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MHC concerned staff shortages at Mindemoya site may close emergency for several shifts during October

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—Due to a shortage of doctors, the Mindemoya Hospital emergency department may be closed on several days throughout the month of October.
 “Due to a shortage of available doctors, Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) will only be operating one of its two emergency departments for several days in October,” said Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of MHC.

A press release explains, “The Little Current emergency department will remain open 24/7 while the Mindemoya emergency

department will be closed on several days throughout October. Closure dates will be shared publicly as they are confirmed.”

“All other hospital operations in Mindemoya will be operating normally. Residents may call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 for health care advice. Residents on Manitoulin Island will continue to receive excellent emergency healthy services by either calling 9-1-1 or attending MHC’s other emergency department in Little Current.”

“We are working diligently to limit the closures,” said Ms. Fields. “More details will be released closer to the closure dates. We truly apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.”

“We hope we can get more locums to help out so that we don’t have to close the emergency room at all,” said Dr. Maurianne Reade. “Essentially, when the province came up with the recent decision on those hospitals who qualify for additional doctors for emergency rooms, they used a complicated formula to do this, with one part heavily weighted to how much work we’ve done in the office. Because we are short of doctors and had been advised to prioritize keeping the hospital open, of

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Chief paramedic worried about stress on staff, patients and response times with one ER site

by Tom Sasvari
ESPANOLA—The announcement by Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) of anticipated closures over several days in October of the Mindemoya Hospital emergency department is going to have impacts on services provided by the Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services (MSPS).

“It could be very serious for the services we provide,” said Paul Myre, chief of paramedic services MSPS. “Closing the hospital (ER) will have impacts. One of the big concerns for me is that the population in Mindemoya, M’Chigeeng and Western Manitoulin could be impacted by the closure.”

“We have talked at the table to all the stakeholders, including Paula Fields (president and CEO of the MHC), the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health, the hospi-

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HARNESSING ENERGY—Crowds gather for the ever popular horse pull during the Wiikwemkoong Fall Fair. The horse pull event has been a staple of Island fall fairs for generations and the Wiikwemkoong edition has always attracted a great turnout of competitors and spectators alike.

photo courtesy of Wiikwemkoong Communications

Island First Nations protest in Ottawa against recognition of Metis nationhood

OTTAWA—First Nations around Manitoulin joined other First Nations at a rally held in Ottawa last week to protest the government’s consideration of passing Bill C-53.

“You will have to ask the federal government why it appears they

are going to recognize the Metis Nation as a government. We assume that it has to do with the votes they would get from them,” stated Glen Hare, Ontario regional chief after the protest that First Nations leadership, along with interim National Chief Joanna

Bernard held on September 20 to oppose the passing of Bill C-53, which is coming up to third and final reading and is something that First Nations say will irreparably damage their inherent and treaty rights.

“Metis are not recognized in Ontario, British Columbia,

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Farmers shocked at abattoir closure

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Local farmers have expressed serious concerns with the news that the abattoir located in Providence Bay, operated by Limestone Group, has been shut down for essentially the past three months.

A statement from George McGaffin, manager of Limestone

Group states, “due to the price of cattle, many farmers have been shipping their livestock to market, mainly off-Island rather than through the abattoir. It was also pointed out another reason that the abattoir has closed is due to the lack of qualified personnel, namely a butcher.”

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Norisle departure delayed to mid-October

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—The removal of the S.S. Norisle from the Manitowaning waterfront has been delayed from the last week in September until a date to be set in October.

Jordan Elliott, of Marine Recycling Corporation (MRC) told The Expositor last week, “we will not be moving the ship for a few weeks.” He said unexpected delays will result in the Norisle not being removed before October 12.

As was reported in last week’s edition of The Expositor, it had been anticipated by MRC and

Assignack township officials that the ship would be removed between September 25-29.

At an Assignack council meeting in late August, council had agreed that the vessel would be removed from the Manitowaning harbour for recycling, citing its safety and environmental concerns with the ship remaining in Manitowaning. It will cost the township approximately \$743,000 for MRC to remove the ship from the Manitowaning waterfront for recycling at its certified vessel recycling facility at Port Colborne.

At least 95 percent of the ship will be recycled.

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Long-time Town of Gore Bay public works manager and community volunteer Jack Colwell, left, receives a Lifetime Achievement Award from Mayor Ron Lane.



Expositor editor-in-chief Tom Sasvari, right, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Deputy Mayor Dan Osborne.

Town of Gore Bay honours four with Lifetime Achievement Awards

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY—In a tradition first established during celebrations for the 125th anniversary of Gore Bay's incorporation as a town, the community gathered to honour the achievements of current and past residents. This year two living recipients and two of those who have passed were honoured with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Among the living were long-time town employee and volunteer Jack Colwell and Manitoulin Expositor managing editor Tom Sasvari; while those from the past were the late educator Charles C. McLean, for whom Gore Bay's public school is named, and community volunteer Lorne McQuarrie, who passed away in 1984 at the young age of 29.

The awards were presented by Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane and Deputy Mayor Dan Osborne, with Mayor Lane providing the opening remarks. Mayor Lane explained that this year's awards fell into three categories, two in journalism, one in education and the others for public service. Mayor Lane cited the famous John F. Kennedy call to civic action: "ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," noting the same holds true at the municipal level.

Mayor Lane explained that the Lifetime Achievement awards are given not only to the living, but also to those who have passed on because not being currently alive should not diminish the legacy and contribution of those individuals. Each of the recipients being honoured (or their family representatives in the case of the deceased) were presented with a framed certificate, an engraved



Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, left, presents the children of the late Charles C. McLean, Jane Campbell and Greg McLean, with a Lifetime Achievement Award in their father's honour.



Posthumous Gore Bay Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Lorne McQuarrie's wife Arlene, son Tyler and grandchildren Jamison and Merissa accepted the award on behalf of the late recipient.

plaque and a gift of a selection of Finnia Chocolate & Cacao fine chocolate items.

The first award cited was for one of the living. Retired town foreman of 30-plus years and committed community volunteer Jack Colwell was called to the podium by Mayor Lane. "Jack retired in the mid-90s without much fanfare, in my opinion," said the mayor, who went on to note that in the years that Mr. Colwell worked for the town there were

very few staff. Mr. Colwell, therefore, took on the maintenance of roads, water system and a host of other municipal services with the aid of one other worker and a seasonal employee.

In addition to his work for the town, Mr. Colwell was a volunteer who served with the fire department, search and rescue (for over 35 years), at the airport and served as a

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Councillor request for 11th hour Norisle stay of execution denied

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Despite concerns raised by one Assignack councillor that the costs associated with removing the SS Norisle could cripple the municipality's economic development, the majority of council was in support and passed by majority a motion to accept the removal of the ship from the Manitowaning

waterfront. The township will be borrowing the approximately \$750,000 for removal of the ship.

"It would have cost us a large amount 10 years ago to remove the ship, and in 10 years it will cost us a lot more," stated Councillor Dwayne Elliott. "The liability is too high for the health and safety of (municipal) staff to go on the boat."

"And, if there is anyone who wants to purchase the ship, they can always do so after the ship leaves the harbour," said Councillor Elliott. "It's been council's thought since our first meeting that we wanted to dispose of the ship. And no one has come and talked to us about providing funding or proposals to use the ship. We have a contract in place to dis-

pose of the ship and we need to honour it."

At the beginning of the discussion on the ship and the motion in front of them, Councillor Jennifer Hooper questioned, "have we explored every avenue for possible funding?"

CAO Alton Hobbs noted all funding opportunities have been explored, to no avail. No one has contacted staff to purchase or help with funding of the ship.

"That was to remove the ship," countered Councillor Rob Maguire.

Councillor Janice Bowerman said there had been talk at the council table a couple of months

ago about reaching out and talking to all levels of government for funding support and the township had one member of parliament say they would attend a meeting with council to discuss the ship.

"In my humble opinion, in terms of financial support from the government; when the federal government indicates it is looking for \$15 billion in savings in the budget, no funding is going to be provided to get rid of the ship," said Mr. Hobbs. "My other comment is that this bid (on disposing of the Norisle) was by a company that approached us a year ago and

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Meredith Street residents launch petition aimed at reducing neighbourhood speeders

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Northeast Town council received a petition from 35 residents of Meredith Street West in Little Current who expressed concern with the excessive speeds they are seeing on their road and asking council to consider the placement of speed bumps during the non-snow plow season.

"These signatures represent the many households between Hayward Street and Worthington Street," the accompanying letter from Robert McDonald, who initiated the petition, states. "The residents of this area are very concerned with the speed of traffic on this street during the day and into the night hours."

CAO Dave Williamson began the council discussion by saying that speed bumps are not what are wanted, but rather speed humps,

Mr. Williamson said issues would be created with drivers hitting the speed humps and causing damage as well as traffic simply moving to other streets and causing the same problem elsewhere.

"We have put speed (radar) signs on Meredith Street to get some stats to give CPAC (Community

Policing Advisory Committee)," Mr. Williamson noted.

Councillor Michael Erskine noted the current pilot project on Blake Street. Two central pylons have been placed on the street in front of the public school. Their aim is to slow drivers down by causing them to focus their attention more on their driving.

"We have had no comment, zero feedback, from anybody," Mr. Williamson said.

Councillor Erskine said no feedback was likely a good sign as people are less likely to complain when they are happy. "If they prove effective, let's try it (on Meredith Street) and make these people happy," the councillor added.

Mr. Williamson that the cost per central pylon is \$300 as opposed to \$2,000 per speed hump.

"When I saw this petition come through, it drew great concern," said Councillor Al Boyd. "Thirty-five members of the community have put concerns through. It's not that I'm opposed, however we need a lot more staff information to make a good, informed

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The SS Norisle will be removed from the harbour and recycled for scrap by October 12, 2023.

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Long-term care COVID tragedy must never happen again

Most Canadians dearly want to bury the past couple of years in some deep vault and get on with their lives in something that resembles that "normal" everyone had taken for granted before the pandemic came calling. Who can blame them?

Of course, the virus that keeps on giving is not letting us go just yet, with new and "improved?" versions ready to slip by our immune systems and make life miserable. Unfortunately, especially for our most vulnerable citizens, those new versions are promising to prove as deadly as the old.

Given the horrendous tales that emerged from within the nation's long-term care residences during the first waves of the pandemic it is distressing to realize that it came as a surprise to even this paper that Canada was foremost in the globe for COVID-related deaths in that first wave. That is not a podium to be ascended with pride.

As Professor Emeritus Megan Davies, the force behind the unsettling 'COVID in the House of Old' exhibit recently installed at various locations in Wiikwemkoong and which is making its way across the nation, noted we know what is wrong with how we warehouse our elderly and most vulnerable and how to fix it. What we need now is the political will to do so.

That political will cannot be fueled by willful blindness or a convenient collective amnesia among the public.

Recent outrage and controversy over the removal of land from the Greenbelt led to a quick reversal and an unprecedented and unequivocal apology being issued by Premier Doug Ford.

The travesty that was the long-term care home crisis in the first wave of the pandemic led to the mobilization of 24,000 Canadian Forces personnel to assist the nation's health system, unprecedented outside the boundaries of war.

The horrendous tales of neglect that emerged when those soldiers revealed what they found within the walls of long-term care homes shook the nation to its core. How could we so soon forget?

Certainly, we have made strides in ensuring that some of the root causes of that infamy, but nowhere near the distance has been placed between what was to what is as is needed.

Manitoulin was incredibly lucky throughout that first wave and beyond, a testimony to our health care workers and residence administrations whose diligence was rewarded in priceless coin—the survival of our families' loved ones.

Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it—we must not allow ourselves, or our political masters to ever forget that this happened on our watch. This is in no way a criticism of the current masters of Queen's Park or atop Parliament Hill, every party has had a hand in crafting the building blocks of the crisis.

We can and must do better.

letters

Save the beleaved Bowerman Trails

Writer calls on municipality to act on trail restoration post haste

To the Expositor:

Tehkummah Municipality has received some \$150,000 of funding for restoration of the Bowerman Nature Trails in South Baymouth. Having failed to respond to numerous requests to establish a support group to create a management plan and help maintain the trails, they have gone ahead with a Notice of Request for Quote (RFQ) for, "Repairs to bridges, stairs: creation of a rest area with rustic seats/table."

The contract requirement must be well defined such that bids may be evaluated and compared on the basis of price and delivery. They are usually sent out to a number of companies and not publicly posted. Though this RFQ was posted on the municipal web site and I was given an application form when I requested one.

I believe it has been something like three years since Dick Bowerman, who created the trails, asked the municipality to help maintain them. Other than immediately removing the signs identifying the access points, they appear to have done nothing at all.

It seems logical that before putting out a tender, the trails would have been examined and places requiring immediate attention due to safety issues, would be addressed first. But the municipality could provide no specific details of the work to quote for. They appear to just want someone to start doing something somewhere.

They have produced no plan detailing how the trails should be developed, the points of ecological and geological importance, the species in need of attention and protection, interpretive signage or how the trail will be maintained and promoted. Essentially, anything to do with a nature trail.

It has been tragic to see how the trails have been allowed to deteriorate.

Sincerely

David Samuels
Tehkummah

A definition of 'Life on Manitoulin'

So much more than cruise ships, festivals and the bridge

To the Expositor:

Recently on the Facebook page "Life on Manitoulin" it only took one comment from one auntie from Toronto for the admins to shut down commenting on a post with a photo of blackbear tracks (not a photo of a legally harvested, field dressed bear hanging) and some text including a young Island boy's upcoming spring bear hunt.

Life on Manitoulin is a very straightforward definition. Many Islanders strongly agree that hunting, fishing and trapping and its history is as much or more Life on Manitoulin as cruise ships, island festivals/fairs, yachts, bicycle rallies, craft beer breweries, a swing bridge or fine dining establishments.

So, what will be next? Do we stop publicly mentioning our annual rifle season for whitetail deer in November that adds hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Island economy every year?

Do we never mention our yearly buck, salmon and carp derbies that are held each year for good causes?

No sir, I am simply tired of it.

Island folks have always been a welcoming people. Hard working decent people; proud of their history and heritage.

If people from the urban south wish "not" to embrace all our history and heritage, fine, but then they need to keep their mouths shut about it. If they don't wish to comply with that then they simply need to stay down in The Big Smoke and leave us Islanders alone to live our lives as we choose and how we always have.

Thank you,

Greg Young
Wiikwemkoong

Recalling 9/11, 22 years on

A Northern Ontario connection to a NYC commemorative concert

To the Expositor:

For the 22nd year, the lights come on again on the night of September 11, in my fair city.

Yes, I was here on the morning, and actually got a phone call from a dear friend in Sudbury, asking me if I knew of the attack.

Since those horrifying days and the years that have followed, it never gets old. I commemorate, with my family, our dear Jonathan Uman who was on the 102nd floor and died during the attack.

The memories in all of us simply stay inside us.

Yet 22 years after this, there are two things that I heard this week that make me smile.

Our former mayor Mike Bloomberg was interviewed yesterday. He said something wonderful. He talked about how devastated the area was after the attack. I walked down there three days after with dear friends and the rubble, dirt, smoke was paramount. Police stood by and asked us to keep walking. What Mayor Mike said was that the huge area has been rebuilt, with a museum, apartments, shops, restaurants and new office buildings and there is again abundant life, business, music shops, with not only residents, but many visitors from all around the world.

I live in mid-Manhattan, near the Empire State Building and I happily attest to seeing so many people, so many visitors still coming here and enjoying what New York City has to offer, even after the pandemic.

Next is what I heard Sunday afternoon at a beautiful concert in memory of the victims of the 9/11 attacks on the US, given at the St. Paul's and St. Andrew's Church on West 86th Street in NYC. For the invocation and remarks given by Manager Jamie Gigantiello, of the Fire Depart-

ment of New York, he spoke with great conviction to us, about four hundred in the large church. He spoke with resolution and I had never heard this before and sat up straight to applaud, as we all did.

FDNY Manager Jamie said, "It wasn't about 9/11. Of course, it was. But what really happened after that, was September 12th, when all of us pulled together, helping, being there, working in every possible way to recover, clean, rebuild and grow—and that is what we have been doing every day for 22 years. We celebrate our intentions, constant hard work, planning and regrowing what we can."

While 3,000 people died during and after this, what Manager Jamie said seemed to give a breath of accomplishment which I had not thought of.

I sighed, with a new sense of what he said. Yes, for 22 years, we've all been working toward this.

And the next best part! Performing this evening was my lovely friend, who I have known in Sudbury at first, and then she moved to New York City, and sang at one of my piano nights at home. The amazing, talented soprano vocal soloist, Alyson Spina, who was born and grew up in Sudbury. She is the daughter of Jeannie and Ron Spina, who have travelled to New York City to see and hear their daughter perform. With her in his role as a bass baritone vocal soloist was her husband, Coastas Tsourakis, as they performed with an orchestra that played Psalm 23, by Franz Schubert.

The audience in the church was hushed, reverent and grateful for the concert on Sunday night.

Bonnie Kogos
Manhattan and Manitoulin

House of Old exhibit relates COVID nursing home horror stories

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—The horrific stories of those trapped within Canada's long-term care homes during the recent global pandemic may have been swept away by the fickle winds of public attention, but the 'COVID in the House of Old: Stories from a National Humanitarian Crisis' project captures those stories in an innovative project that is as captivating as its story is terrifying. For many residential school survivors living in residential care facilities, the isolation from family and the greater community brought back memories of their experiences at the schools.

But 'COVID in the House of Old' is not some historical retelling of ancient wrongs by faceless villains inhabiting a bygone era. These stories are so recent that the flowers on the graves of those whose deaths form the subject matter relayed through the project's audio presentations have barely had time to wilt. This exhibit/project, produced and curated by York University Professor Emeritus Megan Davies, relays a Canadian tragedy so terrible we can hardly bear to glance back over our shoulders—and one that may yet confront our nation once more in the coming months should we dare to drop our vigilance.

The tale of the 'COVID in the House of Old' begins on March 5, 2020 when a nurse working at North Vancouver's Lynn Valley Care Centre tested positive for COVID-19. Three days later a resident in the centre died, then over the course of the next eight weeks, 20 more. This was to be the leading edge of a tsunami of mortality that in just six months saw 7,609 residents lose their lives. The carnage propelled Canada to the very top of an infamous pedestal.

"More than 82 percent of Cana-



The Wikwemikong Nursing Home display is front and centre at the Nanaimo Library.

da's first-wave deaths were residents of care facilities," shares Professor Davies. "That makes our country the grim reaper par excellence among the nations of the Global North." That's right. Canada holds the infamous "honour" of being number one amongst its peers in failing to protect some of the most vulnerable of its population—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and, yes, brothers, sisters and children too, as not all of the residents in long-term care facilities are made up of the elderly—just the vulnerable.

Professor Davies readily admits that realization hits home hard for her, and it is what led her to apply for the funding to conduct the research and collation of stories that eventually formed the basis of COVID in the House of Old.

Professor Davies has spent much of her career chronicling life inside Canadian long-term care homes and is the author of 'Into the House of Old: A History of Residential Care in British Columbia.' The intimate knowledge of life in our residential elders informs her work.

"Canada let our elders down," she said. "More Canadians in care died than anywhere else globally. We are wearing it, whether we like to remember it or even if we didn't know. I didn't want to do just another research project." Professor Davies said that work has already been done. "We know what needs to be done, she said, "that work has been done."

"I thought, what I want to do is create a travelling exhibit and take it, not to art galleries, but out to the broadest public, places where people go, like libraries."

Using the art of storytelling to bring the reality home to ordinary people is especially appropriate when it comes to Indigenous communities, where storytelling remains a strong cultural norm. "Storytelling is such an effect tool," she said. "I can see how the people here (in Wikwemkoong) understand the importance of a story."

The stories are told in the form

Elder's Centre from September 19 to 22 and at the Wikwemkoong Nursing Home from September 22 to 26. Although the exhibit has now travelled on, its stories remain accessible online at COVIDintheHouseofOld.ca. The site also contains a wealth of information in the form of podcasts and other resources.

'COVID in the House of Old' was made possible by a generous



House of Old curator Megan Davies with Amikook staffer Bernadette during the Wikwemkoong leg of the tour last week.

of audio presentations delivered through headphones while the listener sits in one of eight chairs decorated with mementoes indicative of the speaker and their loved ones.

'COVID in the House of Old' was installed at the Amikook

Jack and Doris Shadbolt Fellowship in the Humanities from Simon Fraser University. York University has also provided valuable support, funding a social media creator and the costs of creating a chair to represent the Wikwemikong Nursing Home.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 Gore Bay fetes members old and new



Dave Patterson received a 50 year Associate Member service Award from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 in Gore Bay last Friday evening. From left is Dave Patterson, Marilyn Clarke, president, and Jim Kiviahio.



The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 held its annual Honours and Awards presentations last Friday. Along with executive bars and long service pins being presented, certificates of appreciation were handed out. Associate, ordinary and affiliate member awards were presented. In photo, from left, back row, are Leigh Major, Drew Purvis, Bob Clark, Beverly Wright, Jim Kiviahio, Mike Lalonde, Marilyn Clarke, Joan Hoekstra, Annie Porter, Jack Clark, Patti-Jo Woods, Bonnie Patterson, Eldene Longhurst, Brian Bainborough, Dave Patterson, Herakles Tsambis, Vic Noble. Front row sitting, Tony Davy, Loyalle McDougall and Anne Graham.

more letters

Kudos to MP Hughes' work with Domtar paper mill

Perhaps turning the mill into an industrial hemp pulp mill is the answer

To the Expositor:

Bless MP Carol Hughes for stepping up about the shady closure of the Domtar Espanola paper mill under two years after its acquisition by Paper Excellence.

The people behind or associated with Paper Excellence appear to have a pattern of using thickets of corporations, including tax havens, effectively shielding transactions and assets from public and government scrutiny. The company won't open up about its past financing, some of which was facilitated by the China Development Bank, which is owned by the Chinese government, the CBC has reported. Due to the saturation of the global wood pulp paper market in the past 20 years, China has been buying up paper mills to monopolize and control the industry.

While working as a project coordinator for Frontiers Foundation, the now defunct Canadian Indigenous housing provider, I had the pleasure to meet professor Gordon Schiefele in the summer of 2000. Mr. Schiefele was a

researcher with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs who took his previous Northern Ontario Hemp Project one step further, growing more than 120 acres of industrial hemp from Rainy River to Manitoulin Island. Mr. Schiefele's research inspired the federal government to legalize the cultivation of industrial hemp in 1998. As the American government did a sophisticated job demonizing cannabis, Canadian farmers have been slow in growing hemp crops, when they could at the very least be using it as a natural alternate in crop rotation, to save money from purchasing expensive and toxic chemical fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides. Not only does hemp use less water than any other crop, removes toxic contaminants from the soil, but also brings it back to life, by absorbing carbon and nitrogen out of the air and putting it back in the soil.

Mr. Schiefele proved that Manitoulin Island and Northern Ontario provide excellent conditions for growing

industrial hemp, the original fibre used by the Chinese to make paper. (The first true paper-making process was documented in China during the Eastern Han period, 25–220 AD, traditionally attributed to the court official, Cai Lun.) The recognition of global warming has slowly awakened mankind to the importance of reducing the logging of trees. Since 50 percent of global logging is used for paper, it is long past time our now obsolete wood pulp paper mills retrofit, to making cheaper and better quality paper from hemp pulp and leave the logging for lumber. If the feds are willing to prop up the obsolete fossil fuel industry, might be a good time to buy up these obsolete wood pulp paper mills, when they lack the vision to convert to hemp paper mills.

D.S.McPhail
Manitowaning

Social media fraud investigation leads to arrest

A six-month fraud investigation by the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has resulted in 30 criminal charges being laid against a local person.

On March 10, 2023, shortly before 12:30 pm, the Manitoulin OPP received a complaint of fraudulent activity on a social media group involved in buying, selling and swapping. The complainant had paid for an item that was not delivered, and emails were going unanswered.

Police identified 11 victims from southern, northeastern and northwestern Ontario during the investigation. Each of the 11 victims had lost between \$50 and \$445 between January and March 2023.

Denzel Lewis Anwhatin, 25, from Sheguiandah First Nation was arrested and charged with 12 counts of fraud under \$5,000, 12 counts of make false statement in writing with the payment of money and six counts of trafficking in property obtained by crime.

The accused was released and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on October 11.

“Frauds are always changing, but being aware of the tactics used by scammers can help people recognize the signs and take the steps needed to protect themselves,” said OPP community safety officer John Hill.

To protect yourself from buy and sell frauds, the OPP recommends considering the following: examine the profile and customer reviews of the seller. Look to see how long they have been active on the platform. Fraudulent profiles are often new and have few or no reviews. They may also have very few followers and limited posts. Do not trust offers that seem too good to be true. Bargain hunters beware! People are often lured in by fraudsters offering steep discounts.

Do not accept overpayment for items you are selling. In these cases, the scammer agrees to purchase something you are selling online. They send a cheque for more than the asking price. They ask you to deposit the cheque and then pay them back the difference. They are hoping you do this before your bank realizes the cheque from them is fake. And avoid paying with cash, especially a lot of cash. Use payment methods that have purchase protection such as Visa, Mastercard, or Facebook checkout.

If you think you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or your nearest police authority and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or report online at www.antifraudcentre.ca.



Law & Order

Traffic stop leads to two separate impaired charges

The Manitoulin OPP has laid 62 impaired driving charges since January 1, 2023.

On September 21 shortly after 9:30 pm, the Manitoulin OPP observed a vehicle swerving in its lane on Hayward Street in Little Current.

Police conducted a traffic stop. It was determined the driver had been consuming alcohol. The driver was arrested for impaired driving and returned to the Little Current OPP detachment for further tests.

As a result of the investigation, Travis Aelick, 20, from Little Current was charged with operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus) and novice driver-blood alcohol concentration above zero.

The accused was released and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on October 11. The driver was issued a 90-day administrative driver's licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan not to drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver or take a taxi.

If you observe a suspected impaired driver, please call 9-1-1 immediately and report it.

Traffic complaint results in impaired charges

On September 20, shortly before 8:30 pm, the Manitoulin OPP responded to a complaint of a possible impaired driver on Highway 6 in Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN). The complainant reported that a pick-up truck was crossing the yellow line and had driven onto the shoulder.

Police located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop at a retail store on Highway 6. It was determined the driver had been consuming alcoholic beverages. The driver was arrested for impaired driving and returned to the Little Current OPP detachment for further tests.

As a result of the investigation, William Michael Moroz, 63, from Birch Island was charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), driving while under suspension, obstruct plate, having care or control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused was released and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on October 11.

The driver's vehicle was impounded for seven days.

Driver hits hydro pole

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is continuing an investigation into a motor vehicle colliding into a hydro pole.

On Saturday, September 16 at approximately 8:40 am, the WTPS responded to a motor vehicle accident that occurred on Wikwemikong Way on the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

Officers arrived and located a motor vehicle in the east side ditch area on Wikwemikong Way. Paramedics were already on scene assessing the driver and two passengers.

Police investigation revealed that the motor vehicle was travelling northbound on Wikwemikong Way when it left the roadway and struck a hydro pole causing extensive damage to both the vehicle and the pole. Damage to the hydro pole resulted in a power outage in parts of the community.

No injuries were reported by the passengers and the driver was taken to hospital as a precaution.

Hydro One also attended the scene and undertook repairs.

The matter is still under investigation.

Anyone with information on this incident or any other investigation can contact the Wikwemikong Tribal Police at (705) 859-3141 or through the Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

RIDE check leads to drug seizure

On Tuesday, September 19, officers with WUT were conducting a reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) check in the Rabbit Island area of WUT.

At approximately 2:30 am, officers were checking a vehicle and driver when it was determined they had a suspended driver's licence.

As a result of the investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for driving while under suspension and the vehicle was towed. Upon search of the driver, a quantity of illegal drugs was located on their person as well. The driver was then advised of their arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

The driver was later released and is to be summonsed to Ontario Court (provincial division) to answer to the said charges.

The community is reminded that RIDE checks will continue throughout the community and the public is encouraged to report impaired drivers or any drug-related offences.

Information can be reported to the Wikwemikong Police at (705) 859-3141, or through the provincial communications centre at 1-888-310-1122.

Information can also be reported through Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Elementary school teachers within Rainbow District to vote on strike mandate this week

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Elementary school teachers within the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) local will be voting this week on whether they will give their union a strike mandate.

The Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) is holding in-person strike votes for its members until October 17 with teachers in various regions voting on differ-

ent days.

“Our dates for our members in this area (Rainbow district) to vote will include two meetings, one on Manitoulin Island on September 28 and another one on September 27 in Sudbury,” said Liana Holm of the RDSB ETFO Rainbow local.

ETFO had previously filed for conciliation, citing what it explained was “the unacceptably slow pace of bargaining,” but has

rejected a government proposal to leave any outstanding issues to be decided by an arbitrator.

The Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation (OSSTF) has tentatively agreed to negotiate with the province until the end of next month and if negotiations have not resulted in an agreement, then they would move to binding arbitration, which would eliminate the possibility of a strike. The

other teacher's unions in Ontario have been requested by Education Minister Stephen Lecce to accept the same deal. However, the teachers' unions have rejected the request.

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA) will be holding strike votes on October 18-19, meanwhile OSSTF members have until September 27 to vote on whether they want to accept the binding arbitration proposal.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We interrupt this usually pun-filled intro, with a good news story: a certain local ice cream mogul had a kitty go missing a couple of weeks ago. The whole family's spirits were low, and they feared the worst. Last Saturday, at the evening market (have we mentioned how fantastic it was?!), Sarah J, a young, eagle-eyed Kagawongian noticed that the kitchen light in the Park Centre kept turning on and off. Curious as a cat, she decided to investigate. Peeking in the glass door to the upstairs, low and behold, they spotted a little cat peering back at them from inside the Park Centre! We aren't kitten around; it really happened! A quick call to the owner, and to the indomitable Tiana from the township office, and the feline was free. It's unclear how long she had been hiding in the building, but it was long enough for township employees to begin to suspect there was a weasel getting in. Team Fergmeijer loves a happy ending! It just goes to show that with the right attitude, anything is pawssible.

Break out the sunglasses... the shiny new mailboxes are officially installed at the post office! Those with boxes will have to stop in to see Mike in order to pick up your new key and to find out your new box number. If you have been waiting for the community boxes, although they were a bit behind schedule, as of this writing, they are being installed at the three locations around town.

Thank you to the amazing organizers of the 4elements Living Arts Elemental Festival this past weekend in Kagawong. There was something for everyone, and it brought the village alive with singing, dancing, workshops, and of course, good eats!

Kagawong's own (that's right, we're claiming him) Mike McCormick of the Arrogant Worms is hosting a house concert near Mindemoya on Friday, September 29. The concert

will feature some classical work, mixed with pop, hymns, originals, and some other surprises. Visit <https://ticketplease.ca/> and search for “Mike McCormick” for more information.

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

Remembering Mary Buie and her unbeatable spirit, Heather T will once again be representing Kagawong in the upcoming Run for the Cure on October 1. Funds raised go toward breast cancer research, prevention, and patient care. Donations can be made at <http://support.cancer.ca/goto/htheijmsmeijer>

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

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

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

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

We leave you with the purrfect words of wisdom to finish up your week: When life gets busy, don't forget to press paws and live in the meow. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Friday night at cards was a great night for two people. Karen Noble with 89 points and Murray Duncanson with 84 points won the money jar and split the proceeds. Congratulations to both of them. I am really happy for them. High lady was Myra Duncanson with 81 points; high man was Karen Noble with 89 points; ladies' lone hands were won by Elaine Bradley with three and Murray Duncanson won men's lone hands with four and his 89 points; Lisa Townsend had most euchres with eight. We all had a great time together, come and join us if you can.

Saturday morning my husband Rick and I drove to Karen's in Silver Water to enjoy her yard sale that she has. Rick and Eric had a long, interesting conversation about grape growing. I think that there was a lot more socializing than business.

We drove home, then I drove back, for the fashion show and tea in Silver Water. It was really nice and well attended.

Sunday morning we had a small congregation as many of our regulars were away. But Rev. Duncanson attended and took the service. I made coffee but we were missing Helen Black's delicious muffins. We love standing around and munching and talking after church.

The embankment has been fixed at the waterfront on the north side but this week the new docks arrived. They are beautiful. They are such a nice addition. Tulloch Engineering and Quantum Construction have worked very hard on this project and we appreciate it. We had some interesting boats come in and several of them stayed several days.

I depend on the store for my regular grocery items, but they are now selling Watkins as well. The vanilla that I bought was so good. I think everyone will know if I bake anything because it will be full of that wonderful vanilla.

...Island First Nations protest in Ottawa against recognition of Metis nationhood

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Saskatchewan or the east coast,” said Regional Chief Hare. “Even the Red River Metis in Manitoba have said there are no other Metis outside there.”

“I guess in Saskatchewan the Metis are talking to the government about a treaty. This blew us away. They have no land, or proof of membership,” said Regional Chief Hare. “My real problems with all of this is that I don’t want so-called Metis people bullying our chiefs. Secondly, I don’t want them to ask any of my chiefs to leave a community. And when my chiefs meet with the federal government to talk about compensation and land resources, no way do they (Metis) have any business getting involved. We don’t recognize them as a government.”

“My chiefs are saying this group can be identified as citizens, but they can’t say they are First Nation,” said Regional Chief Hare. “They think for example they will be able to hunt and fish anywhere they want. But they don’t have any land or rights to do this.”

“We know some of the people that are calling themselves Metis. They are not Metis,” said Regional Chief Hare. “For them to steal our membership and attach to us, no way.”

“We continue to fight for our rights, lands and to be recognized as a government. Then they come along and want to be recognized as a government. No way,” stated Regional Chief Hare. At a press conference at the demonstration it was pointed out the government has given no indication it intends to withdraw the bill. Regional Chief Hare said, “if that is the case, the Assembly of First Nations will continue the fight. He told CBC News, “My chiefs are already putting up their flags. No trespassing.”

In choosing to recognize the Metis, the First Nations leaders say Canada failed to consult them and failed to properly verify the Metis Nation of Ontario citizens are truly Metis.

The Metis Nations emerged as a distinct people of mixed First Nations and European origins in the prairies in the late 18th century. But the roots of the current battle are the Ontario government’s 2017 decision to recognize six new historic Metis communities in the province.

The decision stretches the Metis homeland as far east as

the Ottawa River on the Quebec border, an area where first nations maintain their elders never spoke of a Metis presence.

“This is a pure fabrication of the federal and provincial governments,” Nipissing First Nation chief Scott McLeod, a spokesman for the Chiefs of Ontario umbrella group on the issue told CBC.

The Canadian government signed an updated self-government agreement with the MNO earlier this year, promising to ratify it through legislation. The first nations want that legislation, Bill C-53 cancelled. The Assembly of First Nations, representing more than 600 First Nations country-wide, backed the cause.

“Bill C-53 was advanced without proper consultation with first nations,” said interim national chief Joanna Bernard.

The MNO, however, accuses First Nations of denialism.

MNR president Margaret Froh was quoted by CBC as saying she points to the Supreme Court of Canada’s landmark Powley decision, which affirmed the existence of a historic Metis community in and around Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

The 20th anniversary of the ruling, which laid out the 10 part Powley test for affirming Metis rights, was celebrated last week. The federal legislation would confirm the MNO’s internal Indigenous self-government rights. Ms. Froh told CBC she is “concerned, again, on the 20th anniversary, after finally achieving that recognition, there are others that are trying to take us back to the time Metis were not recognized.” She sees respectful dialogue as the solution but won’t back down on Bill C-53 either. “After 200 years of fighting for recognition, the time has come,” she said.

“The bill has passed first and second reading and has one more reading before it becomes law,” said Mitch Case, MNO region 4 councillor told The Expositor. “With the House having just returned we expect this bill to be in front of it quickly. We are excited this is going to come to fruition. It means the realization of the bill and includes rights for our people under the Constitution Act and our own governance.”

As for the protests by AFN and First Nations to bill C-53,

“I think it is incredibly unfortunate that there is a whole lot of division. This is only about our internal government as Metis and to gain our rights,” said Mr. Case. He said some of the people who are now objecting to the Metis were some of the strongest voices celebrating the group 20 years ago. “Some of the same people who celebrated with us at a pipe ceremony are pretending none of it or the ruling happened.”

“The Sault Ste. Marie community is extremely proud to be the home of the landmark Powley decision recognizing the existence of a historic Metis community with constitutionally protected rights. With Metis denialism on the rise, it is more important than ever to tell our stories, affirm our ways of life and celebrate how far we have come in advancing Metis rights and self-government,” the MNO said.

September 19, 2023 marked the 20th anniversary of the landmark Powley decision, a pivotal moment in Canadian legal history for the Metis Nation. In 2002, the unanimous Supreme Court ruling in R v. Powley cemented a watershed victory for Metis rights recognition.

...MHC concerned about staff shortages at Mindemoya site

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course we haven’t been in the general practice office as much as we’d like. The metrics heavily favoured teams who could see a lot of patients through the office, as well as the emergency room. Our community suffers because we don’t have enough doctors to do well in the formula, so we received a poor result in the complement review. It makes it impossible (for Mindemoya Hospital) to recruit new physicians.”

“Even with 7.5 doctors here it is not sustainable,” said Dr. Reade, pointing out for Little Current the ministry more than doubled its doctor complement. “It makes it more appealing to work at Little Current. Why would these new doctors come to us?”

“It would take 10-11 people to handle the work demands that we have been doing in the Mindemoya emergency room,” said Dr. Reade. “At a system level it is tragic that the committee didn’t realize the work that needs to be done in our community. But (the committee) haven’t realized the work that is being done and we’ve been given an inappropriate complement so we’re feeling doomed.” “Yes, the workload has been ridiculous,” stated Dr. Reade. “Our doctors are working three to four weekends in a row in the ER, and this is after working during the week. We don’t want to have physicians on the verge of collapse. I would say we have made decisions to prevent this collapse from happening. We all realize we can’t keep going on the pace we have been.”

Ms. Fields said, “We are still hopeful of avoiding any closure, and we are hoping to have enough locum (doctor) resources and hoping that people will step forward.”

“We are not releasing the dates of the closures until it is closer to the date to avoid any confusion for the community,” said Ms. Fields. “Since the initial public announcement, we have been successful in covering some of the dates with locum physicians and are hopeful that more of the vacant shifts will be covered.”

“This is a system problem that many colleagues and hospitals are facing across the province,” continued Ms. Fields. “There is a real need for more doctors, more nurses, and physicians. Human health resources are suffering system wide.”

Mindemoya Hospital currently has 4.75 physician positions filled and has rarely been able to keep six doctors over the past several years. Since the late 1990s, Mindemoya Hospital has had funding for six full-time physicians, a number that has remained unchanged despite growing patient volumes and increased complexity from an aging population, along with opioid and mental health crisis that increased during the pandemic.

In Northern Ontario, the burden of the doctor shortage is felt much more acutely than in other parts of the province. Rural doctors are responsible for both primary care in their family practices and emergency care in the hospitals.

Dr. Reade pointed out the province announced last week that they will continue to provide top up funding for emergency rooms through the Temporary Locum Program, until the end of March. “It should make it easier to recruit doctors and locums. It’s a glimmer of hope. Its part of the problem but we also need to hire more full-time people. We (full-time physicians) have been filling the gaps for a long time.”

“We have seen Northern Ontario emergency room closures over the past few months and years, due to a lack of physicians and locums. Even in Toronto a lot of patients can’t find family doctors. We are seeing shifts in health care, although the number of clinicians has actually increased in health care the past 10 years, there has been a shift in how the resources have been used,” said Dr. Steve Cooper.

“Years ago, doctors did not have to do emergency room care, or palliative care, and there are much bigger numbers of dealing with mental health these days,” said Dr. Cooper. “I’m hopeful the ministry’s announcement of an extension of funding for locums will help. It is going to be a challenging few weeks on Manitoulin Island. It is critical that Manitoulin has the two emergency rooms open, it is critically important. We are working with all the physicians at both sites, our recruiter Craig Matheson, and administration to try and fill the gaps. Hopefully we will be able to fill some of them, but I will be surprised if we can fill all of them.”

“We are grateful for the understanding and support of the communities our employees and physicians who have been working with us to minimize risk and ensure the safety of our community during the potential closures,” said Ms. Fields.

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...Town of Gore Bay honours four with Lifetime Achievement Awards

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mentor to not only his own son, but to a young Mayor Lane as well. Mayor Lane provided a personal note on how Mr. Colwell's parents came to live with his family following the death of Mayor Lane's mother. Memories of trips to Claperton Island with Mr. Colwell and Mr. Colwell's father remain among the most cherished of Mayor Lane's teenaged years.

"On behalf of the Colwell family I would like to thank the Town of Gore Bay, the Lifetime Achievement Committee and Mayor Lane for selecting Jack Colwell to receive this award," said Mr. Colwell's son Robby, who spoke after the ceremony due to needing to assist his father to and from accepting his award. "During Dad's 30 years as town foreman he went to work every day and did his best for Gore Bay and its people," continued Mr. Colwell's son. "He

loved this town then, as he loves it now. Our family appreciates the town's recognition for his many years of dedicated service by presenting him the Lifetime Achievement Award today. Dad was a master at saying the words 'thank you' and now these words have been returned to him in this way."

The second recipient of a Gore Bay Lifetime Achievement Award was The Expositor's own Tom Sasvari. The award was presented by Deputy Mayor Osborne, who took a moment to tease Mr. Sasvari about his sports team preference before proceeding with the more serious citations. "It's not your fault you are a Bruins fan," quipped Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Osborne went on to note that Mr. Sasvari has provided a lifetime of service to the community and "improved the lives of citizens of Gore Bay and beyond." The deputy mayor detailed Mr. Sasvari's being born and raised in Sault Ste. Marie before taking journalism at Canadore College and a brief stint in London before returning home for Christmas and spotting a small advertisement seeking a reporter for The Recorder placed by the late Jack McQuarrie. "The rest was history," said the deputy mayor. Mr. Sasvari, it was noted, had told his father he would only be on the Island for six months, top, but "he was clearly very excited at what he saw," continued Mr. Osborne, with the audience responding with laughter. "Tom became part of our family in Gore Bay for the next 35 years."

The deputy mayor asserted that Mr. Sasvari "has attended more council meetings than all of us combined. If there is an event, Tom is there with his notebook and camera ready for the story."

But Mr. Sasvari was not only being honoured for his journalistic prowess and dedication, as the deputy mayor also cited his volunteer work, which includes being part of the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club, coaching minor hockey, working with Manitoulin Special Olympics, being named an ambassador for the War Pensioners of Canada, a recipient of the Vivian Levensohn Volunteer Award, his Ontario Community Newspaper Silver Quill (denoting 25 years in the newspaper industry), a Citizen of the Year Award from the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club and being named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club. Mr. Osborne added that Mr. Sasvari's initial response when learning of the impending honour was to ask, "why me, there are a lot of other people who deserve this award?"

"I am honoured to receive this award, humbled and grateful," said Mr. Sasvari. "Looking around the room I see so many friends and acquaintances who took me in as part of your family."

The next recipient was the late Charles C. McLean, a long-time Gore Bay teacher for whom CC McLean Public School is named.

"The first time I saw Mr. McLean I was in Grade 2 and I was scared to death of him," said Mayor Lane, noting the teacher had a reputation for being "extremely strict." Yet by the time Mayor Lane reached Grade 8, Mr. McLean had become his favourite teacher. "He was the best teacher I ever had, strict, but fair," recalled the mayor. "I think of him constantly."

...Councillor request for Norisle stay of execution

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they were the only company that approached us."

"I just want to reiterate to members of the public that we have tried everything to get financial assistance for the ship, and nothing has been made available," said Councillor Bowerman. "My son remembers when he was young seeing the ship and he is now over 30. This and previous councils have talked about getting rid of the Norisle for many years."

It was pointed out by Mayor Brenda Reid that even when the municipality had entered into an agreement with the Steamship Society it was with the idea that the ship would leave Manitowaning.

"Is the company (Marine Recycling Corporation) time sensitive (to remove the ship) in all of this based on the market for scrap steel?" asked Councillor Rob Maguire.

Mr. McLean began his teaching career in 1928 and went on to teach for another 40 years his passing in 1968 (still teaching) at the age of only 62. Mr. McLean was born and raised in Gordon Township, but moved to Gore Bay when he took up his teaching duties. An active community volunteer, Mr. McLean was a member of the Masonic Lodge, rising to the rank of Master of the Lodge in 1937. He served on town council for many years, taught Sunday school at the United Church and participated in pretty much all sports, including hockey, curling, baseball and was an avid hunter. He raised two children (Jane and Greg) and had four grandchildren.

Family representative daughter Jane Campbell cited Mr. McLean's motto "a wise person doesn't ask 'what have I achieved' but 'what have I contributed'." She went on to thank the council for his being honoured and Mayor Lane for his kind words about Mr. McLean.

The final recipient was community volunteer Lorne McQuarrie, an individual that Mayor Lane admitted was "a tough one for me" as Mr. McQuarrie had been a dear and close friend with whom he and his family often socialized. Mr. McQuarrie passed in 1984 at the young age of 29 from heart-related issues, leaving behind his wife Barb and two children Tyler and Angie. Mr. McQuarrie was nominated by his 13-year-old granddaughter Merissa.

Mayor Lane recalled one particular camping weekend on the West End of Manitoulin that he described as "a fantastic time" and "one of the best memories I have of Lorne."

Despite his own medical issues, Mr. McQuarrie had assisted many people in distress as an ambulance attendant, "the heart condition was something he could not survive."

"During his lifetime, he was a unique individual, and he had his mischievous side," recalled Mayor Lane, noting his friend as an inveterate practical joker, with Mr. McQuarrie's mother taking it all in stride.

Mr. McQuarrie was a charter member of the Gore Bay Lions Club, a member of the Royal Canadian Legion, a volunteer firefighter, a volunteer with the Gore Bay and Western Manitoulin ambulance service, a member of the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club and was general manager of The Recorder and the editor of the seminal 'Through the Years' series documenting Manitoulin and Cockburn Island history.

Mr. McQuarrie's wife Arlene, son Tyler and grandchildren Jamison and Merissa accepted the award on behalf of the late recipient. "I brought the troops," she quipped. "Thank you, it is an honour and a privilege to accept this award on behalf of Lorne and the family."

She recalled one of her son's favourite sayings, "a little is a lot when it is all you've got—a little time."

As each recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Awards were cited, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha also provided certificates of recognition and spoke a few words of congratulation to the recipients or their families.

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...Manitoulin farmers shocked at abattoir closure

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“Effectively, mid-June the abattoir was closed. There is no date for reopening,” the statement reads.

John McNaughton, president of the Manitoulin Cattleman’s Association (MCA) said, “I’ve heard that something was going on with the abattoir, but I didn’t know it was that it had undergone a shutdown. Someone had told me the abattoir was reducing the number of kills it has going through.”

“This will affect a lot of farmers,” said Mr. McNaughton. “I know in my case it will be more difficult for me to get beef for me and to customers. I currently have animals that would soon have been going through the abattoir. I was hoping to get meat after the hunt season.”

“This certainly does affect many farmers,” said Mr. McNaughton. “This is very concerning news. I was on the committee that for a number of years had



Meat hangs in an abattoir cold room.

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pushed to get an abattoir going on the Island. This is sad news that it has closed.”

“Closing presents a lot of problems to hard-working farmers like myself,” said Al Tribinevicius, of Tehkummah. “I had used the abattoir this past spring. I took a cattle beast in, one that I had raised. They did a beautiful job at the abattoir; it was a very professional job.”

“Now farmers are going to have to take their ani-

mals to Massey, Sturgeon Falls or other locations, and it will mean a long wait time,” said Mr. Tribinevicius.

“It took many years to get an abattoir here on the Island,” Mr. Tribinevicius continued. “They have a really good operation on the Island that worked really well and had low impacts on the environment. It was important to have an operation. This is just another hardship on farmers.”

...worried about stress on staff, patients and response times

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tal, paramedics and we brought in HSN (Health Sciences North) to put all our cards on the table,” said Mr. Myre.

Mr. Myre said normally paramedics deployed to calls from patients who reside in Mindemoya, M’Chigeeng and Western Manitoulin are brought to the Mindemoya Hospital. “Highly acute care patients will now have to be transported to Little Current. Our paramedics will see pressures in response times transporting patients from the west side of the Island to Little Current. And those units that are normally stationed in Mindemoya and Gore Bay will be in Little Current in these cases which will present additional pressures.”

“One of the big concerns for me as chief of operations for the paramedics is the impact this will have on our employees,” continued Mr. Myre. “Our paramedics are seasoned and used to taking patients to the Mindemoya Hospital. But if someone is suffering from a cardiac arrest, for example, now they (paramedics) will need to transport them 35-40 minutes. This increases the pressure on them in terms of time in getting the patients to the hospital and could increase the risk of occupational stress injuries to employees.”

“Foremost in concern for me is our staff as well as members of the community,” added Mr. Myre.

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...residents launch petition aimed at reducing neighbourhood speeders

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decision.”

Councillor Boyd brought several things forward for consideration, including the fact that Little Current lowered its speed limit to 40 km/hr a couple of years ago, which likely brought the speeds closer in line to 50 km/hr; a stop

sign could be placed at the Meredith and Dupont streets intersection (on Meredith Street as Dupont already sports stop signs); and the purchase of utility pole-mounted safety signs; the purchase of a utility pole-mounted ‘stealth’ radar sign.

Councillor Boyd also shared a few statistics with council, including the fact that studies have shown that for each speed hump encountered, 10 seconds is shaved off emergency response time; property values on streets with speed humps are less than their neighbours without speed humps; those residents of streets with speed humps will see more vehicle wear and tear; a decrease in fuel efficiency; and an increase in noise.

“I’m not opposed,” Councillor Boyd reiterated, “but we need to be fully aware before making any decisions.”

Councillor Dawn Orr suggested hiring a traffic engineer to show them the options. “I think the residents are really concerned some kid is going to get hurt,” she said.

Councillor Bill Koehler shared the sense of urgency felt by the Meredith Street residents.

“The (central) pylons do have a psychological effect,” Councillor Erskine said. “We’re not going to manage to slow everyone down, no measures will, but it’s worth try-

ing them out.”

Council passed a motion to hire a traffic engineer for the Meredith Street speed problem and ask police to monitor traffic along that route more regularly.

When contacted for comment, Mr. McDonald said he was pleased to see council take the petition seriously, but questioned the need for a traffic engineer and accompanying costs.

“I’m not sure why they have to have advisors,” he said. “We have two retired OPP on council. Surely they can figure something out.”

Mr. McDonald has been a Meredith Street resident since 1990 and said he was spurred on to create a petition after seeing a major increase in speeding over the past three years.

He said the population increase seen in the community since the pandemic has also meant an increase in speeding. He said his vehicle was even passed on the street just recently and estimates top speeds of between 60 and 70 kilometres an hour. Mr. McDonald also noted the large number of young families with small children that call Meredith Street their home.

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was saved. He also acknowledged there are areas of concerns with the current state of the ship.

“If we have vision, we should give the Steamship Society a little more time, a new deadline, say to May (2024) which may give the society time to come forward with a proposal,” said Councillor Maguire. “They are still having high level meetings with government officials on the ships future.” He said it will take 10-15 years for the municipality to pay off the costs of disposing of the ship for about \$750,000. He said some of this money could be used toward maintaining the ship. I understand council’s concerns, but I don’t think we have completely exhausted all avenues for funding.”

“Perhaps we could communicate (with the Steamship Society) and by allowing a little bit more time we

could actually save the municipality some money,” continued Councillor Maguire. “I can see the costs (being spent on removal of the Norisle) tossing the proposed theatre/entertainment centre project out the window.” Mayor Reid said council had given the Steamship Society six months to meet with council before they would make any final decisions on the ship, and while they didn’t respond, “at the last moment they sent us a letter which didn’t tell us anything. We can’t go to them now and ask them to please come and talk to us.”

“I think we are making a mistake, and there is a better solution,” said Councillor Maguire. “I would like the deadline extended until May. I know they (Steamship Society) have private sector commitments in this project and have succeeded previously in rescuing ships. If the federal government sees that this could end up turn-

ing over an investment, they may have an interest in it.”

“I completely disagree with Rob on this, that removing the ship is going to cripple the township,” said Councillor Hooper. “I really don’t want to put the costs (for the ship disposal) on the taxpayers, but for how many years has the ship been patched up, with nothing being made of it. And when was the last time the federal government put money into the ship?”

Federal government funding was provided toward the ship in 2011, Councillor Maguire said.

“We are almost in 2024,” said Councillor Hooper. “I’m excited about the future of Assiginack and not having to talk about the ship, so we can talk about the beautiful waterfront in Manitowaning and things we can do with it; and a brighter future for

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Elemental Festival: Keeping awareness of the land alive with culture

by Isobel Harry

KAGAWONG—The drive down the hill into Kagawong, overlooking the shimmering expanse of Mudge Bay on the North Channel, never gets old. The centre of the little village, with the sprinkling of historical frame buildings that include the Anglican church (1898), the old Havlock Hotel (1896), the Light-tower (1894), has at its heart the imposing limestone Old Mill Heritage Centre and Museum (1925).

In addition to the visitor magnets of its shops and services, its weekly summer market and of Bridal Veil Falls, named as “must-see” in countless tourist publications, Kagawong is becoming widely known for its outstanding cultural offerings: this past summer saw visitors flock to the Jabbawong Storytelling Festival, the Northwords Annual Festival of Words and to 4Elements’ annual Elemental Festival last Saturday and Sunday.

Founded in 2002 by Sophie Ann Edwards and incorporated in 2009 as a non-profit organization, 4Elements Living Arts’ “mission is to nurture and inspire community engagement in land-based arts on Manitoulin Island.”

The theme of the 2023 Elemental Festival was Layers of the Land with “local and visiting creatives invited to reflect on how their work connects them” with that idea. The festival was funded by the Trillium Foundation, the Government of Canada, the Ontario Arts Council and the Township of Billings.

The opening talk on Sat-



Sophie Pheasant leads a workshop on cattails and their uses, demonstrating how to make dolls.

photo by Isobel Harry



James Simon Mishibinijima, renowned Wiikwemkoong artist, was the keynote speaker at the opening of the Elemental Festival on Saturday, September 23.

photo by Isobel Harry

urday morning was introduced by festival organizer Candice Irwin and given by the internationally-acclaimed Wiikwemkoong artist, James Simon

Mishibinijima. Inspired to paint by his visions of the spirit of the land, the artist began his artistic journey as a boy, listening to an elder who came to the family’s house on Sundays after church and often talked about pictographs.

“We had no hydro,”

explains the artist who was born in 1954. “Our house was heated by wood; in 1968 we received three electrical outlets and three lights. The elders stopped telling stories after there was radio.”

So, Mr. Mishibinijima visited neighbour Francis Kagige’s art studio where they would “talk about the animals, the geese, the bear-walk” and other cultural subjects, and they would paint.

Mr. Mishibinijima recounts his youth and his path to art in a style that reflects his intuitive and conceptual approach to creation. He was “signed up to become an RCMP officer” in school, he says. But, attending Manitoulin Secondary School in M’Chigeeng, he met Mary Lou Fox Radulovich, the founder of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, and

asked her for a room to paint in. In the following years, encouraged by his community, he began teaching art, receiving his teacher certification in Sudbury. Then, he “had to decide to become an artist or a teacher, I asked myself a lot of questions. I started to paint.” He made connections that got him invited to Germany to meet collectors interested in investing in his work, flying there several times a year for many years to sell paintings.

At an art camp at Rainbow Lodge, he “went outside with tobacco to ask what my own style was. I saw spirits all around, everywhere I looked.” Spirits have defined Mr. Mishibinijima’s style of painting ever since, inspired by Manitoulin Island – in his “Mountains” series, human features and otherworldly emanations strongly symbolize his artistic interpretation of spirit on the land.

Around the room in the Park Centre Mr. Mishibinijima’s work was on exhibit and his books and cards for sale. His latest productions, with Dan Graham, managing director of their new collaborative endeavour Manidoo Art, include a series of 12 ethereal art cards based on Island places, from Aundeck Omni Kaning through to South Baymouth and Zhibaaahaasing, and a spiral-bound journal entitled ‘Seven Grandfather Teachings.’ The illustrations,

labeled Bravery, Honesty, Humility, Love, Respect, Truth and Wisdom were first created when Mr. Mishibinijima was a schoolteacher, with lined sheets for students’ own reflections. “It’s a book that educates,” says the artist. “It helps the community to find how to heal. ‘Seven

Grandfather Teachings’ helps you to make a promise to yourself.”

The opening talk was located at one end of the Park Centre’s large hall, which was filled with artisans displaying and selling their wares and food offerings all weekend.

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Assignack and not having a cloud over our heads in regard to the Norisle.”

Councillor Hooper said Assignack may have more greater chances of receiving funding for economic development because it doesn’t have the burden of the ship on the waterfront.

“I’m in favour of authorizing the bylaw in front of us,” said Councillor Bowerman. “It makes sense.”

A recorded vote was taken with all members of council including Mayor Reid voting in favour of removal of the Norisle and borrowing funds for this to take place, with Councillor Maguire being the only councillor to cast a no vote.

“This is not a happy time for anyone and certainly not a celebration. We are doing something that needs to be done,” stated Assignack Mayor Reid.



Hello!! I am Reverend Susan Peverley.

I am the new minister for the Manitowaning/Tehkummah Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada. This means that I will be leading worship at Knox United Church in Manitowaning and at St. Andrew’s by the Sea Church in South Baymouth. There will only be one service at Knox United Church on October 1st at 10 AM. This service is celebrated as World Communion Sunday, the day when we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in unity with Christian churches around the world.

I am a small town person, growing up in the town of Englehart in Northeastern Ontario. My parents were very involved in the church and such involvement seemed natural to me. Ministry is not my first career. After graduating from Laurentian University with a B.A. in Psychology/Sociology, I worked for the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission for 32 years until retirement.

I had planned on spending my retirement years painting, quilting and woodworking, but God had a different plan for me!

I answered the call to ministry in 2014 and began my studies that summer at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, NS. I enrolled in the summer distance program, which is like a co-op approach to learning, attending school for six weeks each summer and taking online courses the rest of the year, all while working half time in a ministry position.

I spent these five years in the South River (Chalmers) Trout Creek Pastoral Charge. I completed my Master of Divinity in the spring of 2019 and was ordained into Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care within the United Church of Canada in June of 2018. I spent one year in my first charge after ordination, and have been the minister for the Onaping Falls Pastoral Charge since July, 2020. Since my first day trip to the Island, way back in 1975, I have felt a connection to the place and the people here.

I am so looking forward to living here, working here, and serving God here.

Premier Doug Ford's backtrack on Greenbelt lands welcomed by First Nations leadership

by Tom Sasvari
M'CHIGEENG—While he was expecting that Ontario premier Doug Ford would eventually reverse the government's decision to open the Greenbelt to development, Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare was surprised at how quickly it has been made.

"I'm excited and happy to hear the news, it was only a matter of time before the premier was going to have to make this decision, two ministers have already stepped down over this decision," stated Regional Chief Glen Hare. "But I didn't expect it would be made like that. I knew he was in Niagara Falls with his caucus and that he was going to be speaking today (Thursday), but the actual announcement I think caught everyone by surprise."



Surprised, not surprised. Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare reacted with surprise when Ontario Premier Doug Ford walked back his government's decision to take land out of the Greenbelt for development, not about the decision, but the announcement's time and place.

Premier Doug Ford announced that he will be reversing his government's decision to open the Greenbelt to developers. "I made a promise to you that I would-

n't touch the Greenbelt. I broke that promise. And for that, I'm very, very sorry. I pride myself on keeping our promises. It was a mistake to open the Greenbelt. It was a mistake to establish a process that moves too fast."

Premier Ford was quoted at the press conference as saying that the process involved in selecting what parcels of land would be removed from the Greenbelt left too much room for some people to benefit over others. "It caused people to question our motives. As a first step, to earn back your trust, I will be reversing the changes we made and won't make any changes to the Greenbelt in the future."

"Because even if you do something for the right reasons, with the best of intentions, it can still be wrong," said Premier Ford. "We

moved too quickly. And we made the wrong decision."

Regional Chief Hare said, "it takes a big person that lied and misled people to admit they were wrong. He had originally said he was here for Ontarians but in the same breath he was taking away lands and trespassing on land that he shouldn't have in the first place. And (under the proposal) they were taking land from the Williams Treaty, when they hadn't consulted with First Nations or those communities in the Williams Treaty. While the decision has been reversed, I hope this is not the end of it. Hopefully the investigation will continue into all of this."

"I know people are happy with the premier's reversal of decision, but it is too little too late. A lot of people have already been hurt and

look at the ministers and their families who have been affected by this, and the premier's own cabinet members," said Regional Chief Hare. He added that enough land had already been identified for the promised housing development the province wants to see take place, without the Greenbelt lands being part of it.

"I would make a suggestion to cities," said Regional Chief Hare. "Build up, not out, build high rise apartments, don't take over agriculture land and land that doesn't belong to you. These lands are many people's livelihoods."

As has been reported previously, in August Ontario's Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk released a scathing report on the government's handling of Greenbelt land removals. The report also found that certain developers received preferential treatment and had direct influence over the government's decision to extract lands. According to the auditor general, of the 7,400 acres of land removed from the Greenbelt by the province, 92 percent could be tied to three developers with direct access to the housing ministry.

"The owners of the 15 land sites could see more than an \$8.3 billion increase to the value of their properties," the report said.

The report also found that the province has sufficient available land to build much-needed housing and that there was they didn't need to remove lands from the Greenbelt in order to meet housing targets.

Premier Ford's about face came a day after a second cabinet minister was forced to resign in the wake of the Greenbelt controversy.

MPP Kaleed Rasheed, Ontario's minister of public and business service delivery, resigned from his cabinet post and the PC caucus last Wednesday after records revealed contradicting accounts of a Las Vegas trip that was investigated as part of the integrity commissioner's investigation into the Greenbelt land deals.

According to the integrity commissioner, Rasheed and Amin Mas-soudi, the then-principal secretary to the premier, said they took a trip to Las Vegas in December 2019 and "exchanged pleasantries" with developer Shakir Rehmantullah in the lobby of a hotel. The former minister confirmed that he is a friend of the developer, and his company is listed as the owner of two of the sites removed from the Greenbelt but said he did not know Mr. Rehmantullah was going to be in the area at that time.

The minister's resignation comes a few weeks after Ontario Housing Minister Steve Clark stepped down earlier in September after Ontario's integrity commissioner found he had violated ethics rules in his role in overseeing the Greenbelt land removals.

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Local artisans display their wares at the Elemental Festival market in the Park Centre.

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...Keeping awareness of the land alive

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After Mr. Mishibinijima's address, the festival moved outdoors to a presentation and workshop given by Sophie Pheasant, entitled 'Dancing the Cattail.'

"Rooted in honoring Anishinaabe ways of being and knowing," Ms. Pheasant engagingly described the many traditional uses of the cattail, known also as the bulrush, from the woven walls and insulation of wigwams to the medicinal use of its sap and edible roots. She told a story of a youth who came upon a jingtamok in the dark woods one night, and he saw Anishnaabeg dancing, roach headdresses waving, until he fell asleep. When he woke the next morning, he beheld the field of cattails that had been the powwow he had imagined.

Ms. Pheasant then led the captive audience in a doll-making workshop, weaving the cattail leaves to clothe the fuzzy brown doll inside, made from the flower of the plant.

Other festival highlights Saturday included music by Joan Krygman and

Nettish and a screening of seven short films on "how dancers move and respond to Northern Ontario landscapes," featuring the work of Mikaela Demers, Curtis Kagige and eeportal, Janie Pinard, Christine Friday, Mariana Lafrance, Candice Irwin and Polly Kulture. The day closed with dinner and wine pairings by local chef Mast and hosting Mr. Mishibinijima and a performance of Celtic music and stories by Duncan Cameron.

Sunday featured a land-based art station by Gwekwaadziwin Miikan, outdoor hula hooping by expert Natalie Corbiere, a workshop on 'Resistance through Storytelling' with Kaniénke'ha:ka artist and Cultural Carrier Spencer Rice, and Forest Therapy with Jody Kennedy, leading a walk in the ancient practice "that repairs connections to the land, nature, each other and ourselves."

Kudos to all involved, to Kagawong (and Billings Township) for keeping open the cultural spaces that nurture creativity and connection on Mnídoo Mnising – Spirit Island.

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Ice Lake Fall Harvest Debut a sweet success

by Stephanie Burt-Hillyard

ICE LAKE—On the heels of the resurgence of the Ice Lake Community Canada Day Picnic, the maple trees rustled again as community members gathered to celebrate the coming of Autumn.

The sun shone brightly through the reds and oranges of the leaves as kids and adults alike played and laughed on the Ice Lake Community Picnic Grounds. In the ball field a giant Jenga game wobbled, a feed trough splashed as children bobbed for apples, and pumpkins rolled to knock over bowling pins. Plastic axes hit a target, children painted pumpkins and contestants took turns guessing how many



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ter tart and pie entries. Seven dedicated bakers put their best pastries forward, but in the end Ruth Guy and Jessica Clements walked away winners for their butter tarts and pie, respectively.

With crumbs still on their faces everyone moved to the baseball diamond, where a pick-up game of kids' versus adults took place.

"It was a great idea and executed well," said one community member. "It's nice to see this community continuing to get together."

And get together it did. A committee formed in 2019 to try to bring back and revitalize the Ice Lake Community Canada Day Picnic, but was put on hold during COVID. Last year the community planned their first picnic post-pandemic, this year adding the Fall Harvest Picnic to the roster.

"Thank you everyone for coming," said Max Burt, committed president. "It's great to see the community out and gathered together again. And a special thanks to the committee for organizing and volunteers for making this event happen."

pieces of candy corn were in a jar while others took the opportunity to sit and chat with neighbours and friends. A couple vintage crank ice cream makers, brought by the Wiwchar family, were also put to good use, as attendees had the chance to churn then sample fresh homemade ice cream, much to the delight of children and adults alike.

When the dinner bell rang, the crowd gathered for some homegrown pork on a bun from Burt Farms and potluck side dishes and desserts made with love by community members.

After dinner a group of eager volunteers put their judging hats on to taste test but-

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New art supply store, Effie and the Fox, offers much, much more

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—
Author Danielle Daniel, the
owner of Effie and the Fox,
a new art supply store in

Little Current, started out
as an elementary school
teacher for several years
until she became an author
and illustrator of books for

children and adults. The
Expositor caught up with
Ms. Daniel to chat about her
latest endeavour.

“I was an elementary school teacher for several years before I became an author and illustrator of books for children and adults,” she said. “I have three forthcoming books that will be released in 2024 and I’ve been painting for the last 13 years. Creativity has always been the way that I express myself, and both writing and painting have been my greatest tools to overcome the challenges and hardships in my life.”

But what inspired her to open Effie and the Fox?

“Writing is lonely, lonely work and after 13 years working in isolation, it was time for a change,” said Ms. Daniel. “I am also very concerned about the magnitude of the mental health crisis in all of our communities, and I wanted to be able to create a space and inspire others to make art and cultivate their own creativity. I know first-hand how an art practice can promote wellness and even transform your life.”

So, when it came to coming up with a name for her new endeavour, the creative wanted the name to “feel joyful, where art is accessible to everyone. As I often do, I turned to the natural world for my inspiration. Effie and the Fox was inspired by two woodland animals, a squirrel and a fox. ‘Effie’ is our feisty and



Effie and the Fox sells a curated selection of fine art supplies across all mediums, stationery, gifts, art prints, original art, and soon, creative workshops.



Effie and the Fox's Danielle Daniel.

adventurous squirrel who is always gathering what she needs to both survive and thrive in her environment. Our ‘fox’ is a clever and mischievous fellow who reminds us that adaptability helps us grow, develop and flourish. Together, both of these animals represent a playfulness that encourages us to stay curious, adapt to our environments and overcome challenges using our inner and outer resources.”

To that end, Effie and the Fox sells a curated selection of fine art supplies across all mediums. “We also carry stationery, gifts, art prints, original art, and soon, we’ll be offering creative workshops in our

workshop space.” Those classes will be able to hold up to eight people. “I hope to bring other artists in as well to share their expertise,” she said. “Our gallery space will open next spring and we have an open call for all Indigenous and Canadian artists to showcase their work in our gallery space. We have a form on our website for all submissions.”

The gallery is a wee way off yet, but Ms. Daniel has plans for this winter. “I plan to work with students in the schools,” she said. “I’ll be able to reach more students this way. I’m currently developing a curriculum which links art with the benefits of wellness and mental health. I’m a regis-

tered teacher with the Ontario College of Teachers and I hope to start with the students on the Island, and then eventually open it up to classes across the country via Zoom.”

Effie and the Fox is located at 5 Worthington Street, right across from the Anchor Inn. Store hours are: Tuesday to Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. The store is closed on Sunday and Monday. Ms. Daniel also has a website: www.effieandthefox.com.

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Brock fire department donates much need firefighting equipment to Island firefighters

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—Thanks to the generosity of a fire department in southern Ontario, the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Department has received much needed firefighting equipment.

Recently, Captain Gerard Binsfield of the Robinson Fire Department travelled to Beaverton to receive 10 complete sets of fire turnout gear which Brock Township Fire and Rescue has donated to the local fire department. He pointed out it costs \$2,000 to outfit each firefighter with the necessary firefighting gear.

“It is a wonderful donation to a fire department with limited resources like ours,” said Mr. Binsfield. “We can thank our deputy fire chief Tim MacKinlay and fire chief Doug Wismer for furthering our relationship with other fire departments.”

He explained in previous years Mr. MacKinlay has helped arrange for Robin-



Brock Fire Chief Rick Harrison is shown with the 10 sets of fire turnout gear the Brock Township fire department has donated to the Robinson Township Fire Department.

son to purchase a couple of tanker trucks, and that Brock has donated firefighting gear in the past.

“This is a great donation of firefighter turnout gear we have received,” said Mr. Wismer. “It is equipment we can use during practice or could pull on to fight a fire as well. It’s great the support we have received from Brock.”

Mr. Binsfield was with the King City Area Fire and Emergency Service Department for 38 years, having moved to Manitoulin Island about 15 years ago and joining the Robinson Fire Department.

“The generosity of Brock Fire Department is certainly appreciated by our community,” said Mr. Binsfield. “The fraternity between firefighters is a truly remarkable thing to see. It goes without saying that such great friends are always welcome here.”

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Anishinaabe Kwe Single Moms' Retreat forges ahead despite challenges to bring needed support

by Margery Frisch
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—A retreat for single moms took place September 22-24 with guest speakers, testimonials and personal stories shared. The participants divided their time between the Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) Fellowship Church, Endaaang Tourism and AOK's 4 Directions Complex.

The idea for the retreat came about when Paula Kakekagumick approached her pastor, asking about the possibility of sending a group of women from the community to a Single Moms' Retreat in Dryden, Ontario.

"Why don't we organize one here?" he said.

"So that's what we did," Ms. Kakekagumick explained.

"In January of this year, we started planning. We figured we'd need about \$8,000; we started small, and we started campaigning with the local churches and anyone we could think of. We raised money with taco sales and bake sales, it seemed over-



Participants in the Anishinaabe kwe Single Mom's Retreat gather by the colourful series of triangles created during the retreat.

whelming at first, but the money kept coming in, through our efforts and

through sponsors."

"We didn't have a budget for advertising, so I took posters around and everywhere I went, someone responded. Along the way, we thought we'd charge \$120 per person, but over time we had raised enough money to cover the cost for them, so it's free for the women who are here. We also have a dress shop in the church and Grace Bible Church and Northern Life Church in Little Current donated all the dresses."

"It's a lot of work and I kept thinking, 'Oh, if I ever get through this, I'm not doing it again,' but now, because of how everything worked out, with God's help, I think, 'OK, maybe I could do this again.' The women from our church—AOK Fellowship—have been a tremendous help. We're such a small church, but everyone is helping. The men of the church are cooking breakfast both Saturday and Sunday morn-

ings. We have a caterer for our other meals."

The greatest part of Saturday's focus was on Healing in Arts. This workshop was led by Pamela Alderman, a strong believer in art bringing about healing and resilience. She calls her workshop Three Straight Lines, explaining that three straight lines form a sacred triangle that unites our stories from beginning to end. Each participant was given three triangular canvases and 20 minutes per canvas to paint their story, using colour, patterns, images, shapes or words. "To depict three periods of your life, or

three aspects of your work or your heritage," Ms. Alderman explained. "Impressionistic rather than realistic, intuitive," she added.

This activity went right up till lunch time and after lunch, the women were asked to share their art and tell their stories. They were given four minutes each, but everyone had a lot to say and no one's story was curtailed. Brokenness, healing and hope were recurring themes; stories of incredible hardships and grief, but

not always go according to plan and days before the event, Ms. Alderman's husband had a heart attack and was in the ICU. Though many options were explored, including flying Ms. Alderman to the retreat (too exorbitant a cost), a Zoom presentation was settled upon, and all worked out in the end, with Ms. Alderman leading the participants while sitting in a tiny room in a Michigan hospital.

Other mishaps and complications led the team to



The triangles being painted by a participant.

in each of the paintings there were bits of light, and in each story, there were glimmers of hope. Faith in God was the common thread in these resilient lives.

Ms. Kakekagumick met Pamela Alderman at a conference in Michigan and when she approached her about doing a presentation at this retreat, she said yes right away. Sadly, things do

wonder if they should cancel the retreat days before it was scheduled to begin but their faith kept them strong in their resolve and they carried on as if all was going according to plan. In the end, that's exactly how it played out—according to plan.

"God's plan," Ms. Kakekagumick said.

No one injured in minor fire in Gordon Township

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire call on the evening of Tuesday, September 19.

"We could not determine the cause of the fire," Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison said of the fire which took place at a house in Gordon/Barrie Island township.

"It was a minor fire, there was no serious

damage to the home and the lone occupant in the home was not injured," said Mr. Addison.

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services

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coming events

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

The Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding their regular Board meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at 6 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Little Current site. 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**

Legion events

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in memoriam

MCLEAN—In loving memory of my dear husband and soul-mate, James (Jim) McLean, who passed away October 1, 2020.

Three years have passed since our last goodbye. It is unbelievable how quickly the time has gone. When I simply say I miss you, I really mean, I miss your smile, your voice and your laughs. I look around and can still imagine you sitting in your chair, at the computer or next to me holding my hands. My memories are timeless treasures and they take a little of the sorrow away. You are always on my mind and forever in my heart, Your Munchkin **19c**

BROWN—In memory of Joyce Brown, January 21, 1936 – September 30, 2018.

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spirituality

Because of Biblical symbolism and typology, I have for a long time believed that the rapture will fall on a future day of atonement. Just like the crucifixion of Jesus took place on Passover, the resurrection on the day of first fruits and the Holy Spirit writing God's law (the decalogue) in the heart of Christians on Pentecost in Acts 2. Acts 2 the outpouring of the Holy Spirit symbolizes the earlier rain, and there is also going to be an outpouring of the latter rain. Please pray unto Yahweh for rain in the time of the latter rain, ZEC. 10:1. I believe that time of the latter rain is now. Most "Christians" do not realise that they are not truly born again (have not received the Holy Spirit, this latter rain) because they have not obeyed the simple instruction of 1) faith in Jesus 2) repentance and 3) baptism by immersion in the name of Jesus, in this order. "How much more will my Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that asks," LUKE 11:13. Please note God wants you to ask for the Holy Spirit, this latter rain. And I believe that if you sincerely want the Holy Spirit and ask God for it, God's answer will be if you really want Him, you repent and get baptised right. "God has given the Holy Spirit to them that obey Him," Acts 5:32. Please note our sincere desire to obey God is an important key to receive the Holy Spirit. Before baptism you must be willing to obey, after baptism you receive the power to obey and so you may receive the blessings for obeying God, DEUT: 28 1-14. As the Holy Spirit guides into truth and understanding, we need true spiritual birth first, and because only a few Christians have taken these specific steps to receive the Holy Spirit, not many Christians have this understanding. So I urge you to repent and get

baptised right, Acts 2:38. I believe the correct translation of COL. 2:16-17 is: "Therefore let not man (the world) but the body of Christ (the true church) judge you in respect of food, holy days, new moons and Sabbaths (the feast of LEV. 23) for these are (present tense, K.J.V.) a shadow of things to come." The word shadow here has the meaning of a type or a blueprint. It starts with therefore, that means something is said just before it that has an important fact about how to understand this verse. What was said just before is that there are two groups of people who oppose each other 1) the world, and 2) the body of Christ. Two of the chief characteristics of the true church are the sanctifying of the Sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset and the keeping of God's holy days as instituted in LEV. 23. DAN. 7:25 explains that this fourth beast (the little horn) will think to change times and laws (Hebrew moedim, which are the Sabbaths and feast of LEV. 23) and they (the saints who do not keep these moedim) will be given into his (Satan's) hand. "So everyone who does not keep God's Sabbaths and feasts automatically fall into bondage in mystery Babylon. Today there are some sects that will argue that the Sabbath starts at sunrise on Saturday morning, but God specifies in LEV. 23:32 that your Sabbath will be from evening till the evening (sunset till sunset). God does not have some Sabbaths that start at sunrise and others that start at sunset. But all God's 24-hour days start in the evening and yes, God's daylight days start at sunrise. GEN. 1:15 says: "God called the light day and the darkness night. Together light and darkness are one day." In this verse the first word for day excludes the night the second word for day includes

the night. God specifies in LEV. 23 that the Passover is on the 14th day of the Biblical first month and the first day of unleavened bread on the 15th day, the Hebrew of LEV. 23:5 reads the Passover starts at eve (sunset evening). In EX 12:14-18 where the first Passover and feast of unleavened bread are instituted, God specifies from the evening of the 14th (when the day of Passover ends) until the evening of the 21st you shall eat unleavened bread. The Passover was actually killed and prepared on the 14th, but it was eaten the following night with unleavened bread. If that night that followed the Passover day was part of the 14th day, then, they started eating unleavened bread on the 14th day. So, this also shows that the 24-hour day period starts and ends at Erev (sunset or evening). Please note SDAs do not sanctify the feast days (holy days) as God has instituted in LEV. 23 but keep Easter and Christmas. And as a result, they do not understand these types and shadows of the holy days either. Many of the over 200 churches of God, however, keep both the Sabbaths and the feast days. The sanctifying of this Sabbath and God's holy days are conditions for entering the Kingdom of God. Also, for becoming the bride of Christ and being in the rapture. So if you want to enter the Kingdom of God, repent, get baptised right and start keeping God's Sabbaths and holy days. Hank Reckman Prophet of Manitoulin Search for Truth Biblical Ministries Box 210 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

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**

notice

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Death Notices

JOSEPH WATTS MIDDLETON



It is with deep sorrow and blessed assurance that we announce the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Joseph Watts Middleton, who passed away peacefully at home into his Saviour's waiting arms on September 19, 2023 at the age of 81. Loving husband of Mary Middleton (Rowe) for 58 years. Lovingly remembered by his children Bruce Middleton (Nikki), Tim Middleton (Margaret), Christie Middleton (James), Mary-Jo Harper (Dan) and Jamie Middleton (Carmen). Loved and missed by 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Loving son to Dougal and Lily Middleton (predeceased). Loving brother to Fred Middleton (predeceased), Ronnie Middleton (predeceased) and Lorna Hall (Ross). Dear to good friends Hank and Jane. Joe was indeed a jack-of-all-trades. Everyone he met, he lent a helping hand and touched the lives of everyone who crossed his path. For many years, he worked alongside his friend John for the Manitoulin Livestock Co-Op. They teamed up together making maple syrup, Ronnie and Allen joining them to perfect the family recipe. After moving out to his farm in Evansville, a dream he had for a long time, he began work at Lafarge. He worked as a mechanic until retirement, and although he was one of the best in his field for miles, his heart was on the farm. He even had an old friend, a crippled pig, that he chatted with out in the barn. Music was a big part of Joe's life and he passed on a great love for it to his children and grandchildren. He would come home on his lunch break from work and play with his children, and in later years, he enjoyed many music nights with family and friends. He was very specific on what he deemed was actually music, letting everyone who would listen know, "why are you listening to that crap?" He had many dreams and plans for future projects, like his Model A and his sawmill, and often lamented that there wasn't enough time to complete them. Although there will never be enough time with the one we loved, the family is happy there is no more sorrow, no more pain and Joe is finally at peace with his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and all the loved ones that have gone before him. There will be no funeral at this time, but a memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

ELEANOR MAE TUSTIAN STEELE

June 26, 1931 - September 18, 2023



With heavy hearts the family of Eleanor Mae Tustian Steele announces her passing on September 18, 2023 in her 93rd year. She leaves behind her daughter Anne Steele-Giffin, grandchildren Darcey (André), Connor (Courtney) and Stephanie (Logan); great-grandchildren Alex and Owen Giffin-Morin; sisters Pauline Tyres and Doris Aleick; her "summer son" Paul (Donna) and her friend of almost 50 years Kay Nadeau. She was predeceased by husband Douglas, son Michael and granddaughter Skye. Eleanor became a teacher and married Doug soon after graduation in 1952. As a new teacher, her first classroom was in Sudbury, but when Doug's father's health failed, they moved back to Meldrum Bay to help run a tourist camp and care for Doug's father. She became the sole teacher for the one-room schoolhouse in Meldrum Bay and taught eight grades in the same room. After the family moved to Gore Bay, she taught at C.C. McLean Public School until her retirement. When she wasn't teaching, she helped run their hardware store, which is now Home Hardware. Eleanor loved to travel and she and Doug went on many adventures with friends and family. From Alaska to Arizona, Florida, Ireland, the Bahamas and trips to British Columbia and the Maritimes, Eleanor was always happy to be adventuring with Doug. Eleanor was an avid curler and she and her friends curled until they could curl no more. She was sad the day she hung up her broom for the last time, but she would still attend the bonspiels to cheer on the women who came after. Eleanor was a wonderful cook, baker, and a great hostess. She had a wicked sense of humour and truly enjoyed a good party with good friends. She loved her family, friends and communities of Gore Bay and Meldrum Bay as she and Doug shared their time between them. She will be missed by her family and her friends. Love you Ellie Mae. Family and friends gathered on Saturday, September 23, 2023 for an Eastern Star service at 12:30 pm at Simpson Funeral Home with visitation at 1 pm. Funeral service followed at 1:30 pm with Janice Frame officiating. Donations in Eleanor's name may be made out to Meldrum Bay United Church, DCIA Meldrum Bay (Hall Fund) and Lyons Memorial United Church (Food Pantry).



Burial Notice

JEAN BENNISON

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

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

RONALD GILBERT ANSTICE

March 14, 1928 - September 19, 2023



In loving memory of Ronald Gilbert Anstice, March 14, 1928 - September 19, 2023. Ron is survived by Justeen, his loving wife of 70 years. Father of Jim (Dorothy); grandfather of Alex (Caroline Black) and Esther. Proud "Papa" to great-grandchildren Emily and Chloe. Survived by his brother Ken and sister Jeanette Stickle, predeceased by siblings Bert Anstice and Glenora Harrison. Ron was born on the family farm in Tehkummah and lived and worked on the farm his whole life. His hard work, vision and willingness to embrace new ideas resulted in him seeing the family business develop from a small mixed holding to the modern, award-winning fifth-generation dairy farm Oshadenah Holsteins. Ron was willing to explore new technologies and push the boundaries to excel. Active in his community, he served many years as township councillor and reeve, as well as on the Fairview United Church Board, Manitoulin Planning Board and several agricultural committees. Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will follow at a later date. Donations would be appreciated to Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Box 284, Mindemoya, P0P 1S0. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

Death Notices

LESLIE RUBIN MORRIS

GLANVILLE

December 11, 1936 - September 11, 2023



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



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Trevor McVey named MS Fire Fighter of the Year for the third time

NAIRN-HYMAN—Saying it is the great team around him with Muscular Dystrophy Canada (MDC) and the volunteer fire department teams he has served on, Trevor McVey is a remarkable firefighter and volunteer for MDA. This is exemplified in the fact that this year, for the third time, Mr. McVey, who is originally from Little Current and born and raised in Espanola, has been named the Muscular Dystrophy Canada Fire Fighter of the Year.

“It’s a great honour. I’m surrounded by great people, with MDC, fire departments, family and friends,” stated Mr. McVey. “Being surrounded by this great team is something I’ve had my entire career.” Mr. McVey was recently named by MDC as the fighter of the year award for 2023, an award he also won in 2009 and 2017.

“The MDC Dr. David Green Firefighter of the Year Award” is presented to a remarkable firefighter who has demonstrated overall excellence through the past year in the areas of advocacy, services, fund development and volunteer engagement. Trevor has been, and continues to be, a champion for MDC and those affected by neuromuscular disorders. He is a committed volunteer that goes above and beyond in attending required meetings, responding to staff in a timely manner, complet-



A Haweater has been named Muscular Dystrophy Canada Fire Fighter of the Year.

ing tasks or outreach when requested, and includes clients in meetings, presentations and events where appropriate,” stated MDC.

“In addition to Trevor’s previous contributions with the Espanola Fire Department, he led a successful ATV drive fundraiser (in Espanola) that raised

\$15,900, an astonishing 34 percent increase. So far this year, seven departments in his area have hosted events or made donations totalling \$72,298,” continued MDC.

Mr. McVey is currently a member of MDC’s National Firefighter Relations Committee, Ontario Provincial Lead Chair and MD Chair-

person for Nairn-Centre Fire Department.

Mr. McVey a member of the Nairn-Hyman Volunteer Fire Department has been, “active with MDA for over 20 years, being named chair of MDC in Espanola in September 1999.”

“Volunteer firefighters certainly don’t do this work

for the pay, they do it to help the community,” said Mr. McVey. “I’m the lead for Ontario and sit on a board of about 20 people in the province,” Mr. McVey told The Expositor. “I support fire departments in helping to host events like boot drives, ATV drives, supporting fellow firefighters who are taking part in things like stair climbing exercises and other activities.”

“For me all of this is a simple thing because I enjoy it,” said Mr. McVey. “I don’t know anyone in my family or friends who have or have had MD. But for over 20 years I have had the pleasure, honour of getting to know people who do. Muscular Dystrophy is our (firefighters) charity of choice.”

“I really appreciate being nominated and selected for this award,” said Mr. McVey. “I work with MDC because I enjoy it.” He is also a deputy mayor of Nairn-Hyman council and

works at his full-time job with Brokerlink Insurance.

“At the ATV ride in Espanola (held earlier this month), the Espanola Volunteer Fire Department raised roughly \$15,000,” he said, noting he is one of a committee of three that organize the annual event. “About 17-18 (Espanola) firefighters show up to help out which is a terrific turnout, and everything runs seamlessly. We also have 10 of us from the Nairn-Hyman fire department on hand.”

He works with 11 fire departments in the area encouraging them to host fundraising events. “Once they do, I will help them with what is needed.”

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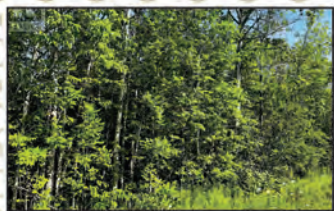
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Barb and Keith Flaherty

Barb and Keith's home sits comfortably on the brow of a hill, on the 15th Concession Road in Tehkummah. As one approaches, the stunning panorama hidden behind the home, comes into view, inviting the viewer to admire the charming treed and grassed landscape arched below. The Flaherty garage supports 24 eco-friendly panels on the roof. We settle at the dining room table, where tea and delicious muffins are served. The ancestral history begins to be revealed.

"My maternal great-great-grandfather was Joseph James Russell," Barb shares. "He died of a heart attack while walking from his house near here to Michael's Bay where a council meeting was being held. He had emigrated to Canada in the 19th century, likely during the potato famine. Their first stop was Orangeville and soon

the farm and continued living in the old log cabin. Barb was born on September 1, 1949, to Frederick Leland Russell and Beulah Ilene (Quackenbush). She had two siblings, Evelyn and Esther. "Today, Evelyn still lives in the family log cabin each summer and Esther lives in Gore Bay." My father, Fred, worked for the Department of Highways doing roadwork and plowing snow. Our mother was a homemaker. She also milked the cows, fed the chickens, and helped us get ready for school."

"My sister Evelyn saved me from drowning. We were at a picnic at Stanley Park when my uncle decided to take the boat out further out on the lake and dive into the water. To avoid getting in deeper, my cousin and I jumped out. Our feet didn't touch the ground, so we panicked. Evelyn saw our perils and swam over to pull me out. By the time she pulled Linda out, Lin-



About 2020 and 1969 at the millstone in Kagawong.



after, Tehkummah on Manitoulin Island, close to where his son John erected the old log home in 1906. It still stands today, just down the road from here. Joseph married Margaret Crawford of Irish ancestry, born in 1834. Margaret was four when she came to Canada with her parents. Joseph and Margaret had 10 children, William, Thomas, Elizabeth, John, Joseph, Robert, Richard, Matthew, Margaret and Edward Alexander who was born on Manitoulin. John, born in 1857, was my great-grandfather."

"John married Ellen Martin and they had four girls and two boys: Catherine died after two months, Margaret, Phoebe, Alex, Percy who was adopted and lastly Lillian. Alex and Bessie were my grandparents. They had Fred, Irene, and Justine. Only Justine is still alive at 93. Alex worked on

da had swallowed lots of water. She vomited all over Evelyn. That event has left me with a lingering fear of water ever since."

"When I was about five, we used to ride our bikes to grandmother's house, across from Ward's Store. She would give us a nickel to buy Lucky Elephant Popcorn from the store," Barb offers. Another vivid memory when Esther, three, and I got our tonsils and adenoids out in the Red Cross Hospital in Mindemoya. I would have been seven. They took her in first and I remember she came back with blood trickling from the side of her mouth. Then it was my turn. I recall having a mask over my face and that chemical smell. Dr. McQuay and the nurse, possibly Mrs. McCutcheon, took care of us. That night, they put Esther in this big crib with me. It was probably a hos-

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MSS Mustang Cross Country

The smallish Manitoulin Secondary cross country team has been busy over these past couple of weeks, prepping for peak runs coming up and getting another race under their singlets. The team was up in Timmins for the Brother Samur X/C Race at Hershey Lake.



The 'Stangs x-country team.

In the senior boys' race, **Brodie Pennie** set a blistering pace setting a new course record of 20:13 leading from start to finish and winning by over a minute and a half! The senior boys was the only full team and they finished second to Thierault from Timmins. Teammates included **T.J. Green, Alan Wilkin** and **Matthew Wilkin**. The senior girls featured **Maren Kasunich** and **Mackenzie Green** who finished in front, one and two. Maren was three-and-a-half minutes in front of third place! Hats off to junior girls: **Ava Corbiere, Mya Balfe, Emery Watson** and the lone novice boy, **Bazi Mara**.

Mustangs have wheels!

Not to say that the cross country runners don't have wheels but the MSS Mustangs also have a mountain bike team! There is no NOSSA yet, in just their second year, but after this it will become an officially sanctioned sport in the Sudbury SDSSAA district. Coaches **Ben Quackenbush, Bill Slight** and **Caroline Black** took relatively inexperienced team back on September 21st at Kivi Park in Sudbury. It is part of the Nickel Capital MTB Race series and was one of four races over the next four weeks. The first race was at Kivi Park in Sudbury, next week will be at the Walden MTB trails. The third race will be hosted by our local team right here at McLean's Park (Assiginack) on October 5. The fourth race is back in Sudbury at the BioSki trails.

The MSS team had 11 riders able to travel to this week's race to participate. They are very grateful that the team has received sponsorship from Manitoulin Transport, Breakaway Sports and the Dairy Farmers of Ontario MilkUP program. Most recently, the generous funding from the MilkUP program, specifically the dairy farmers of Manitoulin-West Sudbury allowed them to purchase some team race bikes and equipment.

At this point there were only boys that were able to be at this race but it is good to hear that there will be girls at their next race. Congratulations to the Novice riders, **Isaac Quackenbush** who was third over-

all and **Jonah Balfe** 4th, **Thomas Redmond** and **Trey Smith**. The Junior participants were **Xavier Coleman** - 9th, **Tim Arabadzhyi** and **Riel Beam**. Finally, the senior side included: **Bradley Slight** (4th), **Zack Bond** and **Connor Mandigo**.

Another notable Islander at the race was Assiginack's **Dane Gibeault**. Dane is from Manitoulin and works as a mechanic at Breakaway Sports in the summer. He attends LoEllen Park in Sudbury and he rode away from his competition with ease, winning the Junior category!

More mountain bike news!

Dane Gibeault also rode in the fourth race of the Walden Bush Pig Open. It is a 4-leg enduro race where riders tackle four different timed sections of trail and the lowest combined time over those sections is the winner.

Dane placed first for U16 riders and second overall among all riders beating out some very speedy competitors with a combined time of 22:01!

Hockey from away

Congratulations to Manitoulin's **Billy Biederman** who is already six games into season in the NAHL for the most unlikely of locations Corpus Christi, Texas! Billy wears number 9 for the Corpus Christi Icerays in the North American Hockey League and he already has a goal and an assist in his young season. Incidentally, Billy plays with fellow Sudbury Cub from last year, Pierson Sobush.

The NAHL is celebrating its 49th season in 2022-23, the NAHL, the only USA Hockey-sanctioned Tier II Junior league boasting 32 teams in 17 states from across North America. Unfortunately, if you wanted to catch his closest game on his schedule was in Hooksett New Hampshire some 1200km from here and that was the only game that far north, but they won it. Good luck this season, Billy!

Samuel Assinewai is playing a little closer to home. The cagey veteran is again suiting up for the Sudbury Cubs of the NOJHL. Last year he played in just 33 matches for the Cubs but had 45 points. In his two appearances thus far, Samuel has two goals and one assist. Have an awesome campaign, Samuel!

Tour de Meldrum

The annual Tour de Meldrum was started as a one-man effort way back when **Dr. Dale Scott** began his fundraiser for the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. In the 20 plus years since its inception, the number of riders participating and the money raised over the years has been amazing.

Riders had to have had some of the most beautiful weather in all of those years this past weekend. The route was a little different this year because the Meldrum Bay Inn is closed. The ride was based out of Wolsey Lake Cottages in Evansville and rode out to Meldrum and back on Saturday for 110km. Then on Sunday rode to Providence Bay and back for a leisurely 80km. GGs diner hosted dinner for them on Saturday night. Congratulations to all the organizers, riders and sponsors!

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What a week, Mustangs! The school year is officially in full swing with students having completed their second full week of school. Accompanying the year's first tests and quizzes were school guests, bake sales, and much more!

On Monday, September 18, Shannon Taylor, a Stratford Festival actor visited MSS to give acting workshops to various classes. During these workshops students had to work with scripts from plays being performed at the festival. One class, using character's lines from the show Les Belles-Soeurs, created new conversations that they later acted out. The students who participated in the Stratford trip later that week got to see Shannon perform live in Les Belles-Soeurs as Marie-Ange Brouillette.

On Tuesday, September 19 there was a bake sale to raise money for the Stratford trip. Students on the trip brought in baking and volunteered over lunch to sell it. The bake sale was a win-win for everyone because students had access to homemade baked goods and those going to Stratford were able to mitigate the trip's cost.

On the same day, there was applesauce being served in the lobby. This treat was brought to the school by the SHARE/Go Green Club. The applesauce was free of charge and made with apples grown at MSS. SHARE/Go Green has meetings every Wednesday at lunch for anyone interested in environmental and social justice. On Thursday, September 21 some students and staff took off on the annual Stratford Festival trip. The journey started off with a ride on the Chi-Cheemaun to Tobermory and finished with a four hour bus ride to Stratford. Shortly after students got dressed up to see 'Much Ado About Nothing.' Stratford is



Students with their tickets for 'Much Ado About Nothing.'

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

known for their Shakespeare performances and the play had students laughing throughout the show. After the show students had the opportunity to talk to one of the actors, Akosua Amo-Adem, who answered their questions about what it is like being an actor in live theater. The next day students attended two workshops hosted by two other actors. The first workshop was on comedy and hosted by Liam Tobin who played Sir Dennis Galahad in Stratford's production of 'Spamalot.' Liam led the students in an ice-breaker game where they acted out how they would walk in different situations, for example: aliens late for business meeting. Then, using the script from 'Spamalot,' students put their own spin on scenes with advice from Liam. The second workshop was hosted by Christine Desjardins, the dance captain for Stratford's production of the musical 'Rent.' She walked students through a dance routine from the musical and taught them how to do it. Later that day students saw the play 'Les Belles-Soeurs' and 'Rent.' On their last day in Stratford students explored the downtown. There was an opportunity to look at unique shops and boutiques as well as try new foods. After students went to see 'Spamalot,' a hilarious show that everyone enjoyed. After a seven-hour journey back students are



The set, handout, and ticket for 'Les Belles Soeurs.'

home with a renewed passion for theatre.

On Monday, September 25 was picture day! The photos taken will be sent out as samples to parents and guardians for them to order. The photos will also be used as student IDs.

A reminder for everyone that there will be a PA day on Friday, September 29.

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

DEAN OF PATHWAYS – FULL TIME CONTRACT – 2 YEARS

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

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

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

Qualifications:

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

Job Knowledge and Skills:

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

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

Application Deadline: Monday, October 16, 2023

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

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Kenjgewin Teg
"HR – Dean of Pathways"
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

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DIRECTOR OF QUALITY ASSURANCE – FULL TIME CONTRACT TO JUNE 2026

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

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

Qualifications:

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

Job Knowledge and Skills:

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

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

Application Deadline: Monday, October 30, 2023

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...Now and Then: Barb and Keith Flaherty

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 pital bed with sides. She was crying. In the morning mum and dad took us home.”

“When school started, I had the same teacher for all eight grades. We would ride our bikes about a mile and a half to school. Winter was harder because we had to walk on top of large snow drifts. I was very cold. In high school we got to ride the bus, but it could still be cancelled on bad snow days. Then mother would have to walk all the way to the bus stop on Government Road to alert us. Meanwhile, on stormy days, dad would put on his snowshoes and walk down to his parent’s place in Tehkummah where he had left his truck the night before. Then he drove to get the snowplough. At night he got home the same way, in reverse. He was a hard-working man.”

For two summers, Barb worked at Merritt’s Motor Court, doing laundry and cleaning cabins. “At 17, I found summer work at the Ferry Dock Restaurant, in Tobermory.” At high school in Mindemoya, Marion Seabrook was Barb’s grade 12 home room teacher. “For our class trip that year, Mrs. Seabrook took us on a much-anticipated trip to Waterloo and Guelph University and to see a play at the Stratford Shakespearean Festival. I loved Stratford.”

After high school, Barb



1955 S.S. No. 3 Tehkummah. Barb is the young girl far right, first row.



Taking their vows 1969.

moved to Stratford to train for nursing. “This was the time I first saw Keith. He and a friend were in a canoe, on the Avon River. The two girls I was with knew him and his friend and that is how we met in 1968. The boys took back the canoe and then took us to the local Dairy Queen. Keith and I started to date. He came with me to my ‘Blue Band’ ceremony after my second year of nursing and we have been together ever since.” Barb got her RN designation in 1970. She came home to Manitoulin in September and worked one year in the Little Current hospital, run by the St. Joseph nuns.”

Keith shares his ancestry. “My great-great-grandfather was Mathew Flaherty. In about 1840, he left Ireland and sailed up the

St. Lawrence, settling in St. Thomas, near London, Ontario. He farmed and he had eight children. His son, Thomas ‘Francis’ Flaherty became a doctor. He married an Irish girl, Anne Sullivan and became the first doctor in Massey. In 1896.” Keith recalls a story about his great-great-grandfather. “He would drive an ox cart to London to visit the hotel. He would tie the ox to a stump and enter the hotel.”

Keith’s dad worked at the Falconbridge Hardy mine until he was injured underground. “After being on a Stryker frame for several months he was able to ambulate wearing a back brace. He changed careers, went back to school, and got his ‘Doctor of Divinity’ diploma.”

Keith was born on August 14, 1949 to Thomas and Barbara (Chapman) Flaherty. He had two sis-

ters, Helen and Colleen. He recalls his first fish, a bass caught at Windy Lake. “I was sitting on the edge of the dock, near the boat house. Dad had to help me get it out of the water. The fish was just bobbing up

and down. Later that day we had fish and chips.” Keith did quite well in school, but he preferred more practical, hands-on kind of education.

Keith also recalls an inci-
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DEADLINE EXTENDED

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Salary Range: \$40,864 – 49,834 / year + Group Benefits and Pension
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Do you have a passion working with youth? Are you innovative when it comes to collaborating, planning activities, workshops and training? Do you have a background in youth guidance and coaching, life skills mentorship, outdoors training, youth leadership, coaching, tutoring, etc?

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

RELATIONSHIP AND TEAM BUILDING

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

INTERNAL PARTICIPATION

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

ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

SKILLS:

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

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

Applications must be submitted by: October 6, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0
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tethered together with a rope around our mid sections so we could jump from rock to rock. Suddenly

Colleen fell into the water. I couldn't reach her, but I realized that the current would push her against the shoreline if she were let loose." Keith untied himself and sure enough the current pushed Colleen to safety.

"Mother was a teacher in Levac until 1962, when we moved to Stratford. I was beginning high school. Dad started a garage. A few years later, he changed courses and became a liquor inspector for the government. For the next 25 years He would check establishments for compliance to fire and safety regulations. After high school, I worked for Clever Brooks, a boiler factory in Stratford. After I learned to weld, I moved back to Sudbury and worked in the heavy construction industry, fixing their equipment."

Keith and Barb were married on October 9, 1971. "It was a lovely wedding at the Pentecostal Church. "We had 30 guests at the South Baymouth Hall afterwards for Thanksgiving supper. I recall Keith ripping his pants as he tried to extricate himself from the back seat of the car," Barb adds smiling. "For our honeymoon, we travelled to Memphis Tennessee where my recently-married aunt lived. I found out much later that Keith



Keith at 19.



Nursing graduate Barb.

spent on volunteering or helping others.

"We love travelling. We have been to Florida many times. We have also visited France, Belgium, the Netherlands and to Germany with family in 1994. We made trips to England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales in 1997 with our parents, Aunt Justeen and Uncle Ron. We have also toured China and Israel. Canada has been seen from Victoria to Newfoundland and we have driven the Dempster Highway to Tuktoyaktuk."

"Our two children have done well. Tammy Eisses, a nurse, now owns her own business. She and her husband own a Club Pilates in Barrie and they are opening another club in Erin Mills, Mississauga. Her husband Gord, step-dad of Kaitlin, also runs an architectural landscaping business. Their daughter Kaitlyn is in her fourth year of nursing at Cambrian. Son Patrick was a marine engineer at Upper Canada Steamship Lines. Now he is a licenced operator at Bruce Power where he runs a control panel for the reactors. He has two children, Liam, who is power engineer and Karlie, who is in her first year of nursing at Georgian College."

Were either of you named after anyone? "I was named after Barbara Ann Scott, Olympic Champion in figure skating c. 1948, but my middle name is Lynn," Barb shares. "I was named Thomas after many of my predecessors. We all had Thomas as a first name, but our second names differed," Keith adds.

Responsibilities as a child? Barb had to keep her room clean, make her bed. "My mother was the oldest in her family and she wanted a tidy and clean house." Barb's mother taught 4-H and she taught her daughters how to sew, but this training did not succeed with Barbara.

Favourite season? "Fall, that's when we married, and when we do our travelling. The colours are so bright and beautiful. It's just a good time of the year."

Favourite book? "The bible, repair manuals (Keith) and books by Basil John-

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Training provided

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had sold his best guns to pay for the trip. We visited Graceland, Elvis's home. Elvis was away so his security guard drove us right up to his house. Years later, after Elvis' death, we returned and toured the mansion."

The newlyweds moved to Penage Lake Road and lived in a trailer, 35 ft. long and 10 feet wide. "I had recently bought a Ford Pinto and Keith had a car too, so we were broke. The trailer seemed like a good option. We had our two children, Tammy, and Patrick while living in our mobile accommodations. Later, we moved the trailer to the Carmen Fielding Construction site, and Keith built an extension, two eight-by-eight rooms and a 16-foot deck. Finally, we had a room and a crib for eight-month-old Tammy. She had slept in a car bed beside our bed with my nursing textbooks piled underneath for support.

After a year, Keith got a job at the Bruce Power station for Ontario Hydro. "They sent me and my family to Deep River for a year of specialized training for the nuclear component. This was followed up with three months of annual training thereafter. I was a 'mechanical maintainer' in the major components division. I helped take apart a 360 ft. turbine and removed the heavy parts. These generators weighed 220 tons and followed the curvature of the earth to avoid a 'residual frequency' that could cause the machinery to self-destruct."

"In March of 1975 we moved to Port Elgin into a hydro apartment until we could build our own house in Southampton. We paid

\$10,000 for the lot and we moved into our first house on September 18, 1975, and we still own this house." In 1985, Barb got a day job with Health Canada doing community health nursing. This involved trips to Cape Croker, and Saugeen First Nation. At age 42, Barbara went back to Laurentian University to get her BSc Nursing degree. Barb graduated 'cum laude' from Laurentian and became a Certified Diabetes Educator, continuing to provide services to Saugeen First Nation.

"When Dr. Big Canoe, who lived on Georgina Island, drowned in 1993 while canoeing from the island to his Jackson Point office, I helped with two years of part-time work. This gave the band time to hire their own Community Health Nurse. Travelling from Jackson Point to Georgina Island on the winter ice road was a bit uncomfortable at first. I had to follow the tree line in my car to stay on the safe part of the road. Nevertheless, over time, I got used to that routine."

After Keith retired, the couple moved to Manitoulin where Keith had built their retirement home. The bulldozer and tractor continue to keep Keith busy on their 100 acres. "We are part of a reforestation project that has us removing the dead trees and replacing them with young trees." Keith is also working with timber from his own property. Meanwhile, Barbara went back to work. She started a part-time job in the Little Current Hospital and in the Wiikwemikoong Health Center. Most of her free time then and now, has been

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ston," Barb adds. Collections? "Royal Doulton China, Precious Moments figurines, spoons, antiques and two quill boxes that I am very fond of."

Favourite television show? "Jeopardy."

Awards? "A 'proficiency of pediatric nursing' award from Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto." First hourly wage? "At 16, at Merritt's Lodge, I made \$60 a month and had free room and board."

The most important events of your life? "When I asked my wife to marry me," Keith offers. Barb, agrees and adds "when we gave birth to our children."

Favourite pets? "We didn't have pets, but as a young girl, I loved Tonka, my pony. Unfortunately, he would run under our apple trees and throw me to the ground so he could eat apples. My father got a little sulky, a two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle and that seemed to keep me from being thrown. I also drove the tractor. Dad would toss hay bundles on the wagon. The only tricky part was stopping on the hills."

What are you most afraid of? "Being a passenger. I feel safer if I am the driver. I don't carpool and I don't enjoy flying either." Keith's greatest fear is Barb in the passenger seat.

What are your strengths? "Important traits for nursing: honesty, generosity and caring for others. Going the distance for charities has kept us busy too." In the last four years, Barb has ridden 2,585 km and raised \$14,767 km for cancer treatment and research at Sick Kids Hospital. "For several years I have volunteered Wednesday afternoons at the South Baymouth museum. Both Keith and I volunteer for the Manitowaning Fall Fair."

Anything you would still like to do? "See Australia and New Zealand."

First impressions after meeting each other? Keith felt he had met his future wife from the onset. "I was positive about him too, but it took a while for me to understand his sense of humour."

What did you enjoy most as a parent? "I loved being a mum right from the start. We did so much with them. We were young too and fun things were on the agenda. Both of us are so proud of them."

Holiday traditions? "We all get together at Christmas. Since moving to Manitoulin, we go to Barrie where our daughter lives. Then it's off to Port Elgin to our son's home. In earlier times, we would take our family to see our parents."

Associations you were involved in? "The Regis-

tered Nursing Association and the Ontario Nursing Association. I was on many boards as well, notably at the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre, representing the First Nations of Cape Croker and Saugeen until 1991." Keith was a member of the Society of Professional Engineers.

If you could keep three things from your current life, what would they be? "Two would be our photos and paintings."

If you could go back in time, would you change anything? "No," says Barb. Keith adds, "Spend more time in architectural school."

Anyone that inspired you? "Grandma Russell would help others with intimate chores like emptying slop buckets and washing feet. People appreciated her. She helped me envision a nursing career. Others are Marion Seabrook, Reverend Frank Haner, who married us, and my parents for teaching me Christian values and beliefs that took me years to appreciate." Keith adds, "my dad. He was a veteran in the army, in the medical corps. I always took an interest and participated on Health and Safety committees at work and kept my first aid and CPR up to date. I taught first aid courses for years."

Recipe for happiness?

"Trust one another, share your feelings and listen to each other."

"Manitoulin has always held a special place in my heart. I was born in the Red Cross Hospital in Mindemoya and I never wanted to leave," Barb offers. "To get the education for a professional nurse, I had to leave the Island. Our family stayed in the south for some years, but we came back in February of 2007, shortly after dad had died. Sadly, he had been looking forward to our return. Keith was born in Sudbury, but he is an 'Honorary Haweater' now and you can't take the North out of someone who has lived up here. People on Manitoulin are laid back and everyone helps one another. We both love being back here, and we wouldn't consider moving."

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Regular: Full-Time Reports to: Band Manager

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

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

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

B. QUALIFICATION – Mandatory Requirements

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

C. DUTIES

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

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

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

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview.

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

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY: CAPACITY AND RESOURCE DEVELOPER

Overview:

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

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

Must Possess the Following Skills:

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

Duration: pending funding continuation

(Subject to annual program reviews and annual employee performance evaluations)

CLOSING DATE: October 11, 2023 at NOON

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

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

Re: Capacity and Resource Developer
Attention: Band Manager

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

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

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Monday, October 2, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs boys team won the North Shore Secondary School Association golf championship for the third consecutive year. The members of this team, and three members of the Mustangs girls team have qualified for the Northern Ontario championship.

MSS golfers qualify for N. Ont. championship

M'CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs boys golf team has won the North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) championship for the third year in a row. And three members of the MSS girls' team will also be moving on to the Northern Ontario championship.

"Our boys team won the overall NSSSA championship for the third year in a row," said Jordan Smith, coach of the MSS golf team. The NSSSA championship was held at Huron Pines Golf and Country Club in Blind River on September 19. He explained the boys' team was made up of 10 players with the top five players scores counting toward the team aggregate score.

Mustang Noah Thorpe was first overall winning the boys' division by five strokes over his nearest rival. He posted an 18-hole score of 75. Teammate Rylan Carrick was third overall with a score of 81, while the

three other Mustang golfers that also posted good scores and will make up the team going to the Northern Ontario championship will include Eli Lock, Corbin Best and Jack Carter.

Mr. Smith pointed out in both the boys' and girls' division all golfers are in the open division, meaning they are playing against golfers from Grade 9-12.

In the girls' division, MSS golfer Amy Smith (a Grade 10 student) tied for first place overall, with a score of 107. Ava Corbiere was second overall with a score of 108, and she and Saraya Eshkwakogan, who shot 110, have all qualified as individuals to move on.

The Northern Ontario Secondary School Association championships will take place at Lively Golf Course in Sudbury this week.

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Mnaamodzawin Health Services Employment Opportunity

Diabetes Health Promotion Worker Full-time permanent

Overview:

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

Required Competencies:

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

Qualifications and Work Experience:

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

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

Submissions:

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

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

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



Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service Employment Opportunity – 1 Year Contract

Position: Civilian Crisis Responder
Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory
Reports To: Chief of Police

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

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

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

Knowledge and Skills:

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

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

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

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

Posting Deadline: October 13, 2023 at 4:00pm

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

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

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