline B-7 exceedances (TDS, chloride, sodium and boron) at the downgradient property boundary, but these were interpreted to originate from the preparation and storage of winter sand and salt occurring at the adjacent property to the east. Pinchin has not identified any significant landfill related impacts originating from the site, Mr. McBride said.

Councillor Vince Grogan said he wants Pinchin to go ahead and get the application approved. "We're down to 21 years now as long as there's not an increase in population."

Councillor Jim Cahill agreed.

Landfills are an asset and municipalities should wait until they're done to

see how much it costs, Mr. McBride said. "They need to be handled as an asset and need to be properly maintained. This landfill is pretty good for a community of this size. I like the way it's run."

"There has been a lot of talk about repurposing what goes into the landfill," said Mayor Barker. "A true re-use center for bicycles and other items would need to get special approval and should also be reviewed by the municipality's legal counsel. Sudbury has a re-use centre, as an example."

"I would put this in the application now if this is the case," said Mr. McBride. "Get it in and be done with it. It is probably something worth doing. Anything to divert waste and streams and extend (the landfill) life."

"This our focus and we are fortunate to have a dump," Mayor Barker said.

Health unit begins search for a new leader

SUDBURY—The board of health for Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has established a medical officer of health (MOH) and chief executive officer (CEO) recruitment and selection subcommittee for (PHSD).

Rene Lapierre, chair of the board of health said August 24, "Dr. Penny Sutcliffe will continue to lead the agency and ensure public health meets the needs of our communities as the board undertakes its recruitment for her successor and as she prepares for her long-planned sabbatical and future retirement. Dr. Sutcliffe has been our passionate and exemplary leader for over 23 years and has been unwavering in her commitment to public health and healthy equity, both locally and in her many contributions to Ontario's public health system."

The board of health has a legal duty under the Health Protection and Promotion Act to appoint a full-time medical officer of health and to ensure the provision of public health programs and serv-

ices as required by the act. "Our recruitment efforts to attract a permanent full-time MOH and CEO demonstrate our ongoing commitment to stable and strong leadership, and to our responsibility to ensure continued responsiveness and excellence in our public health programs and services. Throughout Dr. Sutcliffe's 23-plus years of service, we have benefited from her expertise and ability to connect with the community, and having a candidate who can build on this legacy is our goal," said Mr. Lapierre.

The recruitment and selection committee, comprised of the board chair and vice-chair and two members of the board of health's executive committee, will undertake efforts to recruit and recommend a candidate for the position of MOH and CEO. Active recruitment efforts will begin in the coming weeks to attract a candidate "to contribute to public health's history of being a strong, leaderful and collaborative organization."

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

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Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups.

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

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services

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

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church services

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

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in memoriam

GIBBS—In loving memory of our father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Jack Gibbs, who passed away September 30, 2019. Your presence we miss, Your memory we treasure. Loving you always, Forgetting you never. Love always, Ken and family

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WIGLE—In memory of our father, George Wigle, August 12, 1935 to September 30, 2013. You decided 10 years ago to depart and start your new journey. Where it took you, we do not know. At least we know you are happy in the new place you are at. You have left us here with all the memories of you that we have, Even though we wish you were here each and every day. And even though you are not, you are still here in spirit and that will never change. You were a great teacher and you taught us well. We turned out the way we did by our own choice in life. We became our own people going off in our own direction. We love you Dad for the way you raised us, We love you Dad for what you taught us, But we love you mostly for being our father. If not for you we would not have the knowledge and wisdom that we do. We miss you everyday and we wish you were still here with us. So until we meet again, Dad, we love you. You were a great man and you are still in our hearts. Fly free Pops and keep bouncing from cloud to cloud driving your Model "A"s. Your sons, Butch (John) and Bruce


20c

MACDONALD—In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandpa, Bob, April 29, 1954 to October 10, 2022. Treasuring the times we shared together, Your love will remain with us forever. Though you are gone, Our love for you will always live on. We miss you more than words can say. Lovingly remembered by Sharlene, Corey, Justin, Jessica, Justine and Sylus


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Death Notices

LOIS COULTIS
June 16, 1951 - September 25, 2023

 Lois Coultis of Bellville and Tobermory passed peacefully in her 73rd year at Lion's Head Hospital on Monday, September 25, 2023. She was born on June 16, 1951 to Laverne (nee Etsell) and Arnold Bain. Lois, over the course of a 49 year marriage with Danny Coultis, is also survived by her two sons Robert Coultis of Belleville and Tobermory and Ryan Coultis and his wife Candace of Cold Lake, Alberta; grandchildren Makayla and Kobin. Lois is also survived by sisters Dorothy Stewart and Yvonne Martin; brother Sheldon Bain and sister-in-law Lorraine Bain. Missed by many nieces and nephews. Lois is predeceased by her brother Beverley Bain, sister Shirley Hudson, brothers-in-law Morris Stewart and Ken Martin and sister-in-law Linda Bain. Lois graduated from Owen Sound School of Nursing before going on to complete her degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax. Lois was a nurse who helped people her entire life, especially any family member who needed it, including end of care for her sister as late as last year. Lois was active in her church and loved to read. Lois will be missed by all of us, especially those who were blessed with her patience and kindness at a time of need. The service to honour and remember Lois will be conducted at the Tobermory United Church on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 11 am. Arrangements entrusted to the George Funeral Home Lion's Head Chapel, Lion's Head. Expressions of remembrance to the Lion's Head Hospital c/o Bruce Peninsula Hospitals Foundation or Golden Dawn Nursing Home would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through GeorgeFuneralHome.com.

TRICIA ANNA MARIE SHAWANDA
March 29, 1975 - September 26, 2023

 In loving memory of Tricia Anna Marie Shawanda, who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at the age of 48. Loving mother of Elizabeth. Cherished grandmother of Quentin and Jaelynn. Beloved daughter of Tom (Elizabeth). Sister of Conway and D.J. Survived by her aunt Madeline (Herman) as well as many other aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Predeceased by her mother Patsy, her father Peter and her grandmother Alice. Tricia was a beautiful, strong-willed, witty and loving woman who always found joy in life, regardless of her circumstances. She had a deep love and care for those around her and took pleasure in the simple things, such as crossword scratch tickets, her favorite snacks of plain potato chips, pepperoni sticks, and Coca-Cola and listening to CBC Radio. Tricia found solace in nature and enjoyed spending time in the bush, as well as her love for music and her culinary talents. Cremation has taken place. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.



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.

TAISTO ARMAS SAARI
May 7, 1933 - June 17, 2023



In loving memory of Taisto Armas Saari, who passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 17, 2023 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Marjorie Rogers-Saari (predeceased). Survived by children Marge (Geoff), Kim (Yvan), Brian, David and predeceased by his son John. Dearly loved stepfather of Karyn Chandler, Meredith Chandler-Noble (Lawrence Briscoe) and Rob Chandler (Misty). He will also be sadly missed by Randy Noble, Larry Roy, Randy Clarke and special friends Larry and Alberta Hunter. Cherished brother of Tapio (Eunice), Terttu, Toimi (predeceased), Tauno, Taimi (predeceased), Toivo (Rae) and Voitto (Sandra). Predeceased by parents Arvid and Anni (Henrickson) Saari, brothers-in-law Bob and Jack, sisters-in-law Eila and Joyce and grandson, John. Taisto was blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews as well. Taisto is known to many for his lifelong career as a well-respected surveyor and the immense pride he took in his work. He loved to share stories of his experiences and adventures and had an amazing memory for details. Taisto added so much to our lives, through his quiet wisdom, solid support, gentle laughter, work ethic, love of nature and respect for others. He taught us life lessons to his final days, inspiring us with his amazing inner strength. We are grateful to the staff at Manitoulin Lodge, for the care and compassion they provided to Taisto during such a challenging time. *"We never think of what we'll miss about them before a person is gone. It is only after, in the hollow of their absence, that we realize it is the simple things we crave, like the sound of a voice, the warmth of a touch, a smile of happiness and, most of all, simply their presence."*

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As per Taisto's wishes, cremation has taken place. A combined Celebration of Life for Taisto and Marjorie will be held at The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay, on Saturday, October the 7, 2023 at 2 pm. If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 Building Fund.



DOUG LITTLE

March 1949 - September 2023

In loving memory of Doug Little, March 1949 to September 2023. Son of Allan and Marguerite Little. Remembered by siblings Jo-Anne (Robert) Briggs, Robert Little, Kenneth (Lu Ann) Little, Bill (Patti) Little and Ronald Little. Survived by nephew and nieces Kris Little, Kenny Little, Adam Little, Kelly Houle, Megan Little and Rebecca Little. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.



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coming events

Knox United Church rummage sale in Manitowaning is now open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am til 3 pm. Fall clothing, household items and miscellaneous. The Little Shoppe Around the Corner is also open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. **19-20p**

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

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

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

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wanted

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Sealed submissions will be accepted until **Friday, October 13th, 2023 at 12:00 pm (NOON)** in person at the Municipal Office or received by mail.

Request for Proposals and Guidelines are available at the Municipal Office or online by visiting: www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders/

Please contact Heidi Ferguson, Clerk for further questions at (705) 859-3196 or email hferguson@assiginack.ca.

Please send sealed submissions clearly marked "Operation of Toboggan Hill Canteen RFP" to: **Township of Assiginack, C/O Heidi Ferguson, Clerk** Box 238, 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0

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How do I apply?
To apply to become a member of a committee please complete the application form found on the Township of Billings website and return it to Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk by e-mail at tmills@billingstwp.ca. Applications can be mailed, emailed or dropped off at the Township Office by **Friday October 13th, 2023, 12:00 p.m.** You must be 18 years of age or older and a resident or property owner in the Township of Billings to qualify.

The Township of Billings is pleased to accommodate individual needs in accordance with the Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), within our recruitment process. If you require accommodation at any time throughout the recruitment process, please contact Tiana Mills, Deputy Clerk at (705) 282-2611 x.225 or email tmills@billingstwp.ca in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will only be used for the purpose of candidate selection.

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

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- Front of building (visitor's parking)
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All tenders must submit legible copies: proof of WSIB coverage and proof of Commercial General Liability Insurance.

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

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

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Cycle of Hope rides east to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Habitat for Humanity builds affordable homes for people who normally would find safe, decent accommodation out of reach. This summer, 27 cyclists and 10 support crew members chose Little Current as the site from which to begin a two-week (800 km of cycling and 5,000 km of travel) journey to Niagara Falls as part of this year's Cycle of Hope cycling fundraiser. The group spent the night camping in the Northeast Town recreation centre and were treated to an evening barbecue dinner at Little Current United Church.

The Cycle of Hope team travelled by motor coach from Winnipeg to Little Current, where the cyclists started their ride to Niagara Falls, crossing Manitoulin Island to South Baymouth where they boarded the Chi-Cheemaun ferry to Tobermory, cycling through the scenic lakeside communities along the shores of Lake Huron before turning east along the shores of Lake Erie. The final day of the ride will see the group rewarded with visits to the wineries of the Niagara-on-the-Lake region before concluding at Niagara Falls.

"So far cyclists have raised over \$100,000 and we appreciate everyone who has supported the event so far. This is an incredible event because of the exceptional commitment and dedication of the Cycle of Hope committee members, support crew and riders," said Habitat Manitoba CEO Sandy Hopkins. "These riders directly help Habitat Partner Families build strength, stability and self-reliance through affordable homeownership which has a lasting impact in the community for years to come."

Habitat Signature Events manager Brett Bourne noted that each rider was responsible to elicit pledges in order to qualify for the ride and expressed grati-

tude to both the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and Little Current United Church for their hospitality. "If it were not for the contributions of community groups, churches and service groups who have welcomed Cycle of Hope with open arms we would not have raised more than \$130,000 to support Habitat for Humanity," he said. "Their support helps to keep expenses low by providing shelter and a warm meal for the team, which translates into more funds raised to support families in need."

Wes and Joyce Thiessen are a couple who have joined the ride together. Mr. Thiessen is the CFO of a software company and Ms. Thiessen is a retired nurse.

"I love cycling and raising money for charity," said Mr. Thiessen, noting that Cycle of Hope provides the best of both worlds. This is his second Cycle of Hope ride. "It is a great opportunity to hang out with some really great people," he added.

"I really enjoy the scenery of the North," said Ms. Thiessen. "Wes did it last year and we had the time to invest in a cycling holiday." The couple's two children are adults now and they now have the time and freedom to both take part.

John Loewen has been involved with Habitat since 1995 when he and 50 cyclists made their way during the second year of Habitat for Humanity to take part in the Jimmy Carter Project. The former US president is a major supporter of Habitat for Humanity, just one of the '98 Reasons to Thank Jimmy Carter' featured in author Art Milne's book recently featured as part of the Kagawong Speaker's Night series at the Park Centre.

Mr. Loewen is a member of The C.P. Loewen Family Foundation, which was

founded as a private foundation in 1973 by the late C.P. (Cornie) Loewen, the entrepreneurial founder of Loewen Windows. The foundation's website notes its funding priorities are "a reflection of the shared interests of the foundation's current directors. Through its work, and the organizations, it funds, the foundation seeks to reflect the values of quality, respect, patience and hard work."

"At Habitat, we know that when families own their homes, they have owner-

ship over their futures," noted Mr. Bourne. "We also know that communities thrive when families have access to affordable homeownership, meaning supporter dollars make a lasting, compounding impact."

This isn't simple charity, however, as each Habitat family is required to complete 500 hours of "sweat equity" before they purchase the home. Those family purchases are made at fair market value with mortgage terms of no down payment, no interest for 15

years and their mortgage is 27 percent of the family's gross annual income. Mortgage payments made by the family are then put back into the program to support future build projects.

Habitat Manitoba's 2023 Cycle of Hope home being built is for Getachew and Rahel and their three children.

This year marks the 29th year for Cycle of Hope, which was launched after former president Carter and his wife Rosalynn came to Canada for their first vis-

it, getting an immense start in building 18 homes in Winnipeg in 1993.

Two Habitat for Humanity volunteers, Olenka Antymniuk and Lorraine Petkau looked at each other and said, "We can do this too!" and began planning a ride for the following year.

Every year since 1994, the event has travelled all over North America to raise money for a Habitat for Humanity home. To date, they have raised over \$3.5 million.



Cyclists gather outside of the NEMI rec centre before heading out on their 800 kilometre Cycle of Hope ride to Niagara wine country.

photo by Brett Bourne

Manitoulin Family Resources board hears updates at AGM

by Margery Frisch

LITTLE CURRENT—On Monday, July 17, Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) held its annual general meeting at its relatively new space, the EarlyON and Family Centre at 9050 Highway 6 in Little Current.

Board of directors president Suzanne Norris opened the meeting with the land acknowledgement and the reading of the MFR mission statement: "To support individuals and families by providing resources and education through the agency's three program areas of Children's Services, Violence Against Women Prevention and Food Security."

Ms. Norris then introduced the board members: Leanne Bentley (vice-president), Yana Bauer (secretary/treasurer), Valerie O'Leary, Les Fields, Jillian Peltier and Margit Alberti.

The agenda was approved. The appointments and resignations of board members were acknowledged as follows: resignation of board director Mary Jo Gordon (October 28, 2022), board director Rebecca Wright (November 22, 2022), and Valerie O'Leary as board president (January 24, 2023); approval for one year appointment of Board President Suzanne Norris (January 24, 2023), one year appointment of Vice-President Leanne Bentley, one year appointment of Secretary/Treasurer Yana Bauer and one year appointment of Valerie O'Leary as board director.

Ms. Norris, as president, addressed those gathered, stating the difficulties faced navigating through post pandemic protocols. Ms. Norris went on to acknowledge how these challenges put increased pressure on staff, as the demands for the services they provide increased. "We greatly appreciate all the hard-working staff and volunteers for your dedication, compassion and resilience," she said.

Ms. Norris thanked outgoing executive director, Marnie Hall, who held the position for eight years. "We are grateful you are staying on with MFR as the Violence Against

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 Women program director. Thank you.”

Colleen Hill, the new executive director was welcomed. “Colleen is a passionate community builder,” Ms. Norris said. “She brings over 25 years of senior management and leadership in academic, public and not for profit positions...Most recently, Colleen was the executive director for the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County. We are excited that Colleen has joined the MFR team.”

In her closing remarks, Ms. Norris thanked the organization’s many funders, for their continued support and for understanding the many challenges faced by the MFR in the past year.

Ms. Hall, outgoing executive director was next to speak to those in attendance. “Every sector speaks to the human resource shortage, and the challenges and closures that we are at risk of, essential service or not,” she said. “MFR has not been exempt from

this and yet we succeeded in meeting our mandates and delivering our programs throughout the year. We completed and opened our new food bank and thrift store; we expanded our volunteer program; we created agency software for our staff, and we safely supported our clients and families. We did this in spite of the challenges we faced, and we did this because MFR doesn’t have a staff made up of regular people, we have a staff of superheroes who wish to change the world.”

A report on the Violence Against Women Prevention Program by Marnie Hall explained the various grants that were received and what these grants allowed them to do: funding for hiring a shelter supervisor, a position of social media and community engagement; the ability to open a satellite office for counselling in Espanola. A Mothers in Mind program was begun, partnering with Healthy Babies, Healthy Children in Wiikwemkoong; MFR’s own soft-

ware program was developed for outreach program staff; and two staff members took part in ‘Peace Program’ training, for working with children in the shelters.

Highlights of the Children’s Services Program, presented by its director, Diana St-Pierre, included introduction of the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan, allowing families affordable childcare, and the relocation of the EarlyON Child and Family Centres in Little Current and Mindemoya.

Vanessa Glasby, food security program supervisor reported on the Foodbank and Thrift Store and the “final relocation and opening of our long-awaited new building.”

Ms. Glasby reported on the approval of the various grants which allowed them to hire a part-time staff position, the development of a local hunger report with billboards and print material showing the magnitude of local food insecurity. She reported on successful food drives, including the pre-Christmas Drive organized by Orr’s Valu-Mart in Little Current, and the Christmas Hamper campaign which saw over 1,000 hampers delivered to households throughout Manitoulin Island.

The auditor’s report was given and approved, as prepared by KPMG; the bylaws were approved, as well as the five-year strategic plan for 2023 to 2028.



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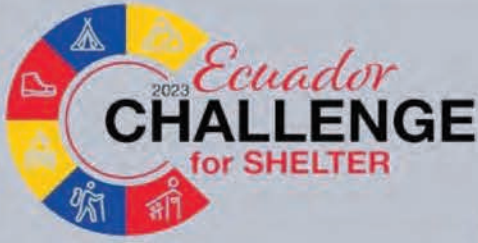


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Alois Frank,
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Alois Frank, Real Estate Agent, was born and raised on a Fleckvieh cattle dairy farm in Lauchheim, Germany. At a young age Alois realized that he wanted to be his own boss. In October 1980, at only 23 years of age, Alois came to Manitoulin Island and bought his first farm. His wife Anita and their 12-week-old daughter Anna became landed immigrants in April 1982.

Farming on Manitoulin was difficult in those days and Alois took on a job with the local Freshmart making sausage, a hobby he still enjoys to this day. Alois and Anita opened a Bed and Breakfast in 1991 and expanded that service industry with the purchase of Red Lodge in 1998. Many of you will remember Alois and Anita's excellent restaurant and exceptional food at Red Lodge back then. While farming and excelling in the hospitality business, they raised their four children Anna, Sarah, Kathleen and Daniel.

Alois continues his farming practices to this day from his beef farm at Hilly Grove in Assigninack Township. He brings a wealth of knowledge in hospitality, business and farming that can only be truly realized by living and doing those jobs yourself. Alois also has extensive experience in the building and renovation fields.

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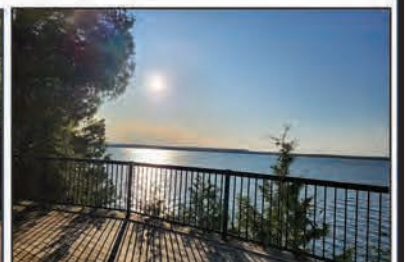
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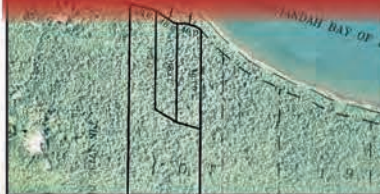


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Reggie Leach Golf Classic supports his hometown causes

by Tom Sasvari

RIVERTON—While he is now a permanent resident of Manitoulin Island, Reggie Leach never forgets his roots.

"We held the annual Reggie Leach Golf Classic tournament (earlier this month) to raise funds for many different worthwhile causes in Riverton, Manitoba," Mr. Leach told The Expositor. "With the funds we raised we helped many local causes in Riverton including the local fire department, arena, minor hockey and others," he said pointing out about \$83,000 was raised.

"We had 160 golfers on hand (for the one-day tournament)," said Mr. Leach, who pointed out 10 other teams were on the waiting list. "We start fundraising in January and post things on the internet about the tournament, including an auctioning off one of my jerseys, which is signed, and two people won tickets for a Winnipeg Jets-Philadelphia Flyers game."

"It is very rewarding to help the hometown that I grew up in," said Mr. Leach.

This year the Conn Smythe trophy was the theme of the tournament, emblematic of the most valuable player in the playoffs, which Mr. Leach won as a member of the Philadelphia Flyers in 1976. "All the signs around the course and on the t-boxes were designed like the Conn Smythe trophy. I sign all of them and we auction



Reggie Leach, far right and Dawn Madahbee-Leach, left presented \$83,000 in donations toward several worthwhile causes in Riverton, Manitoba recently. The funds were raised through the annual Reggie Leach Golf Classic

them off."

Last year the theme and signage for the tournament was the Stanley Cup, which Mr. Leach won as a member of the Flyers in 1975.

"This year was the fourth year for the tournament," said Mr. Leach. "We have raised close to \$250,000 in four years with all the funds going back to great causes in Riverton."

"My niece Corinne looks after everything," said Mr. Leach. He said his wife "Dawn (Madahbee Leach) puts a lot of time toward all of this as well. And we have a really good committee that helps organize everything. It takes six to seven

months to get everything organized for the tournament."

"The tournament is all run by people who have lived in Riverton," said Mr. Leach. "I want bring give back."

For the past three years the tournament has taken place at Teulon Golf and Country Club, which is located close to Winnipeg.

"Dawn and I bought a pool table for the seniors centre in Riverton," said Mr. Leach. "Everything we raise goes back to the community. And this Friday I promised I would be playing pool with seniors at the centre."

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Link Mustangs!

This past Thursday (Sept. 28th), Manitoulin Secondary sent seven Mustang golfers (5 male/2 female) to the 2023 NOSSA Golf Championships, hosted by Lively Golf & Country Club. After a shotgun start at 9:30am and 18 holes of beautiful weather, three of the MSS golfers managed to secure a spot at the OFSAA Championships (Oct.11-12th) in Southern Ontario.

On the ladies side, Amy Smith of Gore Bay finished T4 shooting a 103, and Ava Corbiere finished 2nd overall with a personal best shooting a 99. The girls will represent NOSSA and Manitoulin at the Batteaux Creek Golf Club in Collingwood.

As the final scores were tallied and the team was ready to head back to Manitoulin, whispers began to circulate that a Playoff Hole would have to be played in order to determine the final male golfer to represent NOSSA. After the first golfer put their ball into the water, Noah Thorpe (81), stepped up with a clutch teeshot to put him a foot off the front of the green, and two-putt his way to OFSAA! Noah will head to Windsor with rounds beginning the 11th at Ambassador Golf Club.

Congratulations to these and all golfers who have represented MSS over the past three weeks, with one of the stronger finishes in recent memory: Ava Corbiere - 99, Amy Smith - 103, Noah Thorpe - 81, Rylan Carrick - 90, Corbin Best - 106, Eli Lock - 108 and Jack Carter - 111.

Bike Mustangs

A reminder that the newish, MSS Mountain Bike Team will be hosting and racing tomorrow (Thursday October 5th) at the McLean's Park mountain bike trails just off Highway 6, on Fossil Hill's, New England Road. This is the first high school race hosted by the team and its army of volunteers.

Running Mustangs!

The MSS cross country team is continuing to train for their season. NOSSA is set for October 25th in Sudbury.

Local lad to fight!

Cole King, from Mindemoya and his Troop MMA teammates will be scrapping this Saturday (October 7th) in Montreal. If you would like to watch Cole in action, here is the link to the PPV: <https://crowdcast.io/c/mfl32>

Island Elementary Three-Pitch

The 2023 Island 3 Pitch Tournaments were held at C. C. McLean for the Junior event and at the seniors who were hosted by Central Manitoulin P.S. and held at the Mindemoya ball park. In the Junior Division, the Little Current Coyotes left Gore Bay with its two teams winning first and second spot and Lakeview finishing third. Thanks to umpires Joel Lock and Jeff Gilmore as well as convener, Bruce Lindsay.

The Senior Division title was also brought back to the L.C.P.S. Wolf den. Their roster featured:

Roen Deschenes, Liam Stephens, Max King, Ryan Carter, Colin Goodfellow, Luke Corbiere, Nohlan Matthews, Kirsten Bowerman, Myla Edralin, Realyn Corbiere, Azalea Anaya, Hazel Cooper and Coach, Tim Lockeyer.

Thanks to umpires Rodney Cox, Doug King, Delroy Prescott and Sue Whynott. Also to Central Manitoulin Fire Department and Chief Phil Gosse for watering down the fields, Al Lanktree for dragging the fields and to Lisa Pennie and Ellen Ferguson for assisting with lining the fields as well as being tournament conveners.

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Hats off again to Pierre Labine and his partner Michael Dymond (Barrie), men's doubles, 50+, skill level 3.0, at the Central West Ontario Championship Tournament, way back in May!

Gobble, gobble, run!

The annual Turkey Gobblers trail run is back with new trail maps for 2023. There is a 1km kids' route as well as an 8 and 3.5 km routes for the Sunday October 8th event. The 8km Trail Run/Walk starts at 9:00 A.M., the 1km Kids Run/Walk for 10:30 and finally the 3.5km TRAIL Run/Walk is slated for 11:00 A.M. For more information please contact, Sara McIlraith by email: BeatonClassic@hotmail.ca.

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Linking up for a good cause

The organizers of the annual Blizzard Open golf tournament presented a cheque in the amount of \$2,500 to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary last week. In photo, left, is Jo-Ann and John Carlisle, Marj Moody, Mary-Alice Lewis, Margaret Cadieux, Karen Cranston and Steve Shaffer.

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Claire's Picks

After That Night by Karin Slaughter
 The Ghost Illusion by Kat Martin
 Final Call by Alex Lake
 Black River Orchard by Chuck Wendig
 12 Months To Live by James Patterson

After That Night

This is #11 in the Will Trent series but these novels can be read alone and not in order. I am also watching this show on TV and I am enjoying it very much. GBI Investigator Will Trent and Medical Examiner Sara Linton are back again in a mystery thriller. Fifteen years ago Sara Linton's life changed forever when a celebratory night out ended in a violent attack that tore her world apart. Since then, Sara has remade her life. A successful doctor, engaged to a man she loves, she has finally managed to leave the past behind her, or so she thought. A good read.

The Ghost Illusion

I started to read this novel because of the authors note inside this book. She stated she wanted to write a

News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice
 by Claire Cline

ghost story and began her search for a place to set the novel and chose England. After beginning to search abandoned historic buildings she states she started the beginning of a journey that led her to a place she did not want to go. She states that she is bringing you the reader a tale she felt compelled to write, but not one she would have chosen. She states that she believes it is a story she is meant to tell. Soon she said you the reader will understand why. So with this connotation how can I not now start to read it.

Final Call

They thought it was a simple flight home. How wrong they were.

Heading home after a conference, the senior leadership of a global corporation relax on their private jet ahead of their Christmas break. But their peace is shattered when they realize their jet isn't taking them home. Instead, it's heading east – out over the Atlantic Ocean.

Black River Orchard

A small town is transformed when seven strange trees begin bearing magical apples in this horror story. Take a bit of one of these apples, and you will desire only to devour another and another. You will become stronger, more vital, more yourself you will believe. But then your appetite for the apples and their peculiar gifts will keep growing – and becoming darker. This is what happens when the townsfolk discover the orchard and soon everyone is consumed by an obsession with the magic of the apples and what's the harm if it is making them all happier, more confident, more powerful? But something else is buried in the orchard besides the seeds of these extraordinary trees: a bloody history whose roots reach back to the very origins of the town. But now the leaves are falling, the days grow darker. It's harvest time, and the town will soon reap what it has sown.

12 Months To Live

Tough as nails criminal

defense attorney Jane Smith is hip deep in the murder trial of the century. Actually her charmless client might have committed several murders. But Jane doesn't have much time, between falling in love with a wonderful guy and an equally wonderful dog, a mutt. She's just received a terminal diagnosis giving her twelve months. Unless she is murdered before her expiation date. A bit of a strange read but it did keep me reading.

There are going to be several workshops this fall & winter. To start we will be having a Wreath Making workshop Thursday November 2nd 6pm to 9pm \$50 everything included to make a large winter wreath.

There will also be a Needle Felting Snowman on Saturday, November 4, 10am to 12noon \$10. and on Saturday November 18th 10am to 1pm a Needle Felting Christmas Tree \$25.

There also will be a Small Loom Weaving which will

be a full day and you will take home a lovely wall hanging. A Knitting or Crocheting 2 week class for beginners where you will make scarves and dishcloths. Also another 2 week class where you will learn how to make hat and mittens and also another 2 week class how to make slippers.

Please call the library 705 377-5334 for more details and drop in to register for the first 3 classes in November.

Lots of things to do during the cold, dark days of the winter and of course we have lots of books to pique your interest.

See you at your library!
 Claire



Grateful champs

Congratulations to the Little Current Public School (LCPS) Coyotes on their victory at the Manitoulin 3-pitch baseball championships in Mindemoya. The LCPS Coyotes extend their gratitude to all of the great volunteers, coaches and organizers who help make events like this possible.

photo by Delroy Prescott

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KENJGEWIN TEG

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN INDIVIDUAL TO JOIN THE TEAM THAT INSPIRES AND MOBILIZES STUDENTS TO SUCCEED!

DEAN OF PATHWAYS – FULL TIME CONTRACT – 2 YEARS

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

Classification: Manager M4 Middle-Manager/Salary Grade Band M
 Qualified Level Salary Range: \$80,307 - \$89,230 - \$98,153
 Advanced Qualification Salary Range: \$90,746 - \$100,829 - \$110,912

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

Qualifications:

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

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and be supportive of Anishinabek practices, language revitalization and protocols
- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals and reports
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures involving budget management and reports
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Intermediate – Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office (Outlook, TEAMS, Word, Excel, Power Point)
- Familiarity with Brightspace LMS
- Familiarity with SIS
- Strong understanding of PLAR – PPMI32
- Knowledge of Trauma Informed Educational practices
- Ability to maintain filing systems and databases

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

Application Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2023

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

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

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or by mail to:
Kenjgewin Teg
 "HR – Dean of Pathways"
 c/o Director of Human Resources
 374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented, which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.
Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging. **Late applications and incomplete application packages will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**

Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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DIRECTOR OF QUALITY ASSURANCE – FULL TIME CONTRACT TO JUNE 2026

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

Classification: Manager M3 Program Head/Salary Grade Band L
 Qualified Level \$75,583 - \$83,981 - \$92,379
 Advanced Qualifications Level \$85,409 - \$94,899 - \$104,388

Position Objective:
 As an accredited Indigenous institute recognized in Ontario with the ability to create and deliver certificates, diplomas and degrees, the Director of Quality Assurance ensures that organizational quality assurance policies, standards and procedures are created, aligned and balanced between the needs of the Mniidoo Mnising community, the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council and required provincial and/or federal legislation requirements. As a critical position supporting the growth of Kenjgewin Teg, appreciation and/or practice of Anishinabek traditional knowledge and First Nation education curriculum and policy perspectives is critical.

Qualifications:

- Masters degree in education-related discipline
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge; Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin
- Minimum of three years of work experience with QA systems, regulations, guidelines and associated standards Knowledge of Indigenous higher education and training sector
- Policy writing or other related writing experience

Job Knowledge and Skills:

- Knowledge of education policy and curriculum perspectives of Mniidoo Mnising and the Anishinabek Nation
- Excellent communication skills for liaising and communicating with internal departments and external stakeholders
- Excellent writing skills for documenting and communicating policy and processes with Lifelong Learning and Corporate Services teams
- Self-initiative, well-defined diplomacy, including conflict resolution and people management skills
- Highly motivated and self-directed individual capable of multi-tasking; able to work with minimal supervision
- Detail-oriented and analytical thinker; strong problem identification and problem resolution skills
- Able to build and maintain good relationships across Lifelong Learning and Corporate Services teams of the organization.
- Adaptable, strong work ethic and contributor to positive team attitude
- Demonstrated professionalism, and tactfulness in multi-dimensional work or other environments
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office suite of software

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

Application Deadline: Monday, October 30, 2023

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

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

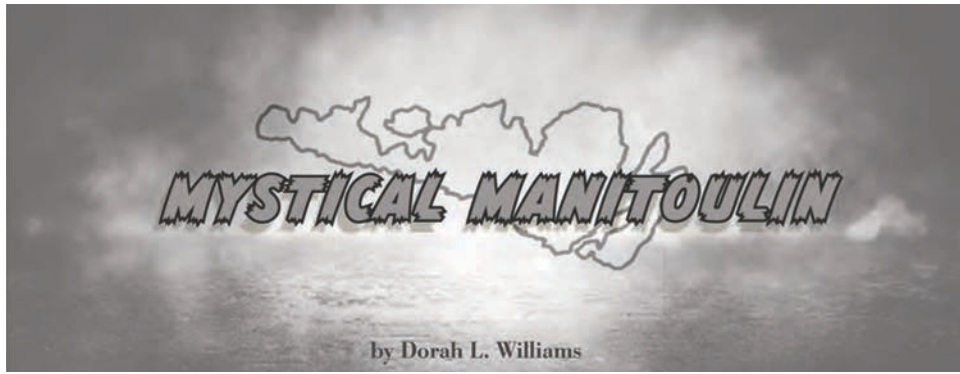
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What is the difference between a residual and an intelligent haunting? A lot—especially regarding how those experiencing these two distinctive phenomena are made to feel.

With an intelligent interaction (or haunting), you and the spirit are very much aware of each other's presence in the same environment. Making direct eye



Contact with a full-body apparition is uniquely unnerving and can lead to a visceral reaction and a surge of adrenaline, triggering a fight-flight-or-freeze instinct.

contact with a full-body apparition is uniquely unnerving. And any attempts to communicate, audibly or physically, for example, can feel frightening and violating, especially in the private sanctuary of one's home. So, that kind of fear-inducing experience can cause a visceral reaction and a surge of adrena-

lin, triggering a fight-flight-or-freeze instinct. On the other hand, residual hauntings can be inherently perceived as startling or confusing but not threatening in the same way that intelligent hauntings are. It is immediately apparent that whatever you see is unaware of your presence. It isn't trying to interact

with you any more than a character in a movie or TV show would during the performance. The film just plays, sometimes decades after production. The actor has no idea who will be watching or when.

Residual hauntings are like short videos produced from energy imprinted into a specific environ-

ment. The energy is generated from constant repetition (like footsteps on a staircase) or an extreme emotion from a specific event that became forever embedded in the atmosphere where it occurred. And somehow, just that few-second clip randomly plays over and over again.

It's a truly incredible phenomenon, and the following shared experience is a great example:

“My family and I once did a cross-island trek to see all the great lighthouses on Manitoulin. I explored them with my parents as a child and wanted to create a

similar memory with my own kids. As it turned out, the memory from that experience was nothing like my childhood. It is inexplicable — and still something I think about today

We had spent the first day of our holiday checking out the two closest lighthouses on the list, within an easy drive from where we were staying. As we approached

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The Municipality of Central Manitoulin

Seeks a **Seasonal Full-Time Snow Removal Operator** for its **Roads Department**.

Duties will include the maintenance primarily of the Mindemoya Sidewalks, may additionally perform duties of a Plow Operator, as needed. Class D-Z driver's licence required and a Class "A" preferred.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Job descriptions are available online or at the municipal office

Applications will be received until **NOON on Thursday, October 12th**.

Box 420 Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
#6020 Highway 542-Mindemoya

For more information please contact:
hnicklasson@centralmanitoulin.ca or the Office at 705-377-5726

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**AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION
CORE CONSULTATION CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT
A First Nation Capacity Building Project**

JOB OPPORTUNITY: CAPACITY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPER

Overview:
The Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation requires a highly motivated individual with strong communication and negotiation skills to take the lead role in the development of a consultation protocol agreement and engagement capacity process to better engage with government and the private sector on lands and resources and to enhance our human resource capacities. It will be especially important to work and learn collectively with all committees and program staff and equally essential to involve all AOKFN members to work and learn collectively in unity.

A Capacity and Resource Developer will be hired to work under the direction of Band Council and a designated Project Team to complete the objectives of the program and beneficial to all of AOKFN.

Must Possess the Following Skills:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Job task planning and organizational skills.
- Computer skills in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel programs.
- Knowledge of historical and current conditions of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation relating to people, lands and resources.
- Research and data collection skills.
- Ability to work cooperatively with others in a team setting.
- Ability to manage personal time.
- Ability to work independently and/or with small working groups.

Duration: pending funding continuation
(Subject to annual program reviews and annual employee performance evaluations)

CLOSING DATE: October 11, 2023 at NOON

Please submit your cover letter, resume, (copies of certificates, diplomas) and three (3) letters of reference marked "Confidential" to:

**Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
13 Hill Street
Little Current, Ontario
POP 1K0**

**Re: Capacity and Resource Developer
Attention: Band Manager**

Please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation – Job Posting (2nd Posting)

Job Title: Community Health Representative Department: Health & Social
Regular: Full-Time Reports to: Band Manager

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The Community Health Representative (CHR) will work collaboratively to engage children, youth and adults in the promotion of physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellness and the protection of health and prevention of illness and injury through the facilitation and/or coordination of a range of evidence-based primary and secondary health prevention and intervention programs and strategies to address risk and protective factors.

The CHR will also provide support and advocacy for AOKFN individuals and families by facilitating and coordinating access to health services, addressing cultural and spiritual needs, networking with First Nation and Non-Aboriginal partners to ensure access to health and other services is a culturally safe experience for patients and their families.

B. QUALIFICATION – Mandatory Requirements

- Preference will be given to candidates with Registered Practical Nurse diploma from a recognized post-secondary institution, current registration and in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario and current membership with the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.
- Post-secondary certification as a CHR will be considered.
- Three (3) years' experience in health education/promotion.
- Knowledge of and respect for AOKFN values, teachings, culture and traditions is of critical importance.
- Ability to understand and speak Ojibwe will be considered a definite asset.
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, internet and email softwares, and use of online learning resources.
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills.
- Must be able to work with minimum supervision.
- Must be able to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends.
- Must have valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle for on-the-job use.
- **Candidate will need to provide Vulnerable Sector CPIC before final hiring.**

C. DUTIES

- Engage community children, youth and adults in the process of taking control over their own health.
- Motivate and build the capacity of individuals and community to take greater control over their own health and health care.
- Plan, implement and evaluate a variety of community-based and culturally appropriate campaigns to promote health and well-being and prevent disease.
- Plan, facilitate and/or coordinate a range of evidence-based primary and secondary health prevention programs to individuals and/or groups, including, but not limited to, topics of disease prevention; personal hygiene practices; breast self-exam; personal safety; injury prevention; healthy lifestyles; preconception, pre- and post-natal health; immunization; HIV/AIDS; sexual health; environmental awareness; screening and management of diabetes and other chronic, degenerative and common diseases.
- Provide education, prevention and/or intervention programs at the day care, elementary school, youth centre, elder's facility, community centre, community events, community homes and other sites as appropriate.
- Work collaboratively in planning and implementation of health clinics, including, but not limited to, diabetes, arthritis and wellness clinics across the lifespan.
- Assist in the assessment of acute illness and care of common illnesses by completing histories, taking vital signs, changing dressings and completing other activities assigned.
- Work collaboratively in the screening, surveillance and monitoring of individual and community health, regarding, but not limited to, dental, vision, hearing, growth and development, immunization, diabetes, blood pressure, nutrition, hygiene and child, youth and adult wellness.

Interested applicants who meet the qualifications as listed above must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials and three (3) current work references with phone numbers to:

**Attention: COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE Posting
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
13 Hill Street,
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
POP 1K0**

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

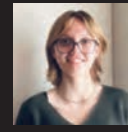
DEADLINE DATE: October 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m
There will be no return of submissions.
Posted: September 21, 2023

It is starting to feel a lot like fall! Crisp, sweet air is blowing through the trees surrounding MSS, knocking orange leaves to the ground. While the breeze is chilly it is certainly welcome by students who are excited for sweater season.

With fall comes the Fall Harvest Celebration! All students were asked to join in to this contest for a chance to compete in Sudbury. There are forty-two categories, some of which include, create a quilted wall hanging, pumpkin




muffins, or an autumn themed poem. Students have handed in their cre-



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

musical, the robotics team, Rainbow Rights, SHARE/Go Green, and Reach For The Top. Classes were excused one at a time starting during period two to check out what each club has to offer. Not only did this expose students to the wonderful opportunities around the school, it increased participation in these activities. Community members were also welcome to attend to give students resources and supports. This included groups like public health, UCCM Police, Manitoulin Victim Services, Mnaamod-zawin Health Services, Manitoulin Drug Strategy, and Noojmowin Teg. It was a great opportunity for students to build connections with their peers and get involved in the school's vibrant community.

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GWEKWAADZIWIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Culinary and Housekeeping Assistant – Internal/External Posting

Position Description:
The Culinary and Housekeeping Assistant is responsible for assisting the Culinary and Housekeeping Specialist in ensuring team objectives and deliverables are met in a timely manner, including the delivery of nutritious meals for participants and staff, and the maintenance and cleanliness of kitchen, food storage areas and the facility in general. This position will have a flexible schedule to meet program needs and objectives.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Culinary and Housekeeping Specialist
- Responsible for taking direction from the Culinary and Housekeeping Specialist
- Responsible for supporting program flow of operations including storage and maintenance of goods and gear; preparing and delivering gear and items for camp transitions and program initiatives
- Responsible for maintaining the kitchen and food storage areas
- Responsible for supporting the delivery of life skills within the program
- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education and therapeutic intervention
- Responsible for ensuring that staff and participants maintain hygienic standards throughout program facilities
- Responsible for supporting culinary and housekeeping inventory management
- Responsible for other duties relevant to culinary and housekeeping initiatives

Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a diploma or experience in culinary, nutrition or related field
- Experience working with at-risk youth and young adults considered an asset
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, cultures and traditions.
- Demonstrated professional level of interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal)
- Safe Food Handling Certificate
- Mature individual who can work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a lifelong journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possess a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle; able to obtain an 'F' class driver's licence within six months of employment
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications
Closing Date: October 6 @ 4:00pm
To Apply: Please submit a letter of interest outlining intent and relevant experience

Complete applications can be submitted at:
<https://gwek.bamboohr.com/careers>

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.



The UCCMM Justice Program brought information and extended a hand to students about their services.


ations today, Wednesday, October 4 for judging.

On Tuesday, September 26 was the MSS Extracurricular Expo. This annual fair displays the student body's many initiatives and accomplishments by putting them on display around the school. Booths were set up along the walls of the first floor with students and community members eager to show other students what they do. There were several clubs present including, Student Council, Athletics Association, The Greenhouse Club, Three Fires, The Prom Project, the



Taking pride in yourself and your identity is an important part of discovery and Manitoulin Secondary School students are there to mentor and support.

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The M'Chigeeng First Nation - Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Early Learning Centre is looking for enthusiastic and caring educators to join their team!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

Registered ECE Salary: \$54,449 - \$62,396 + Group Benefits and Pension
Unregistered ECE: \$51,052 - \$53,321 + Group Benefits and Pension
Term: Full-time Regular

Position Summary:
ECEs are under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisor and are responsible for providing early learning programs that promote child development in areas of early literacy and numeracy skill development, emotional and social development, hygiene, health, well-being and safety. The Centre offers full-day programming for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, as well as a before-and-after-school program for children to 12 years of age.

Essential Functions

- Promote the health, well-being and proud Anishinaabek heritage of children at the Centre.
- Provide high-quality learning experiences in a welcoming, positive and nurturing classroom climate.
- Demonstrate care and compassion for all children.
- Build collaborative relationships with colleagues and parents/caregivers for the benefit of all children at the Centre.
- Maintain and follow Centre guidelines to ensure children's well-being, health and safety.
- Plan, organize and lead activities designed to promote the physical, social, cognitive and emotional growth of children.
- Encourage cooperation and participation among children in the program.
- Increase knowledge, skills and self-awareness needed to implement best practices in early years' education.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma
- Current Police Vulnerable Sector Check
- Proof of TB tests and Health Assessment
- Proof of immunizations


Preferred Qualifications:

- Registered with the College of ECE
- Two to five (2-5) years of work-related experience
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe people
- Fluency in Ojibwe or willingness to learn
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willing to obtain
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively, individually and within a team environment
- Additional specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities, and their families

Submit a cover letter, resume, three (3) current references, applicable certifications and diplomas to:

CONFIDENTIAL: ECE POSITION
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY M'Chigeeng First Nation
Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs (Childcare Centre)
ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR: CHILDCARE CENTRE
Term: Full-time Regular, \$54,405.00 to 66,319.39 + Group Benefits and Pension

Position Summary: Under the supervision of the Childcare Supervisor, the Assistant Supervisor will ensure that children at the centre are receiving high-quality programming in a caring, inviting and safe classroom environment which promotes each child's Anishinaabek identity, self-confidence, well-being and achievement. The Assistant Supervisor will also support the Supervisor with other duties as assigned and act as Supervisor Designate in the absence of the Supervisor.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Support the implementation of Ministry of Education licencing requirements and the health and safety needs of children.
- Ensure the learning environment offers early learners a sense of belonging, where they can make decisions and develop socially and emotionally, physically and spiritually.
- Support educators to provide a welcoming, engaging and respectful classroom environment.
- Provide educators with clear expectations, including the implementation of programming guided by "How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years".
- Coach, model and provide training related to early literacy and numeracy skills.
- Oversee and support the resource-teacher to program for students with special needs.
- Oversee and support Cultural and Language Facilitators with the integration of Anishinaabek culture and language, to build children's sense of identity and pride in their ancestry.
- Work collaboratively with support personnel (e.g. consultants, behaviour resource worker, speech and language, etc.).
- Support report writing as required (e.g., serious occurrences, quarterly/annual reports).
- Evaluate classroom staff under the guidance and direction of the supervisor.
- Support the review, development and implementation of the Centre's policies and guidelines.
- Recommend the purchase of resources to support high quality programming.

Required:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma or qualifications and work experience in a related field
- An understanding of Ministry of Education licencing requirements for childcare centres
- Experience working in a Childcare setting
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willingness to obtain
- A caring and compassionate approach with children, staff, parents and caregivers
- Excellent interpersonal and collaboration skills and the ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment

Desired:

- Knowledge the Anishinaabe culture, history and language or the willingness to learn
- Ability to support children with diverse needs, varying abilities
- Knowledge of early learning philosophies/frameworks
- Passion for children and early learning
- Communication, documentation and observation skills
- Patience, flexibility and creativity
- Time management and organization skills
- Good judgment and decision-making

Other Requirements: All employees require a Vulnerable Sector Screening form, proof of TB tests, immunizations and completion of a health assessment.

Application Closing Date: **October 13, 2023**

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three current references (2 professional and 1 character) and applicable certifications and diplomas addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: "ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR POSITION"
c/o Human Resource
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca

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On Thursday, September 28 MSS recognized Orange Shirt Day. The purpose of this day is to honour and acknowledge victims of residential schools and the impact they continue to have on Indigenous as a student body. Students and staff were asked to wear orange shirts to school to show their support for this important day. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was on Saturday, September 30 and all Canadians were asked to show their support through the colour orange as well. A school-wide address Thursday morning touched on the importance of preserving the memory of those lost to residential schools and honouring the survivors. "In the spirit of reaching minds and touching hearts, our schools and classrooms gather with the values of the Seven Grandfather Teachings for kind-hearted action and caring relationships towards resilience, equity and community in Rainbow Schools. We recognize the many gifts that Indigenous peoples bring to the world and our communities," continued the address. Following this, students listened to a hand drum song per-




The Share/Go Committee has long been a fixture at Manitoulin Secondary School where students reach out to make their community a better place.

formed by Liz Osawamick called "Binoojiinyaag Gizaagigoom" or "Children We Love You." A moment of silence followed as students reflected on truth and reconciliation.

To bring students together on Orange Shirt Day, The Three Fires organized a potluck feast for the student body. Those interested were asked to bring in chile to serve to students who later voted for which chile was their favourite. There was also a variety of sides served including scone, rice, mashed potatoes and several desserts. Students were lined up all around the cafeteria to try the food brought in and served by volunteers. After food was served you could see students mingling and debating which chile was the best before marking down their votes.

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

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Join Our Dynamic Team!

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Are you passionate about empowering people through online education and training leading to jobs? Do you thrive in a collaborative and dedicated team environment? If so, a career opportunity awaits you with Contact North | Contact Nord!

At Contact North | Contact Nord, we are committed to increasing the number of underserved Ontario residents who take online programs and courses from Ontario's colleges, universities, Indigenous institutes, and other providers while remaining in their community.

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By joining our team as an **Education & Training Advisor**, you can recruit and help people access life-changing education and training opportunities that have a lasting impact on their lives.

Why choose us?

- **Unlock Potential:** Be a catalyst for personal growth and development by connecting Manitoulin Island residents with online education and training programs that meet their needs and interests.
- **Join a Like-Minded Team:** Work alongside dedicated professionals who share your passion for making a difference in the lives of others.
- **Fulfilling Career Opportunities:** Experience the satisfaction of meaningful work as you support individuals across Manitoulin Island in achieving their educational goals.

EDUCATION & TRAINING ADVISOR - MANITOULIN ISLAND

As the Education & Training Advisor, based out of a home office, you are expected to generate student registrations every week.

You coordinate our online learning centre in Gore Bay.

Your challenging and rewarding responsibilities:

- Develop and implement effective recruitment strategies to generate student registrations every week
- Provide ongoing support to students throughout their education journey
- Engage with the community, businesses and agencies to generate student registrations every week
- Ensure recorded registrations meet all the requirements and are accurate
- Coordinate operations of the online learning centres
- Monitor trends in the communities you support and share best practices with the team

Requirements:

- A college or university credential in a relevant field
- 3-5 years of experience and developed skills in direct sales or recruitment
- Proven ability to engage with businesses and community organizations
- Strong presentation skills and proficiency in Microsoft Office and CRM software
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team environment
- Valid driver's licence and reliable transportation for travel within the area

Why choose Contact North | Contact Nord as your employer?

- We value your skills and expertise, focusing on what you can contribute
- We offer:
 - A competitive starting wage of \$27.32 per hour
 - A comprehensive employee benefits package
 - An Employer/Employee Group RRSP with a matching contribution plan
 - 15 days of accumulated paid vacation annually
 - Ongoing support and professional development opportunities

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If you are ready to embark on a rewarding career that combines your passion for education with your sales and community engagement skills, we invite you to apply online at: <https://contactnorth.ca/jobs>

Don't miss this chance to join our team and help shape the future of education in Ontario. Apply now and be a part of something truly meaningful!



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCS) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCS 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:

CONTRACT positions:

Manitoulin:
Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator

Sudbury:
Cultural Support Worker (Bancroft location)

Manitoulin and/or Sudbury:
Casual Receptionist
Youth Cultural Outreach Worker
Education Support Worker

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. All postings close at October 13th, 2023 at 4 pm EST. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

POA Court Administration Clerk

Job Details: This position will provide administrative, clerical and court reporting support to the Provincial Offences Court Administration.

Qualifications: Requires intermediate level of word processing and spreadsheet software applications. Must have well developed interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written); strong organization and time management skills; ability to coordinate a number of tasks at one time; ability to work with minimal supervision. Must be a team player with a commitment to quality and customer service. Previous experience in ICON or similar integrated system is an asset. Training will be provided.

Hourly rate: \$26.40

Application Information: Qualified applicants are invited to submit **one file** containing a résumé and cover letter (the title of the attachment should include your name) to: poamanager@gorebay.ca.

Application Deadline: 12:00 pm on Friday, October 13, 2023.

The Town of Gore Bay is an organization that strives to embrace the spirit of inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility. We are an equal opportunity employer committed to building an inclusive and barrier-free environment in which all individuals have access to the Town's goods, services and facilities. If contacted for an employment opportunity, please advise if you require an accommodation.

The personal information submitted for employment is collected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to determine eligibility for employment. We thank you for your application, but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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the last one we planned on visiting that day, I promised the kids we'd go swimming at the nearby public beach when we were done. It was hot, and a swim in that beautiful bay appealed to all of us. But first, on to our next destination.

We parked the car near the beach and walked to the nearby lighthouse. We all stood looking at the structure. After a few moments of admiring its beauty and purpose, we started to retrace our way back to the car and the beach area for a swim. And I'll always regret that I handed our digital camera to my spouse after taking that series of lighthouse photographs. If only I'd held on to it to document what I would encounter next.

There is a lot to admire in such a picturesque village, and I was looking from one old historical building to the next as we made our way along Main Street. My family was walking a lot faster, so they got ahead of me and waited down a ways on the other side of the road.

Just before I crossed the road to catch up with them, I came to a large, derelict building. Even in its current state of disrepair, it was easy to see how grand it must have once been in its heyday, but that was a bygone era.

As I looked for traffic, up and down the road, to see if it was safe to cross, I stopped in my tracks when I saw the side of the building I was approaching. I had only noticed some overgrown trees and vegetation when we walked by it earlier.

But now, I stood there staring, trying to figure out who or what I was looking at. Two ladies in long skirts and upswept hairdos were standing right there. Right amongst that dense overgrowth of vegetation that covered that area of the vacant property. And, because it all happened so quickly and was so difficult to process in that short timeframe, I may have just convinced myself it must have been an optical illusion and eventually forgotten about it.

But the way every detail has remained frozen in my memory, still as clear as the moment it happened, continues to convince me this was not a figment of my imagination.

They were just metres away from me, but seemingly oblivious, not just to the tree branches encasing them, but to me standing there, staring at them incredulously. They both looked youthful, but I couldn't estimate their ages from that angle. Their skirts and blouses looked so elegant compared to contemporary styles. And their hairstyles, too, had an elegance, piled up onto the top of their heads like Gibson Girls. I can still see them now, in my mind's eye, though the sighting was so brief and happened many years ago.

They appeared solid as any other person would be, yet I could see the tree branches still growing right where they stood, like two superimposed photographs.

I remember wondering why they looked windblown as they both tucked loose strands of hair behind their ears, trying to tame it in the gust when the air was perfectly still around me as I watched nearby.

My kids called to me from where they were all waiting across the road, wondering why I was still standing there like that. I took the briefest moment to look at them when I heard them calling me and then immediately looked again at the two ladies, but they had vanished.

As impossible as it seems, I knew it was a long-ago era I had somehow glimpsed. The ladies' location, directly within those overgrown tree limbs, was confusing, but I knew what I saw was real.

I've never used the word "ghosts" when talking about this to others, always referring to them as "those ladies" instead. I wasn't frightened by what I saw and thought calling them ghosts seemed inappropriate. I don't think they were ghosts. But they were apparitions of some kind.

So, recently, but years after this experi-

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Join The Manitoulin Expositor Team!

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

The scope of this job will be to report on:

- Manitoulin courts
- Environmental stories
- The opioid crisis


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

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

We can't wait to hear from you!

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

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

Position: Traditional Use and Consultation Coordinator
Location: Sheguiandah First Nation Health Centre
Accountability: Director of Operations
Employment Status: Full-Time
Hours of Work: Regular Band Office Hours (8:30am-4:30pm)
Some after hours may be required
Tentative Start Date: ASAP

The Traditional Use and Consultation Coordinator will help to build capacity in the areas of revitalizing traditional use of lands and waters by members, consultations with the community, and consultation capacity within the Band Administration when dealing with external governments, agencies, and referral requests.

DUTIES:

- Community education
- Encouraging and facilitating traditional usage of all lands and waters historically utilized by the Nation.
- Developing internal and community consultation and engagement protocols.
- Conducting community outreach (to both on-reserve and off-reserve members) related to consultation from leadership, but also consultation with external agencies such as governments, businesses, etc.
- Building relationships and partnerships in support of increased consultation and engagement in the areas of traditional usage, potential economic development and with those attempting to impinge on SFN Rights and Title.
- Information sharing with the general public and engagement with anyone conducting operations or development within the traditional territory of the Nation.
- Other duties may arise, or as requested by the Director of Operations or Chief and Council.


QUALIFICATIONS:

- Some training will be provided in the area of external consultation; but familiarity with traditional land and water use by the Nation is also a definite asset.
- Preference will be given to Sheguiandah First Nation members; but all qualified applicants are invited to apply.
- Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sectors Check (upon hire).

We thank all applicants for their interest, but advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit an application that includes a cover letter, resume with 3 references marked "Traditional Use and Consultation Coordinator" via email to

Yvette Assiniwai, Director of Operations
142 Ogemah Miikan
Sheguiandah, Ontario
POP 1W0
or by FAX to: 705-368-3697
or EMAIL at management@sheguiandahfn.ca

Deadline To Apply, Friday, October 13, 2023



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Executive Director
FULL-TIME POSITION
Application Deadline: October 10, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Job Summary: Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is seeking the full-time services of an Executive Director. The Executive Director administers all aspects of Noojmwon Teg Health Centre. The Executive Director ensures the delivery of traditional healing concepts with western health promotion to the Indigenous communities by interpreting the implementation of board policies and programs, and by fostering a multi-disciplinary team approach and atmosphere. The Executive Director will work under the direction of the Board of Directors and in collaboration with the three (3) partnering Indigenous Health Directors.

About: Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professionals providing community-based services using a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing practices. Our unique team includes: Traditional Health and Cultural Services, Primary Care, Health and Wellness, and Mental Health & Addictions Services.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweetgrass, sage and cedar may occur within the work setting. Noojmwon Teg Health Centre is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Qualifications:

- Master's level degree from a recognized university in Business, Public or Health Administration or Human Services, or a combination of an undergraduate degree with significant management experience. (Minimum of seven (7) years senior administration mandatory.)
- Thorough knowledge and proficiency in program development, delivery and evaluation.
- Successful in all aspects of financial management (i.e. budget preparation and monitoring, contract negotiation, etc.).
- Five years' experience with progressive management responsibility in community health and/or social services.
- Ability to work effectively in a multi-disciplinary health team environment.
- Ability to work effectively with Indigenous communities and/or organizations and services.
- Commitment to and knowledge of community participation, community-based health care, traditional medicine and wellness concepts.
- Ability to establish productive relationships with other community-based organizations, Board of Directors and government agencies.
- Sound knowledge and application of human resource management and accounting policies and principles.

Submission Pre-Requisites: Please submit a cover letter, resume, list three (3) work-related references, driver's abstract and a current vulnerable sector.

Applications: Can be received marked 'Confidential' by mail to:
Attention: Noojmwon Teg Health Centre - Board Chairperson

Noojmwon Teg Health Centre
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Onni Kaning F.N.
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

To learn more about this employment opportunity, call (705) 368-0083 ext. 248.
Miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmwon Teg Health Centre; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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ence, I got a text message from my son, who has heard me speak of this encounter many times since it occurred, asking me if I'd ever figured out why "those ladies" from the past looked like they were standing within the current day's tree limbs. I told him that still stumped me.

He sent me a copy of a historical picture he had come across while exploring that location again during a recent getaway with his partner. It showed a raised platformed sitting area beside that same building in its heyday, with several ladies of that era enjoying the shade under a large canopy.

Now, the canopy, chairs, and ladies are long gone — or are they?

I know I glimpsed two of them still enjoying their holiday there about a century after that photograph was taken. The world changes year by year. Trees and other vegetation overgrew the comfortable sitting area that once protected female guests from the summer sun.

But somehow, a few seconds of that time replayed before my eyes. It looked like they were chatting, embedded in that vegetation that now grew in the same area that was once an enjoyable gathering spot in its day.

I doubt I'll ever process how this was physically possible, but I know it happened."

And, I'll add a pertinent side note here,

following that shared account:

It has been concluded by many in parapsychology that limestone and water are two of the most potent energy conductors known to produce this phenomenon. (Think of all the documented haunted limestone castles in the UK!) Manitoulin has an incredible abundance of limestone cliffs and alvars and isn't just the largest freshwater island in the world; it also has over a hundred inland lakes. The two best conductors thought to capture this phenomenal residual energy and replay it randomly over time permeate throughout the Island.

So, I'm not shocked or doubtful that this remarkable experience was witnessed as described — with its rich history and wealth of natural resources, including such abundant water and limestone, I'd be more shocked if this type of "haunting" didn't occur quite often, on Mystical Manitoulin.

Do you also have an exciting and mystical tale to tell? 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!*

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YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DEADLINE EXTENDED

Term: Full-time (35 hours per week)
Salary Range: \$40,864 – 49,834 / year + Group Benefits and Pension
(Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

Do you have a passion working with youth? Are you innovative when it comes to collaborating, planning activities, workshops and training? Do you have a background in youth guidance and coaching, life skills mentorship, outdoors training, youth leadership, coaching, tutoring, etc?

If so, Whitefish River First Nation is accepting applications for a Youth Support Worker. The successful candidate should possess skills and direct work-experience working with youth. Candidates must also be positive role models in their own daily habits and life outlook.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

RELATIONSHIP AND TEAM BUILDING

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

INTERNAL PARTICIPATION

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

ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Native Child & Family Worker Diploma, Child & Youth Worker Diploma or related field.
- At least two years' work-related experience working with youth, preferably in an Indigenous community or Indigenous organization.
- Valid Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR, Mental Health First Aid and A.S.I.S.T Certification.
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).
- Valid G Licence with access to own vehicle.

SKILLS:

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

UPON HIRE:

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

Applications must be submitted by: October 6, 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: YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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

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Certified Dental Assistant Full-Time Permanent position

Send resume to info@cassondentistry.com

Casson Dentistry
4 Robinson Street
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

www.cassondentistry.com



UNITED CHIEFS
and COUNCILS
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JUSTICE PROGRAM

third posting

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Remuneration: \$50,000.00 annually and benefits

Closing Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 12 noon

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

Mark "Confidential-FASD" to:

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



SUDOKU

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Level: Beginner

Here's how it works:

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

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ANSWER:

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. Male children
 - 5. Robert Wagner series "Hart to "
 - 9. Unfolded
 - 11. Digestive disease
 - 13. Wednesday
 - 15. Malignant tumor
 - 16. Conscientious investment strategy (abbr.)
 - 17. Slowed
 - 19. Letter of the Semitic abjads
 - 21. Weights of cars without fuel
 - 22. Former CIA
 - 23. Asian country
 - 25. Instead
 - 26. Ancient Egyptian King
 - 27. Privies
 - 29. Shopping trips
 - 31. Paradoxical anecdote
 - 33. It's on the table
 - 34. Ancient Persia ruler
 - 36. Small American rail
 - 38. File extension
 - 39. Days (Spanish)
 - 41. Everyone has one
 - 43. South American plant
 - 44. About ilium
 - 46. Vanished American hoopster Bison
 - 48. A type of breakfast
 - 52. Uncooked
 - 53. Examined
 - 54. Christian recluse
 - 56. Strong posts
 - 57. Some are for pasta
 - 58. Skinny
 - 59. School-based organizations
- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Ringlet
 - 2. Type of complex
 - 3. Midway between north and northwest
 - 4. It becomes something bigger
 - 5. German courtesy title
 - 6. Genus of birds
 - 7. Marked by public disorder
 - 8. Least aggressive
 - 9. Russian city
 - 10. Insect repellent
 - 11. Interruptions
 - 12. Scoundrels
 - 14. 1,000 calories
 - 15. What one does overnight
 - 18. Dwarf planet
 - 20. Pipe
 - 24. Black powdery substance
 - 26. Set of four
 - 28. Canned fishes
 - 30. North Carolina college
 - 32. Secured
 - 34. A disgraceful event
 - 35. Physical suffering
 - 37. The home of the free
 - 38. Some are boys
 - 40. Satisfy
 - 42. Makes very happy
 - 43. South American plants
 - 45. Modes of transportation
 - 47. Female sheep
 - 49. Type of torch
 - 50. Piece of merchandise
 - 51. Jump over
 - 55. Wife of Amun

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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HOROSCOPES

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- ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**
Aries, a project you thought would be done quickly is taking more time than expected to be completed. Don't fret over it too much, as things will work out in the end.
- TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**
There are just a few obstacles that you need to get past before it is smooth sailing for a bit, Taurus. Use these roadblocks as learning opportunities as you go along.
- GEMINI – May 22/June 21**
Gemini, when someone approaches you saying they have a good deal for you, there are certain questions you should ask before moving ahead. It's important to get all the facts.
- CANCER – Jun 22/July 22**
Others might start asking questions about your whereabouts if you take too many days off from your job, Cancer. While you don't necessarily have to explain yourself, it's helpful if you do.
- LEO – July 23/Aug 23**
Leo, if someone already has made up their mind about something, it's unlikely that you will be able to change their way of thinking in one day. Keep at it if it means that much to you.
- VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**
Virgo, if you really ponder how you have been interacting with others, have you been completely honest? You might think you're getting away with something, but others see the truth.
- LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, money is a major driving force behind a lot of decisions, but it shouldn't be the only one. You may be taking on too much if you are working yourself to the point of exhaustion.
- SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**
Scorpio, you continue to roll with the punches, despite things not going your way just yet. Don't worry, your break is out there. The timing is just off for now.
- SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**
Sagittarius, you might be the topic of conversation this week, as others are allfiguring out what they can do to be in your good graces. Try not to play favorites in this instance.
- CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**
No one knows which side of you they will get during an interaction, Capricorn. That can make business or family interactions challenging. Try to be more open.
- AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, you have been managing a lot of extra tasks and could be feeling the added stress from the work. Tune out for a few days to rest yourself and restore your mind to calm.
- PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**
Pisces, you want to be everyone's friend and go along with any plan that comes your way, but you might have to be a little bit more firm in your choices moving forward.