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HARVEST GLORY—Manitoulin has a vibrant 4H Club and their spirit was in full evidence during the annual Manitowaning Fall Fair parade. See story on Page 16.

photo by Michael Erskine

Manitoulin Family Resources reports food bank use up, donations are down Annual 'Hunger Report'

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—The overall number of users of the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Food Bank has increased in the past year while donations have gone down significantly. This appears to be the result of increased costs for things like food, housing and transportation, and that many of those who have been able to donate food in the past can no longer afford to.

For 2023-2024, "the general theme is that the number of visitors to the food bank are up, and donations are down," said Vanes-

sa Glasby, food security program coordinator of MFR food bank. MFR has just released its 2023-2024 Manitoulin Hunger Report. "We have seen a seven percent increase over the previous year and an increase of almost 50 percent compared to pre-COVID times (2018-2019)." The numbers reveal food bank use is on the rise all across the country, including Manitoulin. From April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, the MFR food bank served a total of 4,588 individuals (1,635 households). This represents a seven percent ...continued on page 7

Part I of a Series

Robinson Huron Treaty after 174 years Keynote speaker stresses the importance of language

EDITOR'S NOTE: Robinson-Huron Treaty celebrated the 174th anniversary of its signing last weekend at an event hosted by the Sudbury-area First Nations. This series will examine and present the highlights of the large gathering. **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,**

Local Journalism Initiative reporter

LIVELY—In a momentous event held at the Anderson Farm Museum, the 174th anniversary of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 was commemorated with a significant gathering that brought together members of the 21 treaty territory communities. Co-hosted by Atikameksheng Anishinawbek and Wahnapiitae First Nation, this year's gathering served as a vital platform for asserting Indigenous sovereignty, reflecting on ancestral wisdom and addressing critical issues related to land rights, economic development and cultural preservation.

The Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850, a crucial agreement between the British Crown and several Anishinaabe (Ojibwe) bands, marked a pivotal moment in the history of Indigenous-settler relations in Canada. The Treaty, which hinged on language barriers to establish terms for land

cession and compensation, has long been a source of contention and discussion among the Treaty communities. The recent Robinson Huron Treaty Settlement, which saw 21 First Nations in Northeastern Ontario receive a landmark \$10-billion payout for past annuities, has brought renewed focus on these historical agreements.

This year's gathering follows this historic settlement and was expected to attract over 1,000 participants, including political leaders, Treaty experts, and cultural figures over two days. Among the notable presenters was Anton Treuer, a distinguished Ojibwe scholar and Professor of Ojibwe at Bemidji State University, who has been at the forefront of advocating for Indigenous language revitalization and cultural preservation. He also holds a PhD in History.

Dr. Treuer's presentation was marked by his powerful reflections on the connections between language, land, and sovereignty. "To access what our people understood—the Anishinaabe way of thinking—you need to access that through An-

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Little Current left without water as water treatment computer fails

by Alicia McCutcheon
LITTLE CURRENT—Little Current residents were without potable water from Thursday morning to Saturday evening after a mechanical malfunction at the water treatment plant caused a drinking water advisory to be issued.

Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) lifted the drinking water advisory for the residents in Little Current Saturday evening when, "The bacteriological quality of the water supply has been tested with no adverse results being report-

ed," said Burgess Hawkins, a manager in the Public Health's Health Protection Division.

At a committee of the whole meeting of the Northeast Town Thursday night, CAO Dave Williamson explained that the municipality was first alerted to the problem that morning when, at approximately 8:10 am, residents began calling the town office with reports of having no water.

Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), which is contracted to

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Swimming below Bridal Veil Falls faces possible ban by Billings council

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Among consideration of other options to keep people from harming the wildlife, fish, other species and hab-

itat at Bridal Veil Falls, Billings township council is going to take action to dissuade people from swimming at the falls.

"We are going to put up a no swimming sign at the falls, for sure," stated Billings Mayor Bryan Barker, after a council meeting last week. "And we are looking at other options."

"Bridal Veil Falls is one of the biggest tourist attractions on the Island, and the biggest in our community, and we definitely do not want to prohibit people from it. The majority of the people in the community and visitors to the area are very responsible. It's the couple of people that spoil it for everyone else."

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk Veronique Dion, in a report for council wrote, "Bridal Veil Falls became an area of concern following the discovery of a deceased turtle left on the

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UK reality TV adventure series brings tourists to Island

British couple saw Manitoulin on 'Race Around the World', liked what they saw

by Margery Frisch

MANITOULIN—Europe is transfixed by the reality series 'Race Around the World,' and it was with great surprise that Leanne and Rob Beatty, owners of Mountain View Resort on Lake Manitou, discovered how the show benefitted them.

'Race Around the World' began its debut in 2019. Much like the popular Amazing Race of the US and Canada, the program follows teams of two as they race to reach their final destination. Participants can use any means of transportation except air travel, and they are not allowed to use cell phones or credit cards but are given money in the amount of a one-way plane ticket to that final destination. It's up to each team to work out the logistics. Season 3 was about



racing from British Columbia to Newfoundland, and episode 5 of the popular TV show had the contestants travelling from Thunder Bay to Manitoulin Island.

"Actually," said Leanne Beatty, "it was somebody from Britain who originally

called to book a reservation. I said, 'How did you hear about us?' And they said, 'we watch a show called 'Trek around the World.' They called it 'Trek around the World, but we learned it's 'Race Around the World.' They said, 'We heard about Manitoulin Island on that show and we're very avid watchers of the show, and we wanted to check it out.'" And they were not alone. "We've also had guests come from France, and then some people from Austria and from Amsterdam," Ms. Beatty recounted. All because of this show, originating in Great Britain, but airing throughout Europe and parts of India.

"No one seemed to know, on the Island,

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

Anishinaabemowin language carrier embarks on groundbreaking animation series

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,**
Local Journalism Initiative reporter

WIJKWEMKOONG—Barbara Nolan, a cherished Anishinaabemowin language carrier and linguist originally from South Bay, Wiikwemkoong and who now lives in Garden River, is deeply committed to preserving her language and passing it on to the next generation. She recently embarked on a groundbreaking digital journey to teach Anishinaabemowin through animated videos.

For Ms. Nolan, the videos aren't just about the language; they're about the joy of learning. She believes that people of all ages will find them enjoyable, although they are primarily tailored for early learners and daycares.

Ms. Nolan had contemplated creating animated videos for some time, but it wasn't until she crossed paths with Esbikenh, a teacher from a language immersion school in Bkejwanong (Walpole Island First Nation), that the project started to take shape. Esbikenh recognized the potential of Barbara's work and generously offered to assist her in producing the videos at no cost.

In January, Ms. Nolan began making trips to the Sarnia area to record her stories. With the help of a green screen, she envisioned herself speaking directly to the



Barb Nolan

children, infusing each session with liveliness and fun.

Esbikenh and his team managed the entire production process, including costumes, editing, creating an animated storyboard, and sending it off for full animation. The initial 10 videos were funded by the Anishinabek Nation, where Ms. Nolan serves as language commissioner, and additional videos are already in progress, thanks to support from Garden River Child and Family Services.

Ms. Nolan's passion for teaching Anishinaabemowin dates back to her time as a child and family counselor with the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board. At the now-closed St. Hubert's Elementary School in Sault Ste. Marie, Anishinaabe students faced challenges in their French classes. A student's simple question, "You speak the Anishinaabe language, why don't you teach us?" transformed Ms. Nolan's trajectory. This led her to work with the school principal to develop an Anishinaabemowin curriculum, fueling her enduring dedication to teaching the language.

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Filmmaker and artist Shirley Cheechoo wins \$50,000 Arts Molson Prize

by **Michael Erskine**

OTTAWA—Shirley Cheechoo, the acclaimed trailblazing Cree filmmaker who now makes her home in M'Chigeeng, was named as one of two Arts Molson Prize winners by the Canada Council for the Arts. Dr. Cheechoo, founder of both Debajehmujig Storytellers and Weengushk Film Institute (both based on Manitoulin Island) joins writer and professor Christina Sharpe, who was named in the social sciences and humanities category.

In addition to laying the foundations for two important Indigenous arts organizations, Dr. Cheechoo is renowned for being the first Indigenous woman to direct a dramatic feature film in Canada.

Born in Eastmain, Quebec, Dr. Cheechoo has dedicated her



Shirley Cheechoo

career to amplifying Indigenous voices through the arts. Both the Weengushk Film Institute (along with the Weengushk International Film Festival) and Debajehmujig Theatre Group foster "artistic expression and professional development among Indigenous peoples."

Dr. Cheechoo notes that the most important thing she has

learned her career is to stay the course. "One crucial lesson I've learned in my journey is never giving up on your dreams," she said. "You might find that what you initially thought was your purpose in life changes as you grow and evolve. This is a natural part of life. Keep dreaming, setting goals and embracing the paths that are open to you, even if some dreams must be let go."

"My personal and professional journey has been about taking bold leaps, especially in the arts—a field that resonated deeply with my spirit," noted the storied filmmaker. "When I started taking risks, I relied solely on my determination and the hope that my work would eventually be recognized. It was a daunting path, filled with uncertainties and challenges, yet driven by a deep-seated belief

in the power of art to connect and heal. This relentless creativity and self-belief journey finally paid off when my artistic expressions began to capture attention. It confirmed that passion and persistence can illuminate the darkest paths, even in adversity."

"Taking risks has allowed me to share my voice and heritage and affirmed the importance of art in bridging cultures and healing communities," continued Dr. Cheechoo. "It's a testament to the idea that the world eventually takes notice when you commit to your true path."

Zhiibaahaasing FN water operator Jonathan Riberdy wins national award

by **Tom Sasvari**

ZHIIBAHAASING—Jonathan Riberdy not only received a national recognition for his efforts in providing water to the community of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation despite several obstacles, but he also provided some very good news for the community recently last week. "Jonathan Riberdy has taken a stressful and sometimes impossible-feeling situation and has used it to spread the word on the importance of water operators, especially in First Nation communities," a Water Canada citation noted as he was presented with the 2024 Operator of the Year Award by Water Can-



Jonathan Riberdy

ada this past August. "Sit with him for a moment or two and he'll share with you his dreams and aspirations to inspire the next generation in water. He's

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30-year OPP Detective Patricia Smith feted at retirement party

by **Michael Erskine**

LITTLE CURRENT—The Anchor Inn played host to a retirement party for 30-year veteran OPP officer Patricia Smith. The Anchor Inn's bar side was packed with well-wishers that included colleagues, family and friends and highlighted a side of law enforcement officers that too few members of the public have an opportunity to witness.

Ms. Smith was feted by those who knew her best after her 30 years in public service and the laughter and tears that filled the room highlighted the great esteem with which the police officer is held.

Marie Ford, herself a recently retired OPP officer, acted as master of ceremonies for the event and set up the party with the able assistance of her partner Steve Redmond (also a retired OPP officer).

Ms. Ford provided a brief bio of her friend at the start of the party. "She worked the road and did considerable amount of community service, including teaching young children," said Ms. Ford. "She married the love of her life, Dan in 1997, Andrew was born in 1999, Abby in 2010 and Amy in 2008. I can personally attest to how it would shatter Patty, whenever she had to leave Dan and the kids. In fact, one year, when we were all and told (of course probably illegal) now to go to Caledonia for a week—we both cried all the way down and got to our accommodations."

"Is that not true?" she asked Ms. Smith.

Ms. Ford recalled Ms. Smith as an "incredible recruit. In fact, she was so good, Manitoulin did not have another recruit for 50 years."

The master of ceremony went on to recall her own first day at the Gore Bay detachment. "I had recently transferred to Manitoulin from Napanee and I was sitting in the Gore Bay detachment—I'm fairly sure I was crying because I was in the middle of nowhere," said Ms. Ford. "And Patty, her cheery little self, came in and said, 'hi,' introducing herself and I instantly felt better. Patty and I connected, and we have been inseparable ever since. In fact, I think we are sisters."

The evening proceeded in much the same vein, with testimonials pouring in from all sides.

In 2007, Ms. Smith "went upstairs to the crime unit," recalled Ms. Ford. "She literally went up-



Murray Matheson (Patricia Smith's father), left, was honoured to present Ms. Smith with her retirement badge, after having presented her with her badge following her graduation from police college, thereby bookending the OPP officer's 30-year career. Joining Ms. Smith in the presentation are her childhood best friend Shelley Watt and Ms. Smith's son Andrew Smith.

photo by **Michael Erskine**

stairs. The only crime unit in the province with a bathtub."

It was there that the detective went on to become known as "the master of murders, the sultan of sexual assault." Going on to conduct investigations across the region, Ms. Smith was much more than an investigator, said Ms. Ford. "She did far more, she was integral in treating the victim services in our area, training them in the area of intimate, partner, violence and sexual assault. She did presentations at conferences and also trained the entire cluster of trauma-informed, investigators, all while taking on the odd murder investigation," said Ms. Ford.

"More importantly, how she became the biggest advocate of victims of crime," continued Ms. Ford. "She soon became our abuse issues coordinator and was invaluable in providing assistance to officers conducting interviews and making sure the integrity of these cases was not compromised." A mark of "good job" on the action reports reviewed by Ms. Smith became one of the hallmarks of a career. Those notes would be "a little

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Popular Canadian fiddle champion coming to Manitoulin September 14

LITTLE CURRENT—Canadian fiddle champion Scott Woods is no stranger to Manitoulin having packed houses in previous visits to the Island. This year is proving to be no exception, as tickets are going fast for Mr. Woods' 'Yee Haw' show coming to the Northeast Manitoulin and the Islands Recreation Centre in Little Current at 7 pm on Saturday, September 14.

Mr. Woods has topped the podium at both the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest and the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Championship and has been named Canadian Fiddle Entertainer of the Year. He also has been bestowed the Canadian Grand Masters Fiddlers Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

The 'Yee Haw' title of his latest show plays homage to that iconic country music program of a similar name and combines the same wholesome family-friendly-style repertoire bringing to the stage traditional Canadian country music, Gospel, stepdancing and family-friendly humour. Costumes and antics augment Mr. Wood's famous trick fiddling.

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Tour de Force in Life cycle series a success

by **Tom Sasvari**

MINDEMOYA—While the weather conditions were cold and windy, those participating in the annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series this past Saturday on Manitoulin were filled with gratitude and honour to be recognizing the memory of all those fallen officers for making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

"The annual Tour de Force Ride recognizes those fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice," said Derek Needham

of the OPP, at the opening ceremonies held at the Mindemoya arena. He read off the names of the fallen officers in the Ontario Northeast and Northwest region area, which included Marc Hovingh, a Manitoulin OPP detachment Constable. "It is so great to see Lianne Hovingh and her daughter here today for this ceremony."

Piper Iain McGale, a conservation officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) on Manitoulin Island performed 'Amazing

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Canada's Arctic should be focus of increased defence spending

The answer to the age-old politically-charged question of "guns or butter" rarely falls on the guns side of the ledger. There is no question. When it comes to making a decision on whether to spend money on defence or on maintaining (or enhancing) public services and the economy the more popular decision is to go with the latter. Simply put, there are more votes to be mined in that realm.

But the new world order, where our Russian neighbours to the north have adopted a new and more bellicose approach to solving disputes, the argument for more defence spending becomes much stronger.

Sometimes, political decisions must run counter to the political tide. But the truth is that those decisions do not always have to stand as a complete dichotomy.

Canada is under increasing pressure from our allies to up our nation's game when it comes to military spending—with the oft-touted defence spending goal of two percent of gross national product. The current Liberal government has committed to meeting that goal by 2032. We need to move faster.

Currently, we have very little presence (or national investment) in the Canada's far North, miniscule when compared to that of our Russian neighbours. Yet even though much of our nation's economic future is inextricably bound up in that region, our collective eyes are steadfastly focussed in the south.

By building the infrastructure needed to access the North we can extend our nation's sovereignty over what is widely anticipated to be "the next big thing" in trade—the fabled Northwest Passage.

Complacency over the defence of our nation's Northern territories comes at the peril of losing control over a region Canadians have always just "naturally" believed to be ours. Not everyone in the world agrees. If a nation is unable to enforce its sovereignty

over its territory, that territory is inevitably lost to those who can.

Currently, the trade juggernaut of China has partnered with Russia in pacts looking to the opening of the Northwest Passage. Already ships are plying those waters as a shortcut to markets across the globe and their numbers are projected to increase exponentially as global warming opens the ice pack for ever-longer periods of time.

In the desperate days of the Second World War the US Corps of Army Engineers embarked upon what is considered one of the most expensive projects of the Second World War, coming in at a cost of approximately \$185 million in 1942 dollars. The project took some 11,000 soldiers and engineers, about 16,000 civilians and employed 7,000 pieces of equipment. The original pioneer road was completed in 1942, taking just nine months to connect Dawson Creek to Delta Junction, Alaska—by 1943 Northern military outposts could be reliably supplied across what would become known as the Alaska Highway.

But it was in 1948 when the highway opened to civilian use that the economic benefits began to flow south.

By building a "military" road into Canada's North, our nation could easily meet the NATO benchmark, while at the same time creating jobs and economic opportunities for generations to come. Being able to reliably reach the far North by road and rail will also bolster our claim to the vast riches contained within.

Certainly, that infrastructure must be built in such a manner as to have the least impact on the pristine wilderness that is the vast reaches of the North and be done in as environmentally sound manner as possible—but if we want to continue to call those regions part of Canada it not only should be done, it must.

Federal NDP pull plug on pact with the governing Liberals

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh announced in a social media post on September 4 that he was terminating the supply-and-confidence agreement that has helped provide stability to the current Liberal minority government.

"Justin Trudeau has proven again and again he will always cave to corporate greed. The Liberals have let people down. They don't deserve another chance from Canadians," Mr. Singh said in the video. "There is another, even bigger battle ahead. The threat of Pierre Poilievre and Conservative cuts. From workers, from retirees, from young people, from patients, from families—he will cut in order to give more to big corporations and wealthy CEOs."

The Liberals were caught somewhat off-guard by the announcement as the NDP sent a note to the governing party seven minutes prior to the social media post going live—despite the NDP having planned the move two weeks prior, according to the Prime Minister's Office.

"These are the things that we're focused on," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau upon learning of the surprise move, adding, "I'll let others focus on politics. I really hope the NDP stays focused on how we can deliver for Canadians, as we have over the past years, rather than focusing on politics."

Manitoulin is currently represented by a member of the federal NDP Party. The Expositor reached out to Algoma-Manitowaning-Kapuskasing (AMK) MP Carol Hughes for comment on her leader's move.

"The agreement was always about getting things done on the issues that concerned Canadians wanted their government to take action on, and to show what a truly progressive party could achieve if given the chance," noted AMK MP Hughes.

"The NDP proved it could be done and we're very proud of what we achieved, like dental care, pharmacare, investments in affordable housing and co-development of the Urban, Rural and Northern Aboriginal Housing Strategy, anti-scab legislation, implementation of the Canada Disability Benefit, increased Canada Student Loans, affordable child care, to name a few." But when it came to remaining in the agreement until it was dated to expire, Ms. Hughes said, "we felt that the deal had run its course and that, while there is still common ground between our parties, we can address challenges on a case-by-case basis."

Ms. Hughes emphasized that the end of the deal does not mean an election is neces-



Algoma-Manitowaning-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and NDP leader Jagmeet Singh on the Little Current waterfront.

sarily imminent. "This does not mean that Parliament is falling," she said. "It means that the government must work harder to find consensus with parliamentarians to get things done for our constituents. New Democrats are proud of the leadership we have shown in leading the way to help Canadians and hope that, even without an agreement, the government will recognize the need to work with us to continue to advance progressive change to improve the lives of Canadians."

Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré, whose riding has now expanded to encompass Manitowaning after Ms. Hughes' riding was eliminated in the redistribution that saw Algoma-Manitowaning-Kapuskasing and who will be contesting the seat in the next election cycle (due in 2025, but now possibly taking place earlier should the minority government fall), also weighed in on the question.

"It's disappointing that the NDP chose to play politics by ending the confidence agreement," said Mr. Serré. "In these changing times I want to reaffirm my commitment to advancing progressive and positive policies. I'll keep fighting for real benefits and solutions for the people of Nickel Belt and all Canadians. We must recognize that critical programs like dental care and pharmacare, which were established through this agreement, may now be at risk. These initiatives are making a real difference in the lives of Nickel Belt residents and across Northern Ontario and it would be shame

for them to be jeopardized."

Mr. Serré said that he will remain supportive of the Liberal government's "consistent plan and proven efforts in driving green economies, creating jobs, building housing, tackling affordability and social challenges all while showcasing the strengths of Northern Ontario regions."

The MP noted the end of the agreement will make things somewhat more difficult, but he remained hopeful that progress can be made. "The upcoming House of Commons sessions will undoubtedly be challenging," he said. "We can't let this situation empower the opposition, who prioritizes political gain over Canadians' real needs, seeking to cut essential services people rely on. Let's remember that in 2021, Canadians elected a minority government, signaling a clear desire for parties to cooperate and work together. They want solutions, action and results. I hear from community members who reject American-style politics built on petty arguments, misinformation and personal attacks. I'll keep working at the grassroots level, collaborating with municipal leaders, Indigenous communities, business groups, and people throughout the riding to ensure their voices are heard."

Although the end of the agreement does inject a certain amount of uncertainty into the timing of the next federal election, there are a number of factors that could keep the Liberals in power through to 2025.

First off, the NDP (which unlike the other two main federal parties is closely linked to its provincial namesakes), is currently fighting three provincial elections due to go to the ballot box in October—in British Columbia and Nova Scotia on October 19 and Saskatchewan on October 28, stretching resources on the ground in those provinces.

The governing Liberals may also manage to strike deals on a case-by-case basis with the NDP or the other opposition party, the Bloc Québécois, whose leader Yves-François Blanchet has announced his party has compiled a list of items benefiting Quebec that will guide his party's response to any confidence motion.

Progressive Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre has made it clear that his party will be introducing confidence motions at the earliest convenience to enable a "carbon tax" election. Mr. Poilievre has made it clear his party will revoke the carbon tax imposed by the Liberal government but has not indicated what his party will do in order to meet Canada's international obligations on climate change.

Raising a barn on Barrie Island-Summer of 1948

Special to the Expositor

by John C. Carter and Robert C. Lane

Introduction: It was all a positive reaction to the COVID epidemic—not in the sense of getting the disease, but in what it allowed him to do. Bob Lane decided that while he was house bound, he would write a history of his life on Barrie Island, Manitoulin Island, and share it with his family members. Bob asked me to look at it. In my review, I came across the following fascinating part of his story about a barn raising bee that he was involved in as a young boy. He acted as a ‘pole rider.’ We often think of such descriptions coming from the mid-19th century narratives and histories, but in this case, it was an event almost a century later in the 1940s.



The Montgomery barn on Barrie Island. Photo taken in the summer of 2023.

photo by Bob Lane

The Story: “The last barn raised on Barrie Island, was built on the Montgomery Farm at lot 9, concession 6. That was in the summer of 1948, when I was 10 years old. The previous barn had been struck by lightning and burned to the ground, requiring it to be replaced by then owner Emma Noble (sister of Lila Montgomery).”

“Alan Montgomery was uneducated but could frame a barn better than anyone else I ever saw. He also framed the last barn built on our farm at lot 6, concession 5 as well, but it was just an implement shed and easier to erect. On the

day of the barn raising, about 15 guys along with pike poles showed up. There were a couple of teams of horses, one team that probably belonged to Alan. Alan had everything cut out to fit, lying in piles, marked so it would be known what beam went where. A number of pegs (or treenails) had been made using squared blocks of wood, which were driven through a flat metal plate, making round pegs all the same size. These were then sharpened with an axe, so they could be driven into the pre-drilled holes made by a two-handed beam auger.

As I recall, sides were assembled first on the ground and the pegs holding them together were pounded in using a “widow maker” (or a beetle/commander). This was a homemade sledgehammer made from a block of wood with a small tree trunk used for a handle. There were different sizes of these sledges or mauls, because it was more difficult to pound the beam over the tenon of the upright beams than it was installing the pegs. The braces had to be installed by hand as the frame was assembled because they are not fastened; just friction fit.

When the sides were assembled, the teams were hooked to them, and the men then lifted the upper end from the ground and raised it as high as they could reach. The framing was going over a stable, so the bottom of the frame was already on the edge of the concrete foundation. After the upper plate was lifted as high as possible, the pike poles were used until they reached as high as they could. The horse then pulled the sides upright, where they were held in place by ropes. Both sides had to go up before the ends.

When the ends were assembled on the ground, the same procedure was followed, but it was necessary to have someone up at the top to install the braces as the end and side came together. The braces, the same as on



Barn raisings were community events, as seen in this 1910 J. James photograph of a barn near Chatsworth, Ontario. photo provided by Grey Archives/Grey Roots, Owen Sound.

the sides, were friction fit. I, being the lightest in weight, then rode the plate up and placed the braces, as well as installing the pegs to hold them. It made me feel important. Someone on a ladder would have installed the lower braces and pegs. The purline plate was more difficult as it had to be raised by the men with ropes working off the cross beams.

Lunch was served at noon, and plates were piled high with homemade food. Usually there was a contest as to who could eat a whole pie after consuming an enormous meal!

As I recall, the barn went up in a day, but it had taken weeks of work for Alan to cut all the beams to size. That barn, I think, had mill sawn beams, but our home barn, built in 1904, had hand hewn beams. These had been squared by hackers and hewers. The hacker would stand on top of a log raised on something. He would have a double-bladed axe and would strike down on the side of the log, hacking off large chips. The

men hewing would be standing on the ground with a shorter handled hewing or broad axe, chopping straight down and straightening the side as he removed the chips opened up by the hacker. The two men would

sawmill, but not much. I had a broad axe and framers’ drill but have never used them.

After the framing was completed, the rafters were installed, then the roof sheeting and the roof surface, which I believe was metal. The wall covering or sheeting were pine boards nailed to the frame. The finished structure measured 36’x60.’

Alan Montgomery eventually became the owner. It is now owned by Murray Montgomery, a grandson of the barn builder, and is still used to this day. It certainly is a wonderful testament to its builder Alan Montgomery and the group which assembled to raise the barn, all those many years ago.

Thanks so much, Bob, for writing down your remembrances and sharing them. They are truly part of an often forgotten chapter of ‘Hawater History,’ one which can now be enjoyed by all when reading this article.

*Dr. John C. Carter is an award-winning author/historian living in East York and Sauble Beach, Ontario. He has presented his illustrated barn presentation on several occasions at the



The first bent goes up! Photo of an undated barn raising near Thamesford, Ontario.

photo by Tom Dennison.

be facing each other chopping in sequence and it has been said that, if one of them broke the sequence, he was in danger of having his handle cut off. I never saw that happen. Two good men were a little slower than a

Gore Bay Museum. Bob Lane was born and grew up on Barrie Island. He is a retired insurance adjuster, and he and his wife Debbie now live in Kingsville, Ontario.

The Artists of Georgian Bay is a limited-edition book featuring several of Manitoulin’s favourite artists

by Margery Frisch

GEORGIAN BAY—“The Artists of Georgian Bay” is a beautiful, hard-cover book of 120 pages with 320 examples of the work of 41 artists. The official book launch took place at the Craig Gallery in Meaford on Sunday, September 8 and many of the artists featured in the book were there. The small gallery was packed with many books being sold and signed by the artists in attendance. Glen Loates was continually in a crowd, clamoring for autographs.

Andrea Hillo designed and published this book of artists, but it is not her first. She has been creating beautiful books of art for the past 12 years. In 2012, she came up with the idea to create a book of the artists of



Andrea Hillo, creator and producer of the Artists series.

Algonquin. To hear her tell her story is to listen to a remarkable series of serendipitous events leading up to these magnificent books which are a delight to the eye. An example of good fortune with her first compilation was when she said to one of the artists in the Algonquin area, ‘If only I could get Robert Bateman to write the foreword for this book.’ ‘Oh, I know Bob, let me ask him for you.’ And, just like that, she had an enthu-

siactic Robert Bateman’s full support of the book (along with his penned foreword).

“The Artists of Georgian Bay” is Ms. Hillo’s fifth such book. “This one was done a little differently,” she explained, “because of the vastness of the area, and the fact that many artists come to vacation in this area, I’ve included some artists from the States and other parts of Canada.” This book includes a foreword by renowned wild-

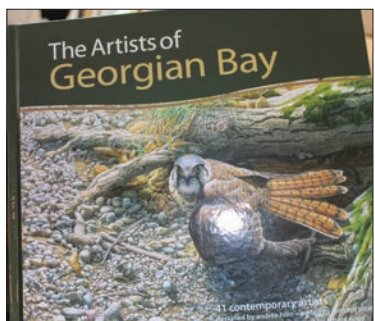
life artist Glen Loates, whose work is also featured. There’s a tribute to Mr. Loates, by Robert Bateman and a tribute, by the publisher, to Orillia-area artist David Beckett, who sadly passed away before the book went to print.

A book of Georgian Bay artists would be remiss if it did not include Manitoulin’s own Ivan Wheale and Duncan Pheasant. Rest assured; they are in the book. “What can I say, just to

be included with these fantastic artists is a feather in my cap,” said Mr. Pheasant, “the book is great, and there I am amongst them, very honoured indeed.”

Several artists who frequent Manitoulin Island and whose work is often seen at the Perivale Gallery are featured in this book as well – Mark Hope, Jay Favot, Barry Bowerman, Lee Munn and Cathy Boyd. Ms. Boyd, of Midland, was happy to be chosen and included with many renowned artists. “I think it’s good for my portfolio. It’s an honour to be asked to be in the book. You know, you work so hard to reach a certain level, and if you’re good enough to be in the book, then that in itself is a compliment.” Ms. Boyd would have liked to attend the book launch in Meaford, “But, it’s too far for me to drive,” she explained. “I go up to Manitoulin two or three times a year and that’s a heck of a long drive!” she added with a laugh.

“The Artists of Georgian Bay” is available at the Perivale Gallery and from any of the artists featured in it. A stunning art book as this would make a wonderful Christmas present for that art lover in your life.



The official book launch of ‘The Artists of Georgian Bay’ took place on September 8th, 2024.

Friends and Neighbours

PROVIDENCE BAY — Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly fall fly! Can you feel it? That chill in the air, this time of year is truly my favourite when the leaves change colour and the air turns crisp. Whenever September 11 comes, I recall of a lot of profound emotions. The day the earth stood still, 9/11. Everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing. I was working at Bally Total Fitness back then as a Program Director in their brand new flagship location, in the heart of downtown Toronto at the Eaton's Centre. My colleagues, patrons and I watched in disbelief as the smoke and chaos from ground zero in NYC was televised. We were all told to finish our business for the day and go home to our families. Shortly after I went home, there were news reports of the Pentagon being under attack and I thought that was it for all of us. I obsessively started stock-piling food and water. I think that was the second time I became very aware of my own mortality. The first time being when I cared for my ailing mother in France, who's health became ravaged by bone cancer. I was 21 when she passed and that was my first of many game changers. We all have them. Those life altering ah-ha and 'holy hawberry' moments when we recognize how important it is to enjoy the small gifts in life, that there really is no better time than the present and that we must not take anything for granted, ever. To always stop to smell the roses and eat the cake. Why? Because life is hard, the pendulum and balance that holds us firm and steady can suddenly tip and topple at any given moment. There will always be winters of discontent that are, rest assured, followed by springs of renewal, intent reflection and quiet reprieve. To every living thing, there is a season. As we enter the season of gratitude and grace, Providence Bay residents and businesses breathe a sigh of elation, emphatically giving thanks and taking a bow for the successes, the new legacies and lessons learned of another incredible, busy and bountiful summer 'down by the bay.' Well done!

Here's what's happening: Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: Family Rec Nite continues Friday nights from 7-9 pm through September. Drop-in and join the fun! Drop in to play pickleball, badminton, basketball, cornhole, ping pong and air hockey with friends, family and neighbours.

Fall Market: Central Manitoulin Market invites you to the Fall Market at the Providence Bay Arena on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm, over 60 vendors all under one roof! Will be awesome!

Providence Bay Hall: Exercise class is Fridays, adults age 55+ is from 10:30 to 11:30 am with a September 20 start for a 12-week program. For information call Alison, 705-377-5726 or email her at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca.

Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Club golf tournament and fundraiser, 50/50 draw, silent auction, contests and prizes! Dinner, golf and fun all for a great cause. It is happening on Saturday, September 21 at the Brookwood Brae Golf course (tee-off at 8:30 am) for more information contact chris_bryan84@outlook.com or 705-348-0493.

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

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Sunday service at 10:30 am; Youth Group meet ups are Wednesdays at 6 pm as of September 18.

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

The Heavens: September is packed with exciting astronomical events including a partial Lunar eclipse, Saturn at opposition, a full harvest super moon on Tuesday, September 17 and the autumn equinox on Sunday, September 22. The word equinox means equal night, meaning night and day are roughly the same amount of time. Equinox marks the start of the fall season in the Northern Hemisphere. The comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS will reach perihelion, and visit the inner Solar System, it's closest to the sun at 36 million miles (58m kms) on Friday, September 27 followed by its closest approach to Earth on October 12. So, keep your eye to the sky!

The Horses: check the Manitoulin Horse Enthusiasts Club Facebook page for upcoming events.

Providence Bay Boardwalk and Discovery Centre: That's a wrap! Sunset Music series is finished for the season, thank you to all the incredible talent who graced our sunset series stages and to Lance who brought music to the masses.

The Discovery Centre had a fun season and run thanks to Tom, Jacob and Garrett, wishing you all a great year ahead! Lance and crew worked their hides off keeping everyone well-fed and watered, thank you all! Huron Island Time will remain open through the early fall season. Be sure to drop by for a smoothie, ice cream, sweet and savoury food and Island souvenirs! Stroll along the beach and boardwalk. enjoy the spectacular views along Lakes Huron and the Mindemoya River. Be sure to visit our local eateries and cafes for some good eats, great inspiration and good company before they all close for the season.

Mentions: Sending happy and healing prayers and vibes to Christine Lee McNaughton. You are a strong, unrelenting spirit! Happy Birthday to Pam at the Post Office, to Auntie Sharon Gilchrist. Miigwetch to M'Chigeeng and sponsors for hosting and organizing an incredible powwow. Thank you, Jennifer and Matt, for getting the kids where they need to go this season. Thank you, Sharon Dewar, for lending us the awesome hand-pulled wagon we used in the parade and we will incorporate it into our Harvest Glory Days/scarecrow decorum and for the scarecrow assembling tips. Now is a great time to get a handle on the broomsticks and hay bales. If you need to repurpose anything you can check out Treasures in Mindy, local yard sales or the Providence Bay Transfer Station at 4077 Government Road. The hours are Thursday and Saturday from 1 to 5 pm (September long weekend to May long weekend).

Every act of kindness, no matter how small, can make a difference.

The Scarecrow of Oz

"There was a great cornfield beyond the fence, and not far away she saw a Scarecrow, placed high on a pole to keep the birds from the ripe corn. Dorothy leaned her chin upon her hand and gazed thoughtfully at the Scarecrow. Its head was a small sack stuffed with straw, with eyes, nose, and mouth painted on it to represent a face. An old, pointed blue hat, that had belonged to some Munchkin, was perched on his head, and the rest of the figure was a blue suit of clothes, worn and faded, which had also been stuffed with straw. On the feet were some old boots with blue tops, such as every man wore in this country, and the figure was raised above the stalks of corn by means of the pole stuck up its back."

- L. Frank Baum, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

KAGAWONG — Team Fergmeijer

Set phasers to pun! September 8 was Star Trek Day and Team Fergmeijer can't help but reverse polarity and celebrate. We know the puns are a bit out there this week, but what can we say, we have a one Trek mind. When it comes to puns, we've always been of the enterprising sort. We do have to be careful though that our spicier puns don't get us into any tribble.

A very happy birthday goes out to Jamie W and Kim B, both of whom are turning 29. Don't think you are fooling anyone when you are talking about getting lit on your birthday. Everyone knows you are just referring to the cake.

A belated bonvoyage to Mike, as he heads to the land of the badger to pursue his education. The town is a little less wormy without you.

Team Fergmeijer would like to send heartfelt get-well-soon wishes to Kagawongians Sadie and Cali. We know you'll both be up to your usual shenanigans in no time.

TONIGHT! Come by the Kagawong on Centre Wednesday, September 11 at 8 pm for a concert by Juno-nominated Canadian Chamber Choir, featuring Sherryll Sewepagaham. This special concert is part of the choir's 'Where Waters Meet' CD release tour and will feature 20 professional singers from across the country. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Don't miss this incredible performance!

The Wednesday Kagawong markets may be done for the year, but the next evening market is right around the corner! Saturday, September 14, come on out to the covered rink in Kagawong from 3:30 to 8:30 pm to check out the amazing vendors and support local!

Flutter on into Kagawong Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21 - NorthWords and 4e's Elemental Festival are partnering to bring an amazing weekend of fun for the whole family! Friday starts with workshops in the afternoon for adults and kids, and in the evening the popular 'Book & Brew' is back at Split Rail brewery in Gore Bay. Enjoy live music, complimentary snacks, purchase a drink (including non-alcoholic options) and get up close and personal with featured authors Coltrane Seesequasis, Mike Strobel and poet Vera Constantineau. Book & Brew tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at Billings Library or at the door.

Carol Pasternak, the "Monarch Crusader", is this year's festival keynote speaker (Saturday at 1 pm). She has authored multiple books on the iconic local pollinators. Saturday also has workshops galore with family-friendly sessions in the morning (including children's author Sahar Golshan) and author-led writing workshops for adults in the afternoon. Saturday evening, come out to experience Melody Johnson's dramatic reading of her fantastic show, "Person of Interest" (admission by donation). Check out the festival ad in this edition of the Expositor for full details of all events, as well as online ([Fb.com/NorthWordsFest](https://fb.com/NorthWordsFest) and [Fb.com/4eelementalfestival](https://fb.com/4eelementalfestival)), or you can email NorthWordsFest@gmail.com for more information. Pre-registration for workshops is recommended.

The library has officially returned to its regular 'winter' hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 7 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm). The land-fill continues with its summer hours until the end of October (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 pm; Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm).

Ever wonder why Star Trek was so successful? We think it was because it had good Genes. Have a great week!

MELDRUM BAY — Elaine Bradley

On Saturday there was a lasagna dinner at Silver Water Hall. The Community Memorial Hall celebrated its 75th birthday. A friend of mine went and said that the lasagna was very good and the selection of desserts was fantastic. We missed it, we were driving across the Island to Little Current to buy a trailer hitch for our truck. It is very hard on the Saturday of a long weekend to purchase a trailer hitch.

Last Sunday, John and Sharon McDonald entertained us with their good music at our church service. John played the banjo and Sharon played the bass viola. It is always a delight when they come, thank you John and Sharon.

Sunday afternoon, Diane Jones' grandson was baptized in Meldrum Bay, not the village, the bay. Everyone said it was very nice. Janice Frame waded into the water and officiated. Amanda and Mike Vanderform are the proud parents.

Tuesday was Kits and Quilts at the hall.

Friday night, August 30, at Euchre we had four tables and two sit outs. Lynda Rumley won high ladies with 74 points; Lisa Townsend won high men with 76 points; ladies' lone hands went to Brenda Carter with three; men's lone hands went to Tom Rumley with three; most euchres was won by Steve Gugelyk with 11; Karen Noble brought home the juice; the money jar is still safe; Diane Jones won the 50/50 and also took home the door prize.

Have a great week everyone.

BARRIE ISLAND — Enid Runnals

It's back-to-school week for our Barrie Island students and we wish them a wonderful year of learning! There are about five students riding the Barrie Island school bus. Otherwise, summer happenings have carried on.

Sandy and Jim Miller spent the long weekend in McGregor Bay with Bruce and Anne Miller. They celebrated the milestone birthday of their baby sister Sue Miller Nyhof along with Dag Nyhof.

A few days later Anne and Bruce Miller visited the Millers and the Runnals families on Barrie Island.

Natalie Hayden of Lively, was over for the weekend to visit her parents, Lance and Lillian Greenman.

Carolyn Lane-Rock enjoyed a road trip and camping adventure to Pancake Bay always a beautiful spot.

SILVER WATER — Karen Noble

On Friday we went to Gore Bay for errands. Marlene Burns won the draw for the bench from the Anglican Church. She donated it to a couple from Little Current. Friday evening we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

Saturday morning, August 31, we had a market in our yard. There were lots of vendors and lots of shoppers. In the afternoon, there was a celebration of the community hall's 75th anniversary. Marie Leoney had done an excellent job of preparing the history story for a large crowd. There were plenty of pictures to look at. Afterwards there was a lasagna dinner downstairs which was well attended. The Silver Water Recreation Centre made about \$1,000 towards their upstairs bathroom project. There will be other events to help them reach their goal.

On Tuesday morning, Albert and I went to Meldrum Bay for Kits & Quilts. Another two quilts were tied and 230 hygiene kits were packed. There will soon be another load to go to New Hamburg.

Tuesday evening was fire practice.

Wednesday morning, Albert took our car to the garage for four new tires and an alignment.

Thank you to everyone for my birthday wishes and gifts on Wednesday. I had notes from three of Albert's siblings in Holland with lots of updates.

Thursday afternoon, the UCW meeting was held at St Andrew's United Church in Silver Water. We discussed some upcoming events and some donations that will be made. The roll call was to bring non-perishable food items for the Lyons Memorial United Church food cupboard. The next meeting is October 3 at Peggy Morrison's home.

Sharon Beaton and her mother Kathy are staying at her friend's cottage for a week. Gladys and I had a swim with her on Thursday.

The garden is still growing this week. The cucumbers are almost done, which is good since we have lots of pickles in the basement now. The tomatoes continue. The beans are done.

The UCW is hosting a fashion show on Saturday, September 21 in the afternoon at the Silver Water Hall.

There will be a luncheon followed by a euchre tournament on Sunday, September 29 at the Silver Water Hall.

Happy birthday to Jordan Duncanson on September 3 and to Blake Duncanson on September 6.

Condolences to the family of Bernice Lewis.

...MFR reports food bank use up, donations are down

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increase over 2022-2023, and a 46.2 percent increase over pre-COVID times.”

Among the 1,635 households who visited during this time period, 28.0 percent had never visited the food bank before (a 14 percent increase over the number of new households in 2022-2023). “This number is similar to our pre-COVID rates, where approximately 28 percent of our clients each year would be first-time visitors.”

As with last year’s report, the communities least represented in percentage of food bank visits were those located furthest from the MFR food bank (located in Mindemoya). “This is likely due to transportation barriers.

“I think there are a lot of factors as to why we have seen such a high increase in the number of visitors to the food bank,” said Ms. Glasby. “One being the cost of living, with groceries, housing (rent) and standard expenses having all increased, while wages have not kept up. People are struggling to pay for basic things like rent, groceries and transportation. And social assistance through ODSP and Ontario Works have not kept up to the increases.”

About one-third of users of the food bank are children/youth between the age of 0-17. There has also been an increase in the number of seniors who are using the food bank. “Senior pensioners used to be able to survive on one pension, but the dollar is not stretching as far as it used to,” said Ms. Glasby.

Suze Morrison, of the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, noted in a 2023 new interview that, “wage discrimination, the historical impacts of colonization and residential schools, access to education and employment and housing discrimination (are all factors at play) when it comes to the overrepresentation of Indigenous clientele at emergency food programs.”

Individuals residing on Manitoulin’s First Nation communities made up 72.42 percent of all food bank visits in 2023-2024 (compared to 68 percent in 2022-2023). “At the MRF food bank (self-identified Indigenous clients) represent 52.2 per of our clientele, despite making up approximately 40.6 percent of the total population of the Island. It is safe to say that our Indigenous community members are vastly overrepresented in our food bank statistics.”

More than 50 percent of clients visited only once or twice over the course of the year. “While some of our clients required consistent support from our food bank, many simply need help making ends meet when expenses get too high to bear,” the report notes.

According to Feed Ontario, one in seven food banks in the province (including MFR) purchase 20 percent or more of the food they distribute to their clients. “We purchase an estimated 49.3 percent of the food we distribute, though this percentage varies greatly

depending on the time of year and grant funding available to our organization. Although our community is very supportive of our work, especially during our Christmas hamper campaign, we simply do not receive enough donations to feed everyone who needs it,” the report states. “We spend many thousands of dollars each month on food items (average \$13,000) excluding items we receive through Feed Ontario’s Full Shelves and Smarter Needs Allocation Programs (SNAP), as these items are provided to us free of cost through our membership in Feed Ontario. The total value of food that moves through our food bank each month is estimated to be around \$13,000 at the time of writing this report. This is exclusive of our Christmas Hamper Campaign, which alone channels more than \$100,000 worth of food to Manitoulin Island families in the month of December each year.”

“Our larger Food Banks Canada and Feed Ontario have stated food banks are not supposed to be a permanent solution to food insecurity, we are supposed to be a band-aid solution,” said Ms. Glasby. “But we have become a permanent structure.”

Ms. Glasby said that donations to the food bank are down significantly. “My theory for this is that folks in the middle (class) have always had a little extra to contribute but have now lost this buffer with the increase in cost of living and everything else. The group in the middle have lost the capacity to support food banks.”

“We are doing okay in terms of our major donors,” said Ms. Glasby. “However, from April-May this year compared to last year we saw a 64 percent increase in demand for support and an 81 percent reduction in food donations.”

In a recent CBC article, Feed Ontario executive director Carolyn Stewart noted that the rising cost of living is having an impact both on food bank attendance and food bank donations. Shelves that would once be stocked for two to three months are now only stocked for two weeks. “We have noticed this at our MFR food bank, many of the individuals who used to donate occasionally just don’t have the extra funds to do so anymore. As a result, MFR has had to spend more money purchasing food to keep shelves stocked. Thankfully, we have not yet had to turn any client away without food, as some of our fellow food banks in other parts of Ontario have.”

“In addition to food bank usage being on the rise locally the makeup of primary household income sources for those who access the food banks is also changing,” the report says. “For example, data collected by the MFR Food Bank show that during last years’ reporting period (2022-2023) roughly 2.3 percent of local food bank clients reporting having full-time employment as their income source. In

this year’s data 2023-2024) that percent has risen to 3.4 percent. For comparison, in the 2018-2019 reporting period 0.9 percent of clients reported full-time employment as their primary income source. The difference between the two percentage figures for full-time employment income as a primary source, doesn’t seem that large, but the percentage change between (2018-2019) and (2023-2024) is very large (more than 277 percent).”

“Another way to look at this trend is this; of the 1,161 households served by the food bank in 2018-2019, approximately 10 indicated income from a full-time job as a primary source of income. By 2023-2024, approximately 55 of the 1,635 households accessing food bank indicated full-time employment income as a primary source of income,” the report continues.

In terms of housing, “As a highly sought after vacation spot, Manitoulin has seen a significant increase in short-term rental units. More and more real estate owners have chosen this option over long-term lease agreements, perceiving short-term rentals to be financially lucrative and lower risk than the long-term option. As a result of this and other factors, many households have been forced out of long-term stable housing and into insecure situations. Some have moved back in with family, some sleep on friend’s couches and some live in personal vehicles or seasonal trailers, most of which offer inadequate water access and climate control for safe habitation.”

“Housing has long been a driver of food bank use in Ontario. It is generally the single-largest expense for a household, and it is typically non-negotiable. One cannot skip a housing payment, so often households will instead skip or reduce other bills such as groceries in order to afford housing.” As well, the cost of shelter in Ontario increased by 5.43 percent between December 2022 and December 2023. Rent is ever higher at 6.9 percent.

A recent Food Banks Canada study identified physical barriers (e.g. lack of transportation from a food bank) as one of the four main type of barriers clients face when trying to access food bank support. “This is especially true in our community. With a coverage area of roughly 2,766 square kilometres, the MFR Food Bank supports a wide range of households, many of whom are over an hour’s driving distance away from our primary location in Mindemoya. There is no public transportation system on Manitoulin Island currently. Many of our clients also lack access to a personal vehicle, relying instead on rides from friends, hitchhiking, or expensive taxi rides to come pick up their food hampers.”

“Recognizing this as a barrier, and thanks to funding from Food Banks Canada, MFR is able to launch a community hub pilot program in the summer of 2024,” Ms. Glasby continued. “This funding

has allowed MFR to hire two new employees, a driver and a food handler’s assistant and offer delivery to six community hubs around the Island, thereby bringing emergency food support that much closer to clients’ homes. Some of the community hubs are able to offer delivery to client’s homes, while others will serve as pickup depots.”

“An effective social safety net should ideally ensure that no person drops below a certain threshold of poverty,” the report continues. “Unfortunately, in Canada, many are falling through the cracks.”

Social assistance remains the primary source of income for the majority of food bank visitors. Provincially, 26 percent of food bank visitors rely on OW as their primary source of income and 28 percent rely on the ODSP program. “At our food bank, 30.2 percent of visitors rely on OW, and 21.9 rely on ODSP. Interesting, these rates are lower than what our food bank saw in 2022-2023 or 2018-2019, but we have seen simultaneous increases in rates of employed individuals and pensioners requesting food support.”

The report notes, “Last year’s Manitoulin Hunger Report noted that, “with limited resources, it is very likely that this need will begin to outpace what food banks like (MFR) are capable of supporting. To date, the MFR food bank has not had to turn anyone requesting emergency food support away due to a lack of available food; and we are very proud of this. We are, however, seeing a continued rise in the number of visits, with no signs of slowing down. This, coupled with a stark decrease in the quantity of donations coming into the food bank makes for an alarming forecast for our organization.”

“To reiterate last year’s report, we must combine emergency food assistance with long-term sustainable solutions to issues experienced by those walking through our doors in order to achieve food security and eliminate hunger in our community. We need local municipal, provincial and federal representatives to help us advocate for wraparound support and policy shifts to address the major systemic issues that are keeping our community members in a state of poverty and food insecurity. We cannot do this on our own and we are, by no means, the ultimate solution to hunger in our community. Our hope is that one day, our services will no longer be required. Until that day, we will continue to be there to support those who need it.”

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...Zhiibaahaasing FN water operator Jonathan Riberdy wins national award

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not just an ideas guy, he's a hard worker, driven to perfection, who finds in the little downtime he has, after juggling the needs of an underfunded and difficult to maintain water treatment plant to care for both his family and community."

Water Canada celebrated the winners of the 2024 Water Canada awards on August 13. Hosted by Actual Media's Content Director Lynds, the presentation of the 2024 Awards

recognized individuals, projects and technologies that have made significant contributions to the water industry in Canada and beyond.

"I have been the water operator (operations and maintenance supervisor for Zhiibaahaasing) for nine years as of October," Mr. Riberdy told The Expositor. "No, it has not been easy, especially when our old plant was decommissioned after high water led to the structural integrity of the facility.

This came during COVID. There was no way to make water in the community; a company in M'Chigeeng First Nation was helping us trucking water up to us, as Sheshegwaning First Nation was already at its maximum capacity for its water treatment plant."

A Water Canada story featuring Mr. Riberdy explained, "The community has been under a boil water advisory since 1992 for a reason which might seem surprising. Instead



From left, The Honourable Terry Duguid, parliamentary secretary to the Prime Minister presents the Water Operator of the Year Award to Jonathan Riberdy, of Zhiibaahaasing First Nation.

of their water being conveyed by underground pipe it is delivered by truck from the community's small treatment plant."

Until 2020, Zhiibaahaasing was managing well enough with a small-scale treatment facility that drew its water from the lake rather than the ground and while there were several issues to deal with it was doing its job, said Mr. Riberdy. However, heavy rains in July 2019 sent the lake (Huron) water levels high enough that the waves eroded the shoreline and began to breach the water plant. He consulted Indigenous Services Canada about funding, and with Chief Irene Kells go ahead he came up with an emergency fix, hiring a private contractor, E. Corbiere and Sons Contracting from M'Chigeeng to build a berm that surrounded the facility.

This worked until the next spring when a rapid ice and snow melt drove the water levels up again and water got into the water plant. Then a wind storm damaged the plant shop and an engineer said that the water treatment plant had to be decommissioned.

"It was May (2020) during COVID and we had no water," Mr. Riberdy told The Expositor.

"Zhiibaahaasing's sit-

uation, while precarious, proved something of a watershed moment," explained Water Canada. "Community leaders had long pressed ISC and its predecessors, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, for a full-scale treatment plant, complete with a small tower and piped distribution that would finally deliver certifiably potable water. For now, however, the sudden, urgent need for water diverted attention away from a long-term solution to simply restoring service for the community."

Mr. Riberdy brought in BI Pure, a British Columbia company that builds standardized water treatment plants inside large shipping containers. Installed in late 2020, the sea can plant not only includes chlorination, filters to catch larger contaminants and UV disinfectant to eliminate smaller pathogens, but it also has a filling station for delivery trucks. "It was the fastest way to get us water during COVID," he told Water Canada. "If we were to have built a building, we would have had to go through design and engineering, which takes a couple of years. The sea can was already engineered and built. All we had to do was make a few adjustments to make sure it would work for our community."

Mr. Riberdy said that it took six months to prepare and deliver the sea can. In the meantime, the community put together a plan to get water for household and getting Bright Water Services (based in southern Ontario) to source water from M'Chigeeng, trucking it to residents three times a week. This he pointed

out was the same delivery program he had in place with the band's own truck before the decommissioning of the water plant.

In a public statement, Indigenous Service Minister Patty Hajdu said, "The expertise and commitment of water operators like Mr. Riberdy are vital in achieving our shared goal, ensuring that all First Nations communities have access to clean drinking water and maintaining strong water and wastewater infrastructure."

Zhiibaahaasing residents can use the water for bathing and other uses, but still can't drink the water. "What's sad is that even when go the city, because the community has been under a water advisory (since the early 1990s) I won't drink the water from the tap in the city. I'm not used to getting water from a tap. But I will drink it out of a bottle."

"The emergency sea can has done its job and serves the purpose," said Mr. Riberdy. "But we have been lobbying the federal government since 2019 for funding to provide for a brand new water treatment plant." He said this government funding is going to be provided for the new water treatment plant, "to build a new water treatment plant and two stand pipes on top of the hill here in the community." A ground-breaking is expected to take place in the next month or so, and by September 2026 the new water plant is to be constructed and operational.

In 2021 Mr. Riberdy was awarded by ISC with the National First Nations Water Leadership Award.

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...OPP Tour de Force in Life cycle series draws cyclists from across the province

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Grace.

Adam Belanger, provincial coordinator of the ride, greeted all those taking part in the opening, saying, "This is our fourth annual ride, with rides that take place across the province. It has been an honour and a privilege to ride in memory of our fallen officers. And it is so great to see members of the SOLE (Survivors of Law Enforcement) here today, including Lianne (Hovingh), Shelley, Margaret, Nancy."

OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique said, "It is so nice to see representatives of the MNR riding as well, and to see Chief of Police James Killeen of the UCCM Police Service, Robert Walsh, detachment commander of the Manitowlin OPP, officers from the Sudbury and North Bay OPP, with the furthest here today from Durham."

"Before today's ride, we had the opportunity to remember talk with



Representatives of the Ontario Provincial Police and members of the Survivors of Law Enforcement group pose for a photo with young Abigail Moggy, who was presented with a bicycle at the OPP Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series event.

members of SOLE, and to remember our fallen colleagues who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty," said Commissioner Carrique. "This has all reminded me of how much of a privilege it is to carry the badge of the police and that our officers do make a difference in the lives of so many. Carrying this badge gives us purpose and helps us fulfill our passion to help others. We can do anything when we work together, and even on this day of cold and possibly rain, when we ride with

every pedal of the bike reflect on everything you have in your life, and the inspiration you give every day and to remind us why we do this."

"Good morning. It is very good to be here today," said Lianne Hovingh, widow of the late Constable Marc Hovingh. "We are so grateful for everything you are doing and for everyone here today. We (SOLE) members had a group chat, and we want to thank all of you for remembering our loved ones. Ride safe and enjoy

your ride today."

Mr. Belanger said, "We want to create a legacy with our youth, and we are helping do this by donating bicycles and helmets to two deserving Manitowlin youth again this year."

Abigail Moggy, a Grade 4 student at Assiginack Public School (who was nominated by her teachers to receive a bicycle) is a great student and received an attendance award for only missing one day of school this past year."

Kaiden Stevens, an 11-year-old student at Little Current Public School (was unable to attend the ceremony) but received a bicycle earlier this week.

Mr. Belanger explained the Tour de Force proceeds collected from the riders are donated to SOLE with Ontario's mission to rebuild the shattered lives of survivors affected by line of duty deaths through

supports, advocacy, education and resources; Camp F.A.C.E.S., an initiative of the Canadian Critical Incident Stress Foundation, CAMP F.A.C.E.S. provides an environment of encouragement and support for children and families of emergency services; The Ontario Police Memorial Foundation; and the Ontario Provincial Police Youth Foundation, which was created in 2005, to help the members of the OPP and OPPVA help the youth of the province in need of assistance, so they can realize their potential.

About 30 riders took part in the 140-kilometre or 30-kilometre ride.

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though they are primarily tailored for early learners and daycares.

Now busier than ever, Ms. Nolan focuses on using immersion techniques in her videos, believing it's the most effective way to help children—and adults—fully absorb the language. "In immersion, you're not just learning the language; you're learning how to live it," she explained. "You watch and listen to what's happening, and soon, you understand the message, even if you don't know all the words yet."

Ms. Nolan's commitment to preserving her language is deeply personal. As a survivor of the Spanish Indian Residential School, she witnessed firsthand the tragic loss of language among her peers. Many were punished for speaking Anishinaabemowin and couldn't pass it on to their children. However, Ms. Nolan was one of the fortunate ones. She was allowed to return home to Wiikwemkoong during the summer and Christmas breaks, where the language was still spoken widely. "We didn't lose connection with our families, and Anishinaabemowin was everywhere," she recalled.

In one of the children's videos, Ms. Nolan shares her own residential school story, a powerful reminder of the resilience of Indigenous languages. "It's important for kids to know that story," she said. "We were excited by all the new things at the school, but then our parents slipped away, and we started crying. I want children to understand what happened."

Ms. Nolan's videos are more than just lessons—they're lifelines to a rich cultural history. "If we are to survive as Anishinaabe people, we have to speak our

language. It's what holds us together," she said with conviction.

She's also made the deliberate choice not to include English subtitles in her videos. "When you watch cartoons, do they have subtitles?" she asked playfully. "In an immersion setting, you have to look and listen. That's how you acquire the language—by being engaged and paying attention to the story."

Ms. Nolan believes the videos are not only for children but for anyone who has a genuine interest in learning Anishinaabemowin. She encourages non-Native people to learn the language too, noting that learning a second language opens doors to a broader understanding of the world. "Once you've learned one language, it becomes easier to learn others," she explained. "And when you learn Anishinaabemowin, you learn about my ancestor's worldview. You're broadening your understanding of who we are as a people."

Teaching the language is about much more than grammar for Ms. Nolan. It's about connecting people to culture, humour, social skills and the rhythm of everyday life. "We learn context, when to speak and when to listen," she said. "It's about acquiring a whole way of being."

When asked how long she plans to continue making videos, Ms. Nolan chuckled warmly, "For as long as I'm able to! And even when I'm gone, the videos will still be here, for people to enjoy and learn from."

Ms. Nolan's work is a gift to the Anishinaabe people and beyond. Through her stories, she is keeping the language—and the spirit of her community—alive for generations to come.

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The Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850: Language importance stressed

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ishinaabemowin, our language," Dr. Treuer stated. "There is no way to connect to the Indigenous understanding without the Indigenous language." His remarks highlighted the critical role of language as a key to understanding and preserving Indigenous cultures.

A central theme of the gathering was clarifying misunderstandings about Indigenous consent to the treaties. Dr. Treuer addressed these misconcep-

tions head-on, emphasizing the misinterpretations that have persisted for generations. "There's a widely held belief that our people consented to the treaties and land sales. That's incorrect," he asserted. "We agreed to change the status of certain lands from our exclusive domain to shared use with the newcomers. For example, in the Robinson-Huron Treaty, the English were granted the right to travel through our territory, not ownership of it."

Dr. Treuer also delved

into the broader implications of colonization, describing how it has systematically undermined Indigenous peoples. "Colonization works by getting the colonized to participate as agents of the colonial government," Dr. Treuer explained. "They took members of one tribe, gave them jobs in the colonial army, and sent them out to vanquish the next tribe. It's the same with residential schools—hiring Native people to abuse their own." This perspective provided a sobering look at the long-term effects of colonial systems on Indigenous communities.

Language revitalization emerged as a prominent theme of the anniversary event, with Dr. Treuer underscoring its importance for reclaiming sovereignty. He critiqued the colonial framework that still influences education systems, even those under Indigenous control. "Even as we seek Indigenous con-



Dr. Anton Treuer

trol over education, they still give us a rulebook that says we have to teach academic English and follow provincial curricular guidelines," Dr. Treuer noted. "It's shaping us to be agents of our own colonization." His call to action was clear: Indigenous communities need to create their own systems of education and empowerment that are rooted in their cultural heritage.

"Seven generations from now, no one's going to remember our names, and it doesn't matter how many books we write or speeches we give or whatever. But if our language lives in their hearts and minds, if our culture lives in their hearts and minds, if they still have our land, if they still have each other, all our strivings today will have been well worth the effort. I don't pretend that the solutions are easy. In fact, many of the things we do in life are not easy."

Dr. Treuer's address included a passionate appeal for Indigenous self-determination. "We need to stop begging for permission

or focusing on jumping through colonial hoops," he urged. "Instead, we should develop our own systems of verification and empowerment, rooted in our culture and language."

The gathering also provided a platform to examine the economic successes of Indigenous communities, as inspiration - possibly a template - particularly the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Minnesota. The Mille Lacs Band has become a model of economic empowerment through strategic business diversification and cultural preservation. Dr. Treuer appealed to the audience to invest wisely, saying, "A few generations from now, they won't remember the financial settlements, but they'll benefit from what was built with them—things that truly belong to the people."

The Mille Lacs Band has made significant strides in the gaming and hospitality sectors with the ownership and operation of Grand Casino Mille Lacs and Grand Casino Hinckley. Beyond gaming, the Mille Lacs Band has expanded into various business ventures through Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures (MLCV). This includes investments in hospitality, retail, manufacturing, and technology. The Mille Lacs Band's focus on self-sufficiency has strengthened their sovereignty by reducing dependence on external funding. Profits from tribal enterprises are channeled into essential services and

cultural programs, ensuring the community's well-being.

The tribe's efforts also include partnerships with technology companies to develop tools like Rosetta Stone Ojibwe, making the language accessible to learners of all ages. "Our language revitalization programs are integral to our cultural preservation efforts," Dr. Treuer emphasized. He also spoke about the contract signed with Rosetta Stone, where the tribe retained all rights of the recordings of their people and the profits from the subscriptions to the Ojibwe language program.

The Mille Lacs Band has adopted a holistic approach to economic development, integrating environmental sustainability and community well-being into their business practices. Investments in renewable energy and environmentally friendly practices reflect their dedication to protecting natural resources.

The Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering stood as a powerful reminder of the resilience of Indigenous communities and their reclamation of sovereignty, preservation of cultural heritage and fight for economic self-sufficiency. Dr. Treuer's insights and the success stories shared at the event underscore the importance of language, leadership, and self-determination in shaping a sustainable future for Indigenous peoples.

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Great Lakes Islands Alliance announces Ten-Year strategic plan ahead of Islands Summit

GREAT LAKES—Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) has released its strategic plan for the next decade spanning 2024 to 2034. The comprehensive plan outlines a focused approach to addressing the challenges and opportunities facing Great Lakes islands.

The plan will help GLIA achieve the four primary goals in its foundational charter: facilitating connection between island communities, improving information access, encouraging multi-island collaboration and amplifying island voices. Strategic action steps will support and grow GLIA's central operations and capacity; its environmental and socio-economic program areas; a range of diversified communications; and GLIA's long-term sustainability through fundraising. While focusing on the island communities themselves, GLIA also recognizes the importance of raising awareness and appreciation of island life among mainland audiences, including government leadership and the general public.

"GLIA's growth these past five years has been amazing, but we have so much more room to grow," says Angela LeFevre-Welke, a Beaver Islander who serves as chairperson of the GLIA Steering Committee. "The new Strategic Plan is a major milestone for us and will help ensure our activities are targeted and impactful."

The strategic plan was developed over the course of a year by GLIA's leadership team following extensive conversation with island residents and stakeholders to ensure it is aligned with the actual needs and objectives of the communities it serves. The development of the plan, and the sustaining of GLIA itself is supported by its major partners: the Charles

Stewart Mott Foundation; the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; The Stewardship Network; and the Island Institute.

The release of the plan comes as GLIA is poised to host its fifth Great Lakes Islands Summit, September 22-25, 2024 near the Les Cheneaux Islands of northern Lake Huron. The Summit provides opportunity for islanders from around the Great Lakes to come together in person to learn about each other's communities and share solutions to the various economic, social and environmental challenges facing islands. This year's event will feature more than 20 speakers. Panel discussions, guided tours and breakout sessions will cover a range of topics, including tourism, island schools, youth engagement, media, biodiversity, and emergency preparedness. This year's keynote speaker comes from the Island Institute, a respected non-profit organization out of Rockland, Maine. Individuals interested in attending may visit glialliance.org for registration and logistical information. Registration closes September 9.

GLIA is a voluntary, bi-national, collaborative network that brings together individuals from year-round island communities across the Great Lakes. These are culturally, socially, and ecologically rich communities with deep connections to place, each in their own way. Living and working on islands comes with a unique suite of challenges and these are often markedly different compared to the mainland. Through GLIA, islanders benefit from regular information sharing, peer-to-peer learning and relationship development. Islanders benefit from hearing about solutions and experiences from other islands.

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The relationships we have built over the years are what I cherish the most. Each conversation, each smile, and each shared moment has enriched our lives and fostered a sense of belonging. I am proud to have been a part of so many lives, and I am constantly inspired by the strength and resilience of our communities.

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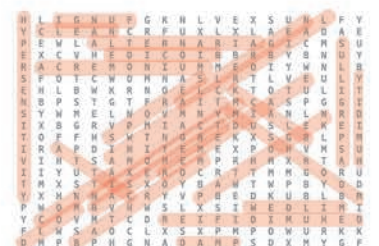
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...Fiddle champion coming to Manitoulin

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Mr. Woods is joined by his sister Kendra Norris, herself a champion fiddler, who contributes pieces employing the piano, accordion while supplying harmony and lead vocals. Leo Stock is also part of the ensemble, The 20-year-old plays drums, fiddle and sings, but it is his step-dancing skills that have earned him the nickname 'Spaghetti legs' due to his whirlwind dance style. A special guest performer for the 'Yee Haw' tour is Kurk Bernard, a traditional country singer and bass guitarist who has played and sung with Merle Haggard, Dolly Parton, Tommy Hunt-



Scott Woods

er and Ronnie Prophet. The show is live but also features big-screen projection so guests in every corner of the hall can, of course, hear the live music but also see it projected on the giant screen. Tickets are \$45 each (HST included) and are available now (cash only) at The Expositor Office in Little Current or by calling Gail at (705) 368-2589. You can also call the Scott Woods Band toll-free at 1-855-726-8896 or visit the band's website, www.ScottWoods.ca to order your tickets, using your credit card for payment in both cases. This event is hosted by Little Current United Church.

...30-year OPP Detective Patricia Smith feted at retirement party

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blurb on whether it was good or she had to add things and you had to go back and do more work," recalled Ms. Ford. "I always went back and looked to see what Patty had said about mine—and sometimes I didn't do stuff. Then my partner, John, had to go and fix it up for me. On one occasion she put 'good job' and I was like, 'that was cool.' I thought I'd really reached my pinnacle of achievements."

Ms. Smith was recalled by each speaker as being a champion for victims of crime and a staunch defender of her colleagues, especially when the chips were down.

She was also cited as someone who did not get excited in an emergency or stressful situation but remained calm and focussed on the issues at hand.

In an extremely touching moment, Ms. Smith's father Murray and her son

Alex presented her with her retirement badge—her father had been able to present Ms. Smith with her badge upon graduation from police college as well—book-marking her career.

Among the accolades and certificates presented was one from Ontario Premier Doug Ford congratulating and thanking her for her years of service.

For her part, Ms. Smith thanked her colleagues, friends and family for an evening she will not soon forget and for the support she has received over the years from each and every one of them.

In an evening filled to the very brim with laughter and tears the essential humanity of those who stand sentinel in that thin blue line ensuring peace, order and justice prevails was revealed.

Congratulations from The Expositor Ms. Smith, and may you enjoy every minute of a well-deserved retirement.

FLOWER FEELINGS
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Movers and makers of all ages are invited to join Jenn Mezei of Rainbow Farms North and Candice Irwin of Body Stories Dance in some dancing and art making inspired by flowers.

Through the mediums of dance, painting, flower arranging and seed planting we will work to express these feelings awoken by flowers in creative, community centred ways.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20
 4-5:30 PM

Open to folks of all ages & abilities. Children 10 & under are asked to participate with an adult.

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TREELINES CROCHET A TREE

This workshop with visual artist Gwen MacGregor is a hands-on crochet and photography workshop. Gwen will show participants how to crochet a 3-dimensional tree and photograph it with your smartphone on the land surrounding the Kagawong Park Centre and River Trail.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1-4 PM

No previous experience with crocheting is required. This workshop is suitable for adults.



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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21
 11:45AM - 1PM

Open to folks of all ages & abilities. Children 10 & under are asked to participate with an adult.



...Swimming below Bridal Veil Falls faces possible ban by Billings council

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bands of the (Kagawong) river. New signage was installed to deter people from creating negative impacts for the ecosystem.”

Ms. Dion said the township staff is continuing to look at additional options.

Councillor Dave Hillyard, at a council meeting last week, said in a recent conversation with a local resident that he has knowledge of people who have thrown garbage cans and other items into the river this summer.

As had been reported previously new educational signage has been installed at three points on the Falls area to deter people from creating negative impacts for the ecosystem. Last month it was reported that a large, 30-year-old snapping turtle that was well-known for living in the water that pools below the Falls was found dead on the shores of the river.

Mayor Barker had ex-



This sight may soon be a thing of the past as Billings looks to ban swimming below the falls.

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plained at the time that someone had dragged the turtle out of the pool, crushed its shell, killed the turtle and left it lying there. Snapping turtles are listed as a species of concern under the Ontario Endangered Species Act, and in this case the turtle killed was at an age to produce offspring.

The township, in partnership with the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA), in-

stalled signage to educate members of the public about behaviours that harm the local wildlife.

Other concerns include visitors piling rock in an attempt to create more of a pool affect which de-

stroys habitat for various fish, frogs, turtles and other species.

There has also been reports this and in previous years of people swimming in Bridal Veil Falls. As well, people have been reported as trying to grab salmon as they try to get upriver to the pool to spawn and posting pictures of this on social media.

Seija Deschenes of MSIA said by chasing after the salmon, they are stressing them out and because of this the fish may not lay their eggs. She noted people may also be inadvertently walking on the nests that salmon

build to put their eggs in.

Mayor Barker noted that part of the river is a fish sanctuary from September 15 to the end of October. The township could pass bylaws and add resources for enforcement but would rather begin by its attempts to educate the public through signage.

“How small do you have to be to kill a turtle?” stated Councillor Hillyard at last week’s council meeting.

Ms. Dion noted township staff will be bringing forward various options that council could consider.

...Little Current water fails

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oversee the water treatment plants in both Little Current and Sheguiandah, was then contacted. They discovered that the Little Current wells were empty and that residents were indeed without water.

“The cause was determined as a failure of the programmable logic controller (PLC)—which tells the valve that leads to the well to open or close—but the PLC stopped communicating with the valve and so therefore no alarm went off,” Mr. Williamson explained to council. “The computer program didn’t direct the valve to open at the right time.”

Mr. Williamson noted that by 3 pm Thursday afternoon, the wells were 40 percent filled and OCWA could begin pressurizing the system again, slowly due to the number of 4” and 6” lines in the system, and to keep air pockets from forming.

Mr. Williamson commended the municipal staff who all stepped up to help spread the word, going door to door with pamphlets advising residents of the drinking water advisory and what to do once the water was restored. Under a drinking water advisory, water should only be used for cleaning, clothes washing, dishwashing and bathing but should not be used for drinking, cooking or brushing teeth.

“Public works mobilized and got to Espanola and hand-bombed enough water onto trucks to rush back to supply Manitoulin Health Centre and the Manor with water,” the CAO added.

“And Andrew Orr (outgoing store owner at the Valu-Mart) stepped up, called his supplier and got a truckload of water shipped from southern Ontario, which will be arriving here tonight,” Mr. Williamson shared. “We drained Espanola and Mindemoya of bottled water.”

“In an emergency, staff stepped up—getting messages out to the public in every way possible,” Mr. Williamson continued. “And a number of firefighters stepped up too. The fire department was ready to draft water from the lake in case of fire.”

Mr. Williamson said he would be speaking with Keith Stringer, operations manager at OCWA, about future mitigation “to prevent anything like this in the future.”

Getting the pressure back is just the first step. Once the pressure has returned, a sample is taken, sent to Sudbury where it undergoes a 24-hour incubation period. The process is then repeated.

The public works garage acted as a water station for Little Current residents, who were encouraged to pick up cases of bottled water from Thursday through Saturday from 7 am to 9 pm. Community volunteers were sought to help with the distribution centre.

The water advisory wreaked havoc on the restaurant community, with some closing completely while others offered limited items. The Tim Hortons shut down its drive through and offered a limited menu Friday morning.

Carrie Moore, manager at 3 Cows and a Cone, said they made the decision to shut down Thursday due to a lack of bathroom facilities. On Friday, the restaurant reopened having gone to the Sheguiandah water treatment plant and getting plenty of water to wash vegetables, make gravy etc. Ms. Moore said the restaurant were not going to offer frozen yogurt, milkshakes, slushies or coffee until the water advisory was lifted.

“Luckily for us, we’re mostly takeout,” Ms. Moore said. “But it’s definitely a bit more labour intensive.”

Mayor Al MacNevin issued a public statement Saturday night. “I know that this has been a very difficult time for many people in our community and I thank you all for your patience and support over the last few days.”

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Kagawong Park Centre
1:00 pm Opening remarks; M’Chigeeng Lady Drummers
 With Carol Pasternak “The Monarch Crusader”

WORKSHOPS Kagawong
10:30 am “So Loud! Stories from the Sounds from My Trip Outside”
 with children’s author Sahar Golshan | RiverBend Stage
11:45 am “Be Your Own Wild Robot”
 Youth Workshop with Jenn Mezei | Park Centre, lower
2:30 pm “Writing: finding your recipe for success”
 with Coltrane Seesequasis | Billings Library
2:30 pm “Writing the Rhu” Turning a Manitoulin tragedy into a book
 with Mike Strobel | Park Centre, lower
2:30 pm “Monarch Workshop” with Carol Pasternak | Park Centre, upper

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7:00 pm “Person of Interest” a dramatic reading by Melody Johnson

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Robinson Township Fire Department news

SILVER WATER—The final steps are being taken for Robinson Township local services board (LSB) to hire the Burpee and Mills township fire chief to lead the Robinson Volunteer Fire Department.

“I have a meeting with Rick Graham (Burpee and Mills fire chief),” said Paul Sorbara, chair of the Robinson LSB. “We are going to get him signed on to take over the position of our fire chief.” He pointed out Nicole Middleton, deputy-fire chief of the Burpee and Mills fire department, will take on the same role with the Robinson fire

department. The Ontario Fire Marshal will conduct its interviews of both for the positions prior to them taking over these positions.

“Rick has been to the fire hall once already and has indicated all along he is more than willing to take on the position of fire chief,” said Mr. Sorbara.

Mr. Graham told The Expositor, “I have a meeting with Mr. Sorbara on Saturday. I will be taking over as fire chief for Robinson and Nicky will take over as deputy fire chief. I have only made it to one (Robinson) fire-fighters practice which kind of sucks.”

With his filling the role of the fire chief position of Robinson, Mr. Graham will be the fire chief for both communities. “It shouldn’t be too bad,” he said. “Lots of hands make light work, and our Burpee and Mills firefighters are definitely on board. They will be responding with all trucks and fire equipment to any fire calls in Robinson township.” And the current Robinson firefighters will respond to fire calls in the Burpee and Mills area.

Mr. Graham pointed out, “firefighters for the two departments will work together to respond to fire calls.”

Long-time Robinson fire chief Doug Wismer had informed the members of the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday of last week, “that as of (last) Friday morning, I would no longer be the acting fire chief.”

“Rick (Graham) had said would be willing to take over as the Robinson fire chief,” said Mr. Wismer who noted he will remain as a firefighter for Robinson Fire Department but will no longer be the acting fire chief. (He was the long time fire chief.)

As was reported previously, Burpee and Mills Township council had given its approval for Mr. Graham to take on the role of Robinson Township fire chief as well as remaining fire chief for Burpee and Mills.

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RDSB welcomes young learners

SUDBURY—Some of the Rainbow District School Board’s (RDSB) youngest learners got an early start to the 2024-2025 school year.

“Close to 475 children took part in Kindergarten Camp, a four-day program held from August 26-29,” an RDSB release notes. Under the guidance of qualified teachers and designated early childhood educators, children attended school three hours a day to get a preview of routines and ac-

tivities.

Children engaged in inquiry-based learning and play, including cooperative games and outdoor activities.

“Kindergarten Camp introduces children to the wonderful experiences that await them,” said RDSB director of education Bruce Bourget. “Children become familiar with staff and surroundings, meet classmates, and get excited about starting school.”

When asked about her

favorite Kindergarten Camp activity, Willow St. Germain said, “I like the water bin because of the beads inside. They are squishy and I like to count them.”

Sofia Mendonca enjoyed making new friends. “The other kids are nice. I’m having fun,” she said.

If you have not registered your child for school, there is still time to do so. Please contact the Rainbow school in your area or visit rainbowschools.ca.



Close to 475 children took part in the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) Kindergarten Camp.

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Backpack update

by Tom Sasvari

SPRING BAY—Many students in schools across Manitoulin Island began the school year with new backpacks and lunch boxes thanks to the generosity of the local community.

“We raised enough funds and received enough donations to get all the backpacks we had set as a goal,” said Pastor Jamie Greenwood of the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church, last week. “All the deliveries were made to the schools well in advance of students attending their first day of the school year.”

“We were able to reach our goal of 362 backpacks given out to students across the Island,” said Pastor Greenwood. “Most of it was raised through monetary donations, with our goal having been \$6,000 originally for the fundraising campaign. Some people donated backpacks and lunch boxes as well.”

When the campaign was completed, “we ordered the backpacks and they came in within a couple of days,” said Pastor Greenwood.

Pastor Greenwood noted, “We actually received more money that we had originally needed so we have some money in reserve for next year’s backpack program.” This was the second year of the Island-wide backpack program.

“We want to say a big thank you to the Island residents for their support of this program,” added Pastor Greenwood.

Local artist unveils steel eagle sculpture at Northway Wellness Centre

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—Local artist Kathryn Corbiere of One KWE in M'Chigeeng First Nation sculpted a beautiful large hawk for the unveiling at Northway Wellness Centre, through the Sault Area Hospital (in Sault Ste. Marie), using steel from Algoma Steel Corporation. "The hawk was installed two weeks ago at the Northway Wellness Centre through the Sault Area Hospital," Ms. Corbiere told The Expositor last week. "We started talking about this project (with the hospital) last October. This was part of a project funded by Algoma Steel a couple of years ago."

Ms. Corbiere explained, "I had visited Algoma Steel a while back, to pick up some of the steel for

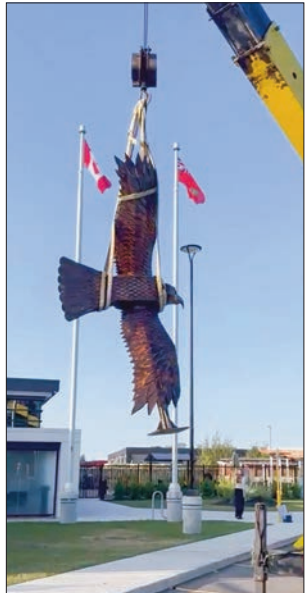
the art structure project." "The hawk is a three dimensional 10-foot-tall structure," said Ms. Corbiere. "It is quite an intricate, detailed sculpture." Ms. Corbiere shared that the statue is, "Made primarily with Algoma's steel, the work is designed to patina, which means the work will change over time as it's exposed to various elements. I love this aspect of the sculpture, changing like we all do, through life, and in our processes of healing. The stainless steel wave of feathers flowing over the back of the hawk is representative of the St. Mary's River, a historically important and culturally significant waterway. The hawk carries the strength of the river on its back as it soars through the air at the Northway Wellness Centre. The sculpture is just like the centre, created by people in the North for people in the North."

The unveiling of the



The nobility of the eagle is put into magnificent relief.

sculpture took place on August 20. "We celebrated the unveiling of a beautiful art structure by Northern Ontario artist Kathryn Corbiere (One KWE) commemorating the \$1 million gift Algoma Steel made to Northway Wellness Centre in 2022," a Sault Area Hospital Foundation release explains. "Algoma Steel's gift supported the creation of two outdoor courtyards with



This beautiful hawk sculpture, created by local artist Kathryn Corbiere of One KWE in M'Chigeeng First Nation, is put in place at its unveiling at Northway Wellness Centre in Sault Ste. Marie through the Sault Area Hospital.



Shown in photo is the beautiful sculpture created by local artist Kathryn Corbiere of One KWE in M'Chigeeng First Nation. The sculpture was unveiled at the Northway Wellness Centre, through the Sault Area Hospital (in Sault Ste. Marie) on August 20.

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148th Manitowaning Fall Fair celebrates ‘Growing from Generation to Generation’

by Michael Erskine
MANITOWANING—It takes a literal army of volunteers to successfully plan and execute an agricultural fair, and for 148 years the community of Assiginack has come



Dueling dinosaurs were an entertaining diversion.

together to enhance and build upon the legacy of those who have gone before.

Manitowaning Agricultural Society president Alice Pennie was effusive in her praise and gratitude for the many volunteers and community members who stepped up to make Northern Ontario's old-

est agricultural fair once again a stellar success.

Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid welcomed everyone to the fair during the opening ceremonies on Friday, September 6. "It's nice to see so many people here tonight," said Mayor Reid. "I'd like to begin by thanking the Agriculture Society and the many people that work so hard to make this weekend possible and keeping this wonderful tradition of our Fall Fair alive. The theme this year is 'Growing from Generation to Generation,' and as I look around here tonight, I see many generations of people enjoying themselves and others helping to make the fair a success. That's how our township has managed to carry on this tradition. Children that enjoyed the fair every year grew up and started volunteering themselves. I'd like to take a minute to acknowledge the loss to our community of the most dedicated volunteers and fair directors: Lori Case and Jackie Bryant, who were involved

in many, many groups' events and were always available to lend a helping hand. Their loss will be felt deeply in our community—and personally—I do know, though, that they would want us to enjoy every aspect of this weekend that they have



The farn hand competition pitted youth in a series of events to determine who was top hand.

worked so hard to help plan. So, in saying that, I invite everyone to have fun this weekend and I declare the 148th Manitowaning Fall Fair opened."

"Welcome to our 148th fair," said Manitowaning Agricultural Fair president Alice Pennie. "Just two more years and it

will be 150. So, we need to start thinking about it and if you have any ideas, there's an idea suggestion box at the back, please give your ideas to us. I want to thank all the directors and volunteers who helped make this fair happen. There's a lot of work to it and a lot of people have turned in and helped a lot. Thank you also to our many sponsors who contributed to our silent auction—don't forget to bid."

Ms. Pennie had just ridden to the stage on an adult tricycle that was up for bids in the auction.

"These, this is what makes our communities," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha. "This is the heartbeat as far as what we have. This is where we have the opportunity to show our talents, our tasty treats that we have, and I'm really sorry to those that had the treats out there that left your bags open. There are small pieces of them that fell into my hand. I really enjoyed it. Thank you very much," he quipped. "Have a lot of fun this weekend and, do me a favor with all seriousness, I

want you to take this comment really seriously—you never know what's going to happen tomorrow. We never know what the Creator, what God has in store for us. So, the things that you can do today, do the things that you can, sing today, say it to that person that you love. If you need to hug a family member, take the time to pick up a phone and bury those quarrels and hug them. Because tomorrow

treated to an evening of music to close out the opening ceremonies, with consummate musician Al Ryan being joined onstage by Island musicians Judy Blue, Debbie Robinson, Lori Gordon, Candice Irwin, the Three D's Lyle, Darren and Ben Dewar, George Williamson, Ben Pangowish and Robbie Shawana.

The following day was filled with great activities, including 4-H animal



The Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team provided a great demonstration of their creation.

or today is a precious moment and we never know what tomorrow and what gifts are going to come across our past. So, enjoy your day, make everyday count—and have an awesome fair everyone."

Attendees were then

husbandry competitions, a horse show, horse pull, baby contests, vendors and, of course, a hall filled to the brim with agricultural products and the stuff of rural life competing for prizes and 2024 bragging rights.

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that Manitoulin Island was part of the show. There would have been film crews around, how did no one know about this?" Ms. Beatty said, bewildered. In fact, the show keeps a low profile during the filming, sending only two crew members out with each team.

A conversation with Jeff Lewis, of Kicking Mule Guest Ranch, revealed that, more and more, he's been hosting guests from all over the world as well. When asked if anyone had mentioned 'Race Across the World,' he squinted, considering the question. "Possibly," he said, "something like that may have been mentioned, and I just didn't clue in."

Mr. Lewis has his guests sign boards that will ultimately become fence posts. "At the beginning of the summer, I had eight, now I'm beginning the 22nd post. It's been a busy season, with people coming from China, India, Ireland, South America and Germany. I'm really popular in Germany," he said with a laugh. "These people showed me a travel magazine from Germany. There was The Kicking Mule Guest Ranch. It was all in German, so I didn't understand it, but they told me it said we were the place to be for the Western Ranch experience without going all the way out west. Ap-

parently, the show 'Yellowstone' is popular in Germany and everyone wants to visit a western-style ranch. I don't know how I got in the magazine," he said, mystified, "I didn't pay for any ads in a German Magazine."

Leanne and Rob Beatty find their visitors from the UK and Europe willing to engage in conversation. "They love Canada and the ability to freely move about everywhere," Ms. Beatty said. Her husband readily agreed. "Yes," he said, "They mentioned that many times. We really enjoy having people come and tell us their stories, how they heard about us and why they came."

No doubt, those in the hospitality industry hope they will continue to come. Whether 'Race Around the World,' 'Yellowstone,' or whatever show sparks an interest in exploration, the world is becoming smaller and social media has made it so. Possibly other resorts, motels, campgrounds and restaurants on the island have experienced this worldwide influx of visitors. After COVID, Mountain View Resort and Kicking Mule Guest Ranch certainly welcome these world travellers. Thanks to the world-wide-web, Manitoulin Island isn't now just on the map, it has become part of the race.




Sitting pretty!

From left, Rene Proulx and Peter Lawr draw the winning ticket for this hand-made lawn bench for two. The All Saints Anglican Church in Gore Bay sold tickets on the bench as a fundraiser and the draw was held at the church last market café held in Gore Bay on August 30. Marlene Burns was the lucky winner.

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Provincial school bus funding cuts challenging for operators

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN'S PARK—School Bus Ontario (SBO), the organization that lobbies on behalf of school bus companies across the province, has issued an alarm over recent cuts contained in the funding formula utilized by the province.

"Some bus operators are still owed millions for the 2023/24 school year and are heading into this new year without knowing how they will be paid for fuel," said Nancy Daigneault, SBO executive director, in a news release, adding that all regions of the province will be hit by the cuts, including Northern Ontario.

Ms. Daigneault maintains that the new funding formula contains "harsh fuel cuts and other changes" that negatively affect each region. As a result, the association said it feels there isn't enough money flowing to the operators to pay for basics like adequate driver compensation, driver retention bonuses and new buses.

The Ministry of Education has imposed a reduction of between .56 to .58 cents per litre of fuel for the upcoming school season—a move that will leave school bus operators "worried about filling their tanks to cover the millions of kilometres a day travelled by their professional drivers."

Ms. Daigneault said the provincial cuts have created "an untenable situation and each region or operation will now have to evaluate how to deal with such a massive loss of funding" with some operators perhaps cutting back on office staff to deal with cuts or try to make do with less dispatch staff. This, she contends, will result not only in communication delays with schools and parents, but also that "eventually slowdowns, delays or continuous cancellations will persist."

"The first day of school is upon us, and once again bus operators are facing funding shortfalls that not only create a September of discontent," she said, "but raise the possibility of even more school bus cancellations and disruptions in some regions."



School Bus operators challenged by Ontario cut backs.

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Ms. Daigneault asserted that "operators require proper funding so they can focus on job-one—getting our kids to school and home safely."

SBO reports that the costs to operate school buses have risen dramatically in the last four years in Ontario including: the price of new buses rising 71 percent; bus parts, including tires and brakes increasing 50 percent; insurance rates rising more than 30 percent; and driver wages having gone up in the neighbourhood of 38 percent.

The original formula also left out the cost of providing vans for special needs students—an oversight the SBO characterises as "stunning."

"The confusing formula begs the question 'who's running the show?'" said SBO President Nick McRae, in the news release. "We're not delivering groceries, we are safely transporting a very special cargo—our children."



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WTPS investigate woman hiker's death at Pointe Grondine Park

POINTE GRONDINE — The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS), with assistance from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) crime unit in Sudbury, is investigating the sudden death of a Sudbury woman whose body was discovered several hours after she had been reported missing on a recent trip to Pointe Grondine Park near Killarney.

WTPS Staff Sergeant Tammy Duffy told The Expositor last Thursday, "a 46-year-old female from Sudbury had been hiking in the park with her husband when they became separated, and he called the police reporting that she was missing."

"The woman's body was discovered several hours later (roughly five hours)

by police," said S/Sgt. Duffy.

The woman, who police identified as Lara McCann, had been reported as missing in the park on August 26.

Pointe Grondine Park is located on Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and is operated as a backcountry wilderness park.

Police were not able to release details with respect to when, how or where the woman's body was found.

"An autopsy is expected to be held," said S/Sgt. Duffy, who added that the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service are assisting the investigation. No other updates are expected for several weeks.

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Yard sale on Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15 from 9:30 am to ? at 150 Thorne Street, Mindemoya. Downsizing, all sorts of stuff to choose from.

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notice

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

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The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning will be closed on Friday, September 13 and Saturday, September 14 for restocking and will reopen on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21 with fall/winter clothing.

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Death Notices

ALBERT (BUD) LOUIS DEBASSIGE
September 18, 1948 – September 2, 2024



Bud began his spirit journey just shy of his 76th birthday surrounded by family at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya. Survived by his sister Mabel (Richard); sons Neil (Dianne) and Derek (Joanna); grandchildren Darci, Aspen, Nova and Drew; traditionally adopted daughter Ida (Donny and their sons Jay, Ethan and Isaac) and many special extended family and friends including Francis Endanawas (Keri) and their children Briana, Courtney and Ethan, Natalie Eshkawkogan (Eugene) and their wonderful children Eugenia and Ferris. He also leaves many nieces, nephews and their beloved families all over Turtle Island, of which he was particularly close with his favourite niece and nephew. Predeceased by wife Anne (nee McCann); parents Tom and Lillian (nee MacDonald); and siblings Jerome, Aggie, Bruno, Michael, Doreen, Doug, Sammy, Jackie, Ross, Teddy, Mildred, Charlie, Mervin, Gladys, Bobby, Genevieve and Tom. Bud spent much of his childhood effectively raised in the care of his sisters, in particular Doreen and her husband Charlie Beaudin and their children Albert, Robert, Charles, Darlene, Roger and Michael. For this loving gift he was forever grateful. He was later welcomed into his loving wife Anne's extended family from Newfoundland, the McCanns. Bud was born in M'Chigeeng and raised from humble beginnings. He forged a long and successful career in many different realms. He was instrumental in establishing the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (now UCCMM), and served as its founding director for many years. He switched gears mid-life to the field of education after attaining degrees from Western University in London, ON, where he and his family lived for a short time, followed by Lakehead University. He served as teacher to many members of M'Chigeeng and later as principal of Lakeview School and also as principal for many years in the remote community of Kashatchewan. He will be remembered for his hospitality, mentorship, his quick wit, his love of laughter, karaoke, time on the water, moose hunting, and the odd casino trip. Family and friends laid down some tobacco in memory of their connections with Bud at the scared fire after 6 pm on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 and Thursday, September 5, 2024 at Neil's place, 415f Lakeshore Drive in M'Chigeeng. A private ceremony for family took place on Friday, September 6, 2024 (same location) followed by a feast at the complex.

ROBERT GEORGE JOHN PAXTON
May 23, 1940 - August 24, 2024



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Robert George John Paxton. Born in Toronto on May 23, 1940, Robert, known to many as Rob, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Saturday, August 24, 2024. Rob lived a full life for 84

years. Rob is survived by his beloved wife, Ursula Paxton, his daughters, Laura (John) Watson and Heather (Rob) Kardas, and his cherished grandchildren, Kaleigh, John Jr., Fayth and Mackenzie. He is predeceased by his parents, Robert and Eunice Paxton, and sisters, Mary Whitson and Doreen Childs. Rob Paxton lived a life that was nothing short of a masterpiece. Rob was a man of many talents, and whether he was teaching in the classroom, crafting a fine piece of art, or perfecting his signature (which was also a work of art), he never did anything halfway. A lifelong learner, Rob earned his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Windsor and a Master of Education from the University of Toronto. His career in education took him from Scarborough to Wallaceburg and Chatham, Ontario, where he didn't just teach—he launched an art department at W.T. Laing Public School, inspiring generations of students to see the world through a more creative lens. His journey continued through various schools, including AA Wright, King George VI, and John N Given, where he was a teacher and vice-principal. Rob had a knack for making learning fun and challenging his students in ways that left an indelible mark on their lives. Beyond the classroom, Rob's talents knew no bounds. He was an accomplished artist, woodworker, leathersmith, gunsmith, photographer, mechanic, fisherman, hunter, gardener and baker. You name it, Rob mastered it. His creations can be found in homes, businesses and churches across Ontario and Alberta. A true master craftsman, Rob approached every task with the precision of an artist and the heart of a humble, caring man. Rob was also a generous soul, giving his time to countless causes. He was awarded for his decades of blood donations and for teaching firearms and hunter safety classes. His involvement in the Masonic Order, Eastern Star, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Shriners reflected his deep commitment to his community and his faith. A faithful servant of God, Rob was active in his church, often stepping up as a lay reader and delivering sermons that were as thoughtful as they were inspiring. A Celebration of Rob's extraordinary Life was held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Little Current, Ontario on Sunday, September 8, 2024. A receiving reception began at 2 pm, the celebration started at 3 pm. Refreshments followed and we welcomed all who knew and loved Rob to join us. Our family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the compassionate doctors and nurses at Manitoulin Health Centre. The palliative care room allowed us to share stories and precious moments with Rob in his final days. Donations in Rob's name can be made to the Manitoulin Health Centre or the Shiner's Hospital in Montreal. Manitoulin Health Centre: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/9790> Shriners Hospital: <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/>. As we say goodbye, we take comfort in knowing that Rob is now at peace with God, wrapped in the embrace of His amazing grace, and watching over us with the same love and care he gave throughout his life. Rest easy, Rob—you've more than earned it. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

MATEO JOHN MAX RODRIGUEZ
June 16, 2022 - August 14, 2024



In loving memory of Mateo John Max Rodriguez, beloved son of Emily McGregor and Alex Rodriguez. Cherished baby brother to Amelia Rodriguez; loving grandson to Fran and Darren McGraw and Gloria Campbell (Perry) and John Gray; great-grandson to Allan Owl and Meg Digiglio (Barry) and John and Elaine Recollet. Predeceased by his great-granny Eliza Owl. Mateo will be deeply missed by his Aunt Tahsheenah Foley and Uncle Max McGraw, special Aunts Hope Debassige and Julia McGregor. Special Godson of Kiara Dokis and Jared Debassige. Mateo will be forever loved and missed by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Visitation was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7 pm at the Aundeck Omni Kaning 4 Directions Community Centre. Funeral Service was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 1 pm at the Aundeck Omni Kaning Community Centre. Cremation followed. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd., Espanola.

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

Celebration of Life

JERRY DAVID MCMULLIN

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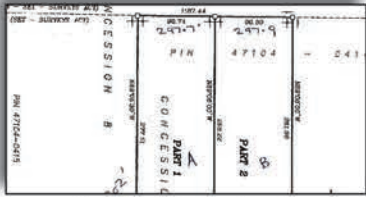


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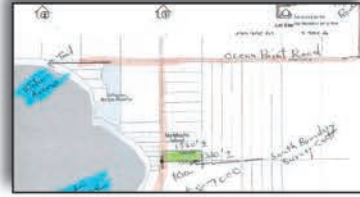
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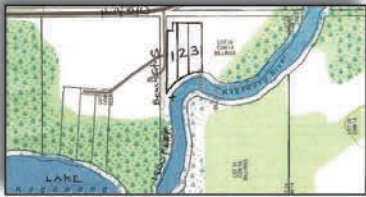
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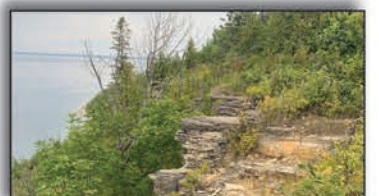
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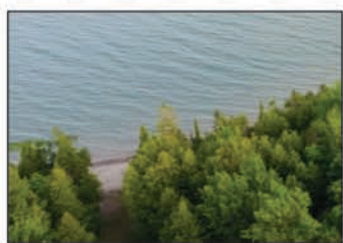


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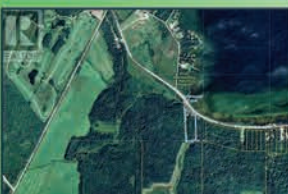
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South facing lot, 1 acre, building lot on Lake Huron South Bay, MLS#2116051 \$172,500



Small acreage with outstanding lake views! 3.53 acres MLS#2116709 \$139,900



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WATERFRONT LOT
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MLS 2118293 | \$750,000 | Island



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Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Dr. Joseph LeBlanc named vice-president, social accountability of the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada

NORTHERN ONTARIO—The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) is thrilled to welcome Dr. Joseph LeBlanc, a member of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) as the organization's new vice-president of social accountability.

Dr. LeBlanc is the Associate Dean, Equity and Inclusion and Assistant Professor, Indigenous Health at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, roles that he will continue to hold concurrently with AFMC. He is a lifelong Northern Ontarian and member of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

As a member of the AFMC leadership team Dr. LeBlanc will spearhead the implementation of the organization's strategic priorities related to social accountability and ensure that AFMC committees and networks are effectively supported in this work. This includes continued efforts to strengthen anti-racism, Indigenous health, Black health, Francophone representation and planetary health within Canada's medical schools.

"I am honoured to join the AFMC in this groundbreaking role," said Dr. LeBlanc in a release. "The leadership and advocacy of this group has helped to pave the way for excellence in medical education in this country. As we all take the next steps towards health equity for every Canadian, I will contribute all I can to the critical collaborative work being done to move us all forward toward a healthier future."

Dr. LeBlanc has extensive experience in promoting equity, increasing diversity, and strengthening the approach to social accountability in medical education. He has received several awards including a Top 20 under 40 Northwestern Ontario Visionary Award and a Forty under 40 Northern Ontario Business Award. Dr. LeBlanc is passionate about community health and well-being and is recognized as a leading expert in Indigenous food systems and community development in Canada.

"Joseph's contributions in this field are invaluable and we are extremely lucky to have him join our team," said AFMC President and CEO, Dr. Connie LeBlanc (no relation to Dr. Joseph LeBlanc). "His deep expertise in policy and community health will be instrumental in advancing social accountability within Canadian medical schools, ultimately benefiting all Canadians."

"NOSM University is proud of Dr. LeBlanc and his appointment at this senior level within such an important and influential national organization," said Dr. Sarita Verma, president, vice-chancellor, Dean and Chief Executive Officer. "As a vice-president in this inaugural role, he brings wonderful interpersonal and organizational skills, wisdom, and true authenticity to issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion. He will champion the voice of academic medicine in Canada and help us to meet our collective mandate to be socially accountable."



Dr. Joseph LeBlanc, a member of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has been named as The Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada new vice-president of social accountability. photo provided.

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Carter George and Kohyn Eshkawkogan updates!

Carter George, now a paid employee of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings after he signed a three-year, entry level contract with the Kings earlier this summer. Currently, his job has him prepping for the annual, Rookie Faceoff that is to be hosted by the Kings this year. The Rookie Faceoff is annually hosted by one of the participating seven teams. It gives each organization a good, game-situation look at all their prospects. Some of the Kings' on the roster have already played in this event before so Carter will get some great experience from potentially older players.

The 10-game showcase will feature the top prospects from the NHL clubs, also including the Anaheim Ducks, Colorado Avalanche, San Jose Sharks, Seattle Kraken, Utah Hockey Club and Vegas Golden Knights. The Kings will play three games this weekend and all will be live-streamed through the NHL site's Kings' page. Good luck, Carter!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan, was recently featured on the OHL's Ottawa 67's You Tube feed. He was shown in a media scrum after a day of their training camp sessions. Kohyn handled himself very well despite some of the reporters' awkward questions! He was a great representative for the 67's, for Manitoulin and Indigenous people as he addressed his background. I am sure he will be called upon to speak many more times in the near future. Good luck this season, Kohyn!

Ramsey Tour-ists!

Manitoulin was represented by at least three runners in Sudbury's annual Ramsey Tour Half Marathon. Local runner, **Brooke Simon** of Sheguiandah First Nation, completed her first 1/2 Marathon, a goal she set early this year. She finished second in her division with a time of 2h 28m. The Ramsey Tour 1/2 Marathon is hosted by The Sudbury Masters Running Club.

Mila Odjig, of Wiikwemkoong has also been training for this 1/2 marathon since the early spring, with her trainer/coach and Grandpa, **Stephen Odjig!** She ran a great race in under 2 hours with a fabulous, 1:59:19. Grandma **Sarah Odjig** was the support crew and relayed that, "Mila just turned 14 in March but there were no restrictions of age and she really wanted to try and she made it with her commitment, dedication and love of running". Her coach said, "she was so ready for the race, she was like a spring ready to go. She was very well paced and had a great finish". That she did with a first place in her division and 9th overall!

Aurel Fox-Recollet has seen a spate of wins lately and repeated, this time, in the Tour. He ran the hilly Ramsey course in 1:25:14, that is barely over 4 minutes for every single kilometer! Ever!

Not quite Fall, Ball

Congratulations to the LaCloche Lakers Peewees who had a great time at the tourney in Espanola. They lost in the semis, but they had a blast Congratulations to players: **Liam Stephens, Corie Brown, Cohen Rajotte, Megan Roszell, Ryan Carter, Sierra Elliott, Roen Deschenes, Emma Foucault, Bryden Romaniuk, Gabby Gagne and Reid Martin.** Thanks to Coaches, **Scott Stephens and Nelson Deschenes!**

Runners' events!

The Sudbury Rocks Running Club list nearby races. This weekend is the continuation of the Apex Trail Series with the final, Warrior Race. You choose your distance, from 1 to 50km options all on trail or some semblance of a trail apparently.

The weekend of October 5-6th is a very interesting take on ultra running. It is called the Backyard Ultra and it all takes place all on a 6.7km trail in Kivi Park. 'Simply', you complete one lap per hour! You even choose how slow or fast you travel. You can run hard then sleep, eat, play parchesi or just walk the whole time.

What a great format! Instead of a usual, lonely distance race, in this case, every hour, the remaining group starts together cheering everyone on. You are absolutely equal every hour that you last! Also, the 6.7km is a special distance because if you can do this for 24 hours you will have run a Metric Century of 100km! Time to crank out another Century, **Allen Haner?**

If you are not running in Kivi Park then you should be at the jewel of their race calendar, the annual Wiky Road Race! Sunday October 6th is the fifty-something edition of the 10k race! How many have you run?

Sporting Legacy, secured

Anytime I cover a local athlete, there is often a story to be told about their parent or grandparent as well. I am always reminded that genetics of course plays a role in forming a familial legacy in sports but as importantly, is the model shown by the generations who came before. One sporting legacy in M'Chigeeng is the Debassige lineage through **Albert (Bud) Debassige**, who began his spirit journey last week.

Through the many memories shared of Bud, there was a common thread of family and generosity. The legendary generosity was shared with his family and friends in much more than help with dollars. Bud gave of himself as well by being an amazing supporter. He did this with his sons, Derek and Neil who rose to the varsity level and local sports, stardom! With that experience, he was supremely qualified then for the grandkids who he urged on to all-Ontario level, success! The legacy continues, Baa ma pii, Bud.

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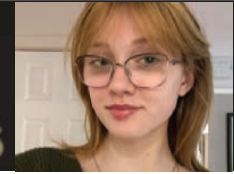
- Must have a valid DZ licence.
- Experience driving snowplow.
- Complete required documentation, maintenance.
- Previous experience with building & roads maintenance would be beneficial.

Applications close September 16th at noon.

Please make further inquiries/applications to:

The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island
 Carrie Lewis, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

After two months of beach days, summer jobs, travelling and adventures with friends, summer break has come to a close. Manitoulin Secondary School students are now

entering the 2024-2025 school year, with brand new classes of incoming Grade 9s and outgoing Grade 12s. The very first week of high school is always an

important transition period. The grade nine students are learning where their classes are, meeting new friends and tackling the combination locks on their lockers. Getting into new routines can be tough but by the end of the first week everyone was settled in! At the same time, our seniors had their "last first day" on Tuesday, September 3, when schools opened. Soon, university and college application portals will open and our senior students will be making decisions about the next chapter in their lives.

A few new policies have been introduced to MSS. One of these poli-
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MANITOULIN CHRYSLER



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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist Automotive Technicians with vehicle preparation
- Maintain cleanliness and organization of the shop
- Run errands for parts and supplies as needed
- Drive vehicles in & out of the mechanic bays as instructed
- Lift and move vehicle tires as required
- Assist Technicians and Apprentices as required
- Other miscellaneous duties as assigned by the Service or Parts Manager

QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid Drivers Licence
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work in a team environment with guidance from a supervisor
- Strong organizational skills with the ability to complete tasks and show initiative to be self-sufficient as needed
- Physically able to move heavy objects such as tires; frequent stooping, bending, squatting, and kneeling
- A high level of dexterity is required

EXPERIENCE

- Previous experience working in a shop or warehouse environment is considered an asset
- Automotive Industry Experience is considered an asset

A Full Job Description is available on our website at ManitoulinChrysler.com/careers/

Send your resume to: wlegge@manitoulinchrysler.ca Drop it off at: 6015 HWY 542, MINDEMOYA

MANITOULIN CHRYSLER



Front Desk Receptionist

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- Welcomes guests into the dealership with a friendly and positive demeanor
- Answers all incoming phone calls professionally, politely, and efficiently.
- Places, receives, and routes a high volume of calls through a multi-line switchboard while supplying information to callers, relaying messages, and announcing visitors to internal staff
- Performs basic clerical tasks such as arranging invoices, and other indexed documents, and cash receipt book revisions
- Serves as the first impression of the dealership and front lines the main desk at the point of entry for greeting and directing all visitors, including vendors, clients, and customers
- Performs other duties as required/requested by management

QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid Drivers Licence
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Natural ability to engage positively with people in person and on the telephone
- Demonstrates commitment to exceptional customer service with a willingness to go the extra mile to ensure guest satisfaction
- Attention to detail, strong organization skills, and the ability to multi-task

EXPERIENCE

- 1+ years of Customer Service/Reception experience is preferred
- Automotive Industry Experience is considered an asset
- Knowledge of administrative and clerical procedures is preferred
- Reliability and the ability to learn new skills and work in a fast-paced environment

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Carpenter

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

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For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **3pm Monday, September 16, 2024** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

David Farrow
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
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Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre

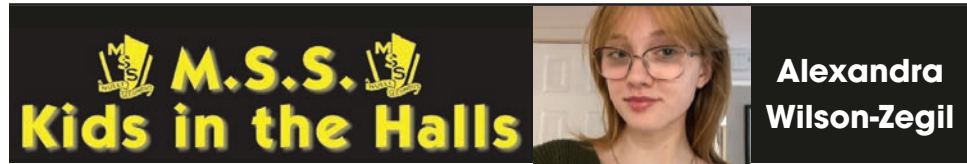
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Species is the province-wide cellphone ban. Students all over Ontario are no longer allowed the use of phones in the classroom, they must keep their devices out of sight while in class. MSS is encouraging students to keep their phones turned off and in their lockers. The second policy is that backpacks and coats are no longer allowed in classrooms and MSS students must keep these belongings in their locker for the duration of the school day.

The first cross country meeting was held on Wednesday, September 4 and the first mountain biking and golfing meeting was held on Friday, September 6. With these competition seasons quickly approaching, it was important to get a head start in recruiting teams!

The MSS robotics team has also opened its doors for the new school year with their first meeting being held on Thursday, September 5. Their robot and some team members also made an appearance in the parade at the Manitowaning Fall Fair this weekend.

There are still spots available on the annual Stratford trip! This year students are being taken to Stratford, Ontario to see incredible professional performances of 'Romeo and Juliet,' 'Twelfth Night,' 'La Cage' and 'Something Rotten.' Along with these performances students can participate in theatre workshops. For students in the

Arts and Culture Specialist High Skills Major, half of the trip costs are taken care of!

The new school year is an exciting time for both staff and students, and

while some might not be ready to let go of summer relaxation, there is always plenty to keep students occupied at MSS!

Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

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WIKWEMIKONG NURSING HOME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MORNING COOK

Salary: \$20.86 - 27.25 | Based on Experience & Qualification
Status: Full-Time
Posting Date: August 28, 2024

As a cook you will be responsible for preparing high-quality meals to meet the nutritional needs of the residents, while consistently maintaining the relevant health, hygiene and safety standards. As an employee of Wikwemikong Nursing Home, you will enjoy growing your career and be a part of a dedicated team that positively impacts the lives of the residents.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure all meals are served on time, at appropriate temperatures and in portion-controlled quantities.
- Prepare food for cooking, cleaning, and processing all raw ingredients.
- Prepare meals for residents following the regular and therapeutic menu.
- Serve meals to residents following the posted dietary guidelines and resident preferences.
- Follow safe food handling practices and sanitation regulations.
- Rotate all food supplies and ensure all stored and prepared food is properly labelled.
- Support resident preferences and choices.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Food service worker certificate, or willing to be enrolled with employment.
- Previous cooking experience in an institutional setting, preferably long-term care.
- Demonstrate knowledge of safe food handling practices.
- Fluency in the Ojibway language would be a definite asset, or willingness to learn.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled.

Entitled to benefits and pension after completing probation.

All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references, copies of diplomas and/or certificates to:

Cook

Wikwemikong Nursing Home

Chris Lethbridge, Food Service Supervisor

2281 Wikwemikong Way, P.O. Box 114

Wiikwemkoong, ON P0P 2J0

Email: chris.lethbridge@wikwemikongnursinghome.com

The successful applicant will be required to provide a Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Check. We thank all applicants; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

WIKWEMIKONG NURSING HOME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL

Salary: \$20.58 - 26.00 | Pending Experience
Status: Full-Time
Posting Date: August 28, 2024

The Maintenance services in the home are available to ensure that the building, including both interior and exterior areas, and its operational systems are maintained in good repair; and electrical and non-electrical equipment are kept in good repair and maintained. Including all plumbing fixtures, toilets, sinks, grab bars and washroom fixtures and accessories are kept maintained.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be familiar with Occupational Health and Safety.
- Facilitate relationships between and among residents, relatives, staff and community.
- Follows all Infection Control policies and procedures.
- Identifies areas of risk and notifies Management.
- Ongoing repairs and maintenance of the organization.
- Ability to follow a preventive maintenance program.
- Keeping accurate records & reports.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ability to read, write and understand oral and written instructions, and maintain maintenance data.
- Possess basic knowledge of laundry systems, ability to read and interpret manuals related to equipment and systems.
- Commitment to learn and use the Aanishnaabemowin language. Fluency in Aanishnaabemowin would be a definite asset.
- Minimum two years' experience.
- Possess a valid G licence.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled.

All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references, copies of diplomas and/or certificates to:

Maintenance Personnel

Wikwemikong Nursing Home

Elizabeth Cooper, Administrator/Director of Care

2281 Wikwemkong Way, P.O. Box 114

Wiikwemkoong, ON P0P 2J0

Email: elizabeth.cooper@wikwemikongnursinghome.com

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WIKWEMIKONG NURSING HOME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ACTIVITY ASSISTANT

Salary: \$20.58 - \$25.84 (Based on Experience)
Status: Full-Time (2)
Posting Date: August 28, 2024

Under the direction and supervision of the Activity Manager, the Activity Assistant shall provide recreation and leisure programs to the residents in accordance with the Long-Term Care Act. The Activity Assistant will provide for the individual needs of the assigned resident in accordance with the recreation and leisure care plan through the maintenance of the residents, optimum level of functioning physically, emotionally, socially, culturally, intellectually and spiritually.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure and promote the provision of resident centred services to meet the needs of residents.
- Provide supervision and/or assistance to the resident in recreation and leisure programming as the individual plan of care meets the needs and expectations.
- Provide programs to the resident with respect to their senses and communication.
- Provides for an assist in achieving the resident's nutritional needs.
- Provides for and implements preventative and safety measures and reports unsafe conditions.
- Provides support services to meet the needs of the residents.
- Assist in financial management.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- A diploma or degree in recreation and leisure studies, therapeutic recreation, kinesiology or other related from a community college or university or enrolled in community college or university in such a field.
- Ability to work independently as well as cooperatively with others in care team.
- Ability to interact with residents, families and visitors to create a warm and pleasant atmosphere.
- One year's experience in a long-term care facility is an asset.
- Proficiency in oral and written English, have a keen interest in working with the elderly and rotating shifts.
- Fluency in the Ojibway Language would be a definite asset.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled.

All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references, copies of diplomas and/or certificates to:

Activity Assistant

Wikwemikong Nursing Home

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Silver Water hall celebrates 75th anniversary

SILVER WATER—About 100 people met at the Silver Water Community War Memorial Hall to celebrate the 75th anniversary of its construction and official opening.

"I made a presentation at the gathering, and there was a good discussion among those on hand of local residents who were kids at the time and some of the things that have taken place at the hall over the years, and at the old Foresters Hall before that," said Marie Leeney.

In her presentation on the history of the hall, Ms. Leeney went back to information found on The Manitoulin Recorder microfilm from 1945 at the local library and the minute books from the Women's Institute to gather information such as the fundraising carried out by the resilient people of the community, and the official dedication ceremony held by the newly formed Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 514) on November 10, 1949 with about 240 people attending. She pointed out an opening dance had been held Wednesday, November 9 with some three hundred or more in attendance.

"An official financial report called 'Here It is In a Nutshell' dated (February 28, 1950, to 1964) showed donations from Lester B. Pearson, Owen Sound Transportation, Purvis Brothers, Robert Simpson Company (later Simpson Sears) and local people just to name a few. Expenses, as well as time and materials donated were presented at the anniversary, along with an official deed of land between John McGibbon to John Edmonds, William Clark and William Priddle represent-



A 75th anniversary celebration for the Silver Water Community War Memorial Hall (shown in photo during its construction), was held recently.



This photo shows the inside of the Silver Water Community War Memorial Hall at its opening 75 years ago.

ing trustees for the people of Robinson Township, dated May 15, 1913, appears to be for the property of the hall and ballfield," wrote Ms. Leeney.

The Manitoulin Recorder reported on November 10, 1949, "another very fine community memorial centre has been dedicated and formally opening this week, namely, the new hall at Silver Water. The dream of a new modern hall has long been in the minds of the people of this energetic community, and they are deserving of great praise for the way in which they have tackled their problem and overcame the many obstacles in their path."

"The property on which the hall is situated consists of two and a half acres, located at the top of the hill and surrounded by a grove of nice maple trees," the Recorder reported. "The Township of Robinson purchased the lot some years ago from John McGibbon, and it has been made use of for field days, picnics, baseball, softball and other sports."

Another report on the dedication published in the Recorder read, "A beautiful service of dedication was held Sunday, November 6 at the new memorial community hall at 3 pm. The weather was a bit dull, but we fortunately had no rain. Some 240 residents and friends from surrounding communities well filled the splendid new building. The veterans provided and had special seating. Mr. Geo. Trick was chairman and others occu-

pying seats on the platform were Rev G. Thompson, B A, of Gore Bay, Mr. Jasper Noble."

"A choir of 27 led the singing, with Mrs. Ted Addison as pianist. Mr. Frank Priddle, formerly of Silver Water officially opened the ceremonies with a dedication prayer by Rev. Leck. Mr. Archie Duncanson cut the ribbon pronouncing the doors open. Mr. W C Duncanson gave an address followed by a reply from Comrade Orland Wismer."

"Mr. Jasper Noble read the scripture lesson. R.G. Thompson's address was inspiring, a bit humorous in spots, also thought provoking. Two hymns were sung by all and the choirs rendition of "O Valliant Hats" following two minutes of silence, was evidently appreciated," reported the Recorder.

In 1946 a start was made toward the erection of the new hall, lumber was acquired and excavation made for a basement. Scarcity of building materials and a lack of ready cash called a halt to proceedings and for another couple of years the people of the community continued to work and dream of the day when the new hall would become a reality.

During the summer of 1949 it was decided to make a determined effort to have the hall completed in time for their annual fowl supper and although there is of necessity some finishing up to be done, the work was sufficiently advanced as to allow a dedication service on Sunday, November 6 and a formal opening by a dance on November 9," it was recorded.

At the anniversary, a slide show along with more photos, and the minute books from the Silver Water Women's Institute were on display. The Women's Institute were responsible for getting the Community Hall Fund Raising club started in 1946 and the community news published in the Manitoulin Recorder.

Ms. Leeney pointed out at the anniversary celebration, a lasagna supper was served with goodwill donations offered, netting \$1,000. "We are raising money to put in a new bathroom on the main floor of the building."

"Thank you ever so much to all who attended to learn a little history of this building and adding to the coffers for the next much needed project, a washroom on the main floor," added Ms. Leeney.

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