



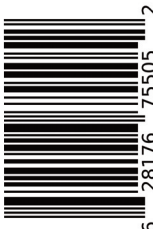
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NICE NEW HOMES—From left Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) chair Bruce Killah, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, MP Nickle Belt Marc Serré, former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, MPP Michael Mantha and DSB CAO Donna Stewart cut the ribbon on Fielding Place, the new affordable seniors' housing 12-plex in Little Current, the first DSB build in its 24 years of existence. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 9.** photo by Michael Erskine

Assiginack to scuttle S. S. Norisle dream

Nearly 50-year landmark on Manitowaning waterfront will be broken up for scrap

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—At long last, the fate of the S.S. Norisle has been sealed. At a meeting last week, citing concerns with the aged ship's condition, Assiginack council has agreed that the vessel will be removed from its harbour for recycling.

"I think the price estimate is significantly higher than we hoped," said Councillor Dwayne Elliott of the estimate received. "It is a hard decision, but since this council has been in place, we have been on board with the ship being removed in some fashion."

Mayor Brenda Reid told council, "I called this meeting tonight as we have received a quote on (the Norisle's) disposal." She pointed out there are several safety concerns relating to the ship, including that when it is pumped out in the fall by township staff, hydro on the ship can't be shut off, as well as environmental concerns. As well, the S.S. Norisle Steamship Society has known council was considering alternatives for disposal of the ship but has not come forward with a proposal.

"This one has been a tough one for me," stated Councillor Jennifer Hooper. "I have spent sleepless nights trying to figure out alternatives/options we could consider. I don't know how we would get the \$750,000 (to dispose of the ship for recycling), but at

this point I can't think of any other options we could take. I am loathe to put this cost on the taxpayers, but it looks as if we don't have a choice."

Councillor Rob Maguire said this is a tough decision for council. "I agree having the ship sitting there presents a potential issue there." He said the

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FedNor loan assists Sharpe Farm Supplies build Island store

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—A repayable funding investment of \$600,000 is assisting Sharpe Farm Supplies to construct the first recent commercial grain handling facility on Manitoulin Island. The project includes the construction of a warehouse and an above-ground truck scale, the purchase and installation of grain fertilizer storage, grain bins and a grain dryer, fabricating grain conveyors and necessary landscaping.

"We started delivering feed to the Island in 2016, and my brothers (Michael and John) and I have always liked Manitoulin and always felt there was an opportunity...continued on page 21

Morgan Hare new M'Chigeeng chief

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Morgan Hare has been elected as the new chief of the M'Chigeeng First Nation. In an upset, Mr. Hare defeated former chief Linda Debassige in the band chief and council elections held on Saturday. A total of 10 councillors were also elected during the election.

"Was the result a surprise? A bit, but I knew my supporters put in a really solid effort, as did I," Chief Hare told The Expositor. "Having never been a chief or a councillor before, we are certainly a voice for change."

"The campaign went very well," said Chief Hare. "I knew

with the incumbent chief having been in the position for many years my challenge was to put forward a solid campaign. In my campaign poster, I promoted being a voice for change and I met a lot of people in homes in the community and this is the feeling they gave me."

Morgan Hare was elected for the position of chief, receiving a total of 262 votes. Former Ojima-kwe Linda Debassige was second with 214 votes. Renee Corbiere received 48 votes while Wayne Trudeau garnered 41 votes. There were a total of 585 valid ballots cast for chief in the election, with 20 ballots rejected.

"At the end, the election was a very close race (with the winning margin being 48 votes)," said Chief Hare. "It was very close and the remaining ballots dictated the results and then I pushed ahead. That's the thing with elections; people are serving as chief or councillor for three years and when an election takes place the incumbent is hoping to stay on and new candidates are trying to be elected. It all depends on the community, whether the community is supportive of the incumbent council or new candidates. Voters either like and are satisfied with what is happening in the community or they want change. This is where elections are challenging."

Those elected or re-elected to

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Morgan Hare has been elected as the new chief of the M'Chigeeng First Nation. Chief Hare posed with members of his family this past Monday. From left, standing, is Neda Debassige Toeg, Eric Hare, Cher Panamick, Darryl Ense, Debbie Ense, Justine Debassige, Martin Debassige, Sally Hare, Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare. Front row sitting left is M'Chigeeng Chief Morgan Hare and Nancy Hare, Chief Hare's mother. Chief Hare's wife, Beth Williamson, was in Saskatchewan and was not available for the Monday morning photo.

Chiefs of Ontario vow to have Greenbelt space reinstated

Ontario Chief Glen Hare 'not shocked' at former Minister Clark's resignation

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—Following many calls for his resignation as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the embattled Minister Steve Clark announced his resignation Monday morning in a Tweet on the platform X (formerly Twitter).

"Since the Integrity Commissioner's was released, I have continued to reflect on my role and my obligations to the people of Ontario," Mr. Clark wrote. "It has been the greatest honour of my career to serve

my constituents and the people of Ontario and I have always tried to do so in a way that brings integrity and respect to my position as a parliamentarian."

"Currently, Ontario is experiencing the most challenging housing crisis our province has ever faced. When I received the Integrity Commissioner's report my first instinct was to take responsibility for the mistakes that were made and create a process so that this would never happen again. Thank you for

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Smiles all around! As part of the annual Pennies from Heaven event, hosted by the Brothers of the Blade and Brothers of the Wheel motorcycle clubs, members took community living clients on a ride around the Timberlane Rustic Lodges property. SEE STORY AND MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 20.

Manitowaning latest community to have veterans banners on display later this fall

Gore Bay Legion also seeking interest from members for similar project

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Following on the heels of Little Current's successful veterans' banner display, Assiginack will be showcasing some of its veterans on community banners this November, with Gore Bay contemplating the same.

Assiginack Township will be honouring its veterans by hanging banners commemorating their service. Jennifer Hooper, an Assiginack township councillor explained, "we have 27 banner holders in the downtown area of town, and we have pretty much enough names of people their loved ones would like to see on a banner."

"I think this is a great idea and we have lots of people in the community who are interested," said Councillor Hooper. She pointed out Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid had asked her at the beginning of the year if she would spearhead this project.

"I'm very excited that Assiginack is doing this," said Councillor Hooper, pointing out the program is not being carried out through a sponsorship with the local Royal Canadian Legion. However, "we may leave the Legion crest on the banners to be respectful."

"Linda Bowerman (of the RCL Branch 177 in Little Current) has been amazing to help on this project," said Councillor Hooper. "She has been awesome. We are using the supplier she used for the same type of banners that they have for veterans in Little Current."

"We will use the banner holders that are already in place in Manitowaning and 27 veterans' banners will be hung this year. And hopefully next year we (Assiginack council) will be able to budget for more banner holders and we can open it up to even more veterans' names being placed on the banners," said Councillor Hooper.

For those wishing to sponsor a banner for a loved one or family member who has served, the cost is \$161. There are limited spots, and it is first come first served, but it will be an annual project so all families will have an opportunity in years to come. For information contact councillor Hooper at 705-862-1002 or jhooper@assiginack.ca.

The banners will be hung beginning November 1 and will remain up until the end of November.

The RCL Branch 514 in Gore Bay is surveying its

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Descendants of Frank Wagg gather to unveil commemorative plaque at Mindemoya Cemetery

by Michael Erskine

MINDEMOYA—A chance encounter with "a person who shall remain nameless" brought a shocking claim to the attention of Ruth Pettis, one of the descendants of foundational Mindemoya businessman, first reeve and postmaster, Frank Wagg. "They said their family had established the Mindemoya cemetery," said Ms. Pettis. She knew that wasn't right.

Family lore said otherwise, but Ms. Pettis decided to research her family's history to discover the truth and found her family's oral history was accurate. In 1879, the passing of Mr. Wagg's brother led him to donate land to establish the cemetery. Over the years, more land was purchased to expand the boundaries of the Mindemoya Cemetery to its current extent, but the initial quarter acre of land was severed from the Wagg farm and donated to create the site.

Mr. Wagg is buried in the cemetery, as are generations of Wagg descendants. The family sought and secured permission last year from Central Manitoulin to place



A commemorative plaque (inset photo), authorized by Central Manitoulin council last year, records the donation of land by Mindemoya's first reeve and postmaster Frank Wagg. Members of the Wagg family, including the eldest, Madeline (Maddy) Becks, 102, and the youngest in attendance, Graham and Emma. The family gathered at the entrance arch (donated by a later generation of Wagg family members) after tidying up family gravestones.

photo by Michael Erskine

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MSS student one of two new student trustees on Rainbow District School Board

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) student Sonya Jacko-Cywink is one of two new student trustees on the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB). She joins Sawyer Greene of Sudbury Secondary School (SSS) for the 2023-2024 school year. They will also co-chair the student senate which includes representatives from the board's secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

"Trustees, I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and we all look forward to working with our new student trustees Sawyer Greene and Sonya Jacko-Cywink," said Bruce Bourget, director of education of the RDSB at a board meeting last week.

"I would like to welcome Sawyer Greene and Sonya Jacko-Cywink to their new roles," said board chair Bob Clement. "I know they will both make an immense contribution to the board as they represent the student voice. They will have an opportunity to experience the decision-making



Sonya Jacko-Cywink, a Manitoulin Secondary School student, has been sworn in as a Rainbow District School Board student trustee.

process and learn more about public education locally and provincially."

Ms. Jacko-Cywink, who is from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT), is returning to MSS. She will continue to be involved in various sports, including volleyball, basketball, badminton and softball.

"Students know students best," said Sonya. "Involvement in ...continued on page 8

Manitowaning celebrates 147th fall fair this weekend

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Manitowaning will be the place to be this weekend as the community gears up for the 147th annual fall fair hosted by the agricultural society. The theme for this year's fair taking place September 8-9 is 'Fun for the Whole Herd.'

"Everyone is welcome to come out and join us for our annual fair celebrations," said Alice Pennie. "For this year's fair we will be having several new events, including the soap box derby for the kids (that will take place at 12 noon Saturday) right after the parade which starts at 11 am."

"We are also holding a baby photo contest, with people sending in photos of their favourite baby photos," said Ms. Pennie. "Visitors who attend the fair will be able to cast their vote for which baby photos are their favourite."

"We are also having a cake walk on Friday night," said Ms. Pennie. She explained participants will walk in a circle and when the music stops if you are standing on the number drawn on the squares you receive a prize, a cake.

All of the festivities get started Friday with judging of the many exhibits taking place at 12:30 pm on Friday in the arena. Ms. Pennie explained exhibits can be brought in Thursday evening or Friday morning. "We have updated our fair book and exhibits, and there are special cash prizes donated by people in memory of parents or friends for some of the exhibits."

The doors of the arena will open at 6:30 pm, with the opening ceremonies to take place a half hour later. During the evening there will be a silent auction with many items that can be bid

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Time to get decorating for Harvest Glory Days 2023

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Saturday, September 23 marks the first official day of fall and thanks to the dry summer, many trees are already hinting their autumn colours.

Those leafy colour changes signal that it is once again time for Manitoulin's communities, and individual Island homeowners, businesspeople and local institutions, to get to work on the seasonal displays in their community to enter into The Expositor's annual Harvest Glory Days—a friendly inter-community competition showcasing Manitoulin's community spirit.

This is the eleventh year for Harvest Glory Days and Island communities can enter in three categories (large, medium and small towns) after they decorate a location with a fall harvest theme.

There are three categories: large communities like Gore Bay, Mindemoya, M'Chigeeng, Little Current and Wiikwemkoong; mid-sized communities that include Sheguiandah, Kagawong, Providence Bay and Sheshewaning; and small communities such as Silver Water, Spring Bay, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation, South Baymouth, Sandfield and Aundek Omni Kaning.

Quantity matters in this competition so Manitoulin's First Nations and municipalities that show the most decorating efforts and initiative

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Politics proved a spoiler on a positive Island news story

Now former Ontario Housing Minister Steve Clark is featured in two separate stories on the front page of this week's issue and the relationship between the two news items has a small but significant impact on Manitoulin Island.

The front-page picture, the lead photo this week, shows Mr. Clark predominately helping cut the red ribbon to officially inaugurate Fielding Place, a dozen brand-new seniors housing units on the hillside above Low Island Park in Little Current.

Mr. Clark's former ministry contributed significant funding to see the project through to last Wednesday's grand opening.

This was a project that is significant, not only on Manitoulin, but also in the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) region. It was initiated over two years ago by the DSB (which donated its own funds in the process) and it was a true partnership among the North-east Town (which donated the valuable real estate which really made the project viable), and Ontario Ministry of Housing (Mr. Clark's former portfolio) contributed to the building costs as did the Government of Canada.

So it's a nice property, senior-friendly, in a wonderful location and the result of a multi-tier partnership. It doesn't get much better than that.

It shouldn't at any rate, but politics proved something of a spoiler on the day of the ribbon cutting that should have been a day of participatory celebration for lots of Manitoulin people.

It should have been, except that residents weren't made aware of the grand opening, the informative open house and the lunch that were part of last Wednesday's 9 am event.

That official appearance by then-Minister Clark was the last official duty by the embattled cabinet minister, mired in the controversy surrounding his government's decision to go back on its election promise to keep its hands off the Greenbelt that somewhat surrounds Toronto. Not only a broken promise, but opposition parties in the legislature, First Nations leaders and many others are deeming the parcelling off of bits of the Greenbelt to select developers who had direct access to

the former minister's chief of staff, (who also resigned a week before his former boss) to be corruption.

This is very much in the news.

So how does this impact Island citizens in particular?

Well, in an effort to shield former minister Clark from the Greenbelt controversy, the Ministry of Housing apparently choose not to tell Manitoulin people that there was to a grand opening and open house, at least not in any useful way.

The Expositor learned about the event, accidentally in an unofficial way, at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, after the August 23 paper was on press and so it was publicized in the paper's Friday Newsletter as that was the only vehicle on hand.

As for the ministry, it eventually posted a press release, in the middle of the Tuesday afternoon the day before the Wednesday ribbon cutting, but only on its own website. It was not shared with local and regional media.

So, in an apparent effort to protect an embattled minister from possible scrutiny, the event was basically kept as a secret and so local folks were denied the opportunity to enjoy a very positive event and to tour the units before they were occupied.

This seems a desperate measure undertaken by ministry staff at the expense of the local community.

How much better it would have been if the former minister had simply stayed away and the event widely publicized.

The Greenbelt controversy isn't going to go away. A former government, now in opposition, put the program in place specifically to avoid urban sprawl around the GTA, something that the current government appears to want to embrace, in spite of any number of urban planners telling the Ontario government that there is sufficient land in the city proper to meet its stated housing needs.

The effective denial of Manitoulin residents the opportunity to witness history (this was the 24-year-old DSB's first-ever housing project and the first on municipal lands in over 30 years) is collateral damage.

letters

A few comments on the backyard kitchen file

Take care to not make the same mistakes that other municipalities have made

To the Expositor:

I understand that Central Manitoulin is considering a bylaw on backyard chickens and may soon be receiving a petition from residents in favour of permitting this.

I therefore wish to add the following evidence to the record for consideration by your staff in the drafting (or re-drafting of a better) bylaw, and by mayor and council in the debate and vote.

The United Nations has issued declarations, and Canada is a signatory to international treaties about human rights to sufficient, affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate foods.

Also, God's Laws, the Magna Carta, English Common Law, Canadian Constitution, Bill of Rights, Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and Canadian Case Law do not abrogate these international rights and/or support and enshrine those rights.

Therefore, safe, fresh, affordable, and nutritious food is a human right, to access, trade, buy and/or produce for personal use.

Neither Canada, nor Ontario can delegate nor restrict a power they do not possess, nor intended to delegate to Municipalities through the Municipal Act, nor the Planning Act, nor any other Act. I respectfully suggest that it is beyond the authority (ultra vires) of any municipality to deny, restrict, limit, abrogate, or interfere with these nationally and internationally enshrined and God given rights. Any attempt, by you or others, to misinterpret these acts so as to wrongly assume a Municipality has the colour of right to attack human food rights is patently false and misguided.

I suggest chicken eggs and backyard chickens to produce those eggs are a clear and excellent example for full application of those human rights to produce food for oneself.

Food Banks in Canada started as a "temporary measure" to help people in the 1980 recession.

Food Banks are now everywhere across Canada, from sea to sea to sea. In spite of this, in 2021, Canadian Public Health Association reported that 15.9 percent of Canadians (5.8 million people) couldn't afford, or had insecure access, to affordable, nutritious food. In the North, remote areas and First Nation communities, food insecurity is much higher (ie. 25 percent to 75 percent of families are affected). Note that Manitoulin suffers membership in all three of these worse-off categories.

In Canada, food bank usage has been doubling and re-doubling every 18.6 years.

Locally, Manitoulin Family Resources operates the largest food bank on Manitoulin. From 2011-2014, they had a 75 percent increase in food bank usage. In 2016, they gave 832 Manitoulin families a Christmas hamper of food, which was a 49 percent increase over 2015. They reported a doubling of clients during COVID, and a 37 percent increase in 2022 over the previous year (a doubling every 1.89 years). In 2022, they helped 4,289 people, from 1,569 households.

Are these exponential increases in food bank dependency sustainable?

Most people know, understand and believe: "Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime."

I believe we need a new saying: "Give a man an egg at the food bank, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to raise backyard chickens, and you feed him for a lifetime."

I suggest backyard chickens, plus neighbours who can share with

those who can't, could be an excellent start to solving this chronic food bank dependency.

Chicken eggs are called "nature's vitamin pill" by nutritional experts; the perfect food. Grass pastured, free range chickens (ie. backyard chickens) have been shown to produce eggs even more nutritious than those typically offered in grocery stores: 30 percent to 700 percent higher in vitamins, essential fats and proteins and minerals. For example, grass-pastured free range chicken eggs typically have 700 percent higher beta carotene, which the human body metabolizes into Vitamin A. Health Canada and others have reported that the vast majority of Canadians are chronically deprived and mal-nourished for Vitamin A. I therefore suggest any municipality that attempt to rob its citizens of the best and least expensive source of Vitamin A (and other similar nutrients) is misguided or evil.

Copying from the bylaws already enacted by other municipalities must guard against copying the mistakes already made by others. For example, Canada's Supply Management System, Chicken Farmers of Ontario, Chicken Farmers of Canada, Egg Farmers of Ontario, Small Flock Poultry Farmers of Canada, CFIA, animal welfare regulations, OSPCA, Poultry Health Handbook and other similar sources generally recognize that chicken coops need to provide one square foot of floor space per laying chicken. In spite of this, some municipalities have demanded four sq. ft. per hen based on erroneous assumptions, illogical whims, arrogance and other errors or sins. This unnecessarily drives up costs 400 percent with marginal or no benefit for the chickens; and in winter, the body heat of the chickens is unable to adequately heat the coop because it is four times too big, thereby making the situation less comfortable for the birds.

Commercially produced eggs are in trouble. Over 67 million chickens have been euthanized in North America in the last three years due to bird flu. Some experts suggest that this, plus inflation, carbon taxes, green energy initiatives, supply management and similar forces may drive grocery store price of eggs to \$5/egg, or \$60/dozen by 2024. Nobody I know can afford \$60/dozen for eggs. Backyard chickens can save the day.

Each municipality in this world needs a policy to strive towards self-sufficiency for food. Others have already done so, and achieved this essential goal.

In Summer 2022, the cost of chicken feed on Manitoulin increased by about 50 percent. Similar increases occurred for supply management eggs and chicken producers. Backyard chickens can and will consume all or most kitchen scraps, saving them from municipal collection as solid wastes that get landfilled and converted to methane over the next 100 years at municipal dumps; methane being 60 to 80 times more powerful than CO2 as a greenhouse gas.

Not everybody can grow their own wheat, but almost everybody could raise their own backyard chickens for healthy, affordable eggs.

Therefore, bylaws that are enlightened and compliant to sustainable food goals should allow up to 19 hens per family member in residence. I suggest the bylaw allows a family with higher needs to seek special permission for more hens.

Now is the time for municipalities to help their citizens, and protect them from the evils that soon comes. I suggest it is the municipality's urgent duty to do so.

**Glenn Black
Providence Bay**

A visit back in time takes place at the Michael's Bay Historical Society picnic

by Petra Wall

MICHAEL'S BAY—Michael's Bay Historical Society members have been extra busy lately, working to slowly recreate part of the old community where the thriving Michael's Bay town once stood. They have been erecting street signs and clearing trees in the areas where the 'ghost' town's vital services and homes once stood.

On August 26, the public was invited to tour the site and enjoy a picnic where a village of 150 folk at the start grew to 400 settlers at the height of the lumbering activity. Early Michael's Bay had all the vital services. Many new immigrants to the area, gravitated to the fast-growing town and many of the inhabitants never left. They are buried there in five graveyards of five denominations. Names of the residents can be found in old binders that are on display here today and normally, at the South Baymouth Museum.



Ed Sagle sharing his knowledge of the early town of Michael's Bay during a recent historical walk of the site.

town today. My parents are Annabelle and Albert St. Louis. Albert was the youngest of ten siblings. He was overseas, working as a radio officer on three Merchant Navy ships. He was awarded the Atlantic Star for his service," Leonard continues. "I was trained as a Class A auto mechanic, and I taught technical students in the Ontario secondary school systems. This included how to repair small engines. I finished my career with the Ministry as an education officer, working for the Curriculum Assessment Policy Branch in Toronto."

Laura (Clarke) Middlebrook shares that her "Grandparents Ivan and Harriet Clarke had 12 kids and they had a boarding house in the Michaels Bay community. Ivan was a mechanic and a 'jack of all trades.' After the fire, they moved to Manitowaning where Ivan was a mechanic and a carpenter. Her father was born there, and he sailed



Ed Sagle standing at the original crossroads of Main and Lyon's Streets.



Another old artifact, a leghold trap for animals.

batten. There was only one log home, the Murray home."

Ed shared some local folklore. "If you are very quiet at midnight when there is a full moon, you can hear a lumberjack slowly drag his axe across the bridge."

When the walkers reached the top of the hill, they found bright blue canopies had been mounted for the visitors to provide shelter for their picnic lunches. At this site, other important buildings had been erected many years earlier: a big general store, a blacksmith shop, two to three boarding houses and a school. The school had been situated just behind the apple tree that was still there today. The blacksmith's shop sat at Kate and Main Streets. In the nearby riverbed, the footings of a wooden tramway that ran to the long dock, could still be seen close to the mill, near the falls. The saw in the mill had a vertical structure. The blade, run by the water from the flowing river,



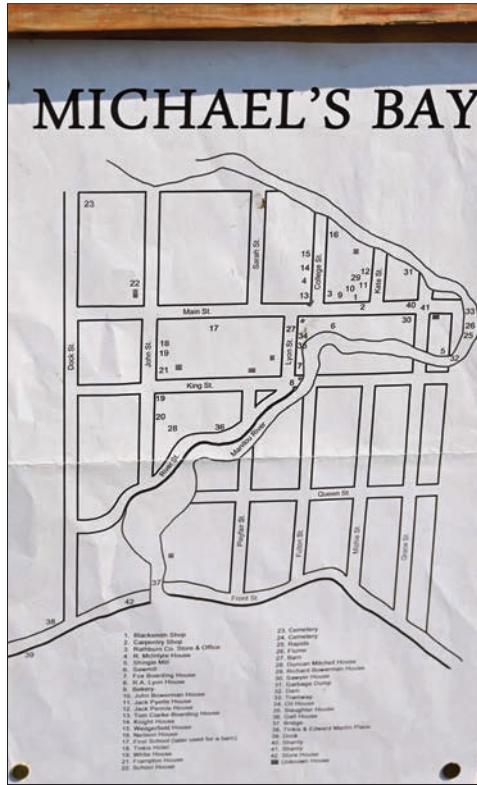
Current Michael's Bay Historical Society president Ben Lentir welcomes visitors to the picnic.

The traffic on Government Road was a bit heavier that day. People were arriving and forming groups. About 200 to 250 visitors would arrive. An old gravel pit was designated as the parking lot. An ATV was waiting to help members who might have had a problem walking to the site from there. As the groups formed, a member of the Historical Society introduced himself and slowly walked with the visitors to the site of the old town. Many of the Now and Then stories in *The Expositor* featured fathers and sons who spent several years working at the mill and supporting the lumbering that took place here.

Big ships would nestle up to the long wharf that was a focal point for the bay. They left with squared-off lumber that would be delivered to many cities bordering the Great Lakes, like Goderich, Port Huron and Chicago where a fire had destroyed much of the city. Many newcomers to the island found jobs here, jobs that would give them the opportunity to buy their own land and build a home. Many stayed at Michael's Bay. Those who did choose to leave stayed just long enough to sponsor their own stake in another part of the island.

Ed Sagle, a past president of the Society shared his perspectives to those present at 10:30 am. "A Mr. Lyon was in possession of the first timber rights here and he had paid \$200 for them. He owned a big house, the first on the street that was named after him. Near his home was a bakery and a butcher shop. A Baptist cemetery was established also. Where these houses and buildings were in the 1800s and beyond, only grass, trees and some random plots of asparagus remain today."

"At one time, the King St. bridge here, crossed the Manitou River to more houses and an Anglican cemetery on the other side. Much later, when the town was slowly being scaled down, the lumber from the old board and batten buildings was salvaged. Part of my house on Highway 6 had an old addition. I believe these boards were taken from one of the abandoned buildings in the town. They had square nails embedded in the wood. The houses were all "board and



The town plot of streets and buildings.

moved up and down. At the height of the season, it was often running 24 hours a day. Most logs arrived by the river. Some logs were brought in by horse and sleigh in the winter. As mentioned, the mill produced large square chunks of lumber that could be easily and economically stored on a ship and then milled for more definitive needs in the big cities. A shingle mill was also powered by the stream. Wood was not wasted. The entire tree was used. Branches and smaller trees could be cut into blocks and incorporated into the roads.

The Michael's Bay Historical Society was formed in 2000 and Eleanor Lentir, mother of Ben Lentir, the current president of the Historical Society, was a founding member. "It took a year to register the society with the government," Eleanor shared. "We are hoping to rebuild some of the buildings and clean up the cemeteries. On a personal



This photo was taken at an early community picnic in the 1930s when Michael's Bay was already a ghost town. The photo features a group of children from the Russell, Arnold, Bates, Gillis and O'Brian families.

note, my grandmother Martha Leeson lived on Hwy 6. As a young girl of six or seven, she would walk alone from her house once a week, carrying eggs to be sold at the general store in Michael's Bay."

Displayed under one of the blue canopies, were some old relics from days gone by, like a trap for animals, a butter churn, and many quilts in an old chest. Ten-dollar memberships for the Society were also being sold by Jane Tilston and people were lining up to get theirs.

Several visitors had connections to the old town. Leonard St. Louis shared a bit of his personal history, "My great-great grandfather Michael Hagen was a blacksmith here. He married his second wife Mary Ann Stephens at Michael's Bay. Michael Hagen's son from the first marriage was William Duncan Hagan who married Alena Bisson of Providence Bay. Alena and Duncan's daughter Mary Philomene Hagan was born in Providence Bay in 1879 and baptized in Wikwemikong. She was about one year old when her father died. William was killed sometime between 1879 and 1881, trying to free a log jam in the water. It is assumed he is buried here."

"Mary Philomene Hagan, my grandmother, was later wed to Herman St. Louis, a miner at Victoria Mines, also a ghost

with his father for a few years."

Burke Pennie's grandfather John Pennie lived and worked in the lumber camp here, and other lumber camps after it closed. "I fished here as a teenager," he adds.

Esther Spadzinski was an original charter board member of the Michael's Bay Historical Society. "Great-grandmother Ellen Martin worked in the General Store at Michael's Bay. She was married to John Russell. I still have a set of dishes, a tea set, purchased from the store. I posted a picture of my father when he was attending a picnic at Michael's Bay in the 1930s. It's on the Facebook page for the Michael's Bay Historical Society."

Overall, it was an interesting trek back into the historic era of Michael's Bay, when the trees that populate the setting then, had been replaced with vital services, including a school, a general store, a blacksmith, five graveyards and a vital mill that cut the wood for many projects around the periphery of the Great Lakes. It was also a crucial time for new immigrants to find their first jobs and enough money to build their own homes on their own land. It was indeed a significant part of the history of our Manitoulin Island.

Agreement needed before invasive carp barrier project can go ahead

by Tom Sasvari

MICHIGAN—The massive, innovative and expensive engineering project at the 96-year-old Brandon Road Lock and Dam on the

Des Plaines River south of Chicago, designed to block invasive carp from reaching Lake Michigan, is almost ready to go with funding and support in

place; that is if the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the state of Illinois can come to an agreement with Midwest Generation, a power company.

“It’s definitely good news that all the local funding is in place as well as the federal funds needed and USACE is ready to get the project started,” said Molly Flanagan, of the Alliance for The Great Lakes (AFTGL). “The designs and engineering are being finished up so the first year of construction of the barriers can begin.”

However, Ms. Flanagan explained, “the Army Corps can’t access the funds until they can reach a project partnership agreement with the state of Illinois. And the reason the state is hesitant is because to build the barrier they need land to stage the construction.”

The land is owned by Midwest Generation. “This land would need to be purchased and there are concerns that the land is contaminated,” said Ms. Flanagan.

The Monroe News reported that according to an Environmental Integrity Project website, one of the sites, an electrical generating station, is contaminated with cobalt, manganese, sulfate, antimony nickel, cadmium and lead.

“This property, owned by Midwest Generation, is more than likely contaminated with various substances,” Marc Smith, policy director at the National Wildlife Federation, told

The Monroe News August 27. “However, it is our hope that USACE and Illinois can find a solution to this and advance this project across the finish line. Invasive carp continue to swim towards the Great Lakes, and we can’t afford another delay.”

“It’s urgent this agreement get signed because at the end of September the USACE funding runs out and the money for design and engineering are re-assigned to other projects along with staff to other projects,” said Ms. Flanagan.

The \$1.146 billion project, with 90 percent US federal and 10 percent state funds from Michigan and Illinois, is meant to help prevent catastrophic damage to the \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery and prevent until disruption to the \$15 billion boating industry.

The new impediments to electrical barriers now in place at the Brandon Lock would be added by engineers to block fish that can grow to four feet and 100 pounds. The new barrier will produce sound, electricity and a first of its kind locking mechanism to flush lifeforms out of the river and a bubble curtain, a wall of bubbles, to block carp.

The three species of invasive carp, bighead carp, silver carp and grass carp, were imported to the US in the 1970s to control nuisance algal blooms in wastewater treatment plants and aquaculture ponds, as well as for human

food. They grow quickly and can outcompete other fish for food, according to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

The Monroe News reported that according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, these species of invasive carp are moving toward Michigan and threaten the fisheries. If these carp become established in Michigan waters, they will eat the food supply that native fish depend on and crowd them out of their

habitat.

The Brandon Road project is in the last stage of design. In addition to bubbles and sound barriers, the project will have an automated barge-clearing deterrent.

“If an agreement is reached the construction would start by July 2024,” said Ms. Flanagan. The project would take six to seven years to complete.

“We are hoping for good news in the next couple of weeks,” said Ms. Flanagan.



Law & Order

Faulty brakes cause vehicle to go in ditch

Fortunately no injuries were reported as a result of a single motor vehicle accident that occurred on Tuesday, August 29 just outside of Little Current.

Constable John Hill with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reported that the accident took place at approximately 10:30 am on Highway 540 at McLean’s Mountain sideroad. A vehicle malfunction, caused by faulty brakes led to the vehicle going off the road into a ditch.

There were no injuries reported and no charges laid, the OPP reports.

Mindemoya incident resolved peacefully, OPP reports

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP reports that a weapons call in Mindemoya last week was resolved peacefully.

On Thursday morning, at close to 6 am, the OPP posted a message on social media asking the public to avoid the area of Limberlost Lane in Mindemoya and not to use drones, citing officer safety. There was an increased presence of officers in the area, but police had not provided any details at the time as to the reason.

However, Constable Hill indicated there was no concern for public safety and the situation was contained.

The OPP provided an update later in the week which explained that they had responded to a weapons call in Mindemoya. Several OPP resources were deployed in Mindemoya in response to the call.

On Wednesday (August 30), shortly before 10 pm the Manitoulin OPP responded to a weapons call at a residence on Limberlost Lane. Shortly before 9:30 am Thursday the situation came to a peaceful resolution. The person involved was arrested and taken to hospital for assessment.

A 27-year-old man from Central Manitoulin was charged with uttering threats. The accused was released unconditionally and is to be in Gore Bay court on October 11.

Monarchs are on the move

by Dr. Joe Shorthouse

MANITOULIN—The offspring of monarch butterflies that arrived on Manitoulin from the south this past May are now adults actively feeding on nectar of local flowers which will fuel them for the long flight to Mexico.



Some of the monarchs have been tagged which permits scientists to determine their flight path, length of time to fly various distances and the locality where the butterflies were released.

Anyone who sees a tagged monarch is asked to try and photograph the tag and its identification number with a cellphone and send the information to Monarch Watch by using their Monarch Watch Tag Recovery Form or download the Monarch Watch mobile app to record your observation.

Provide the people at Monarch Watch with the exact location where the butterfly was seen (and photographed), the date, and contact information for the person making the observation.

The monarch in this photograph was tagged by entomologist Joe Shorthouse near Sheguiandah on Manitoulin Island on August 22. The butterfly landed on a patch of swamp milkweed where Shorthouse was able to take this photograph, which clearly shows the tag information, with his cellphone.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

The kids are back to school today, so we thought we’d start off this week’s column with a pop quiz! If you had 19 oranges, 11 strawberries, five apples and nine bananas, what would you have? That’s right - a delicious fruit salad. (No groaning at that one; you know that was a first-class joke). Despite our current success, Team Fergmeijer struggled sometimes in school. Especially in math class - we can’t count how many times we had to repeat that course. There were lots of more positive experiences though. We had the chance to learn how to surf, though we had to transfer to a boarding school. And there was the time the class clown tied all our shoelaces together. That was a really memorable class trip.

The last Wednesday market of the season is today, so if you haven’t yet been, hop to it! Thank you to all of the vendors who set up this year to make the Kagawong market the largest and most vibrant on the island. And a special thank you to Ethel N for organizing everyone and making sure each week ran smoothly. See you all next year!

Congratulations to a pair of Kagawong aces on winning the Manitoulin Tennis Club’s end-of-summer tournament on August 27! Mike M and Keith M came away with their pick of prizes as well as bragging rights. The tennis club continues to meet Sundays at 10 am and Wednesdays at 6 pm at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. Players of all abilities are welcome to come out and play.

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

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Keith M who is alive and caking as he turned 29 last week! Rumour has it Keith doesn’t like to taco bout his birthday, but we at Team Fergmeijer feel that you should celebrate like it’s national dairy-free ice cream day - party like it’s sherbert day!

Aw shucks! A veritable CORNUcopia of produce arrived this past week at Chez Park. They had so much they decided they maize well share the wealth and were kind enough to pass it along to some friends.

Good riddance to Ezra as he pursues post-secondary education down south. Don’t forget to start each day with a hearty bowl of Crunchy Loggs!

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out last week to plant trees along the Kagawong River. The river trail is one of the gems of the community, thanks to the Manitoulin Streams restoration projects.

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

4elements Living Arts has announced the return of the annual Elemental Festival on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24 this year. The festival celebrates the beauty, bounty and history of Mnidoo Mnising. There will be singing, dancing, artistic workshops, and a new dinner and performance event with chefs and performers collaborating to highlight the delicious bounty grown here on Manitoulin. Visit the festival Facebook page for more information.

One thing school didn’t teach us was the answer to that universal question: if belches were a colour, would they be purple? Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Angela Wunsch and Thomas from Drayton spent last week with Doug and Linda Lane.

People from the neighbourhood gathered at Julia Bay last Friday for a potluck and Burt Farm hotdogs barbecued by Bert. There was sing-a-long with music by Paul and Jane Best.

Marilyn Galbraith and daughter Terrie from Oakville are here at their cottage this week.

Silver Water Karen Noble

Saturday, August 26 we had a market in our yard. The day started off with clouds and all the vendors wearing sweaters. It soon changed to warm and sunny enough to have the sweaters off.

We had several summer people out to shop for their last time before heading home.

Saturday afternoon, we had the recycle bins open. Both bins were emptied the week before and are now close to half full again. It is great to see all the neighbours out to use this service.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson went to Espanola to spend the day at their son Craig’s camp on Lake Penage. There was a crowd invited for supper including about 10 children. Everyone enjoyed swimming in the lake, the boat ride and visiting. They stayed the night and came home on Sunday morning.

Sunday morning, I made a batch of blueberry pies for the September 2 dinner. At 1 pm, I picked up Anne Boyd and headed to Sudbury. She had an early Monday morning appointment, so we decided spending the night in Sudbury was the best plan.

Sunday afternoon, Lois Miller and Iain MacDonald hosted a come and go tea at Kling’s Point. Sunday there was a potluck supper in Meldrum Bay with the church service held afterwards.

Monday morning, I dropped Anne at her appointment and went back 45 minutes later to pick her up. We then went to the Wholesale Club to finish shopping for the dinner. When I got home, Gladys and I went to the lake for her last swim of the season.

Tuesday, I took the car to McQuarrie Motors because the wipers had been acting up. A new part has been ordered. After that, I went to my bookkeeping job in Mindemoya. There was lots to do and I didn’t leave until 5 pm. Shortly after I left, I remembered that Albert needed the car to get to fire practice at 6:30 pm. I made it home just in time for him to leave.

Tuesday morning, Murray and Gladys left for southern Ontario. They met up with their son Clarke and grandson Aiden. Gladys had an appointment in Toronto on Wednesday. They returned home on Thursday.

Wednesday, a group of us spent several hours at the community hall putting together five large pans of lasagna.

Thursday, I made strawberry pies. I had a short swim in Silver Lake. The temperature was better than I had expected. Thursday evening, we had 5 3/4 tables of euchre players.

There are lots of events coming up. The UCW invites all the ladies to a tea and fashion show on September 9 at the Silver Water Community Hall. There is a Snowduster fish dinner in Rockville on September 9. September 10 we are making plans to attend the euchre tournament in Tehkummah. September 11 euchre starts up again in Burpee Mills in the complex at 7 pm.

...Assiginack Township to scuttle S. S. Norisle dream

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steamship society members are still working on a proposal, looking at it from an environmental view. "I know the timeline and the costs as well."

Mr. Maguire said the steamship society has made progress. "This is a Canadian heritage vessel and is still registered under Canadian Heritage. I also see the costs are beyond what the township had hoped it would be and am concerned how the costing will affect the budget."

Mayor Reid told council that Marine Recycling Corporation in their proposal wants to remove the ship before September 31, for recycling.

"I know the cost is high, but for myself, I'm at the point that this is a first light I've seen on this issue. With the Steamship Society we have no dates from them as to when they would be able to make a proposal to council," said Mayor Reid. "I don't think we can wait any longer."

"It is a big amount but getting rid of the ship is not going to get cheaper," said Councillor Hooper. "This has been discussed for many years, repeatedly, and in that time the ship's condition has become worse. My only question is 'how are we going to pay for it?'"

Council was told that to borrow the money to have the ship removed will cost roughly about \$80,000 per year for 15 years.

"As Councillor Hooper indicated, we are certainly in a conundrum," said Councillor Maguire. "I'd like communication made to the Steamship Society on what we are considering."

However, Mayor Reid noted there is no time.

"I think we do have time," said Councillor Maguire. "Even if we have this motion passed, we owe it to them and the public to hear from them (Steamship Society). We're at the 11th hour, we need to hear about what the society has done and is proposing. We owe them

and the public to do that, regardless of any motion we pass."

Mayor Reid said she feels the public has spoken, as she said that in her campaign for the municipal election she had spoken to, and heard from, many resi-

dents who want the township to take this step. Countless hours of time and effort have been put into looking into options for the ship, said Councillor Hooper. "If anyone has another viable option, or a way to dispose of the ship cheaper, they have not stepped up. The Steamship Society has known for four months that council was looking at this and we haven't heard from them."



The Norisle underwent a refit in December 2008. Hopes of the ship sailing again, or serving some other useful purpose, have finally been dashed with the council decision to scrap the aged vessel.

Expositor file photo

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"The direction of this council from the start has been to look at options to dispose of the ship. We have only received one letter from the Steamship Society indicating the work they have done," said Councillor Elliott. "We owe the taxpayers to mitigate the risks

from Marine Recycling Corporation (MRC) for disposal of the ship, with Councillor Hooper saying she would second the motion.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Maguire, who said he would not be willing to support the motion until council talked to the Steamship Society.

Mayor Reid said council could contact the Steamship Society letting them know of the motion they have passed while they ask for a formal proposal from MRC to be presented and have the township lawyer look at the proposed agreement.

It was further suggested by Councillor Hooper that a farewell celebration should be held for what the ship has meant to the township in the past and to welcome the future.

"A lot of people grew up with the ship here and saw what it created for the township in the past. But we are a small township, and this step has to be taken," said

Mayor Reid.

Council voted to accept the offer from MRC and dispose of the Norisle. Councillors Elliott, Hooper and Mayor Reid were in favour with Councillor Maguire the lone no vote.

John Coulter, a member

ing the vessel to our certified vessel recycling facility on Lake Erie at Port Col-

borne." The total cost will be \$743,950 plus applicable taxes.

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The Fundraising Continues...

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—Bahá'u'lláh

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No more paper bags at LCBO stores as of this week

ONTARIO—Starting September 5, paper bags will not be available to customers at all Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) stores.

LCBO made this announcement earlier this summer, which follows a previous announcement in April in which the company said it would be phasing out paper bags as part of a new sustainability initiative.

Each year more than 135 million paper bags are sold at LCBO stores, the company reports. The LCBO had previously phased out plastic bags.

LCBO indicated that its locations would continue to provide 8-pack carrier boxes for free or make reusable bags available for purchase. Customers are being encouraged to bring their own reusable bags.

The initiative comes by LCBO as part of a partnership it has with the non-profit, Tree Canada, and the company says the decision will save the equivalent of 188,000 trees each year and divert 2,665 tonnes of waste from landfills.

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...MSS student one of two new student trustees on Rainbow District School Board

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school and school life is important because it gives students a chance to have their voice heard.”

Sonya is a past member of the MSS student council and The Three Fires Council, which she will join again this year. The council helps to plan the school powwow in which Sonya is the head dancer.

Sonya said joining committees, teams and clubs enables students to gain skills that will benefit them in the future, such as time management. “Being involved in extracurricular activities gives students a chance to meet new students and connect with their peers on a deeper level.” Sonya enjoys cooking as she explained cooking tells a story and connects people. She loves listening to music, traveling, and trying out foods from different cultures. She also enjoys learning about people’s stories.

A Grade 12 drama student in the French Immersion Program Sawyer Greene is enrolled in the specialist high skills major in arts and culture at SSC. Sawyer has appeared in a number of plays and musicals as well as stage-managed and co-hosted performances and concerts.

Sawyer’s extra-curricular involvement in school extends beyond the arts. Sawyer was on the Reach for the Top Team that was invited to participate at the provincial level for the first time in decades. Being on student parliament gave Sawyer an opportunity to work on many projects, including the Cancer Gala and Dress Drive.

In addition to the arts Sawyer is passionate about cooking and baking, which they say requires patience and practice, ingredients for resilience.

“Involvement in school is important because young minds are able to bring fresh ideas to the table,” said Sawyer. “Students see new ways that events could be changed for the better,” adding that student voice can bring

a new perspective, inform decision-making, and affect change.

“We are looking forward to working with both Sawyer and Sonya during the year in their role as student trustees,” added Mr. Bourget.

The two student trustees were sworn into their roles during the regular meeting of RDSB on August 29.

...Manitowaning latest community to have veterans banners

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membership as to the interest in having a similar veteran banner project set up in town.

“We are seeking members to see if there is interest in having this in Gore Bay,” said Beverly Wright, second vice-president of the RCL 514. She pointed out, “Assiginack has the posts and banner holders in place. This would be an extra cost in Gore Bay for the banners because we don’t have the posts and holders.”

A letter from Ms. Wright to RCL 514 members reads, “Dear comrades, you may be familiar with the Remembrance banners you see when you drive through Espanola and Little Cur-

rent. Those banners display a picture of a veteran who fell in battles where Canadian Forces served, such as World War 1 and WWII, Korea and Afghanistan.

“This letter is being sent to all members of Western Manitoulin Branch 514, Gore Bay. We are in the preliminary stages of a banner project to gauge interest of the members and/or their families in purchasing a banner on behalf of a family member. The intent is that the veteran must be from Western Manitoulin. The extent of the veteran’s service could be any of the following: they made the ultimate sacrifice, they came home, or they could still be serving.

“We are estimating there

will be 16 banners on poles and the intent would be for them to be placed on Meredith Street in Gore Bay in 2024. Depending on the amount of interest, this may be on a first come, first serve basis. We estimate that the cost of each banner and equipment to mount it will be roughly \$300. Pending support of this project from the town and possible donors, we hope to bring that cost down to \$175-\$225

per banner.”

If you are interested in either purchasing a banner or making a donation to the branch in support of this project, or have questions, contact Ms. Wright at secretary.rcl514@gmail.com or by contacting the branch by calling 705-282-3336 and leaving a message for Ms. Wright.

...Descendants of Frank Wagg

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a small commemorative plaque at the gates of the cemetery. The occasion of a family wedding and a gathering being held at Pirate’s Cove provide the opportu-

nity for a work bee to tidy up those family grave sites and to have a commemorative photo of the event taken.

Among the family members were the matriarch of the family, the redoubtable Madeline (Maddy) (Wagg) Becks, who, at 102 could be seen traversing the entire breadth of the cemetery grounds inspecting the gravestones with her great, great grandchildren Graham and Emma (the youngest of the Wagg descendants on hand).

Many of the faces in the sizable group of family members gathered by Ms. Pettis at the cemetery would be familiar to many Island residents, including Diane and Patricia Meehan, who along with mother Gail were in the forefront of ensuring Wagg’s Wood park remained in the public domain and whose actions prompted the town council to make improvements to that public space.

“It’s a great day and it is nice to see Frank Wagg’s legacy includes having ...continued on page 10

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Manitoulin Sudbury District Services' Low Island seniors' complex is officially open

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—The official opening of the 12-unit seniors' housing complex built by Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) above Little Current's Low Island Park took place with members of the family of land donor Lily Fielding, dignitaries from the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, DSB, the federal and provincial governments.

The official opening ceremonies began with a land acknowledgement by DSB CAO Donna Stewart, recognizing the traditional territories of the Anishinabek of the Robinson-Huron Treaty territories.

Ms. Stewart then introduced Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré as a representative of

who was representing the provincial government and also the Fielding/Wallace family for making the largest private donation to the municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in its history.

"Housing is so important," said Mr. Serré. "When we look at the history of this area here, to acknowledge the contribution of Lily Fielding of the land in 2016." He noted that the municipality then went on to donate the land to DSB to make the new housing complex possible.

He went on to acknowledge the contributions the family have made to Greater Sudbury and Nickel Belt, referencing Kivi Park.

Mr. Serré said it was very important to have then-



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha, left, and Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré, share a moment with an emotional Gail Robinson after learning that Ms. Robinson would soon be moving into one of the units. Tenets will be moving into the units in stages in order to allow for less congestion in the parking lots.

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark present as a symbol of federal-provincial cooperation on the housing front.

The Nickel Belt MP said he was pleased to make an announcement, on behalf of federal Minister of Housing and Infrastructure John Fraser, a joint investment with the province of close to \$800,000 for affordable housing for seniors in Little Current.

Mr. Serré noted that the Island will be within the new boundaries of his riding under the new distribution. Mr. Serré then introduced then-Minister

Clark.

Then-Minister Clark noted that Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin has met with him many times, "but he always comes to Toronto," he said. "It is great I am on home turf today to share this wonderful announcement."

"This is the first new (DSB) housing construction in its 24 years," noted then-

photos by Michael Erskine

Minister Clark. "I want to acknowledge the generosity of the family. We need everybody working together." Then-Minister Clark then went on to cite the province's housing action plan, the fifth edition of which was formulated this year. That plan has as its goal 1.5 million new homes, a goal the then-minister acknowledged was ambi-

tious.

"I am also pleased to announce we are investing \$1.6 million to the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF) to help create three affordable units to support seniors in Little Current," he said. "To add to the collaboration of the federal and provincial levels."

Then-Minister Clark noted the SSRF was created during the pandemic and made it very flexible, so DSB could deal with COVID initiatives. "The decisions DSB made with those funds literally saved lives," said then-Minister Clark. The minister noted that the provincial increases to DSB have amounted to a rise of more than 200 percent, a funding increase of just more than \$2.5 million a year.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha looked to MP Serré and then-Minister Clark to say, "24 years guys? We got to do better." Mr. Mantha went on to note how smaller projects of 10 or 15 units have a huge impact on Northern communities and bring hope. Mr. Mantha congratulated Ms. Stewart and the DSB team, and lauded Mayor MacNevin. "The community would not do justice

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Members of the Wallace/Fielding family chat about how pleased their grandmother Lily Fielding would have been to see the use to which her donation of land by Low Island has been put.

the federal government. Mr. Serre continued the opening theme, referencing the recent agreement on the Robinson Huron Treaty annuities between the Robinson Huron Treaty chiefs and the federal and provincial governments laying out a short synopsis of the history. "It is important that we acknowledge the lands that we are sharing, the resources of the community and that we move forward," he said.

"This is a great day today," said Mr. Serré, who went on to thank then-Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark



Grandchildren of land donor Lily Fielding Cam and Jeff Wallace, left, are greeted by Nickel Belt MP Marc Serré as they arrive for the opening ceremonies at the new DSB seniors' complex in Little Current.



The units in the new seniors' housing complex feature plenty of storage space.

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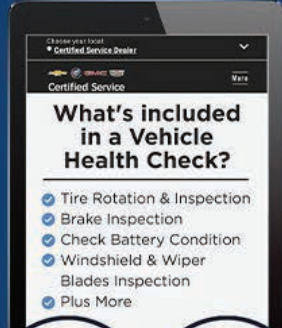
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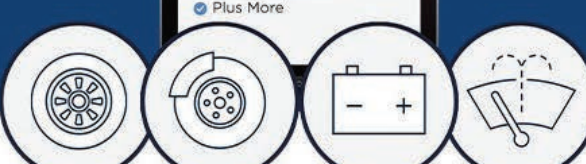
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...Manitowaning celebrates its 147th annual fall fair this weekend

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Along with the cake walk starting at 7:30 pm

Friday night other activities will include spike driving for adults, the baby contest voting, and many vendors will have their

wares on display at booths. Live entertainment will take place at 8 pm.

Saturday's many activities will get started early with a pancake breakfast taking place at the Knox United Church at 9 am. Everyone who is participating or has a float in the parade will gather for judging of the parade floats that will take place at 10:30 am. The parade will begin at 11 am.

The arena will open at 12 noon with the livestock show and 4H judging to take place. A classic car meet and greet will also take place at noon hour. Ms. Pennie said, "the meet and greet will take place after the parade but we are hoping that many of the classic car owners will take part in the parade as well."



Be sure to take in the Fall Fair parade Saturday at 11 am.

The canteen will also be open at noon.

The soap box derby for kids of all ages will also take place at noon hour, while children's activities will take place from noon to 3:30 pm.

There will be karaoke in the pavilion from noon to 2 pm.

The afternoon will also see the baby photo contest winners announced at 2 pm along with the horse pull beginning at 2 pm. The silent auction being held to bid on the many items on hand will end at 3 pm.

For the full schedule of events please see Page 17 of this newspaper.

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Notice of Meetings
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 Meeting ID # 489 313 1974 or call 1-587-328-1099.
 For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca

Did you know... The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has a great website? Check it out at www.townofnemi.on.ca - a great way to stay informed on planning applications, council meetings, tenders, employment opportunities, plus much more.

What's Happening at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah

Sheguiandah Fall Fair - September 16
 Get your entries ready - Entries must be dropped off prior to 4:30 pm on Friday, September 15. Come view the entries and see the winning items on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. Also available will be a BBQ lunch, Vendor sales, and Live Music!
 Category Booklets are available for pick up at the Museum
Museum Hours: Monday to Sunday 9 am to 4:30 pm
Visit us at 10862 Highway 6 in Sheguiandah!

Join us at the Recreation Centre for some of our upcoming sessions....

Fall Cooking Classes are back in the NEMI Rec Centre kitchen.
 September 19th 6:30 PM
 Learn some delicious harvest recipes with Tammy Albers.
 Cost is \$20 (includes all supplies)

Pam Roy will be in the kitchen ready to teach you some of her tricks on canning.
 September 27th 6:30 PM
 Cost is \$20 (includes all supplies)

Canadian Firearms Safety Course
 September 9/10th 9-5 pm
 at the NEMI Rec Centre
 Cost is \$170 for the course and \$20 for study manual.
 Please call Bob White at 705-368-6155.

2024 Municipal Budget
 Mayor MacNevin, Council and Staff have started the process of building the 2024 Municipal Budget and would like to hear what you have to say.
 Please submit any positive suggestions you may have or ideas for capital projects to improve the well-being of our residents way of life.
 Submit your ideas to swilkin@townofnemi.on.ca or drop them off at the Town Office

Tax Bills are Due September 29th
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Call Melanie Aelick at 705-368-3500 for more information and to sign up!

The NEMI Recreation Centre will soon be available for ICE TIME Rentals!
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Last year, Sheguiandah boosters Christine Jones and Linda Bowerman were caught in the act of decorating the community. The community was recognized in the mid-size community category.

...get decorating for Harvest Glory Days

...continued from page 3 are rewarded with a large highway sign celebrating their community spirit. Each year a community wins those bragging rights, an addition announcing that win can be added to the sign.

In the small community category, Silver Water has been hard to beat as virtually every residence in town decorates and the sign there is nearly full of annual acknowledgments, but in 2022 Aundeck Omni Kaning pulled ahead by

raising the bar yet again for their first win in that category. Who knows what upset could be in store in this year's Harvest Glory Days.

Now what The Expositor needs from you to maintain or capture the honour is the address of your decorated property and we need this by 4 pm on Friday, September 29. Judging takes place the weekend (one week) before Thanksgiving Weekend.

We want to encourage Island people and visitors

alike to enjoy a drive around our Island and take in the decorating efforts.

This also helps the Harvest Glory Days judges to make their choices about best decorated communities in the Harvest Glory Days theme. The Expositor Office looks forward to awarding a sign to a new deserving community and to adding 'leaves' to ones that have maintained their winning ways.

Please register your home or business online at manitoulin.com/hgd or call Debbie at 705-368-2744. Our fax machine still works too, 705-368-3822. You can also email services@manitoulin.com. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Debbie through one of those avenues.

As usual, we will have an online gallery of many decorated homes/businesses/institutions, groups by community.

...Descendants of Frank Wagg

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established the Mindemoya Cemetery and now there is a plaque to let people know the history," said Ms. Pettis.

The commemorative plaque resides at the entrance to the cemetery, just below another plaque denoting that the entrance arch to the cemetery was donated in memory of Corporal D.M. Wagg, killed in Holland during the Second World War, erected by his mother and father. That plaque is inscribed "Faithful Unto Death."

Lest we forget.

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 Upcoming Constituency Clinics

AVIS DE RENCONTRES!
 Rencontres communautaires à venir

Tuesday, September 12th / Mardi le 12 septembre

Little Current - Recreation complex / Complexe de loisirs	11:00am-12:00pm / 11h00-12h00
Gore Bay - Municipal Office / Édifice municipal	1:30-2:30pm / 13h30-14h30
Shesheganwaning FN - Band Office / Bureau de la bande	3:00-4:00pm / 15h00-16h00

Wednesday, September 13th / Mercredi le 13 septembre

Sheguiandah FN - Band Office / Bureau de la bande	9:30-10:30am / 9h30-10h30
Aundeck Omni Kaning FN - Band Office / Bureau de la bande	11:00am-12:00pm / 11h00-12h00

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...Morgan Hare new M'Chigeeng chief

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council included Ross Armstrong who received the most votes 278, Andrew Edward Bisson 260, Charles Beaudin 230, Earl Debassige 209, Ray Corbiere 208, James (Jimmy) Panamick 208, Robert Beaudin 193, Josh Patrick (Kevin) Eshkawkogan 181, Jeannie (Jean) Eliza Debassige 179, Kim Searle-Aelick 168. Other candidates in the election for council and the votes they received include: Dane Bebamash 116, Diane Louise Bebonang 149, Chelsea Cameron 89, Dennis Corbiere 166, Ellen Samantha (Smitty) Corbiere 82, Leslie Debassige 80, Mark Jordan Debassige 66, Marko M. Debassige 50, Martin (Relic) Debassige 149, Melissa Debassige Kasunich 164, Neda Debassige Toeg 115, (Eric) Waboose Hare 162, Susan Hare 77, Thomas Hare 107, Ethan (Henry) Migwans 58, G'Mewin Migwans 158, (Lynn) Madeline Migwans 97, Patricia Migwans 58, Andrea Panamick 148, Henry Panamick Sr. 112, Stephanie Paul 56, Mike (Mee-Shenn) Peltier 52, Tiffany Marie Recollet 67, Brenda Roy 95, Forrest Schut 147.

"I'm excited that the community elected me for three years," said Chief Hare. "The council I have moving ahead with me is great, and we are looking forward to the challenges. And there are many issues that we will be dealing with including the Robinson-Huron Treaty, looking at and putting in place short and long-term goals.

There will be lots to do including looking at the entire organization and coming up with priorities."

"Yes, definitely community input is important in all of this," continued Chief Hare. "Chief and council have been put in this important position by the community members who are asking us to work for them."

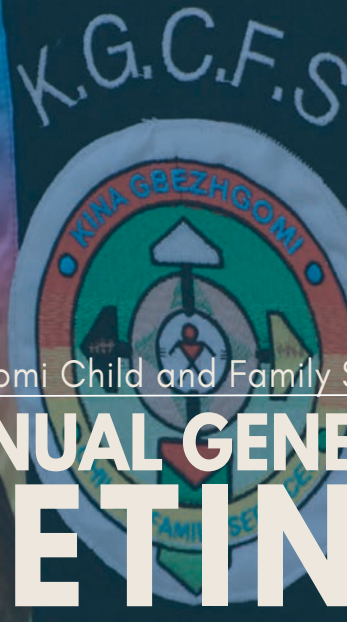
"When issues come up, I think it is important to regularly communicate with and engage with the community," said Chief Hare. "Maybe to meet with the community members every three to six months to indicate this is the progress we are making, not only for transparency but for feedback as well. And holding a community feast once in a while would be nice and it would allow us as council and the community to get to know each other better."

Chief Hare has up to now worked as a consultant in St. John's, Newfoundland. "When I was there, I was working on a contract basis. All of this will now be put on the backburner. I will now be able to come home and be at home to take part in this challenging and exciting opportunity. I have been living off-reserve for a long-time and I'm looking to be able to live at home again," he said, noting he and his wife, Beth Williamson, live in M'Chigeeng where he also has three siblings who live in the community.



Turn Here

The popular and colourful sign that had directed passers-by to downtown Little Current's front street for well over a decade had been completely demolished by an out-of-control vehicle in early December 2022. On Monday, August 28, its replacement was carefully swung into place (on new supporting posts as the old ones had also been smashed in the crash) by JJ Pole Line Construction with help from the Laird Signs crew. The sign's replacement costs were covered by the vehicle owner's liability insurance.



Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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AGM beginning at 10:30AM
Lunch served following meeting
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CALL OUT TO ARTISTS!



Call out to installation artists, performers, musicians, crafters, and creators of all kinds for Debajehmujig's 14th annual 6 Foot Festival (Land, Art, Food) happening October 13-15, 2023. This year's theme is


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Debajehmujig is looking for 6 Artists to explore, document and present at this year's 6 Foot Festival. What 6x6x6 foot piece of land can be explored and documented when you think of E'NAANDEGIN?

Submit your idea, artist biography and some examples of artistic creations you have done in your past work. This is a great opportunity to get your creative juices flowing! Artists will be compensated for their work. Please submit your application to amanitowabi@debaj.ca

If you have any questions call Ashley Manitowabi
705-859-1820
Submissions due September 22, 2023



...Manitoulin Sudbury District Services' Low Island seniors' complex is officially open

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without you being here," he said. "You have proven year after year the leadership you brought to this community."

Mr. Mantha went on to say he hoped "to see Marc and Steve in this area a lot more often" as he referenced future announcements.

Mayor MacNevin thanked members of previous terms of DSB boards and again this term for making "that effort to acknowledge the need for seniors' housing, housing of all kinds," he said. "They are motivated to get things done. It takes a lot of cooperation, a lot of collaboration."

"I want to acknowledge again the Lily Fielding Foundation," he said. "It was an opportunity for us to start looking to create some kind of housing for seniors in the community. Jeff Wallace reached out to our CAO Dave Williamson and myself and gave us the opportunity to meet with Lily Fielding at her home down on Long Lake. She was a very gracious woman and she was very happy to know this was going toward a cause that would help seniors in Little Cur-



Members of the Manitoulin Sudbury District Services team who worked on making the project a success join Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, centre, Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Marc Serré to his left, and (the now-former Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister) Steve Clark, right, for a celebratory photo following the opening ceremonies.

photos by Michael Erskine



Two of the fully accessible units are equipped with larger doorways and accessible washroom and bathing facilities.

rent in particular."

DSB Chair Bruce Killah then took the podium to note that he has been on the DSB board for 19 years and projects like these have been discussed every year. Mr. Killah thanked the Fielding family for making the

project possible. "Thank you, thank you, thank you," he said, going on to thank the DSB staff for their hard work on the project.

In an emotional moment, Northeast Town resident and senior Gail Robinson noted that she is one of the seniors who are moving into the new complex and thanked all those responsible for helping to make that happen. "I just want to say, thank you so much," she said.

The cost of the project was a little over \$6 million, confirmed Ms. Stewart. The com-

plex consists of 10 single bedroom units and two fully accessible, two-bedroom units. While there are only two units designated as fully accessible (with doorways large enough to accommodate wheelchairs), the other units are designed on a very open floor plan. "You can get a walker through the doorways easily," she noted. The units will be a combination of market rent and supportive housing.

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes learned about the event too late to attend but remarked when contacted

by The Expositor while attending a Labour Day event in Kapuskasing that she was very pleased that the project had come to fruition.

"We certainly need many more investments like this on Manitoulin Island," she said. "Housing is an important issue, even here on Manitoulin Island."

A walk-through video created by DSB can be found on The Expositor website at www.manitoulin.com.

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Rolling Stones ‘table lamp’ concert packs Debaj theatre

by Expositor staff
 MANITOWANING—The growled, base lyrics, ‘Superman, he never had any money, saving the world from Solomon Grundy’ were brand new to the grandson who accompanied this writer to the unique ‘Table Lamps’ cabaret concert last Thursday, an Elijah and the Backburners tribute to The Rolling Stones.

‘Superman’s Song’ was the last in Christian Lauder’s three-song set that opened for Elijah Manitowabi and his popular band at the concert hosted by Debajehmujig Storytellers in their versatile black box theatre.

While this writer’s young fellow traveller, who begins his university studies in a week’s time, had not heard of the Crash Test Dummies and their hit ‘Superman’s Song’, he was familiar with many Rolling Stones classics and also with several of the Chuck Berry songs from the 1950s with which Elijah and his band peppered The Stones evening concert.

But what of the name, ‘Table Lamp Concert’? Well, each of the round tables sported its own low-watt table lamp. But the stage was lit, well lit, by a large and eclectic assortment of both table lamps and floor lamps, to the extent that bassist Steve Jancas quipped at one point during the first half



Christianna Jones and Peter Baumgarten were up front and showing how it’s done at The Rolling Stones concert put on by Elijah and the Backburners and were dressed for the event.



Concert-goers at the Elijah and the Backburners Rolling Stones tribute concert were encouraged to come in 70s garb and at the interval, there was even a contest. By audience appreciation, Audrey Ozawabineshi (second from left) received the most applause and hoots and hollers, closely followed by the duo of Peter Baumgarten and Christianna Jones, right. Emcee David Recollet-Majaki (with mic) is in the foreground.

tribute concert. A dream come true!

Elijah Manitowabi opened the show with a dedication of the evening to the late Charlie Watts who passed away in 2021. Charlie Watts was The Rolling Stones’ drummer until his death.

Elijah explained that it was the band’s intent to go through The Stones musical career, decade by decade and began with ‘Wild Horses.’

He observed that the Rolling Stones, before they became (with The Beatles) a major force in ‘The British Invasion’ of rock and roll music, had been a cover band performing work by American rhythm and blues artists like Buddy Holly, and Chuck Berry.

Elijah went on to explain that Chuck Berry had been a major influence on The Stones as they developed their own sound, especially Stones original band member Keith Richards, and to honour that connection, the band played ‘Around and Around’ and then ‘Johnny Be Good’ with Chuck Berry enthusiasm.

The evening was a great success with Elijah and the Backburners offering a Rolling Stones experience to a full house of enthusiastic fans who enjoyed a good musical night out, wonderful appetizers and desserts and who also had the benefit of a musical history lesson as Elijah

provided a great deal of context to the music the band had chosen to play.

Of his own personal musical journey, Elijah explained that ‘The Last Time’ was the first Rolling Stones song he’d played, “when I was about 16” and then reprised his teenage debut, complete with The Stones driving beat.

Other classics included ‘It’s All Over Now’ (which the audience learned had been recorded in North America in 1965), ‘The Girl With Faraway Eyes,’ ‘You Can’t Always Get What You Want’ and a 2 1/2-hour concert’s worth of classics.

It was a solid musical education for a young man headed off to university.

Concert-goers had been encouraged to arrive in their best 1970s garb and during the break, emcee David Recollet-Majaki called everyone who had taken the time to rummage through their closets to come up on stage. There were a dozen fringed and head-banded brave souls and it became a contest with the audience choosing their favourites by applause.

In the end, Audrey Ozawabineshi (of Wiikwemkoong) won loot donated by Buzwah Variety with Christianna Jones and Peter Baumgarten (of Manitowaning) the runners-up.

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Wiikwemkoong project raising artisanal chickens for local food

by Michael Erskine
 WIIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Resources is taking on the challenge of food security with a wide range of programs and projects, one of the latest being the production of artisanal chickens. The organization is taking part in the Artisanal Chicken Program, administered by the Chicken Farmers of Ontario.

“The Agricultural Resources program has been approved for an artisanal chicken licence and can now raise up to 2,000 birds,” confirmed Annette Peltier-Flamand. “We started out this year with 675 birds and are working our way up to a higher volume. All of the birds we raise will benefit the Wiikwemkoong Food Bank.”

The Artisanal Chicken Program provides opportunities for small, independent, locally based farmers to meet local demands for safe high-quality chicken. Under provisions of the program, farms can grow between 600 and 3,000 chickens each year.

The program started out small, with only 225 birds, rustic ranger breed, with the aim of managed growth. “The first year we started with 225 birds, this year it was 675 and next year we will go bigger,” confirmed Ms. Peltier-Flamand. “We learned a lot of things along the way and we are kind of glad we started out small.”



Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Resources utilizes a movable chicken coop, allowing the chickens to forage on new pasture daily.



Wiikwemkoong-grown chickens destined for the food bank sport a custom logo.

Once the birds are raised, they are shipped in crates by truck to Birch

Lake Abattoir in Massey. That was a lesson in itself. Apparently, it is easy for the birds to suffocate when they pile up together, or when they are in transit. “We started with 225, we shipped 211, three were rejected at the plant, so we wound up with 208,” said Ms. Peltier-Flamand.

“Ken Lewis built a custom brooder for the project,” she said. “It has a big light and gets covered at night.”

The project also started out with a pair of chicken tractors, large movable cages that allow the birds to be moved to new pastures

without danger of them escaping into the wild or attacked by predators while they forage for bugs and seeds on the ground. “Now we have four,” said Ms. Peltier-Flamand. “We can spread them out more now.”

The project only raises chickens in the warmer months, taking the baby chicks to adult size in 12 weeks. “In November we stop accepting chicks.”

The project even has its own label, proudly proclaiming “Shki-baakaakwenh Weeyaas” or “Hand raised and pastured antibiotic free chicken,” and “a



The chickens in the Artisanal Chicken Program are grown from chicks of the rustic ranger breed.

product of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.”

The project is now supplying an important meat option for the Wiikwemkoong Food Bank, but the chickens are by no means the only food security avenue that Wiikwemkoong Agricultural Resources is undertaking. From vast community gardens to a herd of cattle, the aim is set square on providing secure food resources to the community.

The fragility of the food supply chain that was brought home during the pandemic is only adding impetus to the band’s focus on securing those resources in the future.

Fundraising efforts are underway to secure the monies needed to put in place the infrastructure needed to comply with the Artisanal Chicken Program requirements. Ms. Peltier-Flamand estimates that the program will require between \$150,000

and \$200,000 to have everything in place. “Once we have the infrastructure in place, it’s not going to cost much at all, as all we will basically be doing is paying for the chicks, the feed and the abattoir expenses.”

In addition to supplying safe and secure food sources for the community, the program also provides employment opportunities in the community, noted Ms. Peltier-Flamand. The program also trains and educates community members and summer students in the care and raising of chickens.

Ms. Peltier-Flamand expressed gratitude to the volunteers and students and praised their commitment and dedication to care for the birds. “The students are learning about responsibility and for many, this is their first experience with agriculture.”

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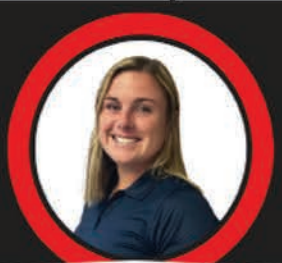


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Manitoulin Secondary School welcomes two new vice-principals

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—The Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) is welcoming two new vice-principals to Manitoulin Secondary School this fall.

Steve Doane and Rachel Goodfellow are joining the MSS administration this year, both having extensive teaching experience, and both have had their own children graduate through the MSS system.

"I am excited about being one of the vice-principals at MSS," state Steve Doane. "After so many years as a teacher I was after a new challenge. I have loved

teaching on Manitoulin and at MSS in the past, but I never want to see a red pen again," he quipped.

Mr. Doane started his teaching career in Yellowknife for seven years beginning in the early 1990s. "I came to the Rainbow District School Board in 1999 for a couple of semesters teaching in elementary school in Espanola. My first part time work came at MSS when Carolyn Lane-Rock (MSS principal at the time) hired me in 2002."

"Over my years at MSS I have taught history, geography, special education and

manners," Mr. Doane grinned.

"I'm excited about this position and was looking forward to something a little more challenging," said Ms. Goodfellow. "After attending teachers' college, I had planned on becoming a high school teacher."

"I will take on the role of acting vice-president of Indigenous Education," said Ms. Goodfellow, who lives in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.

"I started my career in September 2006, in Sault Ste. Marie as an elementary school supply teacher with Algoma District School

Board for four months," explained Ms. Goodfellow. "Then in January 2007 I took a Grade 8 teachers job at Lakeview Elementary School in M'Chigeeng First Nation for one year."

Ms. Goodfellow was a supply teacher from January 2008 until 2015 as an occasionally teacher at RDSB.

"In 2014 I started at Assinack Public School as an Ojibway language teacher until 2017," said Ms. Goodfellow "I taught from September 2017 in Grades 2 and 3 until this past June at Little Current Public School as an Ojibway Through the

Arts teacher."

Ms. Goodfellow, who has been an avid volunteer for the Little Current Minor Hockey Association (LCMHA) for many years said in her role at MSS, "I will be looking to support Indigenous students, and help to improve graduation rates of Indigenous students at the school and that the students graduate on time."

Both Mr. Doane and Ms. Goodfellow have had their own children go through and graduate at MSS.

"My three children have all gone to and graduated from MSS," said Mr. Doane. Mark went on to get a business degree and is now part owner of a water installation company in Ottawa. Tess is a lawyer and practicing in Ottawa

and Greg received his business diploma at Canadore College and is now apprenticing as an electrician on Manitoulin.

Ms. Goodfellow explained, "I have a daughter who is in Grade 10 and two older children that also attended MSS. My other son is in Grade 8 this year. I told him one day that I would be following him to high school. When I got this job he said, 'I guess you weren't kidding.'"

"I'm looking forward to the position of vice-principal although there is going to be a challenge technology wise for me," said Mr. Doane. "I was getting ready to retire in two years and now I'm learning a whole new system. But it should be fun."

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Guide contains important info about Rainbow Board schools

SUDBURY—Families in Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island can access the 2023-2024 Guide for Students and Parents/Guardians online at rainbowschools.ca. A school year calendar will also be distributed to all students to bring home as a handy reference.

RDSB chair Bob Clement extended a warm welcome to new and returning students and staff in all RDSB schools at a meeting last week. "On behalf of trustees, we are excited to begin a new school year as we continue to focus on our priorities. In rainbow schools, we instill in students the skills they need to lead independent and productive lives and become responsible and respectful citizens who care about each other and the world in which they live."

Chair Clement encouraged parents/guardians to take an active interest in their child's education. "Ensuring your child attends school regularly is a good place to start. When parents/guardians value education, students value education. When the home, the school and the community work together, we maximize learning opportunities for students and help them achieve their full potential."

RDSB director of education Bruce Bourget invited students to make the most of every opportunity in arts, athletics and academics. "When students are fully engaged in school life, supported by a strong circle of caring adults, and given opportunities to be active and interact with their peers, they gain a sense of belonging which has a positive impact on mental health and well-being, student success and achievement."

As a child's first teacher, Director Bourget says parents/guardians can support the success of their student or students and the work of the school by focusing on reading, writing and math at home. Reading at home each evening has a positive impact on student achievement. "Strong skills in literacy and numeracy are fundamental to learning in all subject areas. With practice comes improvement. This creates excitement for learning, inspires students to challenge themselves, and builds confidence and resilience as students progress in their studies. It also engages parents/guardians as partners in the learning process."

The guide contains information about services, programs and policies, including the code of conduct, as well as opportunities for parents/guardians to get involved in their child's school. It also features key dates, such as school holidays, provincial assessments, professional activity days, secondary school examination days and system-wide events.

Grade 9 Barbecue a proud MSS tradition

by **Alexandra Wilson-Zegil**
M'CHIGEENG—On

Wednesday, August 30 incoming Grade 9 students from across Manitoulin Island came to Manitoulin Secondary School a week before their regular classes started. The reason? To attend the annual Grade 9 BBQ. The purpose of the BBQ is to acclimate new students to high school life. It features a variety of activities to help the Grade 9s get to know each other and their new school.

At eleven o'clock students and parents were settled into the gym bleachers to watch a short introductory presentation directed by Mr. Theijsmeijer. The principal, Mr. Wiwchar, delivered a land acknowledgment and a short welcoming speech. Behind them stood volunteering upperclassmen, Alexis McVey, Tessa Merrylees, Cameron Meawasige, myself, Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, Taylor Goodfellow, Aspen Debassige, Morgan Green, Mackenzie Green, Anika Smith and Zayne Raynes. Two of these students played a "guess who" game that had grade nines naming members of staff based on brief descriptions of them.

Staff then walked students through what their first day in high school would look like. This included opening their lockers, going to class, and navigating the cafeteria. Icebreakers took place shortly after and provided an opportunity for students to make friends with their soon-to-be classmates. One icebreaker had students lining up and saying their names and the names of everyone ahead of them, and in an impressive display of memorization some students came close to getting all the names correct.

At lunch there were free hotdogs and hamburgers served for both students

and their families. These were cooked by staff and student volunteers. Meanwhile timetables were being handed out and tours were being offered to show incoming students around the school. This was also an opportunity for students to mingle and ask the older student volunteers questions about what high school is like.

After lunch, there was a short meeting discussing how the Guidance Department works including how to book guidance appointments, what guidance can do to help you, and what options students have. An important conversation about Manitoulin Secondary School's mental health resources was also broadcast to those in attendance.

A mock school day took place where students had to find their classes and have brief discussions with the student volunteers inside the classrooms about various important topics. These "classes" were five minutes long—also known as every kid's dream. In them Grade 9s learnt about growth mindsets, emailing, how to be successful in classes and how to ask for homework help.

After reconvening in the gym there was an MSS trivia game played on Kahoot. Students had the opportunity to win MSS swag if they got the most answers correct. Questions included things like when the school was founded (1969), or who to ask to join the robotics team (Ms. Bauer). After trivia, the volunteering students each gave advice to the incoming grade about how to make the most out of their high school career. Things like exploring interests, getting involved in student government, and shaping your own school experience were mentioned.

Making the jump from elementary school to high school is a scary but neces-

sary one. It teaches you important lessons and skills that students may use throughout their life. For students, this is a time in their lives that they can come out of their comfort zones, even if it seems scary. There are many new friends to make and new adventures to be had.

The Grade Nine BBQ eases this transition between schools and prepares students with the knowledge to make the most out of their first year. This valued tradition at MSS will hopefully be carried on for years to come, helping many future students find their way both in this tumultuous time...and to their classes.

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Rainbow District School Board welcomes 13,996 students Sept. 6

SUDBURY—According to official predicted enrollment for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) will welcome 13,996 students in schools as classes resume today, September 6.

Bruce Bourget, director of education for the RDSB told trustees at a meeting last week that in the elementary panel, enrollment will total 9,133 students including 6,484 in the English program and 2,649 in French Immersion.

In the secondary panel, enrollment is expected to reach 4,863 students including 4,134 in the English program and 729 in French Immersion.

This fall, 1,541 children are to be enrolled in Kindergarten in Rainbow schools, a full-day program for four and five-year-olds.

A total of 1,093 students have registered for Grade 9 classes in area Rainbow schools.

Official enrollment data will be available at the end of October.

"Enrollment is based on full-time equivalent," said Mr. Bourget. We received more applications for enrollment in our schools, so we expect to see even more enrollment when we update the board of the numbers at the end of October."

"The focus of the board in our schools for the start of the school year will be providing welcoming environments and a sense of belonging for all our students," said Mr. Bourget. "This will be a priority all year."

Mr. Bourget noted some of the new programs in place in RDSB schools this year include the Dare to Care program which provides social and emotional learning for students and a Transition to Work program.

"Also new this year schools will be invited to take part in school fall fair and harvest celebrations on October 13," continued Mr. Bourget.

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Annual Pennies from Heaven event benefits Community Living groups

by Tom Sasvari
MINDEMOYA—When you get members of Brothers of the Blade (BOTB) and the Brothers of the Wheel (BOTW) motorcycle clubs together with Community Living (CL) clients at the Timberlane Rustic Lodge for the annual Pennies from Heaven event, it is the smiles, hugs and best wishes among friends that haven't seen each other in a year that really tugs on the heartstrings.

"We look forward to this every year," stated Gary Meads, one of the main organizers of the event this year along with Chris Crash.

"There is nothing more gratifying than this," said Mr. Crash.

This year close to 60 motorcyclists from the two clubs travelled from southern Ontario, and from West Virginia, Ohio and Tennessee to take part. "There are a bunch of guys this year that have never been here before," said Mr. Crash. "They were in awe of the property here last night but wait until all the Community Living clients get here. It will blow them away how great this event is."

The CL clients of Manitoulin, Espanola and for the first time Wiikwemkoong enjoyed several great hours together, playing games, enjoying a fabulous lunch and officially, donating the funds the bikers have raised since last years Penny Run.

Among the games the bikers host for the CL clients include the egg race, potato hunt and weenie bite. However, the event where the smiles come out in full takes place when the bikers take CL clients on a short ride on their motorcycles.

"You will never find a kinder group of guys," said Katherine Tipper.

"This event brings a tear to my eye every year," one of the CL staff workers said. "My heart just swells at this event every year. It makes you think everything is good in the world for a couple of hours."

Adrienne Farquhar, executive director of CLM told The Expositor, "Oh my gosh. I think this is one of the best days of the year. We started talking about this year's event in June and everyone can't wait to see each other. And then after the event everyone can't wait for next year's event. And it is awesome that both the Wiikwemkoong and Espanola groups are included."

At the awards ceremony Mr. Meades said, "We would like to thank everyone for coming here today. The pandemic had put a damper on stuff, but this event is really getting going again. We want to thank all our brothers and sisters from down south for being here today, and for Bill (Wall) and Mark (Varey) for letting us come back to this venue every year."

Mr. Meades presented awards to the CL winners in each of the games, including Mary Claire who won the potato hunt game, Amy who won in the weenie bite game and



The potato hunt is one of the many games that Community Living clients have the chance to take part in at the Pennies From Heaven event.

Cassie who won the egg race game.

Cassie stated, "Thank you to everyone for coming out today and we really enjoyed having the bikers here and the bike rides."

"This was an amazing day," stated Mr. Crash. "We appreciate everyone who showed up."

Every year the motorcyclists request a wish list from each CL that they raise funds for during the year to make happen. Funds raised will be evenly distributed among the three CL organizations.

Ms. Farquhar told everyone in attendance, "I want to say an incredibly big thank you to the motorcyclists here today, and everyone who had a part in putting on this event today. This event is like Christmas, or a wedding where everyone looks forward to it all year. I would also like to thank all the guys and guys who help put this on, all the CL staff who are here today."

"Every year the bikers give each CL a donation," said Ms. Farquhar. "The donation we received will be going toward a new hard top gazebo for one of the clients' homes. Again, I would like to say a great big thank you to all of you—none of this would be possible without all of you being here every year."

Ms. Farquhar told The Expositor, "Unfortunately one of the Espanola CL group's vehicles broke down in the gas station in Espanola this morning. But I was told Chris (Crash) and about 20 of the other (motorcycles) will be going to visit them on Sunday on their way back home. Amazing."

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...FedNor loan assists Sharpe Farm Supplies build Island store

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 nity to fill a gap in the servers available to farmers on the island compared to the type of service we provide in the south," said Paul Sharpe. "And the people on the Island are awesome."

Mr. Sharpe explained there are three parts of the project, which will all take place on property the business owns on Hartley Road just outside of Spring Bay. "There are three components to the project. A feed store is under construction, with all the framing up. The building is expected to be complete in January."

"We will be providing feed and suppliers for recreational and commercial or hobbyist farmers for cattle,

chickens, birds, horses, dogs and more," Mr. Sharpe told the Expositor. "We already have similar businesses in Espanola and Sudbury, and the Island location will be our third in the North." Sharpe Farm Supplies, which is based in Guelph, has 14 locations across Ontario.

"The second component of the project is on the crop side to help farmers grow their crops, providing seed and fertilizer in bulk and bags as well as liquid fertilizer from our agronomy centre," said Mr. Sharpe. "This is in addition to our ability to custom apply the products we sell," said Mr. Sharpe. "We will be the second location on Manitoulin,

with the Agromart in Gordon being the first. This will be going up in September."

"The third and last part of the project is for a grain elevator to be in place on the same property," said Mr. Sharpe. "This will be the first commercial grain elevator on Manitoulin. We own two in southern Ontario, and it will feature a 90-foot grain truck scale for weighing trucks and trailers. This will be part of phase two of the project in 2024, with another cluster of bins added on to the five grain bins that have built in 2023. We have 1,400 tons of grain capacity built this year, with more planned in 2024."

"We have already had farmers deliver wheat, canola and soy to us, and have commitments to receive oats, barley, canola and soybeans yet this fall," continued Mr. Sharpe. "All of this will allow local farmers to expand their crop farm if they are looking to do so."

Mr. Sharpe said, "we will be farming a few acres of our own as well."

Mr. Sharpe "the whole idea of this project is to support the local farming community, and with this project all the work that has been done like excavation work and septic have all

been carried out by local tradespeople. We want to be part of the community and contribute locally."

Completion of all three components of the project will be complete by this time next year, added Mr. Sharpe.

The FedNor loan being provided to Sharpe Farm Supplies of \$600,000 was announced last week by The Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of indigenous service and minister responsible for FedNor. She announced FedNor investments totalling \$6,018,795 in support of 13 different initiatives across Northern

Ontario. Minister Hajdu was joined in the announcement in Sudbury August 30 by members of parliament Viviane Lapointe, Marcus Powlowski, Marc G. Serré and Terry Sheehan.

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



Sharpe Farm Supplies, which is opening operations in Spring Bay, has received a repayable funding investment of \$600,000 toward a three-part construction project which will include the first commercial grain handling facility on Manitoulin Island.

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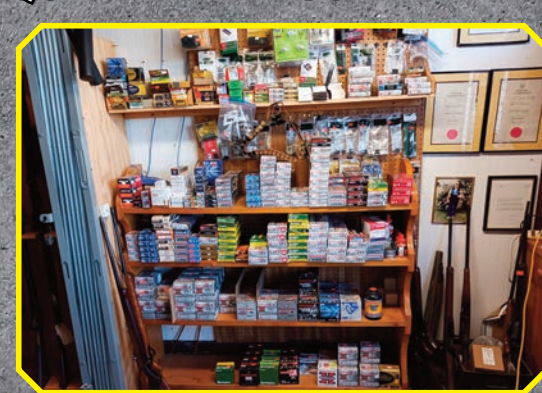




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M'Chigeeng celebrates Niimi'idwin: Dancing Together at 34th annual jiingtamok

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The dulcet tones of masters of ceremony Stephanie Pangowish and Paul Owl were overlain with the drumbeats that are the heart of the nation, provided by host drums Crazy Spirit and Young Biisneh, as a procession of dancers entered the dance arena as M'Chigeeng First Nation proudly celebrated 'Niimi'idwin: Dancing Together' as the theme of the 34th annual jiingtamok. Everyone was kept strictly in line by arena director Robert Stonepoint.

The weekend provided glorious weather, as head veterans Howard Debassige and Austin Debassige led the eagle staffs into the arena during the grand entries followed by head elders Jean Debassige and Gene Debassige, head dancers Sophie and Matthew Pheasant, junior dancers Lourdes Taukei and Pierre Debassige. A significant cadre of Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps members also took part.

Nestled amongst the dance specials, ribbon shirt and skirt contests and spot dances was a competition for the 'Best Rez Car.'

M'Chigeeng band manager Art Jacko stood in for the chief as former Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige's term had expired the night before. He welcomed the many attendees to the community and encouraged folks to enjoy the day.



The intertribal dances at the M'Chigeeng powwow proved very popular.



Siblings Matthew and Sophie Pheasant, right, share a joke while performing their official duties as head dancers.



Members of the Manitoulin Sea Cadet Corps had a strong presence at the M'Chigeeng Powwow.



Stitch Manitowabi 'takes aim' at the photographer in a playful bit of fun.



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services

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

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

wanted

Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

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yard sale

Little Current United Church yard sale, September 14 and 15 from 9 am to 4 pm; and September 16 from 9 am to 12 noon. All money earned goes to the Little Current United Church Mission and Service Fund. Lots of household items, Christmas décor and some bigger items. Prices are always negotiable. Everything must go! 15-16p

spirituality

The two trees in paradise 1) the tree of life and 2) the tree of knowledge of good and evil, see GEN.3, represent two ways of life 1) obedience which leads to life and blessings, and 2) knowledge of good and evil without obedience which leads to curses and death. DEUT. 30:19 says: "I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses, therefore, choose life (by choosing to obey God's instructions and commandments) that both you and your children may live." IS. 1:19 says: "if you are willing and obedient you will eat the good of the land (receive blessings)." ROM. 6:16 says "know you not, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, His servants you are to whom you obey either (by yielding) to sin (which leads) to death or by yielding in obedience (to God) unto righteousness (life)." Jesus says in the great commission in MAT. 28:20: "teach them to obey all that I have commanded you."

Paul begins and ends his letter to the Romans with saying: "I have received apostleship to bring about obedience to the faith," ROM.1:5, 16:26. In Gal. 3:1, 5:7 Paul says: "O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth?" The basic principle that is found all through the Bible is that obedience brings blessings, life. DEUT. 28:11-15 and disobedience to God's commandments brings curses and death, DEUT. 28:15-68. There are literally millions of Christians who know what the Bible says but don't obey God's instructions and commandments (for example they don't sanctify the sabbath from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset or they are not baptised by immersion in the name of Jesus after coming to faith and repentance). These Christians who don't obey are eating of the tree of knowledge and it leads to their death (spiritual now and eternal later).

All disobedience to God is sin and unbelief. And the results of sin and unbelief always include mental confusion, DEUT. 28:28 blinding of the mind, 2 COR. 4:4. Bondage (to Satan) and many other curses, DEUT. 28:15-68. Wildfires, floods, tornados, earthquakes and other natural disasters are all curses for disobedience. Our nation, by throwing the Bible and prayer out of the public school and by accepting sexual perversions as normal have rejected God, who is in control of the weather. These natural disasters have nothing to do with climate change, but everything with rejecting God (Yaweh) and His word, and the only thing that can avert (avoid) more natural disasters is repentance, turning to God in obedience to His word. "LEV. 26:3+4, DEUT. 11:13+14. Please don't wait, soon it will be too late to repent.

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coming events

Howland Seniors' Group invites you to come celebrate being a grandpa and grandma September 10 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Seniors' Hall in Sheguiandah. \$15 each. Luncheon menu: ham and pea or hamburger soup; sandwiches: egg salad, salmon, tuna, ham; pickles; dessert; tea or coffee. 15-16p

Pancake Breakfast at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Saturday, September 9 from 9 am to 11 am. This is in conjunction with Manitowaning Fall Fair. Adults \$10; ages 6 to 12 \$5; 5 and under free. 15-16p

Fashion Show and Tea, Saturday, September 9 from 2 to 4 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall. Wild Rose Fashions, with Diane Paquette. Tickets can be purchased at the show. Hosted by the Silver Water United Church Women. 16p

legion events

Little Current Legion Branch 177 wing night is back! Thursdays from 5 to 10 pm. To pre-order please call 705-368-2661, if ordering before bar opening leave a message with your name, phone number and your order. Delivery available within town limits from 5 to 7:30 pm. Wings and mozza sticks: six for \$9, 12 for \$18. Cheese balls: 12 for \$9 or 24 for \$18. tfn

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

Death Notices

MERILDA (MILLIE) BREATHAT nee Rheault February 17, 1937- August 30, 2023



It is with heartfelt sorrow that we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother and friend. Merilda Breathat passed peacefully at her home on August 30, 2023 in her 88th year. She was the wife and best friend of Doug (predeceased) for over 65 years. Together they raised their family in Levack, before retiring to Manitoulin Island as well as Florida during the winter months. Mum is lovingly remembered by her children, Barbara Breathat, Marilyn Guiney (Kevin), Karen Carrick (Greg) and Chuck Breathat (Buffy). Grandma will always be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Gord (Anita), Michelle (Dan), Shirley Anne (Jason predeceased, Remi), Michael (Joy), Vicki (Ryan), Tara, Krista (Eric), Jody (Jason), Jason (Melissa), Thomas and Charlie (predeceased). Her great-grandchildren always held a special place in grandma's heart as well; Lucas, Jacob, Jenna, Dylan, T.J., Cody, Sundra, Ashlyn, Chase, Leah, Rylan and Lily. Grandma was also excited to be welcoming her first great-great-granddaughter later this month. Mum is also remembered by her surviving family members, sister Theresa Gingras, sisters-in-law Marlene Laidley and Sheila Fogal, sister Dianne Prentice and brother Ray (Jeannette St. Jean). Mum is also loved and remembered by many nieces and nephews, as well as her special friend Ann Cranston. Mum was a dedicated and loving mother and wife. She spent many years working in the retail industry in Levack, as well as working at the Rock and Rail in Mindemoya. She and Doug spent many years in the tourist industry, meeting and making many new lifelong friends along the way. Mum had a great passion for sewing, knitting, crocheting and quilting. She spent many hours creating beautiful gifts for family and friends, as well as donating knitting for the Christmas Hampers on Manitoulin. It was not unusual for us to wake in the morning to find a new dress or a pair of mittens knit for one of us kids, or for one of our friends. All of her children and grandchildren were so fortunate to be gifted with a beautiful handmade quilt. A special gift that will be treasured for many lifetimes. Mum was a beautiful woman who generously shared her love of life, her beautiful laughter, as well as her gift of love and friendship. A private family gathering and burial will be held at a later date. Memorial donations can be made in Merilda's honour to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Box 284, Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.



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

notice

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

Knox Rummage Sale in Manitowaning is now closed and will reopen on Wednesday, September 20 with fall clothing, household and miscellaneous items. 16-17p

pets in memory



HARASYM—In loving memory of Doris Mary Elizabeth, May 30, 2005 to September 5, 2021. I know that you must miss me, By the tears rolling down your face. But believe me when I tell you that, I'm in a very good place. There are meadows here to run in, And plenty of rabbits to chase. There are other dogs to play with, To frolic with and race. So please don't worry about me, My spirit feels light as can be. There's no more pain to plague me, I'm young again and free. And I'll be watching over you still, Of that you can be sure. I'm your canine guardian angel, And my love for you remains pure. Always remembered and loved forever by Mom and Dad

in memoriam

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Manitoulin Streams gets volunteer tree planting help at Kagawong River

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) saw great volunteer support in planting trees at the Kagawong River restoration site last week.

“In total we had 26 volunteers stop by (August 30) to help us plant 108 native riparian plants at our two restoration sites on the Kagawong River,” Liam Campbell, environmental technologist with MSIA

told The Expositor. “The plants included white pine, white cedar, white spruce, balsam fir, red-osier dogwood, pagoda dogwood, ninebark, nannyberry, bush honeysuckle, button-bush, meadowsweet, American mountain ash, sand cherry, white birch, sugar maple and elderberry.”

Seija Deschenes, coordinator of MSIA explained, “we’re still doing work as part of Kagawong River restoration project and have a wide variety of trees species and shrubs to plant. And there is still work being carried out in the area.”

“The Kagawong 142 restoration site is just downstream from the old pedestrian bridge which is slated to be replaced and



This group of youngsters was among the 26 volunteers who volunteered to help Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association plant trees at the Kagawong River restoration site, last week.



Youth volunteers scramble up the banks of the Kagawong River as they assist in planting trees to stabilize the riverbanks. The project was coordinated by Manitoulin Streams whose award-winning work has garnered praise and awards across the continent.



A total of 26 volunteers helped Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association plant trees at the Kagawong River restoration site last week.

was a straightforward restoration of an eroding outer bank,” said Mr. Campbell. “The second site at the mouth of the river is the Kagawong 180 where the addition of instream structures and spawning material will provide more habitat closer to the mouth of the river for spawning fish such as salmon.”

“The Kagawong 180 restoration project will also have a viewing platform similar to the ones in Providence Bay that will be in place toward the end of this year,” added Mr. Campbell.



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Musician Tristen Hall, left, and Levi Agonie entertain folks at the end-of-season celebration at BOSS Bannock and Burgers on the weekend. The food trailer, located conveniently beside the new Herb and Legends Medzin shop on Highway 6 in Sheguiandah, has proven to be a popular weekend munchie stop for folks travelling up the road. Owner Orville Agonie noted that he decided to open the food truck with a more eclectic menu in order to offer the Island, and his community of Sheguiandah First Nation more choice when it comes to summer dining. All funds raised by the evening of live entertainment went to the Manitoulin Food Bank.

photo by Michael Erskine



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

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Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
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- Kagawong Park Centre: Wednesday evenings weekly, line dance classes from 7 to 8:30 pm.
- Little Current (NEMI): Thursday evenings weekly, line dance classes from 7 to 8:30 pm.



For information and pre-registration, call/text Joe at 519-490-5586 or email joebeth.arnold@gmail.com

...Chiefs of Ontario vow to have Greenbelt space reinstated

...continued from page 1
 having the confidence in me to be able to correct these issues. I've always tried to fulfil the mandate of getting more homes built so that people across Ontario could realize the dream of finding a place to live, work and raise a family.

"However, this crisis demands someone who is not a distraction from the important work that needs to be done. Although my initial thought was that I could stay in this role and establish a proper process so that these mistakes don't happen again, I realize that my presence will only cause a further distraction from the important work that needs to be done and I need to take accountability for what has transpired. In a parliamentary democracy, the Parliament is supreme, and the legislature will determine my ultimate reprimand. As someone who has given my life to serving the people through our democratic institutions, I feel that it is my responsibility to adhere to the principles of ministerial accountability.

"As such, please accept my resignation as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. I will continue to serve my constituents as the MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes."

A Chiefs of Ontario (COO) emergency chiefs' assembly last week pertaining to the auditor general's report saw the chiefs demanding Ontario return all removed Greenbelt land parcels and call for criminal investigation into the land removal.

When contacted for comment Monday morning Ontario Regional Chief Hare said, "Well, should we be surprised? He's gone. He fought hard. People in Ontario want transparency and accountability and we're now getting it. When you take the land from farmers, like they did in this case, that's not being accountable to the people."

"No one wants to see anyone leave the way the minis-

ter has, but it had to happen," Regional Chief Hare concluded.

On August 28 COO called an emergency chiefs' assembly to allow for all Ontario First Nations leadership to gather virtually to discuss the auditor general of Ontario's special report on the Greenbelt, as well as further directions for the COO to undertake with regard to the relationship it has with the provincial government.

During the assembly a resolution was passed by the chiefs-in-assembly that directs the COO to demand that Premier Doug Ford commit to all the recommendations as outlined in the auditor general's report, including the recommendation to return all land parcels to the Greenbelt immediately.

The resolution also directs the COO to call for a criminal investigation into the manner in which the Greenbelt lands were chosen for removal and the extent to which the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Premier had control over the situation.

During the assembly, the COO's previous direction was re-confirmed by leadership in that the COO will cease any working relationship with MMAH Minister Steve Clark until further notice, but that work at the technical level within the ministry will continue to allow for optimal progress on First Nations' housing priorities.

As was continuously reiterated by the COO, First Nations have been given very little, if any, opportunity to be adequately consulted on these changes to the Greenbelt, despite these changes directly affecting First Nations' inherent, treaty and constitutionally protected rights.

"The Ford government has a strong record of ignoring First Nation voices and treaty rights, as demonstrated with the Williams Treaty," said Grand Council Chief Regional Niganobe. "Anyone



Minister Steve Clark's last public duty as minister was to help open the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board 12-unit seniors' housing complex in Little Current last week. Minister Clark resigned from his post Monday morning.

photo by Michael Erskine

who cares about democracy, public trust and institutions should be profoundly disturbed by the report and its findings."

Several First Nations who are part of the Williams Treaty settlement agreement have existing rights within a large part of the Greenbelt that are recognized, including the rights to harvest, hunting, fishing and gathering. The

province's removal of these lands within and surrounding the Greenbelt areas will directly interfere with those First Nations' rights.

"Premier Doug Ford and his government must be held accountable to their early promises to ensure the greenbelt remains untouched," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare. "The province must take into consideration First Nation's rights and the duty to consult when proposing changes of such a great impact and magnitude."

"The government needs to give back what they have taken," stated Regional Chief Hare. "And as I said, they already had enough land for the housing building units they want constructed. The developers won't go hungry."

On Wednesday of last week integrity commissioner J. David Wake released a report and related findings that Conservative Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark breached Section 2 and 3.2 of the Member's Integrity Act, coincidentally the same day the minister was at an event in Little

Current, one of his last official duties. It indicated Minister Clark had failed to oversee the process of Greenbelt land selected for development, which led to furthering "the private interests of certain developers."

The province took 7,400 acres out of the Greenbelt last year with plans to build 50,000 homes on the land and replaced it with about 9,400 acres elsewhere. The integrity commissioner noted it was Minister Clark's responsibility to supervise the process, and Mr. Wake characterized the actions taken as "chaotic and almost reckless."

The integrity commissioner recommended to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario that Minister Clark be reprimanded for his failure to comply with the Act.

On Thursday Minister Clark dismissed all calls for him to resign at a press conference, apologizing for his actions instead. "I want to make it very clear to Ontarians that I'm sorry we didn't do a better job and that I personally didn't do a better job in terms of the oversight."

Minister Clark's statement was made a few hours after Premier Ford reiterated his confidence in him. "I have confidence in Minister Clark. The buck stops with me."

The COO "wholeheartedly support the findings of the integrity commissioner's report and encourage the provincial government to undertake a full review of the processes in place which led to the changes to the Greenbelt. The government of Ontario ought to be held accountable for its promises to keep the Greenbelt intact, and its promises to commit to a better and transparent process with regards to consultation on issues of this magnitude," said Regional Chief Hare.

"The COO remain committed to working with Premier Ford to ensure that his government is held to the appropriate standards and to work together with the province to move forward in remedying this issue in a way that is respectful to First Nations' inherent and treaty rights," added Regional Chief Hare.

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The new Billings fire hall is near completion.

Construction of new Billings Twp. firehall nears completion

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Work on the new Billings township fire hall is expected to be complete within the next couple of weeks.

"The construction company (Quinan Construction) is hoping that the firehall work will be complete by mid-September, weather permitting, with the worst-case scenario being the end of the month," said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker. He explained that work to still be completed includes the floor in the building being painted, bunker lockers being installed and repaving the outside of the entrance bay with asphalt.

Construction on the new two-bay firehall began in early April.

"The firehall building does look sharp, they did a very good job," stated Mayor Barker. The township will be holding an official opening of the new fire hall at a future date.

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Zhiibaahaasing First Nation traditional powwow ‘heals through dance’

by Tom Sasvari

ZHIIBAAHAASING—The 27th annual Zhiibaahaasing First Nation powwow certainly lived up to its theme this year as the community and visitors celebrated the annual tradition.

“The theme for this year’s powwow is ‘Healing Through Dance,’ stated Ogimaa-kwe Irene Kells. “When we dance, the healing happens.”

Ogimaa-kwe Kells said, “There are lots of things going on in the world. It’s hard at times for young people and elders. We feel the pain that people are going through.” She pointed out that with all the difficulties being faced across the world events like the powwow and ‘healing through dance’ are especially important.

“We thank all of those people that have been participating in and getting things set up for the powwow,” said Ogimaa-kwe Kells. “We also welcome all the visitors here today. It’s a beautiful day and everyone looks so good.”

“We would like to thank the powwow committee that works so hard to make all of this happen. The boys and girls, young and old,” stated Ogimaa-kwe Kells.

“All the dancers here today are beautiful,” stated Ogimaa-kwe Kells on Saturday. “We welcome everyone who is here today and tomorrow. I would like to thank all the drums-with-



Sharing a family moment. Traditional powwows are often a time for family members to connect.



Dressed in vibrant colours, grass, jingle dress and men’s traditional dancers make their way around the arena.



Nish tacos are always among the most popular items for lunch at any of the Island powwows.

out you there would be no powwow. Have a great day.”

Councillor Bobbie-Sue Kells welcomed “everyone home. If anyone needs anything we (the powwow committee members) are here to assist you. We hope everyone feels like you are at home, because we always want you here.”

Elder Raymond Jackson provided the invocation prior to the grand entry on Saturday. “I would like to say thank you to everyone who is here today and to recognize all those who have passed but have come down (in spirit) to be with us today. They left us the language for our kids.”

“To the drums, dancers, fire keepers and the powwow committee. Thank you,” said Mr. Jackson.



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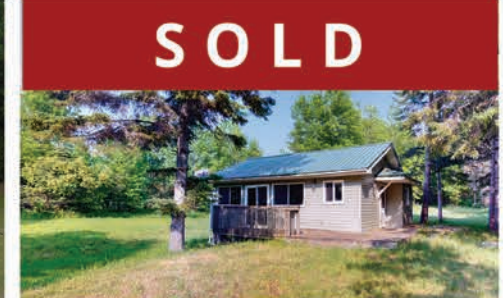
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Young pitcher with ties to Manitoulin joins Canada Cup champs b-ball team

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Professional baseball teams have to be drooling over a lefthanded pitcher who is only 17 years old and whose fastball has been clocked at 88 miles per hour.

“Yes, I hope to play major league baseball. It’s fun, and I feel you need to enjoy the game,” Ethan Morris, who has strong family ties to Manitoulin, told The Expositor.

Ethan was a pitcher/first baseman on Team Ontario which captured the U18 Baseball Canada Cup in Regina in August. He is the son of Robyn Morris and his grandparents, Kirk and Wendy (Campbell) Strain are both from Gore Bay.

Sudbury baseball mentor Jean-Gilles Larocque of the Sudbury Voyageurs who also owns/operates The Baseball Academy in Sudbury was coach of Team Ontario and he and Ethan both represented Sudbury at the Games.

With Mr. Larocque as the head coach, Ethan, among the 20-man roster Team Ontario, captured the Baseball Canada Cup, stopping British Columbia 11-8 in the final in order to post an undefeated 8-0 record in Saskatchewan.

“I have been playing with the Sudbury Voyageurs travel team this summer,” said Ethan. “I was a pitcher on the team, and I started in the game we played against Nova Scotia.”

Being a member of Team Ontario was a monumental accomplishment in itself. Tryouts for the team began in April with 250 players from across the province gathering for the workouts held in Kitchener and Oshawa. The top 60 players were then invited to Vaughan over the May long weekend as Mr. Larocque and his staff made the tough decisions that led to the final team roster of 20 players.

With all of the players already occupied with their other local squads through the summer, pre-tournament practices were limited to back-to-back days just prior to the team heading west.

“Things got off to a tough start, and we only had two or three days to come together as a team,” said Ethan. “Things came together slowly but by the end we were a good team. Everyone got along really well. We bonded quickly, everyone got along really well. It’s amazing what a common goal will do.”

Ethan told the Sudbury Star that his stint on the mound during the tournament met his approval. “Even though I didn’t feel like it was my best outing, I was happy with the fact that I kept battling. I’m proud



Baseball pitcher Ethan Morris was a member of Team Ontario which captured the U18 Baseball Canada Cup in Regina in August. Mr. Morris, who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island, was a member of the team.

of the fact that I was able to contribute to a national title. The whole experience is something that I will never forget.”

“I was seven or eight years old when I started to play organized baseball,” Mr. Morris told The Expositor. He also happens to be a very good hockey player, “This year is my first not taking part competitive in hockey.”

“Mr. Larocque is the lead of the programs for the Sudbury Voyageurs,” Ethan added. “He is the head of it all. Oh yeah, he has been a big influence on me. He got me into baseball. I would probably be in hockey skates if it wasn’t for him.”

Ethan has also been selected to take part in the 2023 Canadian Futures Showcase player selections. “This program, run by the Toronto Blue Jays, brings together 150 kids from across Canada. We will be gathering at the Rogers Centre in Toronto September 19 for a tournament.”

“I will be going out to high school in Alberta this fall for further training and exposure,” Ethan continued. He will be attending Foothills High School located just outside of Calgary, Alberta. The Toronto Blue Jays are flying him out to Calgary, back for the Showcase event, and then back to Calgary.

Two Island runners fare well at Masters Indigenous Games

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin runners fared very well at the 2023 Masters Indigenous Games held in Ottawa recently.

Lorilee McGregor earned

first place medals in the seniors’ masters 400, 800 and 3,000 races. She placed second in the seniors’ masters division 1,500 metre race.

Christian Kaiser-Fox fin-

ished seventh in the 3,000 metres men’s seniors’ masters division, sixth in the 800 metre and 10th in the cross-country final.

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Dedication launched goalie!

Perhaps not everyone was glued to their TV like me, watching hockey in August? It was on the 5th when the Canadian Under-18’s won the Hlinka – Gretzky Cup 3-2 in overtime against the host team from Czechia. With a super close game, attention was all on Canadian netminder, Carter George who had earned the starting position throughout the tournament and stopped 29 of the 31 shots for the win.

Now, back in the 80-90’s, the Manitoulin Panther followers would have seen George on the jersey of a fantastic goaltender. Mike George, was known to devastate opposition shooters with a wicked flash of his catcher. He played with the likes of Jeff “Squirt” Green, Matt Case and my brother, Scott Leblanc who would go on to win Nickel District League titles. As you may have guessed, Mike is Carter George’s Dad and I got a chance to talk with him over the weekend.

Mike and his wife, Tara had raised their family in Thunder Bay. They decided to make the move south last year for their kids. Their daughter, Mykaila to be closer to university and Carter, who was drafted by the Owen Sound Attack of the OHL. Mike was impressed with some advice from the Attack that Carter would be better served if he spent a year with their affiliate, St. Mary’s Lincolns Jr. B. Carter was able to get lots of playing time and experience so that when the inevitable illness waylaid the OHL Attack netminder, the young George was primed for the ‘show’.

As it turns out, he was more than ready. He started and won his first five games and would finish with a seven and three record in the 10 game maximum he could play as an affiliate! With that sort of introduction to the league, Carter was really starting to get noticed. The Team Canada, World Junior team gave him an invite to the selection camp where as Dad admits, Carter had an awful showing! He was cut.

However, Carter didn’t let the huge disappointment stop him. In fact, he doubled down and worked harder. He hit the gym and got private goalie coaching sessions. One on one, he soaked up a whole new awareness and approach to his game. Not, making the Juniors meant he was able to win those five games up in Owen Sound where he was noticed by the Under-18 scouts, looking for players for this summer’s Hlinka-Gretzky Cup! Nice how things can work out?

Mike and his wife were dedicated to make sure that their children would be given every chance to help them succeed. Although, Mike was quick to point out that it is Carter that deserves all the credit. He has put his goals front and center and has “worked his butt off” to be where he is. Dad Mike is most impressed with the focus of his son to meet his objectives. In school, he is a 90’s student despite the rigors of his hockey commitments.

School sports are upon us already so if any student has any sort of desire to be the best you can be, take a page from Carter’s handbook. Strong work ethic, positive attitude, be coachable, etc! Congratulations on your progress so far, Carter and we hope you don’t mind claiming you as one of our own!

Speaking of dedication...

At the risk of giving away his secrets, I have to commend running Coach Gerry Holliday. The very successful trainer doesn’t officially even live on Manitoulin anymore but has been here this summer for those who want to be at the top of their game for cross country season. Congratulations to those that have been out, easily doubling the numbers Gerry had last year. With their success in 2022, the future is looking bright!

Hats off to: Brodie Pennie, Xavi Mara, Mackenzie Green, Alan and Matthew Wilkin, Ava Corbiere, Maddy Keller, T.J. Green, Maren Kasunich, Morgan Green, Wyatt Williamson-Wright, Delaney Bridgeman, Isaac Quackenbush, Aaven Endralin, Aaron Townsend, Fia Flannigan, Autumn Davy, Emery Watson, Bazi Mara and Maya Balfe!

Manitoulin Mountain Biking alive and well!

The McLeans’ 6 hour Relay on Saturday on a great day with 42 riders! The winning team did 16 of the six km, often technical, laps. Jim Duff, Paul Gaunette and Charlie Reid. The fastest lap by a male rider would not surprise many; Alex Anstice in 17:57! The fastest female rider was Jess Lonsdale in 24:31. Nathan Quackenbush and Bradley Slight both rode the whole six hour event solo, completing 9 laps each. The fastest, U17 male lap was clocked by Josh Rioux and fastest U17 female lap was by Rachel Quackenbush.

Congratulations to all participants and volunteers and those that were both! For complete results check out the Breakaway website:

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NEMI Soccer hosts first soccer camp at Low Island fields, including pickleball demo

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—It was a near-perfect day for a soccer camp as the inaugural event took place on the soccer fields at Low Island Park in Little Current. The

camp was hosted by NEMI Soccer, in partnership with The Town of NEMI, on August 21-25 and proved well attended. “There were many seasoned coaches who offered

their time to help facilitate a full week of programming,” noted Michelle Anderson, adding that the camp ran from 9 am to 4 pm and hosted over 50 athletes from all over the Island.



TOP: Some of the youth who took part in the first NEMI Soccer skills camp gather in front of the net. BOTTOM: The opportunity to learn the skills of pickleball was also provided during the same camp thanks to Bud and Pierrette from Manitoulin Pickleball.



In addition to the soccer camp, the Town of NEMI provided games, crafts and activities each day. “Bud and Pierrette from Manitoulin Pickleball put on an amazing pickleball clinic for the kids,” said Ms. Anderson. “This camp was coming off the heels of a very successful (sold out) youth pickleball program that Bud and Pierrette hosted in partnership with the Town of NEMI for six Mondays throughout the summer.” “NEMI Soccer was very fortunate to have Randy and Brook Ragan leading

the soccer programming for the week,” said Ms. Anderson. “Offering a wealth of soccer knowledge and experience, the kids developed their soccer skills by leaps and bounds over the course of the camp.” Ms. Anderson went on to note that the week “would not have been possible without the many student volunteers, as well as our adult volunteers Crystal Morra and Steve Fessenden.” The great news is that NEMI Soccer will return in the spring. To find out more those interested are advised to contact NEMI Soccer by

email at nemisoccer@gmail.com or contact them through Facebook at [Facebook.com/NEMISoccer](https://www.facebook.com/NEMISoccer). To discover more about Manitoulin Pickleball, email manitoulinpickleball@gmail.com or search for Manitoulin Pickleball on Facebook. Manitoulin pickleball hosts adult pickleball (adults 18+) on Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 9 am to 12 pm at the NEMI Recreation complex and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm.

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- Articulates the financial implications of coding inconsistencies.
- Acts as key contact and liaison with: Health Zone/AH&W/CIHI/PCC or others as appropriate on RAI data.
- Develops facility specific material within the PCC program as required.
- Locks/unlocks the RAI individual assessments as required.
- Batches and submits assessments quarterly to appropriate data repository.
- Responds to Health Zone on all submission errors.
- Facilitates response and correction of submission errors with facility staff.
- Coaches key facility personnel to build capacity for understanding RUG patient classification levels.
- Develops and introduces processes, and systems to improve accuracy of RAI content.
- Facilitates audits of RAI assessments for content accuracy.
- Develops systems to decrease coding error rates.
- Participates in strategic planning for program development/improvement.
- Keeps current on RAI trends.
- Responsible for clinical and admin setup role to support MDS within PCC software program.
- Interprets reports generated by Health Zone/AH&W or CIHI and provides critical analysis for home.
- Understands the development of RAPs, quality indicators, and RUG case mix products.

QUALIFICATIONS

- 3-5 years' experience in Long Term Care, experience with MDS an asset.
- Strong analytical and assessment skills.
- Ability to lead training and education with Adult learners.
- Knowledge of: InterRAI suite of tools, MDS/RUG III patient classification systems.
- Working knowledge of: project management principles, industry knowledge, principles of adult education, facilitation, problem solving, continuous quality improvement principles, data analysis, Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook.
- Ability to read, write and communicate effectively.

Interested applicants may forward their résumé in confidence to the attention of:

Sylvie Clark
Director of Care
sclark@extendicare.com



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

FULL-TIME positions:

Manitoulin Island:

Finance Team Assistant: Closes September 8, 2023

Manitoulin or Sudbury:

Finance Supervisor: Open until filled

IT Specialist: Closes September 8, 2023

CONTRACT positions:

Manitoulin:

Education Support Worker: Closes September 14, 2023

Education Liaison: Closes September 14, 2023

Sudbury:

Services Team Assistant: Closes September 14, 2023

Manitoulin or Sudbury:

Funding Specialist (Multi-Year): Open until filled

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

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

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

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SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION JOB POSTING

Position: Early Childhood Educator Co-ordinator
Location: Early Learning Years Centre – Sheguiandah First Nation
Accountability: Education Program Manager
Employment Status: Full-Time
Hours of Work: Regular Band Office Hours (8:30am-4:30pm) – Some after-hours may be required
Tentative Start Date: ASAP

Sheguiandah First Nation is seeking a motivated individual to fill a full-time position as the Early Childhood Educator Co-ordinator. The Early Childhood Educator (ECE) is responsible for the management, administration and delivery of the programs and services. Under the supervision of the Education Manager, the ECE Co-ordinator works directly with the ECE Assistant and parents to safely deliver Early Years programming.

DUTIES:

- Plans, implements and evaluates developmentally appropriate activities and experiences that reflect the culture, heritage and language of the community.
- Supervises ECE staff and provide insight and program direction as well as assistance with daily programming.
- Ensures that Elders/Storytellers and other resource people are included in the program curriculum.
- Develop materials related to numeracy, alphabets and words that reflects community culture and language.
- Keep detailed participant reports and assist with quarterly and yearly reports.
- Evaluates program and development of individual participants and students.
- Ensure administrative procedures are being adhered to and followed in accordance with Child Care Ontario.
- Communicate with parents about the programs, lessons, concerns and student progress.
- Promote a safe and healthy, learning environment as per Ministry Guidelines.
- Maintain a safe and clean facility as per Health & Safety standards.
- Encourages positive communication with parents, community members and other departments
- Network with outside agencies.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ECE or Equivalent. RECE in good standing with the College of Early Childhood Educators.
- 2 to 5 years experience working with infant, toddler, and preschool children in group care.
- 2 to 5 years related experience as a supervisor or equivalent in the early learning sector.
- Standard First Aid certificate with Infant and Child CPR.
- Police Reference Check: Vulnerable Sector Check completed within the last 3 months.
- WHIMIS Certification.
- Demonstrated strong interpersonal, communication, organization and creativity skills.
- Knowledge and skills to perform all of the duties outlined in the job description.
- Knowledge of HDLH Pedagogy.
- Valid Driver's Licence.
- Ability to meet the physical demands of the position.
- Physician's note indicating health and physical ability is suitable for working with children and documentation indicating immunizations are up to date.

Only those who qualify for an interview will be contacted, thank you for your interest. Please submit a cover letter, resume, and three (3) work-related reference letters via mail, email, Fax or in person to:

Brian McGregor - Education Manager
Marked "EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR CO-ORDINATOR"
Sheguiandah First Nation
142 Ogemah Miikan
Sheguiandah, Ontario P0P 1W0
FAX to: 705-368-3697

DEADLINE TO APPLY: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 @ 12:00 PM
Late Submissions will not be considered.

by Dorah L. Williams

Have you ever looked up into the sky and wondered if we are truly alone in the universe?

I'm sure most of us do, to some degree or another. How could we not, as intelligent and curious beings? From countless reports of wondrously bright celestial lights to descriptions of actual encounters with extraterrestrials, there is no shortage of documented accounts to research on this topic.

Since those four UFOs were shot down across North America last February, especially the one over Lake Huron, the shared experiences I have received about this matter have only increased.

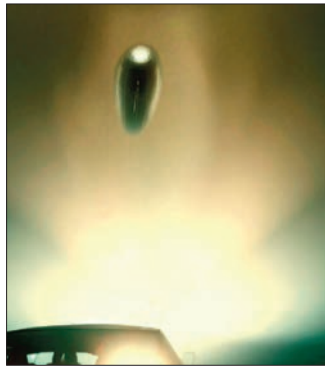
Let's explore a couple those anecdotes now (both of which occurred over a year before those alarming international headlines) and reflect a bit more on this mysterious phenomenon:

A Hwy 6 Experience:
"After this experience, my perspective on the universe has shifted significantly. It has had a profound effect on me, and I hope other skeptics, one day, can also get to see with their own eyes something that might be impossible to explain but also impossible to ignore or forget.

This happened on one of our regular trips to the Island in the late summer of 2021. I assure you that the last thing on my mind that day was UFOs, but that was about to change.



by Dorah L. Williams



UFOs are an ongoing mystery that has spawned countless theories.

As my husband drove, I fell asleep for the first part of the trip. When I awoke, I turned my head toward the side passenger window and tried to open my eyes, but a light was shining so intensely there that they instinctively remained squinted shut.

I fumbled for the sunglasses I'd placed on my lap earlier and pried open my eyes once they were on. A searing light felt like it was cutting right through the window's glass, through my sunglasses, too, and right into me. It wasn't painful, just so powerful, and I kept moving the sun visor, trying to block it as much as possible.

My husband glanced over at me, startled by my reaction to something he couldn't see, and asked what

was wrong. I slowly looked out the window again as my eyes adjusted to the light.

I couldn't figure out the source of that light but quickly ruled out the sun, which was in a different direction. I couldn't see any reason for it anywhere. The light must have been coming from above us, I realized, but it was only penetrating through the passenger side window and into my eyes. I asked my husband to pull over.

I had no idea what that light was, but my instinct loudly told me not to get out of the car to find out. So, I lowered the window and stuck my head out to get a better view of anything overhead, asking my partner to do the same thing from his side of the car. And then we saw it.

Something (and I use that word deliberately) was hovering up in the sky directly above our car.

It emanated such an intense white light that I can't adequately describe it other than to say it was transcendental and will stay in my memory forever.

It was hard to estimate its distance from us, but it appeared at about the same altitude as a low-flying small plane or a large bird. But it was obviously not either of those or anything we had ever seen before.

Only its underside was visible from that perspective as it hovered directly above us. It was the same basic shape as a zeppelin airship and immediately brought the Hindenburg to my mind because those familiar historical images were

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No experience necessary, all you need is:

- A desire to want to learn
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For further information send resume to
staff3cows@hotmail.com
or call Phil at (705) 368-3524

64 Meredith Street East, Little Current

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Manitoulin Hotel
Conference Centre

Job Posting

Experienced Kitchen Line Cook: Full-Time x 2

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

Work Setting

Hotel Restaurant

Specific Skills

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

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

Safe Food Handlers

Security and Safety

Bondable

Essential Skills

Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education

Completion of high school

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

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

66 Meredith St E

Little Current, ON

POP 1K0

Or email to:

gm@manitoulinhotel.com

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Manitoulin Hotel  Conference Centre

Job Postings

Kitchen Line Cooks: Part-Time

Dishwashers: Part-Time

Bartenders (Conference): Part-Time (Evenings & Weekends)

Food & Beverage Servers: Part Time

Front Desk: Part-Time

Front Desk: Full-Time

Night Audit: Part-Time

Food & Beverage Supervisions: Part-Time (leading to Full-Time)

Maintenance Person: Part-Time

Work Setting

Full Service Hotel & Conference Centre

Specific Skills

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

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

Safe Food Handlers – F & B / Bartenders

Smart Serve – F & B / Bartenders

Security and Safety

Bondable

Essential Skills

Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education

Completion of high school (not required)

Training provided

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

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or Email to:

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Mindemoya Medical Clinic

The Mindemoya Medical Clinic is looking to fill the following position:

Receptionist / Office Assistant
Two-Year Contract Position

The successful candidate will be required to:

Position Summary

- Performing a variety of clerical duties that include but are not limited to the following: manage telephone calls and patient concerns, coordinate communications amongst all health care providers, team members, patients, families, community resources and agencies and booking appropriate appointments with health care providers.
- Provide accurate data input within an electronic medical record.
- Exercise excellent judgment to ensure best practices for confidentiality are always maintained.
- Provide efficient and effective team support within a busy clinical environment.

Qualifications

- Two to five year's office experience; preferably in health care setting.
- Computer competency.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Experience with a multi-line telephone system.
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to multi-task.
- Strong problem solving and analytical skills.
- Satisfactory criminal reference check.
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records is an asset.

Please submit resume to:

Mindemoya Medical Clinic

P.O. Box 10 Mindemoya, Ontario, POP 1S0

Attn: Lori Oswald

Fax: 1-855-908-2517

Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcft.ca

Please reply in writing no later than 4:00pm, September 8, 2023.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted

...Mystical Manitoulin: the mystery of unidentified flying objects in Island skies

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my best frame of reference,
trying to make sense of

what I saw.

My husband continued
the drive while I monitored
this unknown "airship." I

gave him an ongoing com-
mentary on what the object
was doing every few
moments, as it remained

positioned high above our
car as though tethered to us
somehow, but the bright
light had become more of a
radiant glow.

I'd like to say this thing
eventually landed, so we
got a better look at it and
can conclude with a logical
explanation. But, unfortu-
nately, I can't. It slowly
rose straight upward into
the cloudless sky, still
directly overhead, until it
was no longer visible. It
didn't suddenly depart in a
dramatic blaze of glory
like a science fiction movie
might depict. It just slowly
ascended upwards until it
was out of sight, taking its
extraordinary radiance
with it.

If not for that light, or
the way its departure was
a straight upward ascent
into the stratosphere, I
think I would have made
the "logical" assumption it
could have been a market-
ing tool (like the Remax
hot air balloon), or a
unique commercial craft
of some kind. But the only
deduction I could make
was that neither of those
possibilities existed. It
seemed obvious what it
wasn't — just not what it
was.

My many attempts to

photograph it were futile
and very frustrating. Even
though I took countless
shots using both of our
phones, every picture was
just a white blur. Our only
evidence is our own memo-
ries of this experience. But
for us, that is enough.

Had its illumination not
been so intense as to make
me look for the source, I
likely would have remained
oblivious that it was over-
head. I'm not claiming it
was a "flying saucer" from
a faraway galaxy. I still have
no idea what we saw that
day. But, we couldn't identi-
fy an object we saw flying
above us as we drove along
Hwy 6. So, no matter how
it's rationalized, that was
the definition of a UFO
sighting.

But it affected me in a
positive way. I'm more hum-
bled now and no longer the
closed-minded skeptic I'd
always been when hearing
others' claims of inexplic-
able experiences. Who
knows what else shares our
universe?"

This topic never fails to
spark most people's curiosi-
ty and imagination. The
search for answers in the
exploration of the
unknown is what has
always driven humankind.

We may still need definitive
answers, but the possibili-
ties are fascinating.

So, keep gazing upwards
at that infinite sky. Who
knows what mystical won-
ders you might discover.
The universe is full of mys-
teries, and searching for
answers is an adventure
worth taking!

And, since humour and
sage advice are always wel-
comed:

A North Channel Experi-
ence:

"So, picture this: I was all
alone at my family's cabin
on the North Channel a cou-
ple of summers ago, work-
ing away on a renovation
job in the sunroom late into
the night. It was storming
outside, and I heard strange
noises that made me look
out the window. What I saw
next would have made any-
one's heart skip a beat —
multiple pairs of red eyes
stared back at me from
among the trees surround-
ing our property.

Now, to be clear, I'd never
been one to believe in UFOs
or anything like that, but at
that moment, my immedi-
ate and only thought was
that I was encountering
aliens! There were glowing

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Employment Opportunity Dispensary Assistants

The Mindemoya and Manitowaning Guardian Pharmacies
are both looking for Dispensary Assistants.

Looking for someone to provide general assistance with
daily pharmacy duties.

Take prescriptions from customers in person and over the phone.

Package, label and dispense medications.

Keep up with inventory and restocking.

Training will be provided.

Please submit resumes in person or send to
ashminpharm@outlook.com.



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

New Recruit Officer - Full-time - Permanent

Position: Recruit Police Constable

Location: Wikwemikong Unceded Territory

Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

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

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

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

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

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

Deadline to Apply for January 2024 Intake: Ongoing until filled

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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ELECTORAL OFFICER

General Information

The Chief and Council of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) are issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the position of Electoral Officer & Deputy Electoral Officer for the upcoming Referendum Vote on Cannabis. In accordance with the Indian Act Indian Referendum Regulations and is therefore required to plan the vote accordingly.

Scope of Work

1. Issue a Call for a Referendum Vote (49 days prior to the vote date – by October 7, 2023);
2. Receive and Review Citizenship List, which includes electoral names and addresses (49 days prior to vote date – by October 7, 2023);
3. Post a notice of the referendum and a list of the names of electors (42 days prior to the vote date – by October 14, 2023);
4. Hold a Voters Information Meeting (prior to the vote date);
5. Hold a Referendum Vote (November 25, 2023);
6. Polling station shall be kept open from 9:00 a.m., local time, until 8:00 p.m., local time, on the day of the referendum.
7. Complete the final count of all voter ballots submitted;
8. Complete and Post the Statement of the Voters (within 4 days after the referendum); and
9. Complete and Submit Electoral Officer's Report (within 4 days after the Referendum).

Proposal Requirements

Consultants Fees and Disbursements

The cost for the work submitted in the Consultant's proposal shall include all necessary expenditures to undertake all of the work outlined in the "Scope of Work" and in the "Consultant's Proposal". The cost estimates should be in sufficient detail as to permit an evaluation of costs of the project. The proposal shall indicate the total time and the daily hourly rate (Charge -out -rate) to be charged.

Qualifications

The Consultant shall provide in the proposal his/her qualifications and experience to undertake this work, and if applicable, along with the qualifications and experience of all Consultant associates/team members that will be assisting with this work. In addition, the proposal must identify the portions of work to be undertaken by each member.

References

The proposal submission must include the names and current contact information for three (3) references which have utilized the services of the bidder as Electoral Officer.

Time Limits and Work Schedules

The proposal shall indicate the number of hours that the Consultant estimates will be required to complete the work and the proposal shall include a time schedule. It is expected that the Consultant will be able to initiate the work immediately upon notification of being awarded.

General Conditions

- All data collected and other recognized input made in connection with this work shall become and will remain the property of the Whitefish River First Nation and must be turned over upon work completion;
- The Whitefish River First Nation will provide as much information as possible related to the "Scope of Work". The Consultant shall return, in good order, all documents and materials provided, following the completion of the work;
- No changes, required by the Consultant to remedy errors or other problems attributed to shortcoming of the Consultant, including persons employed or supervised by him/her, shall entitle the Consultant to an additional fee;
- Direct contact shall be maintained by the Consultant and the Band Manager during the course of the work;
- The Consultant agrees to enter into a contract between the Whitefish River First Nation and the Consultant for the work as outlined in this RFP;
- The Consultant shall submit an invoice to Whitefish River First Nation prior to the start of the work, for advance purposes and a final invoice following the completion of the work. Invoices shall include all time and charge out rates, expenses and disbursements.

Deadline

Proposals must be marked as "**Confidential**" and will be received up until **September 8, 2023 at 12:00 pm** (noon) EST.

Proposals are to be submitted to the attention of:

Sandy Jacko, Band Manager
Whitefish River First Nation
17A Rainbow Ridge Road, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0

Faxed and email submissions will be accepted.

Fax: (705) 285-4335 Email: bandmanager@whitefishriver.ca



A PLACE OF
VISIONS AND DREAMS

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red eyes all around my cabin, and they looked like they belonged to some giant, otherworldly creatures, being as high off the ground as they were. It freaked me out to where I started looking around for something to arm myself with, just in case.

But then, I noticed the two glowing red lights on our vintage stereo in another part of the cabin. They were reflecting not just off a nearby mirror but also through a series of windows, at different angles, in the adjacent sun-room I was in, giving an optical illusion of many sets of red dots (eyes) in several locations surrounding the cabin in the darkness outside. In other words, the “alien invasion” was just a trick of the light! It was weird that I had never noticed those lights’ reflections before in all the years we’d been there. I sure saw them on that dark and stormy night, though!

I know it sounds ridiculous, but when I noticed them that night, after hearing noises outside (from the storm), my fear was primal, and I was preparing to defend myself against alien invaders! That my mind immediately assumed the “red eyes” were aliens when I’d been a complete nay-sayer my whole life is what I find the most thought-provoking part of this comical situation. Maybe I had always refused to consider the possibility of extraterrestrials until then, in denial of that primal fear within me.

Looking back on it now, I can’t help but laugh at myself and my ludicrous overreaction. But it was eye-opening for me personally.

And the real moral of this story, I suppose, is to always apply Occam’s razor at times such as this. Sometimes, the most logical explanation is the simplest one.”

Do you also have a mystical tale to tell? Whether you’ve experienced a haunting, a mysterious cryptid sighting, or a brush with the inexplicable, share it with Canadian author Dorah L. Williams at dorahwilliams@gmail.com. Your story, too, could be featured in an upcoming column of Mystical Manitoulin!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY THE TOWN OF GORE BAY

ARENA ASSISTANT

Please submit your application to the undersigned,
no later than 2:00 p.m., September 25, 2023

Stasia Carr, Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
PO Box 590, 15 Water Street
Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0
705-282-2420 ext. 2
scarr@gorebay.ca

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.

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Manitoulin Centennial Manor

FULL-TIME COOK
\$22.00 per hour plus Benefits

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

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

Cook and prepare meals as per production sheets.

Clear work area and help in keeping the kitchen clean.

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

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Interested applicants may forward their resume
to the attention of:

Brad Dubreuil
Brad.dubreuil@extendicare.com

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BAND REPRESENTATIVE (2ND Posting) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

POSITION SUMMARY:

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

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

CONFIDENTIAL: BAND REPRESENTATIVE
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0
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EARLY LEARNING COORDINATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-time (37.50 hours per week)
Salary Range: \$40,864 – 49,834/year
(Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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QUALIFICATIONS:

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

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).
- Familiarity with the following curriculum/resources:
How Does Learning Happen? Ontario’s Pedagogy for Early Years.
Emergent Curriculum, Play Based Learning, for Early Years.
- Providing coaching, role modeling and mentorship to early learning environments.
- Building capacity through providing professional learning opportunities to the community at large.
- Developing/presenting professional learning reflective of family and community current needs.
- Adhering to all applicable organization and childcare policies and procedures.
- Demonstrate proficiency in word processing and electronic data management systems.
- Efficient time management skills, including maintaining your own schedule and competing priorities.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

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

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Automotive Service Advisor

We are seeking an outgoing and energetic Automotive Service Advisor to guide customers through their vehicle's maintenance scheduling and repair process.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Welcoming customers to the dealership and discussing their needs
- Answering customer inquiries, either in-person or over the phone
- Schedule Service Appointments using the dealership booking system
- Estimating the cost and time needed for a wide range of repairs
- Prepare repair orders by detailing the vehicle's problems or symptoms
- Ensuring timely completion of service appointments
- Advising and selling required services based on dealer and manufacturer recommendations
- Reviewing repair requirements and recommendations with customers

QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Superior customer service skills in order to handle customer complaints and questions effectively
- Critical thinking, organization, time management, and problem-solving skills to perform the job successfully
- The ability to interpret technical terms to customers is considered an asset
- Able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Valid Drivers License
- The ability to operate vehicles with a manual transmission is regarded as an asset

EXPERIENCE

- 1+ years in customer service is preferred
- 1+ year working in the Automotive Industry is considered an asset

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

Send your resume to: wlegge@manitoulinchrysler.ca

Drop it off at: 6015 HWY 542, MINDEMOYA

Manitoulin Special Olympics teams both medal

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) softball teams fared very well at a regional tournament held in North Bay recently.

“It went very well,” said MSO coordinator Janet Anning, last week. “Our C division team won a bronze medal; they almost won their last game and if they had, they would have finished second.”

Ms. Anning explained, “our t-ball team got a gold medal, but there were only two teams in this division so we put everyone together and had a game amongst them.”

“Our teams had a lot of fun,” said Ms. Anning.

There were four divisions in the tournament which, along with the teams from Manitoulin, included those from Sudbury, Timmins, North Bay and Almaguin.

The MSO C division team included Dylan Danville, Michael Cormier, Andrew Splawnyck, Reagan Millsap,



This Manitoulin Special Olympics team won a bronze medal in their division at the regional tournament held recently. From left are Dylan Danville, Michael Cormier, Andrew Splawnyck, Reagan Millsap, John Hopkin, Michael Harper, Tyler Madahbee, Jeffrey Harper, Matthew Bedard, Sandy Graham (head coach), Emily Moggy and William Leclair.

John Hopkin, Michael Harper, Tyler Madahbee, Jeffrey Harper, Matthew Bedard, Emily Moggy, William Leclair and head coach Sandy Graham.

The MSO t-ball team included Aaron Nicholl, Braeden Harper, David Gagne, Norm Daoust, Danielle Foreshew, Rebecca Strain, Bruce VanHorn, Anna Bateman, Tim Bradley and volunteer coach Heather Strain.



The MSO t-ball softball team won a gold medal at a regional tournament held recently in North Bay. The team includes from left Aaron Nicholl, Braeden Harper, David Gagne, Norm Daoust, Danielle Foreshew, Rebecca Strain, Bruce Van Horn, Anna Bateman, Tim Bradley, and volunteer coach Heather Strain.

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YOUTH SUPPORT WORKER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assess the needs of the youth by planning, linking and delivering programs related to areas such as life skills development, health and fitness, education, employment services, healthy relationships, etc.
- Mentor, coach and support youth to facilitate personal, social and educational growth by encouraging 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 modeling and supportive listening.

RELATIONSHIP AND TEAM BUILDING

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

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 competing priorities.

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

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

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

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MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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

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

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma or Certificate from an accredited College in Health or Business Administration with at least two (2) years' work-experience in an office setting.
**Grade 12 Graduate with work experience in an office will be considered.*
- Demonstrated proficiency in word processing and electronic data management systems.
- Valid CPR/First Aid certificate or willingness to obtain.
- Knowledge of the WRFN community and its culture and traditions would be an asset.
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

SKILLS:

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

UPON HIRE:

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

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

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

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2nd Posting

JOB POSTING

STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR (Part I)

10 Month Part-time Contract

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation is seeking a Project Coordinator to deliver the Niigaan Gdizhaamii – Student Success – Part I series.
This contract is for 50 hours over a 10-month period, September 11, 2023 – June 14, 2024, coordinating and delivering 20 workshops – 2 per month for Youth ages 12 -20 years.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12 OSSGD diploma minimum or post-secondary graduate in education, social services or related field
- A valid driver's licence, first-aid, and C.P.R. training (or willing to take training)
- Excellent communication skills, written and oral
- Excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office software to prepare promotional materials
- Excellent organizational skills
- Must be able to work independently
- MUST be able to work flexible hours, which includes evenings and/or weekends

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

- Meet the objectives set out in the established workplan
- Plan and prepare 2 workshops per month from September 2023 – June 2024.
- One (1) educational/awareness workshop and one (1) cultural workshop/activity
- Maintain participation #'s for each activity
- Maintain a list of skills developed, building of relationships, connections with educators, students, parents/families and community/band members.
- Develop a series of workshops/activities, develop themes of workshops, list resources required i.e. wellness professionals, resource people/Elders, materials/supplies required
- Complete a project report and make recommendations for Part II

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: NIIGAAN GDIZHAAMII – STUDENT SUCCESS
13 HILL STREET
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
POP 1K0

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

DEADLINE DATE: Friday, September 15, 2023 @ 4:00 pm

Start Date: Immediately

There will be no return of submissions.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY- 2nd POSTING

EDUCATION FINANCE CLERK

Department: Education

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

POSITION SUMMARY:

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

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**Financial**

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

Administration

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

Planning

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

Service Delivery

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

Other:

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

CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AT 12:00 P.M.

If you are interested in this employment opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with (3) three current reference contacts (two work related and one character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:

EDUCATION FINANCE CLERK

c/o Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O.Box 333

M'CHIGEENG, ON, POP 1G0

Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 6TH POSTING

TWO (2) PREVENTION WORKERS

Classification Level: CS - 3 (\$53,591.20 - \$65,499.20)

Employment Status: Full-time Term (1 year)

Department: Mental Health and Addictions

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Under the supervision of the Prevention Coordinator, the focus of the Prevention Workers will be to implement prevention programming to children, youth and families to support holistic wellness. The Prevention Worker will provide services through a trauma-informed lens with a focus on preventing negative outcomes stemming from intergenerational trauma inclusive of grief and loss. The position will be responsible for the delivery of a prevention program that best fits the needs of M'Chigeeng First Nation which includes planning, researching, coordination and facilitating workshops and activities geared at various target groups or ages.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Identifies, reviews and research special projects referred to in prevention as it applies to current trends.
- Plans, coordinates and facilitates workshops, trainings and activities.
- Collaborates with other related services and workers.
- Prepares community wide/oriented prevention campaigns related to youth, parent and family activities explores programs that aim to target the community and the top health priorities and to promote education within the community.
- Determines the gaps in service and identifies and designs programs to address the needs of the target population.
- Implements and delivers prevention programming.
- Facilitating curriculum from funding opportunities.
- Conduct outreach to youth in need.
- Engage and empower youth to pursue personal goals.
- Assist in creating and maintaining positive environments for children and youth in the community.
- Assess prevention needs of children, youth and families.
- Build positive relationships with children, youth and families.
- All other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e., Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma, Child & Youth Care).
- 1 - 3 years work-related experience in the field of child & youth mental health.
- Experience in delivering workshops.
- Knowledge of the Child and Family Services Act.
- Excellent computer skills (Microsoft Office, Adobe and etc.).

Other:

- Familiar with customs, traditions and social issues of the M'Chigeeng First Nation.
- Strong skills in program planning, promotion, implementation and presentation.
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset or the willingness to learn.
- Strong time management skills with the ability to meet deadlines.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work in a team setting and/or independently; Ability to facilitate groups and carry projects forward.
- Ability to work with varied populations (children to adult).
- Strong conflict resolution skills.
- Individual must be open to holistic approach.
- Ability to work some flexible hours when necessary.
- Lifestyle must reflect that of a positive role model.
- Working knowledge of Harm Reduction Philosophy.
- Must obtain and keep current First Aid and CPR Certifications.
- A strong advocate of M'Chigeeng First Nation's goals and objectives along with its mission and long-term vision.
- Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" licence.
- Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original upon hire.

CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AT 12:00 P.M.

If you are interested in this opportunity, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three current references with contact information (two work related and one character reference) and copies of education certifications to:

PREVENTION WORKERS

c/o Human Resources

M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333

M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - 3rd POSTING

IN HOUSE SUPPORT LEAD

Classification Level: CS - 4 (\$63,650.00 - \$ 77,790.00)

+ Pension and Health Benefits

Employment Status: Full-time Term (1 year)

Department: Mental Health and Addictions

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

Under the supervision of the Mental Health and Addictions Department Manager, the in-House Support Lead is an opportunity to work towards positive change withing M'Chigeeng First Nation in supporting the Peer Support & Outreach Team while they provide much needed services to the community of M'Chigeeng. This position will be responsible for the ongoing development and delivery of a community-led program targeting community members with lived and living experience of mental health and addictions. **The intent of this position is to provide support to the Peer Support & Outreach Team through ongoing one on one mentorship, group work and training.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Assist Peer Support & Outreach Program staff in their day-to-day tasks through mentorship, one-on-one support and group work.
- Identify challenges and report these appropriately to the Department Manager.
- Provide ongoing training to frontline staff.
- Build capacity by providing ongoing access to Knowledge Keepers and apply culturally safe and appropriate wellness methods that encourages connection, compassion, resilience and nurtures hope.
- Facilitate information sessions making sure these are inclusive and the ambience is welcoming.
- Work with M'Chigeeng First Nations's Health and Social Service Providers (Front Line Workers) to support those living with addictions and/or mental health issues and/or on a path of wellness.
- Create a support group for community members to learn and understand addictions, along with the importance of self-care.
- Record, monitor and report on accomplishments, challenges, indicators, outputs, outcomes and impact to the progress of the program which will utilized in developing a guideline for community-based Indigenous peer support.
- All other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in social work and/or related field.
- At least (3) years relevant work experience.
- Extensive work/volunteerism experience in the coordinate of workshops and seminars with an Indigenous organization/community is a strong asset.
- Certifications in train the trainer programs as it pertains to mental health and addictions is a strong asset.

Other:

- Excellent time management and organizational skills
- Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office, and general office/administrative procedures
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Will be required to work flexible hours and weekends.
- Must have the willingness and dedication in assisting with the opioid crisis.
- Must obtain or have current First Aid and CPR Certification and Mental Health First Aid.

Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSS) requirement must be 30-days current and must be an original upon hire.

CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, AT 12:00 P.M.

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IN HOUSE SUPPORT LEAD

c/o Human Resources

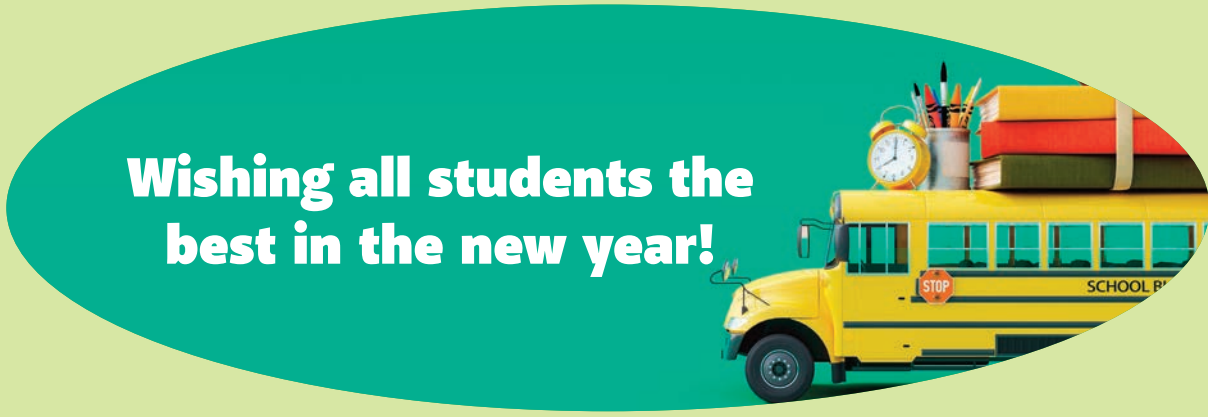
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Wishing all students the best in the new year!

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Level: Beginner

SUDOKU

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ANSWER:

Here's How It Works:

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

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CLUES DOWN

- Make up for
- American songbird
- Pay
- International organization
- Engravers
- Declared as fact
- Criminal
- Jewelry
- Hospital worker (abbr.)
- Nonsense (slang)
- Town in Galilee
- Value
- Another name
- Sheep in second year before shearing
- Town in Surrey, England
- Appropriate during a time of year

- Creative output
- Recesses
- District in N. Germany
- Rider of Rohan
- The official emblem of the German Third Reich
- One who puts down roots
- Scribe
- Painted a bright color
- Tycoons
- Actress Thurman
- Walking accessory
- Crest of a hill
- Member of a North American people
- Type of computer
- U.S. State (abbr.)

CLUES ACROSS

- Small Eurasian deer
- Irish county
- A major division of geological time
- Broadway actor Lane
- Canadian province
- It causes fainting (abbr.)
- Two
- A notable one is blue
- Utter repeatedly
- Rings
- Sullies
- Occurs
- Publicity
- Near
- Tools of a trade
- Offer in good faith
- "American Idol" network
- Garments
- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Retired NFL DC Dean
- Hot meal
- A type of gin
- Percussion instrument
- A \$10 bill
- About ground
- Medicine man
- Seedless raisin
- National capital of Albania
- Appendage
- OJ trial judge
- By the way
- Bicycle parts
- Barbie's friend
- In a way, stretched
- Commercials

HOROSCOPES

(SEP 3-9)

ARIES: Mar 21/Apr 20

Get outside and enjoy as much fresh air and exercise as possible this week, Aries. A weekly outdoors excursion can recharge the batteries and provide some time to reflect.

LIBRA: Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, after a whirlwind adventure, you may be glad to be back home. Vacations are nice and relaxing, but soon enough you may crave the familiarity of your own space.

TAURUS: Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it's not possible to have everyone like you all of the time. Emotionally it can be difficult to accept that not everyone agrees with your point of view. Be who you are.

SCORPIO: Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you a calm energy around you this week. You can rest assured that the people you are dealing with have everything handled. They take care of business.

GEMINI: May 22/Jun 21

Someone from your past might come back into your life, Gemini. Keep a lookout for someone who seems familiar, as it can be a way to reminisce for a bit.

SAGITTARIUS: Nov 23/Dec 21

There is a great opportunity knocking at your door, Sagittarius, so why not seize it? New things can be scary, but you have to dive in right now.

CANCER: Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, start conversations with all of the people you meet so you can learn about different backgrounds or cultures. You might learn something you didn't know or try a new food.

CAPRICORN: Dec 22/Jan 20

Take stock of where you want to go in the future and start putting those plans together, Capricorn. You don't have to figure everything out, but try to map out a rough outline.

LEO: Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, try to work the room when you are thrust into a social situation. You need to be a diplomat or politician if you want to be in good standing with as many people as possible. Put your best face forward.

AQUARIUS: Jan 21/Feb 18

You can quickly see when someone is putting on an act, Aquarius. They may say one thing but mean another. This duplicity can be off-putting, but try to get along with others right now.

VIRGO: Aug 24/Sept 22

You know who you can trust, Virgo. Stay close to those people for the time being. Some difficulties with family members will arise and you may need to pick sides.

PISCES: Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are in no danger of not being popular right now, so continue to enjoy all of the invitations you receive. You also can be proactive and throw your own party for friends.



Crossword puzzle solution from July 19th paper

PUZZLE SOLUTION

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