Espanola's Domtar mill announces closure

Shock felt across region

by Tom Sasvari

ESPANOLA—Shock, disbelief and heartbreak are three of the words that employees, local, provincial and federal politicians used to describe the announcement last week that Domtar Corporation, a part of the Paper Excellence Group would indefinitely idle the pulp and paper operations of its Espanola facility for an expected period greater than one year.

'It is devastating," stated Espanola Mayor Doug Gervais.

"No, I had no inkling this announcement was going to be made," he said, explaining that he found out when he received a call from the Ontario minister of natural resources. "He was calling to give us support for what we were going through. When the minister called I was in a parking lot in Sudbury starting to drive home when I got the news at about 11:20-11:25 in the morning.'

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Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund: distribution options Participants in weekend treaty anniversary meeting share insights



HONOURING THE ANNIVERSARY—Garden River First Nation Chief Andy Rickard leads the procession of eagle staffs into the hall followed by former Wiikwemkoong Chief Duke Peltier and Ontario Régional Chief Glen Hare during a celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty held this past weekend in Sault Ste. Marie. Members of First Nations from across the Huron Robinson Treaty area took part in the commemorative event where discussions of the distribution of the \$10 billion Littigation Fund were also held.

photo by Gina Gasongi Simon

Province step further towards new swing bridge

LITTLE CURRENT—"If vou're looking for a headline I'd say 'it's ready to go'," Minister of Northern Development Greg Rickford told The Expositor during a Friday, September 8 announcement on Little Current's waterfront regarding the swing bridge replacement project.

Northeast Town Mayor Al Mac-Nevin introduced Minister Rickford to the small crowd assembled on the docks, the swing bridge standing sentinel in the back-

Mayor MacNevin noted the location was not a coincidence due to the obvious view of the aged bridge, but also because as the minister visited Little Current, two Great Lakes cruise ships were anchored at nearby Strawberry Island, one of which saw passengers tendered into the downtown docks that morning.

"Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) has been very supportive of NEMI," the mayor said. The very docks we stand on are as a result of NOHFC, which helped to attract cruise ships to Little Current."

Minister Rickford was on a Northern Ontario tour, there representing the province and not necessarily his own ministry for this particular announcement, he

Ford's commitment to ensuring infrastructure projects are being met in Northern Ontario that enable the North's abundance of agriculture, resources tourism not only survive, but thrive, leading him to his main announcement.

"I couldn't be more pleased to say the preliminary work is done, the environmental assessment is finished and we can now proceed with next steps," Minister Rickford announced. Those next steps include property acquisition, right-of-way designation and

"Replacement of the Little Current Swing Bridge will make travel smoother for residents, businesses, emergency services and tourists, while supporting economic growth and job creation in local communities," the minister

Minister Rickford assured the politicians and dignitaries present that the Ontario Treasury has secured funds for the new doublelane swing bridge, though the exact amount was not disclosed.

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by Gina Gasongi Simon

BAWAATING—Imagine standing next to the roaring thunder of Niagara Falls in the summer of 1764, a year after King George III issued the Royal Proclamation on October 7, 1763, which laid out the principles for sovereign relations, including European settlement of Indigenous territories in parts of North America.

You can well imagine back then who held the upper hand by virtue of 'power of the written word' yet you can't deny the newcomers to North America needed the Anishnaabek to survive.

A nation that did and still governs Anishinaabekeaking (the territory) in accordance with the sacred laws of Creation: a system based on principles of Respect, Responsibility, Reciprocity and Renewal of a complex web of interdependent relationships upon which all living things rely on for survival.

Now speed up to 2023 to Bawaat-

ing (Sault Ste. Marie), the site of Anishinaabe governance, where the Robinson Huron Treaty was signed on September 9, 1850. Lake Huron Anishinaabek leaders, Chiefs and Principle Men entered into treaty with the British Crown.

Leading up to the significant September anniversary date, Garden River First Nation hosted a series of workshops and teaching lodges to discuss the treaty's history and how treaties are vital to the foundation of this country. "The treaties are recognized and affirmed within the Canadian Constitution and form part of the supreme law of the land," stated Art Petahtegoose, host of Treaty History workshop. Others included Wampum Teachings, Sacred Bundles and various panel discussions on the 'Political and Polical Advocacy for Treaty Implementation' also the 'Spirit of Intent: Ceremony and The Anishinaabe Per-

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Litigation Fund management committee agrees distribution model is changeable

by Tom Sasvari

SAULT STE. MARIE—The Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Management Committee has agreed there is still time to make changes to the \$10 billion settlement annuity distribution plan. This comes after the Garden River First Nation leadership shared at a Robinson Huron Treaty celebration (173 years after the original signing [1850] of the treaty by its

21 First Nations, including all those on Manitoulin Island) this past Saturday that it has rejected what it feels is an unequal and unfair distribution plan proposed by the Robinson Huron Trust.

Garden River First Nation Chief Andy Rickard was quoted by CTV News that while some communities are smaller, his First Nation is one of the bigger communities. "If you were to do a distribution to membership, the bigger communities obviously won't have as much to distribute to their members." The First Nation also has concerns with half a billion dollars in lawyer fees and one billing for future court cases.

However, Chief Rickard also said there is time to hash out any challenges and any issues that his first nation has.

Duke Peltier, of Wiiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and one of the committee members said, "there is a threshold to amend agreements, amend provisions within the trust. It is a prerogative of the chiefs.'

With the concerns raised, the final signing of the proposed

Wiikwemkoong adopts Crime Stoppers

Community asked to play role in curbing crime

by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—A large billboard near the entry to Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was unveiled by the band this past week that aims to engage the community in the battle against illicit drugs and other crimes that have beset the community in recent years. The sign features the phone number for Crime Stoppers North Eastern Ontario in large numerals.

"I am very happy today to introduce this initiative to you," said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi. "This billboard is just a billboard, until it is given its spirit and given the work it is supposed to

do by the people. We also ask the Creator to remind us about our seven teachings, including courage, bravery, truth and wisdom."

Ogimaa Manitowabi said, "this sign is a reminder to us that this community belongs to us, we want it to be a safe community, a healthy community and a happy community.

She thanked all of the community members who came out to the unveiling and for their commitment to helping to build safety and wellness in the community and she exhorted them to use the information on the sign to that end.

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From left, youngsters Serenity Mejaki Kozeyah, Prince Hore and Owen Boyle all received brand new bicycles courtesy of the OPP Youth Foundation during the Tour de Force ride held this past weekend.

OPP Tour de Force Ride honours fallen officers in Northern Ontario

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The formerly named Marc Hovingh Memorial Ride has been enhanced with ride awareness being expanded to include all officers who have died in the line of duty in the Northwest and Northeast Regions of Ontario. The Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series annual event was held on Manitoulin again this past Saturday and Sunday. The preride ceremonies were held in Mindemoya Saturday

"Like I said in my remarks earlier, we are all just so incredibly grateful for everyone coming out here today and for all the officers and families coming from their own communities," Lianne Hovingh, widow of the late Constable Marc Hovingh, told The Expositor. "This ride has become even more special because it is now in remembrance of all the fallen officers in the Northwest and Northeast Region.

Marc is definitely not being forgotten in any way, but it is being built on by remembering all those officers who have fallen and the families they left behind."

On November 19, 2020, Ontario Provincial Police Constable Marc Hovingh died protecting and serving the communities of Manitoulin Island.

Over 100 riders took part in the event. Participants had the opportunity to take part in the long ride (140 kilometres), the medium length ride (80 kilometres) and the fun, family and friends ride, a 30-kilometre loop with lots of refreshment stops and smiles on the

Ådam Belanger, provincial coordinator of the ride, told the large gathering on hand, "We would like to thank everyone for coming out to Manitoulin Island, and for the beautiful weather we have here today. This is the third year of the ride and it provides an

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Tremendous support from Island community for man battling cancer

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—A Little Current resident is staggered by the generosity of Manitoulin Island residents to help those in need after he far surpassed any fundraising goal he had to help a good friend of his who is battling cancer for a second time

had set a goal of bicycling 1,000 kilometres during the month of August and asked the Island community to donate one, five or 10 cents for each kilometre ridden.

Mr. Slaght was raising funds for his friend Sean Coleman, also a

Little Current resident. "I'm flabbergasted it is inc As has been previously report-ed, Bill Slaght of Little Current Island is," stated Mr. Slaght.

Billings commits funds to discover Island-wide waste management initiatives

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township pledged a funding commitment to investigate options for the Island-wide waste management initiative it

"Anyone who knows me knows how passionate I am about this issue," stated Billings councillor Vince Grogan at a council meeting last week. "By agreeing to a funding commitment to look at moving this initiative forward it shows we are putting our money where our mouth is. We have over 20 years left on our landfill site, but I'd rather work with other municipalities on the Island to look at fixing problems we are all facing with waste now."

This is a great report, and I concur with Councillor Grogan," said Councillor Dave Hillyard. "I hope this initiative gets continued support, we get the ball rolling and I agree we (Island municipalities and

"Even for a little fundraiser I did, when you consider the tremendous public help the Manitoulin Secondary School Robotics team received in fundraising to be able to participate in the world robotics championship in Houston earlier this year. It's incredible."

"I am very impressed with where we live and the care people have for others on the Island,' said Mr. Slaght. "I am still waiting on a couple of donations to come in, but we are at \$10,500, will soon be at \$11,200 and this will become \$12,200 as the Grace Bible Church has presented Sean with a cheque for \$1,000. The church said they wouldn't have done it if not for my efforts at fundraising for Sean and his family. We have received so many donations from groups like the Gore Bay Rotary Club and Orr's Valu-Mart holding a fundraising barbecue."

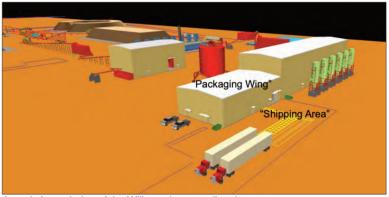
Mr. Slaght finished his 1,000kilometre bicycle ride on August 26. "We completed the ride with a 203-kilometre ride to finish it up," he said, noting he took a trip around Manitoulin Island to finish the campaign starting in Little Current and hitting many communities around the Island before returning home.

FedNor announces Wiikwemkoong pellet plant funding

SUDBURY—Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is taking another crucial step in making a pellet plant operation in Nairn Centre a reality. Enaadmaagehjik (Wikwemikong Development Corporation) is receiving an investment of \$217,000 from FedNor "to support final planning studies for a proposed pellet manufacturing plant and to attract an

The announcement was made in Sudbury by The Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Indigenous Services and the minister responsible for FedNor as part of 13 investments being made in Northeastern Ontario. Minister Hajdu was joined by MPs Viviane Lapointe, Marcus

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An artist's rendering of the Wiikwemkoong pellet plant.

Old Mill Heritage Centre on shortlist for national award

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—The Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong is on the shortlist for a national award.

'We've made it to the shortlist for the Governor General's History Award (for Excellence in Community Programming)," Rick Nelson curator of the local museum, last Thursday. "I am grateful we even made the short list considering how many great applications I'm sure they had to consider."

"But I knew we had a strong presentation," said Mr. Nelson. The Old Mill Heritage Centre had been nominated for the award by Heather Jefkins, a Gordon/Barrie Island resident, for the museum's annual History Day in Kagawong event, particularly for the Empress of Ireland presentation.

Kylie Nicolajsen, program coordinator for Canada's National History Society informed Mr. Nel-

son on September 7, "I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to give you an update on your application for the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community Programming."

"The first round of reviews has

been completed, and I'm happy to share that your application has advanced to the shortlist of candidates under consideration for the award," wrote Ms. Nicolajsen. 'Congratulations! This is a significant achievement and a testament to your exceptional work. We will be highlighting your project on our website.'

Ms. Nicolajsen added, "the judges will move forward with the second round of reviews, and we hope to contact the two final recipients later this fall. Congratulations again on this accomplish-

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Brown's Busing ends bus routes after almost 75 years

by Tom SasvariMANITOULIN—There has been a major change in school bus operations around Manitoulin Island this fall.

'We still have two buses, but we are no longer doing contract work with the (Sudbury Student Services) Consortium (SSSC)," said Robert Brown of Carl Brown Bus last week. "A.J. Bus Lines now has all the routes we had, and we are helping them to get everything organized during the transaction. I was with a driver this morning from A.J. going over the routes they are to be taking."

Mr. Brown said, "we had nine bus runs when we quit, from having 11 school bus routes on the Island. We decided to decline putting in a bid on the request for proposals for a renewed contract put out by the SSSC for this year. You never know, you can never say never that we would ever get back into the school bus business.'

"We plan to do school charters, whenever they are needed," said Mr. Brown, who pointed out those who wanted to continue to drive from Brown's have gone on to work with A.J. Bus Lines. "I had promised Renee Boucher of the SSSC that we would work with A.J.s to provide a smooth transition."

"Our busing business started in 1949 by our grandfather," said Mr. Brown. "There was a party held in July for us being in the trading post business (Carl's Trading Post in South Baymouth) for 60 years as well. Manitoulin Island's Newspaper-of-Record,

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editorial

Amalgamation of Northern health units is a deadly concept

There is a mantra among those of a right-of-centre ideology that bigger is best and the Ford government has run with that idea since first taking office, announcing plans to meld the province's 35 public health units into 10 massive organizations, while at the same time cutting provincial co-funding. Under the previous cost-sharing, the province picked up 75 percent of the funding with municipalities (i.e. property owners and, by extension, renters) ponying up the remaining 30 percent. The province changed that formula to 70-30 percent, while offering up short-term funding to dampen ratepayer pain.

The proposed amalgamations would have, in theory at least, created only two health units to service all of Northern Ontario (with some hints of there being only one). Those amalgamation plans were put on hold by the pandemic, and the province has now committed to returning to the original funding split formula of 70-30, but now the provincial minister of health has floated amalgamation 2.0, offering cash-strapped health units who "voluntarily" amalgamate extra funding.

This remains a decidedly bad idea for the North—worse than bad—attempting to coordinate health services across that wide a geographical area will not only put greater strain on limited resources, the concept to service communities with immensely different profiles and needs, holds the potential to create delays and bottlenecks that could prove deadly.

As for the funding formula changes, then-Sault Ste. Marie mayor Christian Provenzano (and practically every municipal politician will confirm) noted, municipal levies are already stretched to begin with. By shifting even greater the responsibility to pay for public health onto the municipalities (with a consequential rise in property taxes), the province was making the housing shortage in the North even worse.

Bigger is not always better and the perceived "efficiencies" to be found in creating ever larger catchment areas would be eaten up (and then some) by the increased challenges of delivering and coordinating services over the vast expanses of the North.

We need only look to the fallout that occurred when the two-tier Regional Government of Sudbury was dismembered and the singletier City of Greater was created from its pieces to discover the lie within the bigger is better ideology. There are few tighter reins held on the purse strings than a small rural municipality, not always perfect, but very rarely proliferate in their spending. Tax rates in those smaller communities dragged into the new entity soared and few would argue that services in those smaller communities improved apace with those tax increases.

The carrot of increased funding might prove enticing to smaller Northern health units, but it will prove to be of ephemeral benefit to those who depend on timely services in the health field.

The province should puncture this ill-advised trial balloon and let the concept of amalgamating Northern health units quietly fizzle away.

<u>letters</u>

Garden vandalism in Little Current disrespectful of volunteers

It takes a lot of work and time to create such wonderful flower displays

To the Expositor:

As one of the community gardeners for NEMI I need to make a comment to the individual(s) who removed many of the planted flowers from the garden beds downtown.

I was very upset with this act of vandalism.

It takes a lot of work and time to carry these flowers through their life cycle, from the original growers (greenhouses), to travelling to these places to purchase for the town and then plant them in prepared beds is only half the work.

Consider all the watering, grooming, and weeding that is needed to maintain these plants.

There is such beauty and colour during our short blooming season, and it is gratifying when the work is completed.

Somehow it lifts your spirits to see such glory and also helps the bees, birds and more. It transforms our waterfront.

This display of hard work is for all to enjoy, not destroy!

So to the individual(s) that did harm to this area I suggest you come along with one of us gardeners during our planting season and help us plant.

Walk a mile in our shoes and maybe you will feel anger when someone destroys your work or property, you may realize what you did was not right.

We will be monitoring the flowerbeds closely next year, hoping for no more incidents.

I hope the flowers you took survived.

Will now put the incident behind me and move on to next year's display.

Nancy Brown Little Current

Melancholy memories of a proud old lady

Saddened that the Norisle's number has finally come up

To the Expositor:

I was extremely saddened to read the headline 'Assiginack Township to scuttle S. S. Norisle dream,' (September 6, Page 1) but I do realize that she has been left to languish in Manitowaning harbour for 50 years, so it was only inevitable that she degrade to a point of no return and be scrapped someday. That day has come.

Our family has fond memories



Norisle at Tobermory Dock with my brother and 1964 Ford in foreground.

of both her and the Norgoma. My mom and my great grandmother went for the week long cruise in 1954 that departed Owen Sound, went up the Turkey Trail, the North Channel and to the Sault and back to Owen Sound. A relaxing week spent on the sun-deck or at the stern watching the scenery go by. We began visiting the Island as a family in 1968, my mom had a girlfriend on Barrie Island who we visited and spent a glorious week at the Barrie Island Cottages on Trout Bay. This turned into an annual summer time occurrence, but we also would just go for the



Me and my brother showing off our souvenirs bought at the tuck shop from Ernie at South Baymouth.

Embarking as walk-on passengers, usually around Easter as the boats started earlier in the season in those days. My Dad became good friends with the engineer, Bill Craigie, on the Norisle, spending much of the trip down in the engine room watching the workings of her triple expansion steam engine. Bill liked to share the history of his boat. Norisle's keel was laid down in Collingwood towards the end of the second world war destined to be one of the battle of Atlantic's corvettes, but the war ended so Northern Navigation bought her for their Georgian Bay Manitoulin run.

The Normac was getting a bit aged and was sent to Meldrum Bay to do the Cockburn Island, Blind River run. My dad's aunt lived in Copper Cliff, and it wouldn't be unusual to zip up to Tobermory, take the boat, and stay at Strains Cottages in Sheguiandah overnight and proceed to Sudbury for the visit, then back and stay at the Cedar Vista before returning home. On one occasion, Bill gave

us some fresh whitefish which we cooked up in the housekeeping unit at the Cedar Vista, it was absolutely yummy!

We had a 1964 Ford Custom 500 with a 3-speed standard transmission that dad had taken the shifter off the "tree" and placed on the floor. The Norgoma had a crew of young guys that would drive the cars on the boat while the Norisle allowed cars to be driven on by their owners. There was always



Me and my Queen of the world routine.

lots of swearing going on in either South Baymouth or Tobermory when the car was delivered back to us from the Norgoma's hold...the boys always seemed to get her locked in between gears!

I miss the days when the two would meet halfway in the crossing and blow their whistles in greeting, or we'd have dinner in the dining room. Tables laid with pristine white table cloths and shining silverware and sharply dressed stewards. We had delicious roast pork for dinner the one time, and we did stay overnight on the Norisle once, the four of us in



Mom posing with Norisle's bell, with Cove Island off the starboard bow.

one of those tiny staterooms, so excited I couldn't sleep, and the noise of the shoveling of the coal to keep the boiler up over-night. I remember her coming into port late one night, all lit up and silent, drifting in like a ghost ship, unlike Norgoma who had the thrum of her diesel to accompany her arrival.

Those days will never leave my thoughts, and even though the Chi-Cheemaun has been on the run for almost 50 years, those more recent memories of it can't hold a candle to "the good old days" when we traversed the Georgian Bay waters by steamship in all sorts of weather. Nothing like coming over the hill to the harbour and seeing one of the girls tied up at the dock. They could have been a cruise liner like the Andrea Doria or something similar to a nine-year-old.

Goodbye, Norisle, we will miss

Diane Zinger Miller Lake, ON

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spective in the Annuities Case by Leroy Bennett.

Once again, the Anishinaabek Council formerly referenced as the 'Chipaweighs at St. Mary's' in the 1850 RHT gathered in Bawaating (Sault Ste. Marie) to revisit the Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) but with a new lens. This revisiting of the Robinson Huron Treaty explained Chief Angus Toulouse "is for past compensation only. A compensation that should have been paid over the last 170 years. Each of the 21 First Nations in the RHT will get a share of the proceeds from that past compensation amount"

As explained by the litigation team the current agreement to be signed by Canada, Ontario and the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishnaabek will only be addressing the period of 1850 to the present. The Crown will continue to distribute the \$4 to beneficiaries until the finalization has occurred. Right now it is still confidential and subject to the requirements of protocol and will not be share publicly.

Luckily forward thinking Anishnaabe leadership included the annuity clause in the 1850 RHT to provide for future genera-



Chiefs from all across the Robinson Huron Treay territory gathered in Sault Ste. Marie to recall the signing of the treary

photos by Gina Gasongi Simon

tions. Also outlined was an agreement to share land, waters, and resources. It affirmed the Robinson Huron Anishnabek to use the unoccupied territory for harvesting and other cultural purposes. First Nations did not surrender their land, but agreed to share it.

Important to the Robinson Huron Treaty is the containment of an augmentation clause for the annuities (in this case \$4) to the Treaty beneficiaries based on the revenue generated from the territory without loss to the Crown.

The annuities increased only once, rising from \$1.60 to \$4 in 1875. It has not changed since. When you do the math the revenues from resource extraction such as lumber (harvest trees), hydro (water driven electricity) and mining (iron, gold, diamonds etc.) from this land, those measly annuity payments do not match the promise of revenue benefits!

For generations, we had lived harmoniously on the lands stretching across the eastern shores. These lands held deep spiritual and cultural significance for us, and we cherished our connection to them. However, the British Crown, represented by William Benjamin Robinson, sought to secure these lands for the settlers' benefit. In the face of tremendous pressure, our chiefs and leaders reluctantly entered into negotiations with Robinson. We agreed to surrender our lands, hoping that in return, our people would receive fair treatment and protection. The treaty promised annuity payments, which were meant to provide



Evelyn Roy from Mchigeeng First Nation was one of many Island residents who made the journey to Sault

ongoing support for our communities, education for our children, and assistance in agriculture and health care. But the promises made to us were not fulfilled. The annuity payments were meager and inconsistent, leaving our people to face economic hardships and struggle to maintain our traditional way of life. Our lands were taken from us, and we were left to bear the burden of displacement and the loss of our cultural heritage.

This breach of the Treaty, breach of honour of the Crown and breach of fiduciary obligations by the Crown has led to these proceedings beginning in 2012.

For their part Canada recognizes the "many challenges faced by the communities, the hardships and a process that is long overdue," stated Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations of Canada. When asked he also acknowledged, "the Indian Act was a sexist, discriminatory piece of colonialist legislation that caused irritable harm to First Nations women." His hope for the agreement, "The First Nations will move forward in a positive way to empower their youth and the monies, however each community decides, will go toward endeavours that include education, health and economic opportunities."

Now defining who are the beneficiaries will be part of the Office of the Mizhinawe. Margaret Simon adds to the intent of this newly formed office should be pronounced, "Mizhiwe Kina Giimok miinwa Giimok Kweok to help better understand their task. The referencing means 'All of us—including the male and female leaders.' For too long our women have been left out of the discussion, nor their presence acknowledged. This has to stop, if we truly want to move forward, we must keep equality and respect in balance.

The task for the office is to seek feedback from community members and make recommendations to leadership on the principles for defining beneficiary status.

The proposed settlement is viewed by many on the political front for our communities to grow, prosper and provide for a better future for our children. For many whom attended the gathering in Baawating (Sault Ste. Marie) they came to hear, understand and bear witness. The RHT process after years of deliberation and litigation, has entered a critical stage in the process. On September 8, 2023 after 170 years I went about asking how and will the \$10 billion compensation serve to right a wrong?

According to Evelyn Roy from M'Chigeeng First Nation she has plans for her compensation but worries about the youth. "I would like to use my portion to fix up my house. I don't know about the youth, I worry for them. Why is this country allowing for all the immigrants? We have young people and they need jobs. The government has to stop all this welfare; it's not helping the people, it only teaches them to put out their hand. They need to work to understand money."

Former councillors from Whitefish First Nation, Leona Nahwegahbow and Ester Osche echo each other's experience. As Leona explains, "It's not about the money, it's about healing and unity. We must remember Mother Earth. With all the impacts of climate change, we must remain united. We have to take care of the Mother Earth, we must accept each other. And these are our teachings. You feel and hear it in the drumming, in the ceremony, we are

taught me something about accomplishment."

When I ask my mother what she thinks should be done with the money. She says, "We need to teach our youth about parenting. Sometimes being a young parent is tough, but it teaches you to practice stability. You become more mature in your decision-making process, as you don't have the freedom that others have—you have to think of your child first." When asked about her personal portion, "I would put money towards the doors at the main church to make them more energy efficient and hire someone to care for the grave-yards."

According Sam Manitowabi, "It's going to be a long process. We still have lots of discussion and we still haven't even touched the moving forward annuity. Some do not understand all monies cannot be dispersed, we need monies to continue the discussions and planning. Many people do not understand with money comes many needs and wants."

As evident in the varied responses,



Former Whitefish River First Nation chief and elder joins WRFN councillor Esther Osche at the table during the commemoration of the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty.

all visiting. This is the greatest gathering that has ever taken place in our lifetime. And we felt the ancestors with us, ever since the pipes came together." Ester adds, "It's all about the spirit of the treaty, our feet have not touched the ground. We have been floating."

Lorraine Bebamikwe from Wikwemikong felt she did not have enough information to make an informed decision about the proposed money. "We need time to talk and meet, not as one, but as a nation. Sure, there will be conflict and disagreement, but we need to put our heads and hearts together and eventually we will come to a decision."

Joanne Bissiallon from Mississauga First Nation states more community liberation is warranted. "We have people who want the whole thing, all their money, but there are others who want more community consultations." From her perspective the elders need to be respected. "Those elders have sacrificed their whole lives, living on the bare necessities, they have been the stronghold and they should be the priority for compensation first and it should be based on their age."

There is an uptick in people who never wanted to acknowledge their 'Indianness' and now want to become members of First Nation communities, she noted.. "These people are only after the money, they don't care about the community, they see dollar signs. We have to watch out for our young people, as the drug dealers will move in looking for easy prey," Joanne added.

Another contentious issue has been the definition of entitlement and beneficiary. In the Stage 1 trial, Justice Hennesssy found the annuity was a collective amount owed to the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishnaabek. This finding was upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal. This means that the annuity is for the collective benefit of all the RHT Anishnabek.

The compensation will be distributed to the leadership of the 21 First Nations and they will be responsible for distributing the funds. However, there is a portion that will be distributed to individuals for their own individual benefit.

While standing in the food line, I asked a young mother, Krista Manitowabi, what she would do with the money. She provided me with a very thoughtful opinion, "For me, the tool is education. If I was given that money at 20 years old, I don't know if I would have the discipline to spend it wisely. Going to school and working for my grades

everyone has an opinion and time to visit and discuss the wishes and desires of the collective will be as unique as each community. The future of seven generations is on the mind of Khrista Mejaki, her concern rests with the continues government cutbacks. "We need to put money in trust for the future generations. Many do not know how to handle money, it could hurt them. As for myself any amount I would be happy with, I see it as a step in the right direction if you make the proper plans. I feel for the elders, the ones who remember the language and the teachings. I have had the privilege to sit at the litigation table assisting elders and seen them tear up with emotion. They have come to the table with their hearts. They know the gift of sharing, they have fought for this all these years, if only we could learn to fight ourselves.

Newly-minted M'Chigeeng Chief Morgan Hare thought more concrete information would be shared and a date would be set for the final signing of the agreement by the Canadian government. He also noted, "Sometime within the next few weeks we will receive word from the government for a date in November. I have to go back to my community and present to my council so we can prepare ourselves for when the litigation team comes to present information and more details. After that happens, we will be able to engage the community, present the information to members of M'Chigeeng so we're all well informed and get some feedback.

For Wiikwemkoong's Chief, Rachel Manitowabi, she would like to see a unified front. "On behalf of Wiikwemkoong because we have both treaty and non-treaty members, the RHT will be a challenge to recognize the past wrongs and how to make them right. This issue has helped us look ahead in a more unified way, that we are one community. And I will ask the community to stay united, do not let this divide us, we are Wiikwemkoong, we are one, all of us. I am proud we have Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi, the Three Fires Confederacy. Let us keep the fire burning. Let's treat each other equally."

Without the final signature on the page from Canada, which is promised when parliament resumes, the 21 First Nations signatories to the Robinson Huron Treaty will wait in anticipation, while preparing to move forward onto community consultations, seeking input and direction from their citizens.

Municipalities raise concerns with further delays in property assessments

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Island politicians are concerned that there has been another delay in property assessments being conducted by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) due to actions taken by the provincial government.

"This is not realistic for timely assessments. I can see local taxpayers freaking out with this news and having to wait so long to have updated property assessments," stated Billings township councillor Dave Hillyard at a council meeting last week.

"If there has been increased development due to assessment municipalities want to capture that so there is balance in who is paying what," stated Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI). "This way the costs of increased development are spread across the municipality. It is unfair to the rest of a community if new development and assessment is not being captured."

"And as municipalities, we are potentially losing revenues as well with new construction not being captured in updated assessments," said Mayor MacNevin. "Everyone has been anxious to see this happen and MPAC was ready to go, then the province decided the assessments would not take place."

A letter to Billings township from Carmelo Lipsi, vicepresident, valuation and customer relations chief operating officer with MPAC stated, "on August 16 the Ontario government filed regulation 261/23 under the Assessment Act to extend the current assessment cycle, and the valuation date of January 1, 2016, through to the end of the 2024 taxation year."

"This means that property taxes for the 2024 taxation year will continue to be based on the January 1, 2016, valu-

ation date," wrote Mr. Lipsi. "Property assessments will remain the same as they were for the 2023 tax year, unless there have been changes to the property."

"In addition to the recent regulation, the government will conduct a review of Ontario's property assessment and taxation system," wrote Mr. Lipsi. "MPAC shares the government's interest in ensuring the accuracy, transparency and fairness of property assessments and we are committed to the continuous improvement of the property assessment and taxation system for the benefit of all Ontarians. While MPAC is not responsible for setting tax rates or collecting property taxes, we welcome the opportunity to work with the province to ensure the property assessment process is optimal for both property owners and municipalities."

A statement by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) August 18 reads, "over the past year, AMO has publicly expressed very strong support for a timely return to the assessment cycle."

"Yesterday, the government announced that it will delay an assessment update again in 2024. As a result, Ontario's municipalities will continue to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values," the AMO wrote.

"AMO is concerned that further delays will compound uncertainty for residents and businesses. Outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent," said AMO. "The government also announced its intention to conduct a review of the property taxation and assessment system focusing on fairness, equity and economic competitiveness. Further deferring property reassessment during the review means municipalities could be waiting awhile before a reassessment is conducted."

"AMO will continue its call for a return to the regular

assessment cycle and expect to be an engaged partner as details regarding the review continue to unfold."

"It is disappointing that again there has been a delay," said Mayor MacNevin.

A reassessment could significantly adjust the ratio between industrial and residential properties.

The last scheduled assessment for 2020 was deferred by the provincial government as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some municipal governments had anticipated the return of the process in time for 2024 budgets. As property values increase, the assessment is a key component in determining municipal taxes, which are one of the largest sources of revenues to operate municipalities.



Don't panic! It's only practice!

The Burpee and Mills Volunteer Fire Department held a mock fire training exercise at G.G.'s Restaurant in Evansville last week.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Hello! Team Fergmeijer here, your local pun laureates. We don't know how you feel, but in our experience, bridge puns really hold up. Of course, there is one convoluted metaphor for bridges that aren't built well that we refuse to include here. It's just too hard to get across well. As you may know, the bridge along the river trail was broken some time ago. It was so shocking, we still can't get over it. It wasn't clear if it was damaged on purpose: there's no concrete evidence of it being deliberate.

Lookout! Repairs are being made on the Old Mill Road bridge. The bridge is scheduled to be closed Tuesday, September 12 and Friday, September 15. Please use Graham Hill and Newburn Road as a detour.

Tonight, Wednesday, September 13 from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre join Lou Carcasole for a free mindfulness session, and find out how you can permanently reduce your stress and improve your life. Brought to you by the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee. Lou has been helping people reduce their stress for over 28 years.

Have you been missing the weekly summer markets here in Kagawong? Then we've got good news for you! A special evening market is being held in Kagawong on Saturday, September 16 from 4 to 9 pm at the Park Centre. Stop in and check out the vendors, food, cabanas, and even a fire pit to ward off that autumnal evening chill. We hear nearby shops will be open as well. Don't miss out!

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

https://www.bodystoriesdance.com/schedule#schedule Fresh community gossip! Did you hear there was a stickup on the Old Mill Road bridge? Turns out some kid threw it up there.

The Billings Library is officially back to its winter hours. They are open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. The landfill continues on its summer hours until the end of October: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 pm to 6 pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Happy birthday wishes go out to Jamie W and Kim B. We aren't sure what you got up to for your big days, but if it involved a party at the ice creamery, we bet it was gelato fin!

Just around the corner, the 4elements Living Arts annual Elemental Festival will be September 23rd and 24th in Kagawong. Come out and celebrate the beauty, bounty and history of Mnidoo Mnising through workshops and performances on singing and dancing, an artisan and food vendor market, artistic workshops, a children's pop-up play area, and a special dinner and performance event. Visit the festival Facebook page (https://fb.me/e/UqD3Bj6e) for more information.

If bridges could speak, would it be in Span-ish? Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

his week's Meldrum Bay News actually covers two weeks. I was away last week and couldn't submit the news.

The Meldrum Bay Potluck Dinner on Sunday, August 27th went really well. Not only was the food fantastic but it was a really great get-together. Afterwards we had a service at the church which was very enjoyable.

At cards on the 27th there were four tables. High lady was Brenda Carter with 78 points. High man was Bob Benedict with 78 points. Ladies' lone hands went to Sara-Lyn Arnot with 3 and men's lone hands went to Tom Rumley with 3. Doug Carter had most euchres with 9. Karen Noble brought home the juice. The money jar is still safe.

Last week there was a lasagna and pork tenderloin dinner at the hall in Silver Water but we were invited out to another dinner the same night. Rick loves lasagna, so we went early and paid our money and brought home two dinners that went into the fridge for the next day. The evening out was wonderful. The next day we enjoyed our meal we had brought home from Silver Water. Delicious! If you can help it, never pass up a lasagna/pork tenderloin dinner in Silver Water.

Karen Noble had a birthday and we all sang happy birthday to her at cards the Friday night before.

This week in Meldrum Bay the work on the waterfront has continued. Quantum is doing a good job and I think that the area that they are working on looks very nice. It was greatly needed because high water levels over the last few years had eroded the banks a great deal. Reinforcement and finishing touches are completed. Now, the new docks have arrived and are sitting near the boat ramp waiting to be put in place next week. Thanks to everyone for their hard work. If you are not from Meldrum Bay and you decide to come this way for a drive, take a look at the work that has been done.

Friday, September 1 at cards we all had a really great time. There were three tables and one sit out. High lady was Mildred Kelly with 68 points. High man was Tom Rumley with 69 points. Ladies' lone hands went to Myra with 76 points and 5 lone hands. Men's lone hands went to Bob Benedict with 73 points and 5 lone hands. Most euchres went to Rick Bradley with 8. Harold Rogers brought home the juice. Once again the money jar is safe.

We have some sad news to report. Last week many of the locals would have noticed Rick Bradley manning the dump rather than our usual man, Dave. He had been called away because his father was very ill. We are sorry to have heard about the passing of Arthur James Hansford, father of Dave Hansford (Chainsaw Dave), on September 4, 2023. He was in his 90th year. The whole community of Meldrum Bay extends our condolences to Dave on the loss of his father.

The apples are ripening. The leaves are turning colour. The birds are flocking. It's sad to think that summer is wrapping up but the season is truly beautiful.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Telen Scott from St. Catharines visited Enid and Scott Runnalls last week.

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

On Tuesday the Millers/Lane-Rock/Runnalls families entertained the Filipino nurses from Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home. They enjoyed the lake and wiener roast. We enjoyed the young women and their love for our community and wanting to know and understand our ways.

Silver Water Karen Noble

riday, Sepember 1 a few of us met at the community hall to set tables and make salads. The afternoon was spent making pies and cheesecake. Friday evening, we went to Meldrum Bay for euchre.

Friday afternoon, John Jagt went to South Baymouth to pick up his seven-year-old grandson, Remington Jagt. John returned to South Baymouth the next day to meet his son and return Remington.

Saturday morning a market was held in our yard. Lori Mastelko brought her knitting and sewing. Jose Daniels brought lots of produce, including the first cantaloupes. I bought one of those and it was fantastic. We are also selling preserves for Jean Steeves.

Saturday evening we held a dinner at the community hall. Thank you to the 85 people who attended. Thank you to the volunteer workers, including three teenagers from Joe Addison's cottage. They had endless energy and learned fast. The best part is that they agreed to volunteer again when they are here.

Monday was my birthday. Thank you to everyone who sent wishes and gifts.

Tuesday afternoon, Gladys Duncanson and I went to Gore Bay to do errands. I went to the Raven's Roost to check out the sales. There were quite a few customers and lots of items left for sale.

Wednesday afternoon I went for a short swim. When the rain started to sprinkle, I got out. It stopped before I got in the car. As I drove home, I noticed the road became very wet not far from the lake. When I got home, Albert told me it had poured rain part of the time I was gone.

Thursday morning, I packed up my Avon orders. The UCW meeting was in the afternoon at St. Andrew's United Church. We had quite a few people and heard interesting happenings from the summer. There are plans to have a Christmas market at our house on Saturday, October 28 at which the UCW ladies will have baking and crafts for sale.

After the meeting, I went to Gore Bay to do my Avon deliveries. The road construction from the bridge in Evans-ville to the police station in Gore Bay is ongoing. I got home in time to eat supper and go to the hall for euchre. There were six tables of players.

Charles and Lynn Pickard have sold their house as of September 8. They are staying with DonnaKay and Doug McDonald until their apartment is ready in Sudbury.

Helen Black told us that she and Brian have sold their place in Meldrum Bay and bought a house close to Gore Bay.

Condolences to the family of Bessie Honess.

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tion and we thank them for

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want to thank federal and

provincial officials for their

after years of ongoing loss-

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ating the facility," said Mr.

Henry. The pulp mill will

shut down in early October

and the paper machines

will shut down by early

Mr. Henry said, "Domtar

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"The mill will be idled

"This is very devastating

for a lot of people," stated

Councillor Kallioinen. "We are talking about 450 employees, their families,

students, small business

providers that count on the

products they provided. It

is going to be a very diffi-

cult time ahead. People will

be looking at the municipal

government as a guide and

we will stand with them in

been challenged for some

time now," said Steve Hen-

ry, Domtar paper and pack-

aging president. "We have

worked diligently to find a

viable path forward for

"The Espanola mill has

the process.'

... Espanola's Domtar mill announces closure sending shockwaves across the region

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He told the Expositor on Thursday, "we had a meeting with Domtar officials this morning and they were very apologetic."

The news "is shocking," stated Mayor Gervais, who said with 450 employees and their families, it is not only Espanola that is being affected. "There is a large percentage of people who work here that are from out of town, on the North Shore Manitoulin, instance. There are a significant number of employees that drive in to work.

'The number one priority is the employees and making sure that they receive support from the company," said Mayor Gervais. "Definitely, the company said has said they will do the best they can to help and all the support they can. They have indicated they want to take care of the employees."

Gervais had Mayor released a statement after the announcement on September 6 stating: "It is with heavy hearts that the Town of Espanola has learned of the Domtar Corporation's



Domtar is "idling" its Espanola operations "indefinitely," at least a year.

announcement to indefinitely idle the pulp and operations at its Espanola facility. The workers and families of the pulp and paper industry have been the lifeblood of Espanola since the turn of the 20th century. The town will be advocating to all levels of government in support of our community. As we learn more over the

coming days and weeks, the town will do everything it can to help the workers and families impacted and the community at large.'

Espanola councillor Aidan Kallioinen said, "I think, like many people in community, announcement came as a huge surprise to me. My heart sank yesterday morning when I heard the news,"

he said, noting his father had worked for the company for a number of years. "We knew that the company had been struggling financially for years. And we have seen time and again in other communities the loss of forest industry businesses struggling and the employees and community bearing the consequences."

Fixing our Felines **Shutterstock**

Manitowaning enzie **Kenzie Still Waiting** Kenzie, our feline writer-in-residence, would like to share his latest poem: "Your spot is warm, can't you see? Won't you come and lay with me" ...love Kenzie Kitty. To adopt this little guy, please call 705-918-2879 or contact the F.O.F Facebook page.

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Bahá'í Writings

Turn thy sight unto thyself, that thou mayest find Me standing within thee, mighty, powerful and self-subsisting.

—Bahá'u'lláh

To find out about local activities or call or text 705-210-0529 www.bahai.ca www.bahai.org

...committee agrees distribution model is changeable

...continued from page 1 annuity settlement became an eligibility date for each member to qualify for their share of the trust.

The event held Saturday was a ceremony and media event on the final day of 2023 Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering in Sault Ste. Marie to commemorate the signing of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850. The event, which also celebrated progress towards the proposed settlement in the Robinson Huron annuities case, marked the close of the treaty gathering.

"Today is a moment for the Robinson Huron Treaty Anishinaabek to celebrate our treaty relations as Robinson Huron Anishinaabek and the governments of Canada and Ontario,' said Mike chair of the Restoule. Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund in a release. "We have completed our approvals; we now await Canada and Ontario to comrespective their approvals. It is especially important as we move forward with the settlement that we hope is a symbol of the commitment of both Canada and Ontario to respect and uphold our inherent rights as Anishinaabek."

Mr. Peltier said, "Treaties are the foundation of this country and the Robinson Huron Treaty Gathering is an opportunity to learn about what the Treaty of 1850 means for all of us, as First Nations Peoples and settlers We welcome Cana-

da and Ontario as we work together to strengthen our treaty relationship.

Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations with the government of Canada said, "I am honoured to celebrate the treaty relationship with the Robinson Huron First Nations. reciprocity, Respect, responsibility and renewal are principles that keep your treaty alive and guide our relationship. As Canada continues to work with the communities to settle the historic grievances related to the annuities case, we must also work together to build opportunities for the generations ahead. I am committed to working with you on your priorities and the fundamental principles of the settlement as we move forward together."

government is "Our proud to join leaders of the Robinson Huron First Nations to celebrate the 173rd anniversary of the Robinson Huron Treaty and recognize the efforts of all parties involved in the proposed annuities settlement," said Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous Affairs of Ontario. "Honouring the treaty relationship and working together in partnership with Canada and the Robinson Huron First Nations is key to advancing lasting reconciliation. Together, we have made strong progress toward creating a better future for Indigenous peoples across Ontario."

Minister Rickford said

most of the work to be done ing the annuities case outnow is implementation, side of the courts. In June, representatives which will be carried out for the parties announced exclusively by the trustees, in cooperation with the the proposed settlement to

leadership of each commuresolve claims related to nity. He said the settlement past annuities, which should be approved and includes a total settlement finalized by the upper levels of \$10 billion for past comof the government in court pensation. The proposed settlement later this year.

He also said he is hopeful that the chiefs can work together to rework the distribution amounts soon so that it does not delay the funding getting to community members.

In 2012, the 21 Robinson Huron First Nations initiated litigation against the Crown in right of Canada and Ontario for violating the promise in the Treaty to augment the annuity if resource wealth generated in the Treaty territory enabled the government to do so without incurring a loss. After Anishinaabe wins in the Ontario Superior Court and the Ontario Court of Appeal, Canada and Ontario have been working with the Robinson Huron First Nations at the negotiation table to find common ground for resolv-

will not be final until it is approved by all parties and the claim for past compensation has been discontinued on consent of the parties and by order of the Ontario Superior Court. Robinson Huron Chiefs and trustees have approved the agreement. The governments of Canada and Ontario are continuing to complete their own internal processes to seek approval to sign the proposed settlement. These processes are not expected

The Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund committee expects the \$10 billion to be transferred to the trust by February.

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...FedNor announces Wiikwemkoong pellet plant funding

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Powlowski, Marc G. Serré, and Terry Sheehan in making the 13 announcements totalling \$6,018,795.

"These are concrete investments in key sectors for our regional economy," said Minister Hajdu in making the announcements. "This will help local businesses innovate, grow and create a number of good-paying jobs for families in Northern Ontario for years to come. We have a plan to grow an economy that works for everyone in Northern Ontario and helps people pay their bills."

"FedNor continues to demonstrate its critical importance in job and economic development in Northern Ontario by funding strategic projects like these ones," said Nickel Belt MP Serré. "I'm looking forward to seeing the continued growth of our region with FedNor's support."

Specifically, this project will include outreach and partner development, electrification and environmental studies, a business plan update and drilling to confirm water availability for fire suppression systems.

"We actually received the funds quite a while ago and have been working on the project," said Enaadmaagehjik general manager Mary Lynn Odjig, who noted Enaadmaagehjik was very pleased by the confidence expressed by FedNor and the federal government in the project.

That project is a Wiikwemkoong proposal to build a 150,000 metric tonne biomass pellet plant facility in Nairn Centre, adjacent to the EACOM Timber Corporation sawnill.

According to the proposal plan, "development of the plant is considered a regional project, which will provide a market for sawmill and logging waste. The facility will open another market for low valued species such as poplar

and birch, species that have not been utilized or have been bypassed because of market conditions effecting other users of the forest. The facility will create approximately 35-45 jobs in the plant, an additional 100 forest sector jobs harvesting and 50 construction jobs. This project will provide much needed employment to the region of Northeastern Ontario."

The fibre supply is key, notes the proposal, and Nairn Centre really fits the bill as it is centrally located between three potential supply points from which to draw fibre; haul distance or distance to deliver fibre supply. The area also has the infrastructure nearby, close to rail, deep water port, highway access. Access to sufficient power was also critical in selecting a site for the project.

Wiikwemkoong is already in the forefront of utilization of wood pellets as a heating source in their community.

Ms. Odjig noted that it is still too soon to provide a date for the plant opening, but that the project is still well on track and the study funding will help to move that date closer

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...Brown's Busing ends bus routes after almost 75 years

...continued from page 3 We have three of our drivers staying with us," he said, noting he and his brother operate both businesses.

"The drivers like seeing the kids (students) every day, you get attached to them," said Mr. Brown. "I know I'm going to miss "We've had a great relationship with John Shamas and A.J. Bus Lines over the years. He will work and do the best for the people on

the Island," said Mr. Brown.
Mr. Shamas told The
Expositor. "I'm happy to see
Robert and Gary will still
be dabbling in busing and
not totally getting out of
the business. We've had a
great rapport with them

over the years."

"Yes, I hired as many of Brown's drivers as we could," said Mr. Shamas. "I wanted the transition to be as seamless as possible. And Robert has been helping through all of this process. He has been helping my manager at Little Current and our drivers."

A.J. Bus Lines now has all 30 school bus routes on Manitoulin with SSSC and with First Nation communities on the Island, explained Mr. Shamas.

"We were really sad to hear in June that Carl Brown Bus would no longer be in the school bus business," said Renee Boucher, of SSSC. "But they are working with A.J. Bus Lines and helping them make the transition."



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Carl Brown Bus service are no longer providing regular daily school bussing services for Manitoulin Island students. The company did not bid on the request for proposals for a renewed contract with Sudbury Student Services Consortium this year. However, Brown's will be carrying out school charters when needed, this year. A.J. Bus Lines now has all the regular school bus routes on Manitoulin Island. In photo is Robert Brown, who operates Carl Brown Bus with his brother Gary.



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Brad gets ready to enjoy a delicious hot breakfast courtesy of the Knox United Church and ably served by Eila Hughson and Joan Wood



Baby Archie helped with the official Assiginack Horticultural Society parade float.



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Riders and their horses marked the start of the horse show by carrying Canadian flags around the arena while the national anthem played.

LEFT: Robin Cooper of Clover Valley took top honours for her 'peculiary-shaped vegetable,' in this case a potato.



Ready, set, go! The soapbox derby was a popular part of the Manitowanng Fall Fair.

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Paul Methner shows off his winning cakewalk cake at the fall fair.

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Is it really a fall fair without a well-dressed goat? We think not.



Three generations of Dewars—Darren, Ben and Lyle—took to the Friday stage of the Manitowaning Fall Fair.

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The Manitoulin 4-H Club float showcased the next generation of farmers and youngsters appreciative of their agricultural roots at the fall fair.

LEFT: Hugh Moggy, long-time Manitowaning Agricultural Society board member, encouraged everyone to 'enjoy the fair' with his Beetle float.



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... Espanola's Domtar mill announces closure sending shockwaves across the region

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Bonny Skene, regional public affairs manager for Domtar told The Expositor,

"This is a very, very heavy day for all of us. It's no secret the Espanola facility has been facing challenges for some time. A decision like this is shocking. It can't help but be that."

"The company has been working very hard in the past few years to remain viable," said Ms. Skene, who added, "the decision has been made due to the operating losses and the high cost of running the

facility."
"The mill will be idled in an environmentally safe way and, if by chance there is an interested party that chooses to purchase the business or reopen it in the future this is possible," said Ms. Skene. She told The Expositor Domtar has been offered for sale for over a year. "I can't say what the level of interest there has been but none of the interest in purchasing it has

come to fruition."

Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin said, "it is devastating to hear that Domtar will be idling operations. It is heavy news for the workers, their families and the community who will be impacted by this decision."

'Moving forward, I am calling on both the provincial and federal governments to be at the table to address the factors which have led to the facility being idled. Protecting and promoting good paying, stable jobs in the North should be a priority for all elected officials," MPP Mantha.

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-

Kapuskasing said she was shocked and saddened to learn that the Domtar pulp and paper mill was idling indefinitely and for a minimum of one year. MP Hughes reached out to Ms. Skene to see if any government assistance could help in averting the closure.

'This is a sombre day for workers, their families, the Town of Espanola and surrounding communities," said MP Hughes. "Once you lay off workers, the chance of being able to rehire them becomes more challenging as those experienced professionals move on with their careers elsewhere."

"I think we were all in shock and disappointed when we heard the announcement," said MP Hughes. "This is going to impact the workers, families and Espanola and surrounding areas and others in the forest sector industry. It will have a ripple effect."

"Based on the conversations I've had with company representatives, the company has been losing money for some time," said MP Hughes. "I've asked them if there is anything the governments can do to assist them. The federal and provincial governments provided substantial funding to the company, but they don't see a way to sustain the operations.

"There's always hope for communities dealing with company closures," said MP Hughes. "White River experienced this a few years ago when the lumber mill ceased operations. They were able to eventually bounce back, but it was an exceptionally difficult process to rebuild their work force.

MP Hughes was advised that Domtar was appreciative of past investments they had received, but that no government assistance could help to address the current situation. "I am disheartened by what these workers and their families will be going through, and I encourage them to reach out to my office should they require assistance with benefits they may need to access.'

Leanne St. Pierre, who is originally from Little Current and now lives in Espanola told The Expositor, "I was in disbelief. I have been with Domtar for 33 years in November and have two years to retire."

Ms. St. Pierre, who

worked in the paper mill in the finishing room told The Expositor that she had no idea the decision was going to be announced. "No, not at all, not even close. I live on a street where four of us work at Domtar and three of us are in the final years of our career. I haven't heard from anyone. A neighbour had told me about the announcement."

"I will survive and get through this," said Ms. St. Pierre who noted that 28 years ago, "Everything was on the chopping block then and things worked out. I don't know if the company is going to offer severance benefit packages. I don't know. We just signed a good contract recently. There are lots of very good questions that need to be answered."

Jerry Logan, a national union representative with Unifor, told CBC News the union did not see the announcement coming. He said while the plant was up for sale for the past few years, the prospect of shutting down the mill didn't come up in recent contract talks. "My initial response to all of this is kind of heartbroken."

"Our understanding is we will maintain a skeleton crew to keep the electricity running and the equipment ready for a startup," Mr. Logan told CBC. "And obviously, Unifor's position will be to get this mill restarted as soon as possible."

Chris Presley, the president of Unifor Local 74 told Northern Ontario Business the move could cripple the ...continued on page 20

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...Island-wide waste management initiatives

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First Nations) need to pull all our resources together to come up with solutions to all our waste management issues on the Island."

Both Councillors Jim Cahill and Michael Hunt also indicated they support the recommendations made by township staff.

"I support this recommendation as well," stated Mayor Bryan Barker. "We are committing \$5,000 for the initiative. It shows our commitment to this initiative, and there are funding programs under the Green Municipal Fund that are available. So, there could be lots of opportunities to solve waste management issues on the Island. I fully support making this commitment and like the idea that we are leading the charge on this; and showing our commitment to work with other municipalities and First Nations.

Township staff made a couple of recommendations for council to consider. One was that in order to drive the initiative, formal commitment is needed. It was recommended that a sub-committee be formed that would include community leaders. This sub-committee could request a delegation at the neighbouring municipalities and First Nation communities to request formal commitment to support an Islandwide waste management solution. The second recommendation was for Billings to commit to including \$5,000 in the 2024 township budget to move the initiative forward.

The first Island-wide

waste management meeting was held in Billings in June with almost all Island municipalities and First Nations represented along with MPP Michael Mantha, representatives from GFL, Dodge Haulage, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Manitoulin EcoPark and Eco-Growth Environmen-

A common consensus of the group was to continue with discussions on moving the initiative forward. The second meeting of the group is scheduled this week.

Staff have researched funding opportunities for the initiative and have found that under the Green Municipal Fund dollars are available to implement innovative waste-management solutions and reduce, recover, and recycle solid waste.

Funding is available in grants or loans combined with grants for all stages of the project's life cycle. Grants of up to 50 percent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000 are available; pilot project grant from 50 to 80 percent of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$500,000; and capital projects financing for up to 80 percent of eligible costs to a maximum combined financing of \$10 million are available for initia-

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...Old Mill Heritage Centre on shortlist

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Ms. Jefkins in her nomination letter wrote in part, "Each summer the Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong, Ontario hosts 'History Day in Kagawong' featuring a single story related to the community. The Old Mill Heritage Centre houses artifacts for both full-time and seasonal residents and has made it its mission to engage both the community and our summer visitors, (both seasonal property owners and transient guests)," in local history. The museum works to both preserve local artifacts and record local stories (in both audio and video formats). A dedicated team of local volunteers helps curate exhibitions and organize the topics, speakers and artifacts for History Day in Kagawong.

"The event has become widely attended by both local and summer residents, moving from a single presentation to both a matinee and evening presentation in order to allow more people to attend," Ms. Jefkins wrote. "History Day in Kagawong is an important event on the local calendar and engages many people in our local history. When this event is combined with the exhibits in the museum's collection it promotes both pride of place, and also engages more people to learn about the local history of the area. For this reason, I believe History Day in Kagawong, presented by the Old Mill Heritage Centre, is worthy of a nomination for the Governor General's History Award for Excellence in Community programming.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 16, 2023! Everyone is invited to join in the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario's upcoming farm tour on Manitoulin Island. A full day is planned with visits to a variety of farms including cow calf, forage and baleage production, chicken, goat and bison farm visits. The day will start in Wiikwemkoong with a pancake breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by farm visits finishing up at 4:30 pm. Lunch and bus transportation will also be provided. This is a free event for First Nations members, friends and families. To register or for more info email workshops@indianag.on.ca or 1-800-363-0329 www.indianag.on.ca



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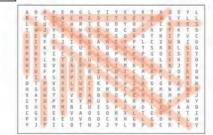
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...OPP Tour de Force Ride honours fallen officers in Northern Ontario

...continued from page 3 amazing opportunity for everyone to come together and remember our fallen officers. And we very much appreciate the cyclists who are here today."

Derek Needham and Rob Johnson, both members of the OPP read off the names of all fallen officers in the Northwest and Northeast regions.

Mr. Johnston bade appreciation to Lianne Hovingh

and Marc "for being our inspiration for this ride."

Piper Mary Mackenzie-Hertubise (with the Greater Sudbury Police Service) played 'Amazing Grace' which was preceded by a moment of silence.

OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique said the day, "reflects on the memories of the fallen officers, but also a celebration of their lives and their families. This event which started three years ago as the Marc Hovingh Memorial Ride has not been replaced but built upon by including every fallen officer and family remember and celebrating their legacy, memories and lives."

"And this annual ride will be taking part in every part of the province to remember our fallen officers and their families with dignity, respect and compassion, said OPP Commissioner Carrique. He thanked all the chiefs of police and police service officers in attendance (which included among them the Manitoulin OPP, UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services) and both local and off-Island officers.

"And we are absolutely thrilled to have members of the community join us here today," continued OPP Commissioner Carrique. "Manitoulin Island truly is a magical place like no other in Ontario."

He continued noting that another way to make sure the legacy of these officers continues is through a gift of new bicycles to five Manitoulin youths through the OPP Youth Foundation.

OPP Northeastern Region Chief Superintendent Mike Pilon thanked the OPP Youth Foundation, all police officers in attendance and participating along with family members, and members of the Survivors of Law Enforcement group. "It is great to see all of you here today. And to the Hovingh family it is always a pleasure to



Over 100 people registered to take part in the annual Tour De Force, Heroes in Life Cycling Series.



Timmins Police Chief Daniel Foy, right addresses participants at the ride, alongside Acting Police Chief Jason Spooner and Chief of Police James Killeen of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police.

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"Manitoulin Island shows us their heart every year," said Superintendent Pilon. "Enjoy a safe ride and enjoy the day."

Timmins Police Chief Daniel Foy, the OPP commissioner, and chief Pilon joined with James Killeen Chief of Police for the UCCM Anishinaabe Police and acting Chief of Police Jason Spooner of the WTPS. "We all stand with you."

"Events like this allow us to recognize the tremendous service all these officers provide for their communities," said Police Chief Foy. Sandy Poredos, executive director of the OPP Youth Foundation said, "I'm very pleased to represent the OPP Youth Foundation, we hope the legacy of all fallen officers continues as you ride forward today."

She told The Expositor after the event that funds raised this past weekend go toward the purchase of the five bicycles given out to youth on Manitoulin Island. "They are the reason we are here."

Ms. Hovingh in her address to the gathering said, "what a perfect morning this is. I represent my family, but also my soul sis-

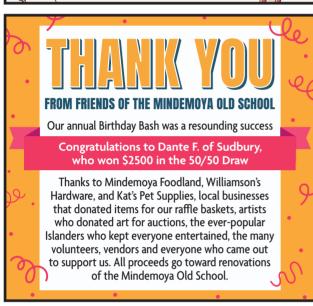
ters who were with me last night. Talking to this (law enforcement survivors) group shows me life is hard, but life is also beautiful. It is easier to go through this together. I am grateful for each of you."

A total of four youngsters of the five (that will receive new bicycles) were on hand at the ceremony. They included Serenity Mejaki Kozeyah, Owen Boyle, Prince Hore and Allie Myler who were presented with the new bicycles and helmets.

Allie told The Expositor, "I am very excited to receive a new bicycle and very grateful for this. This is the first time I've been to a big event like this. I would like to thank the OPP Youth Foundation for this present."

"I am very grateful that I have received this bicycle," said Serenity. "It is an honour to receive one of these bicycles from the police foundation and I am very grateful for their gift.

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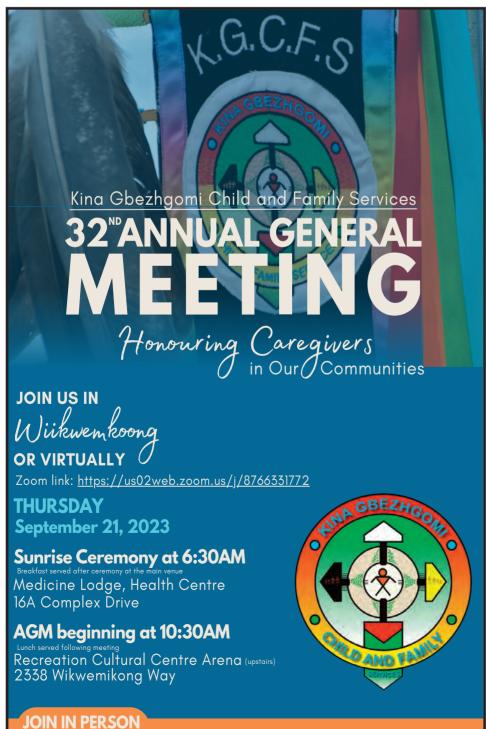
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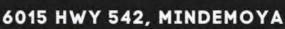


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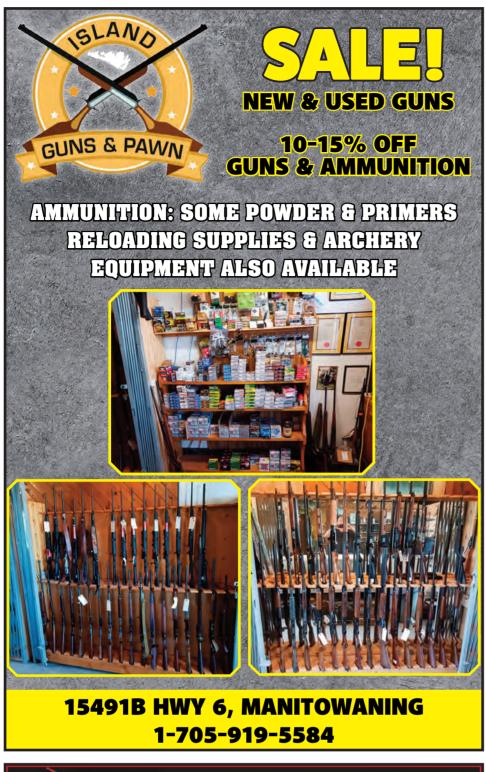
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...Province step further towards new swing bridge

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The minister called it "a substantial financial commitment."

As has been reported previously the new swing bridge will be a near-replica of the existing bridge, but will feature two lanes and four fixed-girder spans. It will be located just west of the existing bridge.

Minister Rickford said the tendering process should begin soon with the Ministry of Transportation also creating a new "traffic system" for the area. The minister also alluded to roadwork along Highway 6 in the lead up to the bridge.

The Expositor asked Minister Rickford if a date has been set for the replacement but he said it had not.



Northeast Town Mayor Al Macnevin and Minister of Northern Development Greg Rickford dsiplay a swing bridge sweatshirt following the announcement.

However, he said, tendering should begin in the coming months.

"We're ready to go," he

said. "I wouldn't have come out here today if we weren't."

"When they commit to a detailed design, it should be coming soon," Mayor MacNevin told The Expositor following the announcement

"Our government is continuing to invest in the safe and reliable transportation network that Northern Ontario needs to thrive,' said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation in a press release. "Replacing Little Current's swing bridge is a critical project that will make it easier for residents and families in the North to get where they need to go, while supporting good-paying jobs in the local community."



Manitoulin politicians and friends of the Swing Bridge pose for a group photo with Minister of Northern Development Greg Rickford, third from left, following an announcement by the minister Friday morning.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon





MP Hughes voices Domtar closure concerns

by 10m sasvari
ESPANOLA—AlgomaManitoulin-Kapuskasing
MP Carol Hughes is perplexed how the final closure of the acquisition of
the Domtar Espanola paper
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mill, just under two years ago to Paper Excellence, brought comments from Paper Excellence administration that they welcomed Domtar to the team and felt that the future was bright for Domtar. Last week Domtar announced it will indefinitely be idling the mill.

This was outlined by MP Hughes in an interview with The Expositor last week as well as in a letter she has forwarded to federal industry Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne. "I asked Domtar representatives if they had asked the federal or provincial governments for funding to get them through this. They said no," MP Hughes told the Expositor. "When jobs were disappearing in the auto sector, government funding support was provided. We have to at least try to save the 450 jobs that are being lost at Domtar."

"As I was doing my research into all of this, I found that two years ago, in November 2021, the deal to purchase was concluded between Domtar and Paper Excellence," explained MP Hughes. "What needs to be in place is that if you allow a foreign entity to hold a business there needs to be a guarantee in place to keep the jobs and the industry, in this case the pulp and paper industry, going. I was told that for three years the mill

has been losing money. But when the new company purchased it they said they were happy with the product being produced and that the future was bright—things were working out," said MP Hughes.

"Then we get the news last Wednesday that Domtar is closing down," said MP Hughes. "I certainly don't have all the answers on this yet, but was the intent to buy Domtar and then close it to reduce the competition and to keep similar entities remaining vital in the market for foreign companies?"

"As I said, I don't know all the answers," said MP Hughes. "But you have to question what is going on."

"At the end of the day the company has not asked either the federal or provincial governments for assistance to mitigate the issues they are experiencing," said MP Hughes. "And it doesn't stop the governments from stepping forward and helping out. There are 450 jobs that are being affected."

In her letter to Minister Champagne dated September 6, MP Hughes wrote, "no doubt you are aware of today's announcement by Domtar of the indefinite closure of its pulp and paper mill in Espanola which will affect approximately 450 employees and others who rely on the industry."

MP Hughes explained, "in 2019, the federal government provided Domtar with \$28.8 million in funding to help the mill deliver

technical innovation to produce products that could help reduce the use of single-use plastics." It was also meant to assist in preserving jobs and "increase the company's competitiveness, reduce production waste, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

"According to the (Domtar) press release and my conversation with Ms. Bonny Skene, regional public affairs manager for Domtar, the operation or the Domtar Mill is no longer viable," continued MP Hughes.

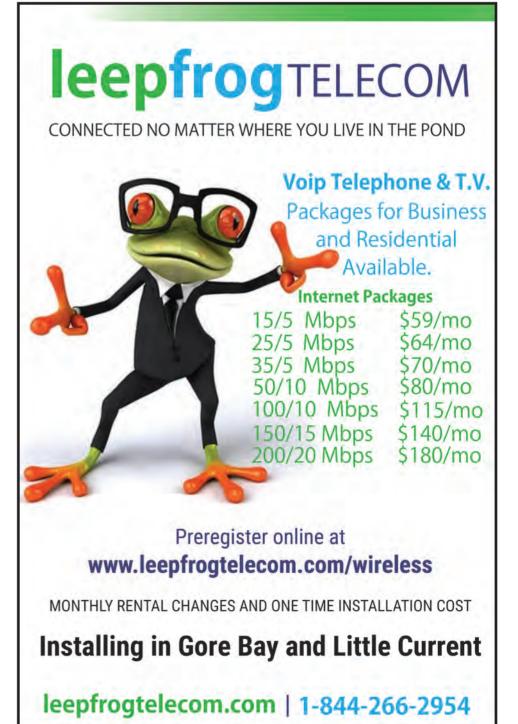
'Yet, it wasn't quite two years ago that the details of the acquisition of the Domtar Espanola Mill took place and at the time, Joe Ragan, global chief financial officer of Paper Excellence had stated that they were 'excited to welcome Domtar and its impressive team to the Paper Excellence Family,' and the president and CEO of Domtar, John Williams had indicated that 'the future is bright for Domtar'.'

MP Hughes wrote, "Given the short amount of time between the purchase by Paper Excellence and this indefinite closure announcement, many can't help but wonder if the interest and intent by Paper Excellence from the beginning was to actually close the mill to reduce competitiveness in the market. It is evident that the federal government must do more to ensure that these types of sales include guarantees to maintain

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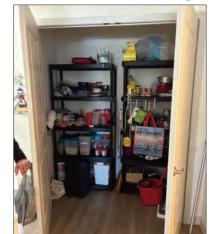
A tour of Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board's seniors' housing complex

There are 10 one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units. Fred and Carolyn Hunter were fortunate to procure a two-bedroom anartment

Fielding Place



Residents began moving into Fielding Place in Little Current recently, including Fred and Carolyn Hunter, who graciously took The Expositor on a tour of their new home.



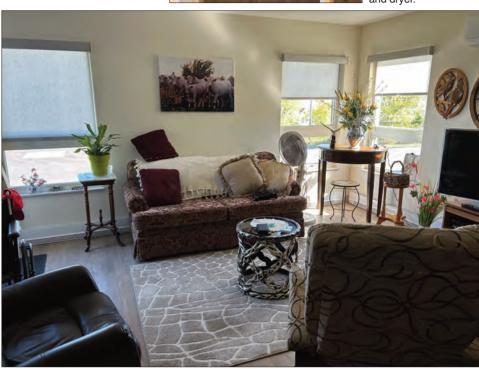
LEFT: The units have a number of spacious closets. The Hunters turned this closet, adjacent to the kitchen, into a pantry.



All of the Fielding Place units come equipped with appliances. This is a combination washer and dryer.



The Fielding Place seniors' apartments include spacious, bright kitchen/dining rooms complete with all major appliances.



The Fielding Place apartments living rooms feature a number of windows creating a bright atmosphere for the residents.



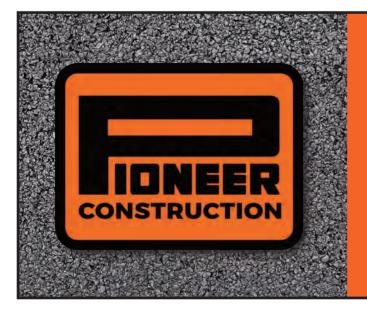
Two of the Fielding Place units are fully wheelchair accessible. Above is an exmaple of one of the accessible bathrooms. All the shower units are fully accessible.



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...continued from page 15 their operations and protect jobs."

"As you know, where there is a will, there is a way! Therefore, at this time, I am requesting that you (Minister Champagne) meet with representatives of Domtar and Paper Excellence to do all that you can to prevent the upcoming closure (October 2023) of the Espanola Mill," Ms. Hughes wrote.

"I would also appreciate an opportunity to meet with you and your officials to discuss this critical situation given the hardship and ripple effects this will have on so many individuals, businesses and communities," added MP Hughes in her letter.

Ms. Skenes told The Expositor, "Back in 2018-2019, Domtar undertook an innovation project at the Espanola facility with government support. The project was delayed by a number of factors including significant maintenance investments required at the mill and the global pandemic. It became evident that the mill needed additional extensive infrastructure investment before such a project could proceed and the project was put on hold."

"We started to implement the project before COVID hit, and then found there needed to be an extensive infrastructure

investment before the project could go ahead. So, the project was put on hold," reiterated Ms. Skene.

"The decision to indefinitely idle the Espanola facility is based on the mill having been challenged for a number of years," said Ms. Skene. "We have worked diligently to find a viable path forward for the operation including offering it for sale. It is being idled due to ongoing operating losses and costs associated with maintaining the facility."

Minister Champagne, in a follow-up letter to MP Hughes wrote, "I heard about the terrible news and we have already started a process to assess what are the outstanding obligations of the company towards the government of Canada and how we can help the workers." MP Hughes noted that the minister's answer wasn't really what she was asking about. "I was asking the federal government to work with the province and the company to keep the business going and the workers employed, similar to what has happened with the automobile industry."

"Domtar hasn't asked either government for money," said MP Hughes. "I want to know if there is assistance to protect the jobs and the business. I will be following up with Minister Champagne due to the critical nature of this situation, given the impact it is going to have on workers and the communities."

Domtar had been acquired by the Paper Excellence Group in 2021. Both companies had announced plans to acquire Resolute Forest Products in

July 2022.

However, the Competition Bureau voiced concerns that this merger would reduce competition of northern bleached softwood kraft pulp in central and eastern Canada.

As a way to settle the issue, an agreement for Resolute, a Domtar subsidiary, was made to sell the Thunder Bay pulp and paper plant to Atlas Holdings recently. Domtar's Dryden pulp mill is now owned by First Quality Enterprises and named Dryden Fibre Canada. Meanwhile, Domtar had already put the Espanola mill up for sale. This past May, Paper Excellence was asked before a parliamentary committee to answer questions about who owns the company and its complicated network of holding companies.



Robinson fire department to receive new fire truck through provincial funding

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department will be one of 17 fire departments in Ontario getting a new fire truck following an announcement by the province last week.

"It appears as if we will be getting a new pumper (fire) truck," stated Doug Wismer, Robinson fire chief. "We are due for a new pumper truck and the province is looking at providing new fire trucks and equipment to fire departments like ours."

He explained that at a recent meeting with Ontario Fire Marshal (OFM) representatives (prior to last weeks announcement), "we were told by OFM not to spend money, that they may have things for us."

There is a good provincial mechanism to equip unorganized municipalities with fire trucks.

The Robinson fire department's pumper truck is 23 years old and the fire department has been having some problems with the vehicle.

The Ontario government is investing close to \$35 million in 17 new fire trucks, lifesaving firefighting equipment and two new Mobile Live Fire Training Units (MLFTUs) to better protect Northern communities and keep people safe, a press release from the province states.

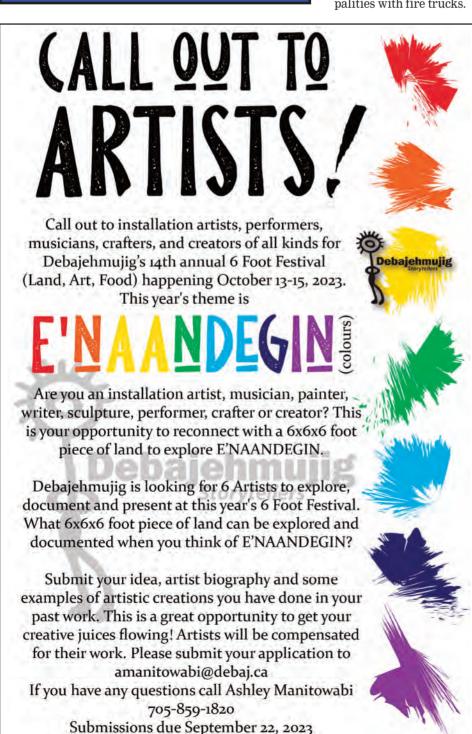
"Our government is providing northern firefighters with the trucks, equipment, and training they need to save lives and keep property safe in Northern Ontario," said Solicitor General Michael Kerzner on September 7. "New fire trucks and modern equipment will ensure our brave women and men can safely tackle fires in this ever-changing climate."

Funding for the new fire trucks and

firefighting equipment will be delivered through the Northern Fire Protection Program, which provides assistance and support for fire protection services in 47 (unorganized township) communities.

The MLFTU will also benefit all fire fighters on the Island, says Mike Addison, Gore Bay fire chief. "We will be able to bring back the mobile live fire training unit this fall, in Mindemoya. And the province is putting two more of the units on the road which is good news." he said.

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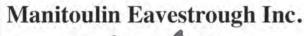


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...Espanola in shock as Domtar mill announces closure

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community. The Espanola mill has been up for sale since late last year. just before a ruling by the Canadian Competition Bureau to resolve concerns related to Domtar's acquisition of Resolute Forest Products and its strengthened hold on pulp production in Central and Eastern Canada.

Cooper of Manitowaning worked for almost 35 years with Domtar in different management positions, retiring in 2020. "It's heart-

breaking, but I was not surprised or shocked. It needed a large investment. The pulp and paper industry is capital intensive.

"I think it's due to the quality of the employees that the operation lasted this long," said Mr. Cooper, noting the business started in 1905. "This is one of the last pulp and paper mills in Ontario. In Ontario there were 20 mills at one time and now this is down to four. And manufacturing and energy costs have gone up so much, while

demand for the product has dropped. It is a different world we are living

Domtar employed 450 people and workers produced approximately 280,000 air-dried metric tons of northern bleached softwood kraft pulp and 69,000 tons of specialty paper annual-

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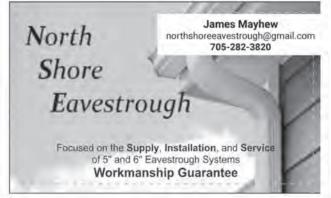
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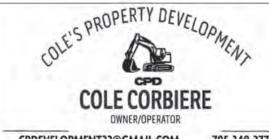
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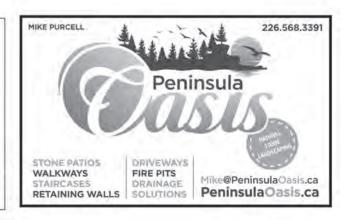
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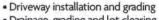
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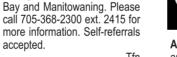
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services

Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are held monthly on a rotating basis around the Island. The next meeting is September 24 at the Gore Bay Legion at 2 pm; October 25 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team at 2 pm; and November 19 the Little Current Legion at 2 pm, but support can be given over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer support group contacts: Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com or Ann Cranston, 705-272-7531, bnannc@gmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns.

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Death Notices

SADIE EDNA JEWELL "Marguerite" July 5, 1938 - July 13, 2023



In loving memory of Sadie Edna "Mar-Lguerite" Jewell. Marguerite, a resident of Burlington, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, July 13, 2023. Born to the late Harry and Grace (nee Chatwell) Jewell of Manitowaning. Beloved sister of George Jewell (predeceased), Maisie (Ken) McMullen, Gail

(Weston) Leeson, Isobel (Walter) Trachsel and Bruce (predeceased) (Dianne) Jewell. Survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home for visitation on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 from 11 am to 1 pm. Funeral Service followed at 1 pm. Burial took place in Hilly Grove Cemetery. Donations in memory of Marguerite may be made to the Manitoulin Health Centre or Sick Kids Hospital. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneral-Home.ca.



BESSIE EILEEN HONESS (nee Douglas) **April 14, 1936 - September 3, 2023**



In loving memory of Bessie Eileen Honess (nee Douglas) who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Lodge on Sunday, September 3, 2023 at the age of 87. Predeceased by her parents Robert and Myrtle Douglas (nee Bailey). Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Honess. Loving mother of Vickie

(Terry) Orford, Lyle (Shelley) Honess, Ruthanne (Murray) Orford, Sharon and Sandra (Brian) Smith. Cherished grandmother of Shauna (Rob), Terri-Lynn (Daryl), Travis (Daylin), Melissa (Jason), Kevin (Jacqueline), Michael (Brittany), Kaitlyn (Shane), Jeffrey and Emily. Proud greatgrandmother of Brady, Wyatt, Rory, Malia, Mason, Kowan, Greyson, Rylan, Lily, Ella, Dawson, Adam, Jase, Knox and Hadley. Predeceased by her siblings Doreen Harcourt, Bob Douglas, Evelyn Morrison, Ruth Moran and baby Doris. Will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Bessie was a hard worker. She worked alongside her husband Ken for many years on the farm. She came from a very musical family and loved music. Above all she was very family oriented and cherished every moment she could be with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Family truly was the centre of her life. Family and edfriends gather for a graveside service at Burpee-Mills Cemetery on Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 11:00 am with Pastor Joel Lock officiating. Memorial donations may be made in Bessie's honour to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Heart and Stroke or a charity of your choice. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.





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

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Melody Hore



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> **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23** The doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. 2619 Hwy 540, Little Current.

The ticket fees are \$20 and preferably pre-paid by etransfer to: manitoulinskiclub@gmail.com. Please contact me if you prefer to pay at the door (necessary to add your names to the ticket list ahead of time.) With thanks for supporting live music and the wonderful artists who travel many miles to play at our venue.

Noojmowin Teg marks Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day

by Margery Frisch

M'CHIGEENG—September 9 is Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day. This is an internationally recognized day for raising awareness of the disorder and those living with it. For this occasion, Charlene Corbiere, family coach and FASD coordinator at Noojmowin Teg organized a run, walk, stroll at Lakeview School in M'Chigeeng.

"The Anishinabek Nation, working in North Bay with the Indigenous Services there, have a run, walk, stroll which they've done annually—10K, 5K. I liked that idea," Ms. Corbiere said. "I was trying to think of what I'd do on this day. They have a kick off at 9 am, so I decided we'd do ours on the same day, so we're collaborating in spirit," she said.

Though the turnout at the event was less than exceptional, an opportunity was given to those taking part which would not have been possible otherwise. Participants signed in and were given a red card (the colour for FASD); each lap around the track at the school was marked with a punch hole to the card, simultaneously they were given an FASD fact by Charlene Corbiere.

"Did you know..." is how she began each fact. "Did you know that four percent of Canadians are diagnosed with FASD?" These facts, while slowing the procession around the track, generated worthwhile discussions among the participants.

Helping Charlene with the event was a fellow Noojmowin Teg co-worker Denver Leeson, Food is Medicine coordinator and Janice Cada from the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Justice Program.

FASD is a disability affecting those who were exposed to alcohol while in the womb. The affects on the brain and

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funding, administrative costs will be incurred to coordinate and gather all the information needed for any applications and in garnering support. The costs are not known at this time as it would depend on the number of municipalities and First Nations communities participating.

"Staff is recommending that the township of Billings take the lead and formally commit to partnering with all the municipalities and first nation communities on Manitoulin Island to support an Island-wide waste management solution and commit to including \$5,000 in the 2024 township of Billings budget to move the initiate forward."

Council approved the recommendations.



Island-Wide Waste Management Meeting

Hosted by the Township of Billings, join us for the second meeting of our Island-wide discussion to research possible solutions or alternatives to our current landfill programs and possible next steps for this environmental initiative.

Thursday, September 14th 7:00PM – 8:00PM

Location: Kagawong Park Centre 39 Henry Drive Kagawong, ON

For more information or to RSVP please contact **tbeckerton@billingstwp.ca**



THE PARKS, RECREATION AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Public space is an important aspect to the quality of life for our residents and serves as a positive experience for our visitors.

In order to repurpose or rejuvenate the space, we are looking for recommendations from you!

What would you like to see done with the Cedar Maze?
Possibly a rejuvenated maze with new fencing, or how
about a shady picnic area, or maybe more parking?
We want to hear from you!

Not in the area to write on our chalkboard? Don't worry, email your ideas to Tiana @ tmills@billingstwp.ca! Submissions will be collected until October 13th, 2023. body last throughout one's lifetime, but with proper help and special support it is possible to lead a fairly normal life. The month of September is dedicated to FASD awareness. It's not too late to learn what you can about this fairly common disorder.



KENJGEWIN TEG

REQUEST FOR TENDER

Kenjgewin Teg is accepting quotes/tenders for material and labour of roof replacement at the Kenjgewin Teg main campus building located at 374A Hwy 551, M'Chigeeng, ON.

Experienced and interested parties are invited to submit a tender for the following work:

- · Removal of existing roofing material
- Installation of new steel roofing, waterproof membrane, and required strapping (if needed) across approximately a 16,000 sq. ft building
- Disposal of old roofing material and cleanup of work site

A copy of the full Request for Tender (RFT) RFT 2023-01 details document can be obtained through a request to Shanna Hare, Director of Operations, via email,

shannahare@kenjgewinteg.ca or via phone, 705-370-4342.

Tender submission details are provided within the RFT document obtained at Kenjgewin Teg.

The deadline for tender submission is Friday, September 29, 2023, at 2:00 pm.

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VACANT COUNCILLOR SEAT POSITION

The Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications and resumes from qualified persons who are interested in filling this council seat position.

To qualify you shall: be at least 18 years of age, a Canadian Citizen, a resident of the Town of Gore Bay or the owner or tenant of land in the Town of Gore Bay or the spouse of such owner or tenant.

For further details regarding qualifications for this councillor position, please contact the undersigned.

Applications will be accepted by the undersigned *Until 2:00 p.m. Monday, September 25, 2023*

Stasia Carr, Clerk Town of Gore Bay, 15 Water Street Postal Box 590 Gore Bay, Ont. P0P 1H0 (705) 282-2420 ext. 2 Email: scarr@gorebay.ca

The Manitoulin/North-Shore Federation of Agriculture is hosting their AGM dinner

Friday, September 29, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Sheguiandah Hall, 14 Town Line Rd, Sheguiandah.

Come out for a free dinner and the chance to connect with farmers in the area. Get up-to-date on OFA & MNSFA activities over the last year. All are welcome! Special Guest - Mack Emiry, 2023 inductee to the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame.

RSVP if possible by September 22 to emiryfamily@hotmail.ca with number attending



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) 15 - 2023 FOR A VENDOR AT THE MINDEMOYA ARENA

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking proposals for a vendor to rent the Mindemoya arena canteen for the winter season of 2023/2024.

For the full proposal package and to arrange a walkthrough of the facility contact Hayley Nicklasson at: hnicklasson@centralmanitoulin.ca or call 705-377-5726

Deadline to submit proposals is DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, at 2:00 P.M. EST

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SNOW REMOVAL TENDER

To supply all labour, equipment and services necessary to provide snow removal in the parking area at the Gore Bay Ontario Provincial Police Detachment.

Contractor must quote on a "per call" basis for snow removal and sanding as well as a "lump sum" basis for snow removal and sanding for the season commencing fall of 2023 to May 15th, 2024.

Snow removal requirements are available upon request. Interested parties must possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and carry liability insurance.

Please contact the address/telephone number listed below for approved tender documents.

Tender can be faxed or mailed to:

Detachment Commander
Ontario Provincial Police
54 Boosneck Road, PO Box 638
Little Current, ON POP 1K0
(Telephone) 705-368-2200
(Fax) 705-368-2666

Quotations to be submitted no later than **1600 hours, 29 September 2023.**

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

CARL BROWN BUS COMPANY NOTICE

Carl Brown Bus Company started providing bus services in 1949 for the students on Manitoulin Island. While Carl Brown Bus will continue to offer charter services, the Company decided to wind down it's daily schools services and opted to not bid on the 2023 school bus contract.

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For additional information or services please contact: Robert C. Brown or Gary Brown Carl Brown Bus Company

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Doctor cycling across Canada for mental health awareness

by Michael Erskine MANITOULIN—Dr.

Alexandra DiGiacomo was feeling just a little "foolish" when The Expositor caught up with her between Ottawa and Montreal as she continued a cross-country cycling tour to raise awareness for children's mental health. "It's 40 degrees and there is a headwind," said Dr. DiGiacomo, but the remarkable young medical professional remained undeterred. She had crossed the breadth of Manitoulin and boarded the Chi-Cheemaun ferry just a few days earlier.

We cited "awareness," but Dr. DiGiacomo is more interested in another, and more important word: "access." Most caregivers seeking aid and services for their children are only too aware of the challenges that face them and their

"I want to create awareness to get access to mental health care for kids," she said above the roar of traffic and those aforementioned headwinds. Dr. DiGiacomo was giving the interview, as she has so many others, while continuing her cycling odyssey. "It seems to me that (those challenges to obtain mental health services) has become normalized. People expect it too be hard. It's really not

'In Canada, three in four children can't get mental health care when they need it," said Canadian Mental Health Association CEO



Dr. Alexandra DiGiacomo prepares to board the MS Chi-Cheemaun as she continues her Break the Cycle tour across Canada to raise awareness and funds for children's mental health services.

Margaret Eaton. "It is either unavailable or isn't covered by public health insurance. Our kids are in crisis and parents have nowhere to turn."

Dr. DiGiacomo is on day 35 of her 45-day cycling challenge—sights set on Halifax and the end of this part of her journey. And it is very much a challenge.

"Three-and-a-half months bucket compared to the ago I didn't even own a bike," she laughed. "I never saw myself as an athlete." Nonetheless, she closed the door on her medical practice and set out from Vancouver on July 22.

There are some 1.2 million young people in this country affected by mental health struggles and the Canadian Mental Health Association estimates that 75 percent of affected children do not have access to proper psychological care.

Originally from Toronto, Dr. DiGiacomo landed in British Columbia 20 years ago. As a registered clinical psychologist in Vancouver, she knows mental health challenges. She describes her frustration at the plight of those children that led her to tackle the cross-country cycling challenge.

In many instances, there are treatments that are proven and effective, but most children do not have access to those treatments and even where the treatments could be accessed, parents remain unaware of the existence of those treatments. That is the first leg of the Break the Cycle Campaign.

Second is raising funds to support those charities in each province that directly support youth mental health. So far, she has raised \$29,000 of her \$50,000 goal. "At the end I will split that money with the charities across the country," she said.

It may be a drop in the

need, but the third leg, that of increasing knowledge of the immense wait times is ongoing. Dr. DiGiacomo is freely sharing information on strategies that can assist caregivers while they are waiting in the queue. "Simply having access to good information can help people feel reassured," she said.

So, how does a selfdescribed non-athletic person end up on a 45-day cross-country cycling challenge? "The idea came to me from my best friend's dad who cycled across Canada after his wife passed away from breast cancer," she said.

Her cycling journey does service as a metaphor for the challenges facing parents. "This is very challenging for me," she said. "I wanted something that would mirror the experience of parents and kids when they are facing what seem to be insurmountable obstacles." And the obstacles have been very challenging on this journey, sometimes finding herself facing sheer cliffs on one side of her while heavy trucks roar past her on the

She described meeting other cyclists while climbing huge uphill grades and the comfort she took from their presence as they joined forces. That too was a metaphor. "I think that shows that when you are struggling with mental health stuff, especially when it is your kid, you don't want to feel alone, you want someone to help you."

As might be expected, Dr. DiGiacomo has experienced doubts and low points in her journey, and it is the support and encouragement from others that help to keep her going.

Dr. DiGiacomo described Island as Manitoulin "absolutely beautiful" and the Chi-Cheemaun ferry ride as one of her favourite parts of the journey so far.

You can follow Dr. DiGiacomo on her journey on her Instagram account.



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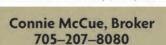
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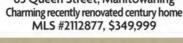
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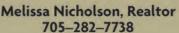


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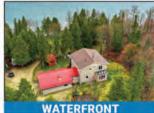
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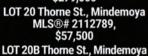


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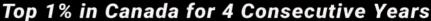
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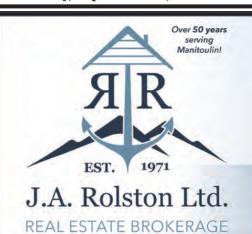












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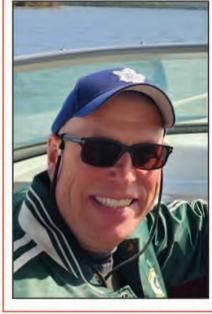


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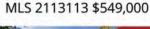
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Little Current, Manitoulin Island

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

New Manitoulin Lady Panthers hockey team opens first season

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While there is excitement in the air with all Manitoulin Panther teams gearing up for a new season, it is particularly noteworthy this year as the Manitoulin Panthers hockey organization has ventured into establishing a new all-female hockey team which will play in the Northern Ontario Women's Hockey League (NOWH).)

The Manitoulin Lady Panthers is the first-ever female team the Panthers have fielded. "We will be playing in the under 18 NOWHL playing against teams from Timmins, Hearst, Kapuskasing and Thunder Bay," said Panthers coach Kennedy Lanktree.

"We have two exhibition games against the North Bay Lady Lakers Sunday, September 10 at 11 am and 2:30 pm," said Ms. Lanktree. "We enter our first tournament September 22-24 in Orillia."

Tryouts for the team took place the last weekend in May, with players from Manitoulin, Espanola and Sudbury taking part.

The Lady Panthers team roster has been set for the season. The team includes Ava Corbiere, Emery Watson, Tessa McGillis-Prior, Abbie Heins, Gracie Gibson, Ali



Members of the 2023 Manitoulin Panther under-18 women's team gather for a photo following this year's jersey reveal and contract signing.

Laginski, Ciera Sokoloski, Nelly Toulouse, Hope Eshkibok, Shaye Ominika, Paungbiisohn Trudeau, Izzy Hughson, Kara Peltier, Zahara Dube and Zee Toulouse. Bench staff includes coach Kennedy Lanktree, assistant coaches Scot Hughson, Sonya Stencell, Al Laginski, and team manager Marcie Hughson.

The Lady Panthers should start league play after Thanksgiving, said Ms. Lanktree.

There are two other Manitoulin Panthers teams that will be playing this year, the Panthers U-13 and U-15 boys' teams.

'Manitoulin Island: Hearsay and Recollections' by George Whyte is now available in reprint

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—Having sold out of his first two-volume set of books, and with many requests for a reprinting of 'Manitoulin Island: Hearsay and Recollections,' local author George Whyte has released the books in five volumes.

"This book was self-published in 2012 as a two-volume set," Mr. Whyte told The Expositor. "In 2012 I wrote the book 'Sagas of the Pioneers of Manitoulin Island as a fundraiser.' One thousand copies were printed as a fundraiser for the Friends of Misery Bay and the Gore Bay Museum." All copies were sold that summer

"Since then, people have been asking me how they can get a copy of the books," said Mr. Whyte. "Many people have asked me for copies or to publish a second edition."

The five-volume compendium chronicles the first European settlers who came to Manitoulin Island in the latter part of the 19th century. It describes where they came from, their means of transportation, the construction of their shanties and later, their log homes and barns, their



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farm life, commercial fishing and the myriad logging operations.

operations.

Volumes four and five concentrate on Burpee and Mills. They include the original survey notes, census data and the family trees of many of the first settler families. It also tells the history of the conservation efforts to protect the south shore of Burpee Township, which now includes the Misery Bay Provincial Park and the Mac's Bay Conservation

Reserve.

The first volume is titled 'Sagas of the Pioneers, Volume Two, The Next Four Decades,' the third volume focusses on timbering, commercial fishing, and the fourth volume 'The South Shore,' and volume five, 'Settler Stock-Conservation'

"One of the stories in the fifth book is about Willard Witty, of classic settler stock," said Mr. Whyte. He relayed the first book "has many potential audiences. The first are the people of the Manitoulin, especially the residents of Burpee Township, and the folks who remember those who timbered and fished the south shore between Murphy Harbour and Misery Bay. The second of these audiences are the general readers, the off-Islanders who are curious about the Indigenous people who first lived on the Manitoulin, and about the rugged, hardworking, self-starting settlers who came here not long after Confederation, seeking a new life for themselves and their families."

"The books should interest people who would like to know how and why the

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Ramsey Tour-ists!

The annual Ramsey Tour has been a destination for Manitoulin runners for a long time! It is always the right time to use as a training run for the cross country season. Coach Gerry Holliday had a small group of MSS Mustangs take in the 5K race. Brodie Pennie finished way out in front of several of his future races! The speedster finished second overall, missing first by five seconds in an astounding time of 16:07! Congratulations as well to fellow Mustangs Xavi Mara, Mackenzie Green, Alan Wilkin, Matthew Wilkin and T.J. Green who all had strong efforts.

Aurel Fox-Recollet, having just made the Laurentian University Voyageur team, cracked the 18 minute barrier to finish 11th overall!

Hats off to other known Island runners. I hope I didn't miss anyone. Way to go, **Sara Odjig**, **Simon Fessenden**, **Mila Odjig** and **Stave Fessenden**



Aurel Fox-Recollet, front, represented the Laurentian University Voyageur running team at the Ramsey Tour.

Wiikwemkoong ball

Wiikwemkoong fastball/sports organizer **Gerald Baibomcowai** has had to adjust his fastball schedule as there have been a couple of broken lights down at the ballfield. As our days are getting a lot shorter, he has had to postpone games due to safety concerns.

They just started back up this past Sunday and are hoping for the lights to get fixed soon otherwise it will have to be more work-around! Gerry plans on finishing up by Thanksgiving. The current standing are: the Sons of Pitches in first; second, Kaboni Tigers; third, Lumberjacks; and fourth, Quanja.

Gerry is also organizing a youth co-ed slow pitch tournament for the Wassa Naabin Youth Centre. Interestingly, it will be for youth 15 – 18 years old on October 6-7th. Entry is free. Stay tuned for more details

Tour De Force!

Hats off to all of the people that made it happen and those that participated and donated to the Marc Hovingh Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling event over the weekend in Mindemoya. The fundraiser was for the OPP Youth Foundation. There were three loops of 34, 80 and 140km lengths.

OPP Commissioner **Thomas Carrique** led out the 140km loop that featured an unbelievable average speed of 38 kph! If you would like to help the cause there are tshirts for sale. You can contact **Marie Ford** or **Steve Redmond** for more information.



OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique addresses



Over 100 cyclists took part in the Tour de Force ride.

Dance Manitoulin!

Candice Irwin of Body Stories Dance Instruction has sent out a reminder that the fall dance session is just a few weeks away and classes are filling up fast! Also, they have got two great free workshops happening this weekend to help get them in the dancing mood.

As part of our assistant training program they are inviting students aged 3-6 to join them for a free introductory creative movement class. They will learn about body awareness, musicality, movement quality and dance vocabulary through imagination and creative play.

It is taking place Saturday, September 16 from 1:30 - 2:15 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre and pre-registration is required. To do so visit their website or email them at: bodystoriesdance@gmail.com.

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

Railroads and an assassination highlight History Day in Kagawong

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—History Day in Kagawong is one of the seminal educational events of the summer on Manitoulin Island, as Old Mill Heritage Centre curator Rick Nelson and the museum committee present topics of historical interest as a late summer diversion at the Kagawong Park Centre.

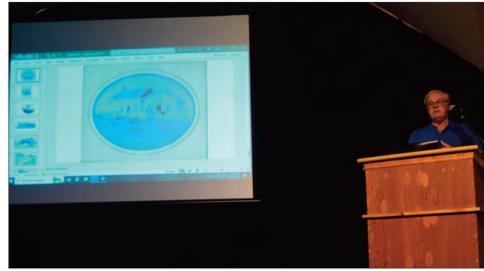
This year, the two presentations (a matinee at 3:30 and evening presentation at 7 pm) focussed on the coming of the railroad and telegraph (soon to be telephone) to Manitoulin, delivered by Island mercantile scion Jib Turner, whose family played a key role in bringing both to the Island, and a second act comprising a reprise of Mr. Nelson's lifelong passion for the events surrounding the assassination of American President John F. Kennedy, an act that reverberated around the world.

In addition to the presentations, a display of magazines and newspapers from the era of the Kennedy assassination were on display, including an 8mm film camera similar to the one that captured the assassination and was viewed around the world. This year, the Old Mill Heritage Centre's featured exhibit is an amazing collection of old photography equipment.

Mr. Turner accompanied his presentation with a slideshow of photographs of his ancestor, Byron Turner and his partner in all things rail and telegraph, K.B. Kilganon. While the Turner patriarch was a prominent merchant on Manitoulin, Mr. Kilganon was an 18-year-old engineer whose early work formed the eventual basis of a good portion of the Trans Canada Highway.

Mr. Turner laid out the backdrop to the times, noting that most traffic to Manitoulin in the latter part of the 19th Century was waterborne, therefore leaving the Island largely cut off from the outside world for much of the year. This had grave economic and health implications for those living, farming and timbering, on Manitoulin.

"It was very dangerous to travel the Lake Huron waters to the south of Manitoulin Island," noted Mr. Turner. "There were violent storms and no navigational knowledge to speak



Jib Turner, scion of the storied Little Current mercantile family, delivers a presentation on the arrival of train service and telegraph (and telephone) to Manitoulin Island and the many changes that those services wrought on Island life.

help wanted







Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service **Employment Opportunity – 1 Year Contract Position:** Civilian Crisis Responder

Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory **Reports To:** Chief of Police

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Civilian Crisis Responder

Summary: The Crisis Responder will be responsible for helping individuals, families and the community in times of personal crisis as well as for cases of crisis prevention and education. The Crisis Responder will provide counselling and resources to help mitigate the effects of crisis situations including but not limited to family violence, police interventions and drug/alcohol related issues. This role will require to create accurate and detailed records and case notes as well as develop and maintain sustainable relationships with other professionals

The Crisis Responder will work as an integral part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide crisis response services to persons with disabilities. Using a clinical assessment and solution-focused therapy methods, the Crisis Responder will provide immediate relief and stabilization to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma. This individual will be responsible for conducting on-site assessment of clients and the administration of individual and situational appropriate treatment. They will also provide recommendation and aid in the coordination of any necessary continued treatment plans.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Excellent human relations and interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism to members of the public and external agencies.
- Experience in crisis service considered an asset.
- Ability to multi-task in a faced paced business environment. Knowledge of social, education and healthcare systems that case manage at risk individuals.
- Ability to exercise professional judgement, analyze and solve issues effectively in a variety of situations
- Excellent assessment, interviewing and counselling skills.
- Interaction with clients in a sensitive, tactful, diplomatic and professional manner always.
- Advanced communication skills required, written and verbal.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide immediate care to individuals and families experiencing crisis and trauma through
- Conduct assessment of individuals with the ability to refer to the appropriate community organizations. Interview clients to assess situations and determine the types and level of services required.
- Assist in finding opportunities, solutions and resources to address the individual's social
- and behavioural needs.
- Conduct on-site risk assessment and mental status examinations, determine risk of harm, required level of care and immediate treatment plan.
- $\label{lem:continuous} \mbox{ De-escalate crisis through provision of immediate solution-focused the rapy. }$
- Manage the transfer of client information to the receiving community organization, as per information
- Liaise with a range of multi-disciplinary professionals who are involved in a clients' care, ensuring a smooth and coordinated approach, especially when multiple organizations are involved.
- Monitor and evaluate clients, provide follow-up and documentation to all parties. Respond to individuals and/or family members by telephone or on a walk-in basis to provide information
- and support for their needs and situation.
- Other case management duties as assigned.

Basic Requirements:

- College diploma in related field or other considered an asset.
- Minimum Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent. 3 – 5 years of previous work experience in the social work field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass a background check.
- Provide proof a copy of COVID-19 Double Vaccination record from Ministry of Health

To apply for this position, interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates and 3 work-related reference letters electronically to:

CONFIDENTIAL – Crisis Responder A/Staff Sgt. Operations Manager - Chris Wesley christopher.wesley@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline:

October 13, 2023 at 4:00pm

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed at the request of the applicant.

Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire.

Mr. Kilganon, of Catholic Irish immigrant stock, was raised in Quebec and attended Laval University. He came to Little Current to supervise dredging for the federal government in order to open up the North Channel as a safer east/west route for shipping than Lake Huron. After this contract was complete, "he had very little business to attend to, so he was engaged by my great grandfather to construct a railroad charter," said Mr. Turner. As a prominent local Conservative and businessperson, he explained, Byron Turner knew the ins and outs of the political world of the

ning from McKerrow in the north to Manitoulin in the south. Thus was born the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway.

But railroads are expensive propositions at the best of times, and it fell to American industrialist Francis Clergue and his Algoma Central Railway running from Sault Ste. Marie to complete the job—the name of the spur to Manitoulin changing to the Algoma Eastern Railway. In 1930, with the depression taking its toll on investment, the lines were acquired by the deeper-pocketed Canadian Pacific Railway. Unfortunately, the original vision of the rail lines extending across Manitoulin Island were not to be realized, but

photo by Michael Erskine

still, the impact of the railway and the building of the iconic swing bridge at Little Current were to radically change life on Manitoulin.

Mr. Turner went on to describe how the telegraph came to the Island, such modern contraptions going hand-in-hand with rail lines. Eventually, that morphed into a telephone exchange. The three telephones located in the upstairs of Turners of Little Current were always busy. In those days before cell phones and email, the telegraph and later telephone service were vital to wealthy American industrialist who came by rail and ship for fishing vacations on Manitoulin.

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time and the pair had soon acquired a charter run-









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Education

Completion of high school (not required) Training provided

Please apply in person Monday to Friday between 9:00am-5:00pm with resume to:

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre 66 Meredith St E Little Current, ON POP IKO

> or Email to: gm@manitoulinhotel.com

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Mr. Turner touched on the important role King Coal played in the development of the Port of Little Current and the coal docks on Goat Island across from the town, as well as the role played by iron ore pellets when coal began to be replaced after the Second World War.

Following Mr. Turner's presentation, and a short intermission with light refreshments, Mr. Nelson took the audience through his lifelong interactions with people and places surrounding the JFK assassination.

Mr. Nelson shared that he does believe that Lee Harvey Oswald shot the president, although he left the jury out on whether the assassin had help or other assailants. In addition to a number of film and photographs from the event (including one that required a trigger warning given that it was the moment the bullet entered the president's head), Mr. Nelson shared his on the ground explorations of where the event took place and his many conversations with notable individuals who were witness to the events. Those included Mr. Oswald's widow and the man who was handcuffed to Mr. Oswald when he was, in turn, murdered by

The official history is that Mr. Oswald shot and killed President Kennedy on November 22, 1963, shooting from a sixth-floor window of the Texas School Book Depository as the president travelled by motorcade through Dealey Plaza in Dallas. About 45 minutes after assassinating Kennedy, Mr. Oswald shot and killed Dallas police officer J.D. Tippit on a local street. He then slipped into a movie theatre where he was arrested for Tippits murder. Mr. Oswald was charged with the assassination of President Kennedy, but steadfastly denied responsibility for the killing, claiming that he was a patsy—a version held by his



Old Mill Heritage Centre curator Rick Nelson is one of the world's foremost experts on the assassination of US President John F. Kennedy. Mr. Nelson delivered an engaging presentation on that event that still reverbrates in the popular conciousness to this day, 30 years later.

photo by Michael Erskine

widow for many years. Two days later, Mr. Oswald was fatally shot by a local nightclub owner, Jack Ruby, on live television in the basement of Dallas Police Headquarters.

Mr. Nelson proved himself during the presentation as being among the foremost experts on the Kennedy assassination, the result, no doubt, of his self-admitted lifelong fascination and passion for all things surrounding that historic event. He even set up a conference in Sudbury on the

30th anniversary of the assassination which attracted many of the key witnesses and players in the event and was brought down to Texas to assist in moving the museum focussed on the assassination.

History Day in Kagawong 2023 upheld the tradition of providing unparalleled historical educational opportunities on Manitoulin Island, be it local, national or interna-

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YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

RELATIONSHIP AND TEAM BUILDING

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

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ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

SKILLS:

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

UPON HIRE:

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

Applications must be submitted by: September 15th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

> **CONFIDENTIAL: YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER** Whitefish River First Nation 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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



MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

(Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Term: Full-time (35 hours per week) Salary Range: \$40,864 – 49,834 / year + Group Benefits and Pension

Under the supervision of the Health Manager, the Medical Transportation Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating medical transportation services to its clients/community members who require transportation to medical appointments under the Health Transfer Contribution Agreement. The Medical Transportation Coordinator will also ensure this service is provided to clients/members in a private and confidential manner, while keeping with the terms and conditions of the Program.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Adhere to the FNIHB/NIHB Medical transportation Policy Framework.
- Maintain all transportation information and schedule in the Community Electronic Medical Record System
- Prepare and maintain a filing system for all documentation such as letters, reports, forms, travel warrants, Medical Transportation data, etc.
- Schedule appointments for servicing and maintenance of Medical Transportation Vehicles.
- Gather information to answer questions and provide details regarding options, and offer suggestions for cost-effective, appropriate travel arrangements.
- Discuss routes, time schedules, covered rates, and accommodation provisions for community members including those preferring to make own arrangements. Ensure communications are forwarded to the Maintenance Supervisor that the Medical Transportation
- vehicle is operational and regular service/maintenance checks are completed for the safe operation Arrange transportation to and from appointments (i.e. doctors' appointments, hospital care, diagnostic
- tests) for insured medical services as well as alcohol, solvent, drug abuse and detox treatment, traditional healers, health benefits (i.e. dental, vision and crisis intervention mental health counselling, etc.).

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

Diploma or Certificate from an accredited College in Health or Business Administration with at least two (2) years' work-experience in an office setting.
*Grade 12 Graduate with work experience in an office will be considered.

Demonstrated proficiency in word processing and electronic data management systems.

- Valid CPR/First Aid certificate or willingness to obtain.
- Knowledge of the WRFN community and its culture and traditions would be an asset.
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

SKILLS:

- Efficient time management skills, including maintaining your own schedule and competing priorities.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability for attention to detail and thoroughness. Must maintain a high level of confidentiality.
- Knowledge of community and local resources.
- Strong knowledge of maintaining records and inputting data for reporting requirements.
- Ability to take direction and to provide direction to medical transportation drivers. Ability to work independently or with minimum supervision, while also being a team player.

UPON HIRE:

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

Applications must be submitted by: September 15th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related and one (1) character references (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

> **CONFIDENTIAL: MEDICAL TRANSPORATION COORDINATOR Whitefish River First Nation** c/o Human Resources 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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

Ryan Willoughby sets new record at Chelmsford Golf Course to follow in father's steps

CHELMSFORD—Golfer Ryan Willoughby kept things in the family as far as setting the course record for the Chelmsford Golf recently. Mr. Course Willoughby actually set a

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new mark last year but broke his own record The previous recently. record had been held by his father, Lloyd, who is a seasonal resident of Minde-

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"It was pretty cool," stated Mr. Willoughby in explaining that he posted a nine under par score of 63 on August 16. "My dad and I shared the record of 65 for a long time and then last







Cleaner - Floater

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.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a Cleaner-

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

Interested candidates should apply by noon Tuesday, September 19, 2023 and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement Board Chair

Bruce Bourget Director of Education rainbowschools.ca



WIKWEMKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

New Recruit Officer - Full-time - Permanent

Position: Recruit Police Constable

Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment. The New Recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, for the January 2024 intake. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.

Summary: The New Recruit Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace, prevent crimes, other offences, provide assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- · Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- · Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- · Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Basic Requirements:

- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- assessments, 2-week fitness log and OACP waivers.
- Copy of valid class G Ontario Driver's Licence
- Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- · Be of good moral character and habits
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights Code.
- Any relevant certificates related to the position being applied for.
- Candidates with a strong application may be asked to attend the fitness pin test, by invitation

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and 3 reference letters

> Attention: Staff Sergeant, Chris Wesley christopher.wesley@wtps.ca

Deadline to Apply for January 2024 Intake: Ongoing until filled

Please note, applications will be screened and only those selected will be contacted for an interview.



Willoughby, Ryan centre, set the course record for Chelmsford Golf Course recently. Mr. Willoughby is flanked by his parents Colleen and Lloyd Willoughby of Mindemoya.

summer I shot 64."

Lloyd Willoughby had owned previously course record of 65, a score he posted at the golf course in 2003.

"When I came back to Chelmsford from university, I tied the record of 65, playing different tees," said Ryan Willoughby. For his course record a couple of weeks ago, he started on the 10th hole and finished the first nine holes with a score of 32 (with five birdies and a bogey). On the second

nine he notched five birdies and finished with a 31.

As previously reported by The Expositor, Mr. Willoughby was one of 32 new inductees into the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) Hall of Fame on May 1. He spent his summers as a youngster on Manitoulin Island, as his parents have a home in Mindemoya, and he would play all three courses on the Island.



The champs!

Cup champs! The annual Cancom Cup tournament was held at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning recently. 100 players participated in the tournament including special guest former National Hockey League star Doug Gilmour, who brought former NHL player Ric Nattress to participate as well. Ronald Wells, CEO of Cancom Security Inc. which hosted the tournament said \$6,500 was raised through the tournament, with these funds going toward Wiikwemkoong Minor Hockey Association. The Pierre Trudeau team won the Cancom Cup. In photo left is Pierre Trudeau, Carter Abotossaway, Doug Gilmour, Noah Thorpe, Chris Assiniwe and Ric Nattress.









EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- 2nd POSTING EDUCATION FINANCE CLERK

Department: Education

Classification/Level: CA4 (\$43,273 - \$48,362) + Group Pension and Benefits

Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Finance Clerk will act as liaison between the Finance Manager and the Director of Education with the responsibilities to manage and maintain all the funding agreements, financial transactions, budgets and preparing reports for the education department to ensure compliance with contract agreements, financial obligations and translation of agreements to program staff. The Finance Clerk will assist in the coordination of financial planning and organization of the financial departmental operations of the Education department.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Financial

- Work primarily on preparing and ensuring funding agencies' reporting requirements are complete.
- To prepare the accounts payable processes for the department and issuing cheques.
- To function within the general ledgers by monitoring, extracting reports, identify and address discrepancies, reviewing and make the necessary adjusting entries with the department manager and Finance Manager.
- Assists with the preparation of annual budgets and budgetary processing updating and input into ACCPAC.
- Reviews, monitors and prepares accurate financial statements, updates and reports and informs senior management of ongoing availability and balances of funds.
- Other duties as assigned.

- Will be well versed in costing, controlling, financial reporting and strategic planning.
- Coordinates procedures to ensure proper documentation of all funds received, signed and recorded.
- Provides ongoing technical support on accounting, budgeting, reporting, and forecasting to senior management and program staff. • Ensures compliance with the General Accepted Accounting Principles and MFN By-Laws, finance and
- administrative codes, policies and procedures.

- Assists the Finance Manager and senior management with the planning and implementation of strategies for improved financial controls.
- Assists in the planning and preparation of monthly, quarterly, and annual statistical and financial reports.

Service Delivery

 Provides support to the Director of Education and team staff responsible for completing financial program report submissions to their respective funding agencies.

- College diploma in Business Administration and/or Financial Management.
- At least 2-4 years of work experience in a finance position.

- Advanced ACCPAC, Excel and PC skills, excellent working knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Excellent financial acumen and familiar with government funding agreements. Effective communication skills for effective interaction with internal and external organizations.
- Knowledge and experience in First Nation operational procedures.
- Knowledge of the Ojibwe culture, traditions and fluency in the language will be considered an asset.
- Must be able to work independently and work well under pressure to meet deadlines. Ability to work in a fast-paced changing environment.
- Must have valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

Must submit a police CRC upon hire.

CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AT 12:00 P.M. If you are interested in this employment opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with (3) three current reference contacts (two work related and one character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:

EDUCATION FINANCE CLERK

c/o Human Resources M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O.Box 333

M'CHIGEENG, ON, POP 1G0 Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. **For complete a job description, please contact: carlaa@mchigeeng.ca

Sheguiandah Autumn Harvest fall fair returns

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—It's time to get vour rural craft on! After a two-year hiatus, the Sheguiandah Fall Fair 'Autumn Harvest 2023' is taking place September 16 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah, accompanied by delicious barbecue starting at 11 am.
"We are really happy to

be back," said organizer Norma Hughson. "It has been a long time coming."

Ms. Hughson explained that registration of exhibit entries starts with a dropoff on Thursday, September 14 between 4 and 8 pm and continues into Friday, from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Judges are lined up to start sampling and assessing entries on Friday evening after the entry deadline.

The fall fair is sponsored jointly by the Manitoulin Genealogy Club and the Centennial Museum Advisory Committee.

Entry tags and registration forms were available at the museum from September 1 on, but the drop off for entries is as above. Pickup of entries takes place after 4 pm on Saturday. All exhibits must be the work of the exhibitor, explained



Fall fair is a time to let your green thumb shine.

Ms. Hughson. Although the fall fair is "unofficial," the fair follows the rules and regulations as set down by the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies and has been running for several years prior to the pandemic shutdown.

The exhibitor with the most entries will win the grand prize of a year's membership to the museum. Adults are only allowed one entry per card class and displays must be on a white plate (exceptions being made for squash and pumpkins). Vegetables and roots are to be cleaned or polished—but not washed before showing. Roots, tomatoes, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash and zucchini are to be shown with

stem attached. Onions should not be peeled and garlic bulbs should have one inch of root. All fruit must also have some stem, while smaller veggies must be on the aforementioned white plate and uncovered.

Photographs must be the work of the exhibitor and titled or named. Photos should be 10 cm by 15 cm (4" x 6") and mounted on white bristleboard with a 1.5 cm to 2.5 cm border (.5" to 1").

There are 10 one-timeonly 'adult specials' that include pecan pie, dozen shortbread cookies, dozen peanut butter cookies, fudge, peach pie, raspberry pie, raisin pie, another dozen shortbread cookies, raisin bread and raisin pie (since there are two entries

for shortbread cookies and raisin pies, you need to make one for each section you want to enter). A prize of \$10 is awaiting the winner of each category and the winner must agree to forfeit their entry to the cash prize donors: Gail Robinson, Wilfred Holmes, Ken Ferguson, Linda Erskine, Marcel Gauthier, Mike Erskine and Norma Hugh-

Cash contributions to the School Youth Section were provided by Mike Erskine, Ken Ferguson, Marilyn Irish, Bev Morphet, Eunice Beaudin, (the late) George and Terri Hari, Marjorie and Preston Collie, Lynn Hughson, Lyn and Mike Valiquette, Doug Hore, the Little Current Lions Club and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

The youth prizes (other than the adult specials) are the only ones to receive cash prizes, but bragging rights are definitely up for grabs. Youth can pick up their cash prizes after 4 pm on Saturday from the paymaster (identification may be required). Prizes are \$3 for first, \$2 for second and \$1 for third.







Manitoulin Centennial Manor

FULL-TIME COOK \$22.00 per hour plus Benefits

Looking for an enthusiastic energetic person to join our team of dietary professionals at Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility, located in Little Current, ON.

Report to the Dietary Manager, cook the meals and serve food to residents according to individual diets and preferences.

Cook and prepare meals as per production sheets.

Clear work area and help in keeping the kitchen clean.

Participate in proper storage and labelling of dietary supplies and food.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Safe Food Handlers Certificate
- Graduate from culinary course
- Experience in institutional large quantity cooking preferred
- Ability to work safely, following established safety practices and procedures
- Ability to read and write English, and understand moderately complex verbal and written instructions in English

Interested applicants may forward their resume to the attention of: **Brad Dubreuil** Brad.dubreuil@extendicare.com











BAND REPRESENTATIVE (2ND Posting) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time Permanent (35 hours per week) Salary Range: \$62,113 to \$75,748 per year (Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

POSITION SUMMARY:

Reporting to the Case Manager, the Band Representative will act as Whitefish River First Nation's (WRFN) representative for children and families who are working with Child and Family Service agencies. The Band Representative will provide guidance, advocacy and support to WRFN Member children, youth and families who are working with Delegated Aboriginal Agencies or the ministry of children and family development.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide knowledge, awareness, and promotion of WRFN's interests to courts and external child welfare agencies.
- Represent the interests of WRFN First Nation regarding child welfare matters in court.
- Liaise between the WRFN and external child welfare agencies.
- Represent the WRFN whenever our children who have been apprehended, are being adopted, or are in care.
- Assist with the protocols with external child welfare agencies.
- Participate in case conferences, plans of care, and other matters relating to keeping children with their families Conduct home visits to support families keeping children in the home or when a family is transitioning
- to returning a child to the home. Assist families in accessing resources and collaborate with other supports for prevention activities.
- Work towards the repatriation of children residing in care in other jurisdictions; Help link children to their home community.
- Compile of all relevant case-related information and documentation.
- Liaise with other First Nation Band Representatives; Accompany other Child Welfar agencies during investigations.

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-Secondary Degree in Social Work, Social Science, Child & Youth Care or related field.
- Minimum of 2-year experience working in Social Services or related field in an Indigenous community or organization. Advanced computer skills: Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- Must have a Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Able to interpret legislation and legal documents.
- Knowledge of Case Management techniques and Alternative Dispute Mechanisms (i.e. Sharing circles).
- Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal in order to be effective in negotiation, advocacy, facilitation, and collection and dissemination of information.
- Able to speak and understand the Ojibway language or a willingness to learn.
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling high confidential subject matters.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Must provide an up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.
- Must have the willingness to be on-call for emergency response services regarding child welfare matters.
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification (or willingness to obtain).

Applications are due by: September 15th, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

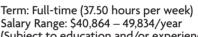
Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, three (3) work-related references (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

> **CONFIDENTIAL: BAND REPRESENTATIVE** Whitefish River First Nation 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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



EARLY LEARNING COORDINATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



(Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

The Whitefish River First Nation / Maamwe Kendaasing Early Learning Centre invites applications for an Early Learning Coordinator. This position will provide learning activities and experiences for parents and caregivers of young children from ages 0 - 6 years of age.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Plan, deliver, collaborate and assess appropriate learning activities and experiences for children 0-6 years of age and their parents and or caregivers.
- Assist families with various transitions, including transition to elementary school settings.
- Providing coaching, role modelling and mentorship to early learning environment.
- Building capacity through professional learning opportunities to the community at large along with utilizing local elders, facilitators and knowledge keepers.
- Providing support to families by assisting with accessing community resources, linkage to family networks. Establish and carry out a schedule that incorporates child and family activities throughout the year.
- Use a variety of teaching techniques including modelling, observing, questioning, demonstrating and
- All other duties as assigned.
- *For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

OLIALIFICATIONS:

- College Diploma in Early Childhood Education.
- Current member in good standing with the College of ECEs.
- Minimum two years of experience working with children 0-6 years of age, families and communities in early learning environments.
- Combination of relevant experience, education, and training will be considered.
- Experience with group facilitating would be an asset.
- Must have a Valid "G" Licence with access to own vehicle.

KNOWLEDGE. SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).
- Familiarity with the following curriculum/resources:
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 How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for Early Years.

 Emergent Curriculum, Play Based Leaning, for Early Years.

 Providing coaching, role modeling and mentorship to early learning environments.

 Building capacity through providing professional learning opportunities to the community at large.

 Developing/presenting professional learning reflective of family and community current needs.

 Adhering to all applicable organization and childcare policies and procedures.
- Demonstrate proficiency in word processing and electronic data management systems.
- Efficient time management skills, including maintaining your own schedule and competing priorities.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Must provide an up to date and clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check and medical clearance upon hire.
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certification (or must update upon hire).

Applications must be submitted by: September 13th, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

> **CONFIDENTIAL: EARLY LEARNING COORDINATOR** Whitefish River First Nation 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0

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For any further information, please contact The Expositor Office by email at services@manitoulin.com or call 705-368-2744. This event is organized as a public service by The Manitoulin Expositor.

Judging will take place the week before Thanksgiving. DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: SEPTEMBER 29, 2023.

YES! I will be decorating our (please check as applicable):
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... 'Manitoulin Island: Hearsay and Recollections' by George Whyte is now available in reprint

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south shore is so special and the steps that were taken to preserve it as a nature reserve and provincial park. The story should also interest the many people who worked at the Murphy Point Resort from 1935-1976, or who came to the resort as a guest, or who are now owners of the cottages. Finally, it should interest my family as I have tried to work our ancestors into the text to show my children and grand-

children how similar our family history was to the folks who came to the Manitoulin," continued Mr. Whyte.

"My association with the Island started in the summer of 1948," said Mr. Whyte. Since then, he has been a part-time resident, full-time resident, a principal of an adult education program for Cambrian College, a lecturer of history for Laurentian University, a resort owner and a proud supporter of Manitoulin.

Mr. Whyte explained all five books are available on Amazon.ca. "As Amazon has a 250-page maximum for hardcopy books, the new edition is in five volumes. The price was set at just over the printing cost, to make the books available to as many people as possible."

The hardcopy editions are just \$2 more a copy more than









Job Posting

Experienced Kitchen Line Cook: Full-Time x 2

Salary TBD \$32,000.00 to \$40,000.00, benefits, Room & Board available.

Work Setting

Hotel Restaurant

Specific Skills

Responsible for executing all menu items while meeting presentation and timing standards, assisting others in the kitchen, and maintaining a clean, well-stocked and organized work area. Able to communicate well with a wide variety of people in person, take pride in appearance, take pride in the presentation of your meals, can multi task and have a sense of urgency and are attentive to detail.

Credentials (certificates, licences, memberships, courses, etc.)

Safe Food Handlers

Security and Safety

Bondable

Essential Skills

Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education

Completion of high school

Please apply in person between 9:00 am-5:00 pm with resume to:

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

66 Meredith St E

Little Current, ON

POP 1KO

Or email to:

gm@manitoulinhotel.com



Employment Opportunity Informatics Privacy and Training Coordinator

About GHL

Giiwednong Health Link (GHL) is an Indigenous health and information project management office that serves the First Nations health organizations on Manitoulin Island and North Shore. GHL is focused on developing and implementing e-health initiatives to improve health information, decision making, outcomes within the member communities.

About this Opportunity

GHL is seeking applications from progressive and results-oriented individuals who can excel in the role of "Informatics Privacy and Training Coordinator (IPTC)". The IPTC will assist GHL member communities with the implementation of e-health technologies, including electronic medical records (EMR) and related EMR support training. Other areas of responsibility will include developing customized forms, completing informatics/analytics reports and providing privacy and IT security guidance and training.

Primary Responsibilities

- $\textbf{1.} \ \textbf{Provides EMR training and support to the EMR users of GHL's member First Nations}.$
- 2. Works closely with First Nation stakeholders and eHealth vendors to design, develop and implement standard and customized reports.
- 3. Supports the First Nation Health Informatics and Analytics needs, including data entry and data management support, of member First Nation and partner agency Health Centres.

Summary of Key Qualifications

- 1. A Bachelors' Degree in Health Services, Business, Education, or related discipline.
- **2.** A minimum of two years of work experience in a related industry sector.
- **3.** Experience in the delivery of training is preferred and experience in health privacy is an asset.
- **4.** Ability to instruct individuals and/or groups of varying skill levels over various timelines.

GHL offers a highly competitive salary and benefits compensation package with annual professional development opportunities. *This employment opportunity will be based out of either Aundeck Omni Kaning or Sudbury*. Candidates may request the full IPTC job description, which provides the complete qualifications and position responsibilities, by emailing: hr@giiwednonghealth.ca.

The deadline for submission is September 27, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

We thank all those who apply, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Applications, including your confidential cover letter, resume, and two references, may be submitted by email to: **hr@giiwednonghealth.ca**. Qualified applicants identifying Indigenous or First Nations ancestry will be given preference in accordance with s. 16 (1) of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

1300 Highway 540, Unit 3, Aundeck Omni Kaning, ON POP 1K0





Alexandra Wilson Zegil

Do you remember your very first day of high school? Do you remember the feelings of excitement and fear swirling around in your stomach as you step into your new school for the first time? Whether you attended Manitoulin Secondary School or a school far away from here, those feelings are universal. On Wednesday, September 6 MSS's incoming Grade 9 class experienced what generations of people have: getting lost trying to find their classes, cursing the person that invented combination locks and trying to figure out where to sit at lunch. Settling into a new routine can be tricky at first but by the end of the week many of these new students began to figure it out.

Of course, it was not only the Grade 9s coming back to school. The older grades were also finding their new classes (though with a bit less difficulty, I suspect), and catching up with friends. Students and teachers alike were settling back into their routines and preparing for the year ahead.

This year will be especially important for our senior class, as for most Grade 12s it will be their last year attending high school. These students will soon begin applying to universities and colleges and making arrangements for the next steps in their lives. This past Wednesday may have been bittersweet for our Grade 12s as it was their "last first day."

There have been several new classes offered at MSS this year. One of them included an after-school musical theatre class. This class runs from three to five on school days and counts as a credit towards graduation. There will be a robotics class that will be offered next semester. And for our tech classes a CNC machine and laser printers are being added.

Along with these new classes there is also a new busing policy being introduced. Students now have bus cards with a QR code on them that must be scanned before they take a seat on their bus. This was implemented to ensure that students were on the correct bus and to confirm where students got on and off the bus. On Friday, September 8 these bus cards were handed out at lunch to students and subsequently used as they boarded the bus to go home at the end of the day.

On Friday, September 8 an interest meeting was held for the junior girls' basketball team. This session was hosted by the coaches Mr. Balfe and Mrs. Watson. It is sure to be an exciting season. Best of luck to our athletes!

The Stratford Trip is coming up soon and there are still three spots available. The Stratford Trip is an annual field trip where students head to Stratford, Ontario to see different live theater performances. This year students will be able to see 'Much Ado About Nothing,' 'Les Belles Soeurs, Rent' and 'Spamalot.' It is sure to be an unforgettable experience as Stratford is known for their incredible productions. There was a meeting for participating students on Tuesday at lunch.

This week marks the beginning of the Week of Welcome, or WOW. WOW is filled with activities to help ease the transition into high school for Grade Nines and celebrate all students. Some of the activities included: Selfie with Stangley (the school's mascot), as well as lunchtime trivia in the cafeteria, and a spirit day.

That is all for this week! Best of luck to all our students this upcoming semester! Until next time, go Mustangs, go!

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

FULL-TIME positions:

Manitoulin or Sudbury:

After Hours Services Supervisor: Closes September 22, 2023 Finance Supervisor: Open until filled

CONTRACT positions:

Manitoulin:

Education Support Worker: Closes September 14, 2023
Education Liaison: Closes September 14, 2023

Sudbury:

Services Team Assistant: Closes September 14, 2023 After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes September 22, 2023

Manitoulin or Sudbury:

Funding Specialist (Multi-Year): Open until filled

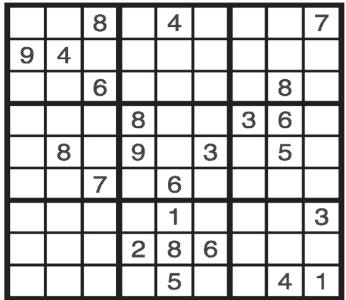
Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. All postings close at 4 pm EST.

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

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

Advertise your job in the CAREERS section Email sales@manitoulin.com





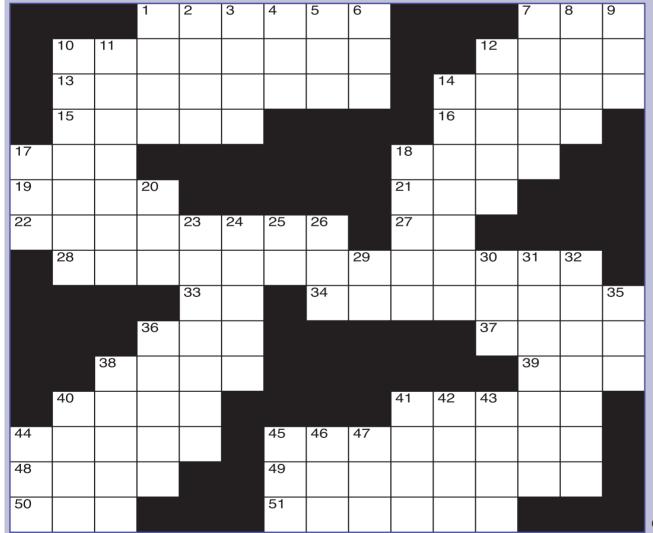
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ANSWER:								

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

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



HOROSOOPES (SEP 10-16)

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20 Aries, a goal you have been working toward is nearing completion. Take time to reflect on all it took to make the goal come to fruition.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21 Taurus, try to get away on a vacation, even if it's just a weekend jaunt. There's never been a time you could use a little getaway more than right now. Push this into the priority zone.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21 Gemini, it is time to get more movement into your daily activities. Don't you want to be in the best possible health? Incorporate more exercise gradually with activities you enjoy.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 A partnership will get even stronger this week, Cancer. It could be a relationship with a spouse or even a business partner. You'll benefit from this added strength.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23 You may take immense pleasure from doing mundane chores this week, Leo. Washing windows, organizing the garage, sorting through unused clothes ... these are all things to keep busy.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22 Your chart lands you in the sector of romance, creativity and passion this week, Virgo. Embrace all of these elements in your life to the fullest.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, even though you have been a veritable social butterfly lately, you may need to rest your wings for a little bit this week. Slow down and stick closer to home.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22 Scorpio, people might be quick to call you mysterious this week, but you just might be an open book. Share as much as you desire with others.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21 Sagittarius, define what you consider valuable, then do everything in your means to pursue those things. Setting goals can help.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20 Capricorn, get ready to take center stage these next few days and bask in the limelight. Everyone seemingly wants to get a piece of you and you might be pulled in different directions.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18 You are coming off of a season of easy living, Aquarius. But don't expect the apple cart to be upset. The times of smooth sailing have only just begun.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20 It's all about team spirit right now, Pisces. Don't do anything alone for the next several days. You need people in your corner cheering you and others on.



Crossword puzzle solution from September 6th paper

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Living quarters
- 2. Horizontal passage 3. Attacks
- 4. Vietnamese offensive 5. Midway between east and 30. Unit of electrical resistance
- southeast
- 6. Confined (abbr.)
- 8. Port in Yemen
- 9. CNN's founder
- 10. Type of bulb
- 11. Prepare
- 12. Promoted
- 14. Dinner jackets 17. Partner to cheese
- 18. Nebraska city
- 20. Human gene
- 7. Book of Esther antagonist 35. Traditional cars need it
 - - 36. Bowler hat

32. Nastiest

- 38. Robust
- 40. Not straight

25. Blood group

29. Atomic #37

31. Jeweled crowns

- 41. Stony waste matter
- 42. Have an interest in
- 43. Jacob ___, journalist
- 44. Maintains possession of 45. Swiss river
- 46. Average cost of market goods

24. Lowland South American plain

26. Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano

23. Pays no attention to 47. Spanish soldier: El

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of crayon
- 7. Fashion accessory
- 10. Most cerebral
- 12. Incline from vertical
- 13. Dependent on
- 14. Broken in 15. Strongly desires
- 16. Mounted soldier
- 17. Ad __: when necessary
- 18. Cattle
- 19. Ottoman military commanders 48. Rooney is a famous one
- 21. __ student, learns healing
- 22. Composed in poetic meter
- 27. Promotional material 28. Where people live

- 33. Sodium
- 34. Embarrassing
- 36. Medical man 37. Mother of Hermes
- 38. One who saves the day
- 39. Tooth caregiver
- 40. Not clothed
- 41. Slope covered with loose stone
- 44. Used to cook
- 45. Praises enthusiastically
- 49. Beekeeper
- 50. Pigpen 51. Potato chip brand

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