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MSS robotics team reaps major award in finals

'World Championship Impact Award' automatically qualifies team for 2024 international competition

Helen Siksek, from the Island, was in right place, right time to help the team

by Tom Sasvari
HOUSTON, TEXAS—“The MSS (Manitoulin Secondary School) Mustangs Robotics 6865 Manitoulin Metal team has connected the whole Island and has uplifted everyone,” said Helen Siksek, after the team placed as one of six finalists (out of 600 teams) for the FIRST Impact Award at the world robotics championship in Houston, Texas last weekend. Ms. Siksek was one of the many unsung heroes who helped support the MSS team during this incredible season.

Ms. Siksek lives in Kagawong six months of the year and the rest of the year in Dallas, Texas with her husband Floyd. “This is a story that is bigger than all of us. It takes a village to raise a child,” she said. “It if wasn’t for everyone who helped play a part in helping the MSS team, people like Carol Hughes, who helped the team get their passports to go to the championship, the sponsors and those individuals and businesses who helped them raise \$32,000 on the GoFundMe page, they wouldn’t have been able to get to the world championship.”

Five days previous, Ms. Siksek knew nothing about robotics. She didn’t know anyone at MSS either, but read about the team in The Expositor. “It was the Gore Bay and Manitoulin thing that made me jump into action to help out,” she added. “I know how people in Gore

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WORLD ROBOTICS AWARD WINNERS! The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team won a World Championship FIRST Robotics Impact Finalist Award. MSS was one of only six teams to be named a finalist at the competition held last week in Houston, Texas and has now qualified for the 2024 World Robotics championship. The team is shown in photo on the Houston Convention floor after having been announced as one of the final award winners. The team includes Ben Willis, Jocelyn Kuntsi, Nevaeh Harper, Alexis McVey, Samuel Pennings, Xavi Mara, Ryan Kuntsi, Ady Gray, Alex Wilson-Zegil, Robyn-Ashlyn McNaughton, Daphne Carr, Garrett Charbonneau, Patrick McCann, Alan Wilkin and team mentors and chaperones Dennis McCann, Matt Gray, Mike Zegil, Caroline Black and Yana Bauer.

Manitoulin municipalities seeking common short-term rentals policy

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) is going to work together to come up with a consistent policy in regard to the short-term accommodations rental (STAR) bylaws for Island municipalities. However, the Mayor of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands says that while his municipality is interested in seeing what other municipalities are putting in place for STAR, his municipality will be carrying out its own policy.

“We haven’t created a bylaw on STARs in NEMI,” NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin told The Expositor last week. “As council we have agreed to hold off on the bylaw at the moment, but we definitely won’t be in favour of a one-size-fits-all bylaw for the Island.” He explained as part of the town’s strategic plan deliberations, the issue of STAR was included for review and to come up with a strategy. “We know we may have to get more involved on it, and we’ll look at bylaws in other municipalities and see what effects these bylaws have in them.”

STAR, “is one of the items council has put on the table for discussion, and we have

asked staff to look at bylaws in other municipalities and we will definitely support looking at other bylaws and how they are enforced and what affects this has. But we are not going to just go ahead and be involved in one bylaw for the Island. We will base our bylaw on the impacts of short-term rentals in NEMI,” said Mayor MacNevin.

“I just think it would be a good time for all municipalities to get together to share their short-term accommodation lease bylaws and policies that are agreeable to everyone and have the same purpose,” stated Richard Stephens, mayor of the municipality of Central Manitoulin at an MMA meeting last week in Mindemoya. He pointed out Central Manitoulin has a STAR bylaw in place that could be shared with other municipalities for input. MMA Chair Ken Noland (reeve of Burpee and Mills) explained that the township council has not yet passed its STAR bylaw. “I agree it is a good idea to share what other municipalities have in place.”

Gordon/Barrie Island has a STAR bylaw

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One of the smallest schools among the 600 competing wins at Houston international 2023 robotics championship

by Tom Sasvari

HOUSTON, TEXAS—The Manitoulin Secondary School Mustangs Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team was one of only six teams from about 630 to win a Robotics World Championship FIRST Impact Award. And with this award they have already qualified to compete again at the 2024 World Robotics championship.

“I couldn’t be more proud of a team,” stated Ben Willis, a co-captain (along with Jocelyn Kuntsi) of the MSS team after MSS was named Saturday evening as one of the final six FIRST Impact award winners at the world championships held in Houston, Texas. “I have been on the team for four years and plan to be here again next year.” “There are going to be some young people who are smart, caring and have a lot of character who are going to be some of the leading figures for the next generation,” said Ben. “We are doing phenomenal things representing Manitoulin Island. When you realize that at least 4,000 teams across the world competed to be a FIRST Impact award finalist and we were in the top 0.1 percentile, it is incredible.” He pointed out the other finalists included teams from Australia, Turkey, two teams from the US and the eventual winner, the Beaver Works team, based out of Mississauga, Ontario.

“To know we are in the top six finalists from thousands of teams worldwide, we were really ecstatic,” stated Xavi Mara, team drive coach for their robot ‘Bumblebee.’ “As a team all season we have talked as to when we win, not if. A lot of it is manifestation, but it is still an amazing win. Ben said when it was announced we were one of the finalists that his heart was so weak he couldn’t feel it. Everyone was super excited, but no one was actually prepared for this,” said Xavi. At the provincial competition, there had been ongoing commentary on how individual teams were doing.

“When we won the (FIRST Impact Award) at the provincials we were excited, but when the finalists were announced, there was no hype. “Here at the Worlds, they just right up front said who the finalists were.”

“One of the reasons they selected us a finalist is that they wanted to see how our team is doing IMPACT-wise and the work we have been doing through the past few years,” said Xavi. “Our focus on sustainability will continue. The judges want to see what you’re doing as a team, and we were one of the only teams that focus on a lot of sustainability activities. We don’t have the resources or equipment some other teams have and sustainability is what we focus on. The fact that we got here and we won with our sustainability ideas is huge with the issue of climate change. Because of our focus on sustainability, we stood out.”

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Ms. Siksek’s observations.

Turtle mortality along Highway 6

Birch Island, McMaster University partner on study

by Lori Thompson

BIRCH ISLAND—From May through September, researchers will be conducting a turtle mortality road survey along Highway 6, between Swift Current (north of LaCloche Island) and Whitefish Falls. Workers from Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) are teaming up with researchers from McMaster University’s Chow-Fraser lab,

led by Reta Meng, to study turtles on the mainland this year.

“Right now we’re just beginning this project on the mainland,” explained Keith Nahwegahbow, lands assistant for WRFN. “Reta’s been doing her studies out in McGregor Bay (on Blanding’s turtles). We thought it would

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The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



BE PREPARED, WITH COOKIES!—The First Western Manitoulin Guiding unit held a very successful Mother's Day market in the Gore Bay community hall last Saturday. A total of 17 vendors set up tables displaying their wares in both the upstairs and downstairs area of the hall. There was also a silent auction with all items having been donated, a colouring table for kids, and a chili luncheon held. Cheryl Temple (Sequoia) of the local guiding unit said they had started back again last September and that they try to hold the Mother's Day market annually. Funds raised from the event will go towards the guides trip to Science North in May. From left to right are guides Charlotte, Cheryl Temple, Lilly, Kennedy, Aria and Autumn.

Date set for Island-wide waste management meeting

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—A date has now been set for a Manitoulin Island-wide meeting being hosted by Billings Township to discuss high-level opportunities for a joint waste management solution, best practices and areas for improvement. The meeting will be open to the public with invitations being sent to all municipalities and unorganized townships and First Nations on the Island, MP Carol Hughes, MPP Michael Mantha, Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, Manitoulin Municipal Association and GFL Environmental.

"I'm excited about this; it provides a great opportunity to bring people from all over the Island to the table looking at solutions for our waste on the Island," stated Billings Councillor Vince Grogan, who had originally put forward the idea for the meeting. "There are a lot of very smart people on the Island who have great ideas on how we can work together on waste management solutions."

"I think it is a really good idea," stated Councillor Jim Cahill.

Councillor Dave Hillyard said, "I appreciate Vince bringing this issue forward. I also appreciate that we

(Billings) took the initiative on this and it will provide an opportunity to look at ways and initiatives to solve the waste management issue on the Island. Anything that can be done to reduce our footprint is good."

Mayor Bryan Barker explained that at a meeting March 21, council passed a resolution indicating that "the township is committed to protecting our environment, and a priority in the township's strategic plan is to continue to improve municipal waste site efficiency, including waste diversion and recycling." "On April 11, Mayor Barker, Councillor Grogan, CAO Emily Dance, Deputy Clerk Tiana Mills and Financial Administrative Assistant Tina Beckerton met to discuss the path forward for the initial Island-wide waste management meeting," continued Mayor Barker. "It was decided to schedule the Island-wide meeting for Thursday, June 15 from 7 to 9 pm at the Park Centre in Kagawong."

Mayor Barker said notice of the meeting will be advertised in The Manitoulin Expositor, on the township's social media platforms, with a request put forward to other municipalities and First Nation communities to share this event on their platforms.

Public input sought on study of possible future uses for Roller Mills building in Manitowaning

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Assignack township ratepayers are being asked to put their names forward to help the township complete a study on possible future uses for the Roller Mills building on the Manitowaning waterfront.

"I brought this one up because I would like to see options being brought forward on absolutely everything that is needed to be done for the Roller Mills building to be useable," stated Mayor Brenda Reid at a council meeting last week. "The study will be done to see what options there are for use of the building instead of just letting it sit there as it is. It looks terrible. We need to do something with it."

Council passed a motion giving its approval for township office staff to advertise for ratepayers to put their names forward toward striking an ad hoc Roller Mills sub-committee to review future options for the building.

Mayor Reid told The Expositor after the council meeting, "We are looking for a couple of people in the community who, along with myself and another councillor, will look at everything that needs to be done to bring it back up to usable status and options that it could be used for."

"If there is nothing available option wise and it is too expensive then we would have to look at it

coming down," said Mayor Reid. "But we want to explore all options first." She pointed out the building is in good shape structurally.

As has been reported previously, the township is asking for the museum and Burns Wharf Theatre to remove all materials from the building by the end of May. However, "the museum is working

on removing all the items, but to decommission all the pieces takes time and lots of work to remove. Council may end up giving the museum an extension."

"It will probably take about a year before the study is complete and the committee is ready to bring a proposal forward to council," added Mayor Reid.

The Manitoulin Expositor wins four provincial awards

by Expositor staff

ONTARIO—The Manitoulin Expositor, Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper, has again proved itself among its provincial peers by collecting four awards at the recent Ontario Community Newspapers Association's Better Newspapers Competition. The event was held virtually again this year on a busy Friday production day so Expositor staff listened to the live feed while working to get the next week's paper ready for editorial layout.

For an impressive two years running, The Expositor has nabbed first place for Best News Story, the most prestigious of the writing awards. Freelancer and former Expositor staffer Gina Gasongi Simon's July 27, 2022 front page story 'Residential school survivor family gives mixed response to papal apology' was deemed tops in the province by Judge Jules Xavier, editor of the Shilo Stag at CFB Shilo who wrote, "A winning news story thanks to her embedment with family to find out about their thoughts on the Pope's televised apology to residential school victims in Canada. Gina Gasongi Simon sat with her parents, residential school survivors, as they listened to the papal apology. Compelling read from this poignant story." The Pope's address in Canada was on

a Monday and Ms. Gasongi Simon watched the presentation with her parents, wrote and filed the story to appear in that Wednesday's edition.

The Expositor took second place in the Education Writing category for Warren Schlote's September 28, 2022 story 'Working with spacecraft a hope for Wiky High grad, robotics veteran, studying engineering.'

Judge Sierra D'Souza Butts of 'The World Spectator' in Moosomin, Saskatchewan writes, "The story ties in a national historic event of the first Native American woman traveling to space and the impact it has on students in the community who are interested in the same field and happy to see Indigenous representation. Great range of sources used." Mr. Schlote is also a former staffer who does freelance work for the paper.

Associate editor Michael Erskine received a third-place finish for his October 13, 2021 piece 'Former editor demands vaxxes for all health workers' in the Best COVID-19 Coverage category.

"The Manitoulin Expositor told how one woman with serious health problems was affected by the presence of unvaccinated health workers," Judge John Arendt, editor of the Summerland Review in

Island OPP troubled by increase in impaired charges laid in 2023

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has seen a significant increase in the number of impaired driving charges it has laid up to April 14 of this year, compared with this time over the past six years, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services (UCCM APS) and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) are reporting that numbers are staying at the same or lower levels in the communities they serve.

"The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP, which also includes Espanola, has had 19 impaired driving related occurrences between January 1 and April 15. We are only midway through the fourth month of the year, said OPP Constable John Hill explained that while there have been 19 charges of impaired driving charges laid by the Manitoulin detachment this year, during this same time period in 2017 there had been 12 charges, eight in 2018, seven in 2019, seven in 2020, 21 in 2021 and 12 in 2022. The 19 charges this year includes 13 impaired by alcohol and six impaired by drugs. The source for

these 19 occurrences included eight traffic stops initiated by officers, seven traffic and impaired driving complaints from the public and four traffic collisions.

"The message is that the police, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and concerned citizens across Canada have been focussed on concerns with impaired driving for decades. But we are still seeing people driving impaired by alcohol or cannabis," said Constable Hill.

Constable Hill noted that one reason numbers of impaired charges have gone up is that more members of the public, including family members, are calling in traffic complaints of drivers who are suspected of using alcohol or cannabis. "For example, we had three different complaints made by members of the public to one driver that was charged recently."

"People are calling police on suspected impaired drivers, which is really good news," said Constable Hill. "The police can't be everywhere. It is definitely a positive that the community is partnering with the police."

Constable Hill said "sometimes

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Central moves to limit waste through bag tags and limits

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Council continues to wrestle with the challenges presented by the closure of Central Manitoulin's only remaining landfill. Unhappy with the results of a request for proposals (RFP) for the closure of the Providence Bay landfill, council voted to retender the RFP and has moved several motions aimed at implementing operational changes at the landfill scheduled to take place on June 1.

Among those changes will be the implementation of a bag-tag program required by the contract currently under negotiation with the Dodge Landfill in Espanola where the community's garbage is to be hauled, revised fee schedules and the temporary suspension of acceptance of large loads (more than 11 cubic yards) of construction and demolition material at the Providence Bay landfill site as of June 1.

The cost of tags for bags of garbage exceeding two at a resi-

dence has yet to be determined.

Council has also directed staff to gather data from service groups regarding options for managing garbage at multi-day events held in the municipality. Single-day events are not as yet impacted by the moves.

Gore Bay Theatre set to hit the stage with Norm Foster comedies on offer

'One-Actmanship' comprises two one-act plays

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—On May 12-13 Gore Bay Theatre (GBT) will be performing Norm Foster's comedy 'One-Actmanship.' The play is comprised of two one-act plays, 'My Narrator' and (after an intermission) 'The Death of Me.'

Norm Foster is recognized as Canada's leading comedic playwright with more plays produced in Canada than any other playwright as well as numerous plays produced internationally.

"This is the twelfth play written by Norm Foster and produced by GBT, and the reason is that his plays are extremely funny and poignant," said co-director Walter Maskel. "Because of his name recognition audiences know that they are going to laugh and be entertained. Notably, we have never produced one of his plays that was not well attended and well received."

'One-Actmanship' has been highly successful whenever it has been produced and each play, 'My Narrator' and 'The Death of Me,' have received many accolades. The Calgary Herald said that 'The Death of Me' at times "gets funny enough to almost become the death of us all."

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Ford government is taking patronage back generations

There was a time, not so very long ago, when just about every community had at least two newspapers. Each paper would champion the efforts of a particular political party, sharing the news of the day through a favourable or unfavourable lens depending on which party was currently in power. When the reins of government switched hands, the paper on the winning side would be rewarded with the coveted prized appointment as Queen's Printer—quite literally a licence to print money, as every government form had to come from the shelves of a Queen's Printer. Those days are over for newspapers/printing.

Times have changed, but recently, not so very much it seems.

The Ford government is unapologetically populist and generally bombastic in its delivery. That in itself is not necessarily a bad thing, being largely a matter of style rather than substance, and not so very different from what has often come before.

What is very troubling about this government, however, is the baggage that tends to come with governing old-style. Nestled amongst that baggage is the tendency to reward one's friends and punish one's enemies, utilizing the levers of government and legislation. Chief among these are appointments to plumb government appointments.

In the past few years of the Ford government's reign, a cascade of Progressive Conservative government appointments, such as that of Madeleine Bodenstien's to the York police board (Ms. Bodenstien might be recognized sitting at the premier's table during his daughter's wedding or from the donor list of the Ontario Progressive Con-

servatives).

More alarming was moves by the Ford government to instill partisanship in the judicial selection process. The way Ontario has selected appointments to the bench is lauded across the globe as a gold standard when it comes to selecting judges. The alarm on those moves was raised by Canadian Lawyer Magazine over a year ago.

Patronage, and the corruption that inevitably follows, is a dangerous cancer in democracy. Moves to eliminate patronage from our systems of government appointments have made our democratic institutions and governance the envy of the world. That is why the Ford government's nostalgic reach back to a time when donating money to a political party or sitting at the premier's table was a locked-in qualification for appointments is so disturbing.

Make no mistake. Every political party has patronage in mind when it comes to making appointments or awarding contracts to its friends. But patronage is a slippery slope that too often proves irresistible to the political class and must be pushed back against whenever and wherever it raised its head.

Patronage, especially the rampant style currently being practiced by the self-styled "peoples' government," brings democracy into disrepute. This is critically important, because when the "actual people" lose faith in their government, fascism and authoritarianism creep into the cracks created by that distrust.

A glance back into time will illuminate where that slippery slope comes to rest. It isn't pretty.

letters

What is happening in the skies above Manitoulin Island?

Islanders should be concerned of the dangers of geoengineering

To the Expositor:

For years now, persistent lasting contrails have marked the skies above us. What is happening?

According to Oxford University, geoengineering is the deliberate large-scale intervention in the Earth's natural systems to counteract climate change. Scientists who support geoengineering work on the premise that global warming must be slowed. Examples of geoengineering (GE) include solar radiation management, cloud seeding, carbon dioxide removal, and ocean fertilization, among others. I would specifically like to address solar radiation management.

Solar radiation management (SRM) introduces reflective nanoparticles into the upper atmosphere to reflect some sunlight before it reaches the surface of the Earth. Sulphur dioxide, aluminum and barium are some of the likely ingredients for SRM. Persistent lasting contrails remain in our skies for hours, slowing dissipation and creating a false cloud ceiling. What affect will these particles have on the air we breathe, the water we drink and the earth we live upon?

The results of SRM are unknown. It is an experiment being conducted in our skies. Geoengineering scientists admit they do not know how SRM will affect our environment, but they do acknowledge it will be messy. The treatment could very well be worse than the disease. They don't know, and they hope that you are not paying attention.

Oxford University has determined the following principles for geoengineering:

- GE to be regulated as a public good.
- Public participation in GE decision making.
- Disclosure of GE research and open publication of results.
- Independent assessment of results.
- Governance before deployment.

This has not occurred, yet exactly what the GE scientists propose is appearing in our skies. Citizens of Canada have not given their informed consent.

Geoengineering policy acknowledges the practice will be uneven. Some will benefit, others will suffer. Winners and losers will be established. Compensation systems will be created. Geoengineering policy suggests GE can be pressed upon and accepted by democratic peoples in much the same way as tax collection, military conscription and eminent domain.

Manitoulin Island just experienced its darkest winter in 80 years, according to this newspaper. SRM will continue to remove direct sunlight, which is required for life. Solar radiation management must cease until its full implications are known and citizens can make an informed decision about its use.

Sincerely,

Zak Nicholls
Little Current

Little Current Fish and Game beef dinner packs Little Current Legion

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Fish and Game Club (LCFGC) annual beef dinner has long been a harbinger of spring. The annual event used to be a wild game dinner but was changed of necessity to a beef dinner a few years back. That change has not dampened enthusiasm for the event by one iota.

"We had an excellent turnout," said LCFGC President Lou Shortt. "It was a really good dinner and we did quite well with our fundraisers. The community has really been supportive over the years."

The club honoured charter member Doug Hore with the presentation of a fish-themed clock in recognition of his many years of service to the club. "Doug has always been a very vivacious member of the club," said Mr. Shortt. "He is one of the last surviving founding members and really the only continuous one. He is always ready and willing to lend his support to any project." Mr. Hore is no longer able to do a lot of the physical work on the ponds and netting, but he is there cheering the troops on nonetheless. "He may have to use a cane



Doug Hore, an original member of the Little Current Fish and Game Club, is presented with a gift for his many years of volunteer service by club president Lou Shortt at the club's annual dinner.

photo by Michael Erskine

these days, but he is there. We felt it was important to show him how much we appreciated him."

The beef dinner was, as Mr. Shortt described it, good—largely thanks to the hard work and effort

of the volunteer kitchen staff, including Linda Bowerman, Jim Griffin, Glen Andrews, Julie Shortt, Max Burt, Gary Elliott and Bruce Burnett.

In addition to a table full of donated swag tickets, with winners drawn following the meal, a large, numbered print sketch of a wolf's head donated by Linda Farquhar was the grand door prize. "Linda's brother is a professional artist out in Calgary," said Mr. Shortt. The print was won by Ingrid Madahbee.

Aside from its utility as a fundraiser and social event, the annual beef dinner also acts as a great recruitment venue. Mr. Shortt's first encounter with the LCFGC was through one of the wild game dinners and he found himself thoroughly hooked in no time.

"It is really a great opportunity to meet up with like-minded people," said Mr. Shortt, a fact borne out by the steady thrum of conversations taking place across the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current hall before the meal—it got quieter as the food came out, another testament to the chefs.

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M'Chigeeng historian responds to Vatican renouncing Doctrine of Discovery

EDITOR'S NOTE: Long-time M'Chigeeng resident and amateur historian Terry Debassige has spent a lifetime researching a multitude of First Nation issues. Like his father, the late Ernest L. Debassige, an authority on Canadian government policies and legislation as they pertain to Indigenous rights, Terry's knowledge has been amassed over years of listening, reading and researching. He has sat at many tables as an advisor, councillor, orator and teacher, assisting his people to navigate the rough waters.



Terry Debassige

When recently asked about his views on the Vatican renouncing the Doctrine of Discovery, which was used by the church and state to justify colonial conquests, Mr. Debassige was ready to talk. He expresses concerns with the many powerful economic interests at play combined with "the application of law and legislation when convenient."

by Gina Gasongi Simon

According to Terry Debassige, the doctrine was used in many US court cases to justify the theft of Indigenous lands (to defend certain colonial and vested interests in development and in land) and, to some degree, also formed the basis of some property laws in Canada.

"The best thing about this elephant in the room," states Mr. Debassige, "It's opened up a 'can of worms.' For him, the stage has been set and the curtain is lifted and "now a whole series of questions will be invoked, questions that require answers." His hope is that some young aspiring political student or articling law students, working at some well-established forward-thinking law firm, will take it on.

This doctrine in question is a legal construct flowing from a series of papal bulls, (or 'rulings' by any Pope at any given time) starting with the crusades in the middle ages and carrying through to the voyages of Columbus and Champlain's explorations of present day Canada. The Doctrine was used to legitimize the seizure of Indigenous lands by colonial powers. It was adopted into Spanish law by the Supreme Council of the Indies in the early 1500s. In 1823, the US Supreme Court used the doctrine and the Royal Procla-

mation of 1763 to declare 'discovery' gave title to the US government as successors of the British Crown. It also recognized an 'aboriginal title' as an occupancy right.

In 1888, the Canadian Supreme Court also used the US M'Tosh decision to formulate its justification to also create an 'aboriginal title,' a usufructuary right, which is only a right to land occupancy with the Crown holding the underlying title. That position is iterated in almost all court cases involving Indian land claims.

"Why are we always the ones who have to prove, why does the First Nation leadership repeatedly play into this hand, with the onus on us, when it should be placed on the Canadian government?" Mr. Debassige asks. "They should have to prove they did not steal our land and resources."

When asked if this spills into forgiveness on the part of the Vatican which provided a framework for the early Christian explorers, in the name of their sovereign, to lay claim to territories uninhabited by Christians, Mr. Debassige says this notion is 'far fetched.'

"The arrogance of western law to arrive on our shores, refer to themselves as the discovering nation, and so therefore have ultimate title to the land, and to top it off have the right to sell the land while Indigenous peoples are legislated into poverty? That right remains, and we are supposed to be content with that right? A right based on whose laws?" Mr. Debassige questions.

Mr. Debassige also references the Papal bull also making headlines in the 1990s and 2000s when Pope John Paul II was being peti-

tioned to revoke it and recognize the human rights of Indigenous peoples. "These words were written 500 years ago...any non-Christian people discovered by European explorers were to be vanquished and subdued. Direct quote: "Subjugated—and brought to faith."

The word 'subjugate,' he says, means to bring under control and governance as a subject. How is this being achieved? "The Doctrine of Discovery the Canadian government has denied using, however Indigenous people in Canada are some of the most marginalized populations in economically developed countries, experiencing higher unemployment, suicide, mental health problems and incarceration rates coupled with lower levels of education, health care access and income than the rest of the population," he explains.

"Indigenous women and girls in Canada are some of the most targeted and oppressed and are seeking answers and support through efforts such as the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women's (MMIW) movement. And our government of the day claims they are not, nor have they used, the Doctrine of Discovery when they have acquired 'everything' under the doctrine principles?" Mr. Debassige reiterated.

Even though Canada continues to deny using the Doctrine of Discovery, Mr. Debassige cites the St. Catherine's Milling and Lumber Co. v. The Queen, "which was a leading case in 1887 on aboriginal title in Ontario."

It was a jurisdictional dispute between Ontario and Canada that was appealed all the way up to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in Great Britain (the final judicial authority at the time in Canada). At issue was the nature of Indigenous land rights. However, there was no Indigenous representation in the arguments made before the Privy Council. "All arguments were made by colonial government officials and this was the leading case law on Indigenous land rights for 85 years," Mr. Debassige adds.

Now the Crown within Canada claims sovereignty over Indigenous Peoples and land by holding that Indigenous Peoples cannot claim ownership of land. Howev-

er, he continues, "We have a restricted title (an 'aboriginal title' contained within Section 35 of Canadian constitution) "which basically states that we have the rights of occupation and land use," Mr. Debassige says.

Another strategy the government continues to use, according to Mr. Debassige, is contained within the Delgamuukw and Tsilhqot'in (Chilcotin) Supreme court cases. He believes, "we should not even be taking our issues to the Supreme Court. Canada has already established the ground rules." This is stated in the two cases that 'recognize aboriginal title is a right,' but it further states, "Canada retains the underlying paramount title" to which Mr. Debassige reads as "another way of saying, to a less alarming degree, that the application of the Doctrine of Discovery applies."

Curiously, those court cases acknowledge Canada does not hold a legally established title when its courts also say, "upon Canada's presumed sovereignty or asserted sovereignty." This, to Mr. Debassige, is "not factual as it is only an assertion. Canada thought they could resolve its dilemma with the passage of Pierre Trudeau's 1969 'White Paper' policy and could simply legislate us out of existence but nation-wide resistance forced them to pull it off the table." (The 'White Paper' was a federal government proposal at that time that attempted to abolish legal agreements relating to Indigenous peoples in Canada, including the Indian Act as well as treaties. The policy proposed to eliminate Indian Status, incorporate First Nations under provincial government responsibilities and impose land decisions, notions of private property and economic agendas on Indigenous communities).

"Of course, it faced huge backlash, but the intention of the proposal never went away." Its purpose was to establish 'certainty' in which Canada would have had clear access to the resources. "By blocking the 'White Paper' policy, the government now has to seek our consent."

"Our First Nation leaders, like the Union of Ontario Indians (the Anishinaabe Nation), believe our rights are protected under Section

35. I need to remind some that it was our Island leadership who lobbied England to force Canada to put that section into the Canadian Constitution that was patriated only as recently as 1982. They convinced the First Nation leaders to allow Canada's repatriation to occur with the promise that Constitutional talks will continue after repatriation. The constitutional talks that followed never went anywhere," states Mr. Debassige.

"The government does not recognize our rights. No, they only expand what is allowed to be exercised in the Governance Act," he explains. "If people know their history, they know that Canada itself does not hold valid international title to the land. That's the elephant in the room. Canada is working on asserted title."

"When we try to exercise and practice our belief in protection of the land, our Mother Earth, this in theory is viewed as 'use it or lose it,'" Mr. Debassige continues. "To me, the Vatican's official repudiation may appease and bring hope to some, but I view it only as a starting point to bring forth light on a dark corner of settlers' history in this country. If backed with political will it could open up enormous economic potential for our people."

"'Indigenous' is now a legal category in national and international legislation, identifying those of a culturally-distinct group affected by colonisation," Mr. Debassige explains. "Despite efforts to protect Indigenous people, the Vatican's renouncing of the Doctrine of Discovery will highlight the plight of the world's Indigenous people and may ensure our survival and recognize that special measures are required to protect our rights and maintain our distinct cultures and ways of life."

Mr. Debassige remains an outstanding historian and his contributions to setting the records straight adds to his appeal, for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous audiences, to bridge an understanding between two races estranged and yet bound together by history. As he says, "we are all treaty and bound by treaties, it's just some have had the privilege, over the years, to swing the pendulum and interpret events to their advantage."

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An address to all families affected by workplace death or injury

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Friday, April 28 is the National Day of Mourning, a day dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives, suffered injury or illness on the job, or experienced a work-related tragedy.

To all families impacted by workplace tragedies, be it a fatality, life altering injury, or occupational disease.

Once upon a time (sounds like a fairy tale, but it is far from that) we lived what we called a normal life.

Then one day, in one second, our lives became forever changed. We received word that our loved one has been killed at work, or has been severely injured or suffered an occupational inhalation incident on the job.

The world and life we knew is gone and we are now on a journey completely foreign to us. We feel lost, confused, misunderstood, fearful of the future, angry, resentful, a loss of purpose and motivation—these are just a few of the emotions we can go through. Often family cannot be there for us as they do not understand where we are at and that it is a forever journey. But how can they "get it" as they are not walk-

ing in our shoes, and we would not want them to be.

With the death of our loved one our hearts are severed, our future dreams destroyed.

When our loved one comes home suffering from a life altering injury (back injury, loss of a limb, or eyesight etc.) or occupational disease, the worker and their family live every day with the impact of this workplace tragedy. The financial, social and emotional journey for them is devastating.

Workers are to go to work and should come home safe.

Workers, each member of a family, need to realize how very important you are to the happiness and natural dynamics of the family.

Health and safety in the workplace is not a "one-man job." It is everyone's job.

We need to ensure that our children, our young workers, know that all workers have the right to refuse unsafe work.

All workers need to know the importance of reporting near misses and following through to ensure they have been attended to. If the near misses in my son's death had been attended to, Brent would have been alive today as well as the three other young



Brent Wade was killed on the job at just 22 years old.

men that were killed at the same site not even 10 months after Brent was killed. It took the death of four young men to have the bars installed at this railway crossing site.

Practice due diligence, do not look the other way as you could have saved a life that day (from the poem, "I could have saved a life that day").

The organization I belong to, The

Threads of Life, incorporated in 2003, has put life back into living for me. There is such love, compassion and understanding among us as we "get" the journey each of us and you are on. It is a place where you can feel safe to express those inner emotions, you can learn to understand your journey and find hope and heal. Our organization is national, not for profit, and supports well over 2,000 families across Canada. Proactively we raise awareness of the importance of health and safety within the workplace with our stories of our losses. Reactively we offer one on one, peer support to those impacted by workplace tragedies. For more information, go to www.threadsoflife.ca.

As we remember the lost or injured workers on this National Day of Mourning, let us not forget to remember their families, as they live these losses every day. We can only hope that their death, their injury has brought about changes in the workplace to make it a safer workplace environment for the future.

May their death or injuries make a difference and not be for nothing.

Joanne Wade
Sheguiandah



Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP arrests another motorist for impaired operation

Members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrested and charged a motorist for impaired operation of a motor vehicle, after a single motor vehicle collision.

On April 13 at approximately 5:30 am, officers with the Manitoulin OPP responded to a call of a single motor vehicle collision on Government Road in Providence Bay.

Upon speaking with the driver, police determined that the driver was impaired. No injuries were reported. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and transported to the OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, Ann James, 53, of Providence Bay was charged with operation while impaired by alcohol and drugs, drive a vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available and operation while impaired-blood drug concentration.

The accused driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on May 17.

Wikwemikong police requesting public's assistance in solving hit and run incident

Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is requesting the public's assistance in solving a hit and run involving two vehicles.

On Sunday, April 16 at approximately 7 pm, WTPS received a call of damage done to a motor vehicle in the Bayview Heights area in the main village of Wikwemikong.

"Investigation revealed that the owner of the vehicle had parked and left the vehicle unattended for approximately two hours," WTPS reports. "Upon return the vehicle owner found that his vehicle had been struck by another unknown vehicle and sustained damage to the front driver's side and headlight area. The cost of the damage is unknown, and the incident is still under investigation."

Anyone with information pertaining to this or any other investigation is asked to contact the WTPS at (705) 859-3141. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crimestoppers at 1-80-222-8477 (TIPS) or access their website at sudburycrimestoppers.com/ where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Man missing since December found deceased in wooded area in Espanola

ESPANOLA—Human remains located in Espanola by a local resident have been identified by the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

"The human remains located in Espanola on April 18 have been identified as those of a missing 53-year-old from Espanola," said provincial Constable Jessica Gilbertson, community safety officer/media relations with the Manitoulin OPP. She explained that "the remains located was a person who had been reported as missing, Glenn Ward."

On January 10, 2023, members of the Manitoulin OPP began an investigation regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Ward who had last been seen walking on The Queensway in Espanola on December 9, 2022.

Foul play has been ruled out, reported Constable Gilbertson.

"Through investigation, it has been determined that there was no foul play in the man's death." She said health or weather factors had led to Mr. Ward's passing.

On April 18 at approximately 11:40 am, members of the Manitoulin OPP



Police identified the remains as Glenn Ward who has been missing since December 2022

responded to a call from a local resident about the discovery of human remains in a wooded area off The Queensway.

"The OPP would like to thank the public and media for their assistance in this matter."

911 hang up calls/accidental dials can be problematic

WIJKWEMKOONG—911 calls for service can be and are usually related to someone in dire need of assistance or to report a major incident.

"However, there has been an increase in non-emergency 911 hang-up calls that

police must respond to," the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) reports. "Between March 2022 and March 2023 there has been a 380 percent increase in 911 hang up calls (or pocket dials) that the WTPS have had to

respond to."

"When police have to respond to 911 hang up calls or pocket dials, it takes time to investigate and, in most cases, it turns out to be no emergency," the release continues. "This

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Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Sometimes yours truly starts to ponder the really deep questions in life and this week we found ourselves trying to decide which songs would go best with Shakespeare's greatest works. We thought perhaps "Back Stabbers" (The O'Jays) might work well for Julius Caesar. Othello is of course paired with "Suspicious Minds" (Elvis), King Lear has to be Neil Young's "Old Man" and Romeo and Juliet get's the Amy Winehouse treatment with "Love is a Losing Game." Antony and Cleopatra feels like a "Bad Romance" (Lady Gaga), while the Merchant of Venice would have to be "Money" by Pink Floyd. What about "The End" by The Doors for Hamlet? And of course, the song that fits best with Macbeth has to be Black Sabbath's "Paranoid." Did we miss any or get any wrong? Let us know! Fergmeijer@gmail.com

In a whirlwind, Cinderella story, the robotics team at Manitoulin Secondary School - Manitoulin Metal - qualified for the world championship in Houston! The team, including Kagawongian Daphne C, had to do some seriously creative efforts to raise the funds needed to fly themselves, and their robot, Bumblebee, down to Texas, but the Island community came through once again, donating more than \$20,000 to the cause! At the time of writing, the team has completed the first day of competition with some stunning victories. We are confident they will continue to do Manitoulin proud!

We lost Mary Buie last week, and the whole Island and beyond has felt the loss. She was a force to be reckoned with and lived her life to the fullest. A quiet day for Mary was one where she had only six things on her agenda! There was very little that Mary did not have a hand in: Guides, church, choir (sometimes two or three at a time!), Burns Wharf Theatre, self-appointed welcome wagon and biscuit-maker; her work as nurse and midwife (not to mention her unofficial shifts as village nurse treating sprains, advising on aches, and removing the odd set of stitches), world travel, dancing in Carnivale, flower arranging at the cafe, coffee dates with friends, community Christmas concerts, carolling, the list goes on. And that doesn't even touch on her love of her family and her friends.

Mary's Celebration of Life will be Sunday, April 30, 2023 at the M'Chigeeng arena from 1 to 3 pm. Mary left strict instructions that there should only be bright, cheerful colours at the event.

It's not just the grass that is looking a little greener! This past weekend was Earth Day and the Billings Climate Action Committee hosted a circular economy swap event, as well as a community clean-up and composting dehydrator demonstration. Looking to learn more about how our township is working to become greener? Check out <http://billingscac.blogspot.com/>

The Billings Volunteer Fair is on from 2 to 8 pm today (April 26) at the Park Centre. Stop in to meet the many organizations that work to make our community so special. Learn about their efforts and events, and you are sure to find a comfortable fit for you. There will be refreshments as well as prizes to be won.

Looking to do a little toe-tapping? Kagawong Concert

presents bluegrass and roots music by The Barrel Boys at the Old Church on the Hill this weekend! Swing on by Saturday, April 29. Doors open at 7 pm and the music starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and free for kids 12 and under. Check out the Facebook event "Kagawong Concerts Presents: The Barrel Boys" for more information!

Are you a business owner within the municipality of Billings Township? Come out to the Billings Business Group meeting on May 10th. Starting at 7 pm at the Park Centre in Kagawong, take the opportunity to meet other business owners and discuss issues of concern and opportunity! Contact westman@lambac.org or 705-282-3215 for more information.

Not sure how to celebrate Mother's Day? We've got you covered! Treat Mom this Mother's Day and bring her out to the Anglican Church Mother's Day Lunch, Saturday, May 13th. The church is offering delicate sandwiches and delectable desserts from 11 am to 2 pm. The cost is \$20 per person.

Don't forget - the landfill is now operating on summer hours. The Billings landfill will be open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 6 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

Some fashion advice this week. We at Team Fergmeijer feel that there are just some things women shouldn't wear. Like the weight of other people's expectations and judgments. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

It was a quiet week in Meldrum Bay.

Some work was done on quilts and disaster relief supplies on Tuesday. But, there will be no cards this week because five of our community members are home coughing and getting over a cold. I tested myself for covid and it was negative, but I was sick enough to be totally useless. I'd better get well quickly. The others feel the same way.

Someone had a fire this week in their backyard, but some neighbours showed up and with a bit of work it was taken care of. Thank you to everyone who helped out.

There is a doe that loves to graze on the grass that grows over our septic bed. She was back this week with her two fawns from last year. They did their best to get every blade that they could. They are looking very healthy. My husband said good, less grass for him to cut.

Peggy had a fire, associated with her sugar bush. She is always so careful, I did not want to make her feel badly, neither had I asked her permission before printing. For that reason, I kept the details purposely brief. Everything got looked after with no damage to anything that is important.

Have a great week and stay healthy.

** This is Meldrum Bay's correspondence from the previous week. **

We have had a beautiful week. Crocuses are blooming and the daffodils are close. There's still snow in the woods, but spring is definitely here. We washed the car, but it was not a success. Instead of a muddy car, we now have a dusty car. It looked so good while it was still wet and shining in the driveway, but after it dried there were fine swirls of

mud everywhere. We threw in the towel, so to speak, and left it for another day.

Thursday a group of us got together at the hall. We were filling bags (combs, towels, soap, toothbrushes, etc.) for disaster relief. We had fun getting together, but as we packed each one, I thought of all the people needing them. It is sad that there is so much disaster needing relieving.

Friday night at cards had four full tables; high lady was Myra Duncanson with 79 points; high man was Ken Reiss with 70 points; ladies' lone hands were won by Elaine Bradley with two; men's lone hands were won by Murray Duncanson with three; most euchres went to Bob Benedict with 11; and the juice was taken home by Ken Reiss. The money jar is still safe.

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Sympathy to Oliver and Barb Runnalls and family in the passing of his sister Mrs. Helen Wasylenki (husband Ray) of Sudbury on April 14, 2023.

Sandy and Jim Miller from Ottawa visited with Oliver and Barb Runnalls and Scott and Enid Runnalls last week.

Enid Runnalls and Katie returned home last week after spending a week in Vancouver, British Columbia. Family joining Scott and Enid for Easter supper were Oliver Runnalls, Cameron and Dione Runnalls and Micah.

Murray Montgomery had daughter Erin from Blind River here for the weekend.

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

Doug and Linda Lane had Angela and Darryl Wunsch and Thomas were here for the weekend.

Lynn Calback visited George and Carolyn Calback on Wednesday.

Silver Water Karen Noble

This has been a quiet week for me. I stayed home from all the euchre nights to keep from passing on this cold. I offer get well wishes to everyone else that I hear has gotten it.

Wednesday, April 19, I attended the Manitoulin Municipal Association meeting with a large group. I am still learning the names of the other members and figuring out where they are from.

Sara-Lyn Arnot arrived home last week after spending time with family for Easter in Southern Ontario.

We had a deer in the backyard on Thursday for the first time in months. She will soon have lots of grass to eat once the weather gets back to spring conditions.

I had one purple crocus flower. Now I am waiting for the hundreds of daffodil buds to open up.

...Island OPP troubled by increase in impaired charges laid in 2023

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people think that it is okay if they use cannabis and operate a motor vehicle. But cannabis does impair a person as do some prescription medications.”

“The OPP’s priority will continue to be public safety,” said

Inspector Megan Moriarty, detachment commander, Manitoulin OPP. “Our officers are out patrolling and making a difference every day, but we need the public’s help to reduce impaired driving, which is one of the leading causes of criminal death in

Canada. If you are drinking, make a plan not to drive. Use prescription drugs only as directed by your doctor and if you suspect an impaired driver call 9-1-1 immediately.”

Jason Spooner, acting chief of police for the WTPS said, “our

numbers (in relation to impaired drivers) have been fairly consistent in the past five years. As always, we encourage anyone who suspects an impaired driver to call 911 immediately. Also, we are making reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) checks and traffic enforcement/education a summer priority in Wikwemikong.”

Acting Chief of Police Spooner explained that in the past six years, during the period of January 1 to April 15 by year, the number of (impaired driving, impaired driver over 80 milligrams and refuse breath sample) charges in 2017 was seven (four drivers charged), eight in 2018 (five drivers charged), five in 2019 (three drivers charged), five in

2020 and 2021 (three drivers charged in each year), two in 2022 (one driver charged) and six in 2023 (three drivers charged).

Brad Mack, staff sergeant of the UCCM APS told The Expositor, “It should be zero charges across the board,” and that drivers should never drive after drinking or taking drugs.

“Our impaired driving statistics from 2017 to present 2023 for the entire year, January 1 to December 31, include 15 drivers charged with impaired by alcohol or drugs in 2017, six in 2018, seven in 2019, 10 in 2020, 14 in 2021, 11 in 2022 and two thus far in 2023,” said Staff Sergeant Mack. He said while the numbers went down in 2018 and 2019, they seem to be creeping back up again.

New study shows biological invasions from invasive species are as costly as natural disasters

SAULT STE. MARIE—Natural disasters such as storms, earthquakes and wildfires are widely recognized for their devastating economic impacts. A new study by the Canadian Invasive Species Centre released on March 17 reveals that biological invasions from invasive species are as economically devastating as these more well-known phenomena, underscoring the importance of action and preventative measures.

“Invasive species, which are organisms introduced by humans to new environments that harm the environment, economy and society, are a growing problem worldwide. Invasive species cause socio-economic harm through damaging or altering access to infrastructure, such as when zebra and quagga mussels clog water intake pipes or invasive aquatic plants form dense mats of vegetation that impede recreational access to waterways,” the study notes. “Economically important natural resources such as commercial and sport fisheries may also be threatened when invasive species impact wildlife populations.”

“Our findings revealed that the global economic losses from biological invasions, which may typically be considered as a slow-onset hazard, were in the same order of magnitude as economic losses from storms and earthquakes, amounting to \$1,208 billion (USD). These impacts are cumulative and profound, including species extinctions, massive costs and even human deaths,” said Dr. Anna Turbelin.

Costs of biological invasions are steep, and the study reveals they are only expected to increase in the coming years, driven by factors such as climate change and increased international trade and travel. Related to this, the study found that invasion costs increased faster than natural hazard costs

over time, with a 702 percent increase in reported losses between the periods of 1980-1999 and 2000-2019.

“This new research reveals the impacts of invasive species are as costly as natural disasters such as storms and earthquakes, further emphasizing the need to strengthen measures to prevent and manage invasive species through increased mapping, monitoring, reporting, and response to protect lakes, lands, communities, and the economy,” said Sarah Rang, executive director of the Invasive Species Centre.

“Societies need to build a culture of safety and resilience against the threat of invasive species,” recommended Dr. Anthony Ricciardi, McGill University. “Just like we reinforce infrastructure and develop emergency response plans against earthquakes and other extreme natural hazards, we should adopt similar precautionary approaches to prevent biological invasions.”

Several things can be done to minimize the impacts of invasive species and action can take place at all levels of society, the study notes. “Decision-makers can make policy changes to reflect management needs and direct resources to relevant programs. Environmental and land managers can take steps to prevent, manage and eradicate invasive species through their work. Community members can prevent the spread of invasive species by fully cleaning vehicles, gear, clothing and footwear when they are out in nature.”

The public can also help by reporting invasive species sightings on apps like EDDMapS and iNaturalist, spreading the word on invasive species prevention, and even participating in stewardship events such as invasive species pulls or community science monitoring activities.

...Manitoulin Expositor wins four provincial awards

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Summerland, BC, writes. “Over the past couple of years, a lot of discussion around COVID-19 has been on rights and freedoms. This is a refreshing change as it shows that there are some who are at risk because of the quest for these freedoms.” The subject was Diane Sims, now of Stratford, who was The Expositor’s editor 35 years ago. Ms. Sims has had multiple sclerosis for most of her life and is now mobile through her wheelchair and is a passionate advocate for the rights for disabled Ontarians.

The Expositor’s 2022 Farm Safe-

ty Week special also garnered a third-place finish in the Best Feature/Unit Pages category. “Excellent editorial, clearly intended for this use alongside large, clean and thought-out advertising,” said judge Christine van Reeuwyk of Oak Bay News in Oak Bay, BC.

Heather Marshall’s Newish to Manitoulin column also saw an honourable mention for Best Guest/Freeland Column.

“As always, I am so incredibly proud of our team for their award-winning work,” said Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon. “There were an incredible number of entries in each of the categories so to be recognized for our

efforts among such competition, Ontario-wide, is truly something. Congratulations to everyone, once again.”

...Norm Foster comedies

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The London Free Press stated, “both plays are overlaid with comedy about ordinary people caught in awkward situations showing the funny side of life.”

“We wanted to produce something light and fun because we all need a laugh after the pandemic and Norm Foster was the perfect vehicle,” said Andrea Emmerton, GBT co-director. “In fact, we plan a Foster Festival this summer by producing two Foster plays in repertory, ‘One-Actmanship’ and ‘Lunenburg’.”

“We are producing ‘One-Actmanship’ as a preview on May 12-13 to give our actors the experience of performing before an audience because we are entering the Northern Ontario Drama Festival, QUON-TA, the following week in North Bay which will feature plays from the Sault, North Bay and Gore Bay,” said Ms. Emmerton.

In the past 20 years, GBT has competed at the regional and provincial levels and has established a reputation for consistently producing outstanding theatre, especially impressive because they are competing against groups from major cities.

“Many of the groups we compete against have over 100 members and produce their plays in state-of-the-art facilities,” said Ms. Maskel. “However, we are fortunate in Gore Bay to have a group of dedicated and committed theatre artists with a passion and love for the art.”

“Our actors in ‘One-Actmanship,’ Tara Bernatchez, John Robertson, Tammy Robinson and Will Smith have appeared in numerous Gore Bay Theatre productions and are in both ‘My Narrator’ and ‘The Death of Me.’ I know that audiences will be very impressed with their performances,” said Mr. Maskel.

All performances will be at the Gore Bay Community Hall. Doors open at 7 pm and curtain time is 7:30 pm. Admission is \$20 with all tickets sold at the door.

“If laughter is the best medicine, then an evening with North Foster is your best therapy,” added Ms. Emmerton.



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TRIVIA NIGHT! Canceled for April 27th

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...Birch Island, McMaster University partner on turtle mortality study

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 be a good idea to partner with her to study our mainland turtles here. We're just taking her work and we're applying it here. We haven't had anything like that done before."

"One of the main things with Birch Island is that there's a big highway where vehicles are travelling at 80 kilometers per hour," said Ms. Meng. "There have been community sightings where the turtles are alive but also some that have

ber, when the turtles are most active and it's warm enough that they might be using the roads as a corridor or as habitat to lay eggs. "What we're going to be doing is driving our lab vehicle approximately 40-50 km/hr, so definitely slower than traffic when it's safe and possible without affecting school buses and whatnot. We've obtained the proper MTO permits and permission as well," she added.

They want to see if that

hotspots are identified there, the researchers can conduct more detailed surveys, especially for females during June, when they would come out the most and lay eggs. "If that is the case, we could recommend a decreased speed limit or turtle crossing signs," she said. "That would be helpful to hopefully help the decline of the population.

That is the general or main goal of this."

"It's part of our biophysical inventory," said Mr. Nahwegahbow. "We study all sorts of things. Turtles are one of them."

What he really wants to stress is road safety. "Starting in May, they'll be working along the highway from Swift Current to Whitefish Falls. We just want to warn

everybody. The more people that know about it, the safer it will be for our workers. I want to stress safety right now, just to let people know we'll be working on the highway doing road mortality surveys from 6 am until 11 am on weekdays."

Keep an eye out for a white truck with a yellow beacon light, and workers wearing high-visibility work gear.

If anyone stops to help a turtle cross the highway along that stretch outside of the survey times and wants to add to the researcher's knowledge base, snapping a photo of the turtle and emailing to Reta Meng at meng13@mcmaster.ca would help. The team stresses that people should do this only if it can be done safely.



Turtle crossing signs like this one by the Ice Lake causeway remind drivers to keep an eye out for our half-shelled friends.

been run over and have been killed, unfortunately, and there are multiple different species including Blanding's turtles. One of the things we're curious to find out more about, in collaboration with the Lands Department at WRFN, is to find out if there's hotspots in road mortality along the highway. That's sort of why we're doing the road survey this summer."

The survey will take place three times a week between May and Septem-

ber, when the turtles are most active and it's warm enough that they might be using the roads as a corridor or as habitat to lay eggs. "What we're going to be doing is driving our lab vehicle approximately 40-50 km/hr, so definitely slower than traffic when it's safe and possible without affecting school buses and whatnot. We've obtained the proper MTO permits and permission as well," she added.

There are a couple spots along the highway that has wetland habitat on both sides and if mortality and



The study route along Highway 6.

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 in place, but Reeve Lee Hayden told the meeting there will be a learning curve with it to see where it is strong and where amendments can be made in the future.

STAR, "is something new and we all want a good document," said Reeve Hayden. "We are willing to look at other municipalities bylaws and see where ours may be strong or needs work. We are willing to discuss this."

"After the STAR is in place a year, municipalities might find out something that needs to be changed," said Gore Bay Councillor Dan Osborne. "We are willing to look at and discuss this with other municipalities so we have a consistent, good bylaw."

While Billings township has a STAR bylaw in place it was done with some amendments made to it, said Mayor Bryan Barker. "But having some kind of consistency across the Island would be a good idea."

It was suggested that those municipalities that have STAR bylaws in place should send them in to the MMA secretary so they can be distributed to all Island municipalities for consideration.

Mayor Stephens told The Expositor after the meeting, "My idea in bringing this forward was to have every municipality that has a bylaw in place to bring it forward so other municipalities can review them,

and we could have a basic template in place for the entire Island. And so people who have property in more than one community on the Island don't have to jump through a different set of rules for each municipality they own property in. I felt if all the municipalities got together and compared bylaws and say one municipality has a better idea in one part of their bylaw and another municipality has a good point on another that can be used as part of the bylaw. That way if and when bylaws are updated the bylaws would be more consistent and better for everyone involved."

"It was never my intention to say everyone had to have exactly the same bylaw. But everyone could put information on the table about what they have and see if they are comparable, so we all have the same basic rules and regulations," said Mayor Stephens. "Most municipalities sent out a draft STAR bylaw for public consultation and input, and then had this go back to councils for final consideration. The MMA has no authority; it is a forum for discussion of issues. We make recommendations that can be taken back to municipalities. My idea in bringing this forward was to come up with one basic bylaw that can be looked at by other municipalities around the Island rather than having seven different STAR policies in place."

Mayor MacNevin, who was not in attendance at the MMA meeting last week, told The Expositor, "We have no examples of orders, issues and if fines have been imposed for those not following the rules in other municipalities that have STAR bylaws in place. We'll look at other municipalities' bylaws and what the effects of having these bylaws in place has been. And then we will look at the issue and what we want in

place for NEMI. But we aren't feeling the pressure so far that other areas are from people who want the (STAR) bylaws in place or are opposed to them. We are not opposed to looking at bylaws from other municipalities, but we are not looking to have the same rules and regulations in place—we will have one in place for our municipality."

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Helen Siksek, who spends half the year residing in Kagawong and half in Dallas, Texas, was one of the many unsung heroes who assisted the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs 6865 Manitoulin Metal Robotics team while they competed in the World Robotics championship, held in Houston last week. Ms. Siksek, right, was presented with a t-shirt and proclaimed an honorary member of the MSS robotics team. In photo, left are team members Jocelyn Kuntsi and Alex Wilson-Zegil.

...Helen Siksek was in right place, right time

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 Bay take care of each other. I've watched people like Heather Patterson and Rhea Woods at the church or in the community help to make sandwiches or help at events. It was 100 percent the Gore Bay and Manitoulin helping the community spirit that inspired me to help out the MSS team."

Husband Floyd was at work in Dallas when Ms. Siksek was sitting at home, reading an article in The Expositor that said the MSS team had won the provincial robotics championships. There was another article the next week. That was the one that reported that reported the Manitoulin Metal team was going to Houston for the world championship. "I nearly fell off my chair!" she said.

She told her husband the kids from MSS were coming to Texas, adding that she too was going to Houston. "I didn't know what I could do or if I could even help out, but I just felt I needed to be there to help."

"Floyd asked me, 'Do you know how much this is going to cost you?' I just said I have to help serve this team. I'm going to Houston, and I need the car," said Ms. Siksek.

She sent a message to Yana Bauer, a mentor with the MSS team, and told her she was at the team's service to help out. "I told Yana I would get a hotel at my own expense and would have a car, so I can run errands if needed and whatever else they need."

Ms. Siksek had no expectations whatsoever, she told The Expositor. "I'm an artist. I have no idea about engineering, math, science or technology. I had no idea how I would become so involved."

The team was staying at the Best Western hotel in Houston and Ms. Siksek was fortunate to also get a room there. Ms. Bauer had indicated the team needed costumes to wear at the championships, that every team wears a fun costume in bright colours. "Yana added they were hoping to get yellow bucket hats with bumble bees on them, but a

lot of companies wouldn't deliver them in time, five days, to the team. There were 10,000 kids in the arena at any one time, and by wearing different colours, kids on other teams know who they are. I was able to purchase yellow bucket hats with bumble bees on them."

Over the next few days Ms. Siksek picked up bristle board and markers for the team and found a cake to celebrate one of the team member's birthdays during the trip. In fact, Ms. Siksek was able to help every day. She arrived in Houston on Tuesday (April 18) and the team was due to arrive on Wednesday. They needed to get to the competition at the convention centre and didn't know how to get their luggage back to the hotel. Greg Major, a friend of the Siksek's who lives and works in Houston but is from Gore Bay, was able to help transport the luggage to the hotel while the team took a shuttle to the competition.

She was concerned about what they would eat once they arrived at the airport. "It costs \$17 US for a sandwich," she explained, so Tuesday night she made sandwiches. "It was at this point I started to see need, too busy to think about all of this," Ms. Siksek said. "So I went to a Walmart and got all the sandwich stuff and made a mini-kitchen in my hotel room. I made sandwiches every night, with snack bags and a water bottle. The kids were loading onto the bus at the hotel every morning at 6 am for the convention centre and the restaurant in the hotel didn't open until 6:30 am. Ms. Bauer and April Mayer, a teacher at Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay, helped pay for the snacks."

She posted pictures of the event and the students online so the team members' mothers would know they were doing okay, she added. "These kids have been so busy all week and their parents who are on the Island have been trying to contact them, so they had no idea how they were doing. The kids didn't have wi-fi and it would have cost

a lot of money to make international calls."

For her efforts, the MSS team invited Ms. Siksek to one of the team meetings where she was presented with an official MSS robotics championships team shirt with the word 'volunteer' on the back. "They said I was now part of the team."

"She is awesome," stated Ms. Bauer. "She was definitely one of the unsung heroes for the team. She was our guardian angel in Houston." She pointed out the team had many people who supported them through the process, all those sponsors, businesses and people who donated to the GoFundMe fundraising campaign of \$32,000 toward the trip to Houston, MP Carol Hughes who helped make sure seven of the 14 members of the team who didn't have passports a few days before the trip, got them in time, Turners for providing Manitoulin Island t-shirts to wear in Houston, parents and many other people who supported the team.

In return, Ms. Siksek delivered a speech to the team at their meeting. "I said, 'You guys are creating a foundation, something that is bigger than the team. You are creating a foundation for the future, setting up others for those in the future at MSS to strive to follow in their footsteps. They are trailblazing a path for other MSS students who will look at this team and say, 'I can do that' and follow in their footsteps to the world robotics championship."

Speaking about her own efforts, "I was very happy to help out," said Ms. Siksek. "Manitoulin Island is a very giving community. It takes a village. This is about the community and people like Heather (Patterson) who helps so much in Gore Bay."

"These students are so bright, knowledgeable, articulate and mature," added Ms. Siksek. "The award they won at the robotics world championships (the FIRST Impact Award) is extremely prestigious. All the 594 other teams at the competition

will have to qualify for the world championships in 2024 but MSS and the five other teams that won the FIRST Impact Finals award don't have to qualify. They are already in. These kids are amazing."

Ms. Siksek has already committed to helping out the MSS team at the 2024 World Championship, which will also take place in Houston.

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Manitoulin birders sought for Bird Atlas project

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—In its third year, Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas (OBBA) organizers are hoping to entice a few new bird lovers to take part in the project.

“This is such a powerful project, data from 1,500-2,000 people is the goal,” said Anna Sheppard, a region 33 (Manitoulin) coordinator for the OBBA. “That is why we are hoping to get more birders out to provide more data for Manitoulin.”

“We are entering the third year of the OBBA and there is still lots of birding to do on the Island,” said Ms. Sheppard. She said in terms of breeding bird atlas numbers for Manitoulin Island, “we haven’t had as much participation as we had hoped for in the first two years. People may be a little afraid of the atlas, and it is possible they are send-

ing in data to eBird Canada instead of Nature Counts.”

Ms. Sheppard pointed out there will be a year-three atlas kickoff taking place in Kagawong on Saturday, May 13.

“The core breeding bird atlas (data collection) officially takes place from the last week in May until the second week of July when the birds are breeding,” said Ms. Sheppard. “Most breeding birds are present starting the last week in May until the second week of July. But there are some birds that will be seen before that. Ravens will be in their nest, as will bald eagles, crossbills and Canada jays.

Participants are to identify various species that they see, the location it was seen, date and time of day. If you hear them singing or if you see a bird carrying food to a nest, or they are acting

defensive you know they still are in the breeding cycle.

While the atlas never actually rejects the entering of data on bird sightings at any time, about the middle of July is unofficially the end of the breeding season for most birds, so in turn the birds will not be as readily evident.

“We’ve organized the casual get together locally to kick off the third year of the OBBA,” said Ms. Sheppard. “Everyone is welcome to this event, whether you are already an atlas participant, or a birder who would like to know more about the atlas, or new to birding and would like to meet other birders.”

The kickoff will take place Saturday, May 13 from 10 am to 12 noon in Kagawong at the picnic shelter on Old Mill Road across from the beach. From 10 am

to 11 am there will be an introduction and overview of the atlas and its purpose, information on region 33’s accomplishments to date and areas that need help, easy ways birders of all levels can contribute to the project, tools for atlassing,

including downloading maps, the Nature Counts app, Avenza App and Zoom recording devices.

During the event participants will look for birds along Old Mill Road and Kagawong River Trail while learning how to sub-

mit observations using Nature Counts and how to use the Zoom devices for recording.

To confirm your attendance or if you have questions, contact Ms. Sheppard at manitoulinn@birdson-tario.org



A crossbill, a species presently or soon nesting on Manitoulin Island.

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Trail committee recommends changes for Wagg’s trail

MINDEMOYA—If Central Manitoulin council gives its approval, the old entrance to the A.J. Wagg Memorial Park on Highway 542 in Mindemoya will be closed with the mowed area kept as a green space.

This was the basis for one of two motions and recommendations made by the trail committee for Central Manitoulin at a meeting last week. “The committee passed two motions,” said Marcus Mohr

Mr. Mohr explained the first motion included the closing of the old entrance to the A.J. Wagg Memorial Park, but keeping the grass mowed in the area as a green space, along with keeping the name and sign of the park in place. The second rec-

ommendation being made by the committee is to rename the new trailhead entrance at Forest and Thorne Street and the trail themselves at A.J. Wagg Memorial Park to Wagg’s Woods Trail.

“The whole trail path inside the A.J. Wagg Memorial Park everyone already calls Wagg’s Woods, so this would cut down on the confusion,” said Mr. Mohr. He said that all new trailhead signage would be installed if council approves the motions.

It was noted at a previous meeting that a member of the committee had talked to some of the members of the Wagg family who indicated they were happy with the way the park was being enhanced.



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Cliff Jewell is the featured artist at the 2023 La Cloche Art Show.

Cliff Jewell featured artist at 2023 La Cloche Art Show

by Michael Erskine
WHITEFISH FALLS—It has been quite a run for Little Current artist Cliff Jewell, going from being an occasional dabbler in the arts before his retirement seven years ago to featured artist at the famed La Cloche Art Show a few short years later.

As featured artist at the La Cloche Art Show in Whitefish Falls, Mr. Jewell will be conducting a workshop for aspiring artists where he will pass on some of his favourite techniques utilizing glazes. Despite his quite obvious talent as a painter, Mr. Jewell admits to being a bit nervous about that portion of his featured artist duties. "I have never done anything like that," he laughs. "It will be something different for sure."

Mr. Jewell has always painted, but it was something he did sporadically. "When the mood struck me," he said. Now, he dedi-

cates a good part of his day every day, to working in the studio he built next to his home. "I usually start around 10 o'clock in the morning," he said. "I stick to it until around 4 or 5 pm. COVID really set things back a lot, but I am getting back into my routine."

The artist is also supplying a painting for the annual La Cloche Art Show raffle which, given how popular his work has been to date, will doubtless be a popular draw to the show in and of itself.

The raffle prize is Mr. Jewell's 'North Channel Freeze-up,' a 10 x 20-inch acrylic painting on canvas, framed and valued at \$550.

Mr. Jewell will also be taking part in this year's Manitoulin Art Tour.

"Cliff is remarkable," said La Cloche Art Show organizer Sue Morin. "I am so looking forward to showing off his talent and dedication to art. He will be

great at helping artists get into the field."

This year's La Cloche Art Show is already shaping up to be a real winner, with art still coming in. The pre-registration period for artists ends on June 3, along with the reduced fee of \$25. Final date for submissions is June 10 and the full registration fee will be \$30 after the early bird period has passed.

Ms. Miron said that she finds there were two approaches to the pandemic by artists. "One was 'I can't go anywhere and am locked in the house' and the other was 'I don't have anything to do,'" she said. The result was that when things started to open up a bit last year a lot of artists didn't have things to submit. "This year is different."

The La Cloche Art Show is a juried event and art sale, that means the works that make it into the show must pass muster by some

very accomplished artists and will be available for purchase. One of those artists doing the judging this year will be Mr. Jewell. "That's another thing they have me doing," he said.

Another big plus for this year's show is that the artist reception on opening night will be back, this year catered by Prepped Manitoulin.

The Church Mouse Café will be hosting an event to help fundraise for the Whitefish Falls community hall, with all proceeds going to the Rainbow Country Recreation and Development Association.

The La Cloche Art Show will be open daily from 11 am to 5 pm, Saturday, July 1 to Saturday, July 8 at the Whitefish Falls Community Hall. Admission is free, but bring your wallet or purse because you will want to bring home some of the amazing art on offer.

High Falls bridge closed until proper safety precautions in place

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOWANING—The new High Falls pedestrian bridge is still closed to the public due to safety precautions but will be officially open very soon.

"We need to inform everyone that the High Falls bridge is not open to the public until safety precautions are in place," said Assinack Mayor Brenda Reid at an Assinack township council meeting last week.

"It should be open and available to the public by the May long weekend," said CAO Alton Hobbs, who pointed out a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bridge will take place in June.

A township website post acknowledges, "High Falls Bridge is closed until proper safety precautions are put in place. We kindly ask you to stay off the bridge. The goal is to have it opened for the May long weekend. Thank you for your patience while we make the area safe for all viewers."

"We have gates and fences around the gorge area of the bridge but not on the other side. Once everything is in place picnic tables will be installed adjacent to the bridge by (roads superintendent)



The new High Falls Bridge in Assinack township is still closed to the public due to safety precautions. However, the bridge is expected to be open by the May long weekend.

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Wikwemikong Diarium is back where it belongs: in Wiikwemkoong

by Shelley J. Pearen
WIKWEMKOONG—One hundred and seventy-nine years ago, in 1844, a diary officially known as the Wikwemikong Diarium, was started by a Jesuit priest who had joined the Anishinaabe settlement at Wikwemikong. The Diarium included information about daily life, special events and the residents of the vast Wikwemikong mission that stretched from the Bruce Peninsula to Sault Ste. Marie.

Tragically the Wikwemikong Diarium was destroyed in a fire in the

ever typed before. But this is a 19th century handwritten document created by priests describing events on a largely undocumented land. So, miraculously, a photostatic copy of the Diarium, created at the Jesuit Mission Academy in Toronto in 1951, has been found and restored. The photostatic images had been rolled and stored for decades. In 2010 they were discovered by a researcher who copied the pages, frame by frame, with a digital camera. The negatives were inverted to positive images and bundled as vol-

entries are illegible or partially illegible, however they contain invaluable details of life and events.

In 2012 I was given the 1,000 images on a flash drive. Not only were they barely legible, but they were in largely in handwritten French. I had previously transcribed and translated about a dozen volumes of letters and reports written in by the same Jesuit priests who created the Diarium so the industrious researcher who created the images thought I might enjoy tackling the Diarium.

She was correct. I did enjoy tackling the Diarium,

though I did not think it would take me 10 years. Ten years, word by word, actually mot à mot, phrase à phrase, et page à page. One day I will look back on the pandemic and say that at least I accomplished something staying home—1,000 pages of something, to be exact.

The Wikwemikong Diarium was created by Jesuit priests at the Sainte-Croix or Holy Cross Roman Catholic Mission at Wikwemikong. Jesuit priest Jean-Pierre Choné started the Diarium, his successors continued it well into the 20th century. Entries vary

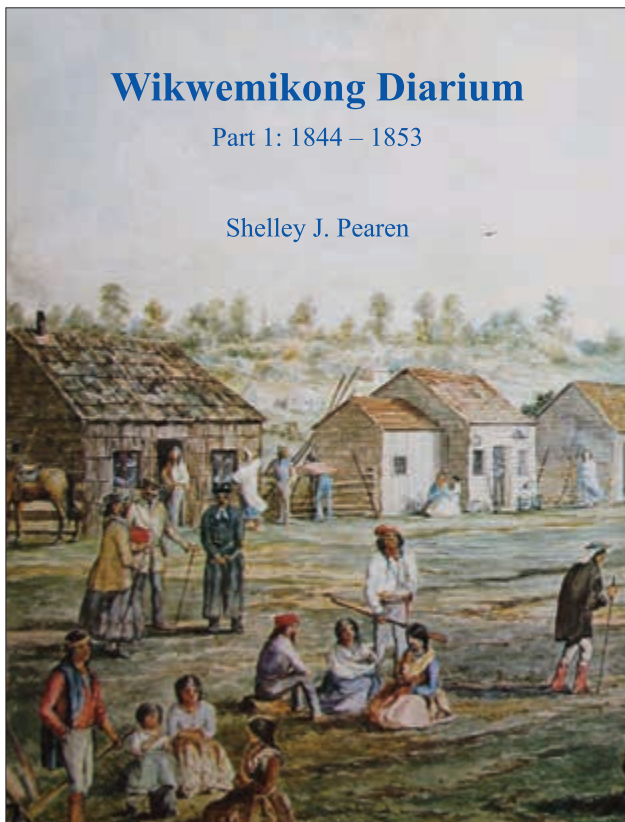
by the author and their experiences and interests. An entry simply recording the temperature or quantity of hay harvested one day, might be followed by a detailed description of a marriage or a council gathering.

The result is a three-volume set totalling almost 500 pages: Wikwemikong Diarium Part 1: 1844-1853; Wikwemikong Diarium Part 2: 1854-1863; and Wikwemikong Diarium Part 3: 1864-1873.

The Diarium is making its way home. Transcription and translation in Ottawa, printing in

Espanola, and launching on Manitoulin in May 2023. Then the Wikwemikong Diarium will be returned to the people of Wiikwemikoong, placed with Wikwemikong Development Commission's Wikwemikong Tourism for distribution. Miraculously, back where it belongs.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Shelley Pearen has been researching Manitoulin history for 50 years. She is the author of Four Voices: the Great Manitoulin Island Treaty of 1862 and the ever-popular Exploring Manitoulin guide.



The Wikwemikong Diarium is available at Wikwemikong Tourism.

mid-1950s. Summaries of the diary made by Jesuit historian priests prior to the fire exist, but these summaries are like having the index to a great book but not having the book.

Miraculously, the Diarium has reappeared. Miraculously is not a word I have

umes of pdf (portable document format) digital images.

The years 1844-1875 of the Diarium exist as almost 1,000 images. The images reflect their age and the technical limitations of the 1950s photostat technology. Some

Deadline for Manitoulin Island garbage cleanup contest extended

MANITOULIN—The annual Manitoulin Island garbage cleanup contest, hosted by Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA), has been extended.

“Due to the weather and to accommodate some community initiatives taking place, Manitoulin Streams will be extending the Island-wide garbage cleanup deadline until May 3,” said Liam Campbell, environmental technologist with Manitoulin Streams. The cleanup contest, which started April 3, had originally been scheduled to conclude April 23.

Mr. Campbell provided an update on who is leading the trophy competitions thus far: “In total so far, 285 individuals from across Manitoulin have removed 392 bags of garbage from streams, shorelines and roadsides.”

In the community cleanup award category Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is in the lead with 329 bags of garbage collected by 229 participants. Second is Central Manitoulin where four participants have collected 18 bags of garbage. NEMI is third with six participants having collected 15 bags. The community of Burpee and Mills has collected eight bags among 12 participants and in Billings Township, six participants have collected eight bags. In Tehkummah, seven bags of garbage have been collected by four participants.

In the school cleanup award category, Wasse-Abin Pontiac School (Wiikwemkoong) has collected 316 bags of garbage with 225 people having taken part. In second is Wiikwemkoong High School where 14 participants have collected 13 bags of garbage. Manitoulin Secondary School has gathered three bags of garbage from among its 20 participants.

In the business cleanup award category Noojmowin Teg Health Centre leads the way so far, having collected eight bags of garbage (two participants), with the Blue Jay Creek Fish Hatchery having collected four bags of garbage (by two participants). Manitoulin Tree Services, TerraStar and Ramakko's have collected two bags of garbage.

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The Manitoulin Metal team poses for a group shot while competing at the Worlds in Houston last week.

...MSS robotics team reaps major award in finals

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 Nevaeh Harper, a lead driver of the MSS robot said, "in this competition, we didn't really care if we broke the robot because this was our last competition this year. There were minor issues over the week, but we did very well in our robot field events. At the provincials we finished last in our division but at the worlds we were 60th out of 77 teams."
 "The whole event was pretty exciting," said Nevaeh. "This was one of the best competitions we

have had in terms of scoring in our matches."
 "The team performed better in scoring, balance, strategy than it has earlier," said MSS mentor Yana Bauer. She pointed out the MSS robot, "was one of the least sophisticated; our robot was one of the least advanced compared to other teams."
 "I'm ecstatic," stated MSS team member Daphne Carr. "Everybody was very excited we won the award, and it was great taking part and meeting all the other teams. Now we get to go to the worlds again next year

and I will be on the (robot) build team again next year."
 Ben added, "the winning team in the FIRST Impact Award was fantastic. They provided a lot of evidence in their video as to why they won." That was the Mississauga, Ontario team 'Beaver Works' the overall winners.
 "As for the field competition, we didn't have to make any repairs to our robot on the last day," said Ben. "At the district and provincial competitions, we had to prepare and make repairs to our robot after every

match. We couldn't take a break, practice or prepare for the next match. But we had made so many improvements since then we didn't need to make any more repairs."
 "We had about 300 sponsors of our team for the worlds and the season, supporting our team," said Ben. "Not many other countries had this type of support and the area we are covering. We had a huge community of people from all over supporting us." He noted the MSS team had a poster board at the event listing all the team's spon-

sors. Someone asked at one point, 'are all these sponsors supporting your team?' When I told him that was right his jaw dropped."
 "Because we have now been a finalist there will probably be a lot more sponsors and teams that will help out in the future," Ben continued, noting the MSS team is very grateful for all the support it receives from sponsors, volunteers and well-wishers.
 "Our team is very grateful for all the support they have," added Ms. Bauer. "And the support we have had here as a team. Inverse

Paradox of Mississauga has helped us tons, and Make Shift Robotics team of Hamilton has provided a lot of support, suggestions and tips."
 "Helen Siksek, who has a place in Kagawong six months of the year (and lives in Dallas, Texas the rest of the year) has been helping us out this week. In fact, she is driving us to our hotel as we speak," said Ms. Bauer. "She commented what a legacy this team is creating, that the team has starting something that is

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...continued from page 13 going to build and grow and change the nature of education on the Island. This team won because these students are all amazing

people.” Xavi noted, “After the season we have had we are now able to expand our knowledge of how to design and build our robot for next

season.” “Everyone is already excited about next year and what we are going to do in the off-season,” said Ms. Bauer. “Next year will be an even more incredible year. We already know we have qualified for the worlds next year, being one of only the top six finalists. The team is already planning ahead and will build our robot to win on the field.” She added, “I think right now everyone is elated, but also relaxed because things have been so intense

the past few weeks. We are happy and relieved all at once.”

The MSS team had won the McMaster University competition earlier this month and won the FIRST Impact Award to qualify for the provincials. The team won the same award at the provincials held in Hamilton April 5-8, qualifying them for the provincials. They qualified for the World Robotics championship by winning the FIRST Impact Award which is the highest overall

award at the provincial competition. Many aspects of the team’s work were considered for the Impact Award, including the robot, engineering, business plan, vision, communication and safety. The award acknowledges the team’s impact on the school, community, STEM, and FIRST Robotics, not just this season but previous seasons as well. Manitoulin Metal 6865 has been working towards becoming an environmentally sustainable and carbon-neutral FIRST team.



A championship hug! Mike Zegil, a mentor for the MSS Manitoulin Metal Robotics 6865 team gives his daughter and team member, Alex Wilson-Zegil a hug after it was announced that MSS won a World Championship Impact Finalist award.



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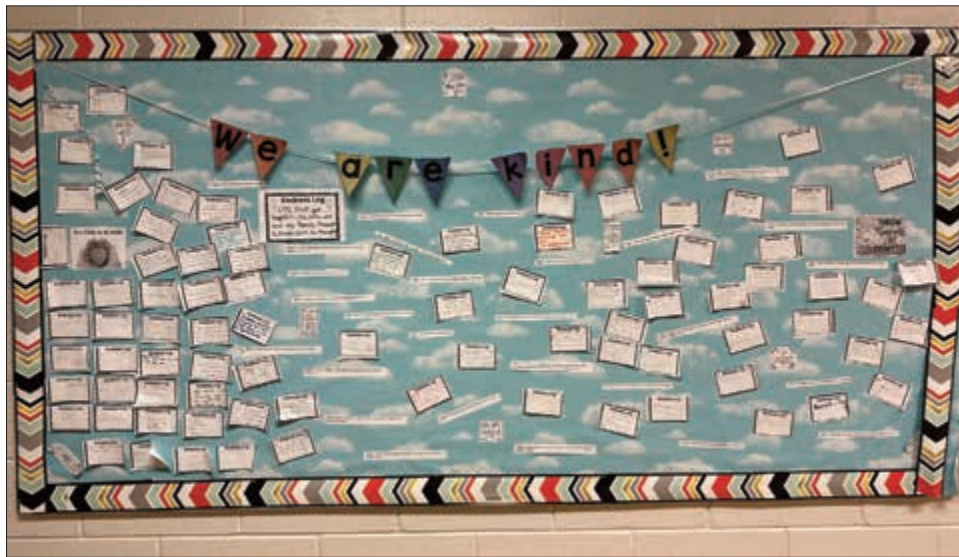
by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—The Dare to Care program was a pilot project by the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) in 12 schools across Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, namely Little Current Public School (LCPS) this year. The innovative bullying prevention program, which was a team initiative of Landsdowne Public School and Valley View Public School in Sudbury, has made a difference.

“Yes, we have definitely seen an increase in the understanding of the students in the school of the terminology and bullying and what it is and isn’t and that bullying is not the right behaviour,” said Siobhan Bingham, music and resource teacher and coordinator of the program at LCPS. “We have been one of the pilot schools, and just recently wrapped up the overall program for this year. We have gone through the program using online age-appropriate modules for the students, professional learning for staff and a parent course as well.”

Dare to Care engages the entire school community to work towards a common goal, transforming the silent majority into the caring majority.

“Dare to Care engages the whole school community, which is important in shifting the overall culture of the school,” said RDSB director of education Bruce Bourget. “We want all schools to be places of learning where students



The Little Current Public School ‘kindness wall’ conveys many positive and encouraging messages for students who attend the school.

feel safe in warm and welcoming environments. When students have a strong sense of belonging at school, they are ready to achieve their full potential.”

Students learn about the importance of being kind, the difference between bullying and mean moments, tattling versus asking for help, and standing up for yourself and others.

Prevention and intervention strategies focus on social emotional learning with an emphasis on empathy. Through the program all stakeholders, including administrators, teachers, support staff, parents/guardians and students, gain a deeper understanding of bullying and, more importantly, develop tools to create a caring community.

In all modules from Kindergarten to Grade 8, Dare to Care teaches children that not every unkind word or action is bullying. The program begins by instilling a common definition of bullying and a common language around bullying behaviour.

Students learn to understand the difference between a mean moment, normal conflict and bullying. They also learn a shared language around discrimination, racism and cyberbullying. In the older grades, students are introduced to the effects of bullying on mental health, sexual harassment and cyberbullying, and bullying and the law.

Students gain skills to de-escalate situations and more effectively report incidents of bullying. A student

can ask a bully to stop (twice) in a calm voice, then walk away and seek adult assistance with three simple words: “Please help me! Adults are trained to listen carefully when they hear these words.”

“One of the components of the program is realizing what we can do as individuals, a group, a community to prevent bullying and using the practices learned,” continued Ms. Bingham. “For example, if you are feeling bullied, or see something who is being bullied, the students now have the tools to use to help themselves or another person. One way is asking a trusted adult to help, techniques to diffuse the situation or avoid the situation, and using positive self talk to a bully to diffuse the situation.”

“There were various group quizzes and videos used in the program,” said Ms. Bingham. “We definitely saw an increase in understanding what is and isn’t bullying. As the program went on, more students came out with good strategies to get out of the situation and understood that bullying is not a positive behaviour.”

According to RDSB school administrators, response to Dare to Care has been positive. “The overall atmosphere in the school is different,” said Valley View Public School Principal Brenda Carr. “Being kind sparks joy. When the need arises, they help each other move back to the top of the kindness meter. Students have a remarkable ability to empathize at a young age.”

“The entire school community now has a common language and shared understanding of what bullying is, and, more importantly, what it isn’t,” said Landsdowne Public School principal Jennifer Harvey. “Students can self-reflect on whether an incident is a mean moment, normal conflict or bullying. They also know bullying is not acceptable and will be addressed.”

The program also helps parents/guardians become allies in supporting their children through resources and videos on a parent portal. Dare to Care carefully defines the word bullying and stresses the importance of having a common understanding of the definition.

Parents learn what bullying looks like, including the difference between normal peer conflict and bullying.

Tips and guidelines are provided for parents to help their children make positive choices both online with social media and other technology and in their daily face-to-face interactions. During webinars, parents learn by what bullying looks like, including the difference between normal peer conflict and bullying.

Tips and guidelines are provided for parents to help their children make positive choices both online with social media and other technology and in their daily face-to-face interactions. During webinars, parents learn six non-reactive life skills that can be reinforced at home so children feel more confident and competent in dealing with bullying situations.

At the beginning of each module, students are introduced to a tool to help gauge their kindness. In younger grades, kindness is measured on the positivity meter, which is much like a thermometer. In the older grades, the kindness meter is represented by batteries, like those on electric devices.

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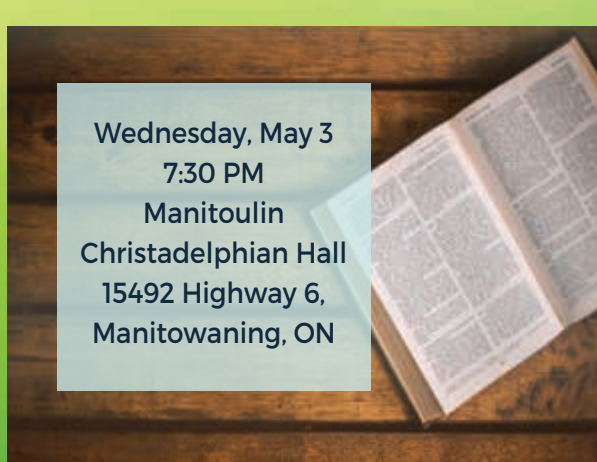
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Nature Club puts up owl nesting box in Wagg's Wood

Central Manitoulin Public School students take part

by Tom Sasvari
 MINDEMOYA—Manitoulin Nature Club (MNC) has put up a barred owl nesting box in Wagg's Wood Memorial Park with help from the Grade 3 class at Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS). And in his own way Meriweather, the Lewis Woodpecker who has made Kagawong his home on property owned by the president of MNC, is also involved in this story.

"We had such a great time with the Grade 3 class from CMPS in putting up the nesting box," stated Phyllis Cacciotti, president of MNC, last week. "It's actually through the donations that were provided by visitors at viewing stages we have held for Meriweather that this came about. All the donations made were divided in half and presented to the Friends of Misery Bay and the MNC."

"With these funds a beautiful handmade barred owl nesting box, along with two bat boxes, was made by Blake Bonenfant," said Ms. Cacciotti. "Half of the donation proceeds went toward the construction of the nesting box. We needed approval from the municipality (Central Manitoulin)," she continued, pointing out "the project was Maria (Diebolt)'s idea. "We had wanted the Grade

3 class to be on hand when the nesting box was installed in a tree at Wagg's Wood. We had an information session for the students on barred owls, with John Diebolt of the Friends



Phyllis Cacciotti, president of the Manitoulin Nature Club, shows Central Manitoulin Public School Grade three students a barred owl nesting box that has since been installed on a tree in Wagg Woods' Memorial Park in Mindemoya.

of Misery Bay providing a barred owl call."

"The kids were amazed and excited about being there for the event, and they asked many questions. They were so interested; we love to see young people become passionate about nature," said Ms. Cacciotti. Mike Laende of Manitoulin

Tree Service installed the nesting box in a tree.

Marcus Mohr, a member of the Central Manitoulin trail committee told The Expositor, "It was a really good event, and it was nice

for nesting barred owls." Maria Diebolt explained, "last year Kelly Nelson, from Mindemoya, got some amazing pictures of the barred owlets in Wagg's Wood. The tree that they used their nest for last year is an old, decaying tree with quite a few large dead limbs on it. So, the idea came about to install an owl nest box in a safer, healthier tree in Wagg's Wood and see if it would get used instead. So, between Phyllis as an individual and the new president of the MNC, John (Diebolt), an FOMB member, Blake Bonenfant as the amazing carpenter, Mike from Manitoulin Tree Service, Patti-Jo Woods and her Grade 3 class from CMPS and the municipality of Central Manitoulin, this owl box was soaring! It was quite exciting to see everyone come together for these little owls in Wagg's Wood in the middle of Mindemoya." She pointed out the day after the owl box was put up, Ms. Woods from CMPS sent her a list of follow-up questions the students had about barred owls. "It was a really fun outing, especially with the students being there," said Ms. Cacciotti.

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Negotiations stagnant on Robinson-Huron Treaty fund litigation, but chiefs hopeful

BATCHEWANA—While Robinson-Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHLTF) representatives say they remain positive that negotiations with the federal and provincial governments will prove favourable for the 21 First Nations it represents in the Robinson Huron Treaty annuities case, no details have been provided thus far.

“We remain positive that the negotiations will result favourably for our 21 First Nations,” a letter from

Batchewana First Nation Chief Dean Sayers and council dated April 20 indicates. “However, there are no details regarding amounts, or dates until a settlement has been reached.”

“In stage one of the Robinson Huron Treaty case, Justice Patricia Hennessy ruled in favour of 21 First Nation signatories in the Robinson Huron Treaty, that there is a mandatory obligation (of the government) to increase the collective

annuity when the economic circumstances warrant. This means that as a collective, each First Nation would benefit from sharing in the payments from the escalator clause. These findings were upheld by the Ontario Court of Appeal in its decision,” the letter, which was published by Anishinabek News on April 20, explains.

“The 21 First Nations of the Robinson Huron Treaty have been successful in both stages one and two of the court proceedings and

currently stage three has been adjourned to allow for negotiations,” the letter continues. “The Supreme Court of Canada appeal has also been delayed to see the parties work on a settlement outside of the court.”

“We are aware that treaty beneficiaries and community members are eager for updates on the progress of the case, and we ask that you look directly to the Robinson Huron leadership for information as it becomes available,” the letter continues.

“As stated, there has not yet been a settlement reached at this time so there are no dates or amounts that can be provided; however, we believe in the negotiation process and look forward to updating membership with information as soon as it becomes available.”

As was reported in the January 18 edition of The Expositor, stage three of the Robinson Huron Treaty annuities case had been officially adjourned for two weeks to allow Robinson Huron Treaty leadership, the province and Canada an opportunity to mediate a negotiated resolution.

Chief Dean Sayers, a spokesperson for the RHLTF explained at the time that the annuities case, which had been slated to commence January 16, had been officially adjourned to allow RHLTF leadership, Ontario and Canada the opportunity to mediate a negotiated resolution. “That has always been our hope and expecta-

tion. We have always wanted to come to a resolution outside of the court process.”

Patricia C. Hennessy, associate chief justice of the Supreme Court of Justice, “has also agreed to put stage three of the court proceedings on hold for two weeks for the mediation talks to take place,” Chief Sayers said in January.

The 21 Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations communities and the governments of Canada and Ontario are currently in litigation for breach of treaty. Under the treaty, annuities to the First Nations and beneficiaries were supposed to increase as resource revenues within the Treaty territory increased. However, the annuity increased only once, rising from \$1.60 to \$4 in 1875, and hasn’t increased since.

The negotiations, which had originally been scheduled for two weeks, have continued since January.



Boardwalk beauty

Work on one of the Gore Bay boardwalk bridges was completed last week.

Smelts are running on Manitoulin!

MANITOULIN—While their numbers are not large (as of April 19), the smelt fish are running on Manitoulin Island water bodies.

“They are running at Kagawong. At this point they are running slowly, there are small numbers, but there is a few running,” Mayor Bryan Barker of Billings Township told The Expositor last week.

He pointed out the smelts started to run in the Kagawong River around April 14. They had been reported as running in Manitou River about a week prior to this.



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Volunteer fair in Gordon/Barrie Island receives praise from participants

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—Community service organizations that took part in a volunteer fair put on by Western Manitoulin Economic Development at the Gordon/Barrie Island community centre

a pre-COVID world,” said Ms. Farquhar. “We will be taking part in all three volunteer fairs taking place. It is a great idea.”

Reverend Mercedes Hughes, of the Lyons Memorial United Church in

hosted the event) told The Expositor, “Basically I had put out a call on social media to see if community service organizations and groups were interested in having this type of volunteer fair. We received a good response from social services and service clubs and organizations who utilize volunteers.”

“We have nine participants today and will have at a similar event being held in Gore Bay (April 19) and six so far in Billings (April 26),” said Ms. Clarke.

“The whole concept of the event is to allow groups to have someone on hand at a booth who members of the public can approach, ask questions about the organization and maybe even join the group as a volunteer. The organizations are able to provide information and materials that they can also take home with them,” said Ms. Clarke. “And people are able to learn about different volunteering opportunities with different clubs and organizations.”

“It is a new concept that we felt was worth a try,” stated Ms. Clarke.

Rick Graham, fire chief for Burpee and Mills Township said, “the volunteer fair is a very good idea. At this point no one who has visited our booth has expressed interest in volunteering for the fire department, but people are asking about fire prevention and the information material we have on display, which is excellent.”

Charmaine Jewell, a member of the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club said “we have had a couple of people who have expressed interest in possibly joining our club. And we have been selling tickets on a 50-50 draw we are holding, and information on an auction taking place April 22. (Lion Norm Morrell) is the auctioneer and all the proceeds from the moving out sale are going back to the Lions Club. The auction is taking place at the home of Martin and Lynda Garniss (14896 Highway 540 Indian Point Bridge) on April 22.”

Along with providing various volunteer sign up sheets for different committees or events that Gordon/Barrie Island is going

to be hosting, Isobel Harry, a township councillor was on hand to discuss with visitors volunteer options for people in the township. As well, she handed out township hats and free blossom kits during the day. The township also provided a \$100 door prize for the fair.

Jack Clark, a member of the Gore Bay Fire Department said, “we felt coming in if we had one or two people show an interest in volunteering for the fire department, we would be happy. We have had three people take application forms so far.”

Mike Addison, fire chief of the Gore Bay Fire Department (who is also general manager of LAMBAC said, “it hasn’t been really busy so far today, but there has been interest shown by all those who have attended. The idea for a volunteer fair came up when we (LAMBAC) helped the town (Gore Bay) with its strategic plan. Service club representatives talked about having this type of volunteer fair. I asked Annette if she would be interested in doing this in Gore Bay, Billings and Gordon and she was all in favour of it. It is creating awareness of the opportunities people have to help out a service club and become a volunteer in one of the various service clubs, organizations, and groups.”



Gore Bay Fire Chief Mike Addison, right, is asked some questions about volunteering opportunities from a visitor at the volunteer fair hosted by Western Manitoulin Economic Development at the Gordon/Barrie Island community centre last week.

last week had nothing but praise for the event.

“I think its fantastic,” stated Adrienne Farquhar, executive director of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM), which was one of the nine organizations at booths set up in the Gordon Community Centre April 12. “I think it is great to have the focus on volunteers, for instance high school students are provided with volunteer options at this type of event. By volunteering students build up community hours of community service that they need to graduate from high school.”

CLM “is trying to recruit volunteers again, with the board of directors wanting to open things up again, especially our Community Hub now that we are back to

Gore Bay stated the volunteer fair, “is a fantastic idea. I’ve always had the opinion if you talk to or make contact with one person at an event like this, it is very positive. And it is good to be here to find out about the other groups here today and what they offer.”

There were nine participants at this first volunteer fair. They included the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, the Gore Bay/Western Manitoulin Lions Club, Gore Bay Rotary Club, the Angel Bus Committee, Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay Volunteer Fire Department, Burpee and Mills Township Fire Department, Friends of Misery Bay and CLM.

Annette Clarke, economic development officer for Western Manitoulin (which



Rick Graham, Gordon and Barrie Island fire chief manned one of the booths at the volunteer fair put on by Western Manitoulin Economic Development at the Gordon/Barrie Island community centre last week.



Visitors to the Angel Bus booth receive information on volunteer opportunities available at the volunteer fair put on by Western Manitoulin Economic Development at the Gordon/Barrie Island community centre last week.

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Central Manitoulin formalizes code of conduct at meetings

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Concerns raised about the demeanor of individuals making representations to council or its committees led to a series of motions at the April 13 meeting of Central Manitoulin council focussed on the municipal Code of Conduct.

"After what happened on Thursday night, this is long overdue," said Councillor Brian Mitchell in speaking to the motion, seconded by Councillor John Bisailon.

Councillor Bisailon suggested that he could have done a better job of maintaining decorum at the meeting and apologized to council, but Mayor Richard Stephens said that he did not think the meeting had been overly rambunctious. "I thought you handled it well," he said in response to Councillor Bisailon. "Everybody had an opportunity to voice their opinion."

That being said, the may-

or indicated "that there is an expectation of respect and decorum in the conduct of our meetings."

For his part, Councillor Derek Stephens pointed out that the Code of Conduct and integrity commissioner only applies to members of council and would not have impacted the conduct of the meeting in question.

The motion in question was, "Whereas, all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; whereas, municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; whereas, several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; whereas, these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; whereas, municipal Codes of Conduct are help-

ful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; whereas, municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; now, therefore be it resolved that: the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; also be it resolved that the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for: updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment, creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario, increasing train-

ing of municipal integrity commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province, allow-

ing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a

municipal integrity commissioner."

The motion carried unopposed.

Central Manitoulin approves contract for Townline Bridge

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The replacement of Townline Bridge is finally moving off the initial planning stage and onto the engineering table. Council approved the motion, moved by Councillor Brian Mitchell and seconded by Councillor John Bisailon, calling for the awarding of the \$139,812.50 (plus HST) design-bid-build contract to EXP Consulting Services.

"Design-bid-build" is a traditional construction project delivery method that involves the completion of three distinct phases in sequence. Construction does not begin until the design process is complete (and a bid accepted), so there is no overlap between design and construction. Unlike design-build contracts where designers and builders are under the same contract and all the phases of the project take place at once, under design-bid-build contracts, designers and builders are contracted independently.

The motion passed at the April 13 council meeting without discussion or debate.

The motion also authorized the town clerk to enter into the contract with EXP Consulting Services.

...hang up calls can be problematic


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i coming events

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Little Current United Church presents Canadian Fiddle Champion Scott Woods and his multi-talented band. Step dancing sensation Leo Stock and multi-instrumentalist Kendra Norris. Old Fashioned Hoedown, a family-friendly, fun and fast-paced exciting show of championship fiddling, country music, award-winning step dancing and humour. Wednesday, May 3 at 7 pm at the Little Current Howland Recreation Centre at 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current. Tickets are available at The Manitoulin Expositor in Little Current and Gore Bay or by calling Gail at 705-368-2589. Tickets are sold by cash only, or if you would like to pay by credit card you can call The Scott Woods Band at 1-855-726-8896, toll free.

45-49p

Manitoulin Community Choir FRESH AIR concert Saturday, May 6 at 7 pm in the Kagawong Pavilion. Admission: \$10 each or \$25 per family. Bring your own chair, and maybe a blanket. Or come to our dress rehearsal Friday, May 5 at 7 pm, by donation.

48-50c

Music Show featuring Missy's Groovy Little Band. Creating nostalgia from the 60s, 70s and 80s at the Tehkummah Seniors' Hall on Saturday, April 29 from 7 to 10 pm. Admission \$15. Dance floor will be open, canteen available and a 50/50 draw.

48-49c

i coming events

Mother's Day Lunch Saturday, May 13, 11 am to 2 pm at St. John's Anglican Church, Kagawong. Dainty sandwiches, delectable desserts and beverages. A fundraiser for St. John's Anglican Church \$20 at the door.

49-51p

Bone Health 101: What you need to know about your bone health. Saturday, May 6 from 2:30 to 3:30 pm at the Little Current United Church, in person or via zoom. To register or to find out more, email cpearcy@osteoporosis.ca or call 1-800-463-6842, ext. 2475. Presentation includes what osteoporosis is, the risk of fracturing a bone, maintaining healthy bones, impact of nutrition and physical activity and fall prevention. Did you know at least one in three women and one in five men will suffer from an osteoporotic fracture in their life? Learn how to reduce your risk.

49-50p

Legion Events

Breakfast Brunch at the Royal Canadian Legion, Little Current Branch 177 on Sunday, May 7 from 10 am to 1 pm. Adults, \$15; children 6 to 10, \$8; kids under 5, free. Serving eggs, bacon, sausages, homefries and French toast. Also includes toast, coffee, tea and juice for the kids. Please support your Legion so we can support community events.

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yard sale

Yard Sale, Thursday, May 4 and Friday, May 5 from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturday, May 6 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Little Current United Church. Donations to Mission Work.

48-50p

Moving Sale, Saturday, April 24 from 9 am to 3 pm at 2029 Bay Estates Road, North. King 13" planer, woodworking equipment, tools, chainsaws, woodsplitter, garden tools, furniture, antiques, Mexican furniture, clothing, household items, lumber, stained glass and equipment and more. Also, two backlots for sale.

49p

Multi-family Yard Sale, Saturday, April 29 from 9 am to 3 pm at 18 Willow Cres., Clover Valley (near Manitowaning). Kayaks, floaterjackets, fabric, potato bin, toys, dishes, cushions, etc. etc. etc. Something for everyone!

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for sale

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rentals

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48-49c

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49-50p

lost & found

Found: a cell phone on the ground in the parking lot of the M'Chigeeng Complex. It looks intact. Found on April 14. If you are looking for your cell phone, text Reg or call and leave a message at 705-348-1111.

49p

services

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

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

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

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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Darlene Joan Mahgagahbow Rivers, at the age of 58, began her spirit journey peacefully in her home in Toronto, Ontario surrounded by her loving family and friends on April 13, 2023. Dearly beloved wife to Randy and proud mother to Cheryl (Barry), Rainy, Aazheniis (Avery), Elikoonh (Maddie), stepsons Keith and Joseph, and special stepdaughter Eliza (Junior). Wonderful Nokomis Gummy who adored Kyra, Keiara, Kreedan, Kwiin, Klassik, Ayla, Aaden and Eelan. Daughter of the late John and Florence (nee Neganigwane) Osawamick, loving sister to Barbara (Tom baa), Jean (baa), Donnie (Frieda), Martina (Ron baa), Stan (Tish), Gertie (Max), Beverley (Louie), Pat, Johnny (baa), Ricky (Rose), Ann-Marie (Patrick baa), Eddie (Jodi), Lilly (baa) (Paul), Joey (Clara baa), Elizabeth and traditional adopted brother Donald Jocko Sr. of Akwesasne. Sweet Godmother to Corey Jacobs. Cherished sister-in-law of the late Ambrose (baa) (Bonita), Sharon (baa), Julianne, Rebecca (Loren), Ronald (Violet), Daniel and Fay (Craig); daughter-in-law of the late Violet (baa) Mahgagahbow-Rivers (Joseph baa). “Zigos-Auntie Dar” was dearly loved by many nieces and nephews and will be greatly missed by many friends and relatives on all sides of her families. Special relations with surviving Zigosag Shirley and Rosella. Darlene had such a special way of sharing her unique humour and her laughter with everyone. She had a vibrant spirit who enjoyed the outdoor life and she always appreciated the many visits with her dear friends, Emily Kimewon her best friend from Day School, Arlene Pitawanakwat, Denise Kimewon and Maanii-Nowii Debassige. Darlene enjoyed helping with the food preparation for the many catering gigs and food stands to support her sisters Pat and Beverley. She always took the lead in preparing the fried bread and graciously volunteered wherever she was needed. Darlene had such a special way of sharing her hospitality and she would always be the first to say “kamji”iin.” She proudly contributed toward the protection of Anishinaabemowin, our language that she so eloquently spoke with great fluency. Darlene graduated in 1997 from the Native Language Instructors Program, Lakehead University. Her love, generosity and kind soul will be greatly missed. “G’zaagin miiniwaa g’chi-miigwech Darlene.” Darlene’s Celebration of Life / traditional gathering for family took place on Sunday, April 16, 2023, after 4 pm at St. Anthony Daniel Church at 2085 Kaboni Road in Wiikwemkoong. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the Holy Cross Church at 11 am with Fr. Paul as celebrant. Interment in Wiikwemkoonsing Cemetery followed by a Feast. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Osawamick G’Tigaaning and Anishinaabemowin-Teg Inc. Arrangements entrusted to the Loughheed Funeral Home. For donations or messages of condolence, www.loughheedfuneralhomes.com.

BRIAN DOUGLAS LANG
1946-2023



Brian Douglas Lang passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on April 18, 2023, in his 78th year, with family by his side. Manitoulin Island has been his home for the past five years. Predeceased by his sister Joanne and brother David. He will be missed by his brother Allan (Susan), sister Kathryn Keenan and sister-in-law Carol Lang. Brian was affectionately known as “Uncle Baby” to his many special nieces and nephews. Brian lived a full life with diverse careers that included policing, insurance inspections, home renovations and restaurateur, wrapped up with the distinction of #1 Bus Driver with the Hamilton School Board. Much appreciation goes to the fabulous staff who cared for him during his brief stay at the hospital. Simple Wishes of The North Sudbury will provide cremation services. Expressions of sympathy may be made through donations to PetSave Manitoulin (705-282-3436, Box 393, Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0).

MARY PATRICIA BUIE
(nee Coomes)
November 18, 1944 - April 16, 2023



Mary Patricia Buie (nee Coomes) of Kagawong passed away peacefully at the Little Current Hospice on April 16, 2023 with her family at her side. She is predeceased by her husband, John, a few short months ago and her parents Bob and Olga Coomes (nee Dancy). Mary is greatly missed and held in her family’s heart by Jennifer and Dwyne Cichon, Robert and Kathryn Buie, Neil and Meghan Lawrence; her grandchildren Chase and Brooke, Charlotte and Juliette, Simon and Sebastian; her brother Mike and partner Susie (Dekuyper). Mary was born in Horley, England and was very active in Guiding throughout her young life. She trained at St. George’s Hospital as a nurse and also completed midwifery training. She was recruited by the Canadian Red Cross to a new remote hospital on Manitoulin Island, and she embarked on the adventure of her life when she crossed the Atlantic in 1969 on the Empress of England. Not surprisingly, Mary was welcomed by the Mindemoya community with open arms. This young British nurse met her husband, John, when he ended up in the hospital after a snowmobile accident. On Mary’s days off, she would show up at John’s hospital window on horseback. The whirlwind romance culminated in a white wedding back in England eight months later. Mary and John built their family home in Kagawong and raised their three children, Neil, Robert and Jennifer. Mary was an active Guider on Manitoulin, including five years as District Commissioner. She loved camping and nature and instilled these passions in her children, taking the family on summer camping trips to many provincial parks throughout Ontario. She delighted in the beauty of Manitoulin Island and wrote lengthy letters to family and friends back in England detailing her adventures and extolling the wild beauty of Northern Ontario. In 1994 Mary went back to school to earn her Canadian midwifery equivalency. She was in the first cohort of foreign-trained midwives who completed this testing in Ontario and her family was so proud of her! Manitoulin Midwifery was started in 1998, and Mary spent the next 10 years hurtling down the backroads of Manitoulin and the North Shore delivering babies. During the course of her career Mary delivered over 300 babies! She strove for the best for her pregnant mums and took additional training to add waterbirths to her repertoire. A ceaseless community builder, Mary was a church warden, a lay reader, organized the Welcome Wagon for newcomers, volunteered as a 4H leader and Guide leader, and loved to be the village nurse, dispensing advice at all hours of the day and night. In semi-retirement, Mary worked as the community health nurse in M’Chigeeng and built so many enduring relationships with members in the community. She enthusiastically shared her light and life with her church, her choirs, the Burn’s Wharf Theatre, her Mums and Babies, and her family. She was busy!! Her retirement in 2008 was hampered by a cancer diagnosis in 2012, triple negative breast cancer. Eternally optimistic, Mary treated this diagnosis as just another obstacle to overcome and found ways to shine her beautiful light on this horrible disease. When the cancer returned in 2021, she again found the bright spot in her reality and enrolled in a drug trial to help further cancer research. She treated her cancer appointments as simply another way to connect with people and her optimism was contagious – at Hallowe’en she arrived at Princess Margaret Hospital for her appointment dressed up in costume! Dressing up and being silly at any opportunity is certainly something her children and grandchildren will always fondly remember. Mary Buie was a force of nature, a force of good, a force of love and compassion to whomever needed it. Mary’s light grew brighter and brighter throughout her life because she stayed true to her love of service to others and to God. Her Faith was paramount in everything she did because she saw herself as a servant of God. She also often said that singing filled her soul. The family welcomes memorial donations to the charities that Mary supported for decades: the Delaire Institute for Children, Peace, Security, Mary Sherwood and her Children’s Orphanage in Madagascar, Doctors Without Borders, the Stephen Lewis Foundation or the St. John’s Anglican Church in Kagawong. Her Celebration of Life will be held at the M’Chigeeng Community Complex on Sunday, April 30, 2023 from 1 to 3 pm. Mary’s strict wish was for everyone to dress in bright happy colours for the event.

NORMA “JOAN” VAN EVERY
(nee Duncanson)
August 7, 1941 - February 8, 2023



In loving memory of Norma “Joan” Van Every (nee Duncanson) who passed away peacefully at the Kilean Lodge in Grimsby on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at the age of 81 after a long journey with Alzheimer’s. Predeceased by her husband Dale Van Every. Loving mother of Cheryl Leigh Van Every-Petty (Steve), Scott Eugene (Lisa) Van Every and Lynn Van Every (Jason Topp). Cherished grandma of Dahlia, Samantha, Sydney, Arthur, Alexander and Mackenzie. Forever remembered by her siblings Ken (Doreen) Duncanson, Carolyn (Paul) Smith, Myra Duncanson and Iris (Keith) Clarke, and sister-in-laws Rose Van Every, Helen Van Every and Pauline Van Every. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Joan was very active in the community of Meldrum Bay. She was very proud of her work for the United Church and the Dawson Citizen’s Association in Meldrum Bay. She was a member of the UCW. Joan was a chef by trade and ended her career cooking at LaFarge at their Meldrum Bay location. She loved cooking, reading and gardening. A very big thank you goes to the nurses and staff at the Kilean Lodge in Grimsby who went above and beyond to keep Joan comfortable. Interment will be on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 11 am with Rev. Janice Frame officiating in the Meldrum Bay Cemetery. In memory of Joan, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Society of Canada or the Meldrum Bay United Church.

RICHARD ALBERT LAPOINTE
August 7, 1950 - April 14, 2023



In loving memory of Richard Albert Lapointe, a resident of Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island, Richard passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 72. Born in Chatham, Ontario and raised in Pain Court, Ontario. Beloved son of Paul Emile Lapointe (predeceased 1995) and Rosaline (nee Duperron) (predeceased 2009). Father to Cindy (Duane) of Wallaceburg, Ontario, Edward (Samantha) of Wallaceburg, Ontario, Kristie of St. Thomas, Ontario and Connie (Scott) of Nova Scotia. Grandfather to 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Brother to Pearl (Vince) St. Pierre of Grand Pointe, Ontario, Roger (Laurie) of Chatham, Ontario, Robert (Sue) of London, Ontario and Rene (Penny) of Chatham, Ontario. Richard was a very special nephew to Roland Laprise and he was Uncle Rick to many nieces and nephews. Richard will be deeply missed by his good buddy Jim of Gore Bay and his good friend Theresia Phiri. Cremation has taken place. Richard was friends to many residents in the Gore Bay area and was known to many as ‘The Gore Bay Handyman’. He will be deeply missed by many! Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.

VALERIE J. SMELTZER - OPPER
October 12, 1955 - December 29, 2022



Valerie was born October 12, 1955 in Mindemoya, Ontario and passed away December 29, 2022 in Edmonton, Alberta. Valerie left us peacefully at the Sturgeon Community Hospital in her 67th year. Valerie is survived by her stepchildren Daniel (partner Shelly), Darrell and Dalphine (James) MacGregor; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brothers Lonnie Smeltzer of Sarnia and Chester Smeltzer of Tehkummah, Manitoulin Island; Uncle Wayne and Aunt Pauline Martin of Tehkummah; and numerous cousins and their families. Predeceased by her husband Mervin Robert Opper; parents Melvin and Girda (nee Martin) Smeltzer; brother Robert Smeltzer; sister Rhea Smeltzer; and sister-in-law Eileen Smeltzer. Valerie loved cooking, reading and gardening and had a stellar career in the hospitality industry in Calgary and Edmonton, Alberta. She returned home in the summers to Tehkummah where afternoons with family were always fun. Valerie enjoyed keeping up on current events, doing puzzles and learning new things every day. Cremation has taken place and a private graveside service was held on February 15, 2023 at St. Michael’s Cemetery in Edmonton, Alberta and at the family home with close family and friends. A special thank you to the Nursing Care Team at the Sturgeon Community Hospital for their caring and compassion. In lieu of other tributes, donations may be made to the Sturgeon Community Hospital, 201 Boudreau Rd, St. Albert, AB T8N 6C4.

Central council supports FOMOS bids for government funding

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—In a flurry of motions at their April 13 session, council endorsed the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School's bids for funding from a number of sources.

First, council decreed that a letter of support be prepared by staff for application to the McLean Foundation. The McLean Foundation was established in 1945 by the late Mr. James Stanley (J.S.) McLean, president of Canada Packers, with an initial gift of \$505,400. J.S. McLean made additional gifts from time to time until his death on September 1st, 1954. These gifts, augmented by a bequest under his will, totalled \$1,301,000. The fund provides donations in relatively small amounts to a wide range of organizations and projects. Most recently, Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association received a \$5,000 grant.

Council also authorized a letter of support to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport in FOMOS' bid to \$60,000 to fund accessibility related such as the installation of a barrier free lift, automatic door openers and renovations to the bathroom to make it barrier-free.

Finally, council authorized a letter of support be prepared by staff for FOMOS' for their application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Investments

Capital stream in the amount of \$150,000 to fund accessibility-related renovations such as installation of a barrier free lift, automatic door openers and renovations to the bathroom to make it barrier free.

A motion to allow FOMOS to replace the roof on the Mindemoya Old School, once engineering drawings were received and a building permit be obtained, generated considerable debate. Once council's concerns that an engineering report and building permit were in place, the motion passed.

Council expressed concerns over plans to deal with the state of the roof on the Mindemoya Old School, endorsing the municipal building inspector's concerns over allowing work on the roof without an engineer's report on its safety. In response to a question from Councillor Brian Mitchell, the building inspector said he was not concerned with the idea of FOMOS tarping the roof in order to prevent leaks from causing further damage, provided the work can be accomplished safely.

Snowdusters seek volunteers to fill executive slots

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Snowdusters annual general meeting was held in Providence Bay on Tuesday, April 18 with all executive and all coordinator positions up for nomination, but the meeting ended without filling the president's and vice-president's positions.

"Both president Dave Mack and I stepped down," said Al Davey, who noted that many of the executive positions remain unfilled despite a turnout of 15 to 20 people at the meeting.

"We will be holding a meeting on June 14, location to be determined," said Mr. Davey. "We are asking all volunteers to attend the next meeting."

Mr. Davey explained the consequences of not filling out an executive slate. "If we don't get a president and vice-president, it would mean that the club would slip to being a chapter of the Sudbury club," he said.

The Manitoulin Snowdusters groom and otherwise maintain the snowmobile trail system on Manitoulin Island. The club recently inaugurated a new trail to Little Current named in honour of the late OPP Constable Marc Hovingh.



Death Notices

HELEN WASYLENKI (1933 - 2023)



It is with profound sadness that we, the family of Helen Mary Wasylenki (nee Runnalls), announce the passing of our adored wife and mother on April 14, 2023, at the age of 90 years and one day. She leaves behind her husband of nearly 66 years, Raymond Wasylenki, and her daughters Mary Ann Diosi (Charles deceased) of Sudbury and Kathryn Peet (Lennard) of Oro-Medonte Township. Helen was predeceased by her parents, Cecil and Mary Runnalls. She is lovingly remembered by her younger brothers Oliver Runnalls (Barbara) of Barrie Island and Bill Runnalls (Olga deceased) of Narol, MB, as well as by her husband's siblings: Eugene Wasylenki (Barbara), Orysia Weedmark (Howard predeceased) Bob Chalmers (deceased) and Stanley Wasylenki (Sandra deceased). Helen is predeceased by her brother-in-law Morris Wasylenki (Pat deceased). Helen will be dearly missed by her nieces and nephews in Canada and the US and by many cousins within her extended family. A Haweater, Helen was born on the family farm on Barrie Island (Manitoulin Island) on April 13, 1933. She loved horses, especially her own work horse, Jess, with whom she would ride one-and-a-quarter miles to school and back every day. Through the guidance of her mother and her natural inclination of spending time outdoors (as well as through being a bit of a tomboy), Helen developed a lifelong interest in and appreciation for birds, plants and wildflowers. In her late teens, Helen decided her ambition of being a horse trainer wasn't a very practical career choice, so she pursued the teaching profession and attended North Bay Normal School in 1952/53. She loved teaching in the primary grades, and her musical abilities and kind and gentle nature were well suited to connecting with the younger students. In fact, her Normal School yearbook stated the following about her: "Little children will be her support, in a kindergarten she will hold her fort". Her entire teaching career was spent in the public school system in Sudbury, where she taught Kindergarten primarily at Princess Anne, Queen Elizabeth, Wahnapiatae and C.R. Judd Public Schools. Helen met Ray, a fellow teacher, through mutual friends and they married in 1957. When their daughters were toddlers, Ray and Helen built their camp on Lake Kagawong on Manitoulin Island. The family often sang songs in harmony while driving the two hours back and forth to camp, and the girls and Helen picked wild strawberries and raspberries, played games and read stacks of books all summer long. It seemed Helen knew where every bird's nest, jack-in-the-pulpit and wild raspberry bush was located for miles around. Both parents inspired in their children a lifelong love of the outdoors

through ice fishing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, hiking and camping. Helen considered it a disadvantage for a person to be afraid of spiders, snakes, worms, and other species generally considered by many to be "yucky" and ensured her girls were comfortable coexisting with these aspects of nature. Helen had many varied interests, most of which reflected her quiet and graceful nature: reading novels, studying history and geography, growing houseplants, birdwatching, working on jigsaw puzzles, completing the daily crossword and sudoku puzzles, curling, playing bridge and Scrabble, travelling, walking, watching Jeopardy, camping and gardening. She definitely was not a woman who was even remotely interested in make-up, shopping or fashion! Of all her many interests, Helen's greatest passion and joy was music, particularly playing the piano. She possessed perfect pitch (an out-of-tune note would make her visibly cringe) and could both sight-read music and play by ear. When her daughters were young, Helen was a rather cool mom because she could play the themes from Batman, Hawaii-Five-0 and The Partridge Family after hearing them on TV just once! Although naturally quiet and introverted, Helen loved nothing more than to entertain a crowd from behind the keyboard; she often played piano for friends and family at parties while singing in harmony with Ray, who accompanied her on his guitar or mandolin. She also sang in choirs in Sudbury and at their beloved winter residence at Sweetwater Golf and Tennis Club in Central Florida. Later in life, while living at Southwind Retirement Residence in Sudbury, Helen adored playing the baby grand for the fellow residents on Friday afternoons a couple of times per month. Helen had many wonderful friendships at Southwind and thoroughly enjoyed living there. People were always drawn to Helen's kind nature, positive outlook on life and sense of humour. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. The family would like to express its gratitude to the kind and caring staff at Southwind, and to Drs. Bansal and De Blacam. We would especially like to thank everyone on 7 North at Health Sciences North for their compassionate and exceptional care of Helen in the final days of her life. At Helen's request, there will be no funeral service or visitation. A private gathering to remember Helen will be held with family and friends at a later date. Should you wish to honour Helen's memory through a charitable donation, please consider the Kidney Foundation of Canada (www.kidney.ca), The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association Sudbury Chapter (<https://www.chhasudbury.com/donations/>) or Health Sciences North Foundation (<https://hsnfoundation.com/>). Arrangements have been entrusted with Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at www.RangersSudbury.com.

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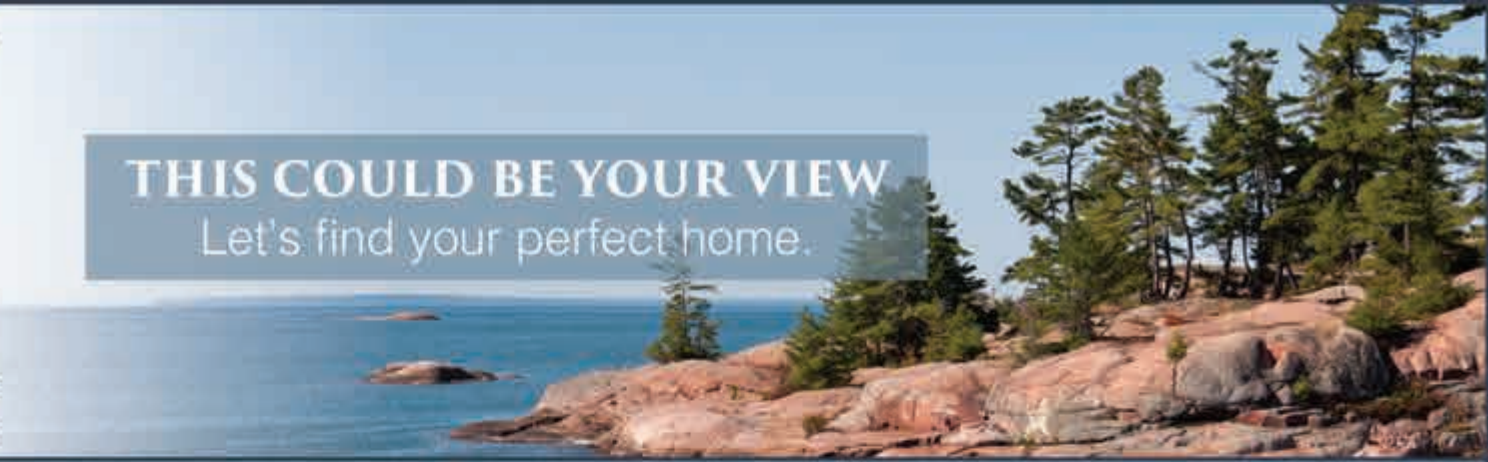
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Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
Mnaachtoong Maadsewin
By Petra Wall



Floyd and Mary Hall

Floyd and Mary's lovely home, on Hall's Hill, sits protectively inside the curl of the Manitou River, flowing right behind the house, close to the bridge on Government Road. The windows capture a fetching view of the river and the many birds and the deer that visit. At the base of the driveway sits their former cottage, which is now Floyd's camp for the annual deer hunt. A two-car garage, with the same attractive vinyl siding exterior as their home, completes the scene. During their teaching years, both Floyd and Mary taught in Sault Ste. Marie. Floyd, a Haweater, always thought he and Mary might return to Manitoulin for their retirement. Today, both remain active in various social groups on the Island. Muffins and tea were shared today as the stories flowed.



The couple is wed, December 23, 1967.

hailed from Aberdeen, Scotland. John E. worked as a camp cook in Chapleau lumber camps. Mary Ann's mother died when she was quite young, so she was raised by her extended family. She became a self-taught taxidermist. Her first husband died of pneumonia. She met John E., and had three sons, one of

family farm where all three siblings were born. "My first memories were the big picnics and the Sunday outings with family. Once or twice a year, we met our aunts and uncles for a Sunday picnic at Meldrum Bay or Martin Lake where we could fish from a raft dad and uncle had built. I loved to fish."

"Hurricane Hazel was a big storm in the '50s. Dad had taken a rare day off to ride his tractor to Michael's Bay and fish with my uncles. The heavy rain soon persuaded them to return home. The local bridge was already lifted by the high water, so dad put the front wheels of the tractor onto the edge of the bridge to hold it down so they could drive across and get home."

"Early farming with horses changed in 1952, when dad bought our first tractor and hydro arrived. As a young lad, I remember milking cows and raking the hay with our horses. The cream cheque we got regularly paid for everyday expenses. Growing up on a farm gives you a unique perspective on animals. Only dogs were pets. Nevertheless, I always had a soft spot for all four-legged creatures, and yet I could dispatch an animal in pain. We raised ducks and pigs every summer for food. We stopped raising lambs because there was no one to shear them and wolves often killed them. We also had chickens and a crotchety banty rooster, but I

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Mary and Floyd display the last quilt made by Mary's grandmother, the taxidermist

"John and Mary (Kay) Lanktree are my maternal grandparents," Floyd offers as an introduction. "They originally came to the Grimesthorpe area after they were married, and subsequently moved to Hughson Bay and built a home. Their last move was to the Carnarvon area where Floyd's mother was born. John was a farmer, who also cut wood and trapped for furs: foxes, beavers and coyotes. Paternal grandparents are John E. and Mary Ann (Leask) Hall. Mary Ann's family

whom was Oswald, my father. He followed in grandfather's footsteps and became both a councillor and a reeve for Tehkummah Township for many years. Both men were active in the Orange Lodge with Grandfather John attaining a lofty position for Canada."

Floyd John was born to Oswald and Nora Hall on January 17, 1946. He has an older sister, Julia, who married Benson Wayne Sanders. Floyd's younger brother Don and his partner Elaine Bond live on the

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



The Running Record

I tried to find out if any local runners ran the Boston Marathon last week but came up empty. If you made the 26.2-mile (42km) trek from Hopkinton to Boston, please let me know!

During my search I contacted Mindemoya ex-pat, and elite athlete, **Evan Bayer**. If Evan is in a running, cycling, power lifting or who knows what competition, there is a good chance he will be on the podium! Evan is now a high school phys ed teacher and athletic director in Calgary.

Although he has been just a bit busy with a newborn, he and his wife Agatha ran the 'First Half' half marathon in Vancouver in February.

Touted as the fastest half in Canada, even Evan found it "super competitive." The race was so competitive that runner **Cam Levins** broke the Canadian half marathon record. Evan still ran the 21.1 km in 1:14 and ended up 45th out of nearly 1,900 runners and third in his age division! Agatha for her part ran a smashing 1:33!

Evan is hoping to continue competing but is suffering a bad strain from a few weeks ago so he is now, "impatiently cross training." Best of luck in that, Dad!

Local golf phenom in training!

With Mindemoya's Brookwood Brae opening three weeks early this year, **Noah Thorpe** is busy prepping for the upcoming season. Noah, who literally grew up on the course, will compete in the NJGT (North-eastern Junior Golf Tour).

The Manitoulin Secondary School student is slated to play in seven tour tournaments as well as a few other off-tour events. Keep up the good work, and best of luck, Noah!

NAIG Bound!

Congratulations to **Brooke Gibeault** who was selected for Indigenous Team Ontario's Basketball Team for this summer's North American Indigenous Games. All your hard work has paid off, Brooke!



Junior curlers rock!

The Province Bay Curling Club held their Junior Curling wind-up funspiel on March 25. They had 33 kids that participated throughout the season, starting in early November.

They gave out the following awards at the spiel: Hit-Draw-Tap Competition (held earlier in the season): Ages 6-8: First **Alice McIntosh**, Second **Tommy Joyce**, Third **Laura Lynn Cooper**.

Ages 9-10: First **Everest Symons**, Second **Shawn MacKelvie**, Third **David Cooper**.

Ages 11-13: First **Devon MacKelvie**, Second **Eric Wahl**, Third (tie) **Lexi Fisher** and **Spencer Johnston**.

Most Improved awards went to: Age 8 and under, **Tommy Joyce**, Age 9-10, **William Quinn**, Age 11+, **Liam McLean**.

The winning team for the Wind-Up Funspiel was the foursome featuring **Parker**

Johnston, Shawn MacKelvie, Nico Long and Charlie Orford.

Amethyst Curling Camp Bursaries went to **Devon MacKelvie** and **Spencer Johnston**.

Other curlers not already mentioned who also had a great season were: **Joshua Joyce, Tessa McAllister, Benjamin McCutcheon, Lennon Smith, Harmony Symons, Lucie Long, Rose Duguay, Beau Corbiere, Sarah Joyce, Shane Cranston, Oliver Symons, Delilah Symons, Cordelia McLean, Lila Fisher, David Joyce, John McLean, Silva Verboom and Josiah Wilton.**

Save the date!

August 12 has been set by the Manitoulin Cycling Club's fourth annual Bay to Bay ride! Check out the group on the Facebook!



Way to go Arabella Otosquaio and Hudson Roque!

Active Assiginack!

Have a look at all the fun to be had in Manitowaning. To start, the Township is hosting a fun activity to get people off the couch at least! The Manitoulin Bake off starts Friday, April 28! Kids soccer is underway with record high numbers.

Badminton and pickleball will start Monday nights in May in the arena. It is a free drop-in with equipment provided if you need it. Softball for kids starts in May with the dates set for their youth ball tournament, August 11-13. This year they have added an older age division and registration is now open.

To make sure your child gets in on all this fun contact **Jackie White**, Assiginack's super active events coordinator at jwhite@assiginack.ca.

On another active note, Manitowaning Minor Hockey held its annual banquet and recognized the following top association awards.

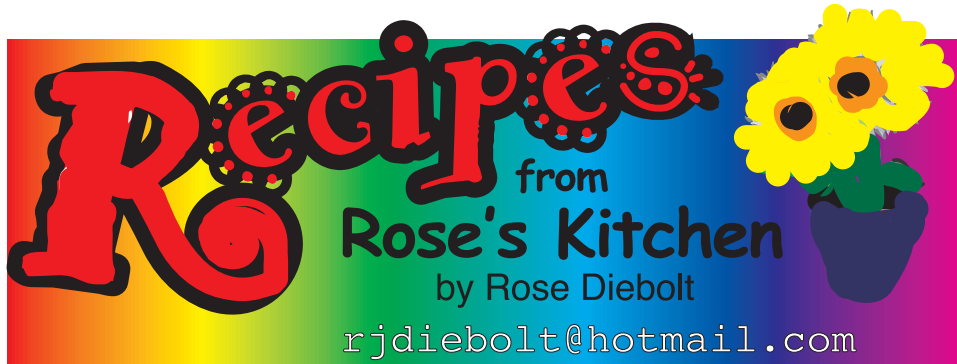
Hudson Roque took home the Best Defense plaque. **Alexei Pelletier** won as the Best Forward while **Arabella Otsquaio** was awarded the Best Goalie trophy!

Zumba opportunity!

Kellie Robinson has newly minted her dance enterprise as Manitoulin Island Zumba! Her classes are currently on Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Kellie hosts all the fun at Vitality Health and Fitness, just outside of Mindemoya heading west at 6404 Highway 542. Her cell number is 705-863-1324 for any additional information.

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It was Earth Day yesterday and I celebrated the day by going through my fridge checking for food waste and then picking up garbage along our highway property line.

Let me give you some statistics from February 2023 to hopefully make us more aware of what we are not accomplishing very well in the food department!

The average Canadian household wastes 79 kilograms (174 pounds) to 140 kilograms (308 pounds) of food a year.

Food waste does occur at most points in the food cycle, including post-harvest, processing, distribution, retail, food industry and household waste but our household waste is 47 percent which means food waste can be avoided by consumers adopting better shopping and cooking habits.

We talk about how expensive food has become but the annual cost of the total amount of food wasted in Canada is \$1,766 per household.

So back to my fridge and what did I find? In the back of the fridge I found two small beets that were soft and looking a bit sad, celery that was limp and some carrots in a bag that were wet. I saved all. The beets I cooked for a chocolate muffin recipe, the celery I chopped up and put it into the freezer for later day soup, and the carrots I washed off, peeled them and also used them in a muffin recipe. You could also cut up the carrots and put them with the celery for soup.

Try the following recipes. Isn't that what it's all about? Saving the world and keeping ourselves healthy!

Moist Beetroot Chocolate Muffins

These are pretty healthy muffins which are perfect for breakfast, snack or as a healthier dessert. The best part of this recipe is using the blender.

- 2 large eggs
- 1 medium beet or 2 small, cooked and peeled
- 1/4 cup avocado oil or melted coconut oil
- 1/2 cup maple syrup or honey
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1 1/4 cups whole wheat or spelt flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup chocolate chips

Preheat the oven to 375°F and line or oil a 12 muffin tin. Set aside.

In the blender, add the cooked and peeled beets, eggs, oil, maple syrup, yogurt and vanilla. Blend until smooth.

In a bowl add the flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, baking powder, salt and chocolate chips. Mix together until well blended.

Pour the liquid from the blender into the bowl with the flour mixture and quickly and gently mix until just combined. Don't over mix.

Fill up the muffin tin and bake for 15 to 18 minutes until a skewer comes out clean. Don't over bake. Let cool.

These freeze really well!



Healthy Morning Glory Breakfast Muffins

These muffins have less sugar than the other Morning Glory muffins and are veggie loaded. I omitted and substituted which I have included in the recipe. Your choice but I really try to use what I have in my fridge instead of going out and buying something specific for one recipe and then it sits and goes to waste.

- 1 1/4 cups whole wheat or spelt flour
- 1 cup quick-cooking "instant" oats (see note at the end on how to make your own)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 cup unsweetened applesauce
- 1/3 cup avocado or olive oil or melted coconut oil
- 1/3 cup maple syrup or honey
- 1 tsp orange zest -optional
- 1/4 cup orange juice or oat, coconut, almond milk—your choice
- 2 cups grated carrot
- 1 cup grated apple
- 1/2 cup raisins (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or pumpkin or sunflower seeds (optional)
- 3 Tbsp ground flax seed (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Line or oil a muffin tin. This recipe makes 14 to 16 muffins.

In a bowl whisk the flour, oats, baking soda, cinnamon, ginger and salt until well combined. Set aside.

In a large bowl whisk the eggs, applesauce, oil, maple syrup or honey, orange zest and orange juice until well combined.

Pour dry ingredients into bowl with wet and stir until just combined.

Fold in the carrot, apple, raisins, pecans and ground flax if using.

Scoop batter into prepared muffin cups.

Bake until golden brown 22 to 24 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool.

***If you have regular old fashioned rolled oats and you need quick cooking just take the 1 1/4 cups oats and add to your food processor then pulse until the oats are chopped. They should not be fine powder. Once chopped measure out amount needed.

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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 accepting applications for the following
FULL-TIME positions in
Manitoulin Island:
Child Well-Being Worker (Protection): Closes May 5, 2023
Sudbury:
Case Aide: Closes May 5, 2023

CONTRACT positions:
Manitoulin Island:
Child Well-Being Worker (CIC): Closes May 5, 2023
Education Support Worker: Closes May 5, 2023
Sudbury:
After Hours Youth Outreach Worker: Closes May 5, 2023

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. All postings close at 4pm EST. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: <https://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.



UNITED CHIEFS AND COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING ("UCCMM") LANDS AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Addition to Reserve & Information Technology ("ATRIT") Technician
Location: UCCMM Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation
Duration: Contract until March 31st, 2024 (pending funding and three-month probation period)

The UCCMM has established an Additions to Reserve (ATR) Unit within the UCCMM Lands Department to address the need for ATR capacity for our First Nations. UCCMM is seeking an experienced and driven individual to fill the position of UCCMM's ATRIT Technician.

Position Summary:

The ATRIT Technician will support the ATR Coordinator through UCCMM's Lands Department. The ATRIT Technician will support the ATR processes for the First Nations at the UCCMM Tribal Council. The ATRIT Technician will provide technical support services within the First Nations and UCCMM to progress the ATR work for the First Nations. The ATRIT Technician will work with the ATR Coordinator to ensure that each of the First Nations are able to successfully advance the ATR process for their communities. ATRIT Technician will be responsible for IT at the UCCMM Tribal Council.

******For a complete list of Responsibilities and Qualifications please visit www.uccmm.ca ******

Remuneration: **\$40,000 - \$50,000 Depending on Experience** (annually subject to availability of funds); health and dental benefits to be provided upon successful completion of probationary period. (This position will be paid as an annual salary rather than as an hourly wage or otherwise).

Closing Date: **Friday, May 5, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. – (EST)**

How to Apply: Mail, email and/or hand deliver the following:
1. **Covering Letter**
2. **Resume**
3. **Three Current References (one for a direct manager/supervisor)**

Please Send To: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising
1110 HWY #551, PO Box 275
M'Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0
Email: hrecollet@uccmm.ca

Thank you to all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



 **Beach Sampling and West Nile Virus Students (2) #23-129 (Job opportunity)**

Full-time Temporary (between June 12, 2023 [negotiable] and September 1, 2023)
– Recruitment #23-129 (Non-union)

Division: Health Protection
Location: Main Office – 1300 Paris St., Sudbury and/or Manitoulin Island Office – 6163 Highway 542, Mindemoya

- Please Note:** If you are a resident of Manitoulin, you will work out of the Manitoulin office. If you are a resident of the Sudbury area, you will work out of the Sudbury office and travel to Manitoulin may be required.

Work Location Arrangement: Partial On-site - the position requires a combination of regular on-site and remote work. Reasons and schedules can vary, but worker attends on-site regularly (for example, each week).

Salary: \$18.00 per hour

Position summary:
 Public Health Sudbury & Districts is currently seeking an environmental health student to conduct beach sampling and other various tasks within the vector-borne diseases program. The student must be registered as a full-time student and returning to school in the fall of 2023. Reporting to the Manager, Health Protection Division, the student is an integral member of a multidisciplinary team. The student will be responsible for various tasks within the safe water program including the inspection of public beaches to identify any hazards and completion of a public beach water sampling program. They will also support the vector-borne diseases program with various tasks including, but not limited to: the set-up and maintenance of mosquito traps, the retrieval of captive mosquitoes and the submission of specimens for identification and testing. There is extensive, compensated travel with this position. Assets for this position includes self-motivation, strong interpersonal and organizational skills and the ability to conduct oneself in a professional manner at all times.


Requirements:

- Current Ontario driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle with the minimum insurance as required by the agency to fulfill the requirements of the position (employees required to use and operate their own automobile will receive \$0.52 compensation per kilometre).
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Initiative and organizational skills.
- Proficiency in computers and data entry is an asset.
- Proficiency in both official languages is an asset.
- Interest in public health or related program is an asset.
- Ministry of Labour "Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps" training certificate is required.

Send resumés and cover letter to:
Human Resources, Corporate Services Division,
Public Health Sudbury & Districts,
1300 Paris Street, Sudbury, ON P3E 3A3
Email: recruitment@phsd.ca

Please include the recruitment number in the subject line.
 Please include cover letter and resumé in one PDF or Word document.
Application deadline: Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Learn more about Public Health Sudbury & Districts at www.phsd.ca/about/
 Learn more about Public Health Sudbury & Districts Pre-Employment Requirements at <https://www.phsd.ca/join-us/#:-:text=Pre%2Demployment%20requirements,Health%20Sudbury%20%26%20Districts>.
 Learn more about interviews, collection of information, and accommodation at <https://www.phsd.ca/join-us/#interviews>

 **Conseil des Services du District de Manitoulin-Sudbury**
 District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd
 Espanola, ON P5E 1R9
 Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850
 Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805
<http://www.msdsb.net>

The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination, and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

Communications Officer
Intern - Temporary Full-Time
 Competition #2023-05-AD
 Closing date: May 1, 2023

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN IN SEARCH OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS

Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) would like to invite you to support our mission by joining the CLM Board of Directors. The Agency is looking to fill multiple positions on the Board.

“At Community Living Manitoulin we advocate, promote and facilitate the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges. We believe all people with developmental disabilities can lead meaningful lives in our community,” states chair of board Pam Lambert

Board members are vital to the success of an organization. CLM Board members provide governance oversight and possess an understanding of the Manitoulin community and a passion for inclusion and advocacy. Experience in Disability awareness/knowledge, finances and fund development is most welcome but not necessary.

Never sat on a board? CLM will provide third-party governance training to all new board members!

For more information about CLM or to discuss becoming a board member contact:
Executive Director, Adrienne at afarquhar@clmanitoulin.com or 705-665-8262
Board Chair, Pam at plambert@clmanitoulin.com or 705-210-0515



DATE POSTED: Thurs., April 20/23
POSTING CLOSES: 4:00 PM Thurs., April 27/23
Community Living Manitoulin (“CLM”)
External Job Opportunity

Two(2) Part-Time Temporary Direct Support Professionals I Support Services – HT

CLM has two immediate openings for Permanent Part-Time Direct Support Professionals I positions within the Support Services as per attached Job Description. The positions will be based out of Hope Terrace, however, Management reserves the right to transfer and/or assign work in other locations.

Focus: The health and welfare of the individuals CLM supports must be the primary focus. The successful candidate will assist the DSP1s in the day-to-day operations of the program.

Education Requirements:

- Developmental Service Worker diploma or equivalent
- College diploma in human services or health services program
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Ability to recognize anxiety and respond appropriately with supports
- Behavioural knowledge
- Excellent medication knowledge

Health-Related Requirements:

- Current T.B. Test (or willing to obtain / if required)
- Covid Vaccination

Current Certificates and Licence Requirements:

- Current NCI Certificate
- Current First Aid Certificate

Start Date: Following Agency direction

Hours of Work:

- Part-time hours as per the CBA in this area
- Shift hours and days may vary based on the assigned area and per the Collective Agreement

As part of CLM's staffing pool, staff may be assigned to any area, and when considering all areas, the shift work is spanned over 24 hours per day, seven days per week. The staffing pool supports the operation of the Residential Programs, Support Services and (on-site) Respite Care Programs. The successful candidates recognize that in the future management may assign staff to work within programs/homes other than the program/home to which staff has applied.

Rate of Pay: As per the Collective Agreement Direct Support Professional 1 Category

Deadline: Written applications may be submitted to the following by 4 pm, Thursday, April 27, 2023.

Submit written application to:
 Carol Fellin, HR and Finance Admin
 Community Living Manitoulin
 Box 152
 Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
 Telephone: (905) 699-9522 email: cfellin@clmanitoulin.com

Options for submissions are as follows:
DO NOT FAX your resume

- Email to cfellin@clmanitoulin.com
- Personally deliver your resume to the Administration Office.
- DO NOT** deliver it by leaving it under a closed door. Office hours are 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.
- Mail (when using mail, submissions must be sent in time to be received by the deadline – the postmark is not able to be considered as the date received because it is the date it is sent).

DATE POSTED: Thurs., April 20/23 POSTING CLOSES: 4:00 PM Thurs., April 27/23

News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice

by Claire Cline

Claire's 5 Top Picks

'The Librarian of Burned Books' by Brianna Labuskes

'Code 6' by James Grip-pando

'Count Down' by James Patterson

'Collateral Damage' by J.A. Jance

'Beyond that, the sea' by Laura Spence-Ash

'The Librarian of Burned Books' – World War II-era novel about the intertwined fates of three women who believe in the power of books to triumph over the very darkest moments of war, inspired by a true story. American writer Althea James, a woman from a small town in Maine, receives an invitation to participate in a cultural exchange program in Berlin in 1933. Hannah Brecht escapes from Berlin for Paris, 1936 discovering the City of Lights is no refuge from the anti-Semitism and Nazi sympathizers she thought she left behind. Hannah throws herself into her work at the German Library of Burned Books. Through the quiet power of books, she believes she can help counter the tide of fascism she sees rising across Europe. And New York, 1944, Vivian Childs has been waging her own war after her husband

was killed fighting the Nazis: preventing a powerful senator's attempt to censor the Armed Services Editions, portable paperbacks that are shipped by the millions to soldiers overseas. As Vivian unknowingly brings her censorship fight crashing into the secrets of the recent past, the fates of these three women will converge, changing all of them forever... A good read.

'Code 6' – Kate Gamble, an aspiring playwright, is struggling to launch a script she's been researching her entire life, mostly at the family dinner table. Her father is Christian Gamble, the CEO of Buck Technologies, a private data-integration company whose clients include the CIA and virtually every counter-terrorism organization in the Western world. Kate's play about the dark side of Big Data would be the ultimate betrayal in her father's eyes. When Code 6 comes into play the most secret and potentially dangerous technology her father's company has every developed, murder and kidnapping and mayhem begins.

'Countdown' – Five days to save the world, four days to save her family, three hours to find the world's most dangerous double

agent. A young CIA agent who's been handed an impossible mission and so it begins. James Patterson at his best.

'Collateral Damage' - J.A. Jance is one of my favourite authors and this is another of her novels that didn't disappoint. Ali Reynolds and High Noon Enterprises face the dangerous consequences of one man's desperate search for revenge. In a race against time, Ali must assemble the pieces of a puzzle woven with vendettas she never could have imagined, all before she and the people she loves becomes collateral damage.

'Beyond that, the sea' – A sweeping, tender hearted love story introduce two families living through World War II on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean and the shy irresistible young woman who will call them both her own. As German bombs fall over London in 1940, an 11-year-old daughter of working class parents is sent to America where hopefully she will stay safe. Scared and angry, Bea arrives in Boston to meet the Gregorlys who fold her into their world. She adjusts to their affluent lifestyle and grows close to both Gregory boys, one older and one young filling in the space between them.

Before long life in America feels more natural to her than her quiet, spare world back in England. But suddenly she is called home after the war ends. This novel is full of grace and heartache, forgiveness and understanding, loss and love.

Remember there is Mahjong every Wednesday morning from 10 am to 12 noon at your library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Knitting and crocheting class every Tuesday afternoon from 1 to 3 pm. Need a

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Full time & part time positions available for:

**Liquor Servers
Kitchen Helper**

Wage starting at \$17.00/hr

Location: 6 Water Street, South Baymouth, ON

Send your resume to
Hello@Piersidemanitoulin.com or contact us at
(705) 859-1880



Speech Language Pathologist and Psychometrist

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Speech Language Pathologist and a Psychometrist.**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Monday May 1, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca

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Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

Job Postings

Kitchen Line Cooks: Part-Time x 4

Housekeepers: Part-Time x 8

Housekeeper: Full-Time x 1

Dishwashers: Part-Time x 4

Bartenders (Conference): Part-Time x 2 (Evenings & Weekends)

Food & Beverage Servers: Part Time x 12

Front Desk: Part-Time x 5

Front Desk: Full-Time x 2

Night Audit: Part-Time x 1

Food & Beverage Supervisions: Part-Time (leading to full-time) x 2

Maintenance Person: x 1 Part-Time

Work Setting

Full Service Hotel & Conference Centre

Specific Skills

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

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

Safe Food Handlers – F & B / Bartenders

Smart Serve - F & B / Bartenders

Security and Safety

Bondable

Essential Skills

Communication, Working with Others, Problem-Solving

Education

Completion of high school (not required)

Training provided

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

Manitoulin Hotel & Conference Centre

66 Meredith St E

Little Current, ON

POP 1K0

or Email to:

gm@manitoulinhotel.com



P.O. Box 181 Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0
t: 705.368.3400
f: 705.370.4796

Frontline Shelter Worker - Full-Time, Permanent

Manitoulin Family Resources requires one (1) Frontline Shelter Worker (Full-Time, Permanent) to support women and children in our emergency residence/shelter program. The shelter worker provides support, crisis intervention and advocacy to women and children residing at the shelter, as well as telephone counselling and support through crisis line coverage. As a single-staff model of operation in a residential environment, responsibilities pertaining to health and safety in a fast-paced atmosphere and household duties such as cooking and cleaning are required in addition to the provision of individual counselling support, in-house client workshops, safety assessments, and linkages to other services.

The successful candidate will have:

- Relevant post-secondary education (degree or diploma, or in progress) and training/experience working with victims of woman abuse.
- Familiarity with provision of client-led, trauma informed and harm reduction services.
- Excellent interpersonal, planning, and communication skills.
- Experience with data entry and computer skills.
- A demonstrated commitment to diversity, cultural competency, and anti-racist/anti-oppressive frameworks.
- Current CPR/First Aid certification, Food Handler's Safety certificate, valid driver's licence, insurable driver's abstract, and Vulnerable Sector Screening are conditions of hire and ongoing requirements.
- Registration with the College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers is an asset, as is second language fluency in Ojibway and/or French.

This position is a bargaining unit position. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the shelter including, though not exclusive to, nights and weekends.

Deadline for applications: Wednesday, May 3 at 4:00 pm

Please forward applications to:

Denise Leblanc, Executive Programs Assistant

Manitoulin Family Resources

dleblanc@mfresources.net

Frontline Shelter Worker – Casual, Permanent positions are also available.

Please visit our website for all available positions at www.mfresources.net/careers

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. While we thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Violence Against Women Prevention -
Haven House Shelter & Outreach Counselling Children's Services -
Manitoulin Early ON Child and Family Centre, Centre Based & Home Childcare Help Centre -
Food Bank and Thrift Shop**

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**The Town of Gore Bay
Summer Student Employment Opportunity
Dock Attendant**

Applications will be accepted by the undersigned no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023.

**Stasia Carr, Clerk
Town of Gore Bay
P.O Box 590
Gore Bay, ON
POP 1H0
Tel: 705-282-2420
Email: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.



**The Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay
Gore Bay Provincial Offences Court Service
MUNICIPAL POA PROSECUTOR**

Applications will be received by the undersigned up to and including 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2023 for PART-TIME MUNICIPAL POA PROSECUTOR for the Town of Gore Bay POA Court.

We are now accepting proposals to fill the position of Municipal POA Prosecutor. Proposals will be accepted by the undersigned up to and including May 8, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Applicants must be a Lawyer or meet the criteria as set out in Paralegal Regulation, Bill 14 and be in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada. Previous experience performing the functions of prosecution would be an asset. Must have knowledge of the Provincial Offences Act and the Ontario Courts of Justice Act. Applicants must be willing to travel to court locations in Gore Bay and Little Current.

The successful applicant will be responsible for prosecutions of Part I Offences under the Provincial Offences Act as set out under the Prosecutorial Standards as presented by the Ministry of the Attorney General, including but not limited to prosecutorial independence, fairness and impartiality, competence and integrity and timeliness of prosecutions.

For further information call the undersigned at (705) 282-2420 ext. 4
Pam Fogal, POA Manager
Gore Bay Provincial Offences Court Services
PO Box 500
Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0
poamanager@gorebay.ca



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Elementary School Teacher**

**Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0
Phone: (705) 283-3292 Fax: (705) 283-3481**

The thriving Community of Sheshegwaning First Nation is currently accepting applications for an Elementary School Teacher. Come, work with some wonderful staff, amazing kids and fantastic community members and make a difference in the future generation, with the gift of education.

Essential Duties:

- Work under the supervision of the Principal.
- Prepare and deliver lessons to the students according to the approved curriculum.
- Implement and deliver culturally appropriate Anishnaabe teachings within the school and community setting.
- Teach students using a systematic plan of lessons, discussion, audio-visual presentations, field trips, hands-on activities to promote their physical, mental and social development, and their school readiness.
- Develop and implement long-range plans.
- Prepare and administer assessments.
- Evaluate the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents and school officials.
- Identify children's learning styles and needs.
- Prepare and implement remedial programs for children requiring extra help.
- Participate in staff meetings, teacher training workshops, professional development days and other school functions.
- May supervise teacher assistants and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Must hold a valid Ontario Teaching Certificate.
- Preferred to have a Bachelor of Education or ATEP.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishnaabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation St. Josephs Anishnabe School
Salary Range: As per placement on the approved Teacher Salary Grid

Deadline to Apply: May 3, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

Interested applicants may forward their resume and three written references marked confidential to: **Jessica Sampson, Human Resources Director**
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON P0P 1X0
Jessica@sheshegwaning.org

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH

**is accepting applications for
ASSISTANT TO MUSEUM CURATOR**

Employment location is The Little Schoolhouse and Museum located in South Baymouth.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 25 years of age at the start of employment
- Have been registered as a full-time student in the previous academic year and intend to return to school on a full-time basis in the next academic year
- Be eligible to work in Canada and have a SIN
- Must be a resident of Ontario

Tasks and Responsibilities:

Under the direction of the Museum Curator:

- Act as Heritage Interpreter
- Provide orientation and interpretation of local history through storytelling, guided tours and public presentation
- Assist with set up of displays and maintenance of artifacts and records
- Able to work every second weekend
- Other duties as assigned by Curator

This position commences June 26, 2023
Maximum 40 hours per week at \$15.50 per hour for 8 weeks.

Applications clearly marked Assistant to Museum Curator to be submitted as follows:

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Wednesday, May 24, 2022 – 3 PM

Interested applicants please forward resume to:
Township of Tehkummah
456 Hwy 542A
Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0

By fax: 705-859-2605

By email: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca



Manitoulin Secondary School
PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green



Proud Supporter of our
MSS Mustangs

RYLAN CARRICK

Whether it be on the greens or in the arena, on the court or the track; Rylan can be found with a smile on his face, enjoying every opportunity to be active! His constant involvement in athletics from a young age has helped Rylan to develop a passion for sports that is clear in each of his athletic endeavours. In his rookie year as a Mustang, Rylan brings a positive attitude and enthusiasm to both practice and competition, helping him to excel in the black and gold jersey thus far. Rylan has already proven himself as a dependable all-around player, indicating that he will have a promising athletic future at MSS!

Before Rylan joined the Mustangs, he proudly wore the purple jersey of Central Manitoulin Public School for his elementary school years. As COVID interrupted some of his time at CMPS, putting a halt to school teams, Rylan continued to stay active by playing sports at home. When the time finally came for Rylan to jump back on a team, he put his skills to the test as a member of the volleyball, basketball, and track and field teams. Although he was recognized as a great player in various sports throughout his public school career, Rylan received multiple medals awarding his talents in track and field and hockey, extracurriculars he enjoyed outside of school.

This year, Rylan has smoothly transitioned into the world of high school sports. His debut in the black and gold was made at the start of the year with the golf team at NSSSA. His performance punched his ticket to NOSSA golf, which he recalls as a memorable moment in his sporting career. Shortly after he retired the golf clubs for the season, Rylan jumped on the court to participate on the junior boys' volleyball team. After a season of awesome game play, Rylan returned to NSSSA and earned another opportunity to compete at NOSSA with his team, which was hosted at MSS. He quickly switched out his volleyball for a basketball, and then a badminton racket. Rylan is gearing up for a third NSSSA appearance, this time in badminton as a novice single.

Although Rylan has been involved in a variety of sports throughout his life, he has grown especially fond of hockey. Rylan's team spirit shines as he explains that his love for the game stems from playing with his friends. He appreciates that the sport keeps him in shape and healthy.

When Rylan takes the black and gold jersey off, he can be found caring for his dog, Bella. He finds that Bella encourages him to stay active by going on walks together. Another one of Rylan's favourite ways to enjoy the outdoors is by spending the fall months hunting, and summers fishing. He can also be spotted working a part-time job in the community.

In the classroom, Rylan takes on each challenge to think critically and analyze different situations. He is specifically keen on problem-solving, which allows him to thrive in his favourite subject: math.

In both academics and athletics, Rylan is inspired by Tiger Woods. With five masters tournament victories, and four PGA tour championship wins, it is unquestionable that the professional golfer is no stranger to hard work and dedication. Rylan aims to include these valuable lessons in his own practice, but above all, Tiger Woods has taught him to never give up.

With three more years as a Mustang, Rylan is still considering many options to pursue post graduation. However, he has set a goal of obtaining a good job and family.

With Rylan's enthusiasm to try new things and positive attitude, he is sure to meet all of his goals, on and off the court!

Proud Supporter of our
MSS Mustangs

**AJ Bus Lines
& MSS
A Winning
Team!**

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**BMO
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in Tomorrow's
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Recycle your batteries here!

To celebrate Earth Day, the township of Billings climate action committee hosted 'Kagawong's Circular Used Goods Sale,' this past Saturday at the Park Centre rink in Kagawong. Several tables were set up by residents who were selling and purchasing pre-used items that deserve a second or third chance. As well, local business Eco-Growth was on hand. And in partnership with Manitoulin Streams' Island-wide clean-up initiative, community members were encouraged to pick-up garbage in the township on Earth Day and bring them to the Park Centre parking lot where a group of volunteers helped sort the garbage into trash and recycling. In photo, committee chair and Billings councillor Vince Grogan is shown getting ready to dump a bunch of batteries into a battery recycling box. He explained through a partnership with the company call2recycle local residents will be able to drop off their used batteries at a box set up just inside the front door of the municipal office. There will be no charge to residents dropping off the batteries or to the township. "Every kind of used battery will be taken," said Mr. Grogan, who said the company will pick up the batteries and break them down, taking out the toxins and metals, with the plastic to be recycled.

...News from the Mindemoya Library Book Mice
by Claire Cline

...continued from page 4A refresher course or help with a new pattern or just want to socialize as you knit your project? Please feel free to come and join in. Remember our resource room is available in our library during our library hours. We can close the sliding doors and you will have utmost privacy for your meetings. \$25

for 1/2 day or \$50 for the full day. No charge for non-profit groups. Please call library for info. Our library hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Thursdays from 1 to 7 pm. See you at your library.

HI THERE! YES YOU!
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW AND CHALLENGING?
ARE YOU WANTING TO WORK IN A SUPPORTIVE,
CREATIVE AND FUN ATMOSPHERE?

Join the Manitoulin Expositor Team!

Pending confirmation of funding,
The Expositor Office will have an opportunity to hire a reporter under the Local Journalism Initiative (LJI) program beginning May 1, 2023.

The scope of this job will be to report on:

- Manitoulin courts
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...Now and Then: Floyd and Mary Hall

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"Maple syrup was made each spring. We tapped 50-60 trees, the old-fashioned way, by drilling holes with a hand drill and collecting sap in buckets that had to be emptied or checked daily. The sap was boiled in an old cast iron pot, over a wood fire. I was about 10 years old when dad made a square metal pot that would heat more evenly and more quickly due to the greater surface area. The syrup was started in the bush and finished in the kitchen."

The public school was S.S. #3 Tehkummah on the Second Concession Road. Floyd was five when he started. "I liked school, and I did well. I remember walking and touching the telephone wires, with winter's high snow bank. Dad or a neighbour often gave us a sleigh ride. High school was in Mindemoya. Sixty students were divided into two Grade 9 classes in the basement of the community hall. The teachers taught both classes. The new high school, where the public school is now, officially opened the following year. After Grade 13, I returned to get extra credits. I needed eight credits to graduate, but I earned 11. That was just one ribbon short for a 'school letter' but I assured them I would not return for the letter."

"Early summer jobs were helping local farmers doing weed control in their oat fields. I also sold dew worms for \$2 a package. Subsequently, I found work in the Sault at the steel plant, bunking with my cousin Keith Hunter. I was also considering attending teacher's college. In October 1965 I got a call from Carl Brown, the education board chairperson in Tehkummah. He knew I was interested in teaching. He said, 'We need a teacher for Grades 1 and 2, are you interested? I'm in a board meeting and I need to know now.' I decided that teaching was a good career choice, so I told him 'Yes, I'm interested'."

"It was the right choice, and I didn't need special training to start. I spent one day watching a teacher with her class and the following day, she watched me for the day. The only issue was that my younger brother Don was in Grade 2. 'Mr. Hall' didn't suit him so Don called me 'teacher.' The Superintendent visited in early January. He had inspected my class when I was in Grade 1. He was a tall, gruff man. I was very nervous. My worries were unfounded because he chatted with me afterwards, and he was nice." A year later, Floyd attended teacher's college in North Bay. "I tried to use my year of experience but found the rules had changed and I was lucky they didn't ask me to leave when I shared some of my intuitive ideas."

Floyd met Mary in September of 1966, when a classmate introduced them at teacher's college. They had much in common and a new friendship began. Mary shares her story; "my paternal great-grandfather,

Edward O'Connor, was born in New York State en route to Canada, their new home. He and his family walked into Upper Canada in 1819. Edward's son Charles married Rose (Bogue) of Catholic Irish heritage in June 1895. Her family had settled in the same area of Powassan, near North Bay. Charles and Rose had 14 children. Grandfather, initially, like his father Edward, was a logger and a raftsman on the Ottawa River. The 'Log Driver's Waltz,' a song about the raftsmen dancing on the logs, clearly applies to them."

"My grandparents spent eight years farming in the Powassan area before relocating to Alderdale, a French Catholic community. The children, including my father, Tom, a middle child, all attended French school. Dad left after Grade 8 in 1925. He had an older brother, Dan, who had been a medic in World War One. Dan came home just in time for the Spanish Flu epidemic. He helped care for his sick family, putting much emphasis on hygiene and hand washing."

"When dad completed elementary school, he worked at odd jobs in his home area, but was drawn to the many automobiles beginning to be used. He was a natural driver. He began driving for the local doctor on emergency calls, particularly at night. In winter, the roads were not passable, so a vehicle was fashioned with a motor and skis, to travel on the roads or across fields if quicker.



Mary and her little brother Tommy.

This led to dad's life-long career of selling cars, and teaching customers to drive if needed. He was established in this business by 1929."

"During the war years, dad became an inspector for the Compensation Board, inspecting working conditions in lumber camps. He often travelled on foot or snowshoes. Later, during the war, he worked for CNR as a brakeman. To qualify for this job, he had to be able to walk on top of a moving train, without falling off. My mother Alice had been a hairdresser since the tender age of 13. She had her own shop when she met dad but had to give up her business as the space she occupied was considered non-essential during the war. After the war, Dad resumed work in the automobile industry in



The 50th Anniversary with the whole family, back row, left to right Laura, Marnie, Allison and Aislinn at Christmas.

North Bay, retiring in his 70s in 1983. He loved what he did. He claimed he 'never worked a day in his life'."

Mary was born to Tom and Alice (Lariviere) O'Connor on March 25, 1948. She had a younger brother, Tom, who became an LCBO manager in North Bay. "One of my first memories was gazing, mesmerized, at our Christmas tree, at age two. Joanne, a French girl next door, became my friend. She learned English and I learned French. We lived on a main street in North Bay, near a gas station that had a caged bear and a chip stand as attractions. One time my five-year-old brother decided to share a chip with the young bear, but the eager bear bit his finger too. The wound healed, and the bear was not hurt."

"I went to a private Catholic boarding school as a day student. The emphasis was on music, ballet and the three Rs. High school was a private all girls' school. In Grade 13, I took some classes at the all boys' school. Students had to pass the province-wide 'departmentals' in those years. I liked school and made many long-lasting friendships."

Floyd and Mary began dating in September of 1966. After Christmas, Mary visited Manitoulin, joining Lloyd and Joy Hopkin, a family originally from the Island. "I was impressed. I met Floyd there. As we neared his home, it was pitch black and we were moving through high tunnels of snow. I couldn't see the houses," Mary recalls. "I wondered what I was getting myself into. When we drove into Floyd's yard, I could see his mother at the sink. I realized that she looked like Floyd and relaxed. I was at the right place."

"In North Bay, one of Tim Horton's first outlets in Canada was offering the best hamburgers in the area. Donuts came later, but this franchise started with char-broiled hamburgers. It was our favourite spot." The couple graduated from teacher's college in May of 1967 and got engaged. "We both got

jobs teaching in Sault Ste. Marie starting in September. We wanted to work in a 'new-to-us' city and had made verbal commitments, which were gold at the time and committed to the move." Mary signed up with the separate school



The wedding party, from left, Oswald and Nora Hall, Floyd and Mary, Alice and Tom O'Connor.

board. She would teach juniors at Corpus Christi School. Floyd signed up with the public school board. "We were 19 and 21 and not well-travelled, so moving far away was a first for both of us. 'We can do it,' became our motto."

"We were married on December 23, 1967, the Centennial year, joined by 150 guests. Our wedding was a few days earlier than planned, to allow more time off after the wedding. I had one attendant and Floyd had a best man with two ushers. We stayed two nights in North Bay," Mary adds. "On Christmas Day we drove to the Island and slept the rest of the day." After visiting Floyd's family, the couple took off for the Sault. In Espanola, Floyd lost his wedding ring in the snow. "It was dispatched while I was clearing the snow off the windshield," Floyd admits. "We stopped for a meal and searched again, but we never found it. We had to buy a new ring." The honeymoon came in July of 1968. "We drove to the east coast, tenting many nights, and we spent a half day at the Expo 67 site. The food was really good."

"In May 1972, we bought a house close to my school. I taught the six weeks before and after Marnie was born because all maternity leaves had been rescinded. In 1975, Allison arrived, and I resigned. When the kids started school, I took university courses. Both girls were diligent students, and both joined the school band in their public and high school years. Later, the new French immersion school

pulled enough students out of our school to close it. I joined the local parents to lobby for sidewalks to get to the new school."

"I had started my teaching career at Greenwood Public School, in what was to be the new annex," Floyd adds. "The new annex turned out to be one of two older buildings beside the main school, a 20' x 30' portable. I was the newest teacher. In 1969, I taught in the main building. It was rewarding to see the children and grandchildren of my students attend in the later years. To get to the school you had to go through a four-way intersection, with a graveyard on three of the corners. Two years before I left, to my dismay, they put a graveyard into the fourth corner."

"I was the only teacher who had spent their whole board career in one school. I could have moved for a

mer meant no walking to school."

collections? "Many books." Special holiday trips? "We took the girls to Ottawa and Niagara Falls. Later, we made a few visits to Florida with our best friends Percy and Evelyn Dinsmore. Percy and I fish and hunt together. Evelyn and Mary were close; Evelyn died a year ago."

Favourite sport? "We have a few curling trophies. I also love to hunt and fish, for the meat and for the camaraderie."

Strengths? Mary: "Being sentimental and determined. We sold our first house of 22 years without putting up signs. I suggested the realtor sell the house using other methods, like MLS listings. It sold quickly." A strength for both: "resilience."

Activities? Mellow Movers, a senior's exercise group run by Debbie Graham and also a social dance group."

First impressions when you both met? Mary: "He's from the country, and someone I would like to know."

What did you enjoy most as a parent? "Seeing our children grow and enjoying their accomplishments. They are strong women and they have ably made important decisions."

What are you most afraid of? "Losing our independence."

"The girls spent much of their summers here, from the beginning. Both live on Manitoulin now. Marnie is the ED of Manitoulin Family Resources. She has two daughters, Laura and Aislinn Brown, both in Ottawa schools. Allison is a social worker for the doctors' clinic in Little Current. Neither of us was ever big on regrets. We always tried to make the best decision based on the information we had at the time. We both volunteer a lot, at the museum, the library and on social days, but there are fewer volunteers now. In the Tehkummah Seniors' Club, about four years ago, there were more members over 100, than under 65."

"We have an excellent quality of life here, but change is perceptible on Manitoulin, now too. Nevertheless, life is still slower but there is something here for everyone. We also hope that some of the violence seen elsewhere will not happen here and that our lives will be less ruled by electronics going forward. We don't want machines to run our lives. We treasure our keepsakes from the past. They help to make us realize what is really important in life. We can see our past and see our future more clearly. You can't really know yourself without knowing where you came from. Here on the Island, nature is all around us. There is a different sense of time and place unique only to Manitoulin. It helps to put life into a healthier perspective. There is lots of privacy, and yet you can depend on your neighbour if needed. We love it here and we really wouldn't choose to live anywhere else."

Responsibilities? For Floyd, it was helping to clean stables and milking 12 cows. For Mary, it was piano lessons and practice.

Most important event in your life? "Our marriage and the birth of our two daughters."

Favourite pets? Floyd had Tippy, a farm dog. "He would take the cows to and from the field daily. Occasionally Tippy persuaded the cows to arrive home too early. He would be obliged to lead them back to the field. In the Sault, we had a poodle named Buffy."

Favourite season? "All four are special but sum-