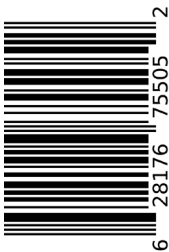




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--Please read the 1974 story on Page 13

Birch Island turns sod on new subdivision

by Michael Erskine

BIRCH ISLAND—Community members gathered to celebrate and cut the ribbon on a new \$8,341,326 subdivision project that includes a new 930 metre road into the community, 15 new residential lots along with 700 metres of water and sewer lines to service the lots.

The cheers of students walking down the pathway from Shawanosowe School could be heard reverberating across the new lots as they made their way to the ceremony.

Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) Ogimaa Rodney Nahwegahbow cut the ceremonial ribbon following a traditional blessing provided by Elder Leona Nahwegahbow (Elder Nahwegahbow is also a band councillor). The WRFN

chief was backed by members of the community, project workers and the students as he made the cut to officially open the project that has been in the works since February 2020.

Ogimaa Nahwegahbow noted that the chief and council of the time had determined

that the demand for housing was rising and opened an open competition to supply project management. FleishmanHillard HighRoad (FHR) won the bid for project management and First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. was chosen

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Equine West Nile virus confirmed in region Island veterinarian confirms diagnosis

by Jacqueline St.Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Horse owners in Ontario are being urged to take preventative measures after three horses were recently diagnosed with West Nile virus, with two euthanized and one dead from complications. Scott Veterinary Services in Mindemoya confirmed the first positive equine West Nile case in their area, warning local own-

ers to remain vigilant as mosquito season continues.

One case involved a 21-year-old gelding in the District of Sudbury on September 16. The horse exhibited signs of lethargy, fever, ataxia (loss of coordination), and head tremors before being euthanized on September 12 due to worsening

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United Chiefs and Councils and Noojmowin Teg join municipalities, health centre for physician recruitment

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—It appears that a full-time doctor, nurse and health services recruiter is going to be in place solely for Manitoulin Island, instead of the Island hospitals and communities sharing costs for a recruiter with the North Shore Health Network (NSHN).

"Paula Fields (president and chief executive officer of Manitoulin Health Centre) was going to be here tonight to explain the doctor recruitment process to replace the last recruiter, but she was unable to attend," said Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) at a Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) meeting last week. "Originally she had talked about hiring a part-time recruiter for Manitoulin Island."

However, "Paula has met

with the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo M'Nising (UCCMM) and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre representatives as well as some individual First Nation communities and she is confident they will be able to put in place a five-year commitment for funds, sharing in the costs with the hospitals and municipalities to help hire a full-time doctor recruiter just for Manitoulin. This is very positive news and wouldn't be possible without the First Nations support."

Ms. Fields, "had asked me to provide this information this evening and she will provide an update on the process at the next (MMA) meeting," said Mayor MacNevin. "She is hoping that by then there will be

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Canadian Medical Association apologizes to Indigenous people for errors in care and judgement

OTTAWA—Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Cindy Woodhouse Nepinak and Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige both welcomed the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) national public apology for its role in the harms done to Indigenous Peoples in the health system.

"Today (September 18) marks an important turning point in the long history of discrimination, abuse and neglect inflicted on First Nations people through the medical system," said National Chief Woodhouse Nepinak. "We have seen how systemic racism in healthcare has led to mental, emotional and

physical harm for First Nations and the many tragic cases that could have been prevented."

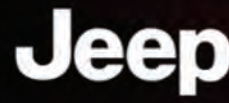
"I welcome this apology and acknowledgment of harm for the CMA, as well as the action plan for reconciliation in healthcare. As one of the largest and most historic organizations representing physicians in Canada, their leadership can spark change for many more health care providers and medical professionals. We will continue to support the organization's work toward a more equitable health system from coast to coast to coast."

Anishinabek Grand Council Chief Debassige said, "This long-awaited apology is an important step in repairing the relationship between our First Nations and the CMA."

"For far too long, First Nations people have been subject to systemic racism, abuse, and neglect at the hands of Canada's medical system," said Grand Council Chief Debassige. "The ongoing mistrust and hesitation of our people to attend medical facilities stem from intergenerational trauma and

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Michael Paul Taukei gives a big thumbs up during the James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award ceremonies held at the Lieutenant Governor's Office in Queen's Park recently. Michael was bestowed the award for his creative work 'The Warrior and the Turtle.' Michael is a member of the M'Chigeeng First Nation.
photo by MPP Michael Mantha

M'Chigeeng youth wins James Bartleman creative writing award

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The future of the art and craft of writing and storytelling is looking bright given the hands that are holding future. Lakeview School student, 12-year-old Michael Taukei, was recently named as one of the recipients of the James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award.

The Expositor caught up with Michael (he admits answering to either Mike or Michael) at school to discover how he feels about his win.

"I learned about it in the middle of August," he said. "My parents called me into the living room and said 'you won.'"

His reaction? "Oh my goodness," he laughs.

Michael was encouraged to write his submission to the James Bartleman Indigenous Youth Creative Writing Award by one of his teachers last year.

"My Ojibwe teacher, Lisa McGregor, told me

I should enter," he recalled. He set about doing just that. The story flowed "off the top of my head," Michael said.

The story is a cautionary tale about greed. "It is about a warrior and a turtle," he said. "The turtle lost his shell and the warrior took it, even though he really didn't need it."

In true 21st Century literary style, the story does not necessarily have a happy ending. "Not really," said Michael.

No stranger to writing, Michael has written several stories that have been placed in the school library for his colleagues to read.

What was a bonus was the reaction of his Ojibwe teacher, even though she isn't his teacher this year. "She was so very happy that I won," he said.

The award commemorates the legacy of Ontario's 27th Lieutenant Governor for whom it

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L. Huron body confirmed as bike-peddling canoeist

Garnet Michael Nelson identified eight years after Expositor interview

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—It was long suspected but finally confirmed thanks to DNA and genealogy research; the body of a man that washed ashore in Lake Huron was the same man interviewed in a 2016 story in The Expositor. His last words to this newspaper were chilling when taken in retrospect.

It was early fall in 2016 when then-Expositor publisher Rick McCutcheon was driving down Highway 6 en route to Sheguiandah when he spotted a very unusual site—a man on a bicycle towing a 15-foot canoe.

"I thought to myself 'that's a story'," recalled Mr. McCutcheon. "So, I turned around and interrupted his journey—he was a bit impatient, a man on a mission. It was probably the last photograph taken of him."

A few weeks later the body of the man who called himself Mitchell Nelson during the interview was found washed up the shore Lake Huron. Police at the time suspected the body belonged to the man interviewed by media during his long journey from Alberta and they distributed photographs taken of the canoe-hauling cyclist but to no avail. It was not until eight years later that

police, using a technique they call Investigative Genetic Genealogy, were able to identify the real name of the homeless man.

In July 2024 Toronto police were able to confirm the man's identity.

He was Garnet Michael Nelson. "He was 56 years old at the time of his death and investigators have confirmed that he is the same man that was interviewed in September 2016," notes a release issued by the

OPP.

The investigation was assisted by Huron County OPP Crime Unit, OPP Forensic Identification Services, Victim Services, the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

Police had submitted a DNA sample to a national registry and the subsequent relative match helped bring closure to a story that began on Canada

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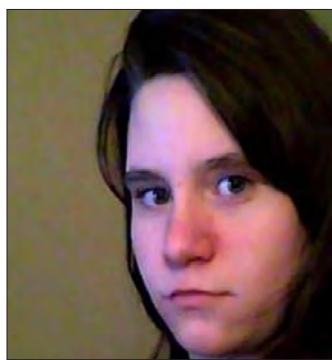
Meagan Pilon's disappearance remains unsolved Eleven years ago, she was en route to Island from Sudbury

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Despite an over decade-long investigation led by Natasha Pickering with Please Bring Me Home and the Greater Sudbury Missing Persons group, the mysterious disappearance of Meagan Rose Pilon remains unsolved.

September 11 marked 11 years since Ms. Pilon went missing from the New Sudbury area. In 2013, she was on her way from her Sudbury home to Espanola with the trip to continue onto Manitoulin Island. However, since that time the then teenager has been missing.

Ms. Pilon, then 15, was last seen



The mystery of the disappearance of Meagan Pilon continues 11 years later.

visiting her father at the hospital and later stopping by to see her brother. Her disappearance after that left investigators and her family searching for answers.

Ms. Pickering issued a heartfelt plea for anyone with information about Meagan's disappearance to come forward, stressing that a single crucial detail could be the key to solving the case. While she and Please Bring Me Home receive tips daily, investigators urge anonymous tipsters to provide as much detail as possible, as follow-up con-

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Northern Travel Grants to get long overdue boost

QUEEN'S PARK—Northern Ontario residents who need to travel to access health care will soon receive more provincial assistance, starting this fall.

The Ontario government is investing \$45 million over three years to expand the Northern Health Travel Grant.

The expansion was initially included in the 2024 Ontario budget Ontario Health Minister and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones held a news conference in Thunder Bay last week to provide further details.

"We know that for too long patients in northern Ontario have faced unique challenges when accessing healthcare," Minister Jones said during a visit to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. "Our investments to expand and enhance the Northern Health Travel Grant will ensure more people in Northern Ontario can connect to the specialized care they need when they need it."

The Northern Health Travel Grant currently provides financial reimbursements that help cover the medical-related costs Northern Ontario residents can

incur when travelling to access OHIP-insured health care services that are not available within a 100-kilometre radius of where they live. These include specialist visits and some diagnostic services.

The changes to the program include: The introduction of an online application process that includes digital receipt submissions for faster reimbursement; adding more eligible health care providers and facility locations; increasing the accommodation allowance from \$100 to \$175 per night; reducing the travel distance requirement to be eligible for the overnight accommodation allowance from 200 km to 100 km; and increasing the total allowance for eight or more nights from \$550 to \$1,150.

Minister Jones added that the grant is just one piece of the provincial health care system, and asserted that the province is working to increase the system's capacity province-wide.

"Fifty hospitals are, right now, in the process of being

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Mayor outlines reasons for study on arena, community hall

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—With a need for a new arena and community hall facility in the community, and costs of previous studies providing alternatives that would prove to be too pricey, Central Manitoulin recently accepted a bid for another study to take place that it hopes will be more feasible.

"We need another facility at some point as our arenas are at least 70 years old and we have a community hall that is not up to provincial specifications (for accessibility)," said Richard Stephens, mayor of the municipality of Central Manitoulin. "And for a community with 2,300 people, we can't afford a new building without federal and provincial funding. So, we put close to \$150,000 towards looking at finding other alternatives," he said in explaining why council recently approved a bid to have a study done of its arenas and recreation infrastructure.

At a recent meeting council passed a motion that 3rd Line Consulting and Perkins and Will in response to RFP 07-2024 be awarded a study contract in the amount of \$146,190 plus HST.

Later in the meeting, the council passed a second motion to have the recreation infrastructure committee dissolved, having fulfilled its function now that a consultant has been hired to guide the next phase of the project.

"Well, as you are aware, we established a local committee to look at our facility arenas and halls. And we had a consultant three or four years ago indicating it would cost \$15 million for a new facility, which was too high, and council turned it down," said Mayor Stephens. "Then the board (recreation infrastructure committee) felt

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Island-wide waste group re-strategizes, hopes for buy-in

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings township council supports a proposal of getting all Island municipalities and First Nations together on a new strategy for working together to solve the Island waste management concerns.

"I think it is a really good idea to get other municipalities together to solve the Island waste problem," said Councillor Michael Hunt at a Billings Township council meeting last week.

During the Billings council meeting September 3, Councillor Vince Grogan proposed a notice of motion to discuss the opportunity of the Island Wide Waste Management Resources Committee holding a luncheon meeting to be hosted by the township of Billings.

"First of all, we have been working as an Island-wide committee for the past year and a

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editorial

It is time to bring the centre back in Canadian politics

It has been a whirlwind decade so far, buffeted by a global pandemic, rising inflation, housing crisis and an ever-increasing accumulation of wealth into the coffers of the .01 percent. Little wonder that the voting public is mad as hell and unwilling to take it any more.

The result has been the polarization of the political landscape in Canada, mirroring, somewhat, the situation currently taking place south of the border—polarization light if you will...somewhat.

For most of the past decades, the Canadian federal (and most provincial) landscape has been differentiated from that of the US in that we have had three political parties vying for control of the national policy and regulatory levers—the Conservatives, the Liberals and the NDP (with some provincial variations on the theme).

Usually, when neither of the two "natural" governing parties, the Conservatives and Liberals, can muster up enough seats to form a majority, we are subject to a somewhat wobbly entity known as a minority government. A minority government can fall almost any time—whenever a so-called 'money bill' or other item of legislation that the government has labelled a "matter of confidence" is defeated, the government falls.

Minority governments have led to some of the most progressive legislation in our history, including universal health care (which, by the way, is the one thing Canadians express the most pride in despite decades of assault by free market conservatives), in part due to the need to curry favour with one or another of the minor parties (usually the NDP or its predecessors).

But for much of the past century-and-a-half a centrist Liberal Party has held sway, leading to some pundits referring to the Liberals as "the natural governing party."

The 2020 election brought in a minority Liberal government and shortly thereafter much of the nation was comforted in knowing that there would be a level of stability when the NDP negotiated a supply and confidence motion with the Liberals. Under that agreement, the NDP had a wish list of items they wanted to see put in place and, for the most part, that list has been put in place. A national daycare program (notably originally a Martin Liberal-era plan torpedoed by the Layton NDP when they brought down that government) that is aimed at unleashing a large number of working age parents upon the economy, where they are badly needed it might be added, as the Baby Boom bunch retire; universal pharmacare; universal dental care on the model of universal health care; and a host of other items.

The federal Liberals have long been accused of campaigning on the left and governing from the right—the agreement with the NDP ensured that campaign promises were more likely to see the light of day following the ballot count.

Pilloried by the right for toeing the line with the Liberals, including a specious accusation by Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre that current NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, an honourable and decent man by nearly all accounts but Mr. Poilievre's, was only propping up the government for his own benefit (pension), the NDP has since torn up the agreement leading to a new era of uncertainty in feder-

letters

A plea to pet owners to keep your dogs under control

A pack of dogs can be very dangerous

To the Expositor:

On Sunday, September 15, 2024, at approximately 10:15 am in the morning, my daughter was sitting outside waiting for a ride. She put her lunch on the chair while she walked to the road to see if her ride was coming. She turned to go back, as she did so, she saw four black dogs running off with her lunch. She did not see where they came from. She was able to take a picture of the two dogs, the other two dogs got away. Animal lovers please keep your dogs tied. A pack of dogs are dangerous, I have been attacked by dogs twice. The first time I was attacked by two or three dogs on Bidwell Road.

I required several stitches on my head and body. Dog lovers please tie your dogs for the safety of other people. A person should be able to sit their lunch down on their property.

Thank you,
I have spoken

R. Lavalee
Little Current

Support for the swimming ban at Bridal Veil Falls

Some people have no respect

To the Expositor:

We lived on Manitoulin Island for 20 years and visited Bridal Veil Falls with our children every year. It was a given that you did not swim at the falls. This was put into effect to protect the wildlife, fish and other species and habitat at the falls.

Some people have no respect. We have witnessed this disrespect. Putting up a no swimming sign would be a must for sure.

As it was stated in The Expositor issue of September 11, 2024, "It's the couple of people that spoil it for everyone else."

I support your endeavours wholeheartedly. Thank you!

Monique Dowse
Former resident of Sheguiandah
Now living in Espanola

"It's time for change" says MPP reacting to increase in Ontarians accessing food banks

WINDSOR—MPP Lisa Gretzky says there needs to be a change after the latest Feed Ontario report revealed a staggering one million people in Ontario visited a food bank last year, a 25 percent increase from the previous year.

"Everyone deserves access to good food and safe shelter, it's a basic human right,"

said MPP Gretzky. "Today (September 10) we found out that one in 14 of our neighbours and friends, working people, seniors and children, are being forced to turn to a food bank just to survive. This is not the kind of province we want to live in. With the cost of everything going up we have a government right now that has done nothing

to make life more affordable for Ontarians."

"It's been eight consecutive years of rapidly increasing food bank usage," the MPP continued. "Things are broken in Ontario, and we need a progressive government who will get serious about making it better. It's time for change."

Op-ed

Need for a Truth and Reconciliation commission is a strange reality

by Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat

Truth and Reconciliation are both heavy-duty concepts. That they are both said and seen in the same phrase makes them super-heavy-duty ideas.

The “property of being in accord with fact or reality” is Merriam Webster’s definition of truth. Other definitions are similar “conformity with fact or reality,” or “a verified or indisputable fact, proposition, principle, or the like,” or “actuality or actual existence” or “an obvious or accepted fact.”

Here are some truths. It is a very strange reality to live in a Canada where a formal commission must be formed, witnesses called, stories told, documents produced, to provide a solid backdrop to the experiences of many hundreds of Indian children. Indian children over decades in Canada were removed from families, clans, communities and their nations in order to attend residential schools. The purpose of being placed in those schools was ostensibly to educate. In reality, their real purposes were to remove “the Indian from the child.” In other words, the purpose of residential schools was to obliterate use of Indigenous languages, negate Indigenous customs, life-ways, protocols, systems of governance, and methods of making a living. The residential schools almost succeeded. The damage that was caused was intergenerational: females grew up not knowing how to nurture, males grew up deprived of their roles and responsibilities, and most grew up learning that their own knowledge, life-ways, and national identities were negated, denigrated, and looked down upon.

These are the truths. These truths need to be learned, understood and accepted by the larger Canadian society before there can be reconciliation. In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report in which it documented the realities of the Indian Residential School system, the damage it caused, and the 94 calls to action as recommendations.

There are several definitions of reconciliation: “the restoration of friendly relations,” or “the actions of making one’s view or belief compatible with another” or “an end to a disagreement or conflict with somebody and the start of a good relationship again.” Then there is this definition: “the state of being resigned to something undesirable or the process of achieving this state.” It is this latter



Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat

definition that is the most accurate, in my view. The premises in the first three definitions are faulty. I do not believe that there were “friendly relations” between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples as a result of the theft and expropriation of our lands and resources. I do not believe that Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples can make our views and beliefs compatible with each other. There is such a wide and severely entrenched difference between Indigenous ways of being, knowing and seeing and non-Indigenous ways. Another faulty premise is “the start of a good relationship again.” The idea that there were good relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples belies the treatment of Indigenous peoples historically. How can you have a good relationship with non-Indigenous peoples when six of our young people between August 29 and September 8, 2024 were shot or run over by police vehicles?

Indigenous women and girls are killed at a rate six times higher than for non-Indigenous. More than half of the cases of the murder of non-Indigenous women and girls between 2009 and 2021 resulted in charges of first degree murder, according to Statistics Canada. However, when it was Indigenous women or girls who were murdered, the charges were manslaughter or second degree homicide, half as often as for non-Indigenous women and girls. The Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Final Report documented more than 200 instances of being un-housed, homeless, or evicted from homelands. There is a

highway in Canada called the Highway of Tears.

The most precise definition of reconciliation, in my view, is this one: “the state of being resigned to something undesirable or the process of achieving this state.” Actually what we are being asked to do when it comes to reconciliation is to accept many undesirable things. For instance, the Indian Act spells out who an “Indian” is, how much land makes up “Indian reserves” in Canada, and what the limits are to the authority of chiefs and councils.

Canada is made up of 9,985,000 square kilometres of land, from coast to coast to coast. It is the second largest land mass in the world, second only to Russia. Indian reserve land makes up a mere one-third of one percent of that land mass. Indian reserves are not owned by Indian people. Sure, they are “held in trust” by the federal government for the use and benefit of “Indians.” But Indian reserve lands cannot be sold, except to another “Indian.” When this happens, the transfer document is called a Certificate of Possession, which is merely, and only, the federal government’s permission to “use and occupy.” A CP is just a “quasi-ownership” document.

And then there is the homelessness situation. It is estimated that there are 235,000 homeless people in Canada. Of this, approximately 30 percent, or 70,000 are Indigenous. What contributes to homelessness? There are many reasons: poverty, emotional or physical abuse by a partner, parent, or sibling, substance abuse, lack of employment, family conflicts, lack of affordable housing, coming from a marginalized community, physical or mental disability and deteriorating mental health. Add to this the several decades old phenomenon of the “financialization of housing” or the “commodification of housing.” Housing is not for living in anymore, it’s for buying and selling. What is so strange to me is this: how is it possible for even one person to be homeless given that we live on the second largest land mass in the world, with abundant natural resources?

But there need to be rays of light, otherwise why keep going? There are some rays of light. Here and there are folks who have shown camaraderie, ally-ship, and friendship. Students in schools are learning about Indigenous peoples, our long history of being here in the Americas, 50,000 years before present (BP), some scholars say 130,000 years BP.

Schools of architecture explore ancient Indigenous structures, city-states, and various types of modern Indigenous buildings. An eminent religious leader made a special trip to Canada to meet with Indigenous peoples, particularly residential school survivors. Colleges and universities have instituted Indigenous studies courses and programs.

I told a group of people recently that what we need to do is start behaving like hosts on our homelands, which indeed we are. We need to lift each other up psychically – even the un-bathed, and the foul-mouthed. We also need to continue to teach non-Indigenous peoples our history, about our realities, about our ways of seeing, being, and knowing – very gently of course.

What will happen if we don’t do these things? Well, things will continue as they currently do. Until Mother Earth, aka Mother Nature says, “that’s enough!” Then things change. Things are already changing – floods in different parts of the country, unprecedented severe forest fires, warming climate, changes to wild animal behavior as their natural habitats keep getting encroached upon, and strange new diseases popping up here and there, as in COVID-19.

What to do? We human beings need to learn how to get along with each other – and it goes both ways, not just Indigenous peoples adapting to white man’s way. We need to keep learning, keep sharing, and helping each other out whenever we can. Of course that does not mean that we let ourselves be walked all over. We learn what the boundaries are and we respect them.

How’s that for Truth and Reconciliation? I kinda like that myself. Have a good fall season, all.

Mii sa iw.

EDITOR’S NOTE:

Marie McGregor Pitawanakwat is an Anishinaabe kwe residing in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island. Ms. McGregor Pitawanakwat developed a business called *Szhibeegeen Training Services*, which provided training and development to First Nation communities and NGOs, primarily in Northwestern Ontario and was focussed on community and business development. Her business won an award from the Northern Ontario Business Awards. She continues to be a strong advocate for Anishinaabe treaty rights.

New Public Health Sudbury and Districts project tackles white supremacy and racism

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

SUDBURY—In a bold move to confront systemic inequities in healthcare, Dr. Mustafa Hirji Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer for Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has unveiled the “Unlearning and Undoing White Supremacy and Racism” project, alongside Sarah Rice, special adviser, Indigenous affairs and Jasmine Fournier, health promoter, Indigenous engagement.

The project was first introduced by the Provincial Health Services Authority of British Columbia. This innovative program aims to tackle the health disparities caused by colonization and white supremacy—critical determinants of health that have long been overlooked.

Dr. Hirji emphasizes that colonization, defined as the control exerted by one nation over another, systematically normalizes poor health outcomes for Indigenous peoples and other marginalized groups. The project seeks to adapt the foundational concepts of the initiative to the local context, ensuring its relevance and effectiveness.

The strategy draws from the “Coin Model of Privilege and Critical Allyship,” a framework outlined in BMC Public Health that highlights how social systems create both unearned advantages (privilege) and disadvantages (oppression). The article stresses that health inequities are rooted not just in individual behaviours or genetics but in the broader socio-political landscape that often privileges certain groups while disadvantaging others.

“Understanding our privilege is essential for enacting real change,” Dr. Hirji asserts. “It’s not enough to simply acknowledge the existence of disparities; we must also recognize the systems that perpetuate them. This project is about moving from a mindset of ‘helping’ disadvantaged groups to a collective effort to dismantle

the structures that create and sustain inequality.”

The initiative’s first module focuses on illuminating three interrelated systems of oppression prevalent in Canada: white supremacy, settler colonialism and Indigenous-specific racism. By making these frameworks visible, the project aims to foster a shared understanding and vocabulary among participants, encouraging critical discussions around anti-racism.

However, the impact of these systems extends far beyond marginalized communities; they affect nearly everyone, often in ways we may not fully recognize. The intersections of oppression—such as classism, ableism, heterosexism, cisgenderism and sexism—create a complex web of inequality that shapes our social landscape. For instance, a person may experience multiple layers of marginalization that compound their challenges, such as an Indigenous woman facing both racism and sexism, or a disabled individual navigating the barriers of ableism alongside economic hardship.

These intersecting systems of oppression not only disadvantage certain groups but also create a society where privilege and marginalization are deeply intertwined. Many individuals may benefit from unearned advantages associated with their identities—whether that be due to race, gender, sexual orientation or socio-economic status—without recognizing how these privileges contribute to systemic inequalities. This lack of awareness can perpetuate cycles of discrimination and limit opportunities for genuine allyship and collaboration.

By engaging with these frameworks, participants are encouraged to reflect on their own positionality within these systems. Understanding that oppression and privilege are not just issues for marginalized groups to address can lead to a more collective and inclusive approach to dismantling inequality. The project emphasizes that recognizing these intersections is crucial for

fostering solidarity across diverse communities and for creating meaningful change.

Ultimately, the aim is to cultivate a deeper awareness of how these intersecting systems impact health outcomes, social justice and the overall fabric of Canadian society. By promoting critical discussions, the initiative aspires to inspire participants to actively engage in the ongoing work of unlearning and undoing these oppressive structures, fostering a more equitable and inclusive future for all.

Consultation for the project included a range of key documents, including the ‘Indigenous Engagement Strategy: Finding Our Path Together,’ the ‘Reconciliation Action Framework,’ and the ‘Racial Equity Action Framework.’ Additionally, the Strategic Plan: 2024–2028, the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1996) recommendations, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2007) served as foundational resources. The project also incorporates insights from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 Calls to Action and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) 231 Calls for Justice.

The project is based on the work of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, a leading scholar in antiracist research, emphasizing the distinction between being “not racist” and actively working as an antiracist. Kendi’s work urges individuals to approach antiracist efforts with vulnerability, fostering self-reflection and deeper engagement in dismantling racism.

The ‘Unlearning and Undoing White Supremacy and Racism’ project stands as a pivotal step in addressing the long-standing health inequities faced by Indigenous and marginalized communities. As Dr. Hirji and his team continue to push for systemic change, the hope is that this initiative will inspire similar movements across the nation, fostering a more equitable healthcare landscape for all.

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly shoo fly! As a proud member of the Spring Bay Providence Bay Lions Club, I got to thinking about our Mantra and Motto. "We Serve," this holds true to all of us, through this incredible journey and adventure we call life. We are all accountable. We serve. We serve our parents, our brothers and sisters, our friends, our neighbours, our churches, our schools, our institutions, our charitable organizations, our teams, our causes, our needs and if we're really lucky, we get to serve our community and serve a higher power and calling. It's just like Bobby Dylan said, "gotta serve somebody." At the end of the day, it's important to serve and share courtesy and kindness. I teach my daughter this every day and she gets it. She understands it. She gets that act of kindness and good virtues of gratitude, empathy, patience and respect; can change not only the people you are connecting with, but they too, can change you. The takeaway? If you can make one person smile or laugh or feel happy, they too will somehow, someway, someday pay-it-forward and so on and so forth. Teach your children well and be good, that's my mantra for better or worse and for life. I get a little heavy on the heartstrings at this time of year, can you tell? Enough of my sappy poppycock. Here's what's happening: Providence Bay Arena and fairgrounds: Family Rec Nite continues Friday night from 7 to 9 pm until the end of September. Drop in and join the fun! Play pickleball, badminton, basketball, cornhole, ping pong and air hockey with friends, family and neighbours.

Fall Market: Central Manitoulin Markets invites you to the Fall Market at the Providence Bay Arena on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. Over 60 vendors all under one roof! It will be tons of fun and a great opportunity for getting some gifts for the holidays.

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

Providence Bay Hall: Exercise class Fridays for adults age 55+ from 10:30 to 11:30 am with a start date of September 20. It's a 12-week program. For information contact Alison at 705-377-5726 asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca.

Spring Bay Hall: Yoga continues at the Spring Bay Hall Wednesday evening from 6:15 to 7:15 pm.

Lions Club Golf Tournament and Sea Cadets Fund-raiser had a great turnout, congratulations to the Spring Bay/Providence Bay Lions Club on another successful golf tourney. Thanks to all the participants and sponsors for your support!

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

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Sunday Service is at 10:30 am; Youth Group Meet ups Wednesdays at 6 pm.

The Heavens: The full harvest supermoon ushered in the autumn equinox of September 22. Equinox marks the start of the fall season in the Northern Hemisphere. Comet Tsuchinshan-ATLAS will reach perihelion and visit the inner Solar System, it's closest to the Sun at 36 million miles (58m kms) on September 27, followed by its closest approach to Earth on October 12. Only two minor meteor showers peak in September, the September Epsilon Perseids was September 9 and the Daytime Sextantids will occur on September 27.

Huron Island Time will remain open through the early Fall season right through to October. Be sure to drop by for a smoothie, ice cream, sweet and savory food and Island souvenirs! Stroll along the beach and boardwalk, enjoy the spectacular views along Lakes Huron and the Mindemoya River. Lake Huron Fish and Chips and Co. had an epic and super busy season, way to go Matt and crew thanks for all the great food and good company! The Mutchmor Peace Café is open Friday/Saturday and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm all September! Congratulations on another busy and fun filled season of exhibits and gallery events. Be sure to grab a selfie in front of the Bear and Owl Mural by Shalak Attack, her sister Fiya Bruxa, and Bruno Smoky across from the town Square.

Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park: Yes! They're still open until mid-October to boot. Check out their on-site store for sundry items, pharmacy must haves and more or just pop over 5466 Hwy 551 for a selfie in front of Maxim's butterfly and mural. Don't forget to hashtag your mural photos "#iheartprovbaypark" and tag the Artist @maximgruninart.

Mentions: Next week is Every Child Matters and Orange Shirt Day Commemoration where we remember and honour children and families in a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Reminders: Looking for cool costumes for Halloween and Harvest Glory Days Scarecrows? Check out Treasures in Mindemoya, local yard sales, Facebook Marketplace or the Providence Bay Transfer Station at 4077 Government Road. Hours are Thursday and Saturday 1 to 5 pm (September long weekend to May long weekend). Great job so far on all of your Harvest Glory Days deco-

rations and scarecrows everyone! Remember, the more "corners" that are decorated, the more Island pride there is for visitors to see! For any further information, please contact The Expositor Office by email at services@manitoulin.com or call 705-368-2744. This event is organized as a public service by The Manitoulin Expositor. Judging will take place the week before Thanksgiving. Deadline for entries is October 4. As we enter the season of gratitude and giving we count our blessings big and small, enjoy the bounty of our harvests and enjoy the gift of making holiday memories with family, community and friends.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

- Leo Buscaglia

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

For those of you new to the column, you might not realize that here at Team Fergmeijer we pride ourselves on subtly inserting the odd bit of wordplay. The casual reader might be completely pun-aware of it, but the savvy reader is not unfamiliar with the odd quip or bon mot we sprinkle into the column (judiciously applied, of course). Even if at first you don't really appreciate our humour, at some point you will pun-doubtedly realize our punchant for wordplay has groan on you. Then, before you know it, the column isn't a source of pun-ishment, but rather a bundle of joy you look forward to each week.

At time of writing, Billings Township is back in a partial burn ban. Campfires and fireworks are still allowed, but other fires are banned. Check the township website for the most up-to-date information.

We don't know about you, but for us, last weekend was fully booked! Thank you to everyone who took part in the many events that were part of NorthWords and 4e's Elemental Festival this weekend.

Not ones to sit idle, now that the festival of words has come to a close, the library board is pleased to announce the dates of this year's silent auction: Thursday, November 21 to Sunday, November 24. Last year's auction had over 70 items up for bid. This year is shaping up to be just as impressive (can anyone say Ripley's Aquarium tickets?!). All bidding is done via facebook.com/groups/libraryauction and with nearly 400 participants, it is always a lively event. If you would like to donate an item or service to the auction, or would just like more information, drop a line to billingsreads@gmail.com.

Do you have a friend or family member you would like to honour (or embarrass) with a mention in the column? Birthday coming up? Anniversary? Birth announcement? Six days chocolate free? Adopted a new chinchilla? Reach out to fergmeijer@gmail.com and we will make sure they feel extra special.

Did you know? You can catch up on all past Team Fergmeijer columns at <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com/>. That's right - all the punfoolery in one spot.

Never blame others for the road you are on. It's your own asphalt. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Sunny warm weather, the bay has been smooth as glass. Some boats are coming and going and some campers are in the campground. The store is open for business and I've been in there a couple of times to pick up things that I needed. I managed to catch some sort of cold and I missed a barbecue and also playing for the Sunday Service. Thanks to Kay for filling in for the church service. Tuesday was chair yoga in Silver Water and I drove there and quite enjoyed it. It was just hard enough to make me work but easy enough to be fun.

This week was Quilts and Kits again to produce items to aid others in need. People are very gifted and produce lovely things. The amount of stuff that gets sent out is amazing. I am so proud of everyone who works so hard.

There are some young bucks running after the does. I've noticed three different arrangements of antlers so I know that there are at least three young bucks in the village. There was a whole family of grouse that I think are really cute. I've eaten grouse and enjoyed it, but I do hope that these ones escape the hunters.

We picked lots of plums. I am cutting them up and freezing them, my brother and sister-in-law prepared plum jam from a unique recipe. I am hoping to get a chance to try some. I've also picked apples from our back yard. My grapes are next. I only have one vine so far. My grapes are just turning blue. My neighbour has a large vineyard. She has all sorts of shiny things hanging and swinging among the grapes to deter the wildlife. I hope it works because the vineyard really looks bountiful. I wish her lots of success.

Have a great week everyone.

Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

Big thanks to all who responded to my post on the Barrie Island Group on Facebook. Lil doesn't go on social media, but I read your messages to her and she was very appreciative.

This week on Barrie Island, people are harvesting their tomatoes and loading up firewood in their basements. You'd think winter must be around the corner, but at 26 it feels more like a summer day!

Lyle Phillips of Manitowaning, brother of Carolyn Calback, was in for a visit with his sister Carolyn and George. He brought some vegetables from his garden for them to enjoy.

Gord and Karren Fountain of Abbotsford, B.C. stayed for a few days with Wayne Jeffkins. They are Ryerson University friends from back in the day. While here they enjoyed the Cape Roberts hiking trail.

Happy 87th birthday to Richard Runnalls (September 15), who was here gathering honey from his hives with his son Aaron from the Bruce Peninsula. So far, they have 400 lbs of the liquid gold and say there is more to come!

Carolyn Lane-Rock is off for her annual visit to the Sudbury Cinefest. When she returns, she will let us know which ones get 'two thumbs up,' stay tuned!

The Little Free Library at the corner of 5th Side Road and East Line Road has been painted up and getting a lot of visits, someone was in there for a Clive Cussler thriller and also the Fredrik Backman book and it looks like there are a few new books in stock. Hope you'll visit!

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, September 13 Rick and Jennifer Stelzer arrived at our house in the morning. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Jack Fleming and Marie Fleming Hall and daughter of Beverly. They live in Ottawa now. Jennifer and I used to ride our bicycles when we were young to visit Mary Ellen Lane who lived in the house I live in now. Rick, Jen and I went touring to Purvis Fisheries on Burnt Island where we had a visit with Denise Shepard. We had lunch at Stop 540. Then we went to Cape Roberts where I had not been since the cattle went there for the summer.

On Saturday, there was a vendor market in our yard. The markets will continue each week except Saturday, October 12 which is the Rotary Fall Produce Auction in Gore Bay.

I had a swim on Saturday afternoon and visited with Gladys Duncanson and her granddaughter Jamie while they sat in their chairs on the beach. Jamie visited with Murray and Gladys for several days and went back to Sudbury on Thursday. Blake Duncanson and his brother, Craig were here for part of the weekend.

Monday evening there was euchre at the Burpee Mills Complex. There were 27 players, DonnaKay McDonald won the money jar with 97 points.

On Tuesday, Colleen Julseth, Albert Meijer and I went to Meldrum Bay for the kits and quilts. The group tied two more quilts and packed another 130 hygiene kits. We have been lucky to have a number of people offer to take the finished items to New Hamburg to the warehouse.

Tuesday afternoon, there was chair yoga at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Tuesday evening was fire practice in Silver Water.

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

On Thursday evening it was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall.

I have been swimming by myself every day, knowing the days are numbered in the lake.

Thursday evening, Colleen Julseth, Gladys Duncanson and I went for a walk. We will have to start earlier another time as it was getting very close to too dark by 8 pm.

Sara-Lyn Arnot has sold her house as of Thursday and she has left in her travel trailer with her dog Dolly to visit family for the next few months. We thank her for all her time in the community, she was on the local boards for years and helped at local events. She sold the house to Carol Hazzard Chandler who will be moving in soon.

Debbie Addison Brawn is at her parents' house doing more packing up. She made a trip to Vermont recently for a family event.

The Local Services Board election meeting is Wednesday, September 25 at 7 pm.

There will be a luncheon at 12 noon followed by a euchre tournament starting at 1 pm on September 29 at the Silver Water Hall.

There will be a Silver Water Recreation Centre meeting including an election on October 2.

The Local Roads Board meeting will be Monday, October 7 at the Silver Water Hall.

Condolences to the family of Gary James.
Condolences to the family of Wayne Croft.

...L. Huron body confirmed as bike-peddling canoeist

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Day in Edmonton. “Mr. Nelson said he’d put his canoe (another one, not the green one he was presently towing) and had launched his bike and camping gear into the North Saskatchewan River in Edmonton on Canada Day, ‘after I’d seen the holiday fireworks,’” recalled Mr. McCutcheon. “He said he’d been living in Alberta for about eight years.”

That first journey took him easterly to North Battleford, Saskatchewan after that, he put his canoe on a bicycle trailer and set out across Saskatchewan and Manitoba. He lost his first canoe near Thunder Bay, purchasing a new one before setting out to continue his journey to Red Rock, Ontario. There he set his canoe into the waters of Lake Superior and paddled to Terrace Bay before taking to the road once more—sometimes being forced to walk his bike and its entourage up



The man in the above photograph taken by Rick McCutcheon in the fall of 2016 has been identified by police as Garnet Michael Nelson. This was the last photo taken of Mr. Nelson before his death.

steep and lengthy hills, reported Mr. McCutcheon.

When Mr. McCutcheon caught up with him he was on his way to South Baymouth to catch the Chi-Cheemaun ferry to Tobermory where he planned to paddle down

Lake Huron to Grand Bend and then cycle to London. He told Mr. McCutcheon he had friends and family in that city. He would then take stock and “decide what I’m going to do next.”

“This trip was a good idea, wasn’t it?” Mr.

McCutcheon asked the paddling cyclist. His response foreshadowed the future.

“Was it?” Mr. Nelson responded, before setting out on what a few weeks later would prove to be his last.

Expositor file photo

...Northern Travel Grants to get long overdue boost

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built new, renovated or expanded,” Minister Jones said. “That is a capital piece that ensures that we will have over 3,000 more hospital beds across Ontario.”

“When we do that, of course, we need more health human resources,” said the health minister. “So, we are expanding and we have expanded access to school in Northern Ontario, southern Ontario. I’m particularly proud of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. We’ve had over 100 new seats available for physicians who want to train in Northern Ontario and 60 percent of

those are for primary care family docs. We know that when people train in communities, they tend to stay in those communities.”

A full list of changes to the Northern Health Travel Grant is available online at Ontario.ca.

...Meagan Pilon’s disappearance remains unsolved

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tact is not possible. Although good tips have been received over the years, many have been too vague to be actionable, said Ms. Pickering, citing the example of a tip mentioning “a bush in Sudbury” as insufficiently descriptive.

In a recent post online, Ms. Pickering shared that a substantial tip had been received, sparking a call to action for volunteers to aid in the investigation. The response was overwhelming, with many coming forward to offer their support.

However, Ms. Pickering has since emphasized that the investigation is ongoing and has declined to comment further, citing the need to protect the integrity of the case. While this update brings renewed hope, the family and investigators remain cautious, focused on uncovering the truth behind Meagan’s disappearance.

“We remind everyone that our anonymous tip

line is available for sharing information about Meagan’s disappearance,” wrote Ms. Pickering. “Please note that our focus is solely on bringing Meagan home, and we do not pursue criminal investigations. However, we want to emphasize that withholding information or obstructing our efforts may lead to legal consequences. We urge you to do the right thing and come forward with any information you may have, as it could be crucial in bringing Meagan home.”

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

Ms. Pickering stated, “I’ve come to regard Meagan as one of my own, and her family as dear friends. Their unwavering strength and resilience in the face of unimaginable pain have left an indelible mark on my heart.”

This anniversary has resonated deeply with Ms. Pickering, as she has had the privilege of walking alongside Meagan’s family through their darkest moments, witnessing firsthand the anguish and heartbreak that has become their daily reality, she said.

A lifetime commitment to uncovering the truth and bringing Meagan home has only deepened, fueled by the love and respect Ms. Pickering has for this extraordinary family.

Ms. Pickering explained she has seen countless cherished moments that Meagan would have loved, including visits with her niece, which only intensify the longing for her return. “The family’s pain has been

...Island-wide waste group restrategizes

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half,” said Councillor Grogan. “We have taken every run at bringing all the communities together to work on ideas and proposals that would benefit the environment and reduce waste, but we have got nowhere in terms of support from other communities in working together. So, the committee is going to take a different approach, focusing on looking at the costs savings and the benefits to the environment by having all of our communities work together.”

“We are proposing to have a meeting with the municipal and First Nation CAOs, to show how we can all save money by working together,” said Council-

lor Grogan. “It seems people don’t care as much about the environment as they will if they hear there are tangible cost savings. We have seen some progress with Central Manitoulin, Gore Bay, and Billings getting Sic Sox textile recycling bins in their communities. But by working together we as an Island can negotiate with companies shipping waste off the Island, and savings can be found.”

“Our committee feels that every community on the Island could see a 10 percent savings in our waste costs every year, although I can see this at 20 percent,” said Councillor Grogan.

“I agree with anything the committee is trying to do, in principle,” said Council-

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...M'Chigeeng youth wins James Bartleman creative writing award

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is named, by recognizing up to six Indigenous students for their creative writing talent. Each recipient receives a \$2,500 award.

There are three geographic categories: fly-in community; on reserve; and off-reserve (ie. do not live in a fly-in commu-

nity or on a reserve). A junior student (12 years old and younger) and a senior student (13 to 18 years old) is chosen from each geographic category.

To be eligible, an applicant must be 18 years of age or under and have the consent of their parent/legal guardian (if you're under 18); self-identify

as an Indigenous person; be a student enrolled in a school in Ontario; and be a resident of Ontario.

The entry may be a short story, poem, essay, play, song, comic strip or other form of creative writing that has not in any part been copied from another source. In addition to the story and contact information (school, address etc.) the applicant must also include a brief description about their creative writing piece which may include what inspired the writer and what the writing means to them.

As to the future, Michael said that he might continue writing in the future, should the mood strike him. But his message to those considering writing says a lot, "for all those out there don't give up, you will be where I am one day." Truly, the legacy of James Bartle-



Michael Taukei, back row, second from right, poses with his fellow James Bartleman Award recipients and Ontario's Lieutenant Governor Edith Dumont, front row, centre.

man lives on through Michael and his fellow recipients. Also receiving awards were: Lovee- Richard, Noah Faucher and Tatum Naveau. Michael and his fellow recipients. Also receiving awards were: Lovee- Richard, Noah Faucher and Tatum Naveau. Michael and his fellow recipients. Also receiving awards were: Lovee- Richard, Noah Faucher and Tatum Naveau.

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Community satisfaction survey helps Ontario Provincial Police assess service to Ontarians

NORTHEASTERN ONTARIO—Community satisfaction surveys started this month in Northeast Region to solicit public opinions about the services the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachments deliver to communities throughout the region.

The survey is a mixed-method survey conducted with members

of the public (aged 16 years and older) living in randomly selected households in areas policed by Northeast region detachments. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and is strictly voluntary.

Selected households were mailed a survey invitation letter that will provide a web address and unique code for completing the survey online. The letter also provides potential respondents with a toll-free number if they wish to complete the survey over the phone with an interviewer. Some selected households may receive calls from the survey vendor to collect feedback.

Those willing to participate in the survey will be

asked about issues such as community security, perceptions of crime and youth issues in the community, OPP presence in the community, service delivery and how the OPP investigates crime and enforces the law.

The information provided by those surveyed is being collected by a research consultant, R.A. Malatest and Associates Ltd., which has been retained by the Ministry of the Solicitor General. The information is treated confidentially and the names, telephone numbers, and addresses of those surveyed will not be included in the survey results provided to the OPP.

Once the survey is complete, the results will be

used in the OPP's Business and Action Plans, as well as the annual report. The information will also be useful in helping OPP's Northeast region set out goals and objectives to improve on the services it delivers to communities across the region.

The Northeast region detachment surveys will start in September 2024 and are expected to be completed by December 30, 2024. "The Ontario Provincial Police would like to thank those who participate in the community satisfaction survey and who take the time to help the OPP in its vision of 'Safe Communities...A Secure Ontario.'"

...Island-wide waste group restrategizes

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cillor Ian Anderson.

"The idea is to bring all the CAOs together for the committee to look at what is being done in each community in terms of waste management and what could be done, and to look at how much we could all save by working together," continued Councillor Grogan. "We would also send a letter to all Reeves/Mayors and First Nation Chiefs. He would like to see the luncheon meeting held as soon as possible as municipal councils will be starting to talk about their 2025 budgets very soon.

Mr. Grogan told The Expositor, "we have the opportunity to save hundreds of thousands of dollars in trucking and

recycling waste products off the Island. These are dollars that can save if we negotiate with the companies that transfer the waste as an Island."

"We would like to see eco-centres for corrugated products and tin opened on the Island," continued Councillor Grogan and this would not only reduce our carbon footprint but provide for job opportunities. We would be turning the waste into a value-added product instead of a direct cost to each of our municipalities and First Nations. That is only one of the ideas we have to discuss with the communities. We can take plastics, recyclables and other products out of our landfill sites as well as much more, if we all work together."

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Boaters urged to clean, drain and dry boats as new invasive species identified

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—As the boating season comes to a close, experts are urging watercraft owners to properly clean, drain and dry their equipment following the alarming discovery of an invasive aquatic plant, Hydrilla verticillata, in Ontario. This plant, found for the first time in the wild in Canada at Hillman Marsh Conservation Area in Leamington, near Lake Erie, poses significant risks to local ecosystems and recreational activities.

The Essex Region Conservation Authority reported that hydrilla was detected at the end of June. Known for its rapid growth of up to 2.5 cm per day and potential lengths

of 7.5 metres, hydrilla can outcompete native species, clog water intake pipes and disrupt recreational activities such as swimming and boating. Under Ontario's Invasive Species Act, hydrilla is classified as a prohibited invasive species.

Rebecca Rooney, an associate professor at the University of Waterloo and an expert in wetland ecology, discovered the plant during a research project in the area. The origins of hydrilla in the marsh remain unclear, but it is believed to have arrived in North America through aquariums. Ms. Rooney warns that the plant spreads through seeds and tubers—small potato-like structures that can adhere to footwear or boating equipment.

"If you're walking

through the wetland and get mud on your boots, you can unknowingly spread it by carrying tubers," Ms. Rooney explained. "Boaters must ensure they do not disturb the plant, as fragments can develop into new growth."

Rick Layzell, CEO of the Boating Ontario Association, emphasizes the importance of public awareness regarding the "clean, drain, dry" protocol. Over 100 educational signs have been installed at launch ramps across the province to inform boaters of their responsibilities. The Ontario government mandates that all vessels must be free of mud, vegetation, algae, and aquatic animals before being transported overland, as some invasive species can survive out of water for weeks.

The consequences of



Invasive hydrilla has been discovered in Leamington in southern Ontario.

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hydrilla's spread are concerning. Tim Byrne from the Essex Region Conservation Authority estimates that a single herbicide treatment could

cost around \$125,000 and may require five to ten years of monitoring and management. Hydrilla currently covers an area approximately the size of

64 football fields, although it is contained within the marsh, which is not directly connected to Lake Erie.

Experts advise the public to remain vigilant. Anyone who suspects they have spotted hydrilla should report it through environmental monitoring apps like iNaturalist or directly to local authorities. Preventative measures are crucial; avoiding the introduction of aquarium plants into local waterways and ensuring thorough cleaning of all watercraft can help protect Ontario's aquatic ecosystems.

As the season changes, let us all commit to preserving our waterways by following best practices and preventing the spread of invasive species like hydrilla.



Moose on the loose

Gail and Bill Lewis captured this picture of a moose swimming across Lake Kagawong in Long Bay, before 8 am one day earlier this month. They were amazed to see this scene from the window of their cottage.

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a 100 percent commitment from the First Nation communities to help with funding to hire a full-time doctor recruiter for Manitoulin.”

“How long have we (Manitoulin) been without a recruiter?” asked Gore Bay town councillor Dan Osborne. Mayor MacNevin said there hasn’t been a recruiter in place for the past several months.

“Over the last number of years, all our municipalities and the Island hospitals and family health teams and clinics have helped support the recruiter program.” He pointed out over the last number of years the recruiter program has been successful in recruiting locum doctors for instance to help in the emergency departments at the two Island hospitals and in general practice.

“We have been fortunate so far that our hospital

emergency rooms have been staffed without any closures thanks to the dedicated staff in place,” said Mayor MacNevin. “Having a full-time recruiter for the Island is a great idea,” he stated. “Communities across Canada have been struggling to find doctors and nurses.”

Mr. MacNevin added that Ms. Fields has visited three or four Island First Nations and will be visiting others in the coming days.

...Canadian Medical Association apologizes to Indigenous people for errors in care

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the systemic racism and discrimination that have been rampant in many existing institutions. It has hindered our people in seeking adequate medical intervention and medical assistance for treatable and preventable diseases and disorders, thereby resulting in unnecessary and early deaths amongst our First Nations people.”

Grand Council Chief

Debassige said, “We call on the CMA to accompany this apology with tangible actions including the commitment to provide the necessary support, release documentation, devote resources to assist those impacted by their actions, and work with First Nations and policy makers to amend policies and procedures to include, protect, and respect Indigenous people. We welcome

future engagement with the CMA on how it can further support Anishinabek Nation citizens in healing and serve as an ally when called upon.”

On September 18, on the traditional territory of the speaking people of Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations (Victoria, B.C.), the CMA apologized for its role, and the role of the medical profession, in past and ongoing harms

to First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples in the health system.

“We have not lived up to the ethical standards the medical profession is expected to uphold to ensure the highest standard of care is provided to patients and trust is fostered in physicians, residents and medical students. We realize we have left Indigenous Peoples out of that high standard of care,” said CMA President Dr. Joss Reimer.

“To Indigenous Peoples living in Canada, we apologize to you. We are sorry. We are sorry we have lost your trust and for the harms you, your ancestors, your families and your communities have experienced,” continued Dr. Reimer.

More than 225 guests including local and national Indigenous leaders, members of the CMA Indigenous Guiding Circle and Indigenous survivors listened as CMA leadership outlined the organization’s path to an apology.

“There are parts of history that Indigenous Peoples must leave for settlers to carry,” said Dr. Santan-

na Hernandez, CMA board member. “But there are many places where it is appropriate and needed for us to share the weight of change. We are lifting together, so the CMA can keep moving forward.”

That path included an in-depth review of more than 150 years of archives, which revealed the role that the CMA, and the medical profession, have played in the mistreatment of Indigenous Peoples, whether through action or inaction, the CMA said. These harms include the devastating impacts of Indian hospitals, forced medical experimentation, forced sterilization, child apprehensions and systemic racism, neglect and abuse within the health care system.

“Today, we are speaking the CMA’s truth as we know it, but there are many other histories and truths in health care that must be explored; other harms to be acknowledged. We at the CMA will own and continue to build on our understanding of the organization’s history, and moving forward, we commit to doing our part


to create a better future. We call on all our health partners to do the same,” said Dr. Paula Cashin, CMA board vice-chair.

The CMA’s first Indigenous president, Dr. Alika Lafontaine, announced the association’s commitment to an apology in June 2023 as an important part of the CMA’s response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Calls to Action.

With the goal of creating meaningful change in health care and in the relationship between physicians and Indigenous Peoples, the CMA is hoping the apology inspires members of the profession and medical organizations to begin their own reconciliation journeys.

“Today, we turn the first page of a new chapter in the CMA’s history,” said Dr. Alika Lafontaine (CMA president 2022-2023). It’s a chapter that we hope First Nations, Inuit and Metis People can write with us together, as we work toward a health system that provides Indigenous Peoples with the

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Our Council meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday and Thursday of the month. For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at: www.townofnemi.on.ca

Mayor and Council would like to recognize September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day, honouring the children who never returned home and the survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

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The development of the 2025 Municipal Budget is underway!

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Manitoulin's Al Douglas to bring climate resilience expertise to global UN conference

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

KAGAWONG—Al Douglas, a leading climate scientist from Manitoulin Island, is preparing to lend his expertise on climate resilience at one of the most significant international conferences on disaster risk reduction. From October 14-18, Mr. Douglas will attend the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (APMCDRR) in Manila, Philippines. This United Nations-sanctioned event brings together governments, scientists, and key organizations from across the globe to address disaster preparedness in the world's most disaster-prone region.

Mr. Douglas, who has spent years studying the effects of climate change on communities and infrastructure, will share his work on climate adaptation and resilience. His team has been pioneering efforts to create training programs that build the capacity of communities to better handle climate-related disasters. These include engineering protocols to strengthen infrastructure, preparing for climate emergencies, and ensuring long-term resilience in the face of growing environmental threats.

"The goal is to create training protocols for capacity building, allowing communities to adapt and become more resilient to climate change impacts," Mr. Douglas told The Expositor. His work focuses on integrating local knowledge with scientific solutions, empowering communities to take charge of their future in an increasingly unstable climate.

The APMCDRR 2024, hosted by the Government of the Philippines in partnership with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), will be



Al Douglas

held at the Philippine International Convention Center. The conference is the primary platform for countries in the Asia-Pacific region to assess and accelerate their progress under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030. The framework is a global blueprint for reducing disaster risks and strengthening resilience, adopted by the UN in 2015.

The 2024 conference will be held under the working theme, "Surge to 2030: Enhancing Ambition in Asia-Pacific to Accelerate Disaster Risk Reduction," reflecting the urgency of action needed to tackle escalating climate threats.

The conference will focus on three thematic pillars: practical solutions to enhance disaster risk reduction financing, strategies for securing the financial resources necessary to support disaster preparedness and recover; leaving no one behind, gender-responsive and inclusive disaster risk governance, ensuring that vulnerable groups, including women, persons with disabilities, and marginalized communities, are not left behind in resilience-building efforts; localization and urban-rural resilience – enhancing the ability of both urban and rural areas to withstand and recover from disasters, with a focus on localizing solutions.

The event will also prioritize cross-cutting themes such as science and technology, multi-stakeholder collaboration, and private sector engagement. Mr. Douglas' work will be particularly valuable in the "science, technology, and knowledge" category, as his climate adaptation research provides practical, evidence-based solutions that can be implemented across different regions.

As the first regional platform since the adoption of the Sendai Framework Midterm Review, APMCDRR 2024 will review how well countries are reducing disaster risks and will encourage bold new commitments to meet the 2030 goals. With over 4.5 billion people living in the Asia-Pacific region—many in vulnerable areas—this event represents a critical opportunity to shape a safer, more resilient future.

Mr. Douglas' participation places Manitoulin Island on the world stage. His contributions could influence international efforts to build stronger, more resilient communities in the face of intensifying climate emergencies. "The risks are growing, but so is our ability to respond," Mr. Douglas emphasized. "Now is the time to scale up our efforts and ensure every community has the tools to withstand what's coming."

The conference's outcomes are expected to drive global disaster risk reduction strategies for years to come, with Mr. Douglas' insights offering valuable guidance on how communities can adapt to the rapidly changing climate.

Mr. Douglas is the Sudbury-based Climate Risk Institute. He also owns and operates, with his family, Hide Away Lodge on Kagawong.

...Equine West Nile virus diagnosed in region

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neurological symptoms. It was confirmed the horse had not been vaccinated.

A second horse, a three-year-old filly from Lambton County, succumbed to the virus after being found down by her owner and later showing severe muscle tremors. This filly was found down by the owner and developed muscle fasciculations of the head and shoulder.; Confirmation The filly died on September 16. A third case in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell involved a five-

year-old gelding, which was euthanized after developing serious neurological symptoms.

West Nile virus is transmitted to horses through mosquito bites. While some horses may not show symptoms, others can experience fever, muscle tremors, hypersensitivity to touch, weakness, and ataxia. The virus can be fatal, with mortality rates reaching 30-40 percent in symptomatic horses.

Experts stress that vaccination is one of the most effective ways to protect horses from West Nile virus. While annual boost-

ers are recommended for vaccinated horses, those that have never been vaccinated require a two-shot series over several weeks. With mosquito season still in effect, horse owners are also advised to: Eliminate stagnant water where mosquitoes breed; regularly clean and refill water troughs; keep horses indoors during peak mosquito activity times (dawn and dusk); and use equine-approved mosquito repellents.

Although there is no cure for West Nile virus, many horses can recover with supportive care if

caught early. Scott Veterinary Services urges horse owners to monitor their animals closely for any signs of illness and contact a veterinarian immediately if symptoms appear.

This recent outbreak serves as a reminder for owners to stay proactive in protecting their animals during the mosquito season.

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right care, at the right time, in the right place, in a good way."

"An apology is just the beginning," CMA said. The CMA committed to being accountable and working with Indigenous Peoples in the spirit of humility and reciprocity. Building on past reconciliation work, the CMA's Reconciliation plan outlines how it will advance health and well-being for Indigenous Peoples, support the medical profession's journey toward truth and reconciliation, and promote internal reconciliation as an organization.

The plan will see the CMA take actions such as "co-creating and implementing

initiatives in partnership with the guiding circle and indigenous partners to advance more equitable health care for First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples; reviewing the CMA Code of Ethics and Professionalism—a foundational document for ethical medical practice in Canada, with the goal of strengthening provisions related to racism and discrimination, and building on current Indigenous representation within the organization, and ensuring internal policies, systems and processes support a culture of ongoing truth and reconciliation while fostering a deeper understanding of Indigenous People's Rights among employees and leadership.

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Whitefish River First Nation Powwow welcomes diaspora family home

by Michael Erskine
WHITEFISH RIVER FN—The 29th annual Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) (Wawaskinaga) traditional powwow was delayed this year due to challenges in the community, but the one-day event held on Saturday, September 21 proved to be a great success.

This year's powwow theme was 'Living Our Way of Life' and was held at the soccer fields below Shawanosowe School and the weather, though threatening, held steady through the day for the dancers and onlookers.

A special event at this

year's was the welcoming and honouring of families back to the community. Co-emcee Marti Pitawanakwat introduced the Roger Finch family to the community as the descendants of Ray McGregor and a welcome song was played as they danced around the arena.

WRFN Ogimaa Rodney Nahwegahbow welcomed everyone to his community on behalf of chief and council, noting that the date had to be pushed back to the one-day, "but that doesn't make the event any less significant for our community. So, we really thank you for



Members of the Roger Finch family line up for a special song welcoming them back to the community.

photos by Michael Erskine

coming out."

"I want to thank our drums, our singers from near and far, and I want to acknowledge our community members, not

cultural events like this," said Ogimaa Nahwegahbow, after noting the challenges the community has faced in the past few years. "Our people have been doing this for thousands of years so let's keep up the practice and enjoy today's event."

na Migwanabe and Wassnoden Recollet. The proceedings took place under the watchful eye of arena director Sunset Sagutch.

Head Elder Sue Manitowabi delivered a prayer and invocation to begin the day.

Visitors and commu-



One of the great things to be discovered at a powwow are the many and varied vendors plying their Indigenous artisan wares and the Whitefish River First Nation Powwow was no exception.



Head dancers were Athena Migwanabe and Wassnoden Recollet.

only from our community, our elders, but people I've met in my journeys over the past year," he



June Corbiere was Crowned as Miss Wawaskinaga.

said. "Sometimes I didn't recognize them but they recognized me. I want to acknowledge not only all our community members, but all our First Nations. They are so awesome to be able to come here and



Fancy shawl dancers are among the most colourful and energetic.

This year's master of ceremonies were Dan Fox and Marti Pitawanakwat, head dancers were Little Creek Singers and co-hosts were Chi-Giiziz. Head dancers were Athe-



Haisley Jacko was crowned as Lil Miss Wawaskinaga.



Phoebe Fox was crowned Junior Miss Wawaskinaga.

celebrate this event." "Stay close to your family, support your family, bring them out to good



One of the great innovations at the powwow was the people moving carts that ferried folks from the parking lot at Shawanosowe School to the grounds.

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Memories of the first arrival of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry 50 years ago

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story appeared on the front page of the October 3, 1974 issue of The Manitoulin Expositor under the headline 'Chi Cheemaun arrives at South Baymouth.' It records the first arrival at the brand-new docking facilities of the newly-launched Chi-Cheemaun ferry. That shakedown crossing was 50 years ago from this coming Friday, September 27 (the same day and date a half century ago.) The reporter, Doug Ibbitson, was a staff member of The Expositor at that time.

by Doug Ibbitson

"Oh, isn't she just beautiful?" ... "Why, it's so big!" ... "Look at the little old Norgoma beside it!"

These comments, along with gleeful waves and smiles from about 100 people gathered at South Baymouth, met the gleaming new M.S. Chi-Cheemaun as she made her first run from Tobermory Friday morning, September 27th, (1974.)

Word of the new ferry's impending arrival apparently spread quickly across the Island Friday morning, as observers gathered at the dock early as 8 am to be sure they saw Chi-Cheemaun's first arrival at South Baymouth.

Shortly after 9 am a speck appeared around the point, and everyone knew it was really Chi-Cheemaun this time.

Children from across the Island were on hand for the event, due to the fortunate coincidence of a teachers' convention Friday. They ran to and fro as adults snapped photographs and made admiring comments on the tall, ultra-modern vessel.

Officers and crew members of the Norgoma had just berthed their ship in her slip, and had time to clamber out on deck in time to look almost straight up at Chi-Cheemaun's prow looming far over their heads as she glided smoothly by towards the new, untested docking facility.

Carrying only one very small vehicle in her cavernous hold, Chi-Cheemaun was riding high above her water line, and this emphasized her tall profile in comparison with the Norgoma.

Captain Del Chatwell eased his new ship into the new berth with great care, and the first docking will probably go on record as the slowest for the new ship. She must first pass the dock and then back and sidle into the loading and unloading ramp.

After several attempts, the crew and officials succeeded in getting the loading ramps on the dock and aboard, Chi-Cheemaun fit snugly.

Minutes later, all those people who had waited patiently to welcome the new ferry to the Island were permitted to come aboard and have a first-hand look at her facilities, including cocktail lounge, cafeteria, sundeck,

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Robert 'Rob' Huntington

Rob is a worldly person, a man dedicated to discovering new adventures and helping others throughout his journey of discovery. He was adopted as a baby and grew up spending all his summers on Manitoulin Island, the home of his adoptive mother, Rhea Matheson, her family and all her ancestors. Calgary was his last home base, but he loves the Island and is hoping to retire here in the future. "I have returned to Ontario after 47 years in Alberta, British Columbia, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories."

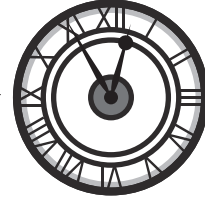
Rob was born on October 25, 1957, in Toronto and he was chosen by Alexander and Rhea Huntington to be their son. At about 14 weeks of age, on Valentine's Day, 1958, he came home to his adoptive parents who were living in Port Credit. A sister, Jane, was also adopted later. His maternal grandparents are Norman and Bertha (Morden) Matheson of Silver Water. Bertha was the local telephone operator in Silver Water for over 40 years. Grandmother's ring was 'long-short-long,' and you had to go through her to go off the island. Rob's maternal great-grandparents are William and Margaret (Price) Morden of Silverwater. Paternal grandparents are Norman Matheson and Elizabeth Ainslie. Norman was the lighthouse keeper at Cape Roberts near Elizabeth Bay.

"My father Alex Huntington came to the island after the second world war in the 1940s. He cut timber in the bush near Cook's dock and that's how he met my mother in Silver Water. They married in 1954 in Silver Water and moved to the Toronto area soon after. "I grew up in Port Credit, playing with cousins and local friends. My 'sociable' parents were always hosting or attending gatherings. There was a big grass ditch in the front yard. In the winter we could skate and play ice hockey on the Cookville Creek across the street."

Rob attended Lynwood Public School in Port Credit, "I had a crush on Mrs. McCracken, my Grade 2 teacher," Rob adds smiling. "My report card indicated I had a short attention span, and I would be a much better student if I were not so easily distracted. Dad had his own business,



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By Petra Wall



Robert 'Rob' Huntington in a recent photo.

Hoover Vacuums, sales, and service, and he fixed other vacuums too. I got remarkably close to my dad and learned so much from him. Every summer we headed north to Manitoulin, spending all of July and August there. During the week, dad would go back to work at his business in Toronto."

"We stayed at Harvey Hutton's cottage until 1962, when our cottage was built with family help. Ours was the last building on 'cottage row' on Silver Lake and it still is. When dad was building the cement patio, I asked if we could sign our names. He said 'no.' What about a hand or footprint? Again, I got a 'no.' When he was busy mixing the concrete, I put my handprint in the soft concrete, but I smoothed it over before he got back. Soon after, when he left again, I secretly put both feet into the concrete, but I only got one smoothed over before he came back. I ran and hid under pillows in



With Gord Lightfoot after the concert in Lethbridge c. 2014. He signed Rob's discharge book.

the loft. I was only five, but I was afraid he would be really angry. I was expecting a loud 'Robert Alexander.' My mother finally found me at supper time and promised there would be no spanking. Sometime later, as an adult, I was told I had undiagnosed ADHD and was an attention seeker."

"In 1965 we had a family reunion at our own cottage. Dad's brother George Huntington came from Sacramento. He had married a girl named Anita and had moved to California. Bob Edmonds married dad's sister Janet, and they were living in Niagara Falls. We all had a wonderful time visiting and catching up with each other at Silver Lake. My mom's sister, Anne, and her husband Murray Hopkins, from Owen

Sound, Audrey, and Howard Harper, from Silver Water, Matt and Olie Matheson of Gore Bay, our grandparents, aunts and uncles of Gore Bay, Durham, and Owen Sound. Late August, our family would return to Port Credit to get ready for school."

"Sadly, my beloved dad died of a heart attack, at age 45, in June of 1969. I was 12. It was so hard on all of us, and I was left wishing I could have spent more time with him. Mom tried to run his business but

was not successful and she sold it in less than a year. Later, she met another man and decided to move to Vancouver with him. I was 14 and I did not want to move to Vancouver, so I stayed behind, but I had to go into foster care."

"I went to several families over the next two years, starting in April 1972. I was in grade nine. The first home was close to my high school. Pete Martin #77, who played for the Toronto Argonauts, was my gym teacher and wrestling coach. He helped me. My family was breaking up at the time and it was a challenging time for me. Pete took me to some Argonaut practices in his Volkswagen Bug. That was incredibly spe-

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...Whitefish River First Nation turns sod on new 15-lot subdivision

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as design engineers. The decision to finance the project through band funds was prompted by the pressing need for housing in the community, he said.

The design costs were borne by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), a federal government department who came on board as a funding partner on the project and by 2022 the design was off the drawing board and ready for bids. Of the two bids received, Sudbury's Checcetto and Sons Ltd. were the chosen by First Nations Engineering Services Ltd. (FNSEL) (a 100 percent Indigenous-owned engineering company based in Oshwekan, Ontario) and in September of that year the project was approved by ISC.

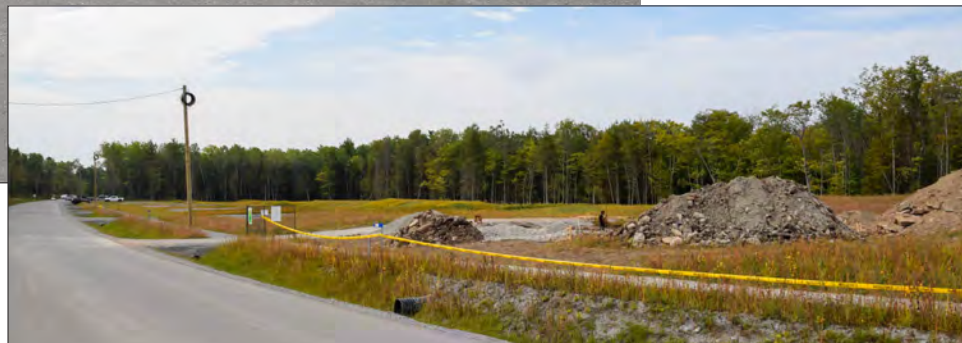
Next up was the construction of the first phase of five housing units by Espanola's Lignum Builders Ltd. and substantial completion of the 15-lot subdivision, while the future includes a recently issued tender for three more houses (to be completed by March 2025) and another anticipated three housing unit starts by the band.

"The 15-lot subdivision is expected to be filled within the next two to three years," said Ogimaa Nahwegahbow. "This means that council will work towards another subdivision project as it does take years to have serviced lots ready for housing."

The new road was named Shebahonaning following a contest won by community member Edward Nahwegahbow. The chief explained that the name is Anishinaabemowin for Killarney—"which is our home town as well."

There were plenty of acknowledgment to go around and Ogimaa Nahwegahbow noted individuals in the organizations involved in the project, including ICS's senior engineer Cheng Deng and capital management officers Derek Edgerton and Haily Eggleston; project lead engineers Matt Douglas and Kelvin Jamieson; FNSEL general manager Craig Baker, project manager Joanne Recollet and contract administrator Kyle Gee; Checcetto and Sons Ltd. general manager Vaughn Blacklock, project supervisor Paul Lafantaisie and site foreman Marc Lepine; and Lignum Builders Ltd. president Brant LeClair, project manager Jeff Bint and site supervisor Clint Constantineau.

"We are very proud of everything that's taken place recently and chi-miigwetch to everyone who came out today to celebrate," said Ogimaa Nahwegahbow, before inviting everyone back to the elders' centre for light refreshments.



Members of the Birch Island community gathered last Friday, September 20 for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark construction on the new 15-lot subdivision on the new Shebahonaning Road. **RIGHT:** Fifteen new lots will be constructed along the new road, which leads from Highway 6 to Shawanosowe School. photos by Michael Erskine

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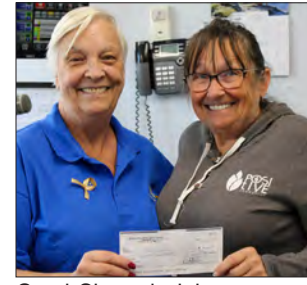
Heart of Gold Radiothon held to support Northern Families of Children with Cancer

by Margery Frisch

ESPANOLA—On Friday, September 20, Rosalind Russell at Moose FM CJJM 99.3 ran a hugely successful radiothon from 6 am to 2 pm. The Heart of Gold radiothon raises funds that go directly to Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer (NOFCC). This was the third annual event, spearheaded by Ms. Russell.

"We have five or six children in our local area who need your help each and every day," Ms. Russell said over the airways on Friday. "We have one child on Manitoulin Island, another in Lively, two in Espanola, one in Blind River and one in Elliot Lake receiving support from Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer." Her pleas did not go unheard. A steady stream of donors came through the door of the radio station, in addition, Ms. Russell was fielding donations over the phone.

NOFCC is a registered charity begun in 1998 by a group of parents of children with cancer. Their goal is to help every family caring for a child with cancer, and they strive to address the needs of every family member. NOFCC provides a wide variety of services under three core programs: financial assistance, educational supports and emotional support and advocacy.



Carol Simond, right, presents \$700 cheque from the Knights Cruisers Car Club to Rosalind Russell for the Heart of Gold NOFCC Radiothon.

While The Expositor was at the radio station, many people came in to donate to the cause, including a hefty donation by the Knights Cruisers Car Club for \$700, presented to Rosalind Russell by Carol Simond, who made a personal donation as well.

"Vista Radio is a wonderful company to work for, they're very progressive," Ms. Russell explained. "And very proactive when it comes to supporting local PSAs, whether it's to help the homeless, or the NOFCC, or other cancer organizations, like the Terry Fox Run during September which is Cancer Awareness Month."

As NOFCC Ambassador 2024—a title Ms. Russell has won two years in a row for raising the most funds for NOFCC—Ms. Russell will present the funds from the radiothon at the Gold Soiree that takes place next week in Sudbury. It's a formal affair, the biggest

fundraiser of the year for the organization, which raises upwards of \$80,00 to \$100,000. "And that money all goes back into taking care of our children," Ms. Russell said.

The business community is a tremendous boon at times like these. They not only support this type of event financially, but in donating prizes as enticement for the public to get involved. Many generous Espanola businesses were doing their part, and Manitoulin Island was also involved. "Jake's Home Centres, of Mindemoya and Little Current, have always advocated for the children." Adam Smith, owner of Jake's, donated a barbecue as a raffle prize for the radiothon. "As well, Mountain View Resort has donated a weekend family getaway to NOFCC for next weekend's soiree, for live auction. We have a very strong relationship with Manitoulin Island," she added.

By the end of the eight-hour radiothon, the total raised was \$6,825, but Ms. Russell will continue to accept donations until Friday, September 27. She'd love for you to drop by the radio station at 90 Gray St, Espanola, or call in your donation to 705-869-6999, or donate online at 3rd Annual Heart of Gold radiothon - canadahelps.org. As Ms. Russell said in her radio tagline, "Every cent counts."

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Manitoulin Island pet owners warned of recent blastomycosis outbreak

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative reporter
MANITOULIN—Pet owners on Manitoulin Island are sounding the alarm on social media after several dogs and cats have fallen ill in recent months, with some cases now linked to blastomycosis, a potentially fatal fungal infection. This outbreak has highlighted the need for increased awareness and vigilance among pet owners in the region.

Blastomycosis is a systemic infection caused by the dimorphic fungus *Blastomyces dermatitidis**. The infection spreads through the dispersal of fungal spores found in moist, sandy, acidic soil near freshwater lakes and rivers. High organic content from decaying wood or animal waste, especially during moist, warm weather, creates an environment conducive to the growth of this fungus. Manitoulin Island, with its extensive shorelines along the Georgian Bay, is particularly vulnerable.

The spores are released into the air when the soil is disturbed by activities such as construction, removal of old

logs, gardening or dismantling beaver lodges. While some documented cases suggested a link between the disease and beavers, research points more to the nutrient-rich conditions created by feces in beaver dams and lodges as the catalyst for the fungus's growth, rather than the animals themselves.

Most often, dogs contract the disease by inhaling these airborne spores, which transform into yeast upon entering the lungs. This yeast then invades lung tissue and can spread to other organs through the blood or lymphatic systems. The disease can also manifest through primary skin lesions when spores enter through a cut or open sore. The incubation period varies from several weeks to over a month, leading to potential misdiagnosis or delayed treatment, especially if symptoms do not appear until after a pet has returned home from an affected area.

Early symptoms of blastomycosis in dogs typically include loss of appetite, shortness of breath, lethargy and coughing. Fever is present in only 40-60 per-

cent of cases. Advanced symptoms can include skin lesions, blindness, difficulty walking, and, less commonly, kidney, prostate, joint or brain involvement. Due to its wide range of symptoms and varying incubation period, blastomycosis can be challenging to diagnose.

Veterinarians recommend immediate chest x-rays if blastomycosis is suspected, even if the dog only shows minor symptoms like lethargy or loss of appetite. Confirmation often involves cytologic tests using fine-needle aspirates from lymph nodes. However, unfamiliarity with the disease can sometimes lead to misdiagnosis as pneumonia or lung cancer. Other diagnostic methods include serological tests for antibodies, urinary antigen testing, and Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing, though these can be expensive and not always readily available.

Treatment usually involves the administration ofazole antifungal medications like Itraconazole, which can take several months and cost pet owners a significant amount of money. Severe cases may re-

quire hospitalization and intravenous medication of Amphotericin B, which can have toxic side effects, though newer formulations are less damaging to the kidneys. A relapse is possible within six or more months, requiring additional treatment.

Blastomycosis is not contagious from dog to dog, dog to human, or human to dog, except in rare circumstances involving direct contact with fresh drainage from an infected pet's skin lesion and an open cut. The primary risk comes from inhaling spores released into the air when the soil is disturbed. The fungus can remain dormant in the soil for years, only producing spores when conditions are ideal.

Larger hunting breeds such as retrievers are most susceptible, with intact males being more vulnerable than females. However, in endemic areas both male and female dogs, as well as working breeds like terriers, dachshunds, spaniels, and poodles, are at risk. Younger dogs, due to their tendency to dig and explore, may be more frequently affected.

Dr. Janice Mitchell of Island Animal Hospital has been tracking cases of blastomycosis on Manitoulin Island since 2016. While the number of cases has remained relatively stable, she notes a growing awareness among pet owners. Similarly, Dr. Carolyn Lariviere of the Walden Animal Hospital in Sudbury emphasizes the importance of early diagnosis, as the infection's severity often dictates the prognosis. Unfortunately, the disease's subtle and varied symptoms can result in delayed treatment, sometimes leading to tragic outcomes.

Given the increased reports of pets falling ill, area veterinarians are urging pet owners to remain vigilant, particularly when their dogs have been in areas near water or disturbed soil. Seeking immediate veterinary care if symptoms like coughing, lethargy, or loss of appetite arise can make the difference between a full recovery and a grim prognosis.

For more information, search 'blastomycosis' on Manitoulin.com.



Brookwood Brae Golf Course hosts Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions sea cadet fundraiser

Chris Bryan (president) and Alexia Hannigan, members of the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club along with members of the Manitoulin 348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets are shown with the ladies winning team. The winning team included Ellen Holroyd, Colleen Willoughby, Karen Turgeon and Lise Guilbeault.

Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club members Chris Bryan (president) and Alexia Hannigan along with members of the Manitoulin 348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets are shown with the mixed division winning team. The Chris Thorburn winning team included Tait Wallace, Zack Cress and Brittany Wall. See story and other photo on Page 1A of the Lifestyle section.

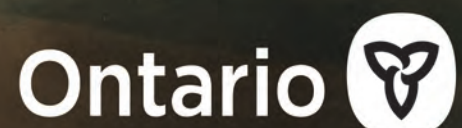
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Rainbow board and elementary teachers approve local agreements

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) and the federation representing elementary permanent teachers and elementary occasional teachers in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island have new agreements at the lo-

cal level. The teachers are represented by the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Rainbow Teacher Local and Rainbow Occasional Teacher Local. RDSB has approximately 685 permanent

teachers and 225 occasional teachers in its elementary schools. The new deals are in effect from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2026, aligning with the provincial agreements at the central bargaining table.

“This is great news for our students, staff and parents/guardians,” said RDSB Chair David Farrow. “I want to personally thank the bargaining teams from the board and the federation for working diligently to bring these

negotiations to a successful conclusion.” “Our elementary teachers contribute to the vision, mission, values and priorities of Rainbow schools through their daily work with students. Occasional teachers ensure continuity

of learning in our schools. They are both valued members of our instructional team who have a powerful and positive impact on student achievement and well-being.”



MSS students must always be marking their calendars—or setting reminders in their phones—with all the due dates and special events the school year brings. With everything from university preparations to soup days, MSS certainly has variety.

Academics can be an evolving process, and for students finalizing their timetables, Monday, September 16th marked the last day to switch courses. For students, making sure they have a good work balance, a more challenging course, or exploring different subjects, can take a while to gauge. That is why there is a two-week period for course changes, ensuring that students are on the right track for the semester ahead.

An exciting development on the MSS Robotics Team this week! The team has officially begun to host a FIRST LEGO League Explore team. Team volunteers are now teaching children ages 6-10 the basic concepts of robotics using LEGO. This 11-week program will bring Manitoulin youth to the high school to get a taste of teamwork, problem solving, and engineering.

On Thursday, September 19, Grade 12 students from MSS interested in university travelled to Espanola for their University Fair. The event was host to nearly all Ontario universities looking to recruit students. Representatives from these schools were there to provide information on programs, admis-

sions, scholarships, campus life, food and more! This event was invaluable for students looking to ask questions and make informed decisions about their futures. Of course, students stopped at McDonald’s on the way home, a special occasion for Manitoulin Islanders. On the same day, the Ontario Universities’ Application Centre opened its undergraduate admissions portal. Students graduating this year are finally able to apply for university programs.

The much-anticipated Stratford trip is set to depart after school on Wednesday, September 25. Students on the trip are looking forward to three nights of theatre, workshops and time with friends. The renowned Stratford Festival offers our students a unique opportunity to experience world-class theatre productions as well as meet the actors, ask questions, and learn new skills. Participants will be seeing the plays ‘Twelfth Night,’ ‘Romeo And Juliet’ and ‘Something Rotten.’ Workshops include a choreography workshop and a stage-fighting workshop.

Monday, September 23 is picture day! Students will be asked to come down to the cafeteria by grade to get their photos taken. These photos will be sent home to parents and also included in the 2024-2025 yearbook.

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



As we wrap up summer and make our way into the fall, we’d like to thank the volunteers and the hard work they put into local fall fairs (including Massey, celebrating its 117th year, Providence Bay, celebrating its 141st year, and Manitowaning, celebrating its 148th year). Local agricultural societies and fall fairs serve as an important social event for the Island and celebrate the history of local agriculture, helping educate the public on how and why we farm.

Fall also means harvest, with many local farmers back on the roads and in the fields. You may see equipment like combines, which harvest crops like grain, grain carts, which move the harvested grain from the combine for transport or storage and plows/tillers, which are preparing the soil for next spring. Farm equipment moves slowly on the road, so please be aware, exercise caution and only pass when safe. We appreciate

your patience! Some farmers may also be applying manure or other fertilizer to make sure that fields have enough nutrients to grow healthy crops next year. The 4R Nutrient Management Program is used in Ontario, which stands for the Right Source (right nutrient for the crop), Right Rate (correct amount of nutrients), Right Time (application during the appropriate growth stage) and Right Place (in the most accessible place). This ensures that we limit runoff, use the fertilizer most effectively, enhance soil health and comply with regulatory requirements and standards. Some farmers may also be planting cover crops, including oats, red clover and rye. Cover crops have many benefits, including reducing erosion, adding organic matter, better managing nutrients, suppressing weeds, managing moisture, pests and diseases and sequestering carbon. They can be chal-

lenging to use in Northern Ontario since we have a shorter growing season, but they are becoming more common.

You may have also spotted Sandhill cranes in some fields. These cranes, along with other wildlife including deer, bears and geese, cause quite a bit of damage in fields and result in substantial crop loss. While farmers can use some deterrents (like bird bangers, scarecrows and decoy crops) against Sandhill cranes, we still have very little effective ways to deter the cranes from destroying freshly planted and harvested crops. This is an issue that the OFA continues to lobby on behalf of its members across the province.

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...Now and Then: Robert 'Rob' Huntington

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 cial for me. After that I was placed in Pointe Au Baril. After summer I was sent to a family in Brampton. They were deeply religious and insisted I go to church, but I refused to go. They complained to Children's Aid who took me to court. I was declared 'unmanageable' and sent to an Ontario Training School, a reform school."

Rob attended Grade 10 in this institution and found

it quite easy, but with his small stature, he was subjected to abuse from older boys, both sexual and physical in nature.

"Currently, I am part of two class action lawsuits that are presently in litigation, and we are waiting for the results. The CBC produced a documentary, 'Born Bad.' I am waiting to hear the results of these cases. I attended Grade 11 in a regular school and found it more difficult. It was 1973 and I was 15. I was

out of reform school, staying with a family in Owen Sound and ready to get back to a normal routine. I got only three of six credits that year at West Hill Secondary School. I took some easier courses next, to get my diploma. I needed English, and although it was my favourite subject, I was told I didn't get it. Six months later, I spoke with someone at the school and was told I had forgotten something, my diploma! I rushed over and picked it



The Morden Family circa 1909 Mary (Ellis), John Maggie (Eaton), Charlie, Lillie (Williams) Walter back row, Front Wm Morden Bertha (Matheson), Margaret Price 110 years ago.

"I was almost 18 and was now on my own. The government paid me \$50 a week. I started working in a local factory, Canadian Pittsburg Industries, where we made sheet glass. I was an off bearer at the end of the conveyor belt." After a year, Rob heard about working on ships from a buddy whose brother was a ship keeper, a person who stays on the ship in the winter and keeps the boiler going. "I began to learn more about ships for possible future employment."

"In the spring of 1976, I moved to Niagara Falls. My aunt Janet, dad's sister, was there. Her husband Bob was my mother's cousin. They lived close to the Welland Canal." Rob started construction work for a short while, helping to pour the concrete observation decks at the base of the falls. "The Seafarer's International Union, SIU, was nearby, and I could visit frequently to look for work. Eventually the SIU took note of me and sent me to work on a ship in May of 1976."

"My first ship was the John A. France of the Meisner Steamship Company. We left Thorold, and as a deck hand, I had to help clean the vast cargo holds,



Salmon fishing in BC.

40 ft wide and deep and 60 ft long. The ship was 730 ft. long. We would pick up grain in Thunder Bay and head for Montreal or Quebec where it would be reloaded into ocean-going ships. Then we would head for the mouth of the St. Lawrence to pick up iron ore for the American steel mills of Cleveland, Detroit, and Gary, Indiana in the States. Then it was back to Thunder Bay, cleaning the ship all the way. The powerful hose had to be held by two men. Grain needed a clean cargo hold."

"I recall a celebration on July 4, 1976, for the bicentennial celebrations in Canada and the USA. People were tossing beer cans up to us on the ship. Later that year, I was working on the Richelieu, belonging to Paul Martin's Canada Steamship Line. The Olympics were on that summer of 1976 and our ship was left in Montreal for 16 days to be painted. I stayed on the ship and each day I would leave to see interesting Olympic events. I really enjoyed Quebec's attractions. That winter I went home to Owen Sound."

"Next year, after shipping out, my friend mentioned that his brother was in Edmonton and there was lots of work. The two of us jumped on a plane, landed in Edmonton, and went to the local employment agency. They told me there was a company there that hires SIU members. I went to Northern Transportation Co. Ltd and was told I would be sent to a ship on the Mackenzie River to work between Hay River and Tuktoyaktuk, in the Northwest Territories. I flew out of the Municipal Airport in Edmonton to Hay River in June of 1977, and I was a deckhand for four months. I loved this job. We carried goods and

supplies to communities along the Mackenzie. The north was so beautiful, with vast spaces, remoteness, and wildlife. Once, in the river delta we saw thousands of snow geese. It looked like a white tornado coming out of the sky, landing and spreading all over the ground."

"That winter I came back to Edmonton and learned Spanish so I could enjoy a three-months adventure in Colombia in South America, in January of 1978." On the plane to Columbia, Rob met a successful businessman who invited him to stay with his family in Santa Marta. "I accepted his offer and stayed at his home with his family. He took his son and me along for his monthly check of his plantations and the people running them. We travelled up a nearby mountain to see his coffee and banana plantations. At the end of the road, high up the mountain, the truck was abandoned, and burros took us up the rest of the way. I was hanging out with Juan Valdez."

"The area was very green, cooler than the towns below and very lush. It took five days to see all the plantations, check progress, make payments and bring small gifts. The farmers were invited to meet the 'Gringo,' me. I tried out a bit of my Spanish, but I didn't understand much of the lingo. We were offered licorice-flavored liquor in a bottle that was passed around. After two bottles were drained, I became an 'amigo.' I was also shown their machetes, which they used on their farms. They gifted me with one, but I had to give it up at the airport before the plane ride home. At the end of my adventure, I came back to Edmonton."

"I got my bar-tending certificate and was temporarily working in the bars in Edmonton. One time when the Oilers beat the Canadians in a hockey game in 1981, I met Wayne Gretzky and Vicky in the elevator in an Edmonton condominium," Rob continues. "I also met Cindy, an interesting young lady. We travelled to the Caribbean in 1980 for three months, visiting eight islands by sailboat. In January 1982, we both moved to Victoria, British Columbia. In time, we found we had conflict-

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...Mayor Stephens outlines reasons for study on arena, community hall

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it could do a better job of looking at where we could put the facility, and what it would include. This committee did this, and their proposal was half the price of the consultants' option, at about \$7-8 million. But as I mentioned for a community with 2,300 people, we can't

afford something like this without federal and provincial funding."

"We left things sit for a while, but knew all along with the age of our current facilities we would have to look at all of this again," said Mayor Stephens. "So, we put close to \$150,000 toward a study to find another alternative."

Mayor Stephens explained, "We would like

to see one community facility, arena and one main hall. But in the four communities that have a community hall the residents will say they still need them. This is something more sentimental than viable. We need a better solution so instead we agreed as council to spend \$150,000 to have a study overview done that will be affordable and doable."

"The logical place to have this is Mindemoya because there is water and sewer available," said Mayor Stephens. "It would be nice to have a big facility in Providence Bay, but it would cost a huge amount to put water and sewer into the community. This is something that may be a good move eventually because Providence Bay is a prime area

for growth as it is easier to put in water and sewer in sand rather than rock."

The municipal tender sought consulting services, recreation infrastructure planning, arena feasibility and design and noted in part, "the municipality is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide professional consulting services to assist the municipality in reviewing and planning for community and recreation infrastructure, with a particular focus on the two municipal arenas and their future. The successful proponent will develop an understanding of the local context and consider the arenas in the context of the community, as well as within the context of the municipality's full portfolio of infrastructure. In a municipality the

tainably provided, what sustainable operating and fee models are there and which one is best suited to our community members and user groups, what the needs and wants of community members truly are, and how to effectively position the municipality to be prepared to access funding to move in the selected direction (particularly for arenas) i.e. achieve a preliminary design phase for the selected option."

"The successful proponent will be able to review and build on the work that has already been completed and will facilitate the municipality to take significant next steps in determining a long-term strategy for community/recreation infrastructure as a whole," the tender continues. "In particu-

Death Notices

IOLANDA (EILEEN) LARSEN

May 17, 1926 - September 9, 2024



Iolanda (98) passed away at her daughter's home in Sudbury. Predeceased by her husband Rolf Larsen in 1995. Survived by four children, Sandra Larsen of Ottawa, Terra Larsen

(Fred Breaks) of Sudbury, Rocky Larsen (Heather) of Capreol and Dawn Chew (John Land) of Sudbury; three grandchildren, Gillian Crozier (Bruce Hannah) of Ancaster, Ontario, Bryan Chew (Emma Williamson) and Kyle Chew (Michelle Cochrane) of Toronto; her cherished great-grandchildren Erik and Austin Chew. Predeceased by her sister Mary Downie and her brother Pat Melloni. Iolanda was aunt to Mary Lynn Hill of Grand Bend, Ontario, John Downie (predeceased 2014), Dale Downie and Janet Downie of London, Ontario and Carol Pepino of Sooke, B.C. Iolanda grew up in London, Ontario in a large household of two Italian immigrant families, four adults and eight children. She was the last surviving person from that household. Growing up in a combined household, her cousins were like her brothers and sisters. Iolanda grew up during the Great Depression and World War II. While her brother and male cousins were serving the Canadian Armed Forces in Europe, Iolanda as a young teenager helped the morale of the young soldiers, sailors and airmen who were away from home in training near London, by dancing with them at the London arena. They danced to big bands like Guy Lombardo and several American big bands like Louis Armstrong. Iolanda and Rolf were married in 1946 and moved to Sudbury in 1952. She loved gardening. In 1973 Rolf and Iolanda (Eileen) bought a farm at Hilly Grove near Manitowaning on Manitoulin Island where they spent their summers. Iolanda often served as a surrogate mother and grandmother. There was often an additional place at the dinner table for friends of her children. Iolanda enjoyed being a member of the Red Hat Society for several years. Family and friends may gather at Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 233 Larch Street, Sudbury on Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 11 am to 1 pm. Prayers and Words of Remembrance at 11:15 am, followed by fellowship celebrating her life. Donations to the Maison McCullough Hospice. Cremation entrusted to the Parklawn Crematorium. www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com.

RAYMOND BERNSTEIN



In loving memory of Raymond Bernstein, 66 years, who passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at Health Sciences North, Sudbury. Beloved husband of Suzanne Bernstein (née Lavoie). Loving father of Aaron (Marija) Bernstein, Alex (Kelly) Lavoie, Michael (Jayda) Bernstein

and Sarah Lavoie-Bernstein. Cherished grandfather of Cameron and Brooke Bernstein and Gabrielle Lavoie. Dear son of Maurice Bernstein (predeceased) and Rosemary Woodgate-Berceller. Ray was an active and cherished member of his community. In Sudbury, he ran Northern Sports Photography, where he captured the spirit of local sports, weddings and community events. He had a natural way with kids and found joy in celebrating life's moments through his lens. After retiring, he embraced life on Manitoulin Island, devoting his days to farming, sharing his photography and supporting the local farmers' market, where his generosity and kindness made him a beloved figure. As per his wishes, there will be no funeral visitation or service. Cremation arrangements entrusted to Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Services.

MICHAEL A BROWN

1950 - 2024



It is with great fondness and heavy hearts, we share the sad news that Michael (Mike) Arthur Brown, 74 years, passed away on Friday, September 20, 2024. Mike is survived by daughters Jennifer and Steve Fessey, Amy and Anthony Beard, Micki and Paul Becks, and Paula and Kyle McFadden

and their mother Lynn. Loving grandfather of Graeme and Emma Becks, Mackenzie and Taylor Fessey and Chloe and Cole McFadden. Dear brother to Susan Stoesser (Michael) and Ruth Ann Ilgauds (Willy); brother Dan and countless friends, family and acquaintances. Mike was a kind and generous man. He moved to Manitoulin Island and began his life of service to the community first working as a funeral director at Gore Bay's Turner Funeral Home, then serving as a past President of the Manitoulin Island Country Club, Planning Board and representing the riding of Algoma-Manitoulin from 1987 to 2011 in the Ontario Legislature before eventually retiring to the community of Innisfil. In memory of Mike and in lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer Society of Canada.



Another study will be undertaken on the state of the Mindemoya arena and community hall.

Expositor file photo

size of Central Manitoulin, with a small staff complement and a limited pool of user groups, all facilities impact each other. The scope of this project will focus on building infrastructure, although lateral impacts to outdoor/park infrastructure that result from any recommendations in the master-plan phase should also be considered. All building infrastructure, parks, ball fields and open spaces are managed, operated, and maintained by a team of five full-time staff."

"Like many other municipalities across Ontario, Central Manitoulin has been grappling for several years with strategic questions related to community facilities and recreation infrastructure, particularly the arenas," the tender continued. "Staff and council have been considering core questions such as where to invest limited funds in infrastructure to derive the best value for residents, what service levels should and can be sus-

lar, the successful proponent will ensure that the municipality has a solid plan for both community building infrastructure, and the two arenas, by the end of the process. This plan will have fully considered options for facilities such as whether to repair or renovate existing facilities (particularly the arenas) to decommission, to position the municipality to build a new arena facility, to target net-zero or do deep energy retrofits on any facilities or other options suggested by the successful proponent. The municipality expects to see proposals that demonstrate how the proponent conceptualizes the scope of the project, as well as a clear methodology for how the proponent will deliver the scope and step the municipality through both the strategic consideration phases as well as the initial design phases of the selected arena option."

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services

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give or receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, September 25, Mindemoya Town Chambers from 2 to 4 pm; Sunday, October 27, Gore Bay Legion from 2 to 4 pm; Wednesday, November 27, Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm; Sunday, December 15, Manitowaning Family Health Team from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie, 705-507-0433, tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531, bnannc@gmail.com. tfn

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info. tfn

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

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

coming events

The Robinson Township Local Roads Board will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday, October 7 at 7 pm in the Silver Water Community Hall. All ratepayers are invited and welcome to attend. 18-20c

The Manitoulin Health Centre Board of Directors is holding their regular Board meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 pm at the Watersedge Pub & Restaurant in Gore Bay. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. 19c

Bingo with a \$500 jackpot at Tehkummah Seniors' Hall on Sunday, October 6, start time of 1:30 pm. \$20 entry fee, \$1 per special card; 50/50 draw. Prizes for regular games, \$20; special games, \$50; jackpot, \$500. Canteen will be open with light lunches. 19-20c



NEMI FARMERS' MARKET
Every Saturday 9 AM to NOON (plus extended hours)
Downtown, Little Current on the Waterfront at the Market Garden Pavilion
See you Saturday!

\$ for sale

2008 Tahoe LT2 for parts, installed new battery, new starter, new fuel sending unit with straps on tanks. Call 705-368-6146. 17-20p

Seasoned maple or poplar firewood for sale. Call 705-859-1093 and leave a message. 17-22c

For sale, two compound bows and a crossbow. Selling all three together for \$900. Call 705-790-5340. 18-19c

Brand new \$700 Fortress scooter. \$3,000 firm. Call 437-441-6306, in Little Current. 19p

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Boat for sale, 16' aluminum deep hull on trailer with 50 HP Johnson and 4 HP kicker bilge, fly fish finder and cover. Call 705-377-4135.

notice

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

Knox United Church Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is open Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, shoes, household, books and miscellaneous. 17-24p

Boat storage available in Providence Bay. Call 705-665-5923. 18-26c

rental

October 1 to May 1, waterfront one and two bedroom executive units in Little Current. All inclusive with Starlink internet, satellite TV and fully furnished. Email manitoulinrental@gmail.com for details and viewing appointment. 11tfn

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church services

King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229. 30tfn

KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc.manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome. 4tfn



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Interested parties can tender for one or all locations. Contractor must quote on a "per call" basis for snow removal and sanding as well as a "lump sum" basis for snow removal and sanding for the seasons commencing fall of 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Snow removal requirements are available upon request: Interested parties must possess a valid Ontario driver's licence and carry liability insurance. Tender can be faxed or mailed to:

Tracy Tooley, Operations Manager
Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.
Postal Bag 2003 – 48A Hillside
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
(Telephone) 705-368-2182 Ext. 214
(Fax) 705-368-2229

Quotations to be submitted no later than 12:00 noon September 27th, 2024.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

services

Christian Counselling: Alcohol, addiction, anxiety, children, depression, drugs, faith, grief, illness, marriage, PTSD, salvation, sin, etc. Free and confidential. King James Bible Church, 705-885-8951, cc.manitoulin@gmail.com. Tfn

services

Overeaters Anonymous-Do you have an eating disorder? Is food a problem for you in any way? We can help. Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Anchor Inn in the basement, 1 Water St. E, Little Current. Knock loudly. Tfn

yard sale

Fall yard sale at the Little Current United Church on Friday, September 27 from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, September 28 from 8 am to 12 noon. 18-19p

Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay is holding a fall colours rummage sale on Friday, September 27 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, September 28 from 9 am to 12 noon. This sale will include all our winter clothing, so a good time to start thinking about cooler days! We are clearing out the shed so will have everything out for sale. Something for everyone, linens, books, houseware, yard stuff and more. Donations will be accepted at the back of the church Monday through Wednesday, during sale week, between 9 am and 12 noon. As always, we thank the many terrific supporters who drop off their donations. Proceeds go toward our Community Outreach Programs. Come out for our Fall Colours, join the fun and pick up some nice items. See you at the sale! 18-19p

Yard Sale on Saturday, September 28 from 8 am to 5 pm at 75 Wellington Street, Manitowaning.



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre BOARD VACANCY OFF-RESERVE REPRESENTATIVE

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following:

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

Send "Confidential" to:
Attn: Board Chair c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Ph.: 705-368-0083 ext. 235, Fax: 705-368-3922
Or email: debbie.francis@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled

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

Death Notices

JOHN LINDEN HARVEY



It is with parting sadness and enduring gratitude that we announce the death of John Linden Harvey after 96 2/3 years of inspired living. Husband of the late Thora (2016); father of Michelle Simmonds (David), Mark (Jennifer) and Stephen (Jannick); grandfather of Erica, Jeremy, Jenn, Danny, Adam, Ryan, Helen, Johnny, Shelagh and the late Kathryn; great-grandfather of 15; survived by sister Mary Lund (Kenneth), brother-in law Rick Pond (Bob) and sister-in law Joan Pond. Beloved by many more in the Harvey/Pond families. John lived life to the fullest and left on his own terms with dignity, humour and love. Born in Courtland and raised primarily in Granton and Byron, John's formative years as the son of a minister and librarian inspired a zest for life and love of family, nature and creative learning. Cherished childhood summers spent camping on the Bruce Peninsula, subsiding on nature's bounty, helped form his love of camping, hiking, swimming and birding. Following in his parents' footsteps, John attended Victoria College (U of T), graduating in Geological Science and marrying fellow student Thora in 1950. He became a biology teacher, working for two years in Parry Sound, and the remainder of his career at WCI in Woodstock. Teaching suited John's love of learning, helping others, family and summer. In his spare time, he enjoyed birding, woodworking, furniture restoration, visual arts and writing. His oil paintings hang in homes and galleries throughout the world. John was an inspirational teacher and role model in the classroom and within numerous clubs, organizations, and his vast circle of family and friends. A boy at heart, many of his companions in later life were almost a century younger than him and revered him as a great teacher. John was a child of summer. He introduced Thora, the love of his life, to the wonders of nature (that mostly made up for her small clothing budget) and they raised a family on sunshine and fresh air. They spent many summers at a rustic cottage in Parry Sound and took two memorable six-week east coast camping trips. Ultimately, a cottage on Manitoulin Island became the focus of summer family life that featured reunions spanning four Harvey generations and visits with many friends and extended family. Guests will recall trips throughout the Island, hikes to the "burned down house," campfires, morning dips, sunbathing, bird watching, and nightly games (and accompanying snacks), often Scrabble or the card game Big Bertha in which Thora often declared John a "stinker." John was happy to know that the cottage remains in the family for the legacy to continue. Ever the precocious boy, John was known for his irreverent sense of humour. His clever disguise as a distinguished older gentleman allowed him to drop shocking bombshells into polite conversation which particularly tickled his grandchildren. From dressing up as an old lady with a pillow stuffed into the back of his skirt and declaring himself to be "Mrs. Roundbottom," to using impolite but legitimate Scrabble words, his antics became family lore. John was kind, brilliant and respected by many. He would have been too modest to enjoy seeing a list of his awards and accomplishments and took satisfaction in knowing he did the right thing. John would have appreciated gifts in his memory to the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Friends and family are invited to gather for "John's Day" at 10:30 am on Friday, October 25, 2024 at Brock and Visser Funeral Home (845 Devonshire Ave 519-539-0004) in Woodstock to celebrate a life truly well lived. Share a memory at www.brockandvisser.com.

GARY JAMES

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Gary James, who passed away with his family by his side on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya in his 76th year after a lengthy illness. We, as his family, send our deepest gratitude to the doctors, nurses and staff of Health Sciences North in Sudbury and Mindemoya Health Centre for their kindness and care that Gary and his family received during his stay. Gary is survived by his beloved wife Lorna of more than 50 years; sons Ian, Blaine and Blair; daughter-in-law Crystal; grandchildren Alex, Justice, Aiden, Brian, Austin and Ashley; and great-grandchildren Owen and Hazel. He is predeceased by his parents William (Bill) and Dorothy James (nee Falls). Deceased siblings Bob, Dianne and Timothy; surviving siblings Betty, Mike, Cindy, Kelly, Les, Lorne, Christopher and Karen. The family will be holding a Celebration of Life on Saturday, November 9, 2024 at the Community Hall. Time will be posted at a later date. Final care entrusted to Park Lawn Crematorium. If desired, donations may be made to Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya site.

MARY EVELY "PRISCILLA" HILL



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Mary Evelyn Priscilla Hill, a cherished member of her community and a devout servant of her faith, on September 15, 2024 at the age of 85. Born into a life of quiet humility, Priscilla dedicated herself to living in accordance with her deeply held religious beliefs, always serving with kindness, grace and unwavering faith. Known for her gentle nature, Priscilla found solace in the simple, sacred rhythms of daily life with her daughter close by. She embraced her religious practices with reverence, never seeking recognition but always offering her time and heart. Her soft-spoken wisdom, steady presence and commitment to her values. As a mother, Priscilla was the epitome of kindness, patience and unconditional love. She supported Robin in all aspects of her life, guiding her with patience and a heart full of compassion. Her quiet strength and nurturing spirit were a constant source of comfort and security and her legacy lives on in the loving memories that Robin carries forward with. Priscilla is predeceased by her beloved parents Henry Hill and Genevieve Hill; brother Joseph Hill; aunts and uncles and cherished niece of Mina Pelletier and Molly Johnson. Though she grieved their loss deeply, she remained grounded in her faith, finding comfort in the belief of a reunion in the life to come. She is survived by her daughter Robin Ann Hill. Though she has left this earthly life, her memory will forever be cherished in the hearts of those who knew her. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may her example of faith and humility continue to inspire us all. A private service was held for family and close friends at Holy Cross Mission Church, Wiikwemkoong on Friday, September 20, 2024 at 11 am. Cremation followed. In memory of Priscilla, donations can be made to the Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong or at <https://jesuits.ca/support-us/make-a-gift/> or your favourite animal charity of your choice or Covenant House.

MARGARET ANN MARIE KEWLEY (nee Omnet)

August 17, 1936 - September 12, 2024

Margaret Ann Marie Kewley (nee Omnet), passed away in her 88th year at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, Little Current on Thursday, September 12, 2024. Marie is survived by her brother Jack Omnet and sister Kathy Omnet, both of Little Current; her children Luanne (Paul), Jamie (Lissa) and Bill (Brenda). Marie leaves her beloved grandchildren Melissa, Adam and Kerry Parrett, and Evan Kewley. Marie also leaves four great-grandchildren Bianca, Brooks, Baya and Levi. Born in Little Current, to Colin and Gladys Omnet (deceased), Marie had a great love for Manitoulin Island and took pride in being a Haweater. Even as a child, Marie was family-oriented and loved to spend time with her grandparents Albert and Maryanne Bond, whom she called Dad Bond and Ma Bond. As a child and a teenager, Marie spent many happy hours skating at the Little Current arena. She was a keen figure skater and competed in many figure skating events on Manitoulin and the North Shore area. Marie had a love of the outdoors her whole life and enjoyed walking the bush surrounding her childhood home, summer days swimming at Low Island and going to Providence Bay anytime her "Pa" fired up the Model T and took a trip out that way. As a girl and young teen, Marie was active in the Girls' Auxiliary known as the GA at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Little Current. Marie began her work life as a switchboard operator for Manitoulin Telephone. She first worked at the telephone office above Turner's store in Little Current and later at the telephone office on Meredith Street. Around the same time, with her income as an operator, she and her brother Bill Omnet (deceased) acquired a car they shared. That car was steadily employed in transporting them to the many dances, parties and other social events that occurred around the Island in the 1950s. In the mid 1950s, Marie met her future husband Hal Kewley (deceased) at one of those Island dances. Married to Hal on April 22, 1956, the couple moved to Preston (now known as Cambridge, Ontario) with their toddler daughter Luanne in 1960. Marie and Hal's two boys, Jamie and Bill were both born in Preston. Initially Marie found it very difficult living so far away from the Island, but over time put down solid roots on Sherring Street, Preston. Sherring Street was full of young families and Marie made many lifelong supportive friends during those years. She joined the Women's Auxiliary at St. John's Anglican Church, Preston, where she enjoyed volunteering as a Sunday School teacher. In 1968, Marie and Hal and their family relocated to Bracebridge which at first had, for Marie, the attraction of being that much closer to Manitoulin! Marie settled into Bracebridge by becoming active in St. Thomas Anglican Church as a Sunday School teacher and a member of the Women's Auxiliary. Building a home outside of town on "Santa's Village Road," Bracebridge gave Marie great access to the outdoors. She loved walking in the bush behind their home, and cross country skiing on trails that extended across the Schole, and Nickels property into what was once known as the old turkey farm. Marie spent summers with her children and later grandchildren swimming in the Muskoka River or Lake Muskoka at both Kirby's and Bowyer's Beach. Marie loved to garden and each year had a large vegetable garden in which she took pride. Marie put her years as an operator for Manitoulin Telephone to good use when she worked 15 years for Muskoka Telephone Answering Service in Bracebridge. In their retirement years Marie and Hal built a small home in Little Current with the intention of moving back to the Island full time. However, when it came to making the move, Marie realized the depth of the roots she had planted in Bracebridge, so the decision was made for Marie and Hal to split their time between Manitoulin and Bracebridge. Both Marie and Hal enjoyed their long summers and early falls on the Island, returning to Bracebridge every Thanksgiving. Marie will be remembered for her love of family, her heavy duty reading habit, her enjoyment of her TVO English mysteries, the solace that nature gave her and her lifelong love of Manitoulin. Services will be held for Marie at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Little Current on Friday, September 27, 2024 at 2 pm.

Celebration of Life

MARGARET WITTY



The family of Margaret Witty invite you to join them for the gravesite Celebration of Life and Eastern Star service at the Gordon Cemetery on Saturday, September 28, 2024 at 11:30 am. In case of rain and storm, the service will be held at the Gordon Barrie Island Municipal Building at 29 Noble Sideroad.

Assiginack adds voice to list of communities concerned over Agnew Lake nuclear waste

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING — You can add Assiginack Township council to the list of those who support the halt of transporting radioactive material to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA).

“Both the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin councils are upset with the proposal to transfer radioactive waste in this area. It is troubling,” Alton Hobbs, Assiginack CAO told council at a meeting last week. “I think we should support them on these concerns. It is Crown land that this waste is being transported over but the province could have been more open, public and transparent, something they hammer municipalities to do on issues.”

“I agree that this should definitely be an action item for council,” stated Councillor Rob Maguire.

In a letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Belinda Ketchabaw, CAO/ clerk treasurer of the Township of Nairn and Hyman states in part, “I am writing to you on behalf of the council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the council of the Township of Baldwin to formally submit the attached resolution passed jointly by the two

councils at a joint emergency council meeting on August 19.”

“Our two townships very recently learned of the decision to transport naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) from the former Beaucage Mine Site and Nipissing First Nation reserve lands and deposit it at the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area in the Township of Nairn and Hyman. The decision to transport and deposit NORM has far-reaching implications for the environment, public health, and safety of our communities, and this significant decision was made without any consultation with our municipalities and the other municipalities located near Agnew Lake or along the Highway 17 corridor.”

“In addition to the participation of our municipalities at this emergency council meeting, many representatives from surrounding First Nations attended the meeting, underscoring the widespread concerns across our region about this impending project. The planned transportation of NORM is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks, therefore we respectfully request your attention to this urgent matter,” wrote Ms. Ketchabaw.

The resolution notes

that the decision has significant implications for the environment, public health, and safety of the surrounding communities, including those within the Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin, and the decision to transport and deposit NORM to the ALTMA site was made without any consultation with the Township of Nairn and Hyman or the other municipali-

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A sincere thank you to Lisa and the museum staff for the wonderful display showcasing the Canadian Armed Forces Tattoo of 1967.

These items were lovingly collected by the late Lynda Everett-Rees who tried unsuccessfully to find them a permanent home.

The “Tattoo” was a major theatrical production put on by the Canadian Military depicting 300 years of history, that toured our country from coast to coast in 1967.

It seems only fitting that these artifacts from that spectacular show have found a home at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah.

Cal and Diana Parrill

19p



BROWN—Joyce Brown, January 21, 1936 to September 30, 2018.

Our mother is always with us. She’s the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, She’s the smell of certain foods we remember, flowers we pick, the fragrance of life itself. She’s the cool hand on your brow when you’re not feeling well, She’s your breath in the air on a cold winter’s day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, The colours of the rainbow, she is Christmas morning. Our mother lives inside our laughter.

She’s the place we came from, our first home, and she’s the map you follow with every step we take. She’s our first love, our first friend, even our first enemy, But nothing on Earth can separate us. Not time, not space...not even death.

We miss and love you and thank you for all you have done for us. Love, Garfield, Nancy, Peggy, Rob and families
19p



PUBLIC NOTICE

Providence Bay Beach Maintenance

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has been issued a Permit Under Clause 17(2)(c) of the Endangered Species Act, 2007 by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. This is specific to the Providence Bay beach and boardwalk maintenance. The work is part of ongoing restoration of the beach that assists the natural ecosystem. These actions are expected to improve the area for the enjoyment of visitors and enhance the protected habitat, the dune, for species at risk.

The Municipality will begin activities the week of September 30, 2024, for approximately one week, these include:

- Removal of all shrub-sized willow, including roots, scotch pines and poplar by the Municipality, along the foredune of the Habitat Enhancement Area and Activity Area of the permit, from the playground for the length of the boardwalk and ending at the on-leash dog area.

For your safety, please do not enter the site while work is being conducted.

The Permit sets out conditions that allow the Municipality to conduct specific activities. Action by the general public is not permitted.

For more information contact Marcus Mohr
Community Development and Outreach Coordinator
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
phone 705-377-5726
email mmohr@centralmanitoulin.ca.

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...Assiginack adds voice to list of communities concerned over Agnew Lake nuclear waste

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ties bordering Agnew Lake, resulting in the exclusion of local municipalities from the decision-making process

and the exclusion of local municipalities from this process represents a serious breach of trust and a disregard for the well-being of the residents of these commu-

nities, and there are significant concerns among residents regarding the potential contamination of drinking water sources, particularly Agnew Lake, which many res-

idents rely on for safe drinking water. The resolution notes the risks associated with NORM are well-documented, and the proximity of the ALTMA to Agnew Lake

heightens the concern regarding the potential contamination of this vital water source, and according to information received from the Ministry of Mines, there are already some areas of the ALTMA site where dose estimates exceed the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission's regulatory limit for casual site users. Therefore be it resolved that the councils respectfully demand that the province of Ontario, the Ministry of Mines and the Ministry of Transportation immediately halt the project involving the transportation and deposition of NORM at the ALTMA site until a clear line of communication is established with local municipalities; and be it further resolved that the councils respectfully demand full disclosure of all pertinent details regarding the proposed future NORM transportation and deposition plan, including specific transportation routes, emergency response plans, safety protocols, and the future management plan for the ALTMA site. And that the councils insist that environmental and health impact assessments be conducted with input from independent experts, and that these assessments include opportunities for public hearing to ensure trans-

parency and community involvement. The resolution calls for the province of Ontario to enact legislation that consultation with municipalities is a requirement of any projects that include the transportation or deposition of NORM and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, premier of Ontario; the Honourable George Pirie, Minister of Mines; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Chief Angus Toulouse and Sagamok Anishnawbek council members, Chief Nootchtai and Atikameksheng Anishnawbek council members, the Ontario Ombudsman, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, the Canadian Environmental Law Association, MP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, the Association of Ontario Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

As was reported in last week's edition of The Expositor, as it stands, no firm deadline has been set for transporting the hazardous waste and the project remains on hold until further consultation with affected communities.

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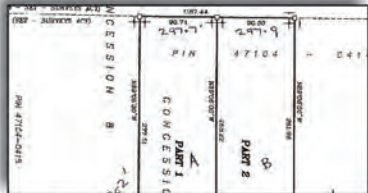
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...Now and Then: Robert 'Rob' Huntington

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ing views and schedules. I was working for the Canadian Coast Guard as a steward, 28 days on the job followed by 28 days off. Cindy was working from nine to five for the government of British Columbia in Victoria."

"We separated and went our own ways. I am a Scorpio, I like to be solo, go where I want when I want. I'm the last wandering Hedonist," Rob adds smiling. "I worked as a houseman for the Empress Hotel from 1982-1985, supporting the housekeepers, ensuring they had all necessary items to do their jobs. Next, I moved from Victoria to the mainland and began to work as a commercial salmon fisherman. I worked on the Old Spice, a freezer trawler. We could stay out for two weeks at a time. A year later, I was picking apples in Kelowna. For the next two winters, I bartended on the ski hill at Big White Ski Resort."

"The following two summers found me bartending in the Yukon and working with the Diamond Drilling Company doing gold exploration. We got core samples and the 'rock sniffers' (geologists) would determine the quality of the samples. After that I came back to Big White for the winter and in the spring of 1990, I moved to Calgary, where I have spent most of the last 34 years. In 1991, I took a rig course so I could work in the oil industry. I spent the next two years on the rigs in Northern BC and Alberta working for various companies including 'Nabors' Drilling. I also worked for the Calgary Board of Education in the mail room and for the Calgary Stampede as beer vendor."

"I was happy when I won tickets to a Gordon Lightfoot concert. I loved Gordon's music, especially the 'Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald.' Gord signed my discharge book at the concert. Sadly, that book was destroyed in a Calgary flood in 2013. Rob landed a role as an extra in a Jackie Chan movie called 'Shang Hai Noon' filmed in about 1998 in Calgary. He played the part of an Irish carpenter. His reddish hair and chin stubble helped with this role, along with the Irish cap and the wooden toolbox he carried."

What is an important event in your life? "My father's death at home was a terribly traumatizing event. After that, it was gaining my independence at 17 years of age."

Favourite school memory? "In 1973, I won second place in wrestling for my weight class for SOSSA, Southern Ontario Secondary School Association, for athletics. I also had a strong relationship with a Big Brother, Lloyd Lamour of Mississauga. I have learned a lot over the years, but I am a 'jack of all trades, and master of none,' as they say."

Favourite season? "Summers. I had the most fun during my summers growing up on Manitoulin." Favourite book? "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Favourite movie? "12 Angry Men' with Henry Fonda



Rob and sister Janet.

featuring debates during a murder trial." Favourite collections? "I have almost every issue of 'Rolling Stone' magazine, about 50 years' worth, about 1,400 magazines. I also have 600 vinyl records."

Favourite adventures? "I love being a world traveller. I like to sit down with the local folk, eat their food and listen to their stories. My favourite memories, however, have always been coming here to the Island. I can still recall running Canada Day races in Silverwater with Michael Addison."

Favourite radio or television show? "CKUA in Alberta for the radio and 'Soap' a funny sitcom of the 1970s."

What would you still like to do? "Be part of a crew on a sailboat crossing the ocean."

Is there a skill you still want to learn? "Learning more about sailing and navigation."

What are your strengths? "Photography, camping, hiking, and working as a deckhand. All my life, I felt anxious while swimming in deep water. I preferred to be on top of the water on a ship or small craft. Since 'Jaws' the movie I think about the theme song when I am swimming in

deep water. Other interests are supporting live music and friends who are musicians in Calgary."

Something you are proud of? "My mother, her parents and her ancestors all lived in Silver Water and are buried there. I also knew Levi Wabegijig, a friend of my father's. I had innocently asked him to make me a bow and arrow as an eight-year-old child. He had carved me a bow and two blunt arrows. I still have the bow."

If you could go back in time, is there something you would change? "The early death of my father. He was a good role model, and he loved Manitoulin too."

People who inspired you? "My dad, mom, aunts, and uncles were all good role models. I have connections with many families on Manitoulin, the Hazzards, the Wismers, the Hopkins, Pickards, including of course, the Mathesons, Harpers, Prices, McDonalds, Ainslies and the Mordons. Linda Anne Harper-Porter is a cousin in Gore Bay. The Tricks owned the local gas station. Duke Kane was the mail delivery person in Silver Water. I had made many friendships coming to the Island every summer from 1958 to 1971." Even today, Rob is meeting new cousins weekly on Facebook.

Health wise, Rob is dealing with COPD from early living with his cigarette-smoking dad who always kept the car windows closed and years later, from bartending. "Especially in the 1980s when smoking was allowed."

"I love the spirituality of Manitoulin. It's a magical, infectious state. Manitoulin has always been my special place: the beauty, the mystery, the history, the spirituality, the uniqueness, and the connection to Native culture. I have travelled to many locations and seen other aspects of culture, like the totem poles in British Columbia, but this island has always been at the top of my list. There is no other place like it to compare with. It is a separate entity. My recipe for joy, warmth, and happiness, is 'come to Manitoulin.' For me, this is God's greatest creation."

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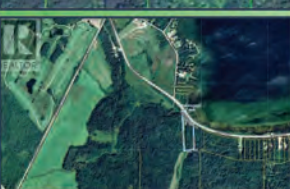
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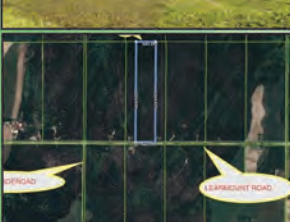
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Hawewater to coach US women's team at nationals

by Tom Sasvari

HOUSTON, TEXAS—Greg Major, a Hawewater who is originally from Gore Bay, will be skip on the Houston Curling Club men's rink, and coaching the women's team at the US Arena National Championships next month.

"I'm thrilled to death to be skipping our men's team and coaching our ladies' rink in the national championship," stated Mr. Major, last week. "When I was living in Sault Ste. Marie (Ontario) my rink won the District H Legion championships (which took in the area from Parry Sound to Sault Ste. Marie) five times and qualified for the provincials." The first year the rink qualified for the provincials they finished in second place with a 10-1 win-loss record.

"When I moved to the US one of things on my bucket list was to curl in the national championships, so I am now able to take this off my list," said Mr. Major.

Mr. Major coaches the Houston Curling Club women's rink, which includes Julie Segovia, Alyssa Parks, Heather Cook



In photo from left are Carl Schaeper, Greg Major, Don Huggins and Nathan Sissy following the team's final game win and securing a berth in the national championship.

and Jessica Bostwick, who are three-time gold medal national champions, including winning in 2023.

"The US nationals are similar to the men's Brier championship in Canada; when you win one year which our ladies' rink did in 2023, you get an

automatic berth into the nationals the next year," explained Mr. Major.

"Two weekends ago, our men's team that I skip was at a last chance qualifier bonspiel in Wisconsin," continued Mr. Major. "We won four straight games to win and have also qualified for the national championship. The rink also includes Carl Schaeper, Don Huggins and Nathan Sissy. His team had placed third at the US Mid-America Curling Championship held earlier this year, but a team from Alaska, which had finished second, decided not to go to the nationals, which left one spot to be filled. "The team we beat in the finals curled in the nationals last year and beat the eventual winner in the round-robin part of the competition."

"So, I will be coaching our women's team and skipping our men's team at the nationals, with both starting October 23," said Mr. Major.

As he has had surgery to replace his two knees, Mr. Major curls with a stick when he throws the rock.

Lions tourney supports Manitoulin Sea Cadet program

MINDEMOYA—The second annual Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club golf tournament again this year benefitted a very important youth program on Manitoulin Island. The fundraising tournament held this past Saturday at Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya supported the Manitoulin 348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets.

"I would really like to thank everyone for coming out for the tournament, and supporting a great group of kids," stated Chris Bryan, president of the Lions Club at the awards ceremony. "This is a phenomenal program, and the Sea Cadets have become such an integral part of the Island community, and this program is so important to these young people," he said pointing out many of the sea cadets helped out at the tournament.

Tina Davidson, sub-lieutenant of the Manitoulin Sea Cadets said, "We would like to thank everyone for coming out to support this tournament and our sea cadets." She explained



Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club member Chris Bryan (president) and members of the Manitoulin 348 Royal Canadian Sea Cadets are shown with the men's division winning team.

with the support provided by the Lions through the tournament the sea cadets members were going to take a trip to Owen Sound this week, travelling from the Island to Tobermory on the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun to visit the marine college and learn sailing skills.

In the 18-hole golf tournament champions were crowned in three divisions with a total of 13 (four member) teams taking part. In the men's division the Chris Anderson team, which also included Craig Rogerson, Dan Rusgnak and Chad Boisvenue, took

first place with a score of 67. The mixed division saw the Chris Thorburn team of Tait Wallace, Zack Cress and Brittany Wall taking top spot with a score of 63. In the women's division, the Ellen Holroyd team which included Colleen Willoughby, Karen Turgeon and Lise Guilbeault were the winners with a score of 73. Mr. Bryan pointed out Jake's Home Centre in Mindemoya donated the prizes for the winning teams.

The prizes for the shot closest to the rope was won

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



World Bagatoway players!

Sisters, Mackenzie and Reese Shigwadja are playing right now at the World Lacrosse Championships at Utica, New York! The pair are playing for the Haudenosaunee Nationals who compete against other nations' teams! In their first game they lost to Team USA 11-4 and then trampled 'poor' old England, 14-6!

training sessions! What a great learning experience it must be, to balance academics and the rigours and logistics of a varsity commitment, good job Alumnis!

Off their Rock, hockey!

There were two local kids who recently signed with the U-18 AA Sudbury Wolves, congratulations to **Pahquis Trudeau** and **Peyton Ominika**. Pahquis, who will wear #18 as a forward has



Wiikwemkoong Hawk Pahquis Trudeau has signed with the U-18 AA Sudbury Wolves.

Mustangs Ride!

The Manitoulin Secondary, Mountain Bike Team high school team had their first race last Thursday at Kivi Park. Overall there were 70 riders from 11 schools in the region, registered.

The MSS team did well including: Novice: **Joey Roy** 17th, Junior: **Isaac Quackebush** 11th and **Sebastian Mara** 14th. In the Senior division, it was **Bradley Slaght** in third, **Xavier Coleman** 6th and **Tim Arabadzhyi** 14th.

Manitoulin MTB teammate, **Dane Gibeault**, who races for LoEllen, finished second, just ahead of Bradley! A little payback perhaps for unknowingly, raced for the, 'Lo-Ellen Sucks' team at this summer's 6-Hour Relay!

They all have three more races coming up. This week's race is at the Walden Mountain Bike Trails. Go Mustangs, go!

Mustang Alumni hit University, running and rowing!

Brodie Pennie, who as a freshman, runs for the University of New Brunswick Reds was in London for the Western Invitational X-country and helped his team to a second place, podium finish. Brodie finished in 20th overall

Other MSS alumni that were also there competing, were **Mac** (Mackenzie) **Green** (Nipissing) and **TJ Green** and **Alan Wilkin** (Laurentian).

Meanwhile, Brodie's cousin, **Brooke Gibeault** is attending Western and another first-year, varsity, team member! Brooke made the stalwart, Western team thanks in part to her commitment and also being part of the Lake Ramsey Rowing club while attending high school in Sudbury.

In her very first race, she finished third in the Double-Scull category! To give you an idea of what it takes to be there, Brooke attends 5:30 am workouts on the water as well as separate, strength

been a Wiikwemkoong Hawk all these years and just decided to try out, 'Rep' hockey and makes it!

Huge B-Day Slow Pitch Tournery battles fog and wins!

Gerry Baibomcowai always goes big and to celebrate his son Kyle's birthday, he just holds a big'ol co-ed, slow-pitch tournament, birthday party, thing! He had eight teams playing for good prize money. The final game got fogged out, so a couple of K's went to each of the **Greg Trudeau-Paquet** and **Jonas Aiabens'** teams. Of course, the fog-out didn't slow Gerry down and had some money games, homerun derby, relay races, fastest man and women and kids! It sounds like a great time and Gerry already has plans for next year!

Jump in, the Pool is nice!

The Spring Bay Pool League finished another successful season with **Rich Waters** of Mindemoya taking the A team trophy and **Joyce Digout** of Spring Bay the B team winner. The following list of team members demonstrates that Spring Bay Pool draws people from all over! A-team members were **Don Thompson** and **Derek Stephens** of Providence Bay, **Jim Emery** of Ice Lake, **John Stewart**, **Rusty Auxier** and **Cheyenne Migwans** of M'Chigeeng, **John Szewczyk** of Mindemoya, **Pierre Labonte** of Gore Bay and **Phil Harper** of Silverwater. The B-team rounded out with **Sally Miller** and **Nancy McDermid** of Providence Bay, **Cindy Harper** of Silverwater and **Ray Digout** of Spring Bay. The group held two fundraisers during the season with the donation going to Manitoulin Pet Rescue. Pool will start again on November 16th. If you feel like shooting some pool, call **Ray Digout** at 249-997-0020.

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

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Employment Opportunity

Job description

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At E. Corbiere and Sons, we are committed to providing a positive/flexible work environment.

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Management Responsibilities

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Transaction/Accounting System Responsibilities

1. Ensure that accounts payable are appropriately recognized
2. Ensure accounts receivable are collected promptly
3. Assist the Payroll Clerk to ensure payroll is processed in a timely manner
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5. Maintain a logical/effective chart of accounts
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1. Issue timely and complete financial statements
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4. Provide financial analyses as needed, in particular for capital equipment investments, debt/financing decisions and contract negotiations
5. Ensure compliance and timely reporting on all debt covenants

Compliance

1. Coordinate the provision of information to external auditors for the annual audit
2. Monitor debt levels and compliance with debt covenants
3. Comply with local, provincial and federal government reporting requirements and tax filings

Qualifications

1. University Business Degree
2. QBO Experience would be an asset
3. 5+ years of accounting/finance experience

Compensation

To be based on a combination of relevant experience and industry knowledge.

Experience:

- Accounting: 5 years (preferred)
- QBO Experience: 1 year (preferred)

To apply: Please send resume to admin@ecorbiereandsons.ca, or Box 31, 1044 Highway 551, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0



WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER (2nd position)

Term: Full-time indefinite (35 hours per week)

Starting salary: \$40,864/year plus group benefits and pension (subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both).

Do you have a passion for working with youth? Are you innovative when it comes to collaborating, planning activities, workshops and training? Do you have a background in youth guidance and coaching, life skills mentorship, outdoors training, youth leadership, coaching, tutoring, etc.? If so, Whitefish River First Nation invites applications for a Youth Support Worker position. The successful candidate should possess skills and direct work experience working with youth and be positive role models in their daily habits and outlook.

Responsibilities:

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

Relationship and Team Building:

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

Internal Participation:

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

Administration and Reporting:

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

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

Qualifications:

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

Skills:

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

Applications must be submitted by October 3, 2024 at 12 pm

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

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

Confidential: Youth Support Worker

Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, PO Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

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



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES INC

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

HOME CARE AIDE

Full-Time – 1 year contract

The Home Care Aide is responsible for assisting with activities of daily living that contribute to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence, dignity, social, emotional and physical well-being. The Home Care Aide will assist the Home Care Program with Meals on Wheels delivery, wellness checks, assembly and installation of home care equipment, generic transportation and light housekeeping duties.

The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing).

OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the Home Care Program with the delivery of regular Meals On Wheels program and may assist/provide generic transportation services, wellness visits and light housekeeping.
3. Work collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
4. Submission of timely required documentation in EMR and immediate supervisor.
5. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
2. A minimum of (2) years community work experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Current and Clear CPIC.
5. Valid 'G' driver's licence and a insurable vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Human Resources

Mnaamodzawin Health Services

Postal Bag 2003, 48A Hillside Road

Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

705-368-2182 ext. 271

hr@mnaamodzawin.com

Fax: 705-368-2229

Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The starting salary of this position is \$49,036 (including group pension and health benefits).
*Offer is subject to education and experience or a combination of both.

The Executive Assistant will provide executive office leadership to support the Band Manager and ensure that the workload is prioritized to leverage the Nation's priorities and be strategic and effective in a fast-paced environment. The Executive Assistant will also lead, coordinate and support administrative work for the Band Manager on a wide variety of complex, sensitive and confidential matters requiring in-depth knowledge of WRFN programs, services and administrative policies and procedures. The Executive Assistant will also coordinate and provide oversight of the high-level administrative work associated with Program Managers, Chief and Council and other stakeholders.

Key Responsibilities:

- Acts as a contact and responds to inquiries from WRFN band members, Council and internal and external stakeholders.
- Independently composes, proofreads and edits various documents, including emails, letters, memos, reports and minutes. Corresponds with multiple stakeholders, including employees, committee members and leadership.
- Independently composes, proofreads and edits various documents, including emails, letters, memos, reports and minutes.
- Receives, screens, prioritizes, directs or responds to incoming communications to the Band Manager, including telephone calls, emails and mail.
- Uses sound judgment and provides information and direction on sensitive matters or other information of a confidential nature.
- Ensure the Band Manager's calendar is updated to include all meetings and events.
- Assist with communicating relative information to other staff.
- Works with the Band Manager to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and organizational standards.

Qualifications:

- University Degree in Social Services field of study (Social Work, Psychology) and up to two (2) years of relevant work experience.
- 3-5 years of work-related experience in child and youth mental health would be an asset.
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addiction awareness and prevention.
- Excellent public speaking and facilitation skills.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.
- Current Mental Health First Aid Certification and First Aid and CPR.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to own vehicle.
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.

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

Skills:

- Extensive proficiency using computers and standard computer software programs (e.g. Excel, Word, Outlook, Publisher, PowerPoint, etc.).
- Demonstrated ability to keyboard at a minimum of 60 wpm.
- Detail-oriented and organized with strong project planning and time management skills that support meeting deadlines.
- Demonstrated organizational and time management skills with the ability to multi-task and set priorities.
- Ability to communicate professionally and respectfully in any situation, including difficult discussions that may arise.
- Conflict-resolution skills and handling situations respectfully.

Applications must be submitted by October 7, 2024 at 12 pm

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

Confidential: Executive Assistant
Whitefish River First Nation, c/o Human Resources, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road,
PO Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca • Fax: (705) 285-4532

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



AUNDECK OMNI KANING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SECONDARY TEACHER

Full-Time: Monday-Friday (25 hours/week)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The ideal candidate will be passionate for the job with the ability to reach out to each student and create a positive relationship of mutual respect, trust and honesty.

We are seeking a secondary school teacher to assist students with class assignments to gauge and enhance the students' levels of understanding, and review subject material, prepare for tests and advocate on their behalf. This individual must possess a degree in education or equivalent. Experience working with secondary students in a classroom environment. Knowledge and understanding of Google operating systems, iPads, Chrome Books, Smart Boards and educational applications is required for this position. Knowledge and understanding of the Ojibwe language and its peoples are an asset for this job.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist students to learn and understand concepts, assist with completion of homework and ensuring their work has been handed into the teacher.
- Work directly with students from Grades 9-12 at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS).
- Work in collaboration with students, parents, teachers at MSS, AOKFN Education Counsellor, Band Manager and Chief and Council.
- Provide knowledge and instruction to each student advocating for the implementation of IEPs (if applicable).
- Working knowledge of the Ministry of Education updated curriculum guidelines.
- Access and record students' progress and provide weekly updates, monthly reports and feedback to Education Counsellor.
- Collaborate with teachers and principal from MSS regarding AOKFN students' needs, challenges and strengths.
- Participate in meetings as directed with teachers, parents, AOKFN Education, Band Manager, Chief and Council.
- Observe and understand students' psyche and report suspicions of child abuse, neglect, following AOKFN protocol.
- Understanding of First Nations' history, culture and Ojibwe language skills an asset.
- Must possess a valid 'G' licence, first-aid and CPR training up-to-date.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 4, 2024 at 4:00pm

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Attention: AOKFN Secondary Teacher
13 Hill Street
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
POP 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.



WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CHILD AND YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS WORKER

The starting salary of this position is \$49,036 (including group pension and health benefits).
*Offer is subject to education and experience or a combination of both.

The Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor (CYMHAC) will provide counselling to children and youth to support mental wellness by assisting with emotional regulation and resulting behavioural management. The CYMHAC will provide services through a trauma-informed lens, focusing on addressing intergenerational trauma, including grief and loss. The position will also offer services that include traditional ways of healing and a gift for connecting with children and youth.

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement the delivery of work plan initiatives.
- Linking to Indigenous and Western models of care, provide counselling support, including appropriate interventions, referrals, follow-up, advocacy, ongoing support and case coordination.
- Develop and prepare treatment care plans and outcome measures for the family unit through collaboration, needs identification and assessment, which can complement current service involvement with other clinical staff.
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality of all client records and files.
- Provide direct counselling to children and youth.
- Provide trauma-informed care services.
- Provide appropriate referrals to other services.
- Provide aftercare services and support for children and youth.

Skills:

- Must have a working knowledge of Harm Reduction Philosophy.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills with the ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Act professionally appropriately when working and not working and be a positive role model for clients and the WRFN community.
- Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office and general office procedures.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal).
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the Anishinaabe's culture, history and customs.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and week-ends.

Qualifications:

- University Degree in Social Services field of study (Social Work, Psychology) and up to two (2) years of relevant work experience.
- 3-5 years of work-related experience in child and youth mental health would be an asset.
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addiction awareness and prevention.
- Excellent Public Speaking and Facilitation Skills.
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.
- Current Mental Health First Aid Certification and First Aid and CPR.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to own vehicle.
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin and participate in the culture and traditions of the Anishinabek people.

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

*Successful candidates must provide an up-to-date Police Vulnerable Sector Screening check upon hire

Applications must be submitted by October 24, 2024 at 12 pm

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

Confidential: Child and Youth Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor
Whitefish River First Nation, c/o Human Resources, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road,
PO Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca • Fax: (705) 285-4532

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AUNDECK OMNI KANING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Full-Time: Monday-Friday (25 hours/week)

JOB DESCRIPTION: The ideal candidate will be passionate for the job with an ability to reach out to each student and create a positive relationship of mutual respect, trust, and honesty.

We are seeking an elementary school teacher to assist students with class assignments, review subject material and prepare for tests and advocate on their behalf. This individual must possess a degree in education or equivalency. Experience working with elementary school children in a classroom environment. Knowledge and understanding of Google operating systems, iPads, Chrome Books, Smart Boards and educational applications is required for this position.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist students to learn and understand concepts, assist with completion of assignments.
- Work directly with students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 at Little Current Public School (LCPS).
- Work in collaboration with students, parents, teachers at LCPS, AOKFN Education Counsellor, Band Manager and Chief and Council.
- Provide knowledge and instruction to students while helping develop positive educational skills.
- Provide individualized instruction to each student advocating for the implementation of IEPs (if applicable).
- Working knowledge and understanding of technology and computer skills.
- Access and record students' progress and provide monthly reports and feedback to Education Counsellor.
- Collaborate with teachers and principal from LCPS regarding AOKFN students' needs, challenges and strengths.
- Participate in meetings as directed with teachers, parents, AOKFN Education, Band Manager, Chief and Council.
- Plan and execute educational daily in-class and outdoor activities and events.
- Create an orderly and pleasant learning environment for students.
- Observe and understand students' psyche and report suspicions of child abuse and neglect, following AOKFN protocol.
- Understanding of First Nations' history, culture and Ojibwe language skills an asset.
- Must possess a valid 'G' licence, first-aid and CPR training up-to-date.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 4, 2024 at 4:00pm

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

Attention: AOKFN Elementary Teacher
13 Hill Street
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
POP 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.



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- Familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel and email
- Municipal administrative experience is a plus
- Criminal Reference Check and references required

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:
Friday, October 4, 2024 – 3 PM

Interested applicants please forward resume to:
Deputy Clerk-Administrator
Township of Tehkummah
456 Hwy 542A
Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0
By fax: 705-859-2605
By email: deputyclerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca

Job description available upon request

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by Keith Matheson and Karen Turgeon, in the men's and ladies divisions, respectively.

As part of the day's activities a 50/50 draw was held. Mr. Bryan explained, "at our tournament last year (which benefitted the Manitoulin Secondary School robotics team) a total of \$1,880 was raised in the 50/50 draw which was a great amount. During the tournament today we sold \$2,250 worth of tickets for the draw. The winners take of the 50/50 prize will be \$1,125 which is a phenome-

nal amount."

Del Riley held the winning ticket for the 50/50 draw and donated \$100 of his winnings to the sea cadets.

Van Horn Insurance donated a cash prize of \$10,000 for a hole in one on the fourth hole. (The prize was not won.)

Many businesses and groups had donated prizes for a silent auction held during the day. "This is one of my favourite parts of the tournament listing off the names of the winning bidders on the silent auction items," said Mr. Bryan. Among the many items up for bid included a barbecue, a granular saw, toolbox, outdoor adventure pack, a sailor package donated by the local sea cadets, beaded earrings, and much more.

"Again, we would like to thank all of you for participating here today," said Mr. Bryan. "It was a wonderful day of golf," he said, acknowledging all the hole, silent auction and prize sponsors.

"All told we are looking at over \$6,000 having been raised through today's event for the sea cadets," said Mr. Bryan.

"From the bottom of my heart I thank everyone who helped put on this event," said Ms. Davidson.



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CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full time (35 hours per week)

Starting Salary: \$57,208 + Group Benefits and Pension

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

The Childcare Supervisor oversees the program planning, working effectively with families and children, connecting with the community, and assuming administrative responsibilities related to day-to-day operations of the centre. The Supervisor is responsible for program planning, effective staff collaboration, working with representatives from the Ministry of Education, families and children, connecting with the community, and handling administrative responsibilities related to the day-to-day operations of the Childcare Centre. The supervisor is responsible for providing leadership in keeping with the philosophy of the Early Learning Framework in Ontario and the Anishinabek of Whitefish River First Nation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

SUPERVISION

- Responsible for appointing a designated Supervisor when absent and informing staff accordingly.
- Follow all Whitefish River First Nation policies and procedures and ensure compliance from all employees within the Childcare Centre.
- Assist with developing the strategic plan, mission statement, and guiding principles of Maamwe Kendaasing Child Care Centre.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- At times, assist the HR and Education Manager with the hiring process.
- Ensure staff schedules are posted in a timely manner.
- Plan and carry out annual staff development.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Ensure that all responsibilities under the OHAS Act are always adhered to.
- Comply with WHMIS legislation at all times.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Provide updates to the Education Manager monthly.
- Effectively manage educators' resources to ensure that they work as team members, have input into planning, and have opportunities for improving their professional development.

OPERATIONS

- Maintain day-to-day licencing standards.
- Complete registrations; Set up and maintain children's files.
- Establish a waiting list based on the policies.
- Participate in planning and annual program review.
- Organize space, equipment and materials prior to each fiscal year and/or special activities and events.
- Encourage Early Childhood Assistants to contribute to curriculum planning.
- Prepare monthly plan charts and/or schedules.

FINANCIAL

- Ensure the Whitefish River First Nation financial policies are followed and adhered to.
- Monitor yearly budget by continuously verifying monthly expenditures per the General Ledger.
- Secure approval for purchases outside the budget and approval limit parameters.
- Develop, monitor and maintain the annual operating budget based on policies, procedures and guidelines.

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

QUALIFICATIONS

- Early Childhood Education Diploma or degree.
- Strong supervisor skills with at least two (2) years related work experience.
- Must possess extensive experience with administrative duties and reporting.
- Registered College of Early Childhood Education members must be in good standing.
- Current First Aid & CPR Certificate.
- Knowledge of CCEYA, ELECT, "How Does Learning Happen?" and Childcare Licencing Manual.
- Basic accounting knowledge would be an asset.

SKILLS

- Knowledge of office procedures.
- Budget development and financial and organization management are essential assets.
- Computer knowledge, including Excel, Word, CCLS and the Children's Services website.
- Proven leadership, conflict resolution and motivational skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively and independently.
- Ability to manage and prioritize time and work in a high-traffic environment with distractions and interruptions.
- Ability to demonstrate accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to communicate effectively with internal and external agencies.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Good understanding of the protection of privacy and confidential information.
- Cultural sensitivity and the ability to work with all community members.
- Ability to understand and follow written guidelines, policies and procedures.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: CHILDCARE SUPERVISOR
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road,
P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0
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Fax: (705)285-4532

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

Applications must be submitted by noon on September 27th, 2024.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team

is recruiting a

Part Time, Registered Practical Nurse, with Benefits
(An average of 22.5 hours per week)

Effective Date: as soon as possible

Qualifications:

- Current College of Nursing of Ontario Certificate of Competence
- Registered Practical Nurse Certificate
- Completed injection course
- Completed Pharmaceutical course
- Current CPR and first aid

Experience:

- Working collaboratively with physicians and other members of a team to provide primary care for clinic patients
- Working with babies and young children
- Working with preventative care services

Applications, including resumé, and three (3) references will be accepted until: **Monday, September 30, 2024**

Send To:
Attention: Judy Miller, Director
P.O Box 549,
Little Current ON, P0P 1K0
Fax: 705-368-1259 | Email: jmiller@nemfht.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY / POSSIBILITÉ D'EMPLOI

Program Coordinator/Coordonnatrice ou coordonnateur de programme

This full time, contract position will be required to work out of our Little Current office and/or any satellite office within our catchment area.

La personne retenue pour ce poste à temps plein, contractuel, devra travailler à partir de notre bureau de Little Current et/ou de tout bureau satellite dans la zone que nous desservons.

For FULL details see our website/
Pour plus de détails, consultez notre site web
<https://www.mnvictimservices.ca>

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS / LA DATE LIMITE POUR POSTULER EST
Wednesday, September 25, 2024 AT 4:00 PM / le 25 septembre 2024 à 16 h.

Please submit resume, with covering letter, to/
Veuillez envoyer votre curriculum vitae accompagné d'une lettre de présentation à:
Victim Services Hiring Committee/Comité d'embauche des services aux victimes
Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services/
Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore
54 rue Boosneck Road, Unit 101
C.P./P.O. Box 702
Little Current, ON
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Email to: Amy Collins, Executive Director/
Courriel: Amy Collins, directrice générale, à, at
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