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LAYING ON OF HANDS—Anglican Archbishop of the Diocese of Algoma, the Most Reverend Anne Germond, ordains Reverend Mary Catherine Hazlitt into the Office of Deacons during an historic ceremony conducted at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning with the laying on of hands. The ceremony, the first of its kind at Northern Ontario's oldest Anglican Church, attracted clergy and friends from across the province to officiate and celebrate Rev. Hazlitt's elevation to the diaconate. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 5.**

photo by Michael Erskine

Manitoulin-wide waste management movement seeks ideas, participation from all communities

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—The over 30 members of municipal councils, First Nations and community members who attended the second Island-wide waste management meeting all raised their hands in support of an exploratory committee being formed to look at

alternatives to waste reduction, to get away from landfill usage and the hauling of waste off the Island. Several participants at the meeting also put their names forward to being a member of the committee.

"The committee will look at alternatives and solutions for the

waste problems we all have on Manitoulin Island," said Billings Councillor Vince Grogan, who will chair the committee. "We need solutions to handle our own waste and reduce trucking our waste off the Island. With the right initiatives I think we can reduce about 80 percent of the waste going to our landfills and transfer stations, along with reducing trucks hauling garbage off the Island that will make the Island safer for everyone and provide sustainability, for our current landfills and transfer stations."

"We have to start somewhere," stated Mr. Grogan at last week's meeting in Kagawong. "We can form a committee to start this work. I'd like to get busy with this."

"I like the idea of forming a committee," said Maja Mielonen. "I see the costs of landfills being prohibitive and from the last meeting we know that one First Nation noted it costs \$2 million a

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Union boss optimistic Espanola mill will be sold and resume operations

by Tom Sasvari
ESPANOLA—A Unifor National Service representative is hoping to hammer out a labour adjustment agreement with Domtar representatives this week. While Jerry Logan says the indefinite shuttering of the mill effective later this fall was devastating to employees, management, administration and the community, he is optimistic that a new buyer will purchase the business in the next year or so.

"I'm optimistic a buyer will come along and start the pulp and paper mill again," stated Jerry Logan, Unifor National Service representative late last week.

"Obviously, the news was heart-breaking for the (350) Unifor employees, other employees as well as administration. It is devastating to lose that many jobs in a community of about 5,000 people," said Mr. Logan. "And these are some of the best paying jobs in the region. It is certainly a hard pill to swallow, especially since we had just gone through contract negotiations a few months ago."

Mr. Logan said, "I thought when I was told that there would be an operations update that the company would be shutting down to put money into the business.

My heart sunk when I found out what the actual announcement was."

"There are at least 350 Unifor workers at Domtar (Espanola) along with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) that are under a separate agreement. And the product workers," explained Mr. Logan. "There are three unions involved, and this doesn't include management positions, about 100 I would imagine that will be affected."

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Norisle leaving Manitowaning next week Vacating her mooring of nearly 50 years

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—The S.S. Norisle will be removed from the Manitowaning waterfront at some point during the last week of September. This comes after an agreement was reached by Assiginack Township and Marine Recycling Corporation (MNR), located in Port Colborne. At least 95 percent of the ship will be recycled.

"I wanted to provide an update and explain what is going on with



The S.S. Norisle will leave its berth of nearly 50 years some time next week.

photo by Michael Erskine

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Ontario climate study predicts dire effects; senior author forecasts common-sense outcome

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—While a new report shows that the impacts of climate change in Ontario are increasingly apparent and will continue into the future, one of the study team members (who has business interests on Manitoulin Island) is confident that this can be turned around.

"I'm optimistic we can right the ship," stated Al Douglas, president of the Climate Risk Institute, which authorized the report called the 'Ontario Provincial Climate Change Impact Assessment (OPCCIA)' released in January and commissioned by the province. "One of the things that must take place is to slow emissions, and show how, and put into action, how to be resilient over the next 30-40 years." The report was presented to the provincial government in January, but only

posted publicly in late August. It follows a summer where Ontarians at times faced extreme heat, heavy rainstorms and unprecedented wildfires and the resulting smoke.

The 530-page report is filled with often grim details about the expected effects of climate change in Ontario, including the agriculture sector facing risks of declining productivity, crop failure, livestock fatalities and the fact most Ontario businesses will face increased risks due to climate change. The report also notes that climate risks are highest among Ontario's most vulnerable populations.

"As average temperatures increase, the extremes will increase as well," said Mr. Douglas. The report explains by the 2080s, southern, central and eastern Ontario will see 60 days of

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A fire razed a Honora Bay home last week. Highway 540 was blocked off for a time while crews battled the blaze. The home was built by Gerry Bond.

Honora Bay home lost to fire

by Michael Erskine
HONORA BAY—An early evening fire on Wednesday, September 13 destroyed a home at 2556 Highway 540, causing the highway to be closed for a couple of hours. The conflagration sent a column of smoke towering into the sky that could be seen from Little Current and caused traffic to be rerouted until around 11 pm.

Luckily, the occupant of the home, who was asleep at the time, was awakened by a neighbour in time to escape without a great deal of harm. Although the victim went to the hospital for assessment, she was unharmed, thanks to the efforts of neighbours and passersby.

The occupant of the home, Lynne Pauline Labranche, posted her gratitude online, writing to those who attended at the fire: "Thank you for your support on this matter. Thank you to the gentleman who made me leave the back of my home." She requested that the gentleman in question contact her so she could express her gratitude. She also thanked the emergency crews and those who stopped to help as well.

"I am being told I'm lucky to be alive, I was sleeping while the fire started and during it," she wrote. "I woke up to smoke and flames... thank you to those who saved my life."

A GoFundMe was set up by her neighbour Cathy Prenter and can be found online at GoFundMe by searching for "House fire - need help!"



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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



The winning team in the men's division included Carter Moggy, Noah Thorpe, Rylan Carrick and Ben Dewar. They are seen with members of the MSS robotics team and Chris Bryan, president of the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club.

Over \$8,500 raised for MSS robotics team thanks to first Lions Club golf tournament

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Thanks to the efforts of the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club and a very generous Manitoulin Island community, over \$8,500 was raised in a fundraising golf tournament that will benefit the Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team.

"I'm really glad that we got to see everyone here today and we are so grateful for all of your support and contributions. It makes all of us really happy," stated Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, a member of the Manitoulin Secondary School Manitoulin Metal Robotics FRC 6865 team after the Lions Club's hugely successful first annual golf tournament. The 18-hole tournament was held at the Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya this past Saturday. She acknowledged the efforts of the Lions Club for putting on the event, all the sponsors, participants in the tournament, those who provided prizes for a silent auction held as part of the tournament and all those people who purchased 50/50 draw tickets.

Chris Bryan, president of the Lions Club said the MSS Robotics team, "is a real inspiration to all of us, for how well you have done for Manitoulin Island and going to Houston. We are proud of the team."

"I want to thank everyone for coming out to participate in and support the Lions, MSS and the tournament here today," said Mr. Bryan. "And to everyone who was a sponsor, provided prizes for the silent auction and those who bid on the silent auction items, everyone who purchased tickets on the 50/50 draw."

"I can't express how much this means to the (MSS) kids," stated Mr. Bryan. "Through all of your support we raised \$8,561.98 today for the MSS team."

Mr. Bryan noted the generosity of Todd Tomlinson, of Sudbury who won the 50/50 prize draw of \$942.50 and donated it back to the MSS robotics team.

"On behalf of the Lions Club I want to state how appreciative we were with everyone coming in with support for this tournament," said Mr. Bryan.

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After over a decade of asks, Red Lodge Road, boundary road, will see hard surface treatment

by Tom Sasvari

SHEGUIANDAH—Permanent and seasonal residents, cottagers and municipal representatives are pleased that an agreement has been reached between the municipality of Assiginack and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI)

that will see vast improvements made to the condition of Red Lodge Road and all necessary maintenance work to be carried out and continued by the two municipalities in the future.

An agreement has been signed by both municipalities for the road—which will get gravel laid

this fall and tar and chip paving next year—for the maintenance and repair of a roadway that is a boundary between the two municipalities and that portion of roadway used in lieu of the boundary and including the bridges thereon, that is their duty to maintain and repair.

"And whereas, pursuant to the said section, the corporations of the Township of Assiginack and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectively deem it necessary to enter into such agreement for the maintenance and repair of Red Lodge Road. They have both agreed to provide routine maintenance and repairs to Red Lodge Road on a year-round, rotating basis for three years, with automatic renewal until such time this agreement is terminated in writing by either party," the agreement signed by the two parties earlier this month states.

Tony Stokes, president of the Manitoulin Birch Road Association states, "this is great news. Anyone who has driven the road knows the state the road can be and has been over the years." He said the state of the road over the years has at times presented a

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COVID in the House of Old comes to Wiikwemkoong

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—York University professor and health historian Megan Davies knows only too well how the COVID pandemic tore through the nation's long-term care homes. As the creator and curator of COVID in the House of Old (CIHO), Ms. Davies has collected countless stories with the help of families, staff and residents.

Those stories are represented through the wooden storytelling chairs that sit at the heart of the exhibit. The chairs feature "powerful audio stories of frustration, outrage, care, love and grief that trace the fault lines that COVID-19 revealed in Canada's eldercare system."

COVID in the House documents the national humanitarian crisis and presents those stories to Canadians with an eye to taking action. The exhibit recalls the thousands of Canadian long-term care home residents and workers who died of COVID-19 or suffered extended periods of stress and isolation. Ms. Davies points out that 7,609 seniors in Canadian care homes died of COVID-19 in the first seven months of the pandemic alone.

CIHO will be installed at the Amikook Senior Centre in Wiikwemkoong and available from 9 am to 4 pm and from 6 pm to 8 pm from September 19 to 22, and in the Wikwemikong Nursing Home from 1:30

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Artists' hub in Mindemoya Old School already has commitments from artisans

Friends of Mindemoya Old School looking at operating in 2024

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—With a new roof to be put on the Mindemoya Old School as early as this winter, and responses Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) have received from artists, artisans, and crafters to leasing space in the Artists Hub portion of the building, things are looking positive for the operation of the hub starting in 2024.

"We have had a couple of information sessions for interested artists, artisans and crafters and we are quite happy with the numbers that attended," said Alison McAllister, of FOMOS. "It has been pretty positive so far in regard to the number of artists, artisans and crafters who have come forward and the commitment they have made to lease out space, especially when you consider the building is not yet open

and operational."

"So far we have had seven artists, artisans, crafters that have committed to leasing space on the main level of the building (artists' hub)," said Ms. McAllister. She said almost half of the entire space has already been committed. "We will provide space for them and sell their products on their behalf, or they can opt to sell the products in the space they have, on their own. So far, it seems most are in favour of FOMOS selling the products for them. The key for all of them is the opportunity to sell their hand made products."

"We have been successful in getting funds to replace the roof," said Ms. McAllister noting that the Douglas Smith Family Foundation has put in funds for this by donating to the Architect-

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Whitefish River First Nation to host cannabis sales referendum

by Michael Erskine

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—The community of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is being asked to weigh in on the sale of cannabis products within their territory, following the completion of a "growth of knowledge" report commissioned by the band.

"The Whitefish River chief and council has the well-being of our community as a high priority and we realize that the sale of cannabis products within the community poses an element of risk to the health and well-being of our membership," said WRFN Chief Rodney Nahwegahbow.

Chief Nahwegahbow noted that on Saturday, August 26 WRFN chief and council passed a band council resolution (BCR) placing a moratorium on the retail sale of cannabis products and further, "that the moratorium shall only be lifted by chief and council and that moratorium remains in effect to this day with WRFN remaining committed to ensuring this is respected."

WRFN chief and council said it realizes that since the completion of the Growth of Knowledge Cannabis Report for WRFN that began in 2018 was completed, "It has now become our obligation to address this matter at a community level," noted Chief Nahwegahbow. "A decision to have a community vote was determined as the best method as it impacts the community as a whole."

The community vote is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 25 at the Whitefish River Community Centre from 8 am to 8 pm.

Chief Nahwegahbow went on to say that, "this community vote will

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4e Living Arts Festival is back in full form this weekend, and then some

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG—The Kagawong Park Centre will be humming with artistic activities Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24 as 4elements Living Arts celebrates the return of its annual Elemental Festival for its eighth edition.

"This year highlights the invaluable work artists do to help deepen our connection to the environment and community," said festival organizer Candice Irwin. "Local and visiting creatives have been invited to reflect on how their work connects them with layers of the land on this Island."

"I'm really excited for this year," she said. "There will be lots more artists and a lot more art forms and most of the programming is free."

All weekend there will be gallery exhibits of the work of

Wiikwemkoong's James Simon Mishibiniijima and the Spencer Rice Gallery.

A children's popup play area will be available Saturday, from 12:30 to 4 m and Sunday from 12:30 to 3 pm.

Saturday's itinerary includes an opening talk with Mr. Mishibiniijima, 11 am will feature Sophie Pheasant and 'Dancing the Cattail workshop and a doll making station' from 12 noon to 1 pm. Joan Krygsman and Nettish will provide a musical performance at the Old Church on the Hill from 2 to 3 pm and Ontario Dance Film Series will also take place at the Old Church on the Hill from 4 to 5 pm.

A 6:30 pm dinner is one of the only things that has a cost attached, with a \$75 dinner or \$100 with wine pairings. Mr. Mishib-

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editorial

Removal of books from Ontario school libraries ill-conceived

News that an Ontario school board had removed books from its library based solely on their publication date (prior to 2008)—allegedly to meet a provincial government mandate aimed at better inclusivity and diversity—has raised hackles across the nation. And so it should.

The waves of book banning taking place in recent years, with those on the far right and ultra-woke both taking aim at tomes that offend their sensibilities, should raise alarm.

Some credit should be given to the provincial government for walking back this ill-advised attempt at washing history of, well of what still isn't very clear, although the claim that the directive was never issued has been met with a great deal of skepticism. It should be noted that Island libraries assert they never received any such directive, and the Rainbow District School Board is adamant that no such policy has ever been instituted in schools under its jurisdiction.

Good.
The wave of outrage that erupted when it was suggested that books such as 'The Diary of Anne Frank' were pulled from the shelves of schools led the Peel board to assert that was never the case—although it is noted that books might have been pulled due to their being weathered and worn to too great a degree to retain.

There is no doubt that there are books that should never grace the shelves of elementary school libraries, and some that might be best left off those of high school shelves as well... Adolf Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' readily springs to mind. Books that exhort or attempt to elicit

hate among their readers would best be left to higher academic levels, it can legitimately be argued, but outright banning should not be countenanced.

It is, of course, a challenging line to define and draw. But that line should always be carved with great care—not by an arbitrary or careless hand.

There is currently a fair bit of backlash to the so-called "woke" cadres who advocate the pulling down of statues, renaming of streets, schools and public works. Too often those lines are drawn without proper consideration of context or even evidence (witness the attempts to pillory the abolitionist Dundas). The bathwater is rarely checked for babies in the rush to condemnation. Reactionism is not a sound basis for public policy.

We can look to history for glaring examples of the path down which those who would ban, or burn, books would lead us. This is not a question of right or left ideology. The left's zeal to banish hatred and exclusion from our midst can be just as dangerous as the right's hysteria over gay depictions in books. It behooves us all to be mindful of what we are doing and to be extremely careful when it comes to what we include in the literary diet of our youth.

History has plenty of signposts laid out for the unwary, but if we ban the records of those roads best not travelled, future generations will inevitably find their way down those paths.

Freedom isn't easy.

letters

What is going on?

A call to return to the days of Christian values in schools

To the Expositor:

Why do Canada and the USA have to borrow money? They are great, rich countries.

Sin leading to wickedness is out of control—killings and homosexuality. The Roman Empire went down six times. A poor, weak leader, debt, too many immigrants, poor military and sin. This is just what is happening here in our country.

Canada makes big trade deals, meanwhile our country gets poorer and countries we deal with get richer.

The big freighters hauling across the ocean use tons of fuel, contributing a lot to global warming. Stop them.

Close the tar sands. If we do what we can, maybe next year we will

have fewer forest fires.

Stop risking the fresh water in the Great Lakes.

Close the Line 5 pipeline from Michigan to Sarnia.

God created soil for us tend and grow our food. He also instructed us to build on the rock. Provincially, stripping the soil away covering the land with concrete and pavement is not an option.

Give the teachers bibles, teach the kids the 10 Commandments. If we change our ways and the Lord favours us again as he did in the past, we may save Canada from destruction.

I hope we can turn things around and make it happen.

**Don Burt
Gore Bay**

Pleasure expressed at The Expositor's guardianship of terms

'The Largest Freshwater Island' and 'Hawewater' remain alive within its pages

To the Expositor:

We all love Manitoulin and as I read the editorials about it, I am pleased with the kind words for Manitoulin. But I miss seeing the phrase "Manitoulin Island, the largest freshwater Island in the world."

Thank you so much for keeping this phrase on the front of the paper. Would it not be appropriate to have this sign at South Baymouth and the entrance to the Island when coming onto the Island at Little Current?

The phrase "Hawewater" is slowly fading away, and many younger folks do not know what this phrase stands for.

If these phrases aren't used, they begin to and may fade away completely.

I confess I don't read all the editorials but that doesn't mean I don't appreciate them.

Thank you so much for reading this letter and I hope others will take up the suggestions here.

**Mamie Anne Bowerman
Gore Bay**

Delord Bird, Diane Riching, Joyce Ogunonbo, Fay Bell, Laurie Lewis, Julie Martin, G. Pitawanakwat

Agreement with this newspaper's stance on health units

Now is not the time to reduce health services

To the Expositor:

I agree wholeheartedly with your recent editorial on the merger of health units ('Amalgamation of Northern health units is a deadly concept,' September 13, Page 4).

It's a bad idea for the people of the North and not good for the public in public health.

Bigger is not better when it comes to the merger of the Porcupine Health Unit and the Timiskaming Health Unit.

You now have a health unit that covers a territory from Temagami in the south to Hearst in the north.

These two health units were already struggling with large geographical regions to service and limited budgets.

Does the Ford government, which is imposing these mergers by pushing their idea of the modernization of public health, even understand the health needs of the North?

Modernization is doublespeak for the dismantling of public services.

Having one entity to manage the important role of public health over

such a vast geographic area is not good for an aging and mostly rural populations found in those areas.

Strong public health units have always been the bedrock of health in any region, and since the pandemic we know those services are invaluable.

The Northern Ontario population has higher rates of cancer, cardiovascular disease, stroke, respiratory disease and diabetes, says a report from the former North East Local Health Integration Network.

The people of the North should not accept the gutting of public health via this merger.

Now is not the time to reduce health care services because of government directives that quite often fail to understand the geographical, political and physiological needs of the north.

Where is the "public" in public health? I hope people don't take this merger lightly.

Thank you,

**Sue Nielsen
Cobalt**

Kudos to Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare for speaking truth

Defence of our greenbelt lands for our current and future citizens

To the Expositor:

Hurray for Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and the Chiefs of Ontario for speaking truth to power.

Thank you on behalf of the current and future citizens of Ontario for

demanding the return of the our Greenbelt lands. Well done!

**Mary Nelder
London**

Historic ordination takes place at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—A stately procession of Anglican clergy followed the cross borne into St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning on the afternoon of Saturday, September 16 for the historic ordination of Catherine Mary Hazlitt to the Sacred Order of Deacons. By all accounts, this was the first ordination to take place in St. Paul's, the oldest Anglican church in Northern Ontario. The day was made even more special, given that it was taking place on Holy Cross Day.

Archbishop of the Diocese of Algoma, The Most Reverend Anne Germond, followed the procession into the church wearing the full regalia of her office while the congregation, friends and relatives raised a joyous choral processional hymn 'Lift High the Cross.' The archbishop greeted the community with the traditional phrase: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all"—followed by the response, "and with thy spirit."



A newly-ordained Anglican Deacon Rev. Mary Catherine Hazlitt, centre, with Archbishop Anne Germond to her right and Rev. Dr. Ron Kydd gather in front of the St. Paul's altar with clergy from far and wide following the ceremony.

photo by Kevin Doonan



A procession of Anglican clergy and lay ministers process into St. Paul's Anglican Church in Manitowaning for the ordination of Rev. Mary Catherine Hazlitt as a deacon.

photos by Michael Erskine

(The Anglican rites tend to an older style of English.)

Archbishop Germond then provided a land acknowledgement: "From across Mnidoo Mnising, Spirit Island, and from places beyond, we come to this house of prayer. We gather at

Manidoowaanig, an Odawa word meaning 'cave of the spirit.' This is Treaty 94 territory, the traditional land of the Anishnaabeg: the Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi. We offer our praise and thanksgiving this day, we acknowledge and give thanks for

their stewardship of this land, and we pray the Creator will guide us all on the path of truth, justice-seeking, healing and reconciliation."

The ordinand, Ms. Hazlitt was then formally presented to the archbishop, now seated at the front of the church, by Archdeacon the Venerable Glen Miller and Rev. Canon Diane Hilpert McIlroy and Alison Keenan, who intoned "Reverend Mother in God, I present unto you Catherine Mary Hazlitt to be admitted deacon."

The archbishop then responded, "Take heed that the person whom ye present unto us be apt and meet, for the learning and godly conversation, to exercise her ministry duly, to the honour of God and the edifying of this church." To which the archdeacon responded, "I have inquired of her, and also examined her, and think her so to be."

Archbishop Germond then inquired (much like that of a marriage ban) if there was anyone present who believed Ms. Hazlitt should not be admitted to the

order of deacon. There were no objections raised.

The service then continued with the call and response calling for God's mercy and beseeching the Lord for blessings, grace and assistance in adversities. A reading of 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 preceded a series of questions asked of the ordinand to determine her commitment to the tasks to which she would be assigned in the church, before laying hands upon the kneeling Ms. Hazlitt's head and saying, "Take thou authority to execute the office of deacon in the church of God committed unto thee; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen."

The licence and directions from the archbishop were then read out before the congregation to applause. Deacon Hazlitt will be serving in St. Paul's in Manitowaning, St. Francis of Assisi in Mindemoya, Holy Trinity in Little Current, All Saints in Gore Bay and St. John the Evangelist in Kagawong. The office of deacon is a step on the path toward Rev.

Hazlitt's eventual ordination as a priest following her service as deacon.

Deacon Rev. Hazlitt was then installed with her sash of office by her three daughters, Margaret, Rebecca and Elizabeth and presented with a copy of the New Testament with the words "Take thou the authority to read the Gospel in the church of God and to preach the same, if thou be thereinto licenced by the bishop himself." The deacon then read John 3:13-17.

Deacon Rev. Hazlitt thanked the many friends and family who have supported her in her journey, many of whom had travelled great distances to be with her on this special day.

A sermon was given by Rev. Dr. Ron Kydd, which included a personal story of his interaction with the son of a parishioner who was serving life in prison for murder. He spoke of the more than 25



Deacon Mary Catherine Hazlitt reads her first passage from the bible in her new capacity.

years he met with the man, a hulking individual with extreme anger and hate issues and the perseverance given to him by God to continue ministering. At the conclusion of his story he revealed that, after those 25 years, he baptised the man. "He came to God," said Rev. Kydd.

A communion service then was held in celebration.

Following the service, those attending were invited to a reception at Knox United Church in Manitowaning for refreshment and fellowship.

more letters

Some thoughts on the fate and history of the S.S. Norisle

She travelled in on her own steam but will be towed to her final demise

To the Expositor:

It was one of those token business transactions: in 1974 the township of Assiginack would "buy" the S.S. Norisle for the grand sum of \$1 (Canadian). So they did. And the S.S. Norisle, already in need of aid and essentially crewless, was towed into Manitowaning Bay, much to the wonderment of the townspeople who made their way down to the bay to greet her arrival. She sailed from her home port of Owen Sound under her own power with a crew of retired Great Lakes professional mariners.

As the ship was carefully brought to shore, it was probably not in anybody's mind that it wouldn't move from that spot for nearly the next 50 years. Perhaps it sank a little, along with the hearts of the town's residents when they began to realize how much labour and capital it would take to maintain a ship of that size, spring, summer, winter, fall. But from that day forward, it became the business of the township of Assiginack to figure out what in the world to do with a very large, very iron, and very retired passenger steam ship.

Nobody in the town had any particular expertise in looking after such a neutered nautical beast. But it wasn't really nautical expertise that was needed in this case. The ship wasn't going anywhere. What was needed was ingenuity and imagination. In all honesty, it wasn't entirely certain that the town was even particularly blessed with people who excelled in those abstract areas. But if there is one thing that has been borne out over these last 50 years of wondering what in the world to do with the Norisle, it's that the township of Assiginack has indeed been blessed with some



The S.S. Norisle will soon be departing her berth on the Manitowaning waterfront to be broken up.

photo by Michael Erskine

ingenious and determined residents.

In the long relationship between the town of Manitowaning and the S.S. Norisle, the Norisle was the obstinate one, the stubborn, stuck-in-its-ways obstacle that couldn't be budged, while the townspeople had no choice but to be made malleable and placating, throwing on coats of paint and rubbing on polish to keep up surface appearances (so the neighbors wouldn't talk).

But after the first few years of treading water learning how to maintain such a large ship, a few ideas about what to do with it began to bubble to the surface. Unofficially, here are some of the ways the town managed to turn a hulking, decommissioned steamship into something beneficial without financially capsizing its coffers:

- 1) As a tourist attraction, replete with summer-student tour guides who politely and informatively took people not only through the entire Norisle, top to bottom, but also Burn's Wharf and (if you didn't mind the stairs) the Roller Mill.
- 2) A floating discotheque, back when

going to a disco was something you only ever did in the city. It was on the lower car deck, giving it the sonic disadvantage that metal walls, floor and ceiling will lend to a space, and so sounded an unholy din, even from outside. But the place was packed with local teenagers desperate for any kind of event, deafening dance music be damned.

3) A restaurant with the staff living in the staterooms on the ship, of which there were many.

4) A haunted house(boat) on Halloween.

5) A residence for several theatre troupes that played at the adjacent Burn's Wharf Theatre, turning the entire area into a bustling hive of activity and light.

It should be mentioned that the Norisle was still at this time a charming ship to be aboard, certainly worthy of a tour, and even lavish in areas for a ship its age. It was largely left intact the first half of its life in Manitowaning: it was kept clean in the summer and appeared entirely suitable for brief summer lodging; many teens in the

town secured summer jobs there, and tourists from all over came to see it.

In the latter half of its stay in Manitowaning, the Norisle began to garner some outside attention. Bigger ideas were suddenly in the air, and there was talk of rehabilitating its engines to see if it could once again traverse the mighty water routes of yesteryear. For this to happen, though, the ship would need to be gutted and retrofitted. In short, the gut part was completed, but not the retrofit.

And so, the Norisle languished these last few years, unadorned, unused, uncared for and under a death watch (the final knell being sounded recently by the Canadian Coast Guard who deemed the ship a potential liability). At its best, the Norisle pulled the little town of Manitowaning together in ways nobody could have expected, but lately it seemed to be pulling it apart as differing opinions about what to do with it escalated.

I was there with my parents and brothers and all my other fellow townsfolk down at the bay when the Norisle was delivered to Manitowaning almost 50 years ago, and I spent the majority of my subsequent mispent youth jumping off it, dancing in it, working on it, breaking into it (shhh), standing by it, smoking around it and just staring at the damned thing for far too long because, well, there wasn't much else to do in Manitowaning. There still ain't much to do in Manitowaning, but I'll sure as hell be down at the docks on September 25 to see our girl off.

D'Arcy Closs
Manitowaning

Manitoulin OPP welcomes Robert Walsh as detachment commander

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—An influx of additional officers under a service delivery model has put the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in good stead not only staff wise, but in ensuring appropriate service delivery to protect the communities it serves, says the newly appointed detachment commander for Manitoulin detachment.

“If you hadn’t already heard, congratulations are in order for (former acting inspector for Manitoulin detachment) Robert Walsh who was recently appointed detachment commander for Manitoulin detachment,” Al Boyd, chair of the Manitoulin Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) told members at a meeting last week. “The last time we met (May 10) you were the acting inspector-detachment commander and after a competition, you were the successful applicant. Welcome to the Island. I’m sure you are getting your feet wet. Congratulations. Welcome aboard.”

Detachment Commander Walsh told the meeting, “Under the new OPP service delivery model, once everything is rolled out completely we will have an additional 16 officers. The model is intended to support adequate staffing and ensure appropriate service delivery to protect the communities it serves. The Manitoulin detachment is one of five assessment locations throughout the province where the model is currently being piloted.”

“This program calculates how many officers are

required to serve each detachment area, taking into consideration factors such as officer leave, response times, calls for service and community engagement,” said detachment commander Walsh. He explained, “for the Manitoulin detachment, that has meant a substantial increase in staffing levels, in order to meet the chal-

OPP detachment has had a very successful summer with its marine operational plans program. The detachment now has six qualified marine patrol officers.

“Each year the Manitoulin detachment engages in a robust marine program to ensure safety on our waterways. Our officers take a proactive approach to marine safety,

includes, for instance, increased engagement under the Highway Traffic Act, community engagement and community event engagement.”

“In recent months our officers have realized some incredible results. Through continuous proactive efforts we have seen substantial drug seizures including guns and high-risk offenders being taken off the streets. Officers regularly dedicate time to our Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) program and the results have been fantastic,” said Detachment Commander Walsh. “Their collective efforts are part of the OPP’s larger vision-safe communities, a secure Ontario.”



Robert Walsh, former acting inspector for the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police was recently appointed Detachment Commander for the Manitoulin detachment. In photo, left, Al Boyd of the Manitoulin Community Policing Advisory Committee congratulates Mr. Walsh as the new Manitoulin OPP detachment commander.

lenges and expectations of today’s complex policing environment. The results thus far have been tremendous and I am thrilled that Manitoulin is the benefactor of this new, all encompassing service model.”

“We are one of five assessment locations in the province for the new service delivery model,” said Detachment Commander Walsh.

Detachment Commander Walsh said the Manitoulin

working to educate boaters both on and off the water,” explained detachment commander Walsh. “Our membership regularly partners with our Indigenous policing partners and the Ministry of Natural Resources, with the joint goal of a safe summer boating season for all.”

“We are also seeing an across-the-board increase in officer proactive engagement,” said Detachment Commander Walsh. “This

Greater Sudbury Police Service committed to investigation into disappearance of Meagan Pilon

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—September 11, 2023 marked 10 years since Meagan Pilon went missing from the New Sudbury Area. In 2013, Meagan Pilon was on her way from her Sudbury home to Espanola with the trip to continue onto Manitoulin Island. However, since that time the teenager has been missing.

“The Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS) remains committed to investigating the circumstances of Meagan Pilon’s disappearance and finding answers for her family, friends and the community,” said Kaitlyn Dunn, corporate communications supervisor with GSPS in a release September 11.

“Over the past decade

“We now have two mobile crisis response officers on Manitoulin Island detachment to assist in emergency in moments of need, or referrals after the fact to appropriate resources,” said Detachment Commander Walsh.

“Things have been going pretty good and I’m happy to be here,” Detachment Commander Walsh told The Expositor. “This is a very nice area and we are thrilled with the work all of our officers are doing.”

Detachment Commander Walsh came to Manitoulin OPP this past May from the East Algoma detachment. He has been with the OPP for the past 16 years (having started in 2007). He grew up in a policing family—his dad was with the

OPP for 34 years until he retired for a year, then he went back and has been with the OPP for 45 years.

Detachment Commander Walsh also has an uncle and older brother who are both in policing.

As he told The Expositor previously, he started his career in Goderich, and has also been stationed with OPP in Wawa, Superior East for the past four years in Blind River. He took over the position of acting inspector of the Manitoulin OPP detachment on May 1.

Detachment Commander Walsh lives in Blind River with his wife and two children, a four-year-old daughter and seven-year-old son.

(GSPS) has followed-up on numerous leads and interviewed several witnesses,” the GSPS continued.

Meagan was 15 years old at the time of her disappearance and was described as being 5’10” tall, around 140 pounds, with dark hair, hazel eyes, and a small scar on her right upper lip.

“Over the past decade the GSPS has followed up on numerous leads and interviewed several witnesses,” the GSPS said.

On September 7, 2022, The Expositor wrote a story interviewing volunteers Julie Charette and Natasha Pickering of Please Bring Me Home. Ms. Charette told the Expositor, “We were told that she (Meagan) was on her way to

Espanola to stay for the night, and then would be travelling to Manitoulin Island to visit friends. I belong to the group Please Bring Me Home and she is one of the cases I have been investigating. Nathasia Pickering and I worked on this case.”

Each year, police record over 100,000 missing persons in Canada. Please Bring Me Home’s mission is to solicit anonymous tips regarding cold case missing persons across Canada.

Meagan was last seen by her father on September 11, 2013. She was 15 years old. Anyone with information regarding Meagan Pilon’s disappearance is encouraged to contact the GSPS at 705-675-9171 or Crime Stoppers at 705-222-8477.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

After the amazing success of our as-yet unpublished cookbook, Team Fergmeijer is already working on a spin-off work that takes a deep dive into the history and science of food (one of our favourite topics). It’s amazing the things we have learned in the process of researching for this new book. For instance, Cilantro, a lively citrusy (to some, slightly soapy) flavour, stops being Cilantro once it matures and goes to seed (or ‘bolts’). At that point it is used for the seeds, otherwise known as Cumin, and has a toastier flavour. Our big take-away from this section of our research is that Cilantro is the veal of the herbs and spices world. Stay tuned for more information on our gourmandise journey.

Thanks to everyone who made last weekend’s inaugural evening market a success. It was wonderful to see everyone out for one last market of the season! Don’t let the fact that it is the last market get you down, though, the annual Christmas in Kagawong market is just around the corner (November 17 and 18)!

Yeehaw! This fall, head on over to the Kagawong Park Centre for line dancing Wednesday evenings beginning tonight (September 20). The cost for 10 weeks of hoedown is \$90. Contact joebeth.arnold@gmail.com for more information.

This weekend: The 4elements Living Arts annual Elemental Festival is September 23 and 24 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.

Manitoulin Streams is hosting another Youth Rangers event at the Kagawong Park Centre, on Thursday, September 28 from 5:30 to 7 pm. All youth in Grades 1-8 are welcome to come and explore signs of fall and why leaves change. Cost is \$5 per child. Contact getinvolved.manitoulinstreams@gmail.com to register by Friday, Septem-

ber 22.

A very happy birthday goes out to Barb E this week. It’s the one day a year when you absolutely must splurge and treat yourself to something you wouldn’t normally. So, put away the box wine and see what’s available in a screw top!

Friends, family, and neighbours of Ice Lake are invited to join the Ice Lake Fall Harvest Gathering this Saturday (the 23rd) at the Ice Lake picnic grounds (274 Pleasant Valley Road). The fun starts at 3 pm! Enjoy fall harvest games, delicious food; pig roast is provided, just bring a side dish or dessert as part of the potluck (please bring your own plate, water bottle and utensils). There’s also a pickup ball game! And this year... do you think you have what it takes to win the Ice Lake butter tart contest? Bring your best six plain butter tarts for a chance to win. A \$5 donation is suggested. See you there!

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>

Kagawong’s own (that’s right, we’re claiming him) Mike McCormick of the Arrogant Worms is hosting a house concert near Mindemoya on Friday, September 29. The concert will feature some classical work, mixed with pop, hymns, originals and some other surprises. Visit <https://ticketsplease.ca/> and search for “Mike McCormick” for more information.

You know what they say about finicky herbs... here today, tarragon tomorrow. Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, September 8 six of us travelled to Meldrum Bay for euchre. Murray Duncanson and I split the money jar, both with scores over 82 points.

Saturday morning, there was a market in our yard.

Saturday afternoon, at the Silver Water Community Hall, there were 51 ladies that attended a fashion show and tea. There were a lot of sales made after the three models displayed some of the outfits. Twenty percent of the sales will be donated back to the UCW. The day was a very successful fundraiser.

After the fashion show was over, I took the car home full of the teacups and saucers that were used at the event. Albert Meijer and I picked up Doug and Brenda Carter as well as Gladys Duncanson. We went to Rockville for the Snowdusters fish dinner. There were lots of people eating in the hall, so we took our meals outside to eat at one of the picnic tables set up. We drove the scenic route home through Mindemoya and Union Road to avoid the construction in Gordon Township.

On Sunday afternoon, I took Myra Duncanson, Doug and Brenda Carter, DonnaKay McDonald and Erwin Thompson to Tehkummah for the euchre tournament. Myra and I won first prize. Guy Bigras and Harold Rogers had the second highest score. Mildred Kelly and Bob Benedict also attended from Meldrum Bay.

On Monday, Brenda Carter and I took Anne Boyd to Sudbury for an appointment. We had a very successful trip.

Albert looked after the recycling bins on Monday afternoon. He said he had quite a few people and they arrived spaced out over the hour. Thanks to everyone who brought their cans and bottles to be used to fundraise for the community hall.

Tuesday evening, I felt the first sign of a cold coming on. So far it is just a head cold, but it is hanging on quite well. I skipped euchre on Thursday night and will stay home on Friday night. I figure I came into contact with some germs in Sudbury. Luckily Anne and Brenda are fine.

The bicycle tour to Meldrum Bay for the Mindemoya Hospital is next weekend. This is a big fundraiser for them if anyone wants to sponsor any of the riders.

The Local Services Board of Robinson Township has its election meeting on Sunday, September 24 at 4 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall.

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

Happy 50th birthday to Shawn Noble on September 22.

Happy belated 65th anniversary to Lloyd and Jean Steeves.

...climate study predicts dire effects; senior author forecasts common-sense outcome

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temperatures over 30°C per year, nearly four times the increase from the current annual average of 16 days. Northern Ontario currently averages four extreme heat days annually, but this is projected to reach upwards of 35 days each year.

“Changes in Ontario’s climate are expected to continue at unprecedented rates,” the report indicates. “It is important to recognize how these findings can be used to spur action to protect residents, ecosystems, businesses and communities across Ontario.”

“No part of the province will be immune to any of these climate change concerns,” said Mr. Douglas.

“Ontario will experience more heat days and extreme heat days, which is a pretty big challenge for people who already experience heat, heat stress and are part of the vulnerable population,” said Mr. Douglas.

The report presents the ways researchers expect climate change to affect each region of Ontario along five broad themes: infrastructure, food and agriculture, people and communities, natural resources, ecosystems and the environment; business and the economy.

Mr. Douglas said that Ontario’s food production and agriculture are particularly vulnerable to climate change. “Fields will decrease. It will affect the overall health of livestock. It will pose indirect threats to things like water availability, water quality. It will indirectly impact soil health and soil quality.”

The report breaks down the different risks to various parts of Ontario’s \$45 billion agriculture sector, including a potential 50 percent drop in corn production from inadequate moisture or the high risks to apple crops from late spring frosts, extreme precipitation or extreme heat.

Mr. Douglas told CBC News, “I hope the report and the findings will motivate more action. Everyone has to play a part in this because of the magnitude of the issue.”

In the area of food and agriculture, “while changes in particular climate conditions may present stable or even declining risk scores for specific commodities and regions, any potential opportunities are likely to be offset by negative impacts, resulting in declining productivity, crop failure and livestock fatalities,” the report notes. “Several commodities, particularly in the southern regions of the province, are expected to face very high climate risks by the end of the century.”

“Existing infrastructure condition pressures combined with a changing climate will drive mid-to long-term challenges in managing Ontario’s infrastructure,” the report explains. “Not a single asset included in this assessment is considered to have a risk profile less than medium under current climate conditions. Across most regions and asset

types, this risk is expected to rise in the future by mid-century (2050s). Risks may be amplified by existing interdependencies between infrastructure types, triggering cascading impacts across systems.”

“Climate change is already causing significant changes to Ontario’s natural environment, and risks to species, habitats, and ecosystems, and this will continue to rise into the future. The impact assessments finds that risk profiles across almost all natural systems and species assessed are rising to high by mid-century. By the end of century, one quarter of these are expected to be very high. Regional differences are important to recognize, with human development enhancing risks in regions further south, and an accelerated rate of climatic changes driving risks in northern regions of Ontario.”

The OPCCIA finds that climate risks are highest among Ontario’s most vulnerable populations and will continue to amplify existing disparities and inequities.

Climate impacts, and the associate economic shocks will not be uniform across Ontario. The impact assessment finds that most Ontario businesses will face increased risk due to climate change, with the largest increases in risk expected for business dependent on natural resource systems and where historical infrastructure deficits exist.

Mr. Douglas told CBC News, “I hope the report and the findings will motivate more action. Everyone has to play a part in this because of the magnitude of the issue.” “The information gained from the OPCCIA is not meant to be an endpoint, and it is important to recognize how these findings can be used to spur action to protect residents, ecosystems, businesses and communities across Ontario,” the report continues. “As such, key findings should be aligned and used to inform policies, programs, research, and investment decisions moving forward. A next step in this process could be used to evaluate specifically how risk results can be used to accelerate participation at various scales and in various sectors and systems across Ontario.”

“This report speaks to the need for resilience, adaptation and action,” said Mr. Douglas. “For Northern Ontario, some of the climate hazards translate across the entire provincial landscape. For instance, in terms of flooding we will see in the far North in areas like James Bay and Hudson Bay. There is no part of the province that is immune to extreme heat or flooding.”

Mr. Douglas said the report should be used “as a baseline. The purpose of the report is to understand where we are in terms of risk and, first, what climate risks are now and in the future. In three to five years the report should be updated to show how we are doing in terms of resilience building, adaptation and action.”

“The number one thing this report does is establish a

baseline to encourage and promote the impetus for action that is needed to be taken,” said Mr. Douglas. “We need more implementation (of initiatives that will help improve the climate).”

“For examples communities have to look at resilience measures, think about upgrades to infrastructure that are currently vulnerable to climate change, and services,” said Mr. Douglas. “As stewards of the ecosystem natural environment we need to protect those and make sure they are functioning well,” said Mr. Douglas. “Our report uses reference from Adaptation and Resilience Best Practices, what are the best practices the government can put in place provincially to organize and tackle all of these issues.”

Mr. Douglas said the Climate Risk Institute started in 2019. “We did this report and submitted it to the government in January. I don’t know how or why the report wasn’t released earlier, it could be they were reviewing the results and departments of the government were looking at it. But with the extreme heat, and flooding we saw this past summer the release of this report is timely.”

...waste management movement seeks ideas, participation

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year to truck waste off-Island. We can find alternative solutions so that this money stays on the Island, we are not trucking waste off the Island and instead using the waste as a viable resource. This committee would be able to think out of the box and provide alternatives. Together we are smart enough and have the expertise to actually make money with our waste, and to reduce the amount going into landfills.”

“If we get all our ducks in a row and look at alternatives for waste, we could be a template for the rest of Canada,” said Mr. Grogan. “I agree totally. The funding is there, and the time is right.”

One woman in the audience said, “we need to educate people on what can be done with our waste. I think one thing that I would like to see is a central place on the Island being set up for furniture and other items where people can either bring or take items like old shingles that are still usable, two by fours and more.”

“I agree—it’s all our problem and by working together we can produce this and other ideas that would help alleviate our problems with waste management on the Island,” said Mr. Grogan.

Colin McKeever said, “we need to take the landfill option off the table. We can use waste as a resource. I think it is

very important to get a sub-committee up and running. We need an in-depth study carried out to understand our waste and the waste we are creating like organic fibres and how we can use it as a resource. With planning we can get the job done.”

“I think the Island working together on waste management solutions is the way to go, rather than looking at this all through each municipality,” said Dale Scott. “We need to work together to manage our waste.” He said we can look at short-term solutions, but the Island can incorporate new initiatives for handling waste like thermal technology and high-tech technology diversion options.

“One municipality can’t do this alone but as an Island we can look at all of this together,” said Mr. Scott.

Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin told those at the meeting that his municipality was forced into closing its landfill. “We had our own waste facility (landfill) for many years then received a letter from the Ministry of Environment that our application for an extended lifetime on our site would not be extended. Since June we have been collaborating with our friends in Espanola and shipping all our solid waste to Espanola.” He said that the municipal monthly fee to haul waste had been \$34,000 but last month (in hauling to Espanola) “our bill was \$58,000 which is a dramatic increase. Fortunately, council was smart enough to have put funds in our budget to look after

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ratify whether our First Nation will proceed with a law allowing the sale of cannabis products or whether our First Nation will prohibit the sale of cannabis products under mechanisms of existing laws and/or band bylaws.”

“Either way, the laws implemented will reflect control of the sale of cannabis or finalize the complete and absolute prohibition,” he continued. “Again, the existing retail cannabis sales moratorium remains in effect until such determination and relevant laws are completed or implemented.”

Bahá'í Writings

In the highest prayer, men pray only for the love of God, not because they fear Him or hell, or hope for bounty of heaven.

— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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this.”

“We had people up to visit us on the weekend from Ferguson,” said Mr. Stephens. “They were talking about a user mall they have in their community where everyone takes their leftover usable materials and leave or take what they need from this site. That keeps what one person felt was an unwanted material in use and are used instead of being taken to a landfill. We could look at this Island-wide. And education is very important in terms of what can be done with much of our waste, and we can find common solutions.”

Mr. Grogan had told the meeting, “I hope after tonight’s meeting we can agree to find solutions to our mutual prob-

lem. Trucking (waste) it off isn’t the best solution.”

“Every truck generates 230 metric tonnes a year of carbon. But my personal biggest fear is in the event the truck that transfers your/our waste off-Island is involved in an accident on Highway 6 which could cost both human lives and natural disasters. That highway is our lifeline and natural preserve, and we have to keep that highway open year-round.”

“I am hopeful we can agree to form a committee with both a sharp focus on alternatives and solutions, and deadlines to present solutions through a request for a delegation to all communities to keep all stakeholders informed and request financial support to move the initiative forward,” said Mr. Grogan.

“In order to allow the group to access government funding we will need to first start with a feasibility study. This study will look at all our individual situations and needs to come up with a solution for the Island,” continued Mr. Grogan. He said the committee could look at diversion options for glass, corrugated and paper, tin and steel, recyclable plastic products, compostable and food oil/grease waste, non-recycling products like mattresses, pillows and fabric.

“The goal of this committee can include researching possible private sector partnership opportunities, state of the art environmental solutions and available grants, but most importantly wide-reaching messaging and education,” continued Mr. Grogan. “This committee should also look for a small footprint at each transfer station to encourage rehabilitation, restoration, and new life for unwanted products. Billings has requested our licence be modified to encourage our neighbours to let their clutter have a second chance and completely divert those gems.”

Billings Mayor Bryan Barker had indicated that at its last meeting Billings council had formally committed to working together to secure long-term solutions to manage the Island’s garbage and have dedicated \$5,000 in its municipal budget to enforce this support.

Emily Dance, Billings township clerk told the meeting there is funding available for the feasibility study with grants up to 50 percent of eligible costs to a maximum of \$175,000 and if the proposal continues from there pilot project funding for 50-80 percent of eligible costs up to a maximum of \$500,000. As well for capital projects financing is available for up to 80 percent of eligible costs to a maximum combined financing of \$10 million.

Brad Wright, a Gordon/Barrie Island councillor said before the committee takes a path of looking at all options, each municipality needs to quantify the costs for each to truck waste off the Island, what is being trucked off the Island and the number of trucks hauling garbage.

“At our last meeting there was a lot of support to form a sub-committee would allow us to go forward,” said Mr. Barker. “Maybe tonight we could go down that path.”

Mayor Barker introduced Brendan O’Farrell, senior environmental officer for the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks. The latter was asked how the majority of communities in Ontario are addressing the same problems as the Island with trucking of waste and using landfills. “Those situations are manageable through expansion of their landfill sites. Manitoulin is unique because of its topography and geography and expanding attenuation zones can be very difficult.”

Mr. O’Farrell outlined the process for opening a new landfill or expansion of a site is very costly and lengthy. “It can take up to 10 years to get final approval and opening. The way this group is looking at this to mitigate Island-wide is the way to go rather than each municipality going

through the process on their own.”

“Anything is possible, however, there is always that cost and time involved,” said Mr. O’Farrell. “If the Island was looking for a site you would be looking at a 10-year process and it would be costly.”

Mr. O’Farrell was asked if a site for recycling materials would provide a shorter time frame to put in place. “It depends on the situation and what is being proposed,” noting the process would still have to go through the application. Central Manitoulin had a pilot project for composting which included no ECA (environmental certificate of approval), and the ministry was not involved.”

“Education can be part of the committee efforts,” said Mr. Grogan. “If we can educate people on what they can compost, how to reduce and divert from landfills, and how all of this is a benefit to keep a lot of waste out of landfills.”

“A lot of municipalities and First Nation landfills are in dire straits,” said Mr. Barker. “We (Billings) are going through the process to expand our landfill, that if successful would provide another 20 plus years. We are looking at alternative options for waste disposal and diversion.”

“From a personal standpoint the formation of this group and discussion is probably the right way to go down this road,” said Mr. O’Farrell.

Mr. Grogan said in looking at forming a sub-committee he would like a minimum of six members, from municipalities, First Nations and community representatives.

“I agree a sub-committee makes a lot of sense,” said one person. “And to look at different ways to reduce our waste, divert our waste from, and look at what is happening in our landfills, and other alternatives.”

“I applaud Billings for standing up and taking the lead on this and doing such a good job in trying to get this project going,” said Kim Neale.

Mr. Wright suggested a sub-committee could bring forward a list of things they are proposing as alternatives/options to reduce waste and request say \$5,000 from each municipality and First Nation this is the thing we are looking to do. I think the committee would need to have the list of alternatives and ideas in place before approaching councils.”

However, Mr. Barker said before that takes place an application for a feasibility study would need to be undertaken, said Mr. Barker.

“The timing is right,” said Mr. Stephens. “We are in the throes of looking at our 2024 budget, if we know this process is going ahead and funds are going to be necessary to participate in this project we can put money aside. Central Manitoulin can look at this in our budget.”

Jack Bould, a Gordon/Barrie Island councillor suggested that the committee shouldn’t just include council members, it should include community members.

“Yes, and we need every community to indicate that they are having the same or other waste management issues and are looking at solutions as we are,” said Mr. Grogan. “If we can speak to each of your communities and get community support to participate on the committee, I would welcome that.”

While the town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) current landfill has a lifespan of 40 years, Mayor Al MacNevin told the committee the town is also looking at all options to reduce, reuse or diverse waste. “It’s the ideas that will be coming forward from the committee I look forward to seeing. Having the Island working together concept is good, not just for waste. I am looking forward to working with the group.”

The meeting felt that a deadline for coming up with solutions to present to the communities is necessary. “I agree, I want all of this done as soon as possible. I don’t want this to take 10 years to come up with solutions,” said Mr. Grogan.

“I like the idea of putting together an exploratory committee and going that route first,” said Mr. Barker.

“We would encourage everyone to go back to your communities and see who would like to be on the committee,” said Mr. Grogan, who everyone at the meeting agreed, should be the unofficial chair of the committee.

Nine people at the meeting indicated their interest in being on the committee, while more are encouraged to take part. Those interested can contact Tina Beckerton, financial/administrative assistant of Billings at 705-282-2611 ext. 221 or via email at tbeckert@billingstwp.ca

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out under tow from Manitowaning sometime between September 25-29." The ship will be moved off the dock to the lake by stern, and then towed.

"From there it will be taken to Port Colborne and be removed from the water hull for dry docking," said Mr. Elliott. "It will be recycled," he said, noting that, "we expect it will take six weeks of work." Mr. Elliott said the schedule is tentative and dependent on weather conditions.

As was reported in the September 6 edition of The Expositor, at an Assiginack council meeting in late August council agreed that the vessel would be removed from the Manitowaning harbour for recycling, citing its safety and environmental concerns with the ship remaining in Manitowaning. It will cost the township approximately \$743,000 for MNC to remove the ship from the Manitowaning waterfront for recycling at its certified vessel recycling facility at Port Colborne.

Mayor Reid told council the cost, "Includes having a special pilot aboard the tugboat. We are also required to have a US assist between Lake St. Clair and the St. Mary's River. There is also a cost for insurance," she said, noting that the township is also paying some of the cost of disposal (of the ship). "At least 95 percent of the ship will be recycled," she

said. "There are also permits the township needs to purchase."

"There are a few things from the ship in the trailer and mill, and we will be removing them and decide what will be done with the remaining parts of the ship."

Mayor Reid further explained events coordinator Jackie White is going to set up a link on the township website for people to post memories or photographs of the Norisle that will possibly be transferred to a memory stick for the museum board to have. She said the ship's engineer order telegraph (also known as a chadburn), a communications device used on a ship for the pilot on the bridge to power the vessel at a certain speed, will go to the Assiginack Museum as part of a display.

"There are a lot of people who want to see the ship when it leaves (Manitowaning)," said Councillor Dwayne Elliott. "Will we be making it public when this is going to take place?"

"As soon as know we will be letting people know," said Mayor Reid.

Councillor Jennifer Hooper said, "I would like to thank you for bringing this information to us tonight. There has been a lot of misinformation about the ship brought up in the past. Disposing of the ship wasn't our first option. It was the last option, because every other avenue has been exhausted."

...optimistic Espanola mill will be sold, resume operation

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Mr. Logan said Unifor employees run from about three years' experience to those with over 30 years' experience with some of the latter looking at retirement soon and some who don't qualify for a pension. "We are going to be meeting with the employer and the union members to get an agreement in place to close those gaps." He held an initial meeting with the employer on Friday, September 8, and a meeting with the Unifor employees on September 12.

"I'm optimistic a buyer will come along and start the operations again," said Mr. Logan. "We are hearing



The Domtar mill in Espanola will idle operations by November.

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a minimum of a year that the operations will be idle. They (Domtar) have a power dam and sell electricity to the province so they will need some (employee) presence during that time."

"What we need to do is make sure the employees are taken care of properly and get the idle mode being maintained until a new buyer comes along," said Mr. Logan. "But it is tough

for workers and those that are and are not going to be working through the company idle period."

Mr. Logan said, "the idle period begins November 30 and we need to keep people in so it continues. The concern is who is for those not working during the idle period. It is going to be tough to have employees stick around that long when they can go out and try and get another job." He, along with the employees and the employer will be meeting this week (Tuesday). "We need to bargain a good adjustment agreement for the employees."

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Northeast Town Council Notes

Planning Authority

Council heard three planning applications at its September 5 meeting.

Karen Thomson put forward an application for consent to create two new building lots with water access only on Lot 197, Concession 13 in Sheguiandah

Township.

No comments or requests were received from any ministry or the public.

Staff noted that the application does not constitute a need for a subdivision and will be for the purpose of new development. No park land dedication will be

required.

The two new lots would each be 46 metres of frontage.

The application was approved.

The second application from Robby and Rhonda Martel sought a site-specific zoning bylaw amendment for a residential garage larger than allowed under the current bylaw. The couple is asking to build a garage with a maximum height of 6.5 metres and an area of 100.3 square metres. The current bylaw permits a maximum height of five metres and a maximum area of 89 square metres.

The application was approved.

Thirdly, council reviewed a zoning bylaw amendment application from Paul Lefebvre. He was requesting the zoning for 54 Water Street in Little Current be rezoned from

residential to multiple residential. And to allow a single detached dwelling and to utilize a currently installed foundation. The property is surrounded by residential, vacant and multiple residential properties.

No correspondence was received to the application and staff felt there would be no adverse effects from the amendment.

The application was approved.

Garbage truck woes

The garbage truck has been experiencing serious breakdowns this year—over \$40,000 has been put into it this year alone, CAO Dave Williamson told council.

“There are a lot of miles on it,” he added. “The truck is not reliable, but we can’t afford not to have it.”

“In order to ensure the picking up of garbage (in Ward 2), we are proposing a front-load truck, which means we need front-load bins,” Mr. Williamson said. “This means a contractor can pick it up if the truck goes down.”

Currently, staff has to “hand bomb” garbage from the bins to another

municipal vehicle when the garbage truck is out of commission.

A new truck had not been budgeted for in 2023, but staff suggested it for council’s consideration for the upcoming 2024 budget deliberations.

Staff received three quotes for five front-load bins with the suggestion that the municipality purchase five, eight-yard bins at \$10,125 plus tax for a total of \$105,569.40 plus tax. This would come from the landfill reserve account.

Councillor Bill Koehler asked if all front-loading bins were standard to match the trucks. Mr. Williamson answered in the affirmative.

Fielding Place signage

Council received a request from the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board to place signage no larger than one square metre for the new seniors’ housing complex at 5 Park Street at two locations on municipal property. Council approved the request.

Cheque register

At the September 7 administration and finance

committee meeting council approved the August payroll expenses, \$219,874.85, and August municipal expenses, \$1,186,019.74.

Shoreline Road Allowance request

Council received a letter from Brenda and Anita Dewar of Bay Estates, requesting permission to perform landscaping work along the shoreline road allowance adjacent to their property.

The Dewars had numerous requests, such as: planting trees, shrubs and flowers; removing trees; relocating boulders; extending the existing gravel swath by removing grass and adding additional gravel; levelling out hills and valleys; and placing a shed, deck and sauna on deck blocks.

The municipality agreed to minor leveling of areas on the shoreline road allowance and a gravel drive down to the water if it is a least 10 feet from the neighbor’s buried water line. All work to be supervised by the Manager of Public Works and subject to Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry approval.

Northeast Town finalizes 2022-26 strategic plan

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—After many weeks of discussion, council for the Northeast Town has developed a new strategic plan for 2022-2026 with a focus in five key pillars.

CAO Dave Williamson reminded council that the document is meant to be dynamic, not static and will be ever-changing as the term progresses.

A healthy and sustainable community

The first of the pillars is ‘build a healthy and sustainable community’ with the strategic goals of: improving communications with constituents and partners by utilizing media to inform and educate the public and continuing to use the municipal website as a hub for sharing municipal information; promote volunteerism in the municipality by promoting and encouraging volunteerism and seeking additional ways to recognize those contributions; enhance safety on our municipal roadways by addressing speeding and high traffic issues on cross streets in town, exploring options for implementation of traffic calming measures and increase safety and parking in high-traffic areas; explore alternative methods of waste diversion and disposal at the landfill by exploring options for composting and recycling within the community including public education and awareness, funding to purchase composters and exploring a composting program at the landfill.

Strengthening the local economy

The second pillar is ‘strengthening our local economy.’ Goals include business attraction, creating an attractive business environment to retain existing businesses and attract new business; and exploring opportunities to ensure a skilled workforce by actively promoting the community as a desirable location to work and live as a method of attracting a broader workforce.

Enhancing community infrastructure

The third pillar is ‘enhancing community infrastructure.’ Goals include increasing internet accessibility within the community by exploring options and availability of fibre for Little Current and broadband to increase rural connectivity and continuing to lobby the government; continue to upgrade critical and necessary municipal buildings, infrastructure and equipment across the community by: exploring options and developing a long-

term plan for waste treatment; continuing to commit and maximize funding necessary to upgrade infrastructure; development of additional sidewalks throughout town; development and expansion of the Sheguiandah Government Dock park area; installation of additional benches along the Low Island trail; continuing to upgrade fire protection vehicles on an ongoing basis, as necessary; explore funding opportunities to complete the development of hard-surface bicycle trails on the sides of our municipal roadways; and enhance the indoor facilities at the NEMI recreation centre to enable the offering of additional activities. The goal of affordable housing sees council exploring options to work towards improved and affordable housing projects; expand opportunities for community members and visitors to enjoy and connect with nature by planting additional trees throughout the community and continuing to promote dark skies via light pollution shields and community education and awareness.

Creating an age-friendly community

The fourth pillar is ‘create an age-friendly community.’ The goals are increased access to transportation for seniors, especially accessible transportation by exploring options and availability of transportation options for seniors within our community; and placing an emphasis on ensuring that seniors have access to and can source services and goods locally by lobbying the province for a Service Ontario office within the municipality and encouraging community members to utilize the website as a hub for municipal information such as events, activities and programming.


Tourism promotion and development

Lastly, the fifth pillar is ‘tourism promotion and development.’ Goals are increased availability of electric vehicle charging stations within the municipality by exploring options to work with local businesses to secure additional locations for EV charging stations; and ensuring that the municipality has a variety of events, activities and programming on a year-round basis by enhancing the promotion of events and programs to ensure the public is aware of activities occurring throughout the year and through cross-promotion of events and activities with other Island communities and tourism providers.

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Manitoulin Country Fest 2023 organizers announce they are planning for 2024

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—"It was a good year," said Manitoulin Country Fest organizer KT Timmermans when asked how Manitoulin Country Fest 2023 went over. "Camping went well and the weather cooperated, although there was a bit of wind. It is always a bit of a crap shoot when it comes to the weather."

Another crap shoot, one that didn't go quite so well, was government funding. Usually, the festival can anticipate a bit of a boost from festivals funding from the province. But like nearly all Northern events, this year that well came up dry. "That was the case for most of the Northeast, they were not successful," she said.

That was especially challenging this year, as just like

everywhere else, costs have risen dramatically for festival presenters. "Not getting the funding was a disappointment, but that is not something you come to depend on," she said. "We just had to take a close look at where we could cut back without hurting the experience for the people who come out for a great time."

Like most festivals this season, numbers were down at the gate, but not so much that it put the festival in any danger. The weekend passes were down somewhat, but the day passes went very well. The Flat Rock Entertainment Centre crew had changed the way tickets were sold this season and that helped to take a fair bit of pressure off, as the number of volunteers were also down a bit this year.

"We have already started to sell tickets for next year,"

said Ms. Timmermans, even though the process of lining up the talent is just beginning. "People ask about the lineup, but we point out that we have been delivering a great country music experience for 17 years." That history provides some level of comfort to many yearly attendees who have already begun booking their campsites for 2024.

Festival updates and advanced tickets can be found at the festival website at www.frec.me.



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Fans line up for some great food on the North Channel Cruise Line pre-festival cruise.

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Country star Dean Brody was a definite crowd favourite.



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Indigenous people from all over came to Manitoulin for a farm tour hosted by the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario last week. Here the tour stops at the Jansen farm, a meat goat operation.
photos Margery Frisch

IAPO hosts farm tour on Manitoulin Island

by Margery Frisch
MANITOULIN—On Saturday, September 16, the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario (IAPO) hosted a farm tour on Manitoulin Island. The event was free and open to all First Nations members and it was well attended.

People came from the north and south, some arriving on the Chi-Cheemaun to learn about types of farms and methods of farming. The day was full, beginning with breakfast in Wiikwemkoong at 8:30 am. From there, many travelled on the bus that was provided while those from afar came in their own vehicles.

Louis Naokwegijig hosted the first stop where tour members learned of grain fields, along with some forage sampling. Broiler birds and the Wiikwemkoong community beef herd were the subject of their next stop. Evert Jansen and his wife Barbara hosted at their goat farm in Honora Bay where they raise Boar goats for meat. This writer caught up with the group there.

Ms. Jansen instructed everyone in attendance to take 'biosecurity' precautions with a foot bath, dipping shoes into a disinfectant bath, and the use of hand sanitizer before the goats were let out of their pen and into the fenced in field. "The electric

fence is off," Mr. Jansen said, "so don't worry about that," as everyone headed to the fence to get a good look at the goats.

Camden Lawrence, business advisor from IAPO was on hand to answer questions. "We've been running these farm tours for quite a while now. Of course, with COVID they stopped and we're just trying to get back into doing them again," said Mr. Lawrence.

The IAPO was established in 1984 as a not-for-profit corporation to aid First Nations communities with financial support and training in the agricultural field. While agriculture is IAPO's core focus, in the last decade they have expanded their lending services to other industries.

Following lunch in M'Chigeeng, the tour continued at Glen Corbiere's farm. The last stop was at the new butcher shop in Wiikwemkoong as the bison farm had to cancel their part in the tour. It was a full day, touching on many aspects of small farm operations. Those who took part appreciated the opportunity. "We come from the Saugeen region," one woman said, "there's so much land in our community that is not being used and we want to learn what types of things we can do with it. This is so helpful," she said.

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This year's camp was a great success with our youth returning back to camp since COVID. Of all 17 attendants, some were returning from our previous camp and some were new to camp and all had an awesome time. The youth did great at setting up their Ti Pi tents the first evening and getting use to the rigorous routine we put together. Even the rain didn't dampen their spirits from learning and bonding with each other; traditional teachers and knowledge keepers along with other resources and staff made this year's camp a great experience. Even though we couldn't utilize our Trust Pole due to the wasps and woodpeckers, we will ensure all equipment is ready for next year.

Chi Miigwetch to our partners – Whitefish River First Nation for allowing us to utilize the Rainbow Lodge and cabins; Noojmowin Teg for lending us the canoes and lifejackets; Challenges Unlimited for inspecting our trust pole and climbing equipment; Our knowledge keepers and traditional teachers George Couhie, James Carpenter, Joe Pitawanakwat and Esther Osche; Curtis Hare and Dave Corbiere for the fish – was delicious; and OPP CSO John Hill; Sarah Seabrook – Mental Health Services; Tony Debassige – M'Chigeeng Youth Worker.

Also a great big thanks to our Lighting The Fire Within – Teresa Nahwegahbow and UCCM APS Chief, Officers and staff, we couldn't have done this without your great help!!



Books such as 'The Diary of a Young Girl' have not been removed from Rainbow school libraries

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—School books like 'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank and the Harry Potter series and others pre-2008 have not been removed from Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) school libraries.

"No, there has been no directive come down (from the province) that says that books pre-2008 are to be removed from the libraries," said Nicole Charette, communications officer with the RDSB last week. "Even the Peel District School Board (PDSB) has indicated they are not doing this. Their director of education has in a statement said this is not being done. All the books in our schools are still in school libraries," she said.

Ms. Charette said, "We have not banned any books from the libraries in Rainbow schools. We have added to our libraries to ensure that we have a diverse collection of books. We want resources for teaching and learning to reflect the students that we serve, promote crucial thinking, and foster a love of reading. We offer students a collection of fiction and non-fiction texts."

This story developed after CBC News reported on September 13 that students and parents were questioning the Peel school board's seemingly inconsistent approach to a new equity-based book weeding process implemented by PDSB last spring in response to what was a seemingly provincial

directive from the Minister of Education.

They said the new process, intended to ensure library books are inclusive, appears to have led some schools to remove thousands of books solely because they were published in 2008 or earlier.

Subsequently, Rashmi Swarup, director of education for PDSB said in a statement, "The Peel District School Board follows the library weeding guidelines set by the Canadian School Libraries Association. These guidelines direct the teacher librarians at our 259 schools to keep books with any publishing date that are accurate, relevant to the student population, inclusive, not harmful, and support the current curriculum from the Ministry of Education."

"To be clear, books such as 'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank and the Harry Potter series remain in our collections, and where needed, newer versions may be purchased if the book is in poor condition," the PDSB director wrote. "The weeding and seeding, or replenish-

ment, of schoolbook collections has always been a part of the responsibilities for all teacher librarians within the PDSB and of school boards across Canada. The replenishment process significantly enhances the school libraries' capacity to offer a more precise, inclusive, culturally relevant

ular books from our collections," said the PDSB director. "Regardless of publication date, older or damaged books that are accurate, relevant to the student population, inclusive, not harmful, and support the current curriculum may stay within the school or schools have the opportunity to repurchase newer copies of the same title to replace the damaged ones."

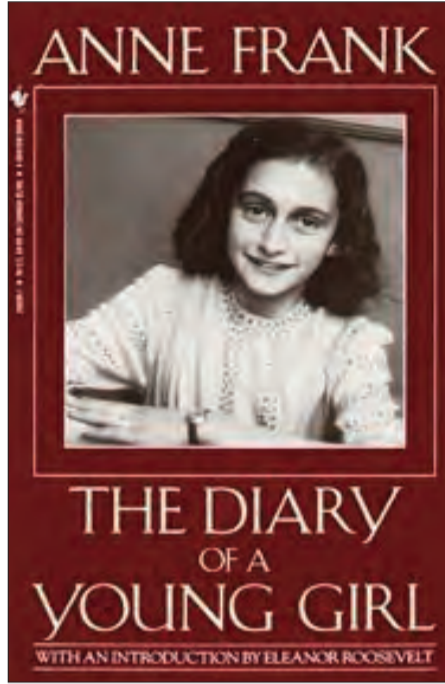
"Teacher librarians will continue to be advised to follow the recycling guidelines from the Region of Peel and in collaboration with the school's custodial staff when determining

how to dispose of books.

"Training is conducted annually, and we will be reviewing our training process to ensure consistency in replenishment of Library Learning Commons Resources across PDSB schools," Director Swarup wrote. "The (PDSB) continues to work to nurture student-centred learning environments that allow children to see themselves reflected in their school every day."

And, following that statement, on September 13, education minister Stephen Lecce asked the PDSB to immediately stop its so-

called "weeding." Minister Lecce said on Wednesday of last week that he wrote to PDSB asking it to halt the process. "Ontario is committed to ensuring that the addition of new books better reflects the rich diversity of our communities. It is offensive, illogical and counter-intuitive to remove books from years past that educate students on Canada's history, antisemitism, or celebrated literacy classics," Minister Lecce wrote in a statement. "I have written to the board to immediately end this practice."



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"PDSB teacher librarians have not been given the direction to remove all books published with a publication date older than 2008 nor has the board received provincial direction to remove partic-

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We are already more than halfway through September. It is hard to believe how fast time can fly! The first couple weeks of school are always an important transitional time for students and teachers. Right now, everyone is solidifying habits and getting into the swing of the new school year.

Not even this tumultuous time of year will slow down the beginning of school sports. The cross-country team has been running since before school started! Along with this, the junior girls' basketball team has been practicing hard for their upcoming season. The tryouts for the team were held after school on Tuesday, September 12. Lastly, the mountain biking team had an interest meeting this week to discuss registration for the Sudbury High School Race Series. Good luck to our athletes!

As a part of the annual Week of Welcome, or WOW for short, the Student Council and Athletics Association planned a couple events for students to participate in.

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

First, to settle students into their new schedules the groups hosted a trivia game at lunch on Monday, September 11. Next, the school mascot, Stangley, was taking selfies with students on Thursday, September 14. Finally, since many are still not used to waking up early, there was a Pyjama Day on Friday September 15.

Thursday, September 14 was Stand Up To Bullying day. Students and staff interested in showing support for this cause were asked to wear pink. Bullying, though horrible, is frequent in schools around the world. Bullying is defined as "to seek to harm, intimidate, or coerce" often consistently or in a repetitive manner. By bringing awareness to bullying it may encourage victims to reach out for help from a trusted adult. Thank you to all of those who showed

their support on Thursday.

The MSS Robotics Team, Manitoulin Metal, had their first full team meeting of the year on Thursday, September 14. This meeting had record-breaking attendance for any Manitoulin Metal meeting. The room was filled to the brim with new members from all grades, all of whom were eager to learn. The meeting was kicked off with a fun button making activity and introductions. Keep an eye out for the robotics team and their robot, Bumblebee, at community events this year!

Along with Pyjama Day, there was the very first Student Council/Athletics Association meeting. During the meeting students discussed leadership for this year, future events, and fundraising initiatives. Some ideas that were brought up included annual things like Halloween for Hunger and spirit days to things like a winter formal. Needless to say there will be many student-led events for everyone to look forward to this year.



On Monday, September 18th a representative from Nipissing University came and talked to Grade 12 students about Nipissing University as an option for post-secondary education. This time of year is a crucial time for seniors as they dive into applying to post-secondary schools. Informational sessions like this are very important as they allow students to ask questions that may make or break their final decisions.

A list of PA days for our school has been sent out to parents and guardians of students. The next PA day will be nine days from now on Friday, September 29. There are several more PA days throughout the school year on these dates: November 10, 2023, February 2, 2024, April 19, 2024 and June 10, 2024.

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

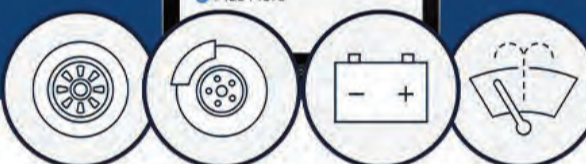
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Sheguiandah Fall Fair a delicious event of rural culture at its finest

by Michael Erskine
SHEGUIANDAH—The annual fall fair is a celebration of rural culture with displays of fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods, canning and a host of hand-

crafted items on display. It can also be lucrative for an enterprising youth. The triumphant return of the Sheguiandah Fall Fair after a three-year hiatus saw Linda Bond take top



Zachery Pulsifer shows off his largesse for having the most wins in the youth categories.



Carol Sheppard, right, and Norma Hughson, Fall Fair volunteers, use ingenuity to haul in a giant pumpkin for display.

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Bev Morphet scored a first place for her delicious fudge offering.

honours with the most entries in this year, while youth entrant Zachery Pulsifer pulled in a whopping \$56 in prize money for the exhibits he worked on over the summer break.

Volunteer judges (including a couple from The Expositor) pored over the exhibits after the close of the late Friday afternoon deadline, affixing first, second and third prize stickers on those which passed muster. Adult entrants were mostly rewarded with bragging rights, as their pickles,

jams, quilts, photos and jams and other assorted entries (literally hundreds of possible categories provided something for everyone). But youth were rewarded with cool, hard cash—\$3 for first, \$2 for second and \$1 for first, with prize money donated by local community sponsors. The adult exception was in the special categories for baking, with \$10 providing compensation (the sponsors of the prizes getting to take the winning entry home).

Community members were invited into the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah to view the results of the friendly competitions on Saturday, where over a dozen vendors were also set up to ply their wares as they munched on the annual museum barbecue. Local musicians entertained folks while they ate.

“It’s been a pretty good turnout,” admitted fall fair organizer Norma Hughson.



Erik Roses and Tristen Hall perform for the Sheguiandah Fall Fair-goers.

“We weren’t sure how it was going to go over after being gone for three years. Things were a bit slow at the start, but the entries really started coming in Friday.”

The key to bumping up the numbers is in engaging students in the school, noted Ms. Hughson.

Zachery admitted that he did not even know that there were cash prizes. “I spent, probably, about half an hour here and there,” he said when asked how long it

took him to create his many entries. His broad smile spoke volumes when he pinned on his first-place ribbon and opened his prize money envelope.

Next year the competition will undoubtedly heat up, but Zachery will be back in the thick of it.

The Sheguiandah Fall Fair was the brainchild of founder Bev Morphet, and a special bracelet emblazoned with the words “Autumn Harvest” created by Zachery was presented to her as a memento of thanks following the fair. The fair is co-sponsored by the Manitoulin Genealogy Club and the museum.

Museum curator (and Northeast Town events coordinator) Lisa Hallaert arranged the music, vendors and barbecue. “It’s been a very nice day and lots of people have come out,” she said. “I think it’s a pretty good re-start.”

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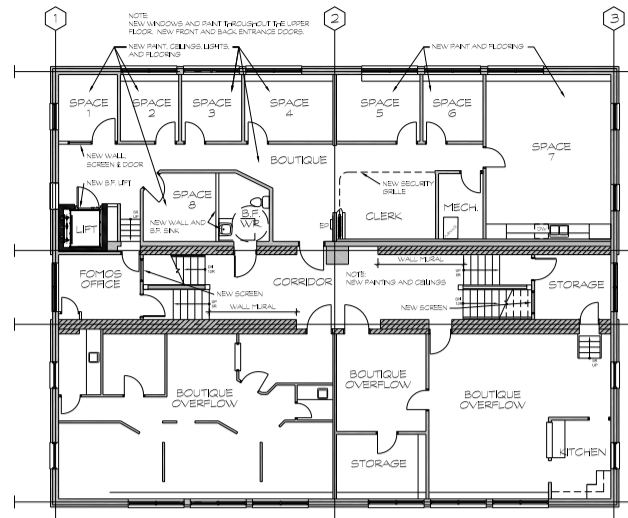
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...hub in Mindemoya Old School already has commitments from artisans

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 tural Conservancy of Ontario which will hold money in trust for FOMOS for the roof. "If people want to support and donate funds towards our project and donate over \$100, they can get a tax receipt from ACO." She pointed out FOMOS is hopeful of having the new roof installed by this winter.
 "We are hopeful of being open and operational next year," said Ms. McAllister.

She pointed out a lot of the work that needs to be done on the school is interior. "We are not making a lot of proposed changes to the building. One of the main changes on the main floor is that we are adding a barrier lift on the main floor so it can be accessible to everyone. This has been a concern for us; we want to expand accessibility in the building."
 She explained as part of the lease that FOMOS has with Central Manitoulin

they provide quarterly updates to the property committee and did so last week.
 "Basically, we were letting the committee know that since we last met, we had an update on redoing the roof," said Ms. McAllister. "We had to have an engineer's report carried out and received a thumbs up to this." She pointed out the property committee will receive conceptual drawings at a meeting in October.
 "We are in the process of getting someone to put the roof up," stated Ms. McAl-



Engineered plans of the proposed artisans' hub.

lister.
 FOMOS has been working with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for about 18 months, hoping for financial assistance in the form of grants, and through the federal Green Inclusive Buildings Program (GIBP). We had applied for funding in the spring, but it takes a little while to have the funding proposals considered and hopefully approved."

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...Red Lodge Road will see hard surface treatment

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 safety issue. "With it having been so dry this summer there has been a lot of dust on the road, and during the month of July, for example, we didn't receive much rain. A lot of people use that road to walk, run and bicycle. With the dust this summer, it can be very annoying to everyone and visibility for drivers and those using the road can be impaired."
 "So having this road repaired, paved and properly maintained will help for safety and recreation reasons," said Mr. Stokes. "NEMI's concern at one point was that they didn't feel they had enough taxpayers based on the road area to enter into an agreement to fix the road and for joint maintenance of the road. It is great to see both townships on board."
 Jean Wong of the Red Lodge Resort said the agreement "is wonderful news." Asked if her customers will be happy with the news said, "Yes. I can't imagine they wouldn't be happy with this news. It will be good for everyone."
 Alton Hobbs Assignack CAO told The Expositor, "It is a boundary road, shared by the two municipalities of NEMI and Assignack. Neither can do all the necessary work on the road without the other on board. I think peo-

ple who live on the road will be happy with the results."
 Al MacNevin, NEMI Mayor said, "we always said we would join in making the major improvements to the road, hard surfacing, if the base of the road was fixed and rebuilt. This will now take place."
 "It is very good news," the mayor added. "Council had approved the agreement at a recent meeting, and I signed the agreement earlier this week."
 "I'm so happy this is going forward, and major work will take place to rebuild the road," stated Assignack Mayor Brenda Reid.
 Mr. Stokes had told The Expositor last year when he and other residents raised concerns with the road in the spring, "The roads are in terrible shape. Two weeks ago when I was up there, the road had just been graded. It was terrible. We have to drive down Red Lodge Road to get to our cottage road. He explained at the time, "there are people on both sides of the road, and guests of the Red Lake Lodge. And there are lots of people that use the road to exercise, walk, bike and run. But with all the potholes on the road it is a hazard, and everyone has to be careful travelling on the road."

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Should you have any questions please contact Tribal Chair, Chief Patsy Corbiere, at the above.

Deadline for submissions is September 29, 2023, at 12:00 pm (noon).



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:

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- 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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Death Notices

JAMES ALEXANDER LOCHEAD

May 16, 1929 - September 12, 2023



Loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather James Alexander Lochead, known as 'Alex,' passed away peacefully after a bad fall that fractured his pelvis. He was surrounded by his wife, Mary and their three children, Marian, Jim and Phyllis, on September 12, 2023, in St. Joseph's Hospice (London, Ontario). He was 94 years old. Alex, son of Hugh and Marion (née Park) Lochead, was born on May 16, 1929, on Manitoulin Island, Ontario. Growing up, he became an accomplished baseball and hockey player, an avid fisherman and a renowned prankster. Upon graduating from Mindemoya Continuation School, Alex was hired by the Bank of Montreal in Mindemoya, marking the beginning of his 37-year career within the bank. On August 16, 1952, Alex married his high school sweetheart, Mary Louise Hutchinson, at Fairview United Church in Tehkummah. With their three children, the family lived in several cities across Ontario, following Alex's career as it progressed within the Bank of Montreal. Alex chose to have a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ at an early age and spent his life seeking what was right, encouraging those around him through his thoughtful prayers before meals and big events. He followed the word of God and lived a life of generosity, kindness, honesty and diligence which permeated all those around him and formed many meaningful connections along his path. Being welcoming and attentive to those around him was an integral part of his nature. His dedication to missionaries serving abroad was evident throughout his life as he followed the journeys of those he supported closely from afar. Their most recent letters were stored right beside his daily newspaper and their portraits were always proudly showcased on the fridge. He became an active member of the many different church communities he was fortunate to worship with and served through roles such as treasurer of the board, deacon and Christian Service Brigade leader. It was through his relationship with Christ and his church communities that Alex established many meaningful, life-long friendships. He will have been welcomed into Heaven by some of them as they meet again. Alex spent his free time at his beloved cottage on Manitoulin Island, where he never missed an opportunity to gather with family and friends in, on and around his beloved Lake Manitou. A true storyteller, he often regaled his loved ones with stories from his years at the bank or from growing up on the Manitoulin. He was a proud and dedicated family man who passed on many of his passions, including his love for fishing, swimming, travelling and maple syrup. Alex is predeceased by his parents Hugh and Marion (née Park) Lochead and siblings Marguerite (Clarence), Charles (Lillian) and Betty (Elwood). He is survived by many loving family members, including his children, Marian (Paul), Jim (Bruce) and Phyllis (Brad); his grandchildren, Jennifer (Jean-François), Sherry (David), Laurie (Matthieu) and Jessica (Brian); his great-grandchildren, Jack and Myles and many nephews and nieces. Friends and family were received for visitation on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, from 1 to 2 pm at Trinity United Church, 6070 King Street in Mindemoya, Ontario. Funeral Service was held at 2 pm, followed by burial at Mindemoya Cemetery, Manitoulin Island (Ontario), his beloved birthplace. Messages of condolence may be placed at MemorialFuneral.com.

Death Notices

LESLIE RUBIN MORRIS

GLANVILLE

December 11, 1936 - September 11, 2023



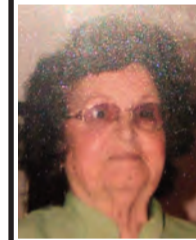
In loving memory of Leslie Glanville, of Providence Bay, who passed away at the age of 86 on Monday, September 11, 2023 on his own terms. Born south of Exeter, Ontario in 1936, he was the last of 11 children of Harold and Tillie (nee Brown of Ice Lake) Glanville. Raised in Britainville, Manitoulin Island from five to 15 years old, his brother Chester taught him how to play guitar and this musical duo would entertain friends and family thereafter. Les was a Jack-of-all-trades. Truck driving out of London, Ontario was his early career including long hauls to Alberta, Newfoundland and the United States. His driving skills are recalled to this day. Once back on Manitoulin, Les took up commercial fishing for another 20 years until retirement. In retirement he travelled to Europe, the United Kingdom and Australia seeing places he had only imagined. Les was known for making the best smoked fish and maple syrup and will be remembered as a good friend and neighbour in his community and always being ready with a joke. Les is survived by his wife Elsie (Scott) Glanville; his children Bryan (Janice) Glanville, Carol (J.L.) Gallant, Laura Ketalaars, Lesley (Marc) Kerckhoff and Charles (Alicia) Glanville; his seven grandchildren, Robert, Shawn, Lori, Kris, Jeff, Amy and Emily; his nine great-grandchildren and his six great-great grandchildren. Family and friends gathered at the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church for visitation on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 11 am. Burial followed at the Providence Bay Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Leslie's honour to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at SimpsonFuneral-Home.ca



MARGARET ELIZABETH

PATRICK

March 20, 1927 - August 10, 2023



In loving memory of Margaret Elizabeth Patrick, who passed away peacefully at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home in her 97th year with her family by her side on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Cremation has taken place. Burial took place on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 11 am at the Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery Little Current. Lunch followed at the Anchor Inn in Little Current. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.



Burial Notice

JEAN BENNISON

In loving memory of Jean Bennison, who sadly passed on June 23, 2022. The family would like to invite you to the funeral service, which will take place at the Hilly Grove Cemetery in Manitowaning on September 30, 2023 at 1 pm. There will be a small reception held afterwards at Knox United Church in Manitowaning.

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

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...Over \$8,500 raised for MSS robotics team thanks to Lions golf tournament

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 “Everyone opened up their wallet and their hearts to make all of this possible. I am over the moon with how this went and the results of this first tournament.”

The support for the Lions tournament and the MSS team was not lost on participants either. Dan Ryan, one of the players said, “the amount of support that has been provided here is amazing. This is really special.”

Mr. Ryan, who is from Sudbury and has a camp on Lake Manitou, told The Expositor his son had been a member of the robotics team at Lively Secondary School in Sudbury 20 years ago when they went to the world championships.

“They competed in Toronto, but they didn’t receive the kind of support the MSS team has received from the Lions club and the Island community. It is incredible.”

Ben Willis, a member of the MSS Robotics team told The Expositor, “It’s incredible the community support that is being shown again here today for this event. That is why robotics exists, to see people come together.”

“The tournament was a phenomenal success,” said Mr. Bryan. As Lions Club president, “this was my first crack at spearheading an event like this and it was incredible the support I had from members of the club

and the Island for the club and MSS.” He said the Lions will be holding a tournament again next year. He encouraged any resident in Mindemoya, Providence Bay or Spring Bay who has an interest in being a member of the club to get in touch with him.

The tournament drew a total of 20 teams (80 players) and had 24 sponsors.

In the men’s division, the team of Carter Moggy, Noah Thorpe, Rylan Carrick and Ben Dewar led the way in first place with a score of nine under par 63; the Rebecca Wright ladies’ division team shot 69 and also included Natalie Corbiere, Kathryn Corbiere and Tracy Chandler; and in



Members of the ladies’ division winners, Natalie Corbiere, Kathryn Corbiere and Tracy Chandler (missing from photo is Rebecca Wright) pose for a photo with Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club president Chris Bryan and members of the Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team.

the mixed division, the Al Lanktree team which included Kyra Lanktree, Darren and Pauline Smith were first with a score of 70.

The prize for the hardest working team went to the Chris Niemi team which included Marie Roles, Chantelle-Wilson Zegil and Amara Wilson-Zegil.

The prize for closest to the pin for the was won by Chris Anderson, and the men’s and women’s winners of closest to the rope

were Lyndon Peltier and Cecilia Sloan.

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil told everyone in attendance that, “all the support that has been provided and sponsorship will help us finish our (MSS robotics) build room at the school, and on our trip to the world championships being held next year in Houston.”

...COVID in the House of Old exhibit

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 pm to 4 pm daily. The exhibit’s newest addition, Kayley’s Chair, will also be on exhibit at Wiikwemkoong High School from September 19-26 during school hours.

Attendees will be able to become part of the national



Curator Megan Davies.

project through telling their own stories and thoughts in the Story Space.

The exhibit is a truly national project touring numerous communities from coast-to-coast and the tour is funded through Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

...4e Living Arts Festival is back in full form this weekend

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inijima and Duncan Cameron and Mast will provide diversion during the meal. See 4elements.ticketspice.com/layers-of-the-land-dinner-performance to book tickets online.

Sunday, from 11 am to 3 pm, it’s land-based art hosted by Gwekwaadziwin Miikan, also starting at 11 am to 12 noon is Outdoor Hula Hooping with Natalie Corbiere. From

12:30 to 2 pm it’s Resistance as Storytelling and Art with Spencer Rice at the pavilion on Old Mill Road and from 2 to 3:30 pm it’s Forest Therapy with Jody Kennedy (Red Hawk Woman) at the Kagawong River Trail (at the Old Mill Road entrance). This last event has a maximum of 10 participants, so hustle down to the registration at the festival info booth at the park centre (opens at 11 am).

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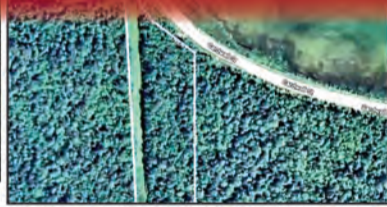
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MLS 2112931 \$499,000



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MLS 2112184 \$599,000



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MLS 2113038 \$685,000



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Little Current, Manitoulin Island

Wednesday, September 20, 2023



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

Gavin Cond
and Jenn Mezel

EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here is one of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

Increasingly, people recognize that climate change and environmental degradation pose a potentially existential threat to our collective health and safety and our children's futures. Relatively few, however, uproot their careers and shift gears from urban to rural living to do something about it. Yet, that's exactly what Jenn Mezel and Gavin Cond have done, moving to Manitoulin to get their kids off to a good start and to do their small part to address these serious challenges.

Making Manitowaning home wasn't a huge stretch for Gavin, who was born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie. During his childhood he frequently visited his great grandmother, Sissy Sim, at her Island farm on nearby Squirrel Town Road. Knowing that she lived until she was 109 offered assurance that country living offered numerous advantages for anyone seeking a long, healthy life.

Like many young Northerners, Gavin left the region in his late teens to pursue higher education and career opportunities in the south. He attended Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, where he studied Kinesiology and Physical Education, graduating with Bachelor of Arts degree. A highlight of his time there was playing football and his team winning the national university championship in 2005. Taking advantage of his dual Canada-US citizenship, as his Mom is originally from the US, Gavin then attended law school at Michigan State University where he earned a law degree and was licenced to practice. He returned to Canada to gain a law degree from Western University in London so he could practice law in this country too. After writing the Ontario bar, Gavin landed his first job with a law firm in Stratford, where he would marry Jenn on New Year's Eve 2011 and settle down to raise a family. Their daughter Lucy and son Leroy were born in 2015 and 2017, respectively.

Jenn's childhood saw her move around multiple communities in southern Ontario, as her Dad is an agricultural banker. She and Gavin met at Sir Wilfred Laurier, where she completed a BA in Kinesiology with a minor in Visual Arts. Following her graduation in 2006, Jenn moved to Australia to do teacher's college at the University of Wollongong, just south of Sydney. Upon her return to Canada, she began teaching while Gavin was finishing up his second law degree. She initially taught English but later moved into visual arts as well as physical education at a



Gavin Cond and Jenn Mezel are seen here with their children Leroy and Lucy.

Stratford high school.

Among the things the couple had in common was a love of being outdoors, having grown up in families that did a lot of camping when they were kids. This affinity with nature evolved into a keen interest in environmental issues in adulthood, particularly for Jenn.

"I was inspired by people like Autumn Peltier and other water protectors like Doreen Bernard and Takaya Blainey," says Jenn. "I painted a mural of these water protectors at the Stratford Art Gallery. With teaching art and learning about climate change, I did more and more artistic work related to environmental issues."

That led to Jenn's participation in a massive art show in Detroit, the Heidelberg Project, which aims to "change the world through art." It focuses on improving the lives of people and neighborhoods through art so communities can redevelop and sustain themselves from the inside out. Volunteering with the David Suzuki Foundation on the Butterflyway project further fuelled her desire to ensure her own children would be able to enjoy nature during their lives the way she had as a child. Reading about and watching several documentaries on regenerative farming led to working with a local regenerative farmer in Stratford, enhancing her understanding of soil health and biodiversity. Farming in harmony with nature fights climate change, improves water quality and protects biodiversity. It's based on Indigenous wisdom and principles, promoting the growth of food in ways that heal the land from degradation.

Jenn and Gavin's growing interest in liv-

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Calling, all you hockey people!

I suppose that when kids are still swimming it can be difficult to be thinking of hockey. However, it can be one of the most important times of the year for minor hockey. Local community associations need to get every potential player to commit to playing for their organization so that they can make decisions on whether they can even ice a team in any division!

From the community level to the Manitoulin level is where league-wide decisions need to be made. This is where many unsung heroes have put in their time to ensure hockey will happen for our kids. So, Manitoulin MHA had their first meeting last week and they are in desperate need of a president, 2nd V.P. and secretary!

For hockey to happen, it takes an amazing scaffolding of various moving parts to potentially provide your kids with amazing opportunities. Hockey needs players, coaches, managers, executives, on-ice officials, off-ice officials, etcetera. It needs every link in the chain for it to work. Just as it is important that local associations fill their executives but in order to make that happen, the governing body, MMHA, needs some help getting things up and running. As a wise ex-exec said, "it takes an Island to run hockey." If you would like to be the secret link, contact your local hockey association.

Hey, coach!

Are you interested in learning how to be a curling coach? Official Club Coach training is coming to the Providence Bay Curling Club! It's not often that we get this opportunity close to home! For more information or to register, visit the Providence Bay Curling Club Facebook page.

Shelter needs champion!

Leeanne Lewis has the unique opportunity to give back to a cause she has been passionate about for a long time. Before her current position in real estate, Leanne worked for many years in victim services. So, isn't it great that her past and present can benefit

those in need.

Royal Lepage hosts a fundraising Ecuador Challenge for Shelter once every two years and Leanne was one of 120 agents across Canada that were selected in January to participate. Four groups of 30 agents will be heading out on a five day trek (8-10 hours a day) and she is in the first group of agents leaving on November 10th!

Leanne was surprised to be selected as there are a lot of agents who apply to go but has been training since she heard back in the winter. She feels like she has, "come full circle as my career prior to real estate was working as the shelter manager at YWCA Geneva House" and as the trek happens every couple of years, so her thought was, "in two years from now I will be two years older and two more years out of shape, so why not face the challenge!"

Her trek will be towards one of the highest active volcanoes in the world, Mount Cotopaxi. They were told they will be hiking long days across varied terrain in unpredictable mountain weather. She'll be camping in a tent and going without cell service, electricity, bathroom facilities and other comforts of home. The elevation will be starting around 9,000ft and climbing to 14,000ft and that the temperatures will go below 0° at night, and warmer temps during the day, so dress in layers!

She has a great attitude, however, and sees that, "This trek will not be easy but it will be immensely worthwhile. Each step I take and every dollar I raise will support courageous women and children in my community who are seeking safety and hope for a life free from abuse." All the money stays local here at MFR as well as the YWCA Geneva House. To help out, check out Leanne updates on Facebook!

ALS, watch out!

Lesley Green also has more motivation than most but when she fundraises for A.L.S. research she is exponentially-inspired. ALS, as their website says is, "Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is a disease that gradually paralyzes people because

the brain is no longer able to communicate with the muscles of the body that we are typically able to move at will. Over time, as the muscles of the body break down, someone living with ALS will lose the ability to walk, talk, eat, swallow, and eventually breathe." Lesley has joined the ALS Canada Revolution Ride, a fundraising event hosted in support of ALS Canada that challenges participants to do more for those living with ALS.

ALS is a very personal cause for Lesley as her Dad, Thomas, was diagnosed with the disease in 2021 and knows of the terrible ravages ALS will take from those afflicted and their families. On her Revolution Ride website page, Lesley sums up her wish with, "I want to contribute to a future without ALS, which is why I'm gearing up for the Revolution Ride page on September 24, 2023."

"Please consider donating to my fundraising page." She will ride virtually from their home here on Manitoulin Island instead of the main ride in Dundas, ON.



Baseball legend Lou Gehrig was famously linked to ALS to the point the disease was nicknamed after him.

Lesley, of course, is a great athlete and will no doubt be one of the fastest to complete her selected distance but I didn't know she was an elite fundraiser as well! She has risen up the ranks on the ALS Canada website that tracks the Ride donation race and she is in a solid, 6th position in all of Canada! Lesley set out with an objective to raise \$3,000 yet has already surpassed that with the hope to increase that yet! Help her out at revolution-ride.ca/lesley-green-1!

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

...Newish to Manitoulin: Gavin Cond and Jenn Mezel

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dramatic change in their lives. When the pandemic struck and house prices soared, they seized the chance to find a place in the

country where they could pursue their new-found passion. They quickly sold their home, even before having a specific place in mind to go to or knowing whether Gavin would be able to continue working as a lawyer remotely. The family ended up renting a house for a year in Stratford while they worked out the details.

When Rainbow Gardens outside Manitowaning went up for sale in the summer of 2021, they pounced on the chance to plant roots literally and figuratively in the area, with plans to grow native plants raised from native seeds at their new business renamed Rainbow Farm North. The family moved up permanently in May 2022 and began digging

into their new lives.

"You can do things you never imagined you could," says Jenn. "It's a lot of work, for sure, but we have learned so much about horticulture, rewilding, permaculture, and food security. Being able to put rewilding into practice is exciting to me because it's about letting nature take back things we've overworked and learning from Indigenous teachings. There's a

lot we can do to regenerate insect populations and make the soil healthier."

"We're also connecting with wonderful people who share our interests," adds Gavin. "We're hoping we will be able to learn more about valuable traditional skills like canning and preserving from long-time locals."

The couple is pleasantly surprised by how good business has been this past sum-

mer, their first year of operation, and have a lot of ideas to grow it further in the coming years. Among them, Jenn intends to utilize her teaching experience to offer 'forest school' in the future. She has already conducted several 'medicine walks' for people interested in experiencing more of the natural world around them. In the meantime, Gavin has been able to

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Gore Bay Union Public Library Employment Opportunity

Assistant to the Librarian

Part time position for six hours per week.
Potentially more as need arises to cover vacation and other absences.

Please send your resume to:
Gore Bay Union Public Library
P.O. Box 225
Gore Bay, Ont. POP 1H0

Applications to be received by
October 6, 2023 5:00 pm

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Manitoulin Golf champions bask in their glory

Kurtis Noble is the 2023 Manitoulin Golf men's club champion! Mr. Noble shot a 36-hole score of 154 (76-78) to take the title, with Dave Abrams in second place and Richard Huneault third in the open division. In the senior division, John Windsor was first followed by Brian Bainborough and Stewart Simpson in second and third respectively. In photo from left are Dave Abrams, clubhouse manager Cheryl Deeg and Kurtis Noble.

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Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre

Job Postings

- Kitchen Line Cooks: Part-Time
- Dishwashers: Part-Time
- Bartenders (Conference): Part-Time (Evenings & Weekends)
- Food & Beverage Servers: Part Time
- Front Desk: Part-Time
- Front Desk: Full-Time
- Night Audit: Part-Time
- Food & Beverage Supervisions: Part-Time (leading to Full-Time)
- Maintenance Person: Part-Time

Work Setting

Full Service Hotel & Conference Centre

Specific Skills

Job Specific descriptions available upon request. All positions must be available to work all shifts, unless stated job requires otherwise. Uniforms provided where applicable. Wages from \$15.50/hr - \$20.49 and up. Training provided.

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

- Safe Food Handlers – F & B / Bartenders
- Smart Serve – F & B / Bartenders

Security and Safety

Bondable

Essential Skills

Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

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 1K0

or Email to:
gm@manitoulinhotel.com



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 position.

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 in the community.

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 mobile crisis outreach.
- 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.
- De-escalate crisis through provision of immediate solution-focused therapy.
- Manage the transfer of client information to the receiving community organization, as per information sharing agreements.
- 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.

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 maintain his law practice, based in Stratford, working remotely from his new home and making occasional trips south as needed to see clients.
 The entire family has settled into Island

life, fully embracing its natural beauty and bounty. "When you finish work, we're minutes from the beach in summer and have the entire outdoors to explore in all seasons," sums up Gavin. "We're grateful to be where we are."

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering

new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to HMarshall@proton.me

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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**
1. 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 P0P 1K0

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Mnaamodzawin Health Services Employment Opportunity



Diabetes Health Promotion Worker Full-time permanent

Overview:
 The Diabetes Health Promotion Worker's mandate is to ensure that quality diabetes prevention and promotion programs are provided to individuals, families and communities within Mnaamodzawin Health Services catchment area. The Diabetes Health Promotion Worker will collaborate with community health teams including dietitians, community health nurses and local agencies to provide ongoing activities and engagement for youth, adults and elders. They will promote health and wellness in communities by educating individuals and families on Type 1, Type 2, and Gestational Diabetes and promote physical activity, exercise and healthy eating initiatives in the community. They will research, assess, and document the needs of the diabetic individuals in our First Nation communities and promote healthy living.

- Required Competencies:**
- Respect cultural diversity.
 - Work effectively both independently and with others.
 - Knowledgeable of social media platforms and marketing.


- Qualifications and Work Experience:**
- Diploma in a health related and/or Social Services program.
 - Diabetes Educator Certificate an asset.
 - Experience in planning, organizing, facilitating group sessions, events and meetings.
 - Knowledge and proficiency in program development, delivery and evaluation.
 - Administrative skills including strong computer skills, completing annual works plans, developing policies, managing budgets.
 - Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
 - Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle).
 - Current CPR and First Aid Certification.

Deadline: Friday, September 29, 2023 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:
 Send Resume, cover letter, three (3) references marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

**Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
 48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0
 705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com**

** only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted*



Manitoulin Hotel Conference Centre

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:
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 66 Meredith St E
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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 Liaison: Closes September 14, 2023

Sudbury:
 After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes September 22, 2023
 Youth Outreach Worker: Closes September 28, 2023
 Case Aide: Closes September 28, 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.

See you next week!

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Level: Beginner

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

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!

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CLUES DOWN

- Native of Slovakia
- Deli meat
- Fibrous substance in fungi
- Cutting
- Vedder and Van Halen
- Horror comic novelist
- Rulers of Tunis
- Shaped like a circle
- Make a pig of oneself
- Aphorism
- Witness
- Single Lens Reflex
- Freshwater North American fish
- Nautical ropes

- Leg (slang)
- Pokes holes in
- Moved quickly on foot
- Fix-it shops
- Type of bread
- Repaired
- Synthetic diamond (abbr.)
- Type of drug (abbr.)
- German city along the Rhine
- Animal disease
- Martini necessities
- Get away from
- Village in Mali
- Djibouti franc

CLUES ACROSS

- Outsourcing (abbr.)
- Post
- German city on edge of Black Forest
- "___, but goodie"
- Spiced stew
- Passionately
- Monetary units
- Group of living organisms
- Organic compound derived from ammonia
- High honors
- 5-year-olds' classes
- Swiss river
- Old woman
- Cash machine

- A way to soak
- Hair product
- Deride
- "The Blonde Bombshell"
- Cause to become insane
- Bluish greens
- Supported with money
- Type of equation
- Court officials
- Indian god
- Rids
- Leak slowly through
- Units of ionizing radiation
- Midway between south and southeast

HOROSCOPES

(SEP 10-16)

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
Your compassion takes you many places, Aries. This week you may be compelled to reach out and do more volunteer work for a nonprofit that you hold dear.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Take a few moments this week to go over spending, as you may determine that you have to reel in your budget a little more than you had expected, Libra.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
Taurus, your friends need you to be steady this week, and that's just what you will give them. You like being in a leadership role and someone others can depend on.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, family responsibilities may continue to weigh you down a bit more than usual, leaving little time for romance. Try to make time when you can.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21
Right now your to-do list is very small, which means you have loads of free time for recreational activities if you choose. Otherwise, you can simply bask in having nothing to do.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
You are interested in changing your living space in the days to come, and redecorating is at the top of the list, Sagittarius. Find out ways you can do it without breaking the bank.

CANCER – June 22/July 22
Cancer, you are in a frame of mind to learn some new skills, and this is just the week to get started. Begin slowly with a hobby or something that interests you.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you may be holding back on conversations for fear of not getting the answers you desire. Everything won't go your way, but failing to act is not the way to go.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23
Leo, it can be challenging to remain low-key when others are excited all around you, but you must be serious with this new venture you are considering. There will be time to celebrate later.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
You are ready to make some solid choices for your family and future, Aquarius. They may not align with what others feel is necessary, but stay true to your beliefs and needs.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Virgo, while others may want the spotlight, you are content to work behind the scenes for the time being. There is nothing wrong with being a supporting character.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
While you are prone to giving all of your energy away to others most of the time, this week you focus mostly on you, Pisces. It's a welcomed change that you deserve.



Crossword puzzle solution from September 13th paper

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