

# The MANITOULIN EXPOSITOR



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## Jesuits, diocese settle Wiikwemkoong sex assault class action



**STEEPLECHASING MUSTANG**—Manitoulin Secondary School's Maren Kasunich, right and wearing the number one, leaps over a water obstacle in the steeplechase event at the OFSAA all-Ontario championships held in Ottawa last week. Maren placed fourth in all of Ontario and scored a personal best time in the process. **FOR ALL MUSTANGS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS, PLEASE SEE ICE CHIPS ON THE LIFE SECTION FRONT.** photo by Darren Jermyn

*Fr. Epoch, Bro. Hinton, Bro. O'Meare assaults settled individually with 29 victims*

**EDITOR'S WARNING:** The following story contains details regarding historic sexual abuse. Support can be found at the following sources: National Residential School Crisis Line: 1-866-925-4419; 24-hour crisis line: 1-416-597-8808; Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-833-900-1010 and/or Trans Lifeline: 1-877-330-6366.

**by Michael Erskine**  
WIKWEMKOONG—A \$100 million sexual assault class action suit, involving 29 alleged victims of the late Fr. George Epoch, Brother Norman Hinton and Brother O'Meare has been decertified following a settlement reached between the two representative alleged victims. The original claim was for \$100 million however the total amount involved in the settlement is sealed and not publicly available.

Launched in 2015 with several defendants, including the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie, the Estate of Father George Epoch and the Estate of Brother O'Meare, the suit sought redress for sexual abuse suffered while the defendants served at Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong.

According to court documents, the action was brought "on behalf of all persons who were abused as children by clergy or staff of the Holy Cross Mission in Wiikwemkoong (and) all parents, spouses, children and siblings of the abused persons."

Br. O'Meare was alleged to have committed the sex abuse between 1950 and 1960, while Fr.

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## UCCM Police Service and others seek crisis injunction to preserve funding

**by Michael Erskine**  
OTTAWA—Three Indigenous police services whose contracts have run out with the federal and provincially-funded First Nations and Inuit Policing Program are taking the government to court and are seeking an emergency injunction to keep funding flowing and force the federal government to enter into meaningful negotiations to address a three-decade funding shortfall.

The Anishinabek Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly declared a state of emergency on June 7 in response to the lack of funding.

NDP Critic for Indigenous Services and Crown-Indigenous Relations Lori Idlout (Nunavut

took the Minister of Public Safety to task in the House of Commons last week, citing that First Nations Police Services in Northern Ontario have stopped receiving funding under the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program.

"Before colonialism, Inuit, First Nations and Métis had their own forms of policing," said MP Idlout in the House of Commons. "First Nations in Northern Ontario undertook their own community policing. But this government is going against reconciliation by refusing to negotiate new agreements."

"That is exactly what they

did," said UCCMM Tribal Chair Patsy Corbiere. "There was no 'negotiation.' I was in some of those meetings. They just handed over the contract and laid it on the line."

As of March 31, Treaty Three Police Service, Anishinabek Police Service and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, which are funded under tripartite agreements under the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program, were facing hardship because they did not sign imposed take-it-or-leave-it contracts. Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has signed an agreement that would see 14 new officers hired in their communities.

Chief Corbiere noted that Indigenous police services have been chronically underfunded

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## Hydro One will invest \$10 million to upgrade power lines to Wiiky

**by Michael Erskine**  
WIKWEMKOONG—As Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) continues its dynamic economic and social development demands on the aging energy system leading into its communities, requirements for energy are growing by leaps and bounds. In response to that need, Hydro One is engaging in a major refit of the grid heading into WUT.

"We are very pleased with this upgrade project in Wiikwemkoong," said Ogimaa Rachel Manitowabi. "As a community, we are focused on opportunities which will enhance current and future business opportunities and essentially meeting the needs of Wiikwemkoong. The renewal and replacement of poles and lines within our community provides us with a renewed sense of assurance that our community's electricity necessities will be better equipped with a more stable, fully modern electrical infrastructure."

"Hydro One is committed to continuing to build our relationship with Wiikwemkoong First Nation to energize life on Manitoulin Island

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## Bonnie Kogos inhales Canadian smoke in NYC

*A report from a smoky metropolis*

**by Michael Erskine**  
NEW YORK—The extreme wildfires recently raging across the nation have sent unwanted visitors south in the form of dense clouds of smoke. That smoke drove New York City, the city that never sleeps, to the top of the charts—recording the worst air quality in the world and led the New York Post to publish the headline 'Blame Canada' last week. The Expositor reached out to 'Manhattan Manitoulin' author Bonnie Kogos who lives in the Manhattan borough of New York to find out what things are like on the ground.

"Last week, Tuesday, when the skies above New York City started turning orange, I was out in the late afternoon enjoying my usual two to three- to four-mile walk," said Ms. Kogos. "Every newscast, from doctors, the police and reporters stated, 'Go home. Close your windows. This is serious.'"

Ms. Kogos said she "went immediately home and stayed in entirely the next day and at dusk, I watched the skies above me in midtown Manhattan turn orange. So scary—TV reports of people with breathing problems reporting to hospitals; warnings to be sure to protect your eyes and your nose and your throat. There were even reports of supposed slivers of fiery material hovering over our region."

The ever-gregarious Ms. Kogos, who spent many years as a travel agent crisscrossing the globe, began getting emails and calls from friends around the world who had heard the news.

"My friend Elizabeth from Halifax emailed me that they were

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## Island's first 'Comicon' Saturday in Wiikwemkoong

**by Michael Erskine**  
BUZWAH—Dig into your closets and attics and dust off those copies of Marvel and DC comic books; Manitoulin's first Comic Expo is coming Saturday, June 17.

"This will be one of three we have planned for the summer," said Rick Leedham, of Buzwah Variety, who is hosting the event. "Based on how the first one goes, we will decide on the next two."

Mr. Leedham said he was inspired by another Wiikwemkoong resident who said he was planning on organizing a Comicon last summer, but had not



moved forward with his plans. "If he does decide to move forward, we can coordinate for the third one later in the summer or early fall," he said.

Buzwah Variety has been a major player in the Wiikwemkoong community when it comes to sponsoring local fundraising drives, such as that for the new elders' residence.

There will be 12 tables at the Wiikwemkoong Comic Expo, with door prizes and giveaways, explained Mr. Leedham. "In addition to comic books to trade and sell, there will be sports, non-sports, autographs, action figures and

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Another successful Stroll for Liver fundraising event was held in Kagawong Sunday, organized by Anna and Wayne Aelick. The event saw over 30 take part, despite the rainy conditions. The Aelicks have raised over \$15,000 for the Liver Foundation so far with events such as this.

photo by Sharon Jackson

## Stroll for Liver in Kagawong another successful fundraising endeavour

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—Organizers Anna and Wayne Aelick, along with 30 of their friends, relatives, neighbours and co-workers gathered at the Park Centre on Saturday, June 11 to go for a five-kilometre ‘stroll

for liver.’ While the skies looked grey and ominous, the 10° Celsius temperatures held and the rain did not come.

This is the fourth year the couple has taken to the streets of Kagawong to raise money for the

Canadian Liver Foundation. In 2017 Mr. Aelick received a lifesaving liver transplant. He and his wife had taken part in the Canadian Cancer Society’s Relay for Life and thought “there must be something for liver, so we have a way to

pay back.” Enter Stroll for Liver.

Every year hundreds of Canadians rally together and join the Stroll for Liver. People do this to help raise awareness and vital funds to propel life-changing research forward. Participants do this to help find cures and better treatment options for the people who need help right now. And strollers do this to make sure that anybody living with a liver disease in Canada can access the support they deserve.

Participants from five years up to 81 carried bright coloured Stroll for Liver signs and walked throughout the village.

To date, Team Aelick has raised

over \$15,000, with a goal of \$20,000. They have held yard sales and Mr. Aelick has shaved off his eyebrows and died his hair green for the cause.

Prior to taking to the streets of Ontario’s prettiest village, Mr. Aelick thanked everyone for coming out and invited them to join him and his wife at their home afterwards for refreshments and a bite to eat.

Mr. Aelick’s liver is “good” and while he has to take anti-rejection medication for the rest of his life, his positive attitude and sense of humor makes each day a great day.

## Manitoulin Family Resources offering home daycare provider info sessions

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) is offering a series of information sessions for those interested in learning more about what is involved in becoming a home childcare provider. With the advent of the federal \$10-a-day daycare and a burgeoning demand for spaces that is outstripping supply, Home Daycare Supervisor Patricia Hurst said the time has never been better for interested individuals to enter the field. “It’s easier than you think to become a licenced home childcare provider,” she assured The Expositor. “I will support you along the way.”

When a home daycare provider enters the field and become “licenced,” they will find themselves part of a support system that brings huge benefits, benefits that include support from MFR, free training in CPR, anaphylaxis, food handling certification courses and a host of professional devel-

opment opportunities.

Add to that the generous remuneration (with no worries regarding fee collection that afflict unlicenced providers) where the provider receives the full fee collected from the parent, pedagogical supports (early education mentorship), a partnership with the popular EarlyON centres and policies and procedures that protect the home childcare provider, providing peace of mind.

Ms. Hurst outlined the further advantages of taking up a career providing home daycare, including: flexible hours of care and flexible daily schedule; access to subsidized childcare spaces; referrals for child development; reduced rates through the Canada Wide Early Learning Child Care Plan (the federal \$10-a-day daycare plan, currently \$12.50); peace of mind (for both parent and provider) knowing the home is regulated; alternate care for sick and vacation time (allowing opera-

tors the ability to take down time without fear of lost income); screened, nurturing caregivers that are found in your home and school neighborhood; convenient, comfortable small group home settings that are less “institutional” for the children; professional support for families in selecting and using a home child care program; siblings can be together (given the small one-room schoolhouse type of setting); a small number of children allowing for greater personal attention and care; home providers use the Early Learning Framework as a guide to practice; as well as observations and documentation is used to help support curriculum planning that is meaningful to the individual needs of each child.

Now there are some caveats—first and foremost a clear vulnerable sector check for the potential provider and anyone living in the home over 18 years of age must be

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## Brad McKay 2023 Billings Volunteer of the Year

### Wayne Aelick chosen as Billings Senior of the Year

KAGAWONG—Volunteers enhance the quality of life of Island communities without measure. With June being Volunteer Month, the Township of Billings has announced its selection of Volunteer of the Year and Senior of the Year.

Brad McKay was selected as Volunteer of the Year, while Wayne Aelick was chosen as Senior of the Year. Mayor Bryan Barker presented the awards during the June 6 meeting of council.

“His most vital role as a volunteer has been with the Billings Fire Department,” reads the citation from his nominator. “I think we can all appreciate the importance and dedication it is to take on such a responsibility, even when that responsibility may come with risks. Brad has also served as a volunteer



Mayor Bryan Barker presents Brad McKay with the Volunteer of the Year Award.



Mayor Bryan Barker presents Wayne Aelick with the Senior of the Year Award.

replica blacksmith shop to display exhibits, renovated half the museum to give space for the Empress of Ireland and for this season has renovated space to make way for a new camera and photo exhibition.”

“Brad can always be counted on to offer help, advice and labour for public events such as the

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## Central Manitoulin waste is all now being trucked off-Island

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Residents of Central Manitoulin will see little change in how they deal with their household waste after June 1, at least up to the first two bags a week, even though the municipality’s last landfill site has now been closed.

Garbage pickup will continue at curbside for residents across Central Manitoulin and although taking waste to the Big Lake transfer station (household waste and recycling only) or the Providence Bay transfer station will still be possible, residents are highly encouraged to leave their waste at curbside, rather than taking it to the transfer station.

CAO Denise Deforge explains that each resident can place up to two bags of garbage out each week at no additional cost, but they will have to purchase tags at the town office that will have to be affixed to any additional bags—at \$3.50 a bag. Garbage bags taken to the transfer stations will require tags.

By placing their bags at curbside, residents will be taking the most cost-effective route to their waste disposal. Taking the garbage to the transfer stations will incur greater cost for the municipality.

The Providence Bay site will take household garbage, recycling, tires, bulky items, e-waste, small loads of clean brush, yard waste and small loads of construction and demolition waste items must be separated and sorted—with tipping fees for all items other than e-waste, recycling and tires. Note, acceptance of large loads exceeding 11 cubic yards has been suspended for the time being.

Never mind investing in super large bags, either, as there is a 40-pound limit, a maximum size of 30” by 38” and the bags must be clear. Bags of recyclables do not require tags.

Waste pickup will continue as per normal, but now, once the trucks are full on their routes, they will take the garbage to the off-Island Dodge Landfill.

## Protect yourself from the effects of wildfire smoke

SUDBURY—Environment and Climate Change Canada has issued an air quality statement for Greater Sudbury and Vicinity, West Nipissing, French River, Markstay-Warren, St. Charles, Gogama, Foleyet, Chapleau, Missinaibi Lake, Espanola, Massey, Killarney and Manitoulin Island.

According to Environment and Climate Change Canada, smoke plumes from local forest fires as well as forest fires over Quebec resulted in deteriorated air quality. Public Health would like to remind residents of the health effects of forest fire (wildfire) smoke and how to protect yourself.

Smoke from wildfires is a mixture of gases and fine particles from burning trees and plant materials. The smoke releases many contaminants into the air, such as fine particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds.

Wildfire smoke can impact your

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# “who dares not offend, cannot be honest” One Manitowaning Road opinion

## editorial

### Tinder dry conditions call for responsible extra caution

A carelessly tossed cigarette butt, the sparks from an inadvertent brush cutter collision with a stone, even the exhaust from an ATV hurtling down a bush road can lead to a raging forest fire during the bone-dry conditions Manitoulin (along with most of North America) has been experiencing over the past few weeks. Extreme conditions call for extreme vigilance.

While potential property losses due to a forest fire are immense should there be any lapse in that vigilance, the potential for tragedy if someone were to be injured or killed is incalculable.

It is with some dismay that The Expositor has been receiving reports that Island fire departments are having to respond to bonfires, especially in the West End and central areas where forest fire risks were deemed to be in the “extreme” range—with the rest of Manitoulin in the moderate to high zones. Thankfully, due to recent drops in temperature and the relief provided by rain, the risk factor on most Manitoulin has now abated to the low range (the extreme West End remains in moderate territory), but given how dry the soil has been for many days, it will take considerable precipitation to thoroughly soak the ground. Driving the blade of a shovel down into

the soil (or attempting to) would make that fact clear to any sensible person.

There are duties and responsibilities that accompany being a member of any society or community and one of the most important of those is to not take unnecessary risks that could cause harm to the other members that community. And, no, the desire to have a nice bonfire while hanging out at the beach or in the bush at camp with friends and family does not constitute a necessity.

The vast majority of Islanders and our summer visitors are responsible citizens who forgo engaging in dangerous conduct during times of extreme chance of forest fires. But it is important to remember that, once the worst danger has passed, the need for vigilance does not.

The coming years promise ever-expanding periods of dry weather, and that holds true whether one accepts the premise of human-caused climate change or not. The climate is becoming more volatile, bringing with it the need to change some of our cherished approaches to rural life. We cannot afford to let our guard down. Someone's life depends upon it.

## Showcase features works of talented Sheshegwaning artists

by Tom Sasvari  
SHESHEGWANING—There is definitely no shortage of talented artists in the community of Sheshegwaning First Nation. And many of the talented artists had their works displayed at the first ever art showcase held in the community.

“We want to encourage our artists to come forwards,” Caeley J. McLean Genereux, community support worker at the Sheshegwaning Health Centre told The Expositor last week.

“We wanted to honour, recognize and include as many of the artists in the community as we could,” said Ms. McLean Genereux. “And encourage them to be proud of their work.”

The art showcase event was held May 6-7 in Sheshegwaning. “Actually, we had about 13 artists that applied to our website call and applied to the Sheshegwaning Art Community,” continued Ms. McLean Genereux. “We posted their pictures and biography online and St. Joseph’s (elementary school) held its own art showcase on May 5, so I went over there and recruited their work and the rest of the classes’ artwork as well.”

Among the artists who took part included three off-reserve members, J’Offre (Joffre Perreault), Annette Cada, Larry (Lawrence Wayne O’Connor) and eight on reserve members includ-



Intricate beadwork with Anishinabe motifs adorn this pouch.

photo courtesy of Larry O'Connor

ing Kiara McLean Genereux, Jan’s Bright Ideas (Janice Cada), Nicole Bush, Sandra Sampson, Deanna Sampson, Kingsley Roy, Luke Wabegijik and Kathleen Malley.

“I also applied because I am also an artist in this community known as Ozawa Giniw Kwe

Arts,” said Ms. McLean Genereux.

One non-Indigenous artist who lives in and grew up in the community was included: Emily Savage.

The artists who brought art for the showcase included Anita Angel, Jeremy Roberts, Adeline

Sampson, Sabastian Malley, Verna Hardwick and the St. Joseph’s Anishinabek School students. “A special shout out has to go to London Shogga for submitting more artwork outside of her classes and volunteering some of her time, and Tristen Jacko who also volunteered some of his time,” said Ms. McLean Genereux.

During the weekend there was also a quill workshop hosted by Taryn Bobiwash of Nimkii Aazhibikong (Serpent River Territory) and a creativity with food workshop put on by Kiara Genereux. There was also a traditional art workshop put on by William Morin of Mishibikwadinang.

During the weekend there was an open art room in the council chambers and an open gallery in the community complex displaying the artists’ works.

“We held a dinner and showcase event Sunday night where we celebrated our artists. We brought each of the artists on stage and presented them with gift bags,” said Ms. McLean Genereux.

“We hope to grow in the coming years to have others attend the gallery and eventually, down the road, have a consistent space one day like other First Nations on the Island,” said Ms. McLean Genereux. “West End representation is important and so is sharing art as a form of healing.”

## McDougall Energy one of Canada’s best management companies

SAULT STE. MARIE—McDougall Energy Inc. is proud to be recognized for its industry-leading performance and sustained growth by being named one of Canada’s best managed companies for 2023. This achievement maintains the company, which is a household brand name on Manitoulin Island, Platinum Club status by retaining its best managed designation since 2011.

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# Manitoulin Secondary School valedictorian speech talks ‘Together Just to be Apart’

by Rhys Allison  
**2023 Valedictorian**  
**Manitoulin Secondary School**  
**W**elcome, and thank you everyone for being here today. Whether you be family, friends, staff from the high school, or someone who saw an open door, and thought ‘free food,’ welcome! (We don’t turn anyone away!) But seriously, we are all here today for one reason—to celebrate the graduating class of 2023. To make the most of the moment, I would like to take the time and thank the staff of MSS for all their years of work, and support. Thank you to the administrative staff in the office, the guidance counsellors, and our principal Mr. Wiwchar. There is a constant air of professionalism in our school that brings the stu-

extra projects or sharing your jokes and stories with us. Without any of your support our successes of today would not be possible, so one more time, thank you. I am proud to be the voice of the graduating class of 2023, who affirm they are not the; “COVID kids” or the “computer kids”...Or the “smart kids” cough cough Luke Henien—thanks Grace Penie for that joke. Although these names are a little catchy, especially the last one, but all fail to capture the four years of hard work and struggle that we have endured. After all, a lot of our time together as high school students was time actually spent apart from one another. There were plenty of missed opportunities, times that parents still talk about

thing that I recognize is their eyes, and that is not because I blinked and they grew up, it is because I am used to only seeing half of their faces...at most. Our time together was time spent apart, we didn’t get the pleasure of seeing each other every day, although we tried to make up for it this past year. I am not saying what makes our years here unique are misfortunes, because everyone has their own misfortune. However, ours was different in that it forced us to act as isolated individuals, who were all suffering the same problem together. So I say, take heart graduates, through our isolation we learned

the importance of friendship, we learned individuality, and how we must make do on our own when the occasion demands it. Our time together spent apart was still together, we were distanced but not disconnected, we have a shared experience, a bond of a kind made from forced circumstances. I believe this will be put to use when we all go our separate ways and as individuals walk towards our goals. I don’t know where you are all going to be in a few years, I don’t think most of you really know either! But that’s okay, because we all are our own people, who are very shortly going to be leaving home, family, and people that we

grew up with. After all, our parents are going to be quick to finally kick us out of the house. The world is about to take a firm grip on us and our independence is about to be tested. However, I know you are all eager to take matters into your own hands and meet the rest of the world head on, so maybe I will see you all in a few years for a reunion. Maybe we’ll sit together in the audience watching our kids graduate. On that note, one last congratulations to all the graduates, and one more thank you to everyone for being here today. It wouldn’t be the same without any of you.



Rhys Allison delivering his valedictorian speech. photo by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

dents closer to adulthood and that comes from you. Thank you to the support staff including the custodians in their neverending work and the staff in the kitchen that not only makes food for us but also makes fun of us. Also thank you to the school librarian, Mrs. Roque. I know firsthand how easy and pleasant it is to have a conversation with you so thank you for your kindness. Last, but not least, thank you to the teachers of MSS, especially for those times you went above and beyond expectations. You have always provided us with new and unique challenges, but you have also had more of a personal influence in our young lives. Like coaching sports teams, taking on

that we didn’t have a chance to experience. Instead of BEING there with friends we made do with long phone calls. (Which is no substitute.) Instead of struggling to understand Shakespeare in English class, we struggled to understand Shakespeare at home on a laggy computer with really bad internet access. Imagine that, mom and dad. Instead of playing the drums, some of us played with big wooden spoons and a pan (the parents really loved that one). Instead of playing out in the field with teammates, our sports teams truly lost for the first time by not having the opportunities to play. Even today I still meet Grade 12s I don’t recognize. The only

## Agricultural funding announced

QUEEN’S PARK—The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$6 million through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) to help eligible agri-food businesses and industry organizations expand markets for Ontario food products. This Grow Ontario Market Initiative will support agri-food producers, processors and industry organizations with cost-share opportunities for the implementation of domestic and export marketing activities. Eligible activities will include: analysis and planning for new export and domestic market opportunities; implementation of new export and domestic market-

ing activities; and development of new products that meet market opportunities. Under the Grow Ontario Market Initiative applicants can receive up to 50 percent cost share for eligible costs to a maximum of \$60,000 for producers and processors and up to \$125,000 for industry organizations. To learn how to apply for funding to grow an agri-food business through marketing analysis and planning, new product development and marketing activities got to the Ontario.ca site and search for Grow Ontario Market Initiative or contact OMAFRA economic and business advisor Julie Poirier Mensinga at 705-471-3389.

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**Ian Trudeau**

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# To Honour and Respect: diplomacy through birch bark baskets

by Lori Thompson

**M'CHIGEENG**—In 1860, the Prince of Wales was on a three-month tour of Canada when he visited what was then known as Rice Lake village (now Hiawatha First Nation), just south of Peterborough. When he returned to England, he took with him a collection of makaks (birch bark baskets). These 13 quilled baskets are currently visiting their ancestral lands as a special exhibition at the Peterborough Museum and Archives (PMA). Dr. Laura Peers explained the significance of this to the The Great Lakes Research Alliance for the Study of Aboriginal Arts and Cultures (GRASAC) Gathering 2023, held this past weekend at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng.

Dr. Peers is an anthropologist and historian of Indigenous peoples and has worked as curator and consultant. A key thing about these makaks, she explained, is that they were not stolen. "They were intentionally made for presentation in a diplomatic context to the heir of the sovereign to whom the Anishinaabe were allies."

In 1860, Anishinaabe people had been allies to the Crown for over a century and had fought for the Crown in multiple conflicts. One week after his visit to Rice Lake village, the Prince was petitioned by a group of chiefs at a gathering in Sarnia, who had "bitter" complaints.

"So the makaks were intentionally made and intentionally gifted within this context of ongoing diplomacy with the Crown and also within the context

of disappointment with the Crown's upholding of the treaties," Dr. Peers said. "As I understand it, within Anishinaabe protocol accepting gifts within a diplomatic relationship constituted acceptance of the responsibilities of the relationship."

The Prince "absolutely did not understand the political significance either of the gift or his acceptance of the gift."

The makaks were taken to the Swiss Cottage at Osborne on the Isle of Wight. This was a space created for Queen Victoria's children to go and experience some of the things brought back from the wider British Empire. "The institution that was caring for them kept a roof over their heads, kept the tags attached to the makaks, but there's never been any understanding of the political or cultural meaning attached," Dr. Peers said.

In 2016, Ruth Phillips mentioned this collection to Laurie Beavis (co-curator of the exhibit at PMA), who made the trip to London. Ms. Beavis asked the curator to open the cabinets and "bring these ancestors onto the table to visit," said Dr. Peers. Ms. Beavis then returned to Hiawatha First Nation and held a seminar with the knowledge holders there, about the collection, the history and "bringing together the fragments of knowledge that still existed in that community, of quill-working and all things related to it."

After returning to Ontario in 2018, following years of working at the University of Oxford, Dr. Peers learned about Ms. Beavis'



Dr. Laura Peers, an anthropologist and historian, speaks during the The Great Lakes Research Alliance for the Study of Aboriginal Arts and Cultures gathering held last weekend in M'Chigeeng.

photo by Lori Thompson

work. She offered to bring her expertise in international loans to help with the project. PMA stepped up and offered to host the collection.

In March 2019, the women attended "the weirdest meeting ever in Buckingham Palace" with members of the Royal Collection Trust, or RCT. "It has significant global expertise in things like European fine art and historic silverware and gilded picture frames and it has no expertise in ethnographic conservation," said Dr. Peers.

Until 2018, the RCT had never had a curator for all the material from outside the British Isles. "They had just hired this woman when Laurie and I were brought into Buckingham Palace

and met with her," Dr. Peers added. "It was the most wonderful meeting ever, because Laurie got to explain to senior RCT staff that the makaks were not just inanimate objects but were actual spirits, and that the women who made them were ancestors of her community. They just needed to come home for a visit."

That the women who'd made the makaks were known adds to the importance of the collection. The makaks carry the names of the women who made them. "To have the makers of the makaks is to connect them directly to the descendants in the communities these women came from," Dr. Peers said.

In any case, the concept of animacy of objects had never occurred to RCT staff.

"We were sitting in a room in a wing of Buckingham Palace with gilded picture frames on the walls with pictures of royal ancestors, and I had to explain that yes, it was absolutely standard practice in North America that Indigenous people can make appointments to visit with their ancestors in museums, can pick them up and handle them, can pass them around the circle, can hug them and cry on them and can love them physically," said Dr. Peers. "After listening to this for a bit, the lady who sat across the table from me looked at the new curator and said, 'so we normally lend for two months but clearly, if you're going to work with the community, you're going to need a longer loan'. They got it!

They absolutely got it."

Once the crates arrived, the makaks were smudged and welcomed home in the language. The next day they were feasted. The baskets are placed in cases in an elongated circle and protocols are in place for community members to visit with these ancestors.

Many communities and organizations have been involved in bringing the ancestors home for a visit: the RCT, Hiawatha First Nation and other Mississauga First Nations, Peterborough Museum and Archives, and the makaks themselves.

"All this work is about different kinds and levels of relationships and alliances, and we've tried really hard to honour each component of the alliances and protocols," said Dr. Peers. "We're going to need all those relationships as strongly as we can build them as we move into the next phase of the project, that will be planning for when the makaks go back to England."

The makaks were originally a diplomatic presentation and that diplomacy will be honoured with their return to England. When they go back it will be with interpretive materials, with an Indigenous voice and Indigenous perspectives. "We need to think carefully about how we say farewell to our relatives," Dr. Peers said. "We thought carefully about how to greet them. I think it's going to be much harder to say farewell."

The makak exhibition will continue at the Peterborough Museum and Archives until November 19.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer is always happy to see spring in full swing, but we know not everyone shares our joy in the season. Our neighbour refused to believe it was already June. She has always been such a May-sayer. We focus on the positive: April showers bring May flowers. But she leans to the more pessimistic: May flowers bring June bugs. We tend to think her lack of enthusiasm stems from the family reunion they hosted last June. During the potluck dinner, most of the attendees got sick from eating some bacon that was a bit past its best before date. It was May-ham!

At the time of writing, there is a total fire ban in place in Billings Township due to the dry conditions. Check in with the township for up-to-date information ([billingstwp.ca](http://billingstwp.ca) and [FB.com/billingstowshipkagawong](http://FB.com/billingstowshipkagawong)).

Congratulations to Brad MacKay, recipient of the Billings Township Volunteer of the Year award for 2023! Brad does so much around the community, most of it inconspicuously and out of the spotlight. Of course, the main exception to this are his annual Christmas displays. Nothing inconspicuous about that! And we wouldn't have it any other way. Be sure to congratulate him when you see him!

The annual Anglican Church yard sale and barbecue is just around the corner! Saturday, July 1st (10 am to 4 pm) head to the Kagawong market pavilion to find treasures galore.

Friends! Kagawongians! Countrypeople! Lens me your ears! Don't miss out on the vintage camera and photographic exhibit at the Old Mill Heritage Centre. The museum is now open seven days a week, so be sure to pop on by!

And that's not all the Old Mill Heritage Centre has up its historical sleeve. Be sure to save the date: "Speakers Night in Kagawong" with Arthur Milnes and Steve Paikin will be July 13th at the Park Centre!

Rumour has it that there would be no selfies or autographs, so being superfans, we are thinking we might bring our life-sized Steve Paikin standup with us.

Billings Library has officially announced that their first annual NorthWords Festival is coming Manitoulin on July 21st and 22nd! NorthWords celebrates all the ways in which we use language. With the support of the Ontario Arts Council, authors Shelley Pearen and Claire Ross Dunn, poet Sophie Ann Edwards, playwright Kirk Dunn, artist Michael Cywink, and former Sudbury poet laureate Vera Constanineau are bringing their creativity to the festival. You can get full details on all the events and featured guests on the festival Facebook page ([FB.com/NorthWordsFest](http://FB.com/NorthWordsFest)) or email [NorthWordsFest@gmail.com](mailto:NorthWordsFest@gmail.com).

A very happy 29th birthday goes out to honorary Kagawongian Karlene S who celebrates today! Always remember that age gets better with wine.

Only a few more weeks until the first Kagawong market of the summer! Be sure to come out to the Park Centre Wednesday, June 28 for the first of the weekly markets, featuring all sorts of crafts, veg, and baked treats. Markets will continue throughout the summer on Wednesdays.

The annual Elemental Festival is back! Some fantastic plans are in the works to celebrate the beauty, bounty and history of Mnidoo Mnising, September 23 and 24 in Kagawong. Artist Announcements and Festival Schedule will be coming soon. Interested in getting involved? Contact [info@4elementslivingarts.org](mailto:info@4elementslivingarts.org) to learn more.

If we are honest, the biggest difference between May and June is every single letter. Have a great week!

### Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Carolyn Lane-Rock returned home recently from a 10-day holiday in the Amsterdam area. She was on a boat cruise/biking holiday with friends. Marilyn Orford from Espanola is visiting with her for a few days.

Sandy and Jim Miller from Ottawa are here for a few weeks and visiting with family.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday night we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay. There were four tables. Saturday morning we had the market in our yard. The black flies were out in full force. They left once the barbecue started up.

Monday night we went to Burpee to play euchre. They had seven tables. They have confirmed they will hold a euchre tournament on Sunday, June 25 at 1:30 pm. A potluck supper will be held afterwards.

Tuesday, we decided late in the afternoon that we should go to Gore Bay to do our errands and then have supper at Purvis' in the red roof pavilion. We were eating when we realized that it was fire practice night, and that Albert was going to miss it. There were lots of vehicles at the fire hall when we drove past.

Wednesday, the Local Services Board held their meeting at the community hall. Games night was upstairs in the hall.

Thursday night I attended my godson, Colton Chevette's, graduation at Manitoulin Secondary School. Paul and Denise Sheppard's son, Garrett, graduated. John and Lori Mastelko's son, Brett, graduated. There were a lot of happy relatives in the room.

There were quite a few vehicles still at the Silver Water Community Hall on my way home. They had 21 euchre players.

Albert has spent the week working at the stove wood for the winter. The wood processor and other machinery has been a big help.

Saturday, June 17 the UCW is holding their big yard sale in the basement of the Silver Water Community Hall starting at 9 am. There will be muffins and coffee for sale.

Congratulations to Eric Julseth on his early retirement. He should have more time to spend at the cottage this summer.

Get well to Mike Tyler and to Marie Leeney. Condolences to the family of Jack Burmaster. Condolences to the family of Darren Nodecker. Condolences to the family of Margaret Lane. Condolences to the family of Wendall McKay.

# ...Brad McKay named 2023 Billings Township Volunteer of the Year

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Remembrance Day ceremonies, while at other events he'll provide his own sound system or flip burgers for a barbecue event," reads the municipal citation for Mr. McKay.

## Billings library board receives funding for NorthWords Festival

KAGAWONG—The Township of Billings library board was successful in receiving funding to support the NorthWords Festival.

The funding of \$9,993 from the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) supports the creation, production and presentation of artwork and community-engaged arts initiatives that benefit communities in Northern Ontario.

"We are extremely grateful for the grant from the Ontario Arts Council. This funding will allow us to host a premier event with activities and programming for our community," said Billings library chair Willa Wilson.

The festival will take place July 21-22 and features a wide range of talented individuals including author Shelley Pearen, author and television writer Claire Ross Dunn, poet Sophie Ann Edwards, playwright Kirk Dunn and artist Michael Cywink.

The first annual NorthWords Festival kicks off on the afternoon of July 21 with an opening ceremony featuring the M'Chigeeng Ladies Drum group and keynote address by Shelley Pearen. In the evening, the public can take part in the "Book and Brew" author reading meet and greet at Split Rail Brewery. On Saturday the library will be holding its annual book sale fundraiser, as well as hosting a local author showcase with many authors from Manitoulin Island and the North Shore taking part. Artist Michael Cywink will also be there creating a live open-air painting.

Throughout the day several small group workshops on writing, poetry and knitting will take place. The festival wraps up with a performance of Kirk Dunn's acclaimed one-man show, "The Knitting Pilgrim."

"On behalf of council we are pleased that the library board received funding (from the OAC) for the NorthWords Festival, these type of events are so important to our community," said Mayor Bryan Barker.

## ...effects of wildfire smoke

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health even at very low levels.

Most healthy adults and children will recover quickly from smoke exposures and will not suffer long-term consequences. However, older adults, pregnant people, infants and young children, people who smoke, people who work outdoors, people involved in strenuous outdoor exercise, and people with respiratory or cardiovascular conditions may experience more severe short-term, as well as long-term chronic symptoms from smoke exposure.

Milder and more common symptoms of wildfire smoke exposure include mild cough, headache, and eye, nose and throat irritation. These symptoms can typically be managed without medical intervention.

More serious symptoms include dizziness, chest pains, irregular heartbeat, severe cough, shortness of breath, wheezing and asthma attacks.

Check-in on neighbours, loved ones and people who are in your care who may be more vulnerable to wildfire smoke. Advise them how to protect themselves and seek help if needed.

If you are concerned about your risk or symptoms, call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice or visit a health care provider. In emergencies, dial 911.

If you are at-risk or experiencing symptoms, stop, reduce, or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities.

Drink plenty of water to help your body cope.

Visit places with cleaner, filtered air, such as libraries or shopping malls.

If the temperature is comfortable, keep windows closed indoors and in vehicles. Use the recirculation setting on air-conditioners and HVAC systems to prevent smoke from entering.

Take care of your mental health during smoke events.

Follow your health care provider's advice about managing your condition.

For more information, call Public Health Sudbury and Districts at 705-522-9200, ext. 464 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200) to speak to a public health inspector, visit [www.phsd.ca](http://www.phsd.ca), or visit the Environment and Climate Change Canada website at [www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-quality-health-index/wildfire-smoke.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/air-quality-health-index/wildfire-smoke.html).

"Brad was also instrumental in helping with the revamping of the Church on the Hill for public events. When Christmas time comes around, you can count on Brad to display thousands of Christmas lights and decorations on his home and property and mammoth display for the community to drive by and enjoy. Brad has also been involved with the Manitoulin Navy League and Sea Cadets."

Mr. Aelick's citation notes: "Wayne is a long-time resident of Kagawong who has dedicated his life to raising funds to support many wonderful causes. At present, he is

focused on raising monies and promoting awareness for organ transplants, specifically for the Liver Foundation. He has tirelessly worked creating rustic wood products such as bat and bird houses, all proceeds go to support his cause. For many years he has organized and led the 'Stroll for Liver' here in Kagawong. Wayne is living proof that organ donations work. And we strongly recommend he should be recognized for all his efforts as Senior of the Year."

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#### JULY 10, 11, 12 PAINT LIKE TOM THOMSON & THE GROUP OF 7 WITH MARK HOPE

Tom Thomson & the Group of Seven had a unique view of the Canadian landscape. Learn vital tools like editing and simplifying compositions for strong painting statements. Understand colour & value to paint with passion. See shapes not things to help develop your own unique creative voice. Oils or acrylics. All levels welcome.

#### JULY 14, 15, 16 PAINT LIKE TOM THOMSON & THE GROUP OF 7 WITH MARK HOPE

Tom Thomson & the Group of Seven had a unique view of the Canadian landscape. Learn vital tools like editing and simplifying compositions for strong painting statements. Understand colour & value to paint with passion. See shapes not things to help develop your own unique creative voice. Oils or acrylics. All levels welcome.

#### JULY 24, 25, 26 LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPES - MIXED MEDIA & FIBRE WITH CATHERINE TIMM

Learn new techniques using an assortment of fabric, fibre, papers, paint and ink to create your landscape, built from a photo, or, if you are a free spirit, break the rules and colour outside the lines. Move your art to the next level and share expertise and ideas with fellow artists. All levels welcome.

#### JULY 28, 29, 30 MOODY BLUES AND PERKY PINKS WITH CATHY BOYD

Not every painting has to be a sunny, happy thing of beauty. Here we'll be painting according to a certain mood or feeling. Happy, angry, peaceful, melancholy, nostalgic are just some emotions that you will bring to the canvas. How you portray those feelings will be apparent in the subject matter, the colour palette used and how the paint is applied. Oil or acrylic most suitable. All levels welcome.

#### JULY 31, AUG 1, 2 ROMANCING THE RUSTIC - BRINGING OUR HERITAGE BUILDINGS BACK TO LIFE IN WATERCOLOUR WITH CHRISTIE PEARSON ANDERSON

Referencing photos of old buildings we will look beyond the facade, imagine the activities and history that took place within those walls, and coax out a building's personality. Explore basic and advanced watercolour techniques, an easy approach to perspective, and how to make textures such as old wood, shingles, grasses, etc. Have fun exploring how our buildings are not just wood and stone, but old souls. All levels welcome.

#### AUG 11, 12, 13 RAW & WILD, A PLEIN AIR EXPERIENCE WITH MARK HOPE

Like camping, plein air painting presents a unique set of challenges and, with the right preparation, the rewards are immeasurable. We'll visit several painting locations on the island and learn about light and how it works in outdoor painting, simplifying our composition, blocking in our image, the importance of colour and values, the tools, tricks, shortcuts & preparations to make the outdoor experience better, yet exciting. In case of inclement weather, we'll paint in studio with photo references. All levels welcome.

Our 3 day workshops run from 9:30 – 3:30 and are held at the Spring Bay Community Centre, 92 Hwy 542 in Spring Bay, right in the centre of Manitoulin Island. This year, some workshops are on weekends and some run during the week. To register, first email your intention to reserve a spot to ensure availability & then send an e-transfer to Perivale Gallery, [perivalegallery@gmail.com](mailto:perivalegallery@gmail.com) or a cheque to Perivale Gallery, Box 58, Spring Bay, ON, P0P 2B0. 3 day workshop fee is \$275 (inc. HST). Registration is complete when payment is made. If you would like a list of nearby accommodations, be sure to request one. We cap the registration for each workshop at 12 participants, so be sure to register soon because many workshops fill early.

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# ...settle sex assault class action

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 Epoch's alleged crimes took place when he worked there from 1959 to 1963, 1969 to 1971 and 1983 to 1986, the suit alleges. A third clergy member, Brother Hinton, was also named as someone who abused children, between 1963 until 1970, but his whereabouts or even if he remains alive is not known.

Wiikwemkoong elder Josh Eshkawkogan was one of the plaintiffs who settled outside of the court process and whose story was chronicled by Expositor staffer Warren Schlote in 2019 noted that the settlement helped his closure by providing a concrete acknowledgment of what he had gone through.

"It's always about closure of what we encountered in the past," he said. "If we have to go through the process, courts and whatnot, so be it." He added that the acknowledgment has helped him in his journey to "release that trauma."

Mr. Eshkawkogan said that he has spent a lifetime working through his personal trauma, finding a way to forgive himself and understand that nothing that happened was his fault, but also to find a path to forgiveness for his abuser. "It was a journey that has taken me to my current lifestyle," he said, noting that his current path is much healthier than it sometimes was in the past.

"There are probably a lot of people in the community who are still struggling with the hurt and reliving their own trauma," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "I hope that, in some way, my sharing of my own story and experience will help them in their journey of healing. I am glad of where I am now in my life."

"So, it was then I started my healing journey, I went back to my grass-roots, of who I was," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. "I started my own method of healing ways, to move forward. I went back to my teachings of ceremony, pipe, sweat lodge, circle teachings and other

different healing ways. So, I created my healing space at my address, it was connection to the land, my environment, water for balance, so, I offer my space of healing to others I work with at health cen-



The late Father George Epoch.

tres, schools, elders' residences with the University of Toronto and Kenjegin Teg. I also started providing individual counselling and identity naming ceremonies. I'm really pleased to say, although it was a long journey, I am thankful to be able to assist others on finding themselves like I did. My special place of residence is open to anyone looking for healing.

According to the court documents, then Wiikwemkoong Chief Duke Peltier and senior policy analyst Sandra Wabegijig approached counsel for the Jesuit Fathers of Upper Canada requesting that the legal process be

resolved by "an informal process" in order to not retraumatize the victims.

According to court documents, an agreement was reached that compensation would be negotiated in accordance with the awards made in the Federal Day School Settlement and similar to the Indian Residential Schools Class Action.

All 29 plaintiffs received settlements following those negotiations, although the terms of those settlements has not been disclosed to the court, something presiding judge found problematic, writing in his decision, "It may be that the negotiated settlements and the fees are reasonable and in the best interests of the putative class members who settled, but I cannot conclude that based on the information proffered on this discontinuance motion."

Despite misgivings, and considering none of the plaintiffs in the case are continuing legal, Justice Perell ruled it would be "futile" to prolong the case.

"There are no representative plaintiffs willing to represent the putative class members who have not settled, and, in any event, the defendants could have the proposed class action mandatorily dismissed for delay," concluded the judge in delivering the ruling.

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 Our June Council meetings are held June 20 and 22.  
 For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website at [www.townofnemi.on.ca](http://www.townofnemi.on.ca)

**McLean's Mountain Fund**  
 Organizations within the Municipality are encouraged to submit a request for funding to the McLeans Mountain Fund for financial support to enhance your community group.

**What's Happening at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah**  
 Join us at the Centennial Museum for coffee and conversation!  
 This month's topic is "Trotter's General Store."  
 Wednesday, June 28th at 1 pm  
**FREE**  
 Wanted: art of all types for an upcoming art show at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah.  
 Carvings, sculptures, beadwork, Indigenous paintings, children's art and any other types not listed.  
 Contact Lisa at (705)368-2367 or email [lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca)

The Sheguiandah Archaeology Site is now taking bookings for our historical walking tour.  
 Visit [www.shegsite.com](http://www.shegsite.com) to book your time now.

**Fire Ban**  
 As we are all aware, we on Manitoulin Island are in a **Provincial Restricted Fire Zone** and under a **Municipal Fire Ban**.  
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 NEMI COMMUNITY PICNIC  
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# ...UCCM Police Service seek crisis injunction

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for 30 years. “It’s always the same story, they say things will be different this time and yet when it comes time, they still are not meeting the needs of our police services.”

Chief Corbiere pointed out that Indigenous Police Services have already won a landmark court case. “We should not have to jump through these hoops, going to court, to get equitable funding for our police,” she said.

The First Nations and Inuit Policing Program normally covers operating costs for the three police services that are currently in contract limbo. The federal government administers the program and provides 52 percent of the funding. The province of Ontario provides 48 percent of the funding, while the respective First Nation communities also provide a small amount of additional funding.

Although the First Nations and Inuit Policing Program is jointly funded, Chief Corbiere lays the blame for the current contract impasse squarely at the feet of the federal government. “It’s them that are refusing to budge,” she stated.

Nonetheless, the Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario have launched legal actions in both Federal Court and the Canadian Human Rights Commission regarding the contract impasses.

The Indigenous Police Chiefs of Ontario have engaged lawyer Julian Falconer to see their case through those processes. Mr. Falconer has called the government’s approach “discriminatory and inequitable.”

Although MP Ilout alleged in the House that, “This leaves 30,000 people without local police forces.” Chief Corbiere responded that UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service officers are still serving their communities. “There was a short extension to the contract, and the police do have lines of credit to tide them over this situation,” she said, reassuring residents in UCCM communities they are not unprotected.”

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes



Federal funds are not yet flowing to the UCCM Police Service.

has previously asked the government to uphold their commitment to First Nations policing.

“This issue cuts to the very heart of reconciliation and the government’s refusal to negotiate fair contracts that respond to the needs of First Nations communities is exceptionally disheartening,” said MP Hughes “No other major police service would have their entire budget slashed because of contract disagreements.”

“We are dealing with major issues of gangs and drugs coming into our communities from down south,” noted Chief Corbiere. “Our police are having to deal with many issues that were not as much of a crisis 30 years ago. Our community members deserve to be able to enjoy peace and security that other communities enjoy.”

In a comment that illustrates the frustration being felt by an Indigenous leader who normally seeks negotiation over confrontation, Chief Corbiere asked “what do we have to do, start blocking roads and highways in order to get them to engage in meaningful negotiations? Does it have to come to that?”

# ...Island’s first ‘Comicon’ Saturday in Wiikwemkoong

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other collectibles.”

Hockey, baseball, WWE, Pokemon, Dragonball Z, Magic the Gathering, comic book character paintings, prints and drawings will all be on hand.

Mr. Leedham noted that he will have some superhero photo props on hand, including the ever-popular Deadpool. “Somebody else is doing a photo booth,” he said.

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The Comic Expo will take place from 11 am to 5 pm at the mini mall at 2098 Wiikwemikong Way (N’Bwaachwen Centre, beside Wiikwemkoong Tourism).

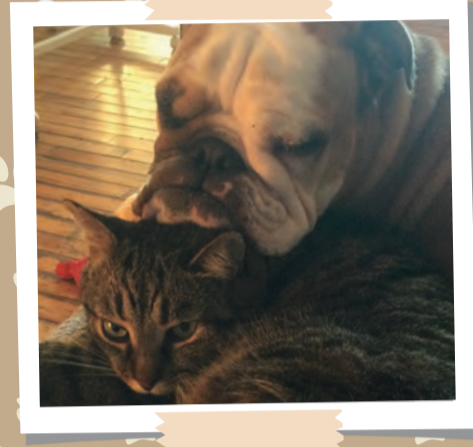
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# Sheshegwaning traditional jingtamok a delight by Lake Huron's shores



The Anishnaabe Connection was the host drum at the Sheshegwaning traditional powwow.



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Julia and Noodin pause for a hug during an intertribal at the Sheshegwaning traditional powwow Saturday much to the delight of the dancers around them.



A men's traditional dancer takes part in an intertribal dance to kickstart the powwow.



RIGHT: Youngsters shake their fringe at the Sheshegwaning traditional powwow.

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An apocalyptic view of the Manhattan skyline from the East River due to smoke from Canadian wildfires last week.

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## ...Bonnie Kogos inhales Canadian smoke in NYC

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also dealing with this, and my friend from Hong Kong emailed to ask how we were faring," she said, "also, my friend from Edinburgh and another pal from Australia sent messages of concern—this is now a worldwide concern that NYC had never had such a threatening issue. Photos of the orange sky over the Statue of Liberty and other frightening visions from famous NYC venues. I called my pals on Manitoulin to let them know I am, mostly, okay."

Ms. Kogos reported that the smoke has caused serious disruptions in the city. "In NYC, professional baseball games were cancelled and the horses due to run the big race this past Saturday were not allowed to run the track. There is dangerous weather everywhere, and we all feel sense of dread—'what could be next' was in our minds."

Ms. Kogos heard that over 400 fires were burning in Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec. "My Manhattan/Mani-



Bonnie Kogos safely inside her Manhattan apartment.

toulin heart so heavy with all of this bad news," she said. "Thankfully, on Thursday morning, I looked out to see blue skies and sun! Joy! Because I was booked to attend a Caribbean Tourism Press Conference and I was eager to go. The big decision was, 'should I leave the house?' Added to my dress were two masks over my face and I walked out into the chilly NY morning—all seemed normal again. So grateful."

It was a sense of relief that was

shared by many she met when she arrived. "I could see the relief in the people I walked by as well," said Ms. Kogos. "The day went well, with officials from 26 Caribbean countries in attendance and all of us feeling, thank goodness, normal again."

"Always, my heart and deep wishes to my Canadian friends and provinces," she said. "That headline does not reflect how I, my friends and I believe most Americans feel."

"My belief is that Americans are filled with respect and compassion for Canadians," she said. "You are our cherished neighbours. We do not bash our dear neighbours! We sympathize, care and pray for the strength and effort of your firefighters, and everyone."

Ms. Kogos said that her Island friends should look to see her at this year's Jabbawong Storytelling Festival at the Park Centre in Kagawong.

"I look forward to seeing you all, stay safe and stay healthy, see you soon," she said.

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- By-law Review/Amendments
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- Annual Report Presentation by Executive Director

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**Bike Kitchen**

Rebeca Laurenti, left, hosted a series of successful bike kitchens on behalf of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) recently where she taught people elements of bike mechanics such as changing a tire or replacing a chain. She's seen with, from left, Guy Nielsen, of MICA, Lee Baxter and John Finlay. This event took place Sunday afternoon in M'Chigeeng following a Saturday clinic in Gore Bay. Next Sunday, June 18 there will be a similar event in Mindemoya at 6152 Highway 542 from 2-4 pm (Maja's Garden).

**Expositor staff photo**

## ...\$10 million to upgrade power lines

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and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory by ensuring clean, safe and reliable power is available for customers now and into the future," said Tiziana Baccaga Rosa, senior media relations advisor with Hydro One. "With most of our electricity system built in the 1950s and 1960s, we're investing in renewing or replacing critical infrastructure in almost every community across the province."

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# Lakeview School students display heritage pride at Cultural Day

by Michael Erskine  
M'CHIGEENG—Students at Lakeview School held a Cultural Day in the school gymnasium where they displayed the projects they had researched on their chosen

heritage topics. The topics spanned subjects as varied as traditional foods, mocasin and drum making and favourite Anishinaabe hockey players. The buzz in the room was

electric as excited students from junior grades right up to Grade 8 explained their projects to caregivers, friends and community members. The Cultural Day event

view just as Chief Hare did in his youth. Owen's project featured the storied biography of his grandfather. "I am excited to be here, I am excited I made it home to watch all the activity," he said. "This is where I went to school. There are a bunch of booths here and the students put them together themselves."

Young Edison proudly explained the many important properties of the sacred medicine giizhik (cedar) in great detail and had plenty of cup of delicious and healthy cedar tea

on offer to visitors at his booth.

Drummaker and senior student Guy had a series of hand drums, drumsticks and a great drum on display. Guy and a group of his compatriots took their places at the drum to provide a couple of songs. Drum songs are learned through listening and actually playing the songs, an oral history that has passed down through generations.

"This is where it begins," said Chief Hare. "You can see the excited students in the background behind me.

Our students are talking at a very young age." Chief Hare will be travelling the territories fulfilling the role of giving out awards and recognition to celebrate citizens who have achieved their goals.

"We need to support each and every one of them," he said. "We need to stand behind each and every one of them, and if they have to travel or leave home, the support has to be there for them from the community and in the home. The rewards are there for them."



Edison Ense offers Lakeview School visitors a cup of giizhik (cedar) tea.

photos by Michael Erskine



Maria and Lizzy explored the History of Manitoulin Reserves for their Cultural Day project.

was coordinated by teacher Patty Debassige, who took the lead on the project in celebration of Indigenous History Month. "Our students were very excited to create something that shows a part of their history they are proud of," she said.

Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Glen Hare dropped by to check out the displays and offer support to one of his eight grandchildren, Owen, who attends Lake-

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# A Saturday afternoon at *Bluegrass in the Country*

by Margery Frisch with files from Michael Erskine

PROVIDENCE BAY—The sun was bright and the air was hot as campers and day-trippers dragged their chairs through the grass and set up in front of the stage at the Bluegrass in the Country festival for the Saturday afternoon show.

Cole Hughson and George Williamson were first up and though their music is not exactly bluegrass, they did not disappoint. Several Blue Rodeo tunes set the audience in the right frame of mind to enjoy an afternoon of good music, with tight harmonies and a strong blend of guitars. George mentioned their Friday nights at the cenotaph in downtown Little Current, beginning June 16. Donations are welcome and all monies go to the food bank. “C’mon down,” George said, “you never know who’s going to drop by to sing with us.”

The New General Store followed with solid bluegrass tunes like ‘Who Will Watch the Home Place,’ ‘30 Years of Farming’ and several instrumental pieces. Their skill with banjo, guitar, autoharp, and bass, along with three-part harmonies, and sometimes more, kept everyone’s toes tapping. Larry Miller and Brian Riseborough (a phenomenal 85-year-old guitarist), have been playing music together since the sixties, but the rest of the group has been together only the last five years.

Ellie Maxwell was a crowd favourite, belting out Patsy Cline tunes, Elvis and one Paul Anka tune: ‘Put Your Head On My Shoulder.’ Ellie’s music accompaniment was pre-recorded but that did not detract from her performance in the least. The 15-year-old’s vocal range was amazing; her voice as sultry as the stars whose songs



Larry Carriere and Different Picks hit the Bluegrass in the Country Stage.



The talented Katlyn Lentir plays alongside her equally talented father Ben at Bluegrass in the Country before heading off to prom.

she was singing. She also sang a tune she had written herself, ‘Lucky,’ and this was her first time performing it. She was a huge hit and the crowd loved her.

Avery Drive, a fast-paced Espanola group took the stage and, as Jay Massicotte, the lead singer explained, “We take every song we like and speed it up.” And they were fast. “Mostly, we do progressive bluegrass, but when Jay Guay plays the mandolin, we’re playing true bluegrass,” he said. Their talent and skill on the banjo (Joey Ducharme), the slide guitar (Jay Guay), the bass (Nick Mailloux) and guitar (John Guay) were amazing, especially considering they’ve only been together since COVID began. Their vocals,

with Mr. Massicotte as lead singer and the harmonies provided by the others kept the audience thoroughly engaged, even when the skies darkened and the rain began to fall.

Larry Carriere and Different Picks were delayed for a bit, until the rain lightened up. But the rain did not dampen the spirits of the listeners, as umbrellas

popped up everywhere and the music carried on.

Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing stepped up to the microphone to say a few words to the crowd in support of the Special Olympics. There were many Special Olympics athletes at the grounds on Saturday. Anna Bateman is an athlete in baseball and bowling. Andrew Splawnyk is into baseball, curling and track. His favourite being curling, the sport in which he made it to the Nationals in 2016. “I try to do better each time I play,” he said.

Rebecca Strain, an athlete in curling and baseball, when asked which sport is her favourite replied, “I’ll have to think about that one. We came in second place in the Nationals in Corner Brook, Newfoundland in 2016,” she said. “That was in curling. I guess curling is my favourite,” she said with a smile.

The previous Friday evening show began with Different Picks opening with a lively and varied set of offerings that got the crowd well tuned for an evening that featured local musical legend Robbie Shawana backed up by the Great Northern Opry Band, consisting of Urban Mejaki on bass, the fiddling barber Doug Hore (still fit as a fiddle) and Maurice Labelle on keyboard—all inductees into the Great Northern Opry.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha stepped up to

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Manitoulin Special Olympian Rebecca Strain helps to showcase some of the program’s fellow athletes.

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# ...A Saturday afternoon at Manitoulin Special Olympics' *Bluegrass in the Country*

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provide a greeting, exhorting everyone to check out the vendors on hand and to be sure and sign up for the silent auction items.

Ben Lentir, himself a Great Northern Opry inductee, took to the stage with a backup band that included his daughter Katlyn. Katlyn wowed the crowd with an amazing voice and fluid mandolin. It has been quite the week for the 18-year-old, having secured her G2 licence, graduated from Grade 12 and was due to head off to prom right after the performance—her boyfriend sat incongruously in a blue suit waiting patiently in the stands to take his date home to change from country-wear to prom dress.

Friday evening was topped off with the energetic stylings of Dennis Lepage and HighBanks.

Sunday concluded Bluegrass in the Country with a free Gospel session featuring, in succession, Robbie Shawana, Ben Lentir and Jim Beech, concluding with The New General Store.

Mr. Lentir thanked everyone for coming out and making



Evansville's Ellie Maxwell performs 'Lucky,' a song she wrote herself, to an appreciative audience.

Bluegrass in the Country 2023 a success, adding that while he had big shoes to fill with the departure of founder Brother John Featherstone, he was proud to have been asked to step into those shoes and looked forward to many more years of the festival raising funds for such an important and worthy cause as Manitoulin Special Olympics.

## Anchor Inn recently hosts Mid-North Comedy show

by Margery Frisch

LITTLE CURRENT—A good crowd showed up in the bar at the Anchor Inn on Friday night, June 9 in the mood to laugh. They were not disappointed. Charlie Adam, a local comedian, had organized the event and he was pleased with the turnout. He was first up to the mic, thanking everyone for coming out; welcoming them to the Mid-North Comedy show.

"To get started, I should tell you you're going to notice my hand tremoring quite a bit. It's not because I'm nervous, it's because I have Parkinson's. I've had Parkinson's for a little while now and, it turns out, my hand will tremor when I'm a little ticked off, or horny. You'll have to guess which one I am tonight," he said, adroitly incorporating the disease into his act, with an appreciative response from the crowd. "There are pros and cons to having a tremor, for example, when I'm on social media, this hand will sometimes hit the like or join button by accident. Just this



Charlie Adam leads the Mid-North Comedy show at the Anchor Inn.

morning, I joined a menopausal women's group. I'm on a first name basis with the customer service people at Amazon; they help me return multiple purchases of a single item. I can fill up a shopping cart in a minute, I'll tell you that."

"I was walking through the mall at Christmastime and I didn't realize the keys in my pocket were jingling so much. I made fifty bucks more than the Salvation Army guy." And on he went. Charlie is well known and so well-liked by the local crowd, his timing and the inflection in his voice when he'd deliver his punchline were spot on. Carmen Adam, Charlie's wife, is clearly his biggest fan. "I've been laughing at his jokes for 45 years," she said. "I never get tired of the jokes."

He then introduced the next comic on the roster, "All the way from Sudbury to the Sault, the queen of Highway 17," is how Charlie introduced Leslie Lynn. Ms. Lynn told the audi-

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## ...Anchor Inn hosts Mid-North Comedy

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ence she's been doing stand-up for nine years as a fun hobby. "Recently, I was able to perform for the troops," she said to applause. "It's was just a bunch of Girl Guide troops, though."

"I had my birthday back in February. I turned 35 the day before I was diagnosed with dyslexia." Leslie Lynn, a sweet demure-looking woman with an engaging smile had a routine that was more adult humour than innocent family fare, and with the crowd at the Anchor, she was well received that night.

The featured act, headliner Michael Hamilton, was full of energy and completely engaged with the audience. The audience was completely engaged with him—lots of audience participation, throwing out their own lines to his topics.

"I'm originally from Mississauga; Mississauga is Ojibwe for the land of 1,000 malls."

"You're smart, you knew these wild fires were coming and you surrounded your island with water." That got a big laugh, perhaps you had to be there. Michael's jokes were more about asking the audience questions and seeing where things would go from there, obviously having a back-up plan for if things went off the rails, but by getting the audience involved, he had a happy crowd for the entire set.

He did a whole set on his smart car. An audience member called them 'stupid cars.' Mr. Hamilton began to explain to one audience member in particular what a smart car was, "A smart car can stop on a dime, not because it has good brakes, but because it can't get over that dime. If we're driving down the 69 highway, and I fart and you sneeze we're going to be doing donuts on the highway."

"People are in the mood to laugh," said Dora Charlebois-Hews, "we've been too long without this."



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# ...Manitoulin Family Resources offering home daycare provider info sessions

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 secured; the premises must be smoke free 100 percent of the time; all family members and pets must have up-to-date immunizations; standard First Aid Level C CPR and AED (that's automated external defibrillator, including for infant/child); house insurance which covers the home-based business; vehicle insurance which covers children in care (if the provider will be transporting children); the provider must adhere to Child Care and Early Years Act regulations set out by the Ministry of Education; and compliance with fire and health inspections.

Ms. Hurst assured attendees at the first session held in the Little Current Early-ON centre that the process is much simpler than it might seem at first blush, with MFR providing guidance and support throughout the process.

The first step in that process is to fill out a provider application. That application provides information on starting and operating a home-based childcare program, lets MFR know a little bit more



Home Daycare Supervisor Patricia Hurst takes participants through the process of becoming a licenced home daycare provider.

about the applicant and answers some of the questions an applicant might have.

Once the application has been received, a three-step approval process gets underway. That includes three visits. At the first visit MFR will review approval requirements with the applicant and complete a "premise evaluation." There will also be a review of some policies and procedures, as well as reviewing what must be completed prior to fire/health inspec-

tions.

In the second visit, a discussion of sample menus, daily routine and age-appropriate activities are gone over, as well as an outline of equipment lending (MFR will provide much, if not all, of what is needed in that regard). The visit will go over cleaning/sanitizing policies and provide sample schedules for operation of the home and review fire and health inspection reports. A bulletin board will also be provided (depending on availability).

photo by Michael Erskine

On the third visit, the Child Care and Early Years Act will be reviewed as will the Caregiver Handbook.

Then it is paperwork time, with the signing of both the provider agreement and agency policies and procedures before it's off to the races with the provision of a Home Approval Certificate and Approved by a Licenced Home Child Care Agency Signage.

Ms. Hurst explained that licenced home child care providers may care for no more than six children

under 13 years of age; may have no more than three children under two years of age (noting that a provider's own children under four years of age must count in those numbers, although they do not need to count their school age child that may be home sick for the day; and, of course, the provider must be regulated by a licenced home child care agency.

She also noted that an unlicenced home childcare provider may legally care for no more than five children under 13 years of age (similarly a provider's own children under four years of age must count in their numbers), an unlicenced provider must inform parents that they are, indeed, unlicenced and that must be done in writing (either hard-copy or electronic). All providers are also required to provide receipts for payment of services upon request. An unlicenced provider cannot operate in more than one location (whereas a licenced provider could move locations, say to a summer camp). Also, the unlicenced provider does not have the peace of mind and security

(for both parent and provider) of being regulated by a third party.

Cutting to the chase, the gig has some sweet financial benefits as well. A sample of current rates include: \$39.30 full day care (five to nine hours); \$30.30 for a half day (up to four hours); and \$17.40 for before and after school care (up to 2.5 hours); \$10.80 for after school care (up to 2.5 hours) and \$7.75 for before school care (up to 2.5 hours). The numbers add up even more for overnight care, \$63.15 (13 or more hours), and no, you don't have to stay up all night, or extended daycare, \$49.90 (nine to 13 hours).

Sessions were held in Little Current on June 6 and in Mindemoya on June 13, with a future session slated for 6 pm, Thursday, June 15 at 134 Michael's Bay Road in Manitowaning.

For more information on how to become a licenced home childcare provider, contact Ms. Hurst at (705) 368-3400 extension 235. Ms. Hurst's office is located in the EarlyON Centre located at 9050 Highway 6 in Little Current.

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# Manitoulin Cycling Advocates share busy year at annual general meeting

by Margery Frisch

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) met on June 7 for its annual general meeting. Before the meeting itself, there were several presentations to bring members up-to-date on the many projects and behind-the-scenes happenings the organization is involved in.

Matthew Redmond gave a summary of the Manitoulin Passage Ride, which had taken place only days before. He really didn't need to tell those in attendance that the event was a huge success, they had all been there—they saw for themselves. The ride was sold out at 250 cyclists registered and in the end there were 240 who took part. "There were smiles and much happiness all weekend long," Mr. Redmond said. "Last year's event brought in over \$100,000 to the community and the total amount will definitely be higher than that this year." He was thankful for all the volunteers who helped in so many ways.

"He's so right," Maja Mielonen, president of MICA, said, following Mr. Redmond's report. "Volunteers are so important to our organization."

Ms. Mielonen then introduced everyone to Ashley Whyte, MICA's new intern. Ms. Whyte was not physically present, but



From left are members of the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates executive Peter Ford, Matthew Redmond, Maja Mielonen, Rebecca Laurenti and Michelle Campbell on the computer screen. Missing from photo is Nicole Pepper.

appeared on a screen set up in front of the others. She spoke of her main objective: building membership, and was proud to report that several businesses have recently joined the group. Education and promo-

tion are two of Ms. Whyte's other objectives as she works on expanding the MICA website.

Both Ms. Whyte and Ms. Mielonen spoke about MODEM—Manitoulin Outdoor Digi-

tal Experience Museum—narrated stories, available through an app, while one is touring, preferably cycling, but one can enjoy these narrated stories while driving in their car, or in the comfort of their home, sitting at their computer. These stories are available in English and French, and can be downloaded from MICA's website.

Rebecca Laurenti spoke next, explaining the goal of the Bike Kitchens that have been set up to instruct cyclists on repairing minor problems incurred along the roadside. Two of these Bike Kitchens have already taken place, in Gore Bay and M'Chigeeng, but there's another planned for Sunday, June 18 in Mindemoya, at Maja's Garden, 6152 Hwy 542, from 2 to 4 pm. Ms. Laurenti will show you how to fix a flat, instruct you on the proper tire pressure, bike fitting, helmet fittings, etc. Ms. Laurenti was the volunteer providing road assistance to the cyclists throughout the recent Passage Ride.

A new service has recently been provided for cyclists coming to the Island without a vehicle. Matt Bontje informed the group of his bike luggage service, available during the run of the Chi-Cheemaun from May to October. He will transport heavy packs  
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...continued from page 19 and other paraphernalia to wherever the cyclist is heading. The cost to various locations is on the MICA website.

Next, Guy Nielen talked about the ebike system and how it works. In the next few weeks, 20 ebikes will be set up in various parts of the Island, roughly 30 to 50 kilometres apart (the bikes have a range of about 70 km on a charge). One will be able to rent a bike and take it to another station and leave it there, or ride it back to the station from which they came.

Gary spoke next on maps—MICA's self-guided

maps—of which he's sent 244 in the past year to just about everywhere in Ontario, various cities and towns in Quebec and the United States.

Michelle Campbell and Ms. Whyte spoke about membership. Ms. Campbell is looking after individual memberships and Ms. Whyte is concentrating on businesses. They spoke of the advantages of becoming a MICA member. With regard to businesses, membership gives one's business the opportunity to be seen on MICA's website pages, with a live link to their business on the promotional pages of their choice. MICA map adver-

tisements are available to MICA business members. MICA eatery business members are often chosen to provide food for Tour and Ride participants. Further information on all of MICA's projects and activities can be found on their website: [manitoulin-cycling.com](http://manitoulin-cycling.com).

The business portion of the meeting followed these presentations and the main focus was elections. All of the existing board members' terms had come to an end. It was time to nominate and vote on a new slate of officers. Since the board can consist of as few as three and as many as seven members, the six

people who were nominated and accepted these positions were all acclaimed, making short work of the process. The new board members are as follows:

Maja Mielonen, Matthew Redmond, Peter Ford, Michelle Campbell, Nicole Pepper and Rebecca Laurenti. MICA board members are elected for a two

year term. The meeting was adjourned shortly after, before the mosquitoes got too aggressive.



## Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Corporation Notice of Annual General Meeting Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) virtually, via Microsoft Teams, on Thursday, June 29, beginning at 6 pm.

Members of the Corporation and the general public are invited and welcome to attend, but only members will be able to comment or ask questions during the meeting.

To receive the Microsoft Teams link, please send an email inquiry to Lori Mastelko at [lmastelko@mhc.on.ca](mailto:lmastelko@mhc.on.ca)

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Sidewalks will be cleared of snow and ice when accumulations reach 2 inches.
- Sidewalks will be cleared by 8 am and must remain clear, not to exceed more than 2 inches until 6 pm daily, 7 (SEVEN) days per week.
- Sidewalks to be maintained a minimum of 4 (four) feet in width.
- Snow along both sides of sidewalks shall be removed (hailed away) when height of snow reaches 30 inches.
- The sanding of sidewalks shall be done when icy conditions, ice patches, slush, snow packed, black ice, slippery conditions prevail by 8 am and remain in a state of repair until 6 pm daily, 7 days per week.
- Crosswalk and exits off sidewalks shall be plowed and sanded as per plowing and sanding schedule.
- It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to monitor sidewalks throughout the day, 7 days a week, keeping a daily log of weather conditions and temperatures, the log must be in duplicate, and copies turned into the Municipality as requested. Log books will be supplied by the Municipality. Copies must be given to the Municipality every Monday by Noon.
- Salt shall be applied at the Municipality's request. (Please give price for salting).
- Sidewalk plowing and sanding shall be done with the proper sidewalk maintenance machine made for that purpose, i.e., MT trackless machine or equivalent machine with sander, blower and blade, maximum 60 inches, with all safety equipment, guards, etc., in place. **Please state the equipment to be used for this contract.**
- Sanding is to be included in the flat rate price.
- An on-site tour will be scheduled June 26 to June 29, 2023 if required. Please call the Municipal Office at (705) 377-5726
- Any damage done is to be repaired by contractor each Spring i.e., lawns, fire hydrants, trees, fences, signs, etc.

#### TENDERING INFORMATION:

- The bidder will be responsible for all labour and equipment required to carry out the terms of the contract. The bidder will be required to show proof of WSIB Coverage, a minimum two million (\$2,000,000) dollar insurance coverage. The municipality will not be liable for damage occurring in relation to the contract nor for and any other assessments levied and payable by the said contractor under any statute or lawful authority.
- The term of the contract will be for 4 (four) years with an option for a one-year renewal to be negotiated. This option is at the discretion of the municipality. Service is required from the first snowfall in the season to the last (regardless of date).
- The contractor will submit 4 invoices for payment: December, January, February and March.
- Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to contents and submitted on official tender forms (attached) will be received by the undersigned until NOON Friday, July 21, 2023.
- Sidewalks to be plowed are highlighted on the enclosed maps.
- The contract may be cancelled by either party upon 60 days' notice in writing to the other party at its principle place of business.
- Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Suitability of equipment will be a factor in awarding the tender.



Denise Deforge-CAO/Clerk  
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POP 1S0



June 7, 2023

File Number: Z-2023-02

## Public Meeting Notice

You're invited to a Public Meeting to consider a Zoning By-Law Amendment application.  
**Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Park Centre – 39 Henry Drive, Kagawong

A change is proposed to the Township of Billings zoning by-law. The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to permit a guest cabin (bunkie) for human habitation where a dwelling is a permitted use AND to include a minimum floor area per dwelling unit be a minimum size of 17.5 sq. m. (188 sq/ft) for all zones.

#### Learn more

You can view the staff report on the June 6, 2023 Council agenda at <https://billingstwp.ca/council-meetings/2023-council-agendas-and-minutes/> or by making a request to [edance@billingstwp.ca](mailto:edance@billingstwp.ca) or by calling (705) 282-2611 ext 223. Information can also be viewed at the Township of Billings administration office between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm (Monday – Thursday) or 8:30 am to noon (Friday).

#### Have your Say

Comments and opinions submitted on these matters, including the originator's name and address, become part of the public record, may be viewed by the general public and may be published in a planning report and Council Agenda. Comments received after June 28, 2023 may not be included in the planning report, but will be considered if received prior to a decision being made and included in the official record on file.

- Please contact us by email [edance@billingstwp.ca](mailto:edance@billingstwp.ca), mail or phone (705) 282-2611 ext 223 if you have any questions, concerns or objections about the application.
- You can participate in the public hearing. There will be an opportunity at the public meeting for members of the public to bring forward their concerns.

#### Stay in the Loop

If you'd like to be notified of the decision of the approval authority on the proposed application(s), you must make a written request to the Township of Billings [edance@billingstwp.ca](mailto:edance@billingstwp.ca).

#### Know your Rights

Section 34(11) of the Planning Act outlines rights of appeal for Zoning By-law Amendment applications.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Billings to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the the Township of Billings before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Billings before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information, please visit the Ontario Land Tribunal website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/>

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A familiar visitor to the Port of Little Current, the Pearl Mist, has the claim the fame of being the first cruise ship of the season, a harbinger of the busy summer season ahead. The Pearl Mist made its town dock debut on June 12.

photo by Michael Erskine

FORM6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 20, 2023, at the Gordon/Barrie Island Municipal Office, 29 Noble Sideroad, Gore Bay, Ontario.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 51 24 000 001 11100 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47107-0549 (LT); PT LT 17 CON 4 GORDON AS IN RM37663; GORDON; File No. 21-01

Minimum tender amount: \$13,088.09

2. Roll No. 51 24 000 001 11200 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47107-0550 (LT); PT LT 17 CON 4 GORDON AS IN T3599; GORDON; File No. 21-04

Minimum tender amount: \$11,378.48

3. Roll No. 51 24 000 001 11401 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47107-0537 (LT); PT LT 18 CON 4 GORDON AS IN RM46921; GORDON; File No. 21-07

Minimum tender amount: \$23,838.45

4. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 00400 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0151 (LT); PT LT 24 CON 1 ALLAN AS IN T20376; SIT & T/W T20376; GORDON; File No. 21-11

Minimum tender amount: \$11,752.55

5. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 00416 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0132 (LT); PT LT 25 CON 1 ALLAN AS IN RM61877; SIT & T/W RM61877; GORDON; File No. 21-12

Minimum tender amount: \$29,913.92

6. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01204 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0293 (LT); PT LT 24 CON 2 ALLAN AS IN T11805, SIT & T/W T11805; GORDON; File No. 21-14

Minimum tender amount: \$11,067.68

7. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01411 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0278 (LT); PT LT 25 CON 2 ALLAN AS IN T12896, SIT & T/W T12896; GORDON; File No. 21-15

Minimum tender amount: \$13,525.81

8. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01418 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0271 (LT); PT LT 25 CON 2 ALLAN AS IN T11807, SIT & T/W T11807; GORDON; File No. 21-16

Minimum tender amount: \$12,999.51

9. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01467 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0224 (LT); PT LT 29 CON 2 ALLAN AS IN T12630, SIT AND T/W T12630; MUNICIPALITY OF GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND; File No. 21-19

Minimum tender amount: \$10,577.83

10. Roll No. 51 24 000 002 01487 0000; Gordon/Barrie Island; PIN 47110-0206 (LT); PT LT 30 CON 2 ALLAN AS IN T9946, SIT & T/W T9946; GORDON; File No. 21-20

Minimum tender amount: \$10,111.40

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 percent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, Crown interests, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser. A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit: www.OntarioTaxSales.ca or if no internet access available, contact: Carrie Lewis, Clerk - Treasurer, The Corporation of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island 29 Noble Sideroad, P.O. Box 680, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0, 705-282-2702, clerk@gordonbarrieisland.ca, www.gordonbarrieisland.ca

+ in memoriam



DEBASSIGE — In loving memory of Darren Debassige, June 5, 2010. Remembered by Dawn, Damion, Bear, Taylor, Danielle, Bryce and Lily

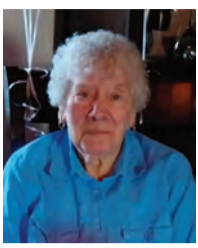


MCDERMID — In loving memory of Michelle (Cadieux) McDermid, May 17, 2010 and Ernie McDermid, June 17, 2018. The seasons come and go but the heartache remains. Loved beyond words and missed beyond measure, Always on our minds and forever in our hearts.

OVERFIELD — Remembering Darlene Overfield who passed away on June 12, 1992. We think of you often, Mom. In loving memory of my beautiful mother. God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and He whispered, "come to me."

Death Notices

BETTY JEAN SYLVIA HEMBRUFF
March 11, 1940 - April 29, 2023



In loving memory of Betty Jean Sylvia Hembruff, who passed away on April 29, 2023 at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor with family by her side. Predeceased by her husband Nolan; parents Ron and Evelyn McIvor (Beauvais); brother Ron (Norma); sister Joan Wagg; and son Terry. She will be sadly missed by son David (Brenda) and five grandchildren; Patricia (Gerald predeceased), Bill (Betty predeceased) and Donald (Sue). As per Betty's wishes there will be no service.



HARVEY SIDNEY SLOSS
May 15, 1939 - June 2, 2023



In loving memory of Harvey Sloss, a resident of Espanola, who passed away peacefully at the Espanola Nursing Home on Friday, June 2, 2023, at the age of 84. He was the son of Sidney and Clementine (Johnston) Sloss (both predeceased). Harvey is survived by his loving wife Mary-Jo and daughters Nancy Orford (Gord), Debbie Harper (Tom), Beverly and stepdaughter Kelly Ritchie (Craig). Loving grandpa to April Patterson (Richard), Matthew Orford (Shannon), Ashley Demeau (Cody), Keegan Sloss (Savannah) and step-grandpa to Breanna, Kurtis and Tyler. Cherished great-grandpa to Gage, Garrison, Aurora, Atlas, Lexi, Oliver and step-great-grandchildren Hailey and Alice. Will be sadly missed by mother-in-law Mary Massicotte, sisters and brothers-in-law and their families, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Predeceased by beloved spouse Marina Sloss (2009) and brothers Grant and Lyle and sister Noreen. Family and friends called at the Simpson Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 from 12 noon to 2 pm. The funeral service began at 2 pm. Luncheon followed at Simpson Funeral Home. Interment was at Grimsthorpe Cemetery. If so desired, donations may be made to the Espanola Nursing Home or the Gore Bay Angel Bus. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.simpsonfuneralhome.ca.



ILDA FRAULIN
September 30, 1932 - May 27, 2023



In loving memory of Ilda Fraulin who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of Giovanni Fraulin. Loving mother of Manuela (Garry) Elliott. Cherished grandmother of Shawn (Karen) Laidley and Paul Laidley. Proud great-grandmother of Anna Laidley. Ilda arrived in Canada from Italy with her daughter on December 19, 1955. She worked at St. Joseph's General Hospital and the Manitoulin Health Centre as a dietary aid for 37 years. She belonged to the St. Bernard's Catholic Church Women's group. Ilda will be fondly remembered by many friends. She cherished her grandsons and great-granddaughter. Family and friends gathered at St. Bernard's Catholic Church for visitation on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 from 10 am to 11 am. The Funeral Mass followed at 11 am with Father George Gardner officiating. Burial in the St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ilda's memory to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor or St. Bernard's Church.



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



**Stump sculptor**

Wood carver Gerald Gerard is caught in the act of reimagining a pine tree stump in the front yard of his home on Highway 551 in Mindmeoya. Mr. Gerard, a retired auto worker, took up the hobby of coaxing otherworldly creations out of found pieces of trees. This latest creation will be hard to miss; it's right at the street side of his yard and will, when completed, feature sculptures on three sides of the trunk with the bark left on the stump's higher reaches.

Expositor staff photo

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# Friends of Mindemoya Old School host successful yard sale fundraiser

by Margery Frisch

MINDEMOYA—When asked who was in charge of the yard/bake sale put on by the Friends of the Mindemoya Old School, Lynn Quesnel immediately pointed to Jan McQuay. “I’m not in charge,” Ms. McQuay insisted, “not of this event. Lynn Quesnel organized it all—the bake sale, the antiques, the yard sale and the trunk sale, it’s all her doing.”

Both women were pleased with the turn out on Saturday, June 10 at the Lion’s Pavilion in Mindemoya. “These were piled high with stuff,” Ms. McQuay said, indicating the tables under the pavilion where only a few scattered items remained. “And the bake sale has been a huge success.”

Lunch was being offered, there was a 50/50 draw, door prizes and trunk sales. “We’re charging \$20 for people to come and sell things out of the trunks of their cars and if they wish to give us an additional

donation they can, but they don’t have to,” Ms. McQuay said.

There were many helpers at the event. “Oh, we have lots

and lots of volunteers,” she said, “too many to name. And the response from the community has been amazing. The proceeds of this event will go to retrofitting and renovating the Mindemoya Old School.” All the volunteers were beaming with the success of their fundraising efforts.



From left are Friends Jan McQuay, Sue Moggy, Alison McAllister, Karen MacKenzie, Joanne Smith, Pat Costigan and Lynn Quesnel.

photo by Margery Frisch

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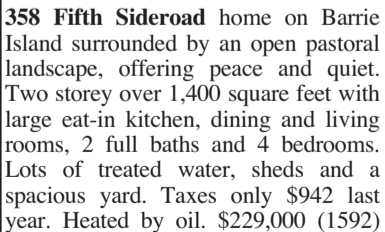
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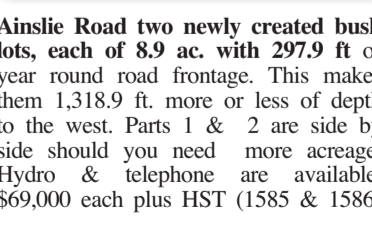
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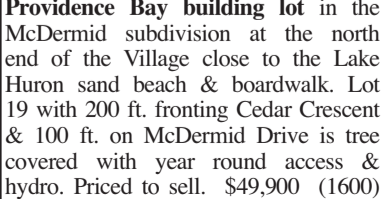
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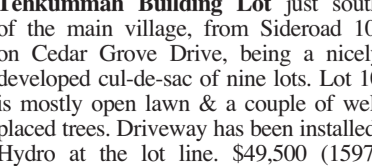
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**403H Lakeshore Drive** next to Lake Mindemoya on M'Chigeeng FN is a bungalow 768 sq. ft. with 2 bedrooms, 3 pc. bath, large great room & storage. Extras include a 20 ft. wide section of shoreline for a dock, double garage, sauna needing some work, drilled well, septic system, appliances & a firepit for the evening gatherings. Annual fee \$979. No taxes. \$120,000 (1587)



**Providence Bay building lot** in the McDermid subdivision at the north end of the Village close to the Lake Huron sand beach & boardwalk. Lot 19 with 200 ft. fronting Cedar Crescent & 100 ft. on McDermid Drive is tree covered with year round access & hydro. Priced to sell. \$49,900 (1600)



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## PEOPLE

### Evelyn Russell renovated a heritage homestead

by Michael Erskine

TEHKUMMAH—Evelyn Russell-Baehr's Island roots run deep. The Expositor ran into Ms. Russell-Baehr at Bluegrass in the Country where she was a vendor, selling her wares as Simple Pleasures. One of the greeting cards Ms. Russell-Baehr was selling features a view of a heritage log homestead.

"Tehkummah was incorporated in 1882 and that's the first time I have seen records where my great great grandfather's name was on it, he owned a lot of property in Tehkummah—all down several roads. I have pictures of my dad crawling in the backyard when he was a baby.

Her two sisters and Ms. Russell-Baehr were gifted with 100 acres by her parents. "We built a house on part of it," she said. But she also inherited the original homestead, which had considerable additions and renovations over the centuries. "I tore it all back to the original logs," continued Ms. Ms. Russell-Baehr. "I had Jerome Pheasant and his crew from Wiikwemkoong lift the house up, put seven layers of blocks under it. Then he says to me, 'You can have a crawlspace under there,' but I said, 'no way I am crawling under there, you just fill it up with gravel,' so he filled it with gravel and cement."

Ms. Ms. Russell-Baehr heats the home throughout the winter. "It costs about a hundred dollars a month," she explained. "I keep it at around 50 when I am not there, but turn it up to be more comfortable when I am." There's a good reason it's not terribly expensive to heat the heritage homestead



Evelyn Russell-Baehr holds up one of her greeting cards featuring her home.

despite its rustic and historic exterior.

"Inside, well I can't live inside with the logs looking like the outside, so I had the late Larry Case come and frame it up, insulate it, put drywall on it, then I bought pine boards 10 inches wide, and I storyboarded everything," she said. "I told Larry, 'You put them on the walls an inch-and-a-half apart' and then I went and put caulking in between. Then I put about eight layers of urethane on it, so it is real easy to keep clean."

This gave her the best of both worlds—a heritage log cabin homestead on the outside and a more modern and easier to maintain interior. Ms. Russell-Baehr said her home often attracts visitors fascinated by the rustic vision her place represents. "People often stop when they are driving by to ask if they can come look inside," she laughs. The vendor obviously enjoys chatting with people and can often be found at the many vendors' markets around Manitoulin in the summer months.



#### Nifty Noss!

Manitoulin Secondary had a large and strong contingent of athletes making it to the all-Northern Ontario track and field meet two weeks ago in Sudbury at the Laurentian Track Complex. Congratulations to the long list of Mustang participants overall. There were several aggregate winners mentioned last week and here are the athletes with top-five results!

**Greyson Case** 200m – 5th; **Ava Corbiere** 3000m – 3rd, 1500m – 5th; **Wyatt Williamson-Wright** 1500m – 5th; **Fia Flanagan** high jump – 2nd; **Mya Balfe** discus – 1st (by 5m!), triple jump – 2nd, long jump – 3rd; **Ethan Witty** triple jump – 5th; **Emery Watson** javelin – 1st, discus – 5th; **Rhyis Arthurs** 100m – 5th; **Autumn Davy** 1500m – 4th, 800m – 4th; **Ian McCauley** triple jump – 4th; **Alan Wilkin** 800m – 5th, 400m – 5th; **Mackenzie Green** 3000m – 5th, 1500m – 3rd, 2000m steeplechase – 1st, 800m – 5th; **Brodie Pennie** 1500m – 1st, 3000m – 2nd, 800m – 5th (by half a second!); **Maren Kasunich** 1500m – 1st; 3000m – 1st; **Morgan Green** high jump – 4th; **Annie Balfe** triple jump – 3rd; **Aiden Case** discus – 2nd; **Colin Lindner** javelin – 1st (by 5m!); **Xavi Mara** 2000m - steeplechase 5th; 4 x 400m open relay run by **Mathis Bredin**, **Davin Deschenes**, **Brodie Pennie** and **Alan Wilkin** – 3rd!

#### Obviously, Awesome OFSAA from Ottawa!

I cannot, in recent memory recall seeing such a large number of Manitoulin athletes just making it to the OFSAA all-Ontario Championships! Not only did a large team qualify here are some of the outstanding fruits of their labours. **Mackenzie Green**: Girls Sr. 1500 m. Heat P.B. (Personal Best) time of 5:21! **Brodie Pennie** in the Boys Sr. 1500 m. Heat P.B. time of 4:07 and then in the 3000 m. Final 20th place PB time of 9:09! **Maren Kasunich** Final Girls 2000 m. Open Steeplechase 4th place PB time of 7:16 and in

the 3000 m. 10:34 15th place! **Mya Balfe** Novice Triple Jump 19th place jump of 9.65 m!

Of course congratulations must go out to the other OFSAA competitors who took part. Hats off to: **Emery Watson** Novice Girls Javelin, **Annie Balfe** Senior Girls Triple Jump, **Colin Lindner** Senior Boys Javelin and **Fia Flannigan** for Novice Girls High Jump!

#### OFSAA Tennis too!

Meanwhile, down in Toronto **Abby Hawke** and **Eli Lock** (MSS Grade 11s) were competing in OFSAA mixed doubles at the Tam Heather indoor courts in Scarborough. The pair won their first match in a dramatic comeback, being down 2-6 and coming back to win 8-6 against a team from Mississauga. They then had to face the number one team in the tournament and lost. On day two they met another strong team and lost, putting them out of the tournament.

**Aspen Debassige** (Gr10) and **Emery Watson** (Gr9), played at the L'Amoreaux Tennis Centre in Toronto, and faced older opponents and lost two close matches on the first day of competition. Coach Chris Theijsmeijer relayed that the two said "they didn't play their best that day, but it was a good learning experience for them for future years. Overall, they represented MSS proudly and had a great time." Congratulations to players and Coach, alike!

#### Ultimate Wednesdays!

Ultimate (Frisbee) is back for the season down at Low Island in Little Current! The group invites everyone who is interested in this great sport and no experience is necessary. They start at 7 PM and it goes until you drop or darkness. For more information or for last minute cancellations due to weather you can search up their Facebook group at: <https://facebook.com/events/s/ultimate-wednesday/249396137700906/>

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## Manitoulin Secondary School celebrates its Class of 2023

by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

MSS student correspondent

M'CHIGEENG—The atmosphere was electric at Manitoulin Secondary School as students, families and faculty members came together to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the graduating class of 2023. The Manitoulin Secondary School graduation ceremony marked a significant milestone in the lives of these students, who are now ready to take on the new challenges the next chapter in their life will bring them.

There were hugs, photos and maybe a couple of tears as parents, friends and community members filled into the gym to take their seats. By the time the ceremony began the room was filled to the brim with people coming to witness the teenage rite of passage that is graduation.

The hosts of the graduation, teachers Mike Zegil and Yana Bauer, commenced the ceremony by welcoming everyone. Shortly after, the honour guard marched in, leading the MSS staff and, lastly, the students. Once everyone was seated, O Canada was sung by Grade 9 students Cameron Meawasige and Phoebe Aeschliman. This was followed by a rendition of 'I Am Still Your Dreamer' done by the MSS choir directed by teacher Mr. Fowler.

"Tonight is a time to be joyful, and maybe a little relieved, but mostly a time to be proud," observed Mr. Zegil. Participating in this ceremony were the platform guests.



Students process into the hall ready for one of the landmark events of their young lives—receiving their high school diplomas.

This included Vice Principal Dawn McCann, Trustee Lisa Corbiere-Addison, MPP Michael Mantha, First Nations Trustee Linda Debassige, Director of Education Bruce Bourget, Principal David Wiwchar, Superintendent of Schools Lesley Fisher and Vice Principal Travis Cor

biere.

The first of the platform guests to speak was Trustee Debassige. "Life is what you make of it," said Ms. Debassige, "those are the words of elders." Her speech was an inspiring one, thanking people who have played a role in the graduates' lives and

also leaving the graduates with some important messages to take with them. "The greatest currency we have is time," Ms. Debassige concluded.

Trustee Corbiere-Addison spoke next at



Students getting photos taken before the grad ceremony.

the podium. She began by telling a story many Manitoulin students can relate to—one of being each other's enemies, competing against each other in different elementary schools and then coming together at MSS and playing for the same team. "We support one another and help each other grow," she said. Trustee Corbiere-Addison continued to address the graduating stu-

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photos by Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

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dents with advice to take with them for the future. "Change, be able to pivot. Perseverance is key," she told the students. Her

Provincial Parliament Mike Mantha. As he continued his speech Mr. Mantha encouraged students to use what they have learned throughout their life to guide them. "This is your



Ben Willis receiving his diploma.

speech came to a close with the final words, "grow wings, carry yourself around the world."

"Let's get ready to rumble," opened Member of

time, figure it out, Mr. Mantha made a point of looking directly at graduate students on either side of the podium during his speech. "Don't forget where



Katie Chapman receiving her diploma.

## The 2023 list of Manitoulin Secondary School graduates

The list of graduates are:  
Rhys Allison  
Kaylee Assinewai  
Mckenna Barnes  
Odemin Beaudin  
Skylar Bell  
Xander Bentley  
Kassandra Bordeleau  
Emerson Brewer-Case  
Delaney Bridgeman  
Carter Byers  
Katie Chapman  
Colton Chevrette  
Jazmin Colwell  
Ethan Cooper  
Kaylee Corbiere  
Nicole Cress  
Damion Debassige  
Kal Debassige  
Rylie Desroches

Ben Dewar  
Ethan Dokum  
Cameron Ferguson  
Kali Francis  
Aysia Francis-Debassige  
Keaton Gauthier  
Zachary Gibbons  
Jordan Graham  
Conner Graves  
Landen Harasym  
Alina Hare  
Landon Hare  
Nolan Hare  
Luke Heinen  
Jayden Hembruff-Rohn  
Kelan Hickman  
Mikaila Hickman  
Sonya Jacko-Cywink  
Isabella Jenkins  
Alex Keatley

Jaime Kennedy  
Ronin King  
Jocelyn Kuntsi  
Ethan Leblanc  
Mason Leighton  
Katelyn Lentir  
Tobi Madrigal Brown  
Brett Mastelko  
Aiden McCormick  
Jamison McQuarrie  
Jon Mende  
Waataasiis Mitchell  
Jaemie Moor  
Noelle Naokwegijig  
Lauren Osawamick  
Markus Otosquaioab  
Keisha Panton  
Danica Peltier  
Jorja Peltier  
Jack Pennie

Lydia Pennings  
Jaxon Perry  
Caleigh Quinlan  
Catarina Rose  
Luke Roy  
Shaolin Roy  
Tyrel Sagle  
Macie Setterington  
Sabrina Shames  
Garrett Sheppard  
Lucas Smith  
Turner Smith  
Jared Toope  
Raven Wabegijik  
Steven White  
Alan Wilkin  
Ben Willis  
Lucas Wright

home is, because we are going to need you," he told them. "Stand tall, take your place, demand what's coming to you."

Principal Wiwchar then announced that three members of the MSS staff will be leaving next year. The high school will no longer have the talents of Ms. McCann, Ms. Marshall or Mr. Corbiere. A second announcement from Mr. Wiwchar brought good news. Every year there is an awards ceremony for graduate students that local sponsors have contributed to. This ceremony takes place in the winter when students who attended post-secondary school are on

winter break. This is a second chance to celebrate the efforts of the students and their contributions to MSS. Mr. Wiwchar continued, praising the students for their many accomplishments this year in sports

and academics.

Before diplomas were handed out, the M'Chigeeng Ladies Hand Drum Group presented the graduates with an Honour Song. It was an inspiring moment as the group began

to drum and sing for the students. It was special for graduates to have been played for and honoured before officially walking across the stage.

"Graduates, this is the moment you have been awaiting for the past 4-5 years...you will be crossing the stage to receive your Ontario Secondary School Diploma," Mr. Zegil said before parents began to scoot to the front of the hall to get photos.

Family members of graduates who have grown up on the Island may have seen themselves walking across that stage receiving their diploma from Manitoulin Secondary School. Anxiously waiting for their names to be called and smiling for the camera, all within the same gym as their child, niece, nephew or cousin, just separated by time.

After all the names were called, the valedictorian was introduced. Rhys Allison was the Class of 2023's valedictorian, elected by his classmates. Rhys maintained a 90 percent average with his consistent work ethic and his ability to meet the demands of his assignments. He treated classmates with kindness and possesses a patient nature. He was a part of the robotics team for three-and-a-half years and participated in a season of gymnastics. Rhys was accepted into the Royal Military College in Kingston where he plans to go this fall.



The Honour Guard marching in followed by the graduates.



Jocelyn Kuntsi receiving her diploma.

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# Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters District Zone D donates to Manitoulin Streams

by Tom Sasvari

**KAGAWONG**—The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters District Zone D has provided a donation to Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) that will be used by the latter for restoration work on the Kagawong River this year.

“We approved a donation of \$3,000 to Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) this year,” said Roy Polsky, chair of OFAH Zone D following the group’s annual general meeting earlier this month. He pointed out the OFAH has donated \$2,500 annually to MSIA for several years. “This year we raised our limit on donations from \$2,500 to \$3,000.”

Seija Deschenes, coordinator for MSIA said, “we always appreciate the support we receive from OFAH and other groups for what

for we couldn’t undertake this project. Instead, we focused our attention on a project on the Manitou River.”

“This year we are planning to make improvements to the habitat at the mouth of the (Kagawong) river so we will be putting in things like vortex weirs, root wads and boulder clusters to improve spawning habitat,” said Ms. Deschenes. “And the design for this project that was created will, when climate events occur (and water levels on the river are low) focus water energy in the middle of the river so there is still enough water to allow for fish to spawn.”

“We are also hoping to do riparian restoration work on the river mouth and improving habitat,” said Ms. Deschenes. “The mouth of the river is one of the sites that we have

the platform will be accessible to everyone, so people of all (mobility) abilities will be able to use the platform. The platform will allow locals and tourists to have a great place to fish and observe the river from, and grandparents and parents can bring their children or grandkids to an area without some of the concerns with safety. There will also be educational information and signage established. We will be asking members of the community and groups in Kagawong what they would like to see on the



Manitoulin Streams employees can often be found at local events bringing awareness to the importance of stream rehabilitation.

signs to what members of the community would like posted.”

It is anticipated the restoration work on the river will take place in July, followed by the installation of the fishing platform and signage after that, said Ms. Deschenes. Ms. Deschenes noted that the habitat work will benefit the Rainbow Trout that access the river in the spring, and the salmon in the fall, as well as bass and pike.



Manitoulin Streams has played a central role in helping to control invasive species on Manitoulin Island.

we are doing on Manitoulin Island. The OFAH has always been supportive.”

“This year we are hoping to restore the mouth of the Kagawong River. We have a site design in place. We had hoped to carry out this work last year, but with some funding we had hoped

listed to enhance in our strategy planning on Manitoulin.”

MSIA is also, “planning to put in an angling platform,” said Ms. Deschenes. “We have sent out tenders for bids on the work to be done. The whole idea is angling opportunities, and



## Kagawong lecture series will be a hit

Kagawong Museum curator Rick Nelson met with TVO’s Steve Paikin and Jimmy Carter historian Arthur Milnes in Kingston this past winter for a planning session. Both will share the stage in Kagawong July 13 to talk about Steve’s new book about PM John Turner, Arthur’s book on President Jimmy Carter and a host of political topics. Further details in the coming weeks. Mark July 13 down in your calendar

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## FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER

**Annual Salary:** As per the WRFN Salary Grid (\$62,113 to \$75,748)

The Human Resources Manager will be responsible for providing human resource support to the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) as an organization. The position will support the First Nation’s strategic goals to help drive the design, planning and implementation of policies and procedures while ensuring compliance with all relevant employment laws and legislations.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Direct and coordinate human resources activities, such as employment, compensation, benefits and training;
- Advise management and staff on all government policies related to human resources, human rights, labour law and/or other relevant legislation;
- Research for current and changing government legislation and develop company policies to ensure compliance accordingly;
- Investigate all complaints of discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, grievances, acts of violence and workplace disagreements;
- Organize professional development and training opportunities;
- Develop and maintain a human resources system that meets management information needs;
- Assist in the recruitment, screening, hiring, retention, termination, and professional development of staff for WRFN; plan and conduct new employee orientation;
- Provide information on benefits programs such as life, health, dental and pension plans;
- Oversee a time management system for staff;
- Assist supervisors and department managers in the management training in promotions, performance review including appropriate documentation of these activities;
- Assist in developing forms and to support managers with new hires; and
- Work with the IT department on systems supports for new hires/employees.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- A diploma or degree in a human resources-related field with a minimum of 5 years successful demonstrated human resources experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Extensive knowledge of the Labour Relations Act, Human Rights Legislation, Occupational Health, and Safety Act, the Employment Standards Act, and other related legislation.
- Understanding of issues and requirements related to information privacy and access and confidentiality.
- CHRP designation would be an asset or working toward the designation.
- Sound knowledge of current HR trends, issues, techniques and practices.
- Must have practical experience and knowledge of employment legislation governing First Nations
- Experience and/or training in privacy legislation a definite asset.
- Knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek culture, traditions, teachings, community dynamics an asset.
- Valid Class ‘G’ driver’s licence and access to reliable transportation.
- Must have advanced computer skills.

### SKILLS:

- Excellent written, verbal and interpersonal skills;
- Demonstrated presentation, research and analytical skills;
- Demonstrated ability to achieve results through a consultative approach; and
- Ability to work effectively with all staff, administration, government and First Nation organizations.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax, and mail or in-person to the attention of the Band Manager:

### CONFIDENTIAL:

Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P 1A0

Email: [applications@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:applications@whitefishriver.ca); Fax: (705)285-4532

### OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Applications must include the following:

Cover letter, current resume, and three (3) work related reference letters (with contact information).

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Police Record Check before employment.

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

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## Join the team at Island Roots Flower Farm!

ALL YOUTHS aged 15-30 are encouraged to apply!

We’re looking for a Farm Host for a seasonal full-time position.

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- Greeting guests and operating our Farm Shop

For more information or to submit your resume, please send an email to [hello@islandrootsflowers.com](mailto:hello@islandrootsflowers.com)

We can’t wait to hear from you!

# Candlelight Concert at Holy Cross another successful event

WIJKWEMKOONG—The recent Candlelight Concert at Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong required a slightly different approach from the past events as the sun remains high in the sky much longer than in the winter and the church is blessed with plenty of windows to let the light shine in. Thanks to the efforts of a trio of volunteers, the evening sun proved no obstacle to the atmosphere.

“We would like to thank Lance Dokum, Mgizi Mishibinjima and Terrence Jacko for covering the windows so we can have darkness and to Chantal Fillion, Christian and Elijah Manitowabi for tearing down everything afterwards,” said organizer Audrey Ozawabineshi. “They were so much help and to our parish council who stayed behind to help put away our candles, Marjorie, Tish, Rosemary and Rosella.”

“Chi-miigwech to our volunteer bake sale helper Sirena Trudeau and to our mother and daughter team of Dawn-Marie and Trinity Jacko for decorating, it was so beautiful,” continued Ms. Ozawabineshi. “And to all the people who donated to craft, services or to the canteen. Chi-miigwech to Regina Webkamigad and Bernadine Francis for the 50/50 sales; to Ashley Manitowabi of Galloping Horse and his volunteers Sunny Bear, Adrian Kat and Joel Wabanosse; to all the people who came out for the evening and especially our wonderfully talented musicians who

volunteered their time: Aiden Leedham, Fr. Paul Robson, Trinity Cheechoo, Mason Animikwan, the Wiiky Choir: Tish Manitowabi, Rosemary Pitawanakwat, Rosella Kinoshameg, Robin Hill, Eleanor Abel, Janette George, Marjorie Trudeau, Fr. Eric Oland, Stephen Granville and Elijah Manitowabi.”

Ms. Ozawabineshi also thanked her grandson-in-law and co-emcee Daniel Mejaki for joining her in presenting the acts.



The Wikwemikong Choir, from left, Tish Manitowabi, Audrey Ozawabineshi, Rosemary Pitawankwat, Rosella Kinoshameg, Robin Hill, Eleanor Abel, Janette George and Marjorie Trudeau, take a bow.



Father Paul Robson, centre, presents Dawn-Marie Jacko with gift certificates for taking on the candlelight concert series with the help of Audrey Ozawabineshi, right, and Ms. Jacko's partner Rick Leedham and daughter Trinity. This is the third candlelight concert series to date in support of Holy Cross Church.

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

We are now accepting applications for the following  
**FULL-TIME** positions in

**Sudbury:**

Foster Care Resource Worker: Closes June 16, 2023

**CONTRACT** positions:

**Sudbury:**

Youth in Transition Home Cook (Part-time): Closes June 23, 2023

Child Well-Being Worker: Closes June 16, 2023

After Hours Youth Outreach Supervisor: Closes June 28, 2023

**Sudbury/Manitoulin:**

Funding Specialist (Multi-Year): Closes June 23, 2023

**Manitoulin:**

Education Support Worker: Closes June 23, 2023

Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator: Closes June 23, 2023

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

To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: [www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities](http://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. Miigwech 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.



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

**Museum Assistant**

Applications will be accepted by the undersigned no later than  
4 pm on Friday, June 23, 2023.

Stasia Carr, Clerk  
Town of Gore Bay  
P.O. Box 590  
Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0  
Tel: 705-282-2420  
Email: [scarr@gorebay.ca](mailto: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.



It is the time of year when we can support our local gardeners in buying their fresh produce that will keep us healthy. Lettuce is on the top of my list. Three Forks Farms grow an amazing product that works really well in my recipe this week.

I have the 2nd cookbook 'More Mandy's' where Mandy and Rebecca bring salad recipes to another level. I made the following salad three times and each time it was different but the starting point was always the same, quinoa and the dressing.

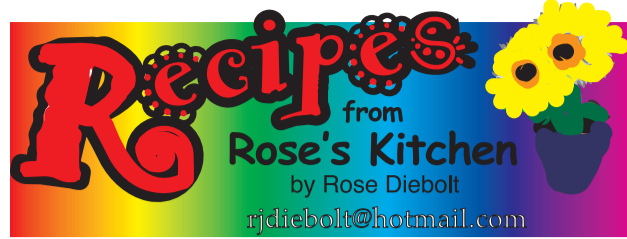
**Early Summer Salad**

Cook the quinoa first and use the whole three cups cooked in this recipe. You will have leftovers and then maybe not! The dressing will make two cups and you will use about one cup. It will keep up to seven days in the fridge. From here the rest of the salad are suggestions. All up to you.

Quinoa:  
Makes 3 cups (4 to 6 portions)

1 3/4 cups water  
1 cup quinoa

In a medium sized saucepan bring the water to a boil. Stir in the quinoa, and when the water returns to a boil,



lower the heat, and simmer for 15 minutes. No longer or you will create a mush! Remove from the heat and cover for a further 10 minutes or longer. Fluff the quinoa with a fork. Cooked quinoa will keep, refrigerated, in an airtight container for up to seven days.

**Lemon thyme dressing**


2 tsp Dijon mustard (not regular mustard)  
3 cloves garlic  
1/3 cup lemon juice (zest the lemons first then squeeze them for there juice)  
1/3 cup organic apple cider vinegar  
1/3 cup maple syrup, agave, honey or your choice  
1 1/4 cups olive oil  
Zest of 2 lemons  
2 Tbsp thyme leaves or your herb of choice (I used fresh basil)  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper

In a blender, combine the mustard, garlic, lemon juice, vinegar, herb and syrup. Process on medium high speed until smooth. Stop the blender and scrape down the sides. With the blender running on low speed, slowly drizzle in the olive oil until the dressing is emulsified and thickened about 30 seconds. Add the lemon zest, salt and pepper. Adjust the seasoning to taste. Refrigerate until ready to use.

**Salad**

Five cups of chopped greens, your choice. I used romaine, kale, red and green leaf lettuce. All local grown. You can also add radicchio, arugula, or mesclun greens. Diced cucumber (I bought the small package of six grown in Ontario)  
Package of cherry tomatoes (also Ontario grown)  
I container of fresh blueberries or grapes  
Feta cheese or Parmesan flakes. Amount up to you!  
Pumpkin seeds or your choice. Amount up to you!  
Add the quinoa to a large bowl. Then add everything else—like a kitchen sink. The tomatoes and grapes should be cut in half. Better flavour.  
Top with the dressing using almost 1 cup. Using a spoon mix well together. Add more dressing if needed.





**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (2<sup>nd</sup> Posting)**

**FINANCE MANAGER**  
Department: Finance  
Classification/Level: Senior Management (\$78,000 - \$135,200)  
+ Group Pension & Extended Benefits  
Employment Status: Full-Time Regular

**POSITION SUMMARY:**  
As an integral part of the senior management team of the M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN), the Finance Manager shall have extensive experience in the financial management sector with a strong financial vision, insight to match and proven track record of success to manage and direct all the organization's finances. Responsibilities include preparing annual budgets, complex data analysis, budget forecasting, overseeing accounts, advising and making strategic financial recommendations that will promote long-term financial stability, growth, accountability and transparency.

The Finance Manager's role is diverse and will take the lead in long term planning, development and implementation of accounting policies and financial operations compliance for all departments and will be directly involved with strategic planning ensuring execution is compliant with regulatory legislation and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

The Finance Manager will work with Enaagdenjiged to develop, monitor and evaluate budgets, financial codes and regulations, policies and procedures and recommend changes for improvement and will coordinate the establishment and maintenance of internal financial control processes for monthly financial reporting. The Financial Manager is results-oriented and strategically fosters growth and development, will promote accountability and transparency of the M'Chigeeng First Nation's sustainability and will ensure the Finance Department adequately supports the overall goals and objectives of the MFN.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**  
The Finance Manager will work with the department management team on strategic vision, including fostering and cultivating stakeholder relationships, as well as assisting in the development and negotiation of funding from all partners or government agencies. In addition to providing advice to the Enaagdenjiged in the management and financial and business planning activities including:

- Direct and administer all financial.
- Review and analyze financial reports.
- Lead and support organizational budgeting processes.
- Manage MFN funds in a fiscally prudent manner to ensure adequate cash-flow to meet the First Nation's needs.
- Interact with the Department Managers to provide consultative support to planning initiatives through financial and management information analyses, reports, and recommendations.


\*\*For complete a job description, please request to the following: andream@mchigeeng.ca

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
**Preferred**  
Certified Chartered Accountant with a bachelor's degree in finance, business administration or accounting with minimum five (5) years direct work-related experience.  
**Minimum**  
College Diploma three (3) years in finance or accounting with minimum seven (7) years of equivalent work experience coupled with experience in management, full accounting cycle which includes budgeting, A/R, A/P payroll, control, and interpretation of financial statements.  
Essential general management skills, including financial management and budgeting, strategic planning, business development, marketing, human resources management, etc.  
Extensive knowledge and experience in business and financial acumen would be strong assets.

**OTHER SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE:**

- Excellent financial acumen and familiar with governments and other agencies funding agreements.
- Experience managing, training and mentoring staff and conducting annual performance evaluations.
- Strong leadership style with uncompromising sense of integrity and high ethical standards.
- Accounting knowledge in the areas of preparing and analyzing financial statements including audit working papers.
- Demonstrated senior management, supervisory and administrative skills necessary to develop short- and long-range planning, implement strategic and financial activities, policy development, quality control and risk management abilities.
- Experience in project management with demonstrated ability to multi-task and meet strict deadlines.
- Knowledge of external funding sources for proposal submission and reporting requirements.
- Exceptional leadership skills, ability to address issues with professionalism, judgment, tact and diplomacy; Demonstration of sound decision-making abilities that will influence decisions with broad implications and considerable low/no risk.
- Strong knowledge of external funding sources for proposal submission and reporting requirements
- Great understanding of the Anishinabek culture, traditions, Anishinaabemowin language and the dynamics of working in a First Nation environment.

**Application Closing Date: June 20th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.**  
If you are interested in these new opportunities, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three (3) current reference contacts (2 work related and 1 character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:  
**FINANCE MANAGER**  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca  
Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: 2<sup>nd</sup> POSTING**

**MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CLERK**  
Department: Health Services  
Salary Range: CA - 3 (\$42,120 - 51,480)  
Employment Status: Full Time Regular

**Position Summary:**  
Under the supervision of the Health Services Department Manager, the Medical Transportation Clerk will assist with the medical transportation services for members of M'Chigeeng First Nation. They will ensure the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch Medical Transportation Directive is followed and implemented.

**Essential Functions:**

- Ensure transportation initiatives on behalf of clients are maintained by providing instructions to drivers, review of special needs of clients where applicable.
- Assist community members with all non-insured health benefit applications and follow up with all required documentation.
- Ensure that the medical transportation policy is implemented.
- Complete all documentation and provide written authorization and verified statements to the administration department on a bi-weekly schedule.
- Maintain accurate file systems and up to date records at all times.
- Complete and submit financial expenditure reports.
- Have knowledge of computer and software for the efficient operation of delivery in transportation support.
- Complete all administrative duties pertaining to long distance and emergency transportation services according to the non-insured health benefits program of Health Canada.
- Complete an annual work plan and final reports that outline goals and objectives.
- Assist in community education and awareness activities as it relates to health programs and services.
- Provide general administrative/clerk support services when required.
- Perform other duties as assigned that are reasonably related to the role.

**Qualifications & Requirements:**

- Grade 12 or equivalent.
- At least one (1) year of administrative work experience in a First Nation or Indigenous organization.
- Working knowledge of computer and software for the efficient operation of delivery in transportation support.
- Valid First Aid and CPR or willingness to update.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe people.
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset or the willingness to learn.

**Other:**  
Strong organizational and interpersonal skills.  
Ability to determine appropriate course of action in complex/emergency situations.  
Ability to work independently, exercise creativity, be attentive to detail and maintain a positive attitude.  
Ability to manage multiple and simultaneous responsibilities and to prioritize schedule of work and client appointments.  
Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality of all medical and financial information.  
Ability to handle sensitive situations involving members and others in a professional manner.  
Knowledge of community, social and health resources.  
Ability to mobilize the community and make connections to work together help members.  
Ability to develop a trusting relationship with members and staff through open honest communication and genuine care for the member's situations.  
Must have a valid G licence with access to own vehicle.

\*\* Must submit a Police VSS prior to start of position.

**Application Closing Date: June 19th, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.**  
If you are interested in this employment opportunities, applicants must submit cover letter, resume, with three (3) current reference contacts (2 work related and 1 character reference) and copies of educational qualifications to:  
**MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CLERK**  
c/o Human Resources  
M'Chigeeng First Nation, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
Fax 705-377-4980 or email to: employment@mchigeeng.ca  
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It is almost impossible to believe that another school year has nearly come and gone. There are just seven days left until exams start and you can feel both a sense of urgency and a sense of relief building in the air at MSS. As we near exams, it's important to think about your goals and keep your head up when things get stressful!

Monday, June 5 was the last day of scholarship workshops for the 2022-23 school year. Every Monday for the past month, Yana Bauer, a teacher at MSS, has been showing students how to effectively apply for

scholarships. One of the sessions even included MSS alumnae

Rachael Orford and Trish Patterson who came in to talk about their experience with applying for scholarships. There are many resources available for students to use through the workshop including a Google Spreadsheet with scholarship tracking as well as steps to take by grade to set yourself up for Grade 12 scholarship application.

Wednesday, June 7 was officially the last day of the

## M.S.S. Kids in the Halls

Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

Prom Project. For the past two months the Prom Project had its doors open for anyone in need of a suit, a dress, shoes, or other formal clothes. These clothes were donated to the school by community members to give students who didn't have the opportunity to get formal attire for the school's prom or graduation events. The donated clothes found new life this year through dancing or by accompanying graduating

students picking up their diplomas. For anyone who has gently used prom dresses or suits, keep an eye out for next year's Prom Project.

Thursday, June 8 was the Class of 2022-23 Graduation, affectionately known just as "Grad" by the students. Graduation is what many have been working towards all year: getting the chance to receive their diploma, smile on stage, and say "I did it!" The gym

was transformed with black and gold balloons, greenery, curtains, and, most importantly, lots of chairs to accommodate this momentous occasion. The ceremony was attended by friends, family, and community members all there to celebrate the students who have worked hard to get to where they are now. For those interested in where the MSS graduates are going next year, there is an Instagram account that will tell you! @mss\_grads2023 on Instagram includes information about the Grade 12s plans for next

year! The MSS robotics team is making their elementary school visits an annual tradition by visiting students across the Island this week. They have been going to various classrooms to show off their robot and teach young kids all about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). More details on the Manitoulin Metal's adventures to come next week!

That is all for this week! Remember to keep congratulating yourself on your achievements and learning from your mistakes. Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY REGISTERED DENTAL HYGIENIST**

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<http://www.cassondentistry.com/>



**Updated**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**  
**(3) Three Full-time EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS (ECE)**

Department: Education, BINOOJIIINH GAMGOONHS (Early Learning Centre)  
Classification Level: Early Childhood Educator (\$42,120-\$50,055)  
\* With \$2.00 Hourly Wage Enhancement (subject to approval year to year)

**\*\*\* On the spot interviews will be accommodated once application is submitted!**  
**\*\*\* Signing bonus of \$2,000 will be paid after a successful six month probationary evaluation.**  
**"Our goal is to provide stimulating experiences for every child in a safe, happy, and relaxed environment, and to foster independence, self-esteem, curiosity, cultural awareness, and school readiness".**

*We are seeking passionate and dedicated Early Childhood Educators to join our team. Successful candidates will be responsible for creating a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment for our young learners. You will plan and implement engaging activities and lessons that foster children's growth and development and have a passion to make a positive difference in young children's lives.*

**Position Summary**  
Reporting to the Childcare Supervisor, the Early Childhood Educator will identify learning objectives of the children, create and manage a variety of learning environments and activities that provide opportunities for children to develop to their fullest potential.

**Essential Functions**

- Promote the health and well-being of all the children.
- Be responsible for supervision, safety and well-being of children
- Cultivate caring, authentic relationships and foster a sense of belonging for children, families and educators.
- Recognize and respond to the needs of each child, using developmentally appropriate teaching and behaviour management techniques.
- Share in the planning, preparing, and implementing stimulating, age-appropriate activities in response to the children's emerging interests and skills.
- Ensure the program operates in compliance with childcare licencing standards.
- Understand and implement the College of ECE's Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice; adhere to the Child Care and Early Years Act; and implement programs in accordance with Ontario's How does Learning Happen?
- Maintain knowledge and skills needed to Keep abreast of new and developing competencies for the position.

**Qualifications**

- Registered Early Childhood Education diploma or Child and Youth Worker - or provincially recognized equivalent.
- Experience working with children.
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe or the willingness to learn.
- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin would be an asset or the willingness to learn.
- Ability to be dependable, punctual, and responsible.
- Ability to communicate effectively and have strong interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work effectively individually and within a team environment.
- Valid First Aid and CPR with Level C or willingness to obtain

**Conditions of Employment:**

1. Negative Police Vulnerable Sector Check
2. Proof of TB tests and medical clearance
3. Proof Tetanus and MMR immunization (must be up to date)

**Application Closing Date: Open until all positions are filled.**

Interested applicants must submit their cover letter, resume, three (3) current reference contacts (two work related, one character/co-worker) and education certifications to:  
**Confidential - Human Resources**  
**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR**  
M'Chigeeng First Nation P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG ON P0P 1G0  
[employment@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:employment@mchigeeng.ca)

*Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*

## MSS students earn trades bursaries

M'CHIGEENG—Three Manitoulin Secondary School students have earned \$1,000 bursaries from the Ministry of Education and the Rainbow District School Board.

Guidance councillor Chris Theijsmeijer explained The Skilled Trades Bursaries are awarded to students in Co-op who are going into the skilled trades after high school. "These are June awards," he said, "not our regular Awards Night thing."

Receiving the awards were Layne Albert, Brett

Mastelko and Lucas Wright.

The new Ontario Skilled Trades Bursary Program provides a \$1,000 bursary to individual students who wish to pursue a post-secondary skilled trades pathway. Eligible candidates are selected based on the following criteria: the candidate is enrolled at one of the province's secondary schools and in Grade 11 or 12; the candidate is enrolled in a cooperative education program and has earned, or is earning, two credits working in a skilled trade placement; the candidate

has post-secondary plans to pursue a career in the skilled trades; and the candidate demonstrated leadership in the skilled trade, for instance mentorship, participating in a conference or sharing experiences to the broader student population.

The bursary is intended to encourage students to explore the potential of a career in the skilled trades and to assist in overcoming any financial or other barriers that might inhibit their entry into the trades.



Three Manitoulin Secondary School Co-op students received a \$1,000 Ontario Skilled Trades Bursary to assist them in their plans to begin careers in the From left are: Layne Albert, Brett Mastelko and Lucas Wright.

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**MANITOULIN CENTENNIAL MANOR**  
**is looking to hire a Summer Student in the Activity Department.**

*This FUN position will be 8 weeks at 35 hours a week, various shifts starting at mid-late June.*

Students must be enrolled in the fall semester for school in either high school or college/university and provide a CPIC.  
Experience working with seniors and persons with dementia is an asset.  
Excellent communication, organizational and time management skills.  
This position is made possible through Canada Summer Jobs, an initiative of Employment and Social Development Canada.

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# NEW-ish to Manitoulin

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

by Heather Marshall

At first glance, lifelong city dwellers like Audrey Jolly and Ed Horner might not seem to be a natural fit as rural folk. However, delve a little deeper and you quickly discover that Canadians' love of nature, simplicity and tranquility course through the veins of people living in urban and remote areas alike.

Growing up in the High Park area of Toronto, country life was far from the norm for Ed. It was only after completing a business diploma at Humber College that he made his first foray into the great outdoors. His first job post-graduation saw him move across the country to Calgary, where he worked for five years in an outdoor camping and paddling business. Regular cross-country treks between Ontario and Alberta during those years led him to make a stop on Manitoulin in the early 1970s. "The only reason I came here was because I had watched Rainbow Country on television and was curious to see the area," reminisces Ed. "I remember that it was so incredibly quiet and beautiful."

Ed's next major job, working as an accountant during an economic slowdown as it's a recession proof profession, meant a permanent move back to Ontario. That position was followed up with work in another sporting goods store in Toronto that resulted in Ed becoming part of upper management at the city's first Mountain Equipment Co-Op (MEC) store. After his time as MEC's operations manager, Ed's career did another major pivot when he was approached in 1980 by Lone Pine Publishing in Alberta to write a book about cycling in Ontario, as the publishing house was keen to expand into the Ontario market. An avid cyclist and outdoorsman, Ed eventually wrote three Bicycle Guides to various parts of Ontario before striking out on his own and establishing Canadian Outdoor Press. In the years since, he has published everything from family camping guides to books on Buddhism and he'll soon publish his latest work, a detective novel.

In the midst of this activity, he worked concurrently in yet another sporting goods store in Toronto and opened up an espresso bar in the east end of the city before retiring. It was dur-



Audrey Jolly and Ed Horner are all smiles while posing for a photograph in their art studio. Ms. Jolly is a multi-discipline artist who works in a host of media and is an accomplished artists and author while her parnter Mr. Horner is quite the carver. He is seen here holding one of his intricately carved paddles with Ms. Jolly's artworks in the background.

ing this period that he met Audrey at an outdoor café in the Beaches neighbourhood. A long friendship eventually evolved over 20+ years into a common-law partnership once Ed's grown-up daughter from a previous marriage moved out on her own.

Audrey had been raised in Regina, Saskatchewan where she initially attended the University of Regina. A year in, she switched to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon where she completed an education degree. That was followed by a master's degree in psychology and dance at York University, where she was a teacher and performer. In between degrees, she squeezed in summer intersession teaching, offering university courses in Native Education delivered to Indigenous communities throughout Saskatchewan.

Audrey's passion for the arts forged her career as a teacher, choreographer and movement coach at Ryerson University, University of Toronto and York University, where she taught actors and dancers over the next several decades. In addition to her faculty positions, she did temporary assignments with theatre companies across Canada, including the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, as well as working internationally as a choreographer and movement coach. Her freelance jobs included co-directing Toronto at Dreamer's Rock, the play written by Drew Hayden Taylor and featuring several Manitoulin Island actors, from 1991 to 1993.

"What became apparent to me supporting actors and dancers was the huge emotional component to their work, which sometimes required therapy to understand so they could embrace their emotions and seize this energy in their performances," explains Audrey. "That's when I realized I should utilize my training as a psychotherapist and focus it on the creative process, which

provides fuel for healing and is applicable to anyone."

Since gaining her professional credentials as a registered psychotherapist in 2015, Audrey has served a cross-section of clients when she's not producing paintings or writing books in her spare time. When the COVID pandemic struck, and her sessions all became virtual, she realized that it was no longer necessary to be physically in the same place as her clients to offer these services. This liberating discovery sparked a conversation with Ed about where they might live in their golden years so they could pursue their individual artistic interests in a peaceful and affordable location. Although they briefly considered locations from Atlantic Canada to the Muskokas, each had had at least one trip to Manitoulin previously and both remembered how much they had loved it.

"For me, it was a place that seemed so remote it was hardly even part of Ontario," says Ed. "There was this huge island with so few people but so much beauty and just one little bridge to access it. I recall going into Gore Bay years ago and it felt so far away. But wherever I went, whenever I went, I was always struck by the Island's natural beauty."

"Even though we were city dwellers, my parents had grown up on a farm and lots of my relatives in Saskatchewan lived on the land, so I loved being out in nature," adds Audrey. "When Ed suggested we see what housing was available on Manitoulin, I leapt at the

idea."

In 2021, at the height of the pandemic, they saw an online listing for a home on a rural road, drove up to Manitoulin, made an offer on the spot and had it accepted within 24 hours. The couple moved to Indian Mountain Road in Sheguiandah in July that year and has been relishing country living ever since. Audrey and Ed have used their quiet time to build Bird Tree Studio, where they display their paintings, handmade jewelry and wood carvings for sale. They're getting to know their neighbours, exploring the rest of the Island, and savouring all the natural wonders it has to offer, which they cannot say enough good things about.

"I swam in Lake Manitou from mid-May to mid-September last year" exclaims Audrey. "My nickname has become 'pinch me' as I am so thrilled to be living here." "I'm a paddler, hiker and snowshoer and there's no better place to be for these activities than right here," sums up Ed.

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and consultants in the National Capital Region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to [HAMarshall@proton.me](mailto:HAMarshall@proton.me)

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## PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green




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### SABRINA SHAMESS

Whether it is a volleyball, basketball, baseball bat or racket in hand, Sabrina is always ready to jump on any opportunity to be active and involved! No matter the sport, Sabrina's passion for sport is evident. She consistently brings focus and a competitive drive to her game, while contributing a good attitude and positivity. Wrapping up her final year at MSS, Sabrina has established herself as a fantastic teammate and role model for the next generation of Mustangs!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Sabrina was a student at A.B. Ellis, located in Espanola. Even at a young age, Sabrina capitalized on every opportunity to play school sports. She could be spotted rocking the raging red of the Flames as a member of the baseball, basketball, volleyball, badminton and track and field teams, while also getting involved in hockey. When Sabrina reflects upon the various sports she participated in throughout her elementary years, she explains that she grew fond of volleyball. She recalls that one of her most memorable moments of elementary athletics was when she nailed her overhand serve for the first time. Sabrina remembers being very determined and learning that dedication and practice would not only improve her volleyball skills, but strengthen her work ethic.

Sabrina carried these skills into high school athletics, helping her build a great list of accomplishments over the years. Previously, she sported the black and gold on the court as a right side for the junior and senior girls' volleyball team, earning a total three NSSSA gold medals! On the basketball team she played forward, again helping her team to secure a NSSSA banner. She also found time to try something new, becoming a member of the badminton team. Off the court, Sabrina could be found with a glove and bat, playing third base on the baseball team. In her final year as a Mustang, Sabrina has played on the senior girls' basketball, volleyball and baseball teams. As she looks back upon the numerous sports teams she took part in, she recalls the highlight taking place this year as her volleyball team made a comeback in the Elliot Lake Invitational to capture the win!

Although Sabrina has participated in a variety of athletic endeavours throughout high school, her love for volleyball has not changed. She values being a part of a team and finds that the sport has provided many opportunities to make new friends. Sabrina explains that the high intensity court sport involves a lot of strategy, dedication and teamwork in order to succeed.

When Sabrina takes off the black and gold jersey, she continues to stay active through a variety of activities. She can be found swimming, playing volleyball, tennis and baseball with friends recreationally. Sabrina also stays involved in the community by working at the Guardian Pharmacy in Little Current.

When Sabrina is not on the go, she is likely in the classroom. Among the various courses she has taken over the years, Sabrina favours history and phys-ed. She explains that she has always found history interesting and important. As an athlete, Sabrina also loves gym class. Phys-ed acts as an outlet, allowing her to use all of her energy in a healthy way. Sabrina credits enjoyable gym classes to her phy-ed teachers, who have inspired her to pursue a career as a high school teacher in the field. Post-graduation, Sabrina will take on the blue and green of the Nipissing Lakers as she studies concurrent phys-ed!

As Sabrina reflects on the past four years of sport and studies at MSS, she credits some of her accomplishments to her parents. She notes that both her mom and dad have always been there to encourage her and cheer her on, supporting her every step of the way.

In only a few days, Sabrina will retire as a Mustang, moving on to the next chapter of athletics and academics. With her dedication and hard work, she is sure to excel, just as she has at MSS!

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## HOROSCOPES (June 11-17)

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, despite your best efforts, you cannot seem to get much work done this week. Your head is in the clouds with matters of the heart. Soon enough your focus will return.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
This week you may tire from charging into battle and prefer others to do the fighting for you, mighty Taurus. You can use a rest from always putting yourself out there.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Adopt a more serious tone this week, Gemini. Your actions may be judged without your knowledge, so lay low. Put the most professional foot forward.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**  
People may respond much better to comforting words and gestures this week, Cancer. Carefully construct your approach to communicating to reach the widest audience.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**  
You may soon discover that a person who you consider a friend really is your perfect match, Leo. When you look at this person, the realization may suddenly dawn on you.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, others around you are especially sensitive this week, so even the slightest criticism could be mistaken for an insult. Rather than ruffle feathers, hold your tongue.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
These next few days you could present an opportunity to break free from everyday life and the mundane, Libra. If you don't know how to proceed, follow your gut.

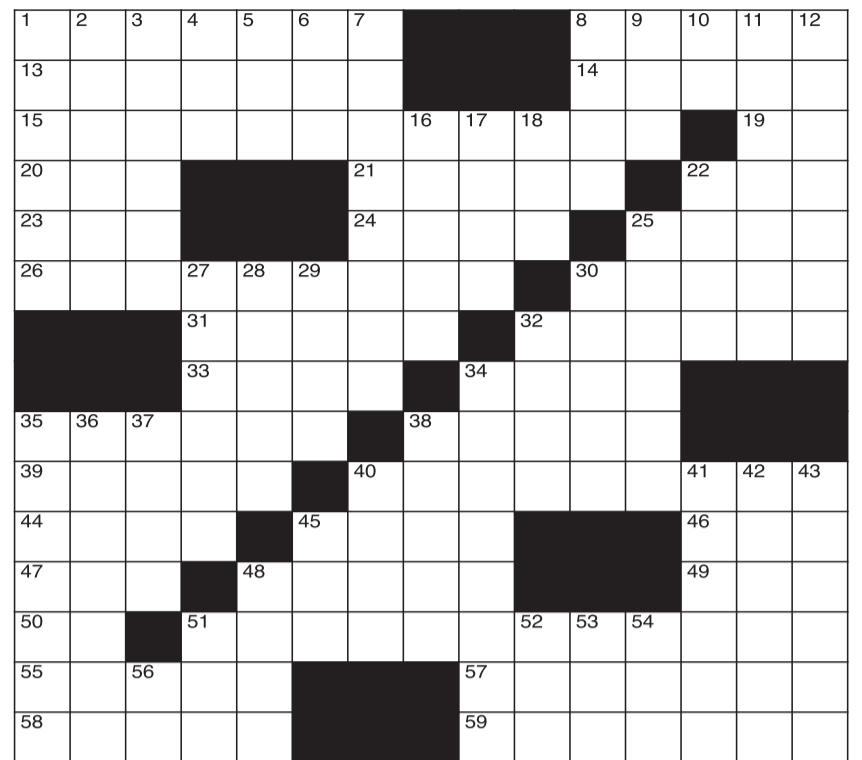
**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You don't always need to be in pursuit of some sort of intellectual betterment, Scorpio. Get outside and take a walk or swim in a lake. Engage in trivial things that bring you joy.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you are capable of producing impressive results if you set your mind on a plan. This is the week to dabble in a new hobby that will bring forth your creativity.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Some debates may not come to a swift resolution, Capricorn. You may need to accept that you simply disagree with someone on a particular topic and let things lie.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, you may have been a little worried about your work or studies lately. This week things will lighten up and you'll feel much more in control of your situation.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
This is likely to be a busy week filled with the potential for travel. Bring along a close friend or a loved one for the adventure.



### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excited movements
- 8. Soap opera actress Patsy
- 13. Unknowing
- 14. Dangerous mosquitos
- 15. Exaggerated and sensationalized
- 19. Military policeman
- 20. Touch softly
- 21. Wrap
- 22. A story of one's life
- 23. Midway between east and southeast
- 24. Toward the mouth or oral region
- 25. A list of dishes available at a restaurant
- 26. Changes the meaning of
- 30. Semitic Sun god
- 31. Sneaker parts
- 32. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 33. Breezed through
- 34. Partner to pedi
- 35. Becomes less intense
- 38. Bottoms
- 39. Tested
- 40. Vistas
- 44. Take care of
- 45. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 46. S. African political party
- 47. Cologne
- 48. Men
- 49. The Science Guy
- 50. Gospel author (abbr.)
- 51. Act of signing up
- 55. Human feet
- 57. A very short time
- 58. Streetcars
- 59. Cuplike cavities

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. A type of pool
- 2. Malaise
- 3. Seasoned
- 4. A pair
- 5. Young male
- 6. Make a mistake
- 7. Experienced
- 8. It often accompanies injury
- 9. Old world, new
- 10. Commercial
- 11. Course of lectures
- 12. Promote
- 16. Female horses
- 17. Greek mythological figure
- 18. Small amount
- 22. Orthodox church altar
- 25. Actress Tomei
- 27. Excited
- 28. Looked directly at
- 29. Popular cold desserts
- 30. More reasonable
- 32. Disk above the head of a saint
- 34. Devoted to the extreme
- 35. Make an effort
- 36. It's in the surf
- 37. Member of aboriginal people of Japan
- 38. Discounts
- 40. Cliff in Hawaii
- 41. Extremely wild person
- 42. All persons
- 43. Aromas
- 45. Popular kids' game
- 48. A difficult situation
- 51. Popular Georgia rockers
- 52. It's in all living cells
- 53. Unspoken language
- 54. 'Talk to you' abbreviation
- 56. Influential lawyer

# SUDOKU

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### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

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

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ANSWER:

## PUZZLE SOLUTION

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