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# Some sang...



Wiikwemkoong's own Crystal Shawanda and daughter Zsa Zsa perform 'You Can Let Go Now Daddy' at the Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival Friday night. For full coverage, please see Pages 5 and 21.

# ...some fished...



Teams in the Huron Bass Derby Haweater Open jockey for position during weigh-in time Sunday. For more on the derby, please see Page 1A. For Haweater Weekend photos, see Pages 20 and 22.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

# ...many danced



A fancy shawl dancer competes in the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival. For more powwow pictures, see Page 21. **photo by Michael Erskine** 

# Couple facing murder charges in child's death

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has charged two individuals in relation to an infant death that occurred in October 2024.

On Tuesday, October 1, 2024, shortly before 9 am, the Manitoulin OPP, alongside the Sudbury-Manitoulin Paramedic Services, responded to a residence in Burpee and Mills Township regarding an infant with no vital signs. The infant was transported to a local hospital by paramedics and later pronounced deceased.

On Thursday, July 31, 40-year-old Sean Leblanc and 26-year-old Sarah Turner, both from Burpee, were arrested and charged with second degree murder, contrary to section 235(1) of the Criminal

Both accused remain in custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on Thursday, August

The investigation is being conducted by the Manitoulin OPP crime unit, under the direction of the OPP criminal investigation

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is urged to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

#### Morgen Hare suing M'Chigeeng First Nation for dismissal as chief

M'CHIGEENG—Morgen Hare, who was dismissed by M'Chigeeng First Nation band council as Gimaa (Chief) as of June 30, 2025, has brought an application to federal court to have this decision declared unlawful, due to what he says is council's decision being made contrary to the terms of the M'Chigeeng custom election code, and was unreasonable. Mr. Hare will seek a court order to ensure that the council takes no steps to interfere with his fulfilling his duties as chief or to replace him through a by-election.

"I will be serving M'Chigeeng with the notice of application tomorrow and an injunction to try and stop a by-election being called in October (for the vacant position of chief)," said Mr. Hare. "When the sitting chief is healthy and ready to go, I can't understand why they have dismissed me.'

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#### Attempted murder charge laid following WTPS officer stabbing

by Tom Sasvari

WIIKWEMKOONG—One individual has been charged with attempted murder after a Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) officer was seriously injured last week.

As was reported in last week's edition of The Expositor, on Monday, July 28, at approximately 5 am, officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a request for assistance from WTPS in relation to a knife-related incident on Andrew Crescent in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT). During the incident, a WTPS officer sustained serious injuries and was airlifted to hospital by Ornge.

As a result of the investigation, Wahkan Eshkibok, 20-years old from Wiikwemkoong, was charged with attempt to commit murder, contrary to section 239(1)(b) of the Criminal Code.

The accused remains in custody and was scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on Wednesday, July 30.

"The WTPS is maintaining the investigation into the incident and the OPP assisted in the stabbing charges," said Constable Berkley Pa-

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige, fifth from right, during the Huntsville meeting between the leadership of 39 Ontario First Nations and Premier Doug Ford, centre, recently.

# Gore Bay takes control of development of former Woods Lane Apts. complex

hy Tom Sasvar

GORE BAY—Gore Bay town council has passed a bylaw that will allow it to control any development on property where the Woods Lane Apartment building is located for at least a year, to allow time for the town to have a planner to do a study of the best housing use for the property. It is owned by Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS). The apartment building was extensively damaged in a fire on April 1.

At a special meeting of Gore Bay council on Monday, July 14, "we gave direction to staff in order to control what will happen on that property, to draft an interim control bylaw, which is good for a year," said Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane. "With this bylaw we control any development of the property and the owner (OAHS) will not be able to rebuild during that period," he said, noting OAHS had taken out a demolition permit for the building after the fire. "We have to do a planning study to determine the best use for the property and can amend our

current zoning bylaw to allow for the possibility of other types of use other than the current one," said Mayor Lane.

As council has raised previously, "social housing is needed, but is not the best for the town in that location," said Mayor Lane. He said the action taken by the council was after getting legal advice and the actions taken are all included in the Planning Act.

"We had reached out to the OAHS CAO several times," said Mayor Lane. "Harry (Schlange) former town manager/clerk and I both sent several messages to the CAO to have a meeting. But he would never agree to have a meeting. We even told him at the end that if we did not hear back from them (OAHS) in a week we would be forced to take action. We did not hear back after the last attempt, so council took action to protect the best interest of the town."

"The interim control bylaw freezes develop-

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# PHSD admits 'human error' in hourslong NEMI drinking water advisory delay

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—A disruption in service at the Little Current water treatment plant on June 27 caused a days-long drinking water advisory and saw residents go without potable water and businesses to shut down services, which raised concerns at the Northeast Town council table.

Keith Stringer, Ontario Clean Water Agency's (OCWA) operations manager, was invited to a July meeting of council to speak to the issue and answer questions of mayor and council. The town, like all other Manitoulin municipalities with municipal water and sewer, has a maintenance and supervisory contact with OCWA to oversee these vital services.

Mr. Stringer explained that on June 27 there was a planned power outage for all of Manitoulin. "The usual procedure is to head in early and start the backup generator," he explained. "We did so, half an hour early. After 40 minutes the generator shut down and at that point we lost pressure in the distribution centre."

# Pride Week Manitoulin offers great family fun

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—This year's Manitoulin Pride Week starts on Thursday, August 7 with a Pride Sunrise Ceremony at the Kenjgewin Teg Teaching Lodge in M'Chigeeng (from 6 to 7 am). Later that evening, 6 to 7:30 pm, there will be a flag raising and drum circle on the Little Current town docks (near the Market Pavilion at the east end of the docks, capped off with a Queer Trivia Night at the Manitoulin Brewing Company (43 Manitowaning Road in Little Current).

Friday, there will be a Sunset Music Series event from 6:30 to 9 pm at Huron Island Time in Providence Bay featuring Grumps/Kelley Brewer and Nettish solo. The action takes place on the boardwalk, 24 Mutchmor Street in Providence Bay.

Any time there's a loss of pressure it could mean backflow, which could in then turn mean contaminates could have entered the system. At that point, the Ministry of Environment Spill Centre and Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) must be notified.

"PHSD was not quick with its response," Mr. Stringer said, noting there was a nine-hour span of time between the call and the issuance of a drinking water advisory. In the meantime, CAO Dave Williamson and Mr. Stringer determined that they would issue a boil water advisory for the residents of Little Current.

On June 29, after two water samples passed inspection, 24 hours apart, the drinking water advisory was lifted, three hours after the results came in.

Mr. Stringer explained that the plant generator had received maintenance on May 12. At that time, it was found that it was low on coolant, which was then topped up. "The findings after June 27 found a few issues," Mr. Stringer said. "The coolant level was low because the engine was on full heat, which had evaporated most of the coolant, and the low-level

#### Anishinabek Nation delivers clear message to Premier Ford: treaty rights are legal rights

by Jacqueline St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter HUNTSVILLE—After meeting with Ontario Premier Doug Ford on July 21, Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige of the Anishinabek Nation delivered a clear message: the ongoing environmental and treaty issues facing Indigenous peoples are not about goodwill or charity—they are about legal rights and respect.

"We're not asking for handouts," Chief Debassige said. "We're asserting jurisdiction. The right to clean water, to breathe safe air, to harvest food and medicine—those are rights being violated."

The meeting was a rare formal engagement between the Premier and leadership representing 39 First Nations across Ontario. While it covered a broad agenda, the focus returned repeatedly to the historic treaty relationship and the province's duty to recognize and respect Indigenous rights.

Chief Debassige emphasized that the treaty relationship—rooted in the historic Treaty of Niagara—is the foundation for how the province must engage with First Nations.

"The treaties still exist," she

said. "Canada fights against that, but those treaties cannot be broken. There is opportunity in respecting those rights—opportunity for free trade between our nations, our brothers and sisters across the border."

She described the importance of First Nations having meaningful, direct relationships with governments at all levels, not just token consultations.

"We can't be treated like jurisdictional pinballs—bounced around from one level of government to another," Chief Debassige said. "First Nations need real seats at the decision-making tables. Rights aren't checkboxes."

The Grand Chief also expressed frustration with how provincial legislation, such as Bill 5, has been developed without meaningful consultation or co-creation with Indigenous leadership.

"It feels like an invitation to the table, but it's the table they set and the rules they make," she said. "That's not real partnership."

Despite the challenges, Chief Debassige remains focused on the future

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#### Boy has nasty fall from Cup and Saucer adventure trail

by Tom Sasvari

BIDWELL—An 11-year-old boy from the Sudbury area is fortunate to have only sustained a broken arm after a serious fall on the Cup and Saucer trail. The boy lost his balance trying to climb down one of the ladders on the trail and fall 30 feet, then fell from another ledge a farther 15 feet to the ground.

"The incident took place on Sunday of this past weekend," stated Forest Schut, chief of the M'Chigeeng Volunteer Fire Department on Wednesday of last week. "The boy was with some of his family members and was trying to climb down a ladder on the trail. He lost his balance and fell about 30 feet, bouncing off some trees and falling on the first level, bouncing off the ledge and then falling about another fifteen feet where he landed on cedar boughs, leaves and

tree needles." He was fortunate not to hit any boulders on the trail, said the fire chief.

The M'Chigeeng Fire Department responded to the call from Manitoulin-Sudbury EMS paramedics to provide lift assistance for the boy, at approximately 11:30 am on Sunday, July 20.

"The boy broke his arm, had a couple of scrapes on his back and was shook up," said Fire Chief Schut. "Overall, he was in very good shape for what he went through and was coherent. He was in good spirits, singing when we carried him out."

Fire Chief Schut explained, "five of our firefighters showed up. We travelled 1.5 kilometres up the trail from the parking lot to the scene of the incident. We were the first at the scene and we did an assessment on the

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# Majority of CUPW-represented workers reject Canada Post's final offers

OTTAWA—The Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) has informed Canada Post Corporation that a majority of employees represented by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) have voted to reject the corporation's final offers to both the Urban and RSMC (Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers) bargaining units. This means negotiations between the parties remain unresolved.

"While we are disappointed in the results, we want to thank employees for participating in the process. We would also like to thank the CIRB for administering the vote," Canada Post said in a release. "This result does not lessen the urgent need to modernize and protect this vital national service. However, it does mean the uncertainty that has been significantly impacting our business and the many Canadians and Canadian businesses who depend on Canada Post, will continue. We are evaluating our next steps."

Two-thirds of the Urban and RSMC bargaining units voted against what Canada Post has called its final offer.

The offer included wage hikes of about 13 percent over four years, but it also would have added part-time workers that Canada Post has said are necessary to keep the postal service afloat.

Voting took place July 21-August 1.

Jan Simpson, CUPW's national president, had urged unionized

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# One Manitowaning Road opinion

#### <u>editorial</u>

#### Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink in NEMI

The recent drinking water advisory in the Town of Little Current saw homes and businesses forced to resort to bottled water for several days. In the case of businesses, many had to shut down during a busy summer season weekend—losing custom that cannot be re-

While the challenges of not having access to clean water over the course of a summer weekend hardly compares to that of many First Nations who still do not have consistent access to clean and safe drinking water, it provided a glimpse into what those communities

It was to The Expositor's dismay to learn that the length of the advisory was, in large part, due to an administrative holdup at Public Health Sudbury and Districts. It seems that the person who was on call during that weekend did not have the authority to lift the advisory once such was put in place. It was reportedly three hours before the person in authority was contacted and informed of the clear test results.

Having down time is an important part of keeping staff productive and efficient, and budgetary constraints may mean that staff are often limited in numbers, but gambling that no issues will crop up should never be in the cards. It is local businesses and the economy that take the hit—never mind the inconvenience and stress that a drinking water advisory incur—especially an unnecessarily

"Water is life." It is a phrase that those living in close proximity to First Nations communities probably hear far more often than

isolated urban dwellers, but it is one that is held deeply by Indigenous communities. So much so, that individuals such as Water Protectors Josephine Mandamin baa and her niece Autumn Peltier have devoted their lives to bringing awareness of the plight of the water in this country.

Indigenous youth understand the importance of water, as The Expositor witnessed this weekend during the annual Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival when a young kwe in jingle dress regalia stopped to pour a small libation out of her water bottle to honour the water before drinking. The manner in which the act took place made it clear this was not something done for the benefit of the observer, but rather an instinctive action. The young dancer had no way of knowing she was being observed. Her action was quick, unobtrusive and natural.

Water is life and access to clean drinking water should be a right. It is not something that should be gambled with, nor should the institutions we have in place to ensure that water is safe and accessible gamble with the economies of small rural/urban communities. Especially not during one of the most critical times of the year for the sustainability of their operations—Island businesses face enough challenges as it is, thank you very much

Public Health Sudbury and Districts does a laudable job the vast majority of the time, but the administrative hurdles present during the busy summer tourist season must be remedied. Delays such as those experienced during the recent drinking water advisory must be dealt with quickly.

#### letter

#### Writer challenges decision to publish brewery 10th story

Alcohol is killing young people with cancer, diabetes and live disease to name a few

To the Expositor:

To see the Split Rail Brewery 10th year anniversary celebration in The Expositor is extremely distressing realizing the owners have no concern for their customers as we know the damage alcohol causes in our society. Read the OPP reports as alcohol

tops the list for causing family break-ups, accidents, robberies and association with other drugs. The poor example they show for our young people is sad. Profit over people comes first.

Alcohol is taking the same road as cigarettes did years ago.

Alcohol is killing our young people with cancer, diabetes, liver disease and I could go on and on. We are slow to see the same thing happening as with tobacco.

Lyle Dewer Providence Bay

#### Manitowaning man raises funds for food bank with cycle ride

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—Joseph Caulfield, a resident of Manitowaning, is encouraging Island residents, both permanent and seasonal, to provide non-perishable food items that will be presented to the Manitoulin Food Bank as he gets set to embark on his second annual bicycle ride from Manitowaning to Mindemoya, picking up the food items at bins along the way.

'Last year we were able to raise close to \$2,000 worth of non-perishable food items provided through the support of the public (a total of 275 non-perishable food items), and this year, the goal is to get to \$3,000 worth. at least," Mr. Caulfield told The Expositor last week.

"I am going to be taking the same route this year on the ride. from Manitowaning to Mindemoya," said Mr. Caulfield, noting the ride will be taking place on Sunday, August 31.

Mr. Caulfield and his wife Katharine moved to Manitoulin in May 2024. As he did last year, he is encouraging residents on the Island to donate non-perishable food items in six bin locations set up along the route from Manitowaning to Mindemoya (ending at the Manitoulin Food Bank). As well, residents can leave the food items by their mailboxes on the day of the ride to be picked up by a truck accompanying Mr. Caulfield on his ride.

Mr. Caulfield, who owns a bicycle company on the Island, Bike Whizzards, grew up in London, England. When he and his wife moved into their home



Joseph Caulfield, a Manitowaning resident, will be embarking on his second annual bicycle ride from Manitowaning to Mindemoya on August 31. Mr. Caulfield is encouraging both permanent and seasonal residents of Manitoulin to provide non-perishable food items at bins along the ride route that will be presented to the Manitoulin Food Bank. In photo, from left, taken at the end of last year's ride are Katharine Caulfield, Dave Banks, Joseph Caulfield, Ray Corbiere.

in Manitowaning, they found that the previous owners had left many good items like kayaks and food, which they donated to the food bank.

"The whole idea is that it is the end of summer, and many people will be going home from camp for the season and leaving the Island," Mr. Caulfield said. "We ask that, before leaving camp for the season for them to look in their food cupboard and donate non-perishable food items toward the cause,. What is collected could help the food bank stock up needed food items for the winter."

"We are holding this annual ride on the same weekend every year, the Labour Day long weekend," said Mr. Caulfield.

Mr. Caulfield said he will be putting bins out by Friday, August 14 at the Guardian Pharmacy, Home Hardware and Canada Post Corporation buildings in both Manitowaning and Mindemoya. "As the ride is taking place on a Sunday, everything will be loaded on a truck on Friday, August 29," he pointed out.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Mr. Caulfield is already making plans for next year's ride, telling The Expositor, "Next year, I will be riding from Little Current to Manitowaning and from there to Mindemoya.

# Wiikwemkoong Music and Arts Festival highlights great talent

**by Michael Erskine**WIIKWEMKOONG—This year's edition of the Wiikwemkoong Music and Arts Festival (WAMF) featured a more laidback evening of entertainment with a country-rootsblues vibe. Artists performing included William Prince, Crystal Shawanda and Alicia Asp-Chief

Headliner William Prince demonstrated how he became a two-time JUNO Award winner, delivering a spellbinding set featuring new songs and cuts from his five albums. Mr. Prince has garnered serious accolades in his career, including the prestigious John Prine Songwriter Fellowship and an American Honours and Awards nomination.

Given his performance on Friday night, it is clear how Mr. Prince has sold



William Prince is a two-time JUNO Award winner and sells out shows at venues like Massey Hall. The singer's country/folk vibe was perfect for a laidback mid-summer evening.



Wiikwemkoong songbird Crystal Shawanda might not "sing pretty" but she sure does sing. Her powerful voice is beautifully suited to the blues.



Winner of the Master Chef youth division Sarina holds her zhooniyaa a cool \$500. She also won a barbecue and Odawa Mniss Chef Hat. She is flanked by Chef Joe Shawana and Wiiky Tourism's Luke Wasseqijiq



Judges in the Indigenous Tourism Ontario Master Chef (youth edition) discuss the entries with contestants.

pretty" as the title of one of her songs suggests, but she sure can sing.

Ms. Shawanda's daughter, Zsa Zsa (Zhaawande) delivered her first solo performance on the same stage that launched her mother's career while proud mom stood in the wings offering gentle encouragement. Zsa Zsa is destined for great things.

Opening the show was Alicia Asp-Chief, whose powerful R and B stylings reached deep into her listener's souls with contemporary themes that remain timeless.

Closing out the musical program was Quique Escamilla who brought an unforgettable fusion



Alicia Asp-Chief brought her impressive vocal talent to the Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival. Ms. Asp-Chief is a contemporary Indigenous artist from the Algonquin and Tahltan Nations, proudly residing in Ottawa

especially with the judges who were the lucky recipients of the plated entries.

Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Tim Ominika, who was one of the judges, said that it was a very difficult task to choose a winner.

To enter the contest, each contestant had to post a 30-second video introducing themselves, showcasing some of their skills and why they wanted to participate. Each contestant was given an identical black box of ingredients, their own culinary workstation and two induction burners and an oven. Each chef had oneand-a-half hours to make a dish for the judging.

In fourth place, winning \$100 and a T-shirt was Junior Chef Mariah; in third place was Lily, taking home \$200 and T-shirt; in second place was Amy, winning \$300, a cooker and an Odawa M'nis Chef's hat; and it was first place winner, Sarina, who took home \$500, a barbecue and a Odawa M'nis Chef's hat.

In the Mentor Division, it was Hiawatha Osawamick in third place, Joseph Shawana in second place and Duglas Trudeau in first place. Top bragging honours went to the winner of the best moose burger.

An Indigenous Fashion

Show 'Honouring our Water Protectors and Land Guardians' featuring Little Feather and Jocelyn Kagige of Little Feather Couture and Minwaate Designs showcased some of the best work of these internationally renowned designers.

As a special treat, there was a Smoke Dance vs Fancy Dance Showdown that brought high energy and plenty of excitement to the arena.

WAMF 2025 was a stellar success thanks to the hard work of organizer Jason Manitowabi, who cited his crew of helpers for making the day the success that it was.



Model Gordie Odjig and daughter, fashion designer Tashina, are joined by Lorraine Migwans and her daughter Montana of rock, reggae and tra-Manitowabi following the fashion show.

\*\*Table 1 Manager Hall\*\* tal Shawanda was the

out shows at Massey Hall and other venues. His songs strike deep emotional chords that every-

one can relate to. Hometown kwe Crysfeatured artist and she brought her explosive blues voice to the stage and the audience members to their feet. Ms. Shawanda may not "sing ditional Mexican sounds bearing powerful messages to the ear.

The Odawa M'nis Master Chef Showdownvouth edition was a great hit during the festival,



The Art Show tent was a popular diversion that showcases the best in art created in Wiikwemkoong. Thanks to a host of volunteers the show provided plenty of information about local art.

#### Police seize handgun, taser and suspected drugs at traffic stop in Sheguiandah

Three people are facing charges after police located weapons and suspected drugs during a traffic stop.

On Wednesday, July 23, at approximately 8 pm, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) observed a vehicle veering onto the shoulder and struggling to maintain a consistent speed on Highway 6 in Sheguiandah. A traffic stop was conducted, and further investigation resulted in the three vehicle occupants being arrested.

Additionally, police seized a handgun, a taser, a knife, an amount of suspected fentanyl with an estimated street value of \$5,600, an amount of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of \$4,800, an amount of suspected psilocybin and approximately \$7,200 in Canadian currency.

The driver, Tyson Fox, 29 years old of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation, was charged with: failure to comply with release order, four counts of careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition, two counts of possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, possession of prohibited ammunition for dangerous purpose, two counts of carrying concealed weapon, carry concealed prohibited device, unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted



firearm, unauthorized possession of a weapon, possession of a prohibited device or ammunition, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was prohibited device or ammunition, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking.

The passenger, Robert Manitowabi, 41 years old from Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, was charged with: possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order, three counts of failure to comply with release order, allegation of breach conditional sentence, four counts of careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition, two counts of possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, two counts of carrying concealed weapon, carry concealed prohibited device or ammunition, unauthorized possession of prohibited or restricted firearm, unauthorized possession of weapon, possession of a prohibited device or ammunition, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a prohibited or restricted weapon, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a prohibited device or ammunition, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid, possession of schedule III substance for the purpose of trafficking.

The second passenger, Chassity Corbierre, 43 years old from Sudbury, was charged with four counts of careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition, two counts of possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, two counts of possession of prohibited device or ammunition for dangerous purpose, two counts of carrying concealed weapon, carry concealed prohibited device or ammunition, unauthorized possession of prohibited or restricted firearm, unauthorized possession of weapon, possession of a prohibited device or ammunition, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a prohibited or restricted weapon, occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a prohibited device or ammunition, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid, pos-

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# Friends and Neighbours

#### Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here awith your friendly August fly on the fly!

If your entry halls and cars aren't filled with sand, sandals, water shoes, surf and turf sporting equipment, toys, bug spray, sunglasses, towels and hats, you're doing it wrong.

Summer is fast, furious, fun and most of all messy. Nothing good comes neatly packaged and perfect and that's what makes it perfect!

The unpredictable days of spontaneity and splendor, of overextended and overlapping schedules, of visits from family, friends, neighbours, unexpected wildlife and weather are what make the magic and memories that lift and carry us over the winter drifts, warm our hearts and spirit through the off season. Keep doing your best, keep smiling and let it all in! Pay attention to every sunrise and sunset. Enjoy the little things, sounds, smells, palpable beauty that is blossoming and bursting all around you. Manitoulin Island is sporting her best right now, rolling hills, spans of yellows, purples, oranges and reds that bleed and brushstroke their way into your soul and stay for all of the seasons of your life.

Here's what's happening: Providence Bay Arena and Fairgrounds: No big events this weekend. If you would like some more information about the August Providence Bay Fair that takes place August 15 to 17, check out the Providence Bay Fair Facebook page.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: August is the busiest month for our little church and for the Providence Bay Agricultural Society who are busy gearing up for this year's fair!

The Church will be hosting their annual quilting demo on August 16 from 11 am to 3 pm, come on by and say hello! Check the Providence Bay Community of Christ Facebook page for announcements and updates!

Providence Bay Curling Club: The bake sale and yard sale were awesome, thanks to everyone who volunteered and came out in support!

Check the Providence Bay Curling Club Facebook page for details.

The Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions are launching their new progressive lottery "Catch the Ace" to benefit the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Inc. Tickets are \$5 and are available at Mindemoya Grill & Chill, D.A. Williamson and Sons. Huron Island Time, Buie's Grocery and via Lions Club members. The first draw takes place Tuesday, August 12 at 7 pm and will be broadcast live on the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Facebook page. From each ticket sale, 20 percent funds the weekly jackpot, 30 percent contributes to the progressive jackpot, and 50 percent goes directly to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Inc.

Providence Bay Beach: is an amazing 2 km sand beach on Lake Huron coast that is open to the public. Play safe and enjoy the beautiful beaches, boardwalk and epic sunrises, moonrises and sunsets.

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Sunset Music Series: The series offi-

cially Marshalled in the new music season and this weekend is Pride Weekend!! Friday, August 8 catch the Grumps, Kelly Brewer and Nettish (solo); Saturday, August 9 catch J3M & Wild Black. This is not a ticketed event, but you can support your local musicians by donation side of the stage show. Note if the show gets rained out, it is always pushed to the next show day! Location: Providence Bay beside Huron Island Time. Parking and washrooms at the site. The music series features great musicians and artists who take to the stage right beside the Boardwalk and Discovery Centre every weekend though July and August from 6:30 to 9 pm. Bring your blankets and chairs!

Reuse/Recycle: The Providence Bay Reuse Shed is at the Providence Bay Transfer Station. For more information contact 705-377-5726. Visit the transfer station at 4077 Government Road. Summer hours are Thursday, Saturday or Sunday from 2 to 6 pm until the September long weekend.

The Lions Club Bottle Drive continues next to the arena; this program is open to the public and we encourage everyone to drop off their used bottles and cans. Your empties help fund great local initiatives.

The Heavens: Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos. Next full moon is Saturday, August 9 - Sturgeon Moon.

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you early August babies! Thoughts and regards to friends and family of Norm Morrell. Norm was a dedicated part of the Providence Bay Fair for many years lighting up the stage as Master of Ceremonies. He will be well remembered and well missed. Thoughts and regards to the Featherstone family and Debassige family as you remember and honour your beloved Patriarchs. They will be dearly missed and well-remembered. Welcome visiting friends and neighbours to Manitoulin Island, we wish you a wonderful, happy and safe summer holiday!

Check out your favourite local businesses, art galleries and restaurants social pages for special events, the Summer Pages and Manitoulin Eats in this paper, visit the Central Manitoulin Township webpage or visit exploremanitoulin.com for updates on all the events happening near you.

Happy Pride Weekend Manitoulin! For information on this weekend's events visit: https://pridemanitoulin.ca.

"There's nothing, absolutely nothing, half so much worth doing as messing about in boats."

- Kenneth Grahame, 'Wind in the Willows'

#### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

The nice weather has folks out to use the covered rink at the Kagawong River Complex (or as we still fondly refer to it as the Pickle Dome). It has been a great addition to the community and while we at Team Fergmeijer appreciate the current minimalist feel of the dome, it has been suggested that it might be time to zhuzh it up a bit. Which, predictably, has led us to launch a completely informal, not-affiliated-with-the-township and unlikely to get approval, mural design competition. We were thinking perhaps pickles playing tennis but have your say and send us your suggestions for imagery to be added to the giant blank canvas that is the roof of the rink (fergmeijer@gmail.com).

Love without limits, pride without borders. Pride Manitoulin is back! Beginning tomorrow and lasting all weekend (August 7-10) there are activities for all ages happening all over the Island, including concerts, creativity workshops, drag shows, worship services, trivia nights, bingo and more. And yes, there's a parade! Check out pridemanitoulin.ca for more information, times and locations.

Things are heating up at the librarythey hold Summer Fun Days for youth 5-10 years old each Tuesday throughout the summer. Stop in from 10 to 11 am for games, crafts and stories.

You remind me of the babe. What babe? The babe with the power. What power? The power of voodoo. Who do? You do. Do what? Remind me of the babe! Calling all 80s babies - this Saturday the library is hosting their annual summer beach movie, showing Labyrinth starring David Bowie! Show starts at 9 pm; admission is by donation. Bring your own beach chair or floatie!

Happy birthday to Lisa H as she celebrates her 29th birthday. We cannot express how wonderful we think it is that you were once so very young.

Today is a very special day for Kagawong power couple Mel and Jim Clark as they celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary! It really does give us proof of the power of love (and maybe noise-cancelling headphones).

If you missed the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the township's draft waste management by-law, here's an opportunity you can't, ahem, refuse. A second public consultation period is now being held to gather additional feedback on the revised version of the by-law and the supporting policy. No trash talking though - serious comments only as Billings Township looks to modernize waste management. The consultation runs until August 22 and can be found at https://www.billingstwp.ca/live-here/waste-and-recycling/.

We never thought yoga would fix our posture, but we stand corrected! On Saturdays, seniors (55+) are invited to dropin yoga classes at the Kagawong Park Centre at 9:30 am. Beginners and experienced yogis are welcome. Classes are \$5 each and run Saturdays until August 16th.

The museum is hosting its annual History Day in Kagawong on Thursday, August 14, featuring Kagawong's favourite celebrity, Steve Paikin! He will be speaking with local historians Candy Tracy, Dianne Fraser and Lois Linley. There will be historical photos and home movies dating back 100 years and the Manitoulin Swing Band will be performing. Come out for the matinee at 3:30 pm or the evening show at 7:30 pm. Admission is free, though donations to the museum

are appreciated.

Billings residents, property owners, business owners and other stakeholders are invited to review the proposed draft by-law on shipping container use and to let council know your thoughts and suggestions. The proposed by-law and the consultation form can be found on the township website (billingstwp.ca/town-hall/by-laws-and-policies).

We have another pun to share about the roof of the outdoor rink, but it might go over your head. Have a great week!

#### Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, July 25 we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay in the evening.

On Saturday there was a market in our yard in the morning with several vendors and lots of shoppers. It was nice to have Jean Steeves and her daughter, Sherry, come from Sudbury to join us. The next one will be on Saturday, August 9 and we hope to have one each Saturday the rest of August. We will continue to raise funds for the Angel Bus.

On Saturday afternoon the recycle bins were open. Lots of people were out.

On Saturday afternoon a lot of people attended the funeral for Ardeth Burmaster at the Burpee/Mills Complex.

On Saturday evening there was a 60th anniversary party for Lyle and Anne Addison at the Silver Water Community Hall. The family did a great job of organizing and there was a good crowd out to offer their congratulations. King Charles sent a certificate of congratulations.

On Monday night we went to euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex. We had a good time.

There was fire practice on Tuesday night. The team went to Stop 540 for practice to check out any issues there might be with a fire call.

On Wednesday I went to Gore Bay. The Meredith Street construction is well under way on the opposite side of the road now.

On Thursday evening there was euchre at the Silver Water Hall.

Gladys Duncanson and I have been swimming almost every day. The water in Silver Lake is at a perfect temperature right now. We had a visit with Matt Blue and his family one day at the lake. The children sure enjoyed the water.

Shirley Anne Smyth LeSage and her husband Robin were at their cottage for a few days and have gone home to Cowansville now.

We had the first yellow beans out of the garden for supper Thursday night. They were very good. We had a cucumber out of Murray's garden too. Our plants are just now flowering.

Shawn Noble and his daughter, Tamara, found blueberries growing on his property on Burnt Island Road. They have picked from the patch a few times already and will have more soon.

Condolences to the family of Kevin Bailey.

Condolences to the family of Vera Bailey.

Manitoulin Pet Rescue

#### Anishinabek Nation delivers clear message

noted the imbalance.

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"We are pushing back and advocating for our Nations to be at the right tables, the right spaces," she said. "This isn't just about protecting our lands—it's about nation-building and moving forward with respect for treaty relationships.'

Chief Debassige also called attention to the economic contributions of First Nations within Ontario and

across Canada.

'Our Nations contribute a lot to local economies, to municipalities. That needs to be recognized and respected as well." she said.

#### ...control of development of former Apt. complex

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ment for a year, so we can study the best use for the property," continued Mayor Lane. "A tender for hiring a planner, which we need for other things, will be going out shortly."

He explained that OAHS cannot oppose the interim control bylaw in court during the first year. "We want

development, but we want to be sure it is the type of development that the town needs. There is a huge lack of attainable residential housing in Gore Bay and council needs to take steps to address that. Given the location of this property is within the centre of our downtown, we need to be sure this particular property is re-developed in a manner that is in the best interest of the town.

Reflecting on the ongoing negotiations with the prov-

"We've had more conversations with Ontario than

ince and federal government, Grand Chief Debassige

Canada," she said. "That's a disappointment, but we

continue to work toward being acknowledged and re-

"Nations are frustrated and still left in the dark.

That's unacceptable. We cannot allow history to repeat

itself. We need to go beyond land acknowledgments and

superficial reconciliation. The treaties are the law, and

She concluded with a sharp warning.

#### PHSD admits 'human error' in hours-long delay

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alarm was faulty." All these issues have since been repaired, he added.

"The issue is the delay," said Mr. Williamson. "We're talking nine hours that the townspeople were using water that could have been contaminated. We went to the Spill Centre immediately but no answer. Keith (Stringer) says this is a common issue.'

On Sunday, June 29, the day the advisory was eventually lifted, Mr. Williamson said he had 17 members of staff at the ready, being paid overtime, to hand out flyers to advise taxpayers of the end of the advisory. "We had people waiting from 12:30 to 2:15 pm."

Council asked what steps are being taken at the plant level to ensure this doesn't happen again. Mr. Stringer responded that generator inspections are now occurring weekly instead of monthly.

Burgess Hawkins, manager of environmental health at PHSD, told The Expositor that the initial call PHSD received stated that the water plant had low pressure, but still had pressure. "There was no need for the is-

suance of a water advisory at that time. Then we had a call that one of the buildings reported no pressure at

Mr. Hawkins admitted that there was a delay in getting back to OCWA and the municipality.

"The inspector on call is the one who (issues a water advisory)—he is the point of contact," Mr. Hawkins explained. "It has to go higher than him. This would go to the manager who then informs the medical officer of health."

He said the process has now been changed (effective before the June 27 issue) so that the decision can now be made at the manager's level.

'There was a delay, I completely admit that," Mr. Hawkins said. "We've been doing this a long time. It normally works at a good speed and it took longer than it should have. It was human error on our part and is not reflective of our usual response."

Mr. Hawkins said PHSD is currently reviewing the processes to see how they may be further streamlined to avoid future delays.

# ...Boy has nasty fall from Cup and Saucer

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boy, and put a sling on his arm, as we carried him out." He explained that to transport the boy, "we travelled using the quarry pit owned by Randy Noble, below the trail. I knew the area was good and is flat ground to make it easier to travel. The ambulance met us at the quarry, and the paramedics did a follow-up assessment on the boy and then transported him to hospital."

Fire Chief Schut had also called the Central Manito-

ulin Fire Department to assist, "Fire Chief Phil Gosse was on the scene to back us up, and there were other members of their fire crew that were going to come out to the scene but we notified them they could stand down. It is great to have the cooperation of Central Manitoulin and M'Chigeeng Fire departments and the paramedics on hand. It is always good when neighbouring communities respond to help out as well."

The boy was fortunate, it could have been a whole lot worse for him," added Fire Chief Schut.

#### ... Majority of CUPW-represented workers reject final offers

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workers to turn down the offer in order to protect the integrity of the bargaining process, and she criticized federal Jobs Minister Patty Hajdu for having asked the CIRB to step in and put Canada Post's latest offer to a

"By saying yes, we tell

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Saturday, there are

creativity workshops

at the NEMI Recre-

Bowie.

Also on Friday, there is PRIDE in the

Park concert at Low Island in Little Cur-

rent, with local artists and tributes to

Elton John, Freddie Mercury and David

them that it's acceptable to ignore free and fair collective bargaining, dismiss our union's democratic processes and structures, and send a message to governments that its okay to trample over your rights as a worker," she had said in a statement on July 17.

Dan Kelly, president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, said in a statement August 1 that the results add, "more uncertainty at a time when small businesses are already struggling to plan ahead.' He called on the federal agreement for

government to extend the current collective bargaining the foreseeable future and added that the "govern-Pride Week Manitoulin

Intro to Archery with Rainbow Hood takes place from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Four Directions Complex in Aundeck Omni Kaning

Beyond the Badge: A community conversation on relationship building and

hope will be hosted at the NEMI Rec Centre from 5 to 6 pm.

The Sunset Music Series takes the stage again in Providence Bay from 6:30 to 9 pm featuring J3M and Wild Black on the boardwalk.

Queer Music Bingo is always a popular event, and this year it will take place at the

NEMI Rec Centre from 7 to 8:30 pm. This is a 19+ event that will be followed by a Drag Show and Dance with music by DJ Tom-A-Haw. Featuring in the drag event of the year will be Pharaoh Moans—The ment also needs to immediately give Canada Post the full authority to make major reforms needed to ensure it is financially sustainable."





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#### Visit the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay!

The Net Shed Museum, located at the west end of Manitoulin Island, is open from Saturday, June 28th, until Sunday, August 17th.

Come and learn about the lives of settlers and the early lumbering, fishing and limestone quarrying industries starting in the late 1800s.

Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm.

Closed daily from 12:30 pm to 1 pm, and on Mondays.

Free admission but donations appreciated.



For further information, contact the Meldrum Bay Historical Society at 416-522-3885 or netshedmuseum@gmail.com.

#### ation Centre from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, PRIDE MANITOULIN including Two-Spirit workshops and painting with Ozhawa INTO THE CURRENT Aung Kwe, beading with Nina and 'Juggling Mental Health (intro to juggling) on

the ice surface. Split Rail Brewery will be hosting live music from 1 pm to 3 pm in Gore Bay featuring Nettish, Clau Arcand and Kelly Brewer.

There will be an Express Yourself makeup tutorial at the NEMI Rec Centre from 1 to 3 pm.

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# ...Morgen Hare suing M'Chigeeng First Nation for dismissal as chief

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The grounds for the application state, "Gimaa Hare has not been afforded procedural fairness as it relates to council's June 30, 2025, decision to remove him from the office of chief. Council has not provided the justification and explanation required in communicating the reasons of its decision and Gimaa Hare has not been provided with a full opportunity to respond to the allegations against him as set out in council's June 30, 2025 decision. Prior to taking a medically directed



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Morgen Hare is suinng M'Chigeeng First Nation for wrongful dismissal. Mr. Hare was elected chief of the community in September 2023.

leave beginning March 5, 2025, Gimaa Hare advised the Enaagdenjged (Chief Administrative Officer Shannon Bebamash and (former) deputy Chief Ross Armstrong (who recently resigned) that he anticipated he would require such a leave. Upon being directed by his physician to refrain from work, Gimaa Hare sought, obtained and immediately provided written confirmation from his physician of his need to take leave to council and M'Chigeeng First Nation's administration. Council's conclusion that Gimaa Hare had no reasonable excuse to miss three consecutive council meetings was unreasonable, as was council's decision to remove him from the office of chief."

The legal counsel letter outlining the grounds for application also note in part, "Gimaa Hare has not accepted any employment with M'Chigeeng First Nation since beginning his term of office and is not aware of any information that has been submitted to council that indicates otherwise. Accordingly, there are no grounds for council to rely on or apply subsection 27(4) of the election code to remove Gimaa Hare from office."

This comes after Mr. Hare had received a letter from M'Chigeeng Administration Office which states, "As determined by M'Chigeeng First Nation council on June 30, 2025. In section 11 (E) the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom election code states the position of a council member will be deemed vacant if, during the term of office, the council member fails to attend more than three consecutive council meetings without, what is in

the opinion of council, reasonable excuse."

"It has been recognized that Morgen Hare has failed to attend more than three consecutive meetings," the M'Chigeeng letter continues. "In addition, after reviewing various forms of information, it is also the decision of the council that he did not have a reasonable excuse."

"In addition to this rationale, it has been brought forward that he is deemed an employee and as per section 27(4) of the election code, 'A council member who accepts employment with the M'Chigeeng First Nation during his or her term of office will be deemed to have resigned from council."

"Therefore, the 2023-2026 M'Chigeeng First Nation council deems that effective June 30, 2025, the seat of chief for the 2023-2026 term of office is vacant," the M'Chigeeng letter says.

Mr. Hare told The Expositor that in a council meeting where planning for meetings in 2025 was taking place, he had told council he would be unable to chair the February 20 meeting due to a medical appointment in Sudbury. This was reflected in the council meeting schedule for the year. "At that meeting I had said I wouldn't be able to make the February 20 meeting, so I recommended that it be held the following Thursday, but council said the deputy chief could chair that meeting."

In Mr. Hare's court application, it is stated that on or about March 4, Gimaa Hare advised the chief administrative officer, and deputy chief that he would require a leave of absence as a result of his health issues. It was further noted in the application that on March 5, Gimaa Hare provided a letter from his treating physician, dated March 4, 2025 notifying M'Chigeeng First Nation of advice for Gimaa Hare to remain off work for a period of 16 weeks. A further notice, dated June 27, was provided to M'Chigeeng First Nation extending the period of medical leave until July 11, but confirming that Gimaa Hare would be able to return to his duties as chief on July 14,2025."

The application also explains that on March 3, Gimaa Hare was informed of an executive management advisory committee meeting and decision that day to terminate Gimaa Hare access to his benefits and compensation package, which he had been relying on in support of his medical expenses.

The application for judicial review, further states, "on June 27, Gimaa Hare received a letter from the Enaagdenjged, requesting his attendance at a mandatory meeting with council on June 30 to "discuss out-

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# History Day In Kagawong Thursday Andust 1/1th

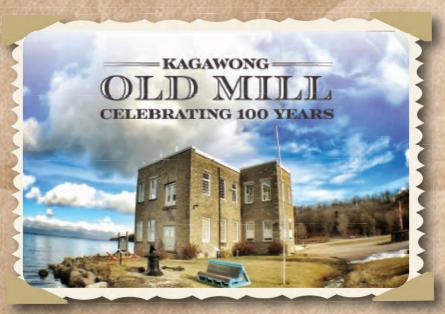
Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> Kagawong Park Centre

Matinee 3:30 pm / Evening 7:30 pm

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But donations in support of museum projects appreciated.

Refreshments to follow.



Historical photographs and home movies dating back 100 years!

TVO's
Steve Paiking
in conversation with local historians:
Lois Linley,
Dianne Fraser and Candy Tracy





# Art in the Maples outdoor festival this weekend in Evansvil

EVANSVILLE—The second annual 'Art in the Maples' outdoor festival will showcase art, music, wellness and

"Last year's festival was very successful and the feedback I we received was amazing. Everything turned

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drews, organizer of the event taking place this weekend August 9-10 in Evansville (50 Indian Point Road, providing a spectacular scenic view of the bay).'

We didn't have the best weather last year, with rain in the morning," said Ms. Andrews. "But no one seemed to care, and as one person said, 'music and rain, just like Woodstock'.

The annual festival features art, music, wellness and food. "We will have 40 plus artists on hand, including sculptors, painters, weavers, glass and fibre artists, photographers, potters, jewellers, mixed media and so much more," explained Ms. Andrews.

'We have many musicians on hand so there will be live music full-time, both days, and this year we have a professional sound manager, Mark Mallett on hand," said Ms. Andrews. "In fact, we had to turn down a couple of musicians who wanted to perform at the festival."

do Chavez, Marcus White, Marty Rosen and Missy's Groovy Little Band, while performers on Sunday will include George Williamson and Cole Hughson, Ellie Maxwell, Ricardo Chavez Marty Rosen, Chris Walker and The Swing Bridge Ramblers.

Wellness practitioners Melane Blain of Pure Relaxation Studio and Kate Kopylova of Raindrop Harmony Manitoulin will be among several wellness practi-

Parking is available for about 70 cars, on site, and include handicapped parking spots.

There will also be three vendors on hand for the weekend event, which is free. Master of ceremonies for the festival will be Ron Whittick.

For more information you can contact Ms. Andrews by phone or email, 905-914-0216, artinthemaples@gmail. com or artinthemaples.ca.

#### Judy Martin artist talk at Art Gallery of Sudbury

SUDBURY—The Art Gallery of Sudbury has announced an artist talk on the work of Manitoulin Island artist Judy Martin later this month.

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land-based environmental artist, geo-poet and curator Sophie Edwards will be interviewing exhibiting arts Judith E. Martin on her work, artistic practice and career. Ms. Martin will be available in the exhibition following the

The exhibition, entitled The Sky: New Quilts by Judy Martin, comprises hand-stitched textile art works and one sculptural component.

From her home on Manitowaning Bay, Judy Martin gazes daily at the vast blanket of sky stretching over the water. Each work is a prolonged durational work of time, labour and design, taking inspiration from the reassuring continuity of the cosmic circles and unseen stars above

Each work is completely unique, involving multiple uses of materials, including linen, silk, cotton, wool and multiple techniques including natural dying and over-dying, painting, embroidery and hand-stitching.

The artist grew up on a large rural property in local natural dyes using



Judy Martin, above, will be interviewed by fellow Islander and artist Sophie Edwards August 23 at Art Gallery of Sudbury.

Ontario. Northwestern Long solitary summers spent in the shade of willow trees with art supplies and books nurtured an inner dream world that has since become her main subject. For the last thirty years, Judy and her husband have continued to live far from the urban area on Manitoulin Island in the Great Lake Huron.

Ms. Martin combines traditional hand stitch,

domestic textiles to connect poetically with our own interior worlds. Her large format textiles are included in several Ontario public art collections (Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Cambridge), the Canada Council Art Bank, and the International Quilt Museum (Lincoln, Nebraska). Her work has been exhibited in more than 16 solo exhibitions and 49 group exhibitions across Canada, the United States, the UK, France, Germany and Japan. She holds an Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay Ontario (Chancellor's Medal) and Bachelor of Arts, Embroidered Textiles, First Class Honours, Middlesex University, London, England. She has been recognized with more than 13 grants and awards.

The artist talk will take place on Saturday, August 23 from 1-2 pm at 170 Elgin Street. The event is free to attend. Space is limited. To reserve your seat, RSVP online at artsudbury.org.





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#### Meeting # 489 313 1974 or call 1-587-328-1099

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# Pride Week Manitoulin

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sass queen of your dreams; Baby Bel Bel—Toronto's fun-loving pop culture drag queen; Karamilk-the flavour everyone craves-fierce and magnetic; Gender Slay Quoi—King energy turned all the way up; and the return of Mx. Pride Manitoulin!

Sunday, a Christian Pride Worship service takes place at the Little Current United Church from 10 to 11 am.

The PRIDE Parade and March sets out at 11:30 am to noon, starting at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Cen-

tre, ending at the Little Current United Church. Capping off the weekend will be a community barbecue at the church, with music by Tom-a-Haw.

As usual, Manitoulin Pride is bringing a host of great entertainment mixed with some educational and fun recreation activities thanks to the support of Mnaamodzawin Health Services and their Sex and Gender Diversity Program. Throughout the weekend be on the lookout for drag queens and stilt walkers bringing the PRIDE home.

Please see the ads on Page 14 and 15 for a full schedule.



## History Day in Kagawong will look back at 100 years of the community

KAGAWONG—The nual History Day in Kagawong will be focusing on local historians, photographs and home movies dating back 100 years of the community and of the Old Mill Heritage Museum, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. And, as an extra special treat, music is being

lin Swing Band. "We're sticking with the theme of the Old Mill Heritage Museum 100th anniversary celebration," stated museum curator Rick Nelson. "We're going to have the Manitoulin Swing Band perform twice at both the matinee and

provided by the Manitou-

evening history day events. They will be starting off the presentations and put a nice cap on the end of each program."

Mr. Nelson will be presenting a power point presentation featuring photographs and home movies dating back over 100 years in the community. "The photographs and home movies are being provided by the Lamb family of Whiskey Lane in the community. They are seasonal residents, having had five generations of family members live in Billings each summer. They have home movies and photographs relating to their time at the camp and what has taken place in the community over the years. We feature the videos in the museum, and to complement this will be presenting vintage photographs of the Old Mill, what the area looked before it was built, when it was being built right through to the present day.'

At intermission at each of the matinee and evening programs, light refreshments will be provided.

Long-time TVO host Steve Paikin. "will then be interviewing a number of local historians, including Dianne Fraser (a member of the Old Mill Heritage

This year's annual History Day in Kagawong event will focus on the Old Mill building, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. In photo construction of the Old Mill is being carried out.

> Museum Committee), and her involvement during the inception of the museum and the years since. Steve will ask her questions about the birth and development of the museum."

seum and was one of the original founders of the Kagawong Historical Society," said Mr. Nelson. "She also has history on the evolution of the township over the years.

'Candy Tracy will also be interviewed by Mr. Paikin," said Mr. Nelson. "She will round out the story on the history of Billings and provide her own unique perspective of the

Old Mill. "The Manitoulin Swing

Band will close the show, with two or three songs to



The annual History Day in Kagawong event being "He (Mr. Paikin) will held August 14 in the Kagawong Park Centre will then be interviewing feature long-time TVO host Steve Paikin (shown feature long-time TVO host S Lois Linley, who predat- in photo) in conversation with three local historians ed the opening of the mu- about the history of the Old Mill.

In search of Sandhills

The 21 participants in the annual 'Tour'de Barrie Island-In Search of Sandhill Cranes,' pose for a photo prior to commencing the ride around the community, this past Saturday. This year marked the 35th anniversary of the ride, which is followed by a potluck dinner enjoyed by all participants and many others that evenina.

History Day in Kagawong will take place on Thursday, August 14 at the Kagawong Park Centre. A matinee takes place at 3:30 pm, with an evening presentation at 7:30 pm. Admission is free but donations in support of museum projects are appreciated.







Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm - Saturday 8:30 am to 2 pm - Closed Sunday

#### Assiginack Museum and Horticultural Society celebrating 70th anniversaries

MANITOWANING—Established in 1955, the Assiginack Museum and the Assiginack Horticultural Society were founded and both are celebrating their 70th anniversary this year.

"When the museum started, it was also the municipal building and library," said Kelsey Maguire, curator of the museum. "Horticultural members would take care of the flower beds at the museum building and around the community (Manitowaning)."

The museum and horticultural society will be holding a combined celebration ceremony for their joint 70th anniversaries on Friday, August

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8, at noon on the museum grounds in Manitowaning. "Our basic itinerary will include Deb Robinson leading everyone in singing the national anthem at 12 noon, followed by remarks by the Mayor (Brenda Reid)," said Mr. Maguire. He will then be presenting the history of the museum, followed by plaque presentations. A representative of the Horticultural Society will then talk about its history.

Everyone on hand is invited to join the museum and horticultural society for cake and refreshments afterward. There will be free admission to the museum all

day, from 10 am to 5 pm. Since 1955, the Assiginack Museum has been telling the stories and history of Assiginack township. The museum complex is home to several historic buildings, including an 1878 jail, the 10 Mile Point schoolhouse, a pioneer home, a blacksmith shop and the Sparrow Farm barn. Excellent collections related to the community's history, farming, military, pioneer life, native art and artifacts, glassware and much more can be found on exhibit. A research room and the museum's archives can be accessed by appoint-



In honour of its 70th anniversary, the Assiginack Museum will have free admission this Friday, August 8 as well as cake and refreshments.

#### Ontario investing \$3M to support cleaner, healthier communities

TORONTO—The Ontario government is making almost \$3 million available to community groups and other non-profit organizations for innovative projects to build cleaner, healthier communities such as shoreline cleanups, habitat restoration and tree planting. As part of the government's plan to protect Ontario, the Ontario Community Engagement Fund (OCEF) uses penalties paid by polluters to fund projects that protect Ontario's land, air, and water-supporting healthy communities and strong local economies.

"We are giving local groups the resources they need to make their communities cleaner and safer places to live, work and raise their families by restoring the natural beauty of these regions for everyone to enjoy," said Todd McCarthy, minister of the environment, conservation and parks, "The OCEF program is just one of the ways our government is empowering communities to protect and restore our natural heritage for generations to come."

Under the program one of the recent projects included a Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) creek restoration and garbage cleanup on Manitoulin. MSIA led an Island-wide garbage cleanup to

reduce plastic waste in local watersheds, planted 700 native trees and shrubs to restore riparian zones, enhanced a cold-water stream habitat, and installed 445 metres of fencing to keep livestock out of Grimesthorpe Creek.

"Thanks to (OCEF), we were able to lead a litter cleanup event across Manitoulin Island, install cattle-exclusion fencing and plant 700 native trees and shrubs to create a riparian buffer along Grimesthorpe Creek," said Seija Deschenes, project coordinator, MSIA. "This project is another great example of how OCEF is helping grass roots community groups work alongside local agricultural producers to help protect and restore critical cold-water fish habitat and wildlife, using their ecological knowledge of nature-based solutions to make a difference in watershed health."

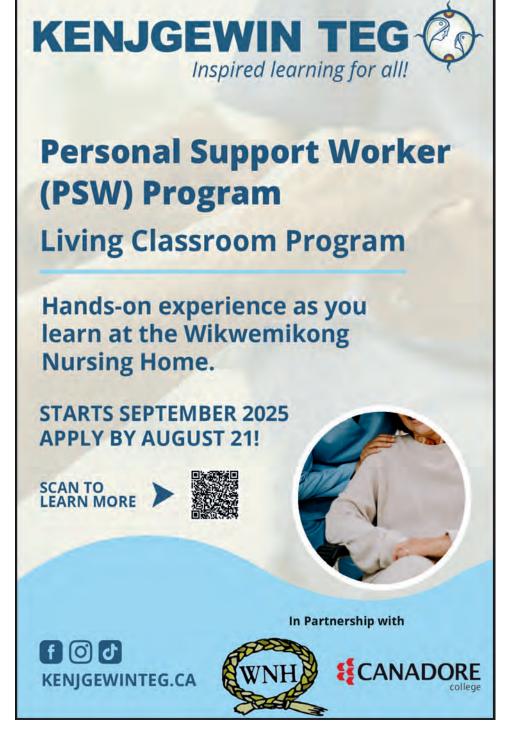
Applications are now open and must be submitted online by 5 pm (EDT) on September 24. Since 2010, the (OCEF) has invested more than \$3.8 million from environmental penalties into 108 projects that have led to planting over 450,000 trees, shrubs and plants, restoring 52 kilometres of shoreline and collecting 1,350 bags of litter





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## ...Morgen Hare suing M'Chigeeng First Nation for dismissal as chief

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standing issues."

The application notes, on June 30 Gimaa Hare met with council, during which council asked him various questions and discussed matters that were either unrelated to, or an unsatisfactory explanation for, what would become the grounds for the (council) decision. Gimaa Hare was then asked to leave the council meeting and was advised that councillor Robert Beaudin would call him later that day. He called at 7:55 pm that day.

day.

"I had been advised council wanted to see me on June 30, before I went back," Mr. Hare told The Expositor. "And I wanted to make sure council was okay with me coming back. The meeting lasted a couple of hours. I provided the medical data indicating when I could come back and I indicated I could go in a couple of days earlier if the council wanted me to. I left the meeting feeling that everything was moving forward and I was ready to come back. "

"Council had asked me questions, and said that after I left, they would be carrying on the meeting and that Councillor Beaudin would call me later that day with the results of the meeting," Mr. Hare told The Expositor. He said council did not pass any motions.

Mr. Hare's application noted, Gimaa Hare received a

#### ...Attempted murder charge

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"The good news is the officer who sustained injuries is in stable condition," said Constable Parisien.

The WTPS posted on its Facebook page on Tuesday of last week, "WTPS would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone in the community for the overwhelming support, care, and kindness shown. We are relieved to share that our officer is on the road to recovery, and your compassion has played a big part in lifting spirits and strengthening resolve. From all of us at WTPS, thank you for standing with us. We are proud to serve such a caring and united community."

The Manitoulin OPP is continuing the investigation, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigations Branch.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Manitoulin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477(TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.

call from Councillor Beaudin at 7:55 pm on June 30, informing him of a letter in relation to council's decision. Gimaa Hare picked up this letter from the M'Chigeeng Band office on July 2. The letter notified Gimaa Hare of council's decision in which council deems the office of chief vacant according to the following sections of the Election Code; paragraph 11(1)(e) which provides that the position of a council member will be deemed vacant if, during the term of office, the council member fails to attend more than three consecutive council meetings without, what is in the opinion of council, reasonable excuse, and (b) subsection 27(4), which provides that a council member who accepts employment with M'Chigeeng First Nation during their term of office will be deemed to have been resigned from council. By deeming the office of chief vacant, council effectively removed Gimaa Hare from the office of chief. Council has subsequently notified M'Chigeeng First Nation and its membership, by notice dated July 4, that a by-election for the office of the chief has been called for October, 2025 and posted an invitation to tender from qualified persons to serve as an electoral officer for the by-election."

"On June 30, at 7:55 pm I received (the call from Councillor Beaudin) that I had been removed from the position of chief," Mr. Hare told The Expositor. "They didn't give a reason, he read the dismissal letter, and I picked it up on July 2. There was no date or signatures from members of council on the letter."

"Yes, I was taken by surprise that council would go to this extent," stated Mr. Hare. "I thought they would ask me to come back before July 14. I was shocked when I heard the decision of the council."

"I will be serving notice of the application tomorrow (last Friday)," said Mr. Hare. "Council knew that I was taking medical leave. The decision took me by surprise. But I am going to fight it." He said the MFN election process established in 2019, is vague on the processes and specifically on the position of chief or any protection in place, for instance when a chief has to take a leave due to medical reasons. There is no protection or clear detailed guidelines in the election code and governance."

"Council should have been transparent with me at the meeting on June 30, that they were thinking of dismissing me," stated Mr. Hare. "At the very least to see what my reaction was going to be. There is no protection or clear detailed guidelines in the election code and governance." "They have also indicated in their letter that under the election code I am an employee of M'Chigeeng. "I'm an employee of the people who elected me and took part in

the voting process. I am separate from staff and did not take another position with M'Chigeeng."

Mr. Hare said his legal counsel is hoping to get a court hearing in Toronto, the latter part of August or early September, on the judicial review for application.

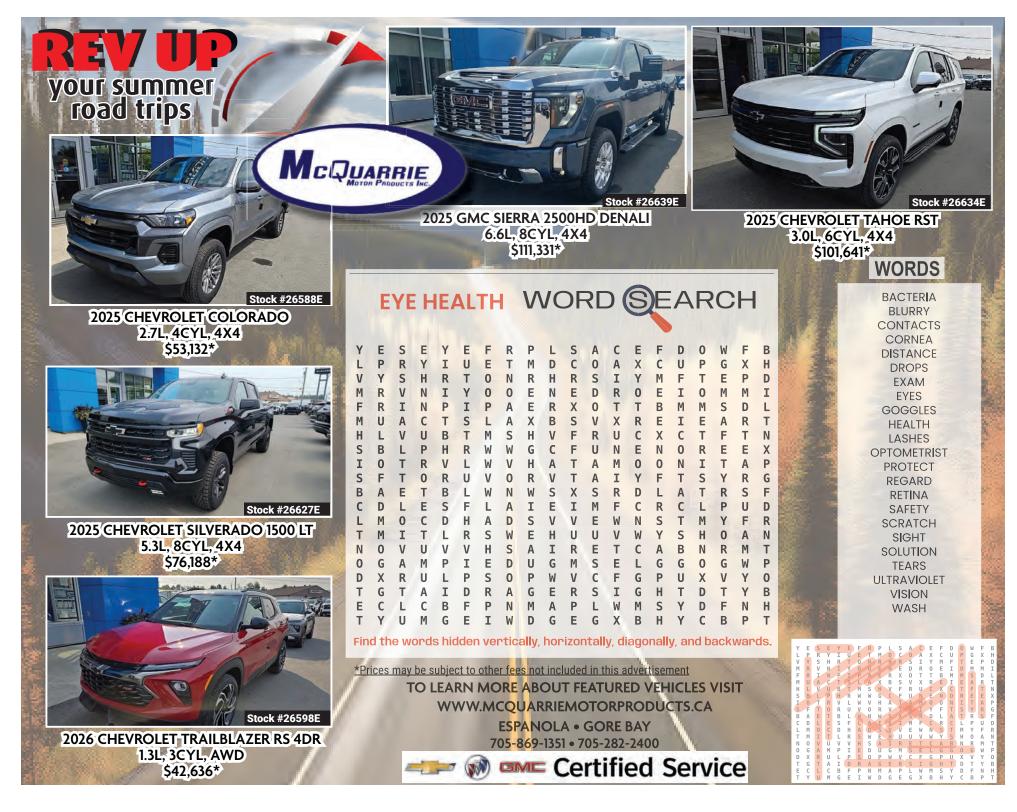
In a letter Mr. Hare posted to all M'Chigeeng First Nation members on July 31, he stated "I am writing to provide an update further to council's June 30 decision to remove me as the Chief of M'Chigeeng First Nation. This decision was made contrary to the terms of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code and was unreasonable."

"In order to continue to serve you and the first nation, as I am obligated to do as Chief, I have brought an application in federal court to have this decision declared unlawful. I will also be seeking a court order to ensure that council takes no steps to interfere with me fulfilling my duties as chief or to replace me through a by-election."

"I take my obligations as M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief seriously. These are sacred duties that I have given an oath to fulfill once you elected me. I will continue to do so and will take all steps necessary to ensure that nothing interferes with my ability to do so," continued Mr. Hare. Pending the outcome of the federal court proceedings, I remain committed to serving M'Chigeeng First Nation as your Chief. I kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we work to resolve this matter in as timely a manner as possible."

Despite reaching four members of M'Chigeeng Band Council, for council's decision on the matter, none of the councillors wished to make comment on record at this time.







# PRIDE IN THE PARK CONCERT

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# PRIDE WEEKEND 2025 Event Schedule



Stilt Walkers!

Thursday, August 7

Pride Sunrise Ceremony and Breakfast: 6 - 7 am Location: Kenigewin Teg Teaching Lodge, M'Chigeeng

Pride Flag Raising Ceremony and Drum Circle: 6 - 7:30 pm
Location: Water Street, Little Current Town Docks (near Wally's Dock Service)

Queer Trivia Night at Manitoulin Brewing Company (19+): 8 pm Location: 43 Manitowaning Road, Little Current

#### Friday, August 8

PRIDE Sunset Music Series ft. Grumps/Kelley Brewer/Nettish Solo: 6:30 - 9 pm Location: Huron Island Time, Providence Bay Boardwalk, 24 Mutchmor Street, Providence Bay

PRIDE in the Park Concert: 5:30 - 10 pm
Local artists Nettish Band/K and Summer: 5:30 - 7:15 pm
Life in Plastic and their throwback hits of the 90s/00s: 7:30 - 8:15 pm
Tributes to Elton John, Freddie Mercury and David Bowie: 8:30 - 10 pm
Location: Low Island Municipal Park, 66 Park Street, Little Current

Drag Queen Appearances!

#### Saturday, August 9

Creativity Workshops at the NEMI Recreation Centre: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm 2Spirit Teaching and Painting w/ Ozhawa Anung Kwe (upstairs)

Beading w/ Nina (upstairs)

Juggling Mental Health (intro to juggling) (ice surface, drop-in)
Location: NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

Live Music ft. Nettish, Clau Arcand and Kelly Brewer: 1 - 3 pm Location: Split Rail Brewery, 31 Water Street, Gore Bay

Express Yourself Makeup Tutorial: 1 to 3 pm Location: NEMI Recreation Centre (upstairs), 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

Intro to Archery with Rainbow Hood: 3 - 5 pm

Location: 4 Directions Complex Outdoor Rink, 1300 Hwy 540, Aundeck Omni Kaning

Beyond the Badge: A Community Conversation on Relationship Building and Hope: 5 - 6 pm
Location: NEMI Recreation Centre (upstairs), 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

PRIDE Sunset Music Series ft. J3M/Wild Black: 6:30 - 9 pm

Location: Huron Island Time, Providence Bay Boardwalk, 24 Mutchmor Street, Providence Bay

Queer Music Bingo (19+): 7 - 8:30 pm

Location: NEMI Recreation Centre (upstairs), 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

Drag Show and Dance (19+): 9 pm - 1 am Music by: DJ Tom-A-Haw

Location: NEMI Recreation Centre (upstairs), 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

#### Sunday, August 10

PRIDE Christian Worship Service: 10 - 11 am

Location: Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street, Little Current

Annual PRIDE Parade and March: 11:30 am - 12 pm

Start: Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, 66 Meredith Street East, Little Current End: Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street, Little Current

Community Barbecue: 12 - 2 pm Music by DJ Tom-a-Haw

Location: Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street, Little Current



# Debajehmujig summer mainstage takes tragedy to redemption

#### 'The Dead End' can be seen August 6-9 at the Larry E. Lewis Studio

MANITOWANING—Debajehmujig Storytellers' mainstage production has been a mainstay of live summer theatre on Manitoulin Island and this year's edition, 'The Dead End,' is one of the

The story, without too many spoilers, takes place in a '50s/Grease-style timeline and a tragic accident from a gang initiation that went wrong leads to redemption through traditional healing.

best in decades.

The Dead End is a new production that provides "a mix of drama, horror and comedy" in true Anishinaabe style.

The characters, Daniel Recollet-Mejaki as The Don, David Plant as Police Officer, Dustin Trudeau as Ronnie, Tyler Pangowish as Sparky, Quinton Kaboni as Slick, Sapper Wemigwans as Rich Nerd and Tabitha Peltier doing triple duty as Medicine Woman, Waitress and Mother, provide a rich look into the world of 1950s Indigenous community.

Mr. Recollet-Mejaki is utterly believable as The Don, leader of a pack of ne'er-do-well high school graduates looking forward to life after school. A Debaj veteran of eight years, the actor's day job is as a Cultural Arts Animator and his experience

in writing and performance far belie his years.

David Plant is a relative newcomer to the Debaj crew, having joined in late 2024 and he made his stage debut in this production. Originally from Montana, Mr. Plant will doubtless prove to be an asset as he moves forward in his theatre career.

Dustin Trudeau plays Ronnie, the kid with so much promise, with an earnest delivery that comes across naturally. He has been with the troupe for four years now and he has had his hand in a host of gigs that complement his storytelling through fashion and art.

Sapper Wemigwans, Rich Nerd, is also a relative newcomer to the Debaj crew, joining the team in 2024. A visual artist, Mr. Wemigwans first took to the footlights in the 2025 production of 'Maamwi.'

Tabitha Peltier, whose three-role performance was outstanding, bringing a gravitas and empathy to her roles informed by her 20-years as a crew member. Her first onstage role was in 2008's 'The Gulch.'

Tyler Pangowish did such a great job as Sparky, The Don's sidekick, that he probably takes a bit of ribbing offstage. The role could have descended into a cliché



Recent high school graduates hang out in their favourite diner as they ponder their futures after high school.

photos by Michael Erskine

trope, but Mr. Pangowish brought an earnestness that transcended that threat.

Quinten Kaboni was Slick, in more than just his character's name. An emerging artist with Debaj, he joined the troupe in 2021 and hasn't looked back. Graduating from the National Arts Animator Program in 2024, Mr. Kaboni brings a host of skills to the company and killed the role onstage.

This production was the second for Mr. Recollet-Mejaki as director, ably assisted by Mr. Pan-



Valedictorian Ronnie delivers his speech to the class while being heckled by the tough boys.

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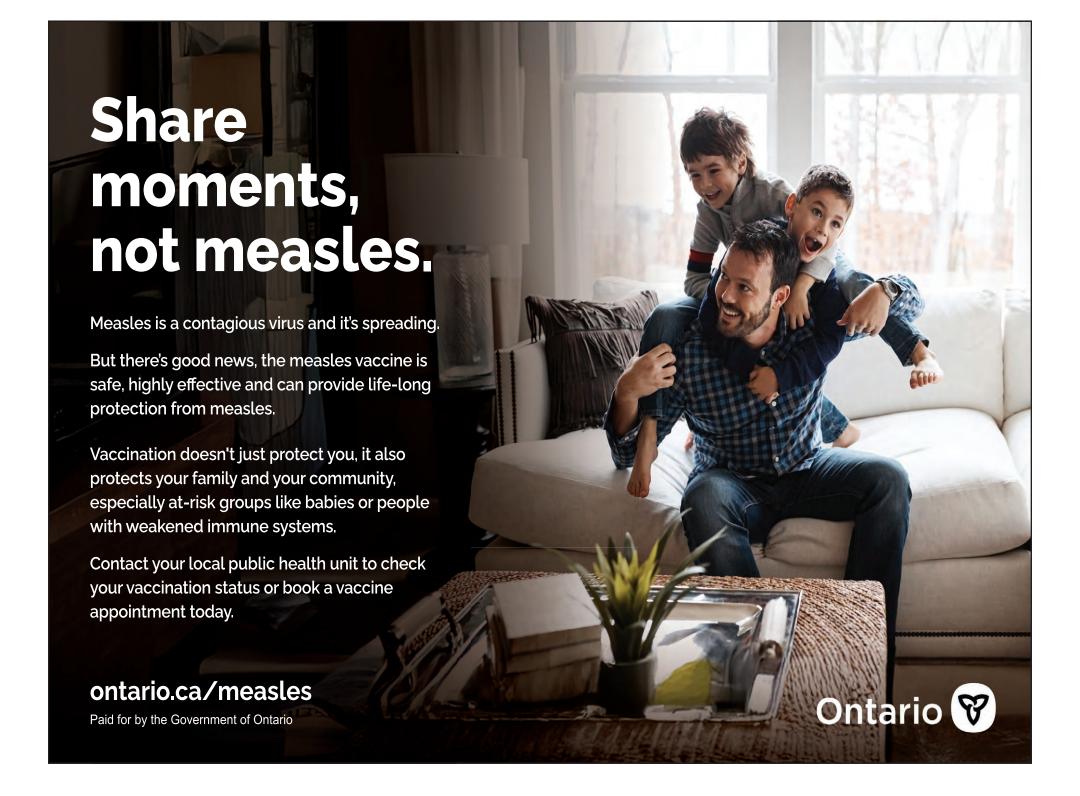
Visual artist for the production is Barry Beaver, whose murals adorn the outside of the Larry E. Lewis Creation Centre in Manitowaning.

Wardrobe was by Mr. Trudeau, while Christine Williston was a design and techniques consultant. Lights and studio setup was by Ethan Mejaki and Ogeequa Williston Osawabine served as production assistant. David Sunny Osawabine was stage manager and sound design.

Rounding out the production team were summer students Edison Fox, Waabaangokwe Trudeau and Zephyr Pheasant, along with volunteers Adam Enosse, Layla Marleau and Jen Mezei.

This production was supported by the Government of Canada, the Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and Enaadmaagehijik (Wikwemikong Development Commission).

There is still a chance to catch this much-see production with shows taking place August 6 to 9. Doors open at 6:30 pm, with a matinee on August 7 at 2 pm. General admission is \$25. Call 705-859-3560 to reserve a seat—you won't be disappointed.





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### Inuk advocate travelling across Canada to raise MMIP awareness

by Michael Erskine WIIKWEMKOONG—The fame of the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival Wiikwemkoong Powwow) attracts visitors from across Turtle Island. One such individual is Vanessa Brousseau, an Inuk advocate, artist and speaker whose sister Pamela Holopainen went missing in 2003. Like far too many such stories of Indigenous families, her sister's case remains un-

Since her sister's disappearance in Timmins, Ms. Brousseau has dedicated her life to raising awareness about missing

solved to this day.

and murdered Indigenous people (MMIP), human trafficking and the systemic injustices facing Indigenous communities.

"For years now, I've travelled to where I could educate and advocate—in schools, at community events and online as Resilient Inuk," she said. To that end, the Inuk arnaq purchased a motorhome a few months ago and set out from her home in North Bay to bring more awareness of the plight of Indigenous women to the world.

"I do a lot of social media, so I bought this motorhome and I decorat-

ed it myself," she said.
"I just came back from
Prince Rupert, all the way
from British Columbia."
Along the way, Ms. Brousseau has been holding
workshops, meeting with
communities to spread
awareness and understanding.

"Before I headed home, I had to stop at the powwow here for the Wiiky Powwow," she said. "So, we went to the powwow and now we're heading home to North Bay, then we're going to head east to the East Coast and then repeat that every year—back and forth—just to create awareness."



base for spreading awareness of the plight of missing and murdered Indigenous people (MMIP), human trafficking and the systemic injustices facing Indigenous communities.

photo by Michael Erskine

The COC Sky

New Quilts by Manitoulin artist Judy Martin

at the Art Gallery of Sudbury

Exhibition continues until August 30, 2025 Tuesday to Saturday 11 am to 5 pm 174 Elgin Street Downtown Sudbury 705-921-6666 "This is a long-term commitment," she said.
"I'm prepared to dedicate years of my life, going province to province, creating awareness and making space for conversations around Indigenous justice, culture and healing."

Her RV is branded with "Resilient Inuk" and "Creating Awareness One Kilometre at a Time" on its sides. "It will allow me to reach remote communities, reduce costs for schools and live modestly on the road while continuing my advocacy work full-time."

Ms. Brousseau also has a memoir, 'Becom-

ing Resilient Inuk,' a deeply personal memoir in which she opens her heart and shares the truth of her lived experiences—"growing up in a world shaped by colonial harm, navigating intergenerational trauma and finding strength through culture, healing and purpose."

Her book is more than a simple story—it's a testimony. "It honours her sister Pamela Holopainen and the many Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People (MMIWG2S) whose voices have been silenced. Through vulnerability and courage,

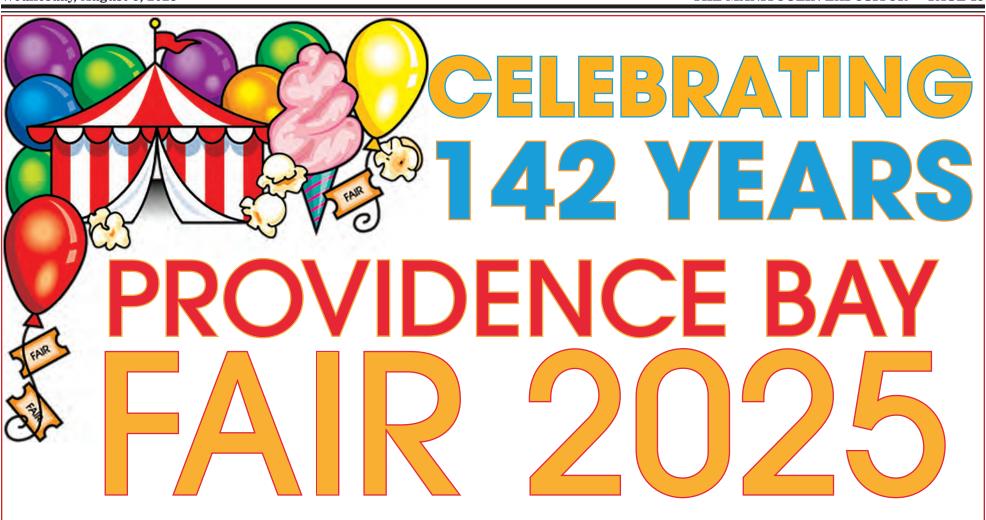
Vanessa invites readers on a journey of truth, resilience and reclaiming identity," according to the citation on Amazon.

Ms. Brousseau said she was amazed at the number of people attending the powwow and uplifted by the spirit that infuses that event. Her website, resilientinukcreations.ca contains more information and details on how those wishing to can assist with her mission.

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# Little Current Lions Haweater Weekend rocked!



The bouncy castles were a big hit with the younger crowd, especially the big ball.



Soapbox derbies are a lot of fun for drivers and viewers alike.



Bubbles, bubbles...brought a whole lot of foaming delight.



The streets of downtown Little Current were teeming with happy fesitval goers.



The piece de resistance of Haweater Weekend is the famed fireworks, some of the best to be seen in any small town.



Manitoulin Streams never misses a chance to educate in an entertaining and gentle way.



If it's Haweater Weekend then it is Wilkin Family Float time and the perennial best float winners never dissappoint.



Wrestling local organizer Paul Wright poses with a group of young fans.



Yoga on the Docks was well attended. The swing bridge offers a great backdrop.



There was plenty of action on Thursday during the Shock n' Haw Wrestling as the warriors of Live Pro Wrestling hit the ring for shows at 4 pm and 7:30 pm.



The cardboat boat race winners line up with organizers Alicia McCutcheon and Amanda Roy (red shirts in back). This was the 20th anniversary for the popular family-oriented event.



The Soapbox Derby winners are: first place Brenna from Little Current, second place was Cole and third place was Silvie Ann, both from Hagersville, while fourth place went to Frederick from



LEFT: The downtown street dance filled the streets as the popular music provided by Pyx kept the action hopping.



Mad scientists and minions took to the streets during the annual Haweater Weekend Parade. The Haw-olleen theme made for



Members of the Sheguiandah Fall Fair Committee are working hard to remind people of the heritage inherent in the venerable institution. This year they decided to build a float to remind people that adults can win bragging rights and youth some cash prizes for their entries.

# Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival brought in record crowds



Indigenous Tourism Ontario chef Vince Manitowabi serves up some smoked moose jerky.



Former Ogimaa Duke Peltier serves as emcee at the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival.



Members of Grey Wolf, a Canadian Army development program for Indigenous Peoples living in Ontario kick back and relax.



This tiny tot shawl dancer had all the moves down pat.



Stay hydrated. Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival organizers made sure there was lots water on hand.



Six Nations smoke dancers check on the baby while taking a break from their performances.



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Artist and entreprenuer Nick Cywink added a public service with his ATM machine. Many vendors were happy to see it there.



Female smoke dancers perform during a special.



Dr. Dawn Lavell Harvard was auditioning for her new documentary 'Until Our Hearts are on the Ground.'



There is plenty of preparation needed to be ready for a competition powwow.



Head veteran is serious business and Wayne F. Pitawanakwat was on the job.



Drum groups are the very heart and soul of the powwow and these folks were working hard. As has become tradition, female singers stand behind the men to add their voices to the beat.



Visitors from the Haudenosaunee, or "people of the longhouse," commonly referred to as Iroquois perform a peaceful "war" dance. These days the interactions with the Anishinabe southern neighbours are peaceful.



Frank Odjig and his daughter stop to say hello. The August long weekend is a great opportunity for families to get together.

photos by Michael Erskine

#### Breakaway Cycle and Sports Haw Run 2025 was a runaway success



The Breakaway Haw Race first place male, 10K, was Adam Ferguson.



First place Masters Male was won by Rodney Garratt.



First place under-16 10K race winner was Sean Zembal.



First place under-16 winner of the 5K race was Alice May.



5K female first place winner was Allana Macaluso



Shannon Miller won first place in the female 10K race



A tiny sign bearing supporter offers words of encouragement for



Lots of the runners were out in full Haw-loween costume for the



Third place winners in the 5K race were Oliver Hall and Nathan Quackenbush.



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# Happy First Anniversary Friendleigh's Flowers and Gifts!

As I reflect back on this past year, I think of all the great friends and family who have assisted me with placing orders, supplying their time for delivering, moving furniture and supporting me along this way.

I am thankful to be on the cusp of the one year anniversary. We celebrated with cake, coffee and tea on Friday, August 1, 2025.

It has been a pleasure having Psychic Chantale here at Friendleigh's over the past year. Chantale brings fantastic energy to the space. I look forward to a continued friendship and encourage anyone to set up an appointment to see Chantale for readings.

Over the past year the shop has grown. A number of artisans use the shop to

Special thanks to Lyn Seed, Sally Assiniwabie and Hedd for their beautiful display of cards for all occasions. Also to Julia Glaude, Susan Griffs, and Cayen

I am excited to be opening a tea room to serve high tea. It's expected to open prior to our one year anniversary.



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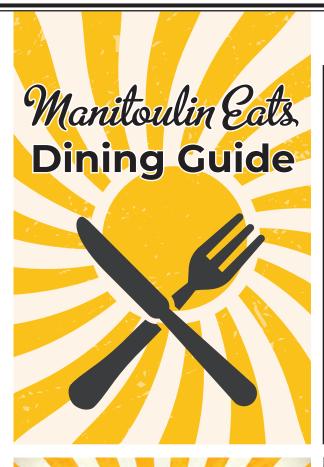
area artists such as Ivan Shawana, Duncan Pheasant, Stan Panamick and Leland Bell.

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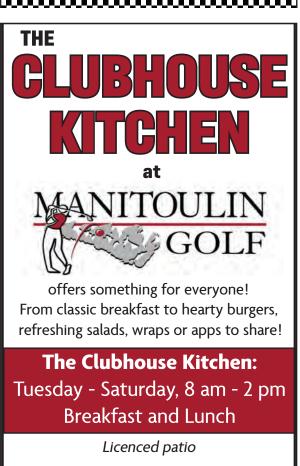






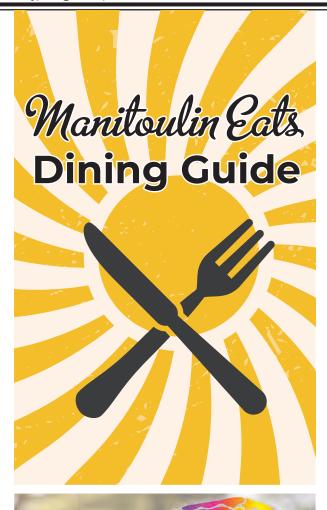


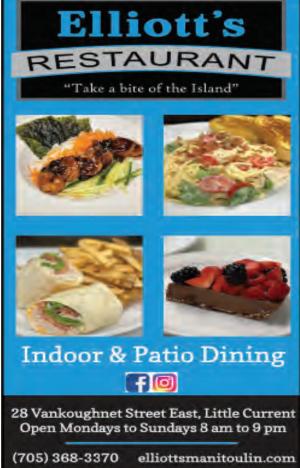




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session of a schedule III substance for the purpose of trafficking.

The three accused remain in custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on August 1.

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#### Significant drug seizure in Wiikwemkoong

following RIDE check
During a Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) check at approximately 8 pm on July 27, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) investi-

gated a vehicle that led to the seizure of fentanyl with



a street value exceeding \$22,000, cocaine valued at \$6,000, and a small amount of cash.

"This operation is a clear example of what can be achieved when our community stands united against the threat of drug trafficking," said Ron Gignac, Chief of Police, WTPS. "Our drug enforcement strategy is rooted in intelligence-led policing and community trust. We are not just seizing drugs, we are reclaiming safety, dignity and hope for our people. Every arrest, every seizure, is a step toward healing and resil-

As a result of the seizure, four parties have been charged with numerous criminal and drug trafficking-related offences: 25-year-old male of Brampton has been charged with possession of a Schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine and possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid (CDSA 5(2).

A 55-year-old male of Wiikwemkoong Unceded

Territory was charged with possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine (CDSA 5(2) and possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid (CDSA 5(2).

An 18-year-old male from Mississauga was charged with possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine (CDSA) 5(2) and possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid (CDSA) 5(2).

One youth, whose identity is protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, has also been charged with: possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine (CDSA 5(2), and possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-opioid (CDSA 5(2), and obstruction of a peace officer (CC 129 (a).

All accused adults are scheduled for court on September 16

The WTPS remains steadfast in its mission to eliminate drug-related crime through strategic partnerships with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and

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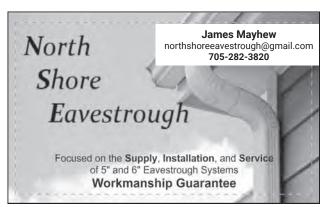
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the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). These collaborations are part of a joint force operation that leverages shared intelligence, specialized units, and community engagement to dismantle drug trafficking networks and prevent the spread of addiction and violence.

Our goal is not only to enforce the laws but to heal and protect our community," said Police Chief Gignac. "By working together with UCCM and OPP, we are building a united front against the drug crisis that prioritizes safety, accountability and hope.'

Community members are encouraged to report suspicious activity and support ongoing efforts to keep Wiikwemkoong safe. Anonymous tips can be submit-



ted through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or through our online reporting portal at wtps.ca.

#### Community safety operation leads to multiple arrests

A coordinated police operation early in the morning of July 31 led to multiple arrests and the seizure of drugs and evidence consistent with drug trafficking

in WUT.

In the early morning hours of July 31, members of the WTPS, with support from the OPP Tactics and Rescue Unit, Emergency Response Team, Community Street Crime Unit, and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, executed three search warrants across the territory.

Officers seized a quantity of cocaine, a replica firearm and other items linked to drug trafficking activ-

Four people from Wiikwemkoong were arrested and charged: a 36-year-old woman was charged with failure to comply with a recognizance and possession

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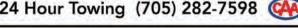
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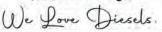


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#### Services

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

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

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

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

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

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Narcotics Annonymous meet every Monday at the Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street at 8 pm. For more information please contact Lori at 705-507-6223.

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Massey Ferguson 50 tractor, early 1960s, vintage, with loader, model 99. Runs well. Gas engine. Good starting in cold weather. Asking \$5,200. Call 705-626-6423.

12-13p

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12-13p



Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group (MCSG) may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give/receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, July no meeting; and Wednesday, August 20 at the Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie at 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young at 705-377-4998; or Ann Cranston at 705-282-7531

Streicher's logging with horses, hardwood and cedar. Can also come and cut wood at your place and pile it where you want. We have firewood for sale and cedar picnic tables, Muskoka chairs and solid wood doors. 349 Noble Side Road, Gore Bay. Call 249-497-4000 ext. 172.

or bnannc@gmail.com.

10-14p

# **Lake Manitou Area Association** information night Tues., August 12

SANDFIELD—The annual Lake Manitou and Area Association (LMAA) information night will provide three guest speaker presentations at the event, being held August 12.

Sharon Cooper, of LMAA explained, "Michael Choi, an inspector with Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) will be providing information about Blas-

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tomycosis and Lyme Disease."

"I will be making a presentation on lodges and tourist resorts around Lake Manitou," said Ms. Cooper.



It's time for the Dog Days of Summer Rummage Sale at Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay. Sale days are Friday, August 8 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, August 9 from 9 am to 12 noon. As always, there will be a great variety of items, some things you didn't even know you needed! Donations will be gratefully accepted between 9 am and 12 noon from Monday to Wednesday during the week of the sale. Thank you! Proceeds go toward our Community Outreach Programs. We hope you can drop by for a visit and a look at what we have been setting aside for this sale. We look forward to seeing you!

12p

Assiginack Museum Assiginack Horticultural Society 70th Anniversary Combined Celebration, Friday August 8th, at the Museum, 125 Arthur Street, Manitowaning. Speeches and presentations start at 12 noon. Cake and refreshments afterward. Free Museum admission all day 10 am to 5 pm.

schenes, coordinator of Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) will be providing an update on MSIA, its projects and accomplishments to date.

The event will take place at 7 pm.



#### Farmers' **Market**

Every Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM (plus extended hours) Downtown, Little Current on the Waterfront at the Market Garden Pavilion, 34 Water St. E.

See you Saturday!

#### **Gore Bay Street Market**

Fridays in August 9 am - 1 pm Waterfront **Pavilion** 





PUBLISHER'S NOTE—The following paid advertisement contains statements some readers may find offensive. The contents do not necessarily reflect the views of this publication.

The first thing that everybody needs to understand is that there are two opposing spiritual forces. They are Yahweh the God of the Bible and Satan. Yahweh wants to bless you with health, abundant life and give you good things and Satan does not want you to receive any of

God's blessings. The Bible is God's love letter to you and in it God gives instructions, directions and commandments on how we may receive those blessings, see Deut. 28. Satan does not want you to receive God's blessings and he uses people including family, friends, teachers, politicians and religious leaders to advise you to violate the commandments, instructions and directions God gives in the Bible, just like he used the serpent in GEN. 3 to advise Eve to disobey God and take the forbidden fruit.

The second thing everybody needs to know is that you and only you are responsible for the choices you make. Just like Adam and Eve could choose between the two trees in paradise, everybody can choose whether they are going to obey or disobey the commandments and instructions God gives in the Bible. If anybody wants to receive the health, abundant life and blessings God offers, they must make up their mind that they are going to study the Bible to find out what God's instructions and commandments are and make a firm decision that they are going to follow the instructions and commandments.

There is a whole world out there that is controlled by Satan that will advise you to go against God's instructions (peer pressure). When anybody is in misery and suffering the curses for disobeying God, God still loves them and wants them to confess their sins (all the instructions and commandments of God he has disobeyed) and repent (to repent means that you intend to obey God's commandments and instructions in the rest of your life) and God will forgive and restore you. Yes, there is hope for blessing in the future. After David confessed that he had sinned (committed adultery with Bathsheba), Bathsheba became the mother of King Solomon, the greatest king who ever lived. Solomon means peace. Everyone can have peace, Shalom after they confess their sins and repent.

The biblical meaning of the wish Shalom is everything that is desirable including mental, emotional, physical, spiritual health and material blessings. My wish for you is Shalom, may you find peace and blessings through dedicating yourself to obey Yahweh's instructions and commandments.

Hank Reckman Prophet of Manitoulin Search for Truth Biblical Ministries Box 210 M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

P.S. I am available for counselling from a biblical perspective, 226-808-

You are invited to Lake Manitou and Area Association's INFORMATION NIGHT

When: Tuesday, August 12th at 7 PM sharp. Where: Sandfield Schoolhouse Speakers:

- 1. Michael Choi (Sudbury & District Public Health Unit): Blatomycosis and Lyme Disease
- 2. Sharon Cooper (LMAA): Lodges and Tourist Resorts around Lake Manitou
- 3. Seija Deschenes: Manitoulin Streams Update



Indoor yard sale, Saturday August 9 at Trinity United Church Manitoulin, 6070 King Street, Mindemoya from 9 am to 1 pm. Donations will be appreciated and can be dropped off, Monday thru Friday 9 to 5, the week of the sale. Please no TVs or large furniture.

Yard sale, Saturday, August 9 from 8 am to 3 pm (rain date, Sunday, August 10) at Ketchankeekem Trail, Mindemoya. Antiques collectables. No clothes, no kids

12p

Garage Sale, rain or shine on Saturday, August 9 from 9 am to 1 pm at 209 Cress Road, Mindemoya. Furniture, kitchen supplies, small appliances, linens, some tools, antiques, games, chicken knick-knacks. Lots of new items added since our last sale! Proceeds to Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary and the Food Bank.





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

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3

52-15p





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

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

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of a schedule one substance; a 36-year-old man was charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking; a 42-year-old man was charged with possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking; a 37-year-old woman was arrested on an outstanding warrant and held for a bail hearing; a 28-year-old man was charged with failure to comply with a recognizance and also held for a bail hearing.

These arrests form part of a broader joint force op-



eration focused on dismantling nefarious drug networks and reducing the impacts of addiction and violence across Manitoulin Island.

"WTPS is taking meaningful steps to protect our communities and uphold the safety and well-being of all residents," said Chief Ron Gignac of WTPS. "When community members report suspicious activity, whether through our online reporting system or anonymously via Crime Stoppers, they are playing a vital role in removing drugs from our neighbourhoods."

The WTPS remains grateful for Ogimaa Tim Ominika and the Wiikwemkoong Band Council for their continued support and leadership. Together, we are building a safer, stronger and more resilient territory for everyone," he said.

WTPS encourages residents to report suspicious behaviour. Anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at wtps.ca.

#### **Death Notices**

#### MITCHELL MIKE ROY June 19, 1939 - June 4, 2025



Mike Roy (baa) began his journey on June 4, 2025. Anishnaabe residential school survivor, fluent Ojibway speaker, storyteller and Chicagoan since 1959. Mike was a professional exterior and interior industrial union painter. He painted skyscrapers all over downtown Chicago. Mike was married

to Georgina Debassige Roy for 50 years. He has two surviving sisters, Massie (Roy) Debassige and Mandy (Roy) Ozawagosh, and a brother, Francis Roy of M'Chigeeng. He will be missed by his whole family and friends. We celebrated his life in the Anishnaabe way and Catholic tradition. The outpouring of kindness from both communities in M'Chigeeng and Chicago has been overwhelming and heartfelt in this most difficult time. Chi-miigwetch, we appreciate all the prayers and thoughts. Baamampii.

#### JUDITH MARRON WOOD December 7, 1946 - July 23, 2025



Judith Wood, of Green Bay, passed peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre on July 23, 2025 at the age of 78, with her family by her side. She was born in Carnarvon Township to Elgin and Alice (McKechnie) McAllister (predeceased). Upon her marriage to Ron, 60 years ago, she moved to Green Bay where she and Ron made a home

together on Manitou View Farms. Judy loved life on the farm with summers spent close by at camp. She was always up for whatever the seasons brought; the enormous task of maple syrup, planting the garden and processing everything she grew, knitting for family and friends, and making quilts with whoever had a chance to stop by to put down a stitch. Left to mourn are Judy's husband, Ron and their children Bonnie (Jim) Hurley of Sault Ste. Marie, Linda (Mark) Schraeder of Little Current, Ken (Ginger) Wood of Ice Lake and Brian (Amelia) Wood of Manitowaning. She was so very proud of her grandchildren, Kayla Case (Casey Soriano) and Davis (Cynthia) Case; Camryn and Kyle; Leta, Neil and Catherine; and great-grandchildren, Ayla and Lily Case. Judy loved spending time with all her siblings and in-laws; Ruth (Hollis Tarr), Barbara (Perry Chatwell), Valerie (predeceased) (Merdick McFarlane), Karen (predeceased) (Stuart Wyman) and Keith (Brenda) McAllister; Jack (Betty) Wood, Marion (Gary Morrison) (predeceased), Laurence (predeceased) (Kathy) Wood, Myrna (Terry Aelick, predeceased), Ivan (Donna) Wood and Bruce Wood (Pamela Roy). She will be missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends called at the Little Current United Church in Little Current on Sunday, July 27, 2025 from 3 to 5 pm and from 7 to 9 pm. Funeral followed on Monday, July 28, 2025 at 10 am with Rev. Melody Duncanson-Hales officiating. Interment at the Green Bay Cemetery. A lunch was held at the Howland Seniors' Club (Sheguiandah Hall). In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Friends of the Former Green Bay United Church or the Manitoulin Health Centre.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

#### FRANCIS MARY FRASER July 31, 1926 - May 5, 2025



Prancis Mary Fraser passed away peacefully at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home on Monday, May 5, 2025 at the age of 98. Beloved wife of the late Jack Fraser (predeceased). Loving mother of Yvonne (Orville/Raymond predeceased) Sagle (partner Ross Morden), Ronald Fraser (predeceased), John Fraser

(predeceased), Don Fraser, Robert Fraser (predeceased), Tom Fraser and Rick Fraser (predeceased). Cherished grandmother of Sherry (Elwood), Shirley (Sal), Sherry-Lynn (Kenni), Ricky-Lee (John), Victoria (Tyler) and Francis Fraser. She will be fondly remembered by more than 18 great-grandchildren. She was an aunt, cousin and friend to so many. Francis was born in Kent, England to the late Joseph and Florence Paul. She worked hard her whole life. She was an army nurse, mechanic, she helped run a garage and a restaurant, but more importantly, she was a hard-working homemaker and a mother of six wonderful children. Francis and her husband, Jack, moved many times over the years, living in places like Elora, Spanish, Parry Sound and Rosseau, just to name a few. She liked her flowers, swimming, ice cream, cats and, of course, dancing to Big Band Swing music. She loved her family and her friends and was always willing to help out anyone she could. Family and friends gathered for a graveside Celebration of Life in the Dunchurch-Fairholme Cemetery in Dunchurch on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at 1 pm. There was a tea and coffee social in the Waubeek Community Centre. Donations may be made in Francis' memory to the Canadian Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to Island Funeral Home



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#### **Celebration of Life**

#### **BRYAN OLNEY**



Please join the family of Bryan Olney on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 2 pm at 2260A Hwy 540, Little Current for a Celebration of Life. All are welcome.

#### JOE OSTERKRUGER

The family of Joe Osterkruger invites friends to a memorial service on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Graveside service at 11 am in the Gordon Cemetery, Section D, Range 8. Reception to follow at 11:30 am at the Gore Bay Legion. Please bring your memories and stories. In remembrance of Joe and his love of hockey as a player and volunteer coach, the family is requesting donations to Gore Bay Minor Hockey in his name. E-transfers accepted at gorebayhockey@gmail.com or cheques payable to Western Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association.

#### Illicit narcotics seized, suspect arrested in

Wiikwemkoong RIDE operation

A RIDE check by the WTPS led to the seizure of illicit narcotics and Canadian currency, and the arrest of a 31-year-old man already facing drug trafficking charges.

Police stopped a vehicle at about 2:51 pm on Wednesday, July 30 during an interdiction enforcement initiative. A search led officers to seize suspected cocaine and cash. The driver, a Wiikwemkoong resident, was arrested without incident.

He is charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, under the controlled drugs and substances act (CDSA 4(1), and with driving under suspension under the Highway Traffic Act (HTA 53). The accused is scheduled to appear in court on September 16.

"This interdiction operation highlights the strength and unity of our community in taking a stand against drug trafficking," said WTPS Police Chief Ron Gignac. "Our drug enforcement strategy is guided by the voices and concerns of our people. It is built on trust and shared responsibility. We are not just removing harmful substances, we are protecting families, restoring dignity and building a safer, healthier future together."

WTPS says it remains committed to reducing the harm caused by illicit drugs through its joint force partnership with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and the OPP. The collaboration focuses on sharing intelligence, applying specialized enforcement and involving the community in solutions that disrupt drug trafficking and prevent addiction-related harm.

The service also thanked Ogimaa Tim Ominika and the Wiikwemkoong Band Council for its ongoing support, calling its leadership essential to keeping the community safe.

#### Manitoulin OPP investigating robbery in Espanola

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP is currently investigating a robbery that occurred at a convenience store in Espanola.

On Friday, July 25, at approximately 7:15 pm, officers with the Manitoulin OPP responded to a robbery that occurred at a convenience store on Mead Boulevard in Espanola. The suspect entered the store, brandished a knife and demanded that the employee open the cash register while waving the knife at them. The suspect fled on foot with cash and stolen items before police arrived. There were no injuries reported.

"Armed robberies are serious and violent crimes that jeopardize the safety of employees, customers, and the broader community. Incidents like this impact the sense of safety and security within a community. Solving this case is a priority for the OPP, and we urge anyone with information to contact the Manitoulin OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.ontariocrimestoppers.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash rewarded of up to \$2,000.

This investigation remains ongoing, and updates will be provided as additional information is available.



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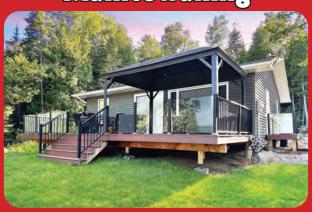


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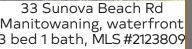
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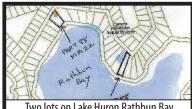


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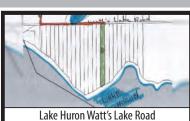
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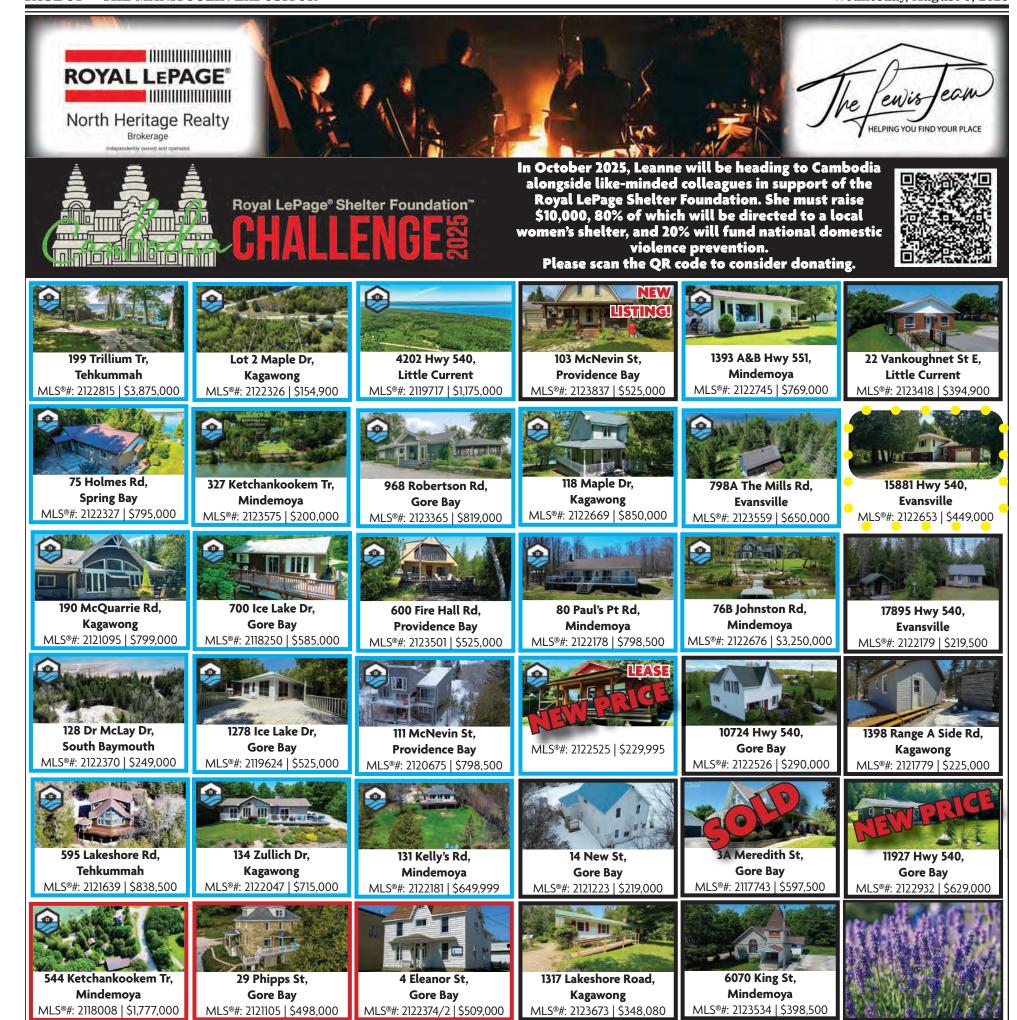
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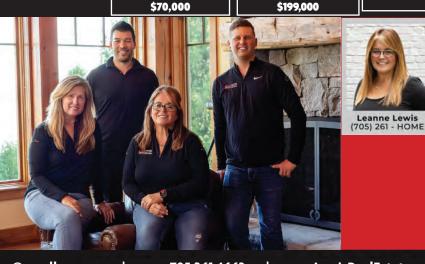
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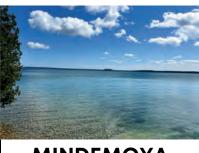
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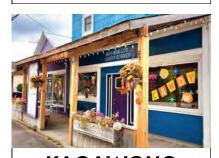
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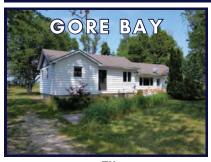




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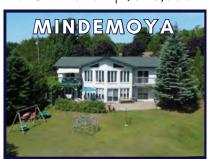
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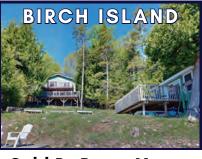
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Little Current, Ontario

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

# SCB Haweater Open makes a big splash on Manitoulin

LITTLE CURRENT—The pristine waters of the North Channel were alive this past weekend as 55 teams of anglers from across the province made their way to Little Current for the SCB Haweater Open—a stop on the 2025 Huron Bass Tour fishing derby that took place over the long weekend of August 2 and 3, with a pre-fish having taken place on August 1. With the Haweater festivities in full swing, the derby adds an exciting event to the Island's long weekend celebration, combining the competitive fun of tournament bass fishing with the unmistakable charm of Manitoulin's biggest weekend of the summer.

ter the final weigh-in. "Everyone put their heart into it, and I couldn't be more grateful." Mr. Feher was also quick to add, "We also couldn't have done this without all of the generous donations and contributions from all of our sponsors who made sure that we had the means to put on a great

The event was a professional and conservation-focused event conducted with great attention placed on environmental responsibility. While the excitement of competition buzzed through the docks and boats, conservation remained at the heart of the tournament. From the beginning,



The biggest bass came in at 6.27 pounds, the winning Team One of Clint Hurd and Tom Hardy not only dominated the leaderboard but also earned bragging rights for landing the largest fish of the tournament. Spectators cheered as their biggest fish overall earned them \$550 additional dollars for their efforts, on top of their first-place takeaway of \$16,000.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Orchestrated by tournament director Laszlo Feher, the SCB Haweater Open was more than just a fishing event. Rather, it was a huge community success, showcasing both the Island's world-class angling potential and the power of local collaboration. From the start, Mr. Feher made it clear that this wasn't a one-man effort. "This tournament doesn't happen without the tireless efforts of my family and

anglers were reminded that fish care was paramount and not just as a tournament rule, but as a shared value. In the sweltering August heat, every effort was made to ensure the safe handling and return of fish to the water. Teams were required to test their live wells, use mandatory fizzing techniques (with kits provided), and attend a pre-fishing meeting designed to

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# **Manitoulin Sporting Life**

Pennie shines at the Nationals!

Brodie Pennie of Bidwell just had an amazing race weekend at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in Ottawa. Acting as an on-location-correspondent, Gerry Holliday was just the man to do it, too! Gerry was Brodie's coach through secondary school and beyond before Brodie was drafted to be part of the University of New Brunswick Reds team and, of course, Gerry himself was a nationally ranked competitor who knows the scene very well.

Gerry just spent three days at the championships watching Brodie run. In the 1500m. Brodie already had a qualifying time so he didn't have to run the qualifying round however in the semi final on Friday he ran well enough to make the final which took place on Saturday. In the final he found himself in a tactical race which started out very slowly with no one wanting to set the pace. This set up for a very fast final two laps where Brodie ended up fourth overall with a time of just under 3:55! A great time to be sure but slower than he has run this year! This is where race situations can handcuff a runner and not let them run to their full potential!

In the 3000m, the final was run in two heats with Brodie finding himself in the slow heat due to not having a seed time. The last time he ran a 3000 was in high school at OFSSAA. In the race, he and a teammate from the University of New Brunswick took it out strong, setting a consistent pace with Brodie breaking away from the field with about three laps remaining and winning this race by about 14 seconds with a time of 8:30. In the faster, second heat there were four athletes that would, however, beat his time putting Brodie overall in fifth place overall. The winning time was 8:19 and Coach Gerry strongly believes that, "if Brodie would have been in that second heat that his time would have been much closer to the winning result. A great meet, overall!"

#### **Mountain Bikers Race!**

The Summer Epic, 8 Hour Relay took place at Hardwood Hills on Saturday, July 26th. In a relay mountain bike event, riders race to complete as many laps as possible in the time allotted.

Manitoulin riders Nathan Quackenbush and Bradley Slaght paired up with two riders from AWI Cycling in Simcoe County (Ellamarie Belcourt and Rebecca Dief) to win the Under 20 category! They competed 14 laps of the 10km course in 7:52:27, beating their nearest rivals by one minute and seven seconds after nearly eight hours of rac-

Local racers are looking forward to a home-course-advantage with Breakaway Sports' own 6 hour relay event coming up at McLeans Park on Sunday, August 31st. Information and registration at breakawaymanitoulinevents.

#### Kohyn at Hlinka Gretzky, Team Canada Selection Camp

Kohyn Eshkawkogan was one of 40 players to be considered for the fiercely contested, 25-player roster to represent Team Canada and attend the Hlinka Gretzky to take place in Brno, Czechia, and Trencin, Slovakia next week.

Every NHL team and several NCAA D1 schools were present to see a strong 2008 born group of future NHL hopefuls at the Oakville camp. Many were commenting that they loved what they seen out of Kohyn including a "Top 10 Standout" article by Dailyfaceoff.com, "#8 **Kohyn Esh**kawkogan, D (2027 NHL Draft): I wanted to see more out of Eshkawkogan at the U-17s last fall but he made up for it with a great showing this week. He blasted a shot to make it 1-0 in the second game, and I'm surprised he didn't have another goal or two. He's smart, skilled, and works hard to win every battle despite being a bit smaller."

After a strong showing in a set of practices and in the first of two Red/White games, Kohyn started the second game by wiring a shot top corner from the point for the first goal of the game. However, the 1st team OHL All Star Rookie was not selected to represent Canada this time around.

With the camp loaded with right-handed projected first round NHL picks like Keaton Verhoeff, Landon Dupont, and Ryan Lin, the Team Canada Selection Committee was seemingly looking for left-handed D to balance the backend.

Despite not making Team Canada this time, Kohyn is thankful for the experience and is looking forward to spending the next three weeks training with Gary Roberts Performance. He is also excited to be going back to Ottawa for his second season and the 67s main camp August

With games in North Bay on September 3rd and 26th, supporters from around the north, will have a couple of great opportunities to get an early look at the 2027 NHL draft eligible prospect!

Haw-some event!

There was some Haw-some racing at the Haw Run 2025 and had a record-breaking 148 registered participants including 26 runners who completed the 10k, 70 runners in the 5k and 52 kids who took part in the 1k run!

Proceeds from the event go toward supporting youth sport on Manitoulin. In past years, this has included purchasing a small fleet of bikes for the high school mountain bike team—giving students without suitable bikes the chance to participate. They're excited to see what this year's funds will make possible!

In the 10K, hats off to Adam Ferguson, Alan Wilkin and Christian Kaiser-Fox who were top-three in the Open male division. Shannon Miller, Milenna Gigliotti and Laurel Leconte medaled in the female class. **Brooke Simon** was the lone brave U-16 girl as were the two boys, Sean Zembal and Simon Fessenden.

In the 5km event there were U-16 times under and over the Open times so here are all the medal winners in the race: Alice May, Vienna Black, Jude Kift, Nathan Quackenbush, Oliver Hall, David Joyce, Felix Perron, Lucas Gigliotti, Jedd Smith, Allanna Macaluso, Cassie Huck and Liz Van Every!

Breakaway issues huge thanks to their amazing volunteers, "this event truly couldn't happen without you". Special thanks to: **Nelson Wood** for his help with registration and timing, the Hall, Aelick, and Scott families for helping with registration, t-shirt sales, and keeping everyone on course, Steve Fessenden and the O'Hare family for keeping runners hydrated, and an extra-special thank you to Jessica Aelick, who took on the thankless job of entering all the results for us to share with you.

They're also incredibly grateful to the local businesses who donated prizes. e show your appreciation by shop ping local whenever you can!

#### Baseball Camp nears capacity!

NEMI is sponsoring a baseball camp next week and spots are dwindling. The town, along with the Sudbury Baseball Academy, is looking for a few more youth (ages 4 - 14) for the August 12 and 13 camp. The subsidized cost is amazing at just \$40 so send in your request, quick to lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca

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



#### Calendar for the pets

Artist and author Ashley Whyte, right, poses with the "forever home" parents of Boop, the poster rescue cat from Ms. Whyte's 2026 calendar. The pet rescue calendar funds are going toward support of Manitoulin Pet Rescue. Ms. Whyte was providing readings from the stories in the calendar. Calendars are available at The Expositor office and other retailers



**Sheshegwaning First Nation** 1079A SHESHEGWANING RD., **SHESHEGWANING, ONTARIO POP 1X0** PHONE: (705) 283-3292 FAX: (705) 283-3481

#### Call for Tenders - Open to Certified Electoral Officers

**Description:** Conduct the 2025 Sheshegwaning First Nation election

for Chief and Council on or about November 15, 2025.

Deadline: Sealed bid envelopes must be forwarded to

Sheshegwaning First Nation Executive Director

no later than Friday, August 22, 2025.

C/O Joan Sheppard Submit by Mail:

> 1079A Sheshegwaning Rd. Sheshegwaning First Nation

**POP 1X0** 

Submit by Email: joan@sheshegwaning.org

#### **Specifics:**

- Develop a voting event checklist pursuant to the Indian Band Election Regulations;
- Supervise VOTE operations;
- Monitor compliance;
- Schedule and oversee the nomination meeting;
- Manage and oversee the regular POLL;
- Prepare, post and mail notices of VOTE and mail-in ballots to all members;
- Manage and oversee all necessary facilities including supports staff, ballot boxes, equipment, privacy, security and voters' assistance in accordance with the Indian Band Election Regulations;
- Manage and certify eligible voters' list and voters;
- Supervise ballot counting and certification of VOTE results;
- Oversee the vote process with professionalism and ethical standards, ensuring complete transparency and executing best practices in fairness and democratic
- Prepare and post all necessary documents and notices;
- Supply toll-free number and all other communication resources and options for voters;
- Collect and safeguard all ballots to protect the sanctity of the VOTE;
- Prepare final report (bound and in triplicate) and other prescribed certified
- Be fully versed in the details and content of the VOTE and RULES and answer any inquiries from staff and electorate (members) relating to the voting event and its processes.

**Little Current Place Non-Profit Housing** and Elderly Citizens' Centre Corporation and Agent for Property Management of Manitoulin Non-Profit Homes Inc. is seeking a Property Manager

#### Scope of Job

Reporting to and under the general direction of the Board of Directors, the property manager will be responsible for the overall management and administration of the projects.

#### Skills/Experience Desired

- Experience with computer, Excel, Word Perfect
- Accounting/bookkeeping/typing
- Communication skills (written and oral) including tact and diplomacy
- Maintenance/property management including a working knowledge of the following acts/topics:
  - Residential and Tenancy Act
  - Fire Code
  - Building Code
  - Workers' Compensation Act
  - Various Safety Legislation
  - Various other related information
  - Non-Profit Housing Administration

Please note: this is a one year contract, part-time position of 25 hours per week with possibility of full-time or renewal.

#### The closing date to apply for this position is **August 15, 2025**

Please mail copy of resume to: Chair of the Board Box 851, Little Current, ON POP 1K0



Trinity United Church music concert features 'What a World'

Encore! Singer Maja Bannerman and guitarist Rusty McCarthy performed in front of a good crowd at the Trinity United Church on July 31. They performed original music from Ms. Bannermans' new album,"What a World," followed by a hootenanny in which all those in attendance who had brought musical instruments played along with familiar songs. A meet and greet lunch with Maja and Rusty took place on the same afternoon.



#### WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE **Employment Opportunity - Permanent**

Position: Location: Responsible to:

Special Constable / Offender Transport Wikwemikong Unceded Territory Inspector, Divisional Commanders, and Chief of Police of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for Special Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary as a condition of employment. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.

**Summary**: The Special Constable program is a great opportunity for members to learn on the job roles and responsibilities of a General Law Enforcement Officer and will be responsible to the Inspector, Divisional Commanders, and the Chief of Police.

#### Primary Key Duties/Responsibilities:

Transport of prisoners, guard, reporting of inmates and fingerprinting.

Provide court security during court hours for judges and other court staff, adult and young offenders, Crown Attorneys or other prosecutors and the general public, where required.

Schedule sufficient court security personnel to ensure adequate coverage.

Assume responsibility for offenders while they are on-site for court appearances, monitoring their activities and performing searches, as required.

Arrange for prisoner transport. Escorts prisoners between various locations, i.e. cells, counsel room in building

and to and from various correctional/holding facilities.

Manage all case files, including criminal cases, assisting the Crown and preparing or ensuring preparation and proper completion of all related information and documentation by uniformed officers.

Present and swear information, warrants and KGB statements as commissioner of oaths; issues subpoenas for witnesses (police and civilian); prepares and processes various court-related documents and serves or ensures appropriate notices are served, as required by law.

Liaise with and respond to inquiries from uniformed officers, Crown Attorney's office, defence counsel accused persons, victims, witnesses and personnel from various agencies including probation and parole office, immigration, police, correctional facilities to obtain and update court documentation, to consult on Pre-Charge

Diversion (YCJA) and to answer general enquiries regarding court protocol.

Maintain court-related records and files, e.g. court dockets, disclosures, warrants, and add all charges to Niche/
RMS and ICON record systems and send all court orders to Records Clerk for CPIC maintenance (bail release documents, probation orders, prohibition orders.

Process all Provincial Offence tickets issued, including reviewing for accuracy, filing with the courthouse and completing or ensuring completion of all necessary documents for trials.

#### Secondary Key Duties/Responsibilities:

Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.

Respond to routine and emergency calls with an assigned parent WTPS officer, assist with crime or accident investigations with WTPS officers.

Assist with vehicle patrol operations as directed.

Assist with the containment and preservation of crime scenes as directed.
Assist WTPS members in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.

Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community. Perform shift work that include weekends and holidays.
Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

#### Requirements:

Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 18 years of age. Must possess an OSSD or equivalent.

Must possess a valid Class G Ontario Driver Licence.

Current OACP certificate or equivalency.

Possess current First Aid/CPR Certification.

Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office. Must have awareness of First Nation cultures and traditions.

Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.

Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.

Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy. Be of good moral character and habits.

Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service offers a complete comprehensive benefits package which includes:

100% employer paid benefits.

As part of the benefits program, an additional Flex family spending account of \$3,000 per year. \$5,000 annual mental health clinicians.

A police service Wellness Coordinator on-site for the staff and their families. Continuing education tuition assistance program starting January 2026.

Interested applicants are to forward a completed electronic package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates to:

Attention: Human Resources Manager, Richard Flamand richard.flamand@wtps.ca

August 8, 2025 at 2:00 PM Posting Deadline:

Please note that all applications received will be screened for content and only those selected will be extended a

#### Plaintiffs say province breaching Charter rights on climate

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,

**Local Journalism Initiative Reporter** OTTAWA—Seven young people stood before Ontario's Court of Appeal on Monday with a simple but devastating claim: that the Ford government's weakening of climate targets violates their Charter rights to life, liberty and security of the person.

They argue that climate change is not some distant threat but a daily erosion of

their futures — and that the courts have both the jurisdiction and the responsibility to hold governments accountable for decisions that endanger the next gen-

The province, for its part, disagrees. Ontario's legal team insists that setting climate policy is a political decision, not a constitutional matter — and that the courts have no business interfering.

# **Sheshegwaning First Nation**



**Location:** Sheshegwaning Health Centre **Employment Type:** Full-Time Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

#### **About the Role**

We are seeking a reliable and community-focused individual to provide full-time medical transportation services for community members.

- Provide safe, respectful transport to and from medical appointments.
- Assist passengers as needed in and out of the vehicle.
- Maintain a clean and road-ready vehicle, logging maintenance checks.
- Maintain trip logs, schedules and required forms accurately.
- · Respond flexibly to changing scheduling needs, as required.

#### What You Bring

- Valid G-Class Ontario Driver's Licence and clean driver's abstract.
- · Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.
- CPR/First Aid training (or willingness to obtain).
- Understanding and respect for Anishinabek culture.
- · Ability to communicate professionally and maintain confidentiality.

#### Why Join Us?

- 4-Day Work Week
- Matching Pension Plan
- Comprehensive Benefits Package
- Ongoing Training and Professional Development
- Supportive Team Culture and Beautiful Natural Setting

#### **Apply Today!**

Send your cover letter and resume to: Nicole Bush, Health & Well-Being Director

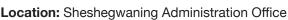
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#### **Sheshegwaning First Nation**

#### Job Opportunity: Ontario Works Administrator



Employment Type: Temporary Full-Time - Contract to July 2026

(4-Day Work Week!)

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

Sheshegwaning First Nation is seeking an Ontario Works (OW) Administrator who is responsible for providing all financial and administrative functions to ensure effective, efficient and accurate financial and administrative operations in accordance with the OW directives and current legislation.

#### What You'll Do

- · Conduct client interviews to process applications and monitor ongoing client eligibility for OW.
- Day-to-day administration of the OW program, ensuring clients needs are met within the framework of policy and legislation.
- Submission of monthly and quarterly reporting requirements ensuring applicability of legislation and accuracy of content to ISC and MCSS.
- Monitor and verify the monthly client reporting requirements and ensure adherence to applicable policies and legislation, as well as ensure accuracy of content.
- Professional Development attend ONWAA training assemblies, maintain a good working relationship with organization, regularly complete required training to fulfill duties of an OW Administrator.

#### What You Bring

- · Ability to work independently and collaboratively as a member of a team
- Ability to be consistent and display a positive/helpful attitude
- Must have a Secondary School Diploma and a valid "G" Class driver's
- Ability to deal effectively with difficult clients and conflicting situations
- Ability to use good judgement in assessing difficult situations maintaining confidentiality and professionalism

#### Why Join Us?

- 4-Day Work Week
- Matching Pension Plan
- Comprehensive Benefits Package
- Ongoing Training and Professional Development

#### Apply Today!

Send your cover letter and resume to: Joan Sheppard, Executive Director

joan@sheshegwaning.org

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#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

POSTING
POST-SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR
Full-Time (35 hours per week)
Salary Range: \$56,800 - \$67,820 / year + Group Benefits and Pension
(Salary dependent on education and/or experience, or a combination of both)

The Post-Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will guide the development, planning and execution of multiple complex programs in support of and in alignment with the department's strategic plan to achieve the department's and WRFN's vision and mission.

The Post Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will establish and maintain strong internal and external partnerships and strong connections to students and adult learners to support the successful completion of school and help with entry into careers.

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

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Post-Secondary Program

Administers the Whitefish River First Nation's (WRFN) Post-Secondary Education (PSE) program under WRFN's PSE program policy and guidelines.

#### Adult Education

Address the challenges that adult learners face, such as time management, financial constraints or a lack of support, to help them overcome barriers to learning and education and achieve their full potential. Counselling and Collaboration

Provide advocacy and liaison services, including academic advising, career counselling and resource coordination, to help students and adult learners achieve their educational and career goals. Administration

Develop a list and process for emailing students and/or providing regular information via Constant Contact to Communications personnel for dissemination.

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

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Diploma in Business, Education, Social Work or Community Development.
- Experience managing or coordinating a First Nation departmental budget or program over 2-3 years.
- Experience in delivering presentations and in meeting coordination
- Advanced computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel) and proficiency in promotional computer software.
- Previous experience working within a First Nation education sector would be an asset.
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills.
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, language and history.

#### \*\*Open Until Filled\*\*

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

#### CONFIDENTIAL: POST SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Whitefish River First Nation 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

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



#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

#### BAND REPRESENTATIVE

Term: Full-Time — Term (One-Year Contract)
Salary Range: \$58,670 - \$70,060 (Subject to education and/or experience or a combinate

#### POSITION SUMMARY:

The First Nations Band Representative plays a crucial role in advocating for and supporting Whitefish River First Nation children and youth involved in child and family services cases, regardless of their place of residence. Your primary responsibility is to ensure that their voices are heard in court and that their cultural identity is respected and reflected in all decision-making processes. Your work is vital to the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN).

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Represent the interests of WRFN and its members regarding child welfare matters in court.
- Provide knowledge, awareness and promotion of WRFN's interests to courts and external child Liaise between the WRFN and external child welfare agencies.
- Represent the WRFN whenever our children have been apprehended, are being adopted or are in
- Assist with the protocols with external child welfare agencies. Assist families in accessing resources and collaborate with other supports for prevention activities.
- Work towards the repatriation of children residing in care in other jurisdictions.
- Compile and document all relevant case-related information and documentation. \*For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

- Post-secondary degree in Social Work, Social Science, Child and Youth Care or a related field.
- Minimum of two (2) years of experience working in Social Services or a related field in an Indigenous community or organization. Advanced computer skills: Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer and Adobe.
- Must have a valid driver's licence and access to reliable vehicle.

#### **OTHER**

- Able to interpret legislation and legal documents; understand the Customary Care Agreement and the Child/Family Services Act (CFSA).
- Knowledge of Case Management techniques and Alternative Dispute Mechanisms (i.e. Sharing circles). Understanding of Anishinaabe language, culture and traditions as it relates to traditional healing.
- Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal skills, to be effective in negotiation,
- advocacy, facilitation, and collection and dissemination of information. Must provide an up-to-date and clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.
- Must be willing to be on-call for emergency response services regarding child welfare matters. Must obtain an up-to-date First Aid and CPR Certification.

#### The deadline for applications is August 8th, 2025 at noon.

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

> **CONFIDENTIAL: Band Representative** Whitefish River First Nation 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532 Miigwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

# SCB Haweater Open makes a big splash on Manitoulin

...continued from page 1A reinforce protocols around fish health and safety.

The barge-based weighin station, which was provided by Diamond Sponsor Rob Sheppard of Sheppard Custom Building, was stationed just outside Little Current harbour. It served as both a hub and community gathering point, where fish were weighed under careful observation before being quickly released back into the water. Not a single fish was seen floating after either tournament day, a success that tournament organizers and the fishing community took pride in. A few

teams did choose to keep their catch on day two for a well-deserved post-derby fish fry, but this was the exception rather than the norm. "The success of this event depends on the management of the fish as much as the people running it," said Mr. Feher. "The tour staff is counting on every-

# The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team is recruiting a

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

Effective Date: as soon as possible

Qualifications:

- Current registration in good standing as a Registered Nurse with CNO Current WHMIS and AODA
- Current CPR and first aid

- Working collaboratively with physicians and other members of a team to provide
- primary care for clinic patients Working with babies and young children Working with preventative care services,
- including cervical screening Knowledge of Telus PS Suite (an asset)

Applications, including resume, three (3) references will be accepted until

Friday, August 15, 2025

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



#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

#### WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

#### MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR

Full-Time

Salary Range: \$67,480 - \$80,570 / year (Depending on education and experience)

+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions and more

As a Mental Health Counsellor, you will have the unique opportunity to provide effective and comprehensive assessments, counselling and case management to community members of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) who are living with mental health and/or substance use issues. This role, which is part of an interdisciplinary care team, also involves collaborating with internal and external service providers, making it a dynamic and rewarding position.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- As a Mental Health Counsellor, you will play a crucial role in providing direct counselling to Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) members. Your assessments, treatments, referrals and follow-ups, which primarily focus on individuals, families or groups, will be instrumental in addressing mental health and substance use issues in the community.
- Provide counselling that often relates to crisis, trauma, suicide, domestic violence, sexual, physical or
- Provide or facilitate the provision of services through a culturally based framework.
- Complete screening and comprehensive assessments for issues related to mental health, substance and behavioural addictions; Develop wholistic, client-centred, individualized treatment plans.
- Facilitate individual and group counselling sessions focused on improved health and wellness using evidence-informed therapeutic techniques, and coordinate access and referrals to local community resources.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Master's level education and professional membership are an asset (MSW, RSW preferred) or related education at a master's level, such as counseling or psychology, combined with at least 3 years' direct
- Post-graduate Addictions degree, diploma or equivalent experience would be an asset.
- Knowledge of Indigenous Traditional Teachings, Culture, including intergenerational trauma.
- 3-5 years of experience working with the Indigenous community using a wholistic model to incorporate traditional beliefs, values and culture-based practices into the therapeutic work to promote wellness and healing.
- 3-5 years of experience working with mental health, including providing trauma-informed care. 3-5 years of experience and/or education in working with substance and/or behavioural addictions, including:concurrent disorders, stages of change, motivational interviewing, harm reduction and
- relapse prevention. Knowledge of and ability to use structured screening, assessment, and treatment tools.
- Experience in the delivery of both individual and group counselling using evidence-informed approaches.

#### **SKILLS:**

- Strong understanding of colonization and its impacts on Anishinaabe communities (Intergenerational Trauma resulting from IRS, Day Schools, Sixties Scoop, child welfare, etc.).
- Ability to make connections with community members; Ability to work and handle confidential and sensitive information.
- Responding to after-hours emergencies as required; Overtime, evening and weekends as may be required from time to time.

Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire. For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

#### Application Closing Date: August 11, 2025 at noon.

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Mental Health Counsellor

Whitefish River First Nation

17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

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Matt Bettio and Terry Kowalchuk finished second with an impressive combined two-day weight of 48.34 lbs for a cool \$7,500. They are joined on stage by Haweater Open volunteers Jillian St. Cyr, left, and Sulla Sheppard, right.

one to do their part."

When all was said and done, the winners were announced in front of a crowd of approximately 200 locals and tourists who gathered to cheer on the lucky anglers. The big winners were, ironically, Team No. 1 - Clint Hurd and Tom Hardy who took home top honors, netting a whopping \$16,000 cash prize for their stunning two-day total of 50.42 lbs. The pair not only dominated the leaderboard

but also earned bragging rights for landing the largest fish of the tournament, a mouth-dropping 6.27 lb largemouth bass that had spectators cheering, which also earned them \$550 additional dollars for their efforts.

Hot on their heels was the duo of Matt Bettio and Terry Kowalchuk who finished second with an equally impressive 48.34 lbs, and the team of David Feher and Ben Bond came

in a close third at 48.29 lbs, just a touch away from claiming silver.

With cash prizes awarded to the top 11 teams, the competition fierce right to the finish. Payouts started with a \$500 returning of the entry fee and rose sharply from there. Along with cold hard cash, the tournament was also flush with gear, swag and generous sponsor-donated items, adding extra ...continued on page 5A

#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

#### 2<sup>ND</sup> POSTING HOUSING MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR

Full-Time (35 hours per week)

Salary Range: \$50,490 to \$60,290 (Depending on education and/or experience)

The Housing Maintenance Coordinator plays a crucial role in providing administrative and coordination support for the renovations of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) rental units. This position coordinates resources and third parties/vendors for project execution, including tracking and analyzing project performance, expenditures, procurement and reporting. The Housing Maintenance Coordinator is also responsible for overseeing renovation projects, repairs and maintenance, as well as the overall operation of WRFN rental homes and properties.

- Prepare, coordinate and monitor daily minor and major maintenance and renovation services to all WRFN band rental units under the Housing Department.
- Performing general inspections in rental homes and engaging with tenants to determine renovation needs and requests.
- Collaborating and communicating with the Housing Navigator is a key aspect of this role, ensuring tenants' wellbeing is at the forefront of our operations.
- Assist with budgets for each unit or project and report on a monthly, quarterly or annual
- Assist with maintenance planning for all equipment and vehicles. Troubleshoot and report any issues with electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air
- conditioning systems (HVAC) in the rental units, including necessary equipment repairs (For a complete job description, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca).

- Grade 12 or GED is required. A post-secondary diploma in Project Management, Business Administration, Construction/House Inspection or other related programs is an asset. An equivalent combination of education, training and/or experience will also be considered, providing a pathway for career growth and development.
- Minimum of three to five (3-5) years of experience in general maintenance, carpentry and knowledge of the mechanical operation of housing unit equipment/systems preferred. Thorough knowledge of building and operating systems, construction, installation,
- maintenance and repair practices. Experience in Project Management is required; Experience supervising crews is an asset.
- Thorough knowledge of Workplace Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Regulations. Knowledge of applicable construction codes (ONT Building, ON Plumbing, Canadian
- Proficiency in MS Office (Outlook, Word, Excel). MS Project (project management software)

#### **SKILLS:**

- Knowledge of construction processes, materials and techniques; Ability to read blueprints. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Motivated and physically fit to perform this type of work, and the ability to lift at least 50
- Must train new employees and work flexible hours; maintain on-call schedule. Excellent problem solving, multi-tasking and collaborative skills.

\*\*Upon hire, the successful candidate must submit a Police Criminal Reference Check. \*\*

#### Applications must be received by August 7th, 2025 at noon

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

CONFIDENTIAL: Housing Maintenance Coordinator

c/o Human Resources Whitefish River First Nation

17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0

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

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...continued from page 4A excitement for competitors. In addition to the prizes afforded to the lucky anglers, Mr. Feher also made a generous donation to the Little Current Lions Club, which was presented to Lion Alicia McCutcheon, who had also volunteered as a deck hand. Lion Alicia had spent several hours on both days of the tournament assisting anglers but helping them to dock their boats as they hurried in for weigh-ins.

While the anglers reeled in the fish, Rob Sheppard played a key behind-thescenes role in making it

possible. Not only did he provide the barge that served as the weighin platform, but his company, Sheppard Custom Building, also stepped up as the event's Diamond Sponsor. Mr. Feher offered special the weekend, both on the mic and behind

the scenes. "We owe Rob a huge thank you," Mr. Feher noted. "He's helped turn this event into a real-

The SCB Haweater Open also drew attention from



thanks to Mr. Shep- The legendary Bob Izumi, who was a participant in the Izumi pard and Nat Wil- Haweater Open, took time to say a few words about his throughout the tournament and the excellent fishing the area has on ond both on

Canadian fishing royalty in the form of Bob Izumi, who competed alongside partner Erick Hodgins. Though the duo didn't make the top prize list, they landed a solid Top 10

from fans who recognized Mr. from decades television.

asked

to say a few words, Mr. Izumi didn't hold back in his praise of the event—or the region. "The effort and hard work that Laszlo and his family have put into this event has been incredible," he

When

and the setup—it all takes a lot of time and effort, and you guys all did such a fantastic job.'

But it wasn't just about the tournament. Izumi also used the opportunity to shine a light on Manitoulin's untapped fishing potential and the value it holds for both anglers and the broader tourism economy. "This area remains one of the last true fishing hatcheries for bass that remains unpressured in the province—maybe in the entire country," Mr. Izumi said. "It's such an amazing fishery for so many species. I could easily spend a month here fishing and

the area has to offer." Mr. Izumi added "And (Little Current) has been fantastic with (Haweater Weekend). There's been so much to see and do, and we had a blast. It would be nice to see the tourism community get involved in this event, because it's a really good opportunity to bring in tourists and get more people to visit this beautiful town."

By the end of the weekend, the SCB Haweater Open had proven to be far more than just a derby—it was a statement. A statement that Manitoulin Island is ready to host high-level competitive fish-

ing events. A statement that community-powered projects can lead the way in conservation, culture, and celebration. And a statement that Laszlo Feher and his team are building special that could very well become an annual tradition.

As the equipment was stowed, the boats trailered and goodbyes said, there was a veritable sense of pride amongst everyone involved. For those who fished, volunteered, sponsored or simply watched from shore, it was clear: the SCB Haweater Open is hooked on a bright future—and the Island is better for it.



#### SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Elementary School Teacher**



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

#### **Essential Duties:**

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

#### Qualifications/Requirements:

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

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation - St. Joseph's Anishinabek School Salary Range: As per placement on the approved Teacher Salary Grid Deadline to Apply: August 15th, 2025 or until filled.

Interested applicants may forward their cover letter and resume marked confidential to: **Heather Wilson** 

> Director, Education & Life-Long Learning **Sheshegwaning First Nation** 1079A Sheshegwaning Road Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON P0P 1X0 heather@sheshegwaning.org

\*\*Preference will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation Members. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



#### SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

#### **Principal - Full-Time position**

The Sheshegwaning First Nation is seeking a reliable and trustworthy Principal to join our excellent school, who will be tasked with reviewing budgets and school policies, organizing school events and community initiatives, updating student records, handling disciplinary issues and recruiting new staff. You should make valid contributions to the improvement of the school and be a stellar example for both staff and students.

The incumbent reports to the Sheshegwaning First Nation Director of Education.

#### Qualifications:

- University Degree or College Degree Principal Level 1 and 2.
- Knowledge of First Nation needs and goals in the education of First Nation people and
- Knowledge of current First Nations' position on education and training issues at community regional and national levels as it pertains to education and training programs.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proven supervisory skills.
- Ability to manage programs within a limited budget.
- To speak Anishinaabemowin would be an asset.
- Proven computer skills in Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Consult and work with other departments along with Director of Education for the harmonious advancement of our students.
- Work with Director of Education to review budgets, school policies and rules and regulations to maintain a positive relationship with the Education Committee and Chief
- Attend and participate in meetings with staff, parents and other officials.
- In cooperation with teaching and support staff and administration, work with Director of Education to review departmental needs within financial constraints.
- Help to arrange professional development for school personnel.
- Establish rapport and maintain relationships with parents, staff and students.
- Sit in on disciplinary hearings and provide advice for at-risk students.
- Update student and school records.

Preference will be given to

Sheshegwaning First Nation

- Remain active and visible on field trips during school functions.
- Address concerns raised by students, staff and parents.
- Supervise teachers on a day-to-day basis including performance reviews and setting annual goals and objectives.
- Monitor the attendance and progress of the students who are being transported to other communities to be educated.

Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a CPIC, cover letter and three references no later than August 15, 2025 or until position filled, marked confidential to the attention of:

Heather Wilson, Director of Education **Sheshegwaning First Nation** 1079A Sheshegwaning Road Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0 heather@sheshegwaning.org

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

### Manitoulin Secondary School student one of two selected for Shad program

MANITOWANING-Manitoulin Secondary School student Dylan Kuntsi could not hold back his enthusiasm when talking about participating in the prestigious SHAD program this summer.

"It was amazing—probably the best experience of my life," stated Mr. Kuntsi, after taking part in the month-long SHAD program. Mr. Kuntsi was one of only two students selected for a scholarship through the Canada-wide SHAD program earlier this year. He was one of 131 students who took part in the program. The SHAD enrichment pro-

gram is named after Shad Creek in southern Ontario, which is close to the school where the program originated in 1981. SHAD offices are based in Waterloo, Ontario.

"I had the opportunity to meet so many creative, smart, cool people through this program," said Mr. Kuntsi. He applied for the SHAD program earlier this year and was notified in January that he was one of only two students Canada-wide to win a \$7,200 scholar-

Dylan, who will be entering Grade 11 at MSS this fall, explained previously, "to apply you have to answer a whole bunch of questions that they send you (including a couple of essays) and tell (SHAD) about yourself, your experiences and extra-curricular activities you take part in." He had two MSS teachers provide references and had to provide information as to what his grade point average is in school (it's an impressive 93 percent).

SHAD Canada is an annual Canadian summer enrichment program for high achieving Grade 10-11 high school students, held in July. The program is open to both Canadian and international students, and the program is offered at about 19 participating universities across Canada.

Students participate in university level STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics). There is also entrepreneur content and



Dylan Kuntsi is shown fourth from left in photo, with his team at the prestigious Canada-wide SHAD program held at the University of Western Ontario in London.

participants have access to mentors. Students get to attend one university for 27 days, attend lectures, do labs, work with professors, and participate in group projects.

"I went to the University of Western Ontario," Mr. Kuntsi told The Expositor. He stayed in a two-room suite on campus (with a roommate) and

and then we would go into lectures or activities until lunch. After lunch we would again attend lectures from professors, then later in the day the students would take in some type of sports activity. Dinner would normally take place in the cafeteria and after that 6:30 pm fun, team building activities would take place in groups.

After the announcements would take place at 9 pm, students had free time until curfew at 11

"There were 131 students in total taking part this year, the biggest group SHAD has ever had before," said Mr. Kuntsi.

On the first day of the SHAD program the students were presented with a lecture, Black Hole-being alone in the universe. The students took place in about nine projects, being asked to come up with solutions for issues and concerns relating to topics like transportation. "A lot of what we worked at was involving business entrepreneurship, marketing a business and what we felt could be done to make a business prosper.

"We equip youth to take

challenges with a STEAM lens. Each campus tackles the same real world problems and designated design teams with assigned mentors develop STEAMbased solutions, pitches and presentations to panels. This is an entrepreneurial experience with a social impact and one of the most loved aspects of our program," the SHAD website states.

Mr. Kuntsi said one of the highlights of the program for him was, "I was allowed to touch an actual human heart, which was really cool."

While he is entering Grade 11 at MSS this fall and will be starting a summer course to get ahead on credits this month, after the SHAD program, "I know I want to do something in science with all the awesome things that you can do in this (career)."

As for which university he would like to pursue his post-secondary school studies, "the University of Western Ontario is definitely up there. The campus is cool and I know where everything is now," said Mr. Kuntsi.

Dylan said any student that has the opportunity to take part in the SHAD program should do so. "Yes, 100 percent. It is such a great experience. There were 130 other kids on hand, and everyone makes great connections with their fellow students."

Dylan's sister, Jocelyn (also a former MSS student) received the same SHAD scholarship when she took part in SHAD three years ago.

**Jake's Home Centre** is looking for a Delivery Assistant.

We are a Home Furnishing company that serves Manitoulin Island and surrounding area.

Key qualifications and responsibilities include:

- Ensuring deliveries to customers are completed efficiently, safely and respectfully.
- Loading and unloading products coming into and leaving our warehouse.
- Able to lift and move heavy products (appliances and furniture)
- Interacting with the public in a kind and respectful
- Valid driver's licence and a clean abstract.
- Able to provide an up-to-date Criminal Record Check.

Jake's Home Centre offers a competitive wage and benefits. Training and certification are offered where necessary.

To apply, please send a resume to info@jakes.ca or drop one off in person at one of our two locations: 6104 Hwy 542 in Mindemoya or 9050 Hwy 6 in Little Current.

# WE ARE HIRING!



Canada-wide program.

**BAND REPRESENTATIVE** 

The Band Representative will ensure the heritage; cultural traditions, identity, and rights of M'Chigeeng First Nation children are protected and preserved by all parties involved in child welfare matters,

before the courts. Department: Health Services Salary: CS (\$63,648 - \$77,792)

Type: Regular Full-Time (Benefits & Pension Package)

#### **HUMAN RESOURCE GENERALIST**

The Human Resource Generalist is responsible for the development, administration, and management of human resources. Department: Child and Family Services Salary: C5 - 4 (\$63,648 - \$77,792) Type: Regular Full-Time

#### COMMUNITY CONNECTOR COORDINATOR

The Community Connectors Coordinator will supervise the Community Connectors to ensure community members are connected to services that enhance their health, well-being, and safety.

Salary: CS - (\$53,591 - \$65,499.20) Type: Regular Full - Time Term (Pending Approval)

#### IN HOME SUPPORT WORKER

The role of the In-Home Support Worker for Parents and Families is to provide personalized guidance, education, and support to families within their homes. Department: Child and Family Services Salary; CS - 3 (\$53, 591,20 - \$65, 499,20)

Type: Regular Full - Time

#### Child and Youth Worker

The Child & Youth Worker involves organizing and executing a variety of activities aimed at promoting life skills, cultural awareness, and community engagement among young individuals. Department: Health and Wellness Salary: CS - 2 (\$45,396 - \$55,484)

Type: Regular Full - Time

#### Community Liaison Coordinator

This position will take the lead to carrying out the mandate of the First Nation Band Representative and In-Home Support Services programs, safe and transitional home.

Department: Health Services Salary: CS - 3 (\$53,591 - \$65, 499) Type: Term Full - Time

**2** (705) - 377 -5362



employment@mchigeeng.ca MORE INFORMATION: https://mchigeeng.ca/employment/



noted a typical day would be waking up at 6:30 am, going for a run and having breakfast. "Normally roll call would take place,

# Nakiiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Finance Officer

Summary

Dylan Kuntsi, left, a Manitowaning resident and student at

Manitoulin Secondary School is shown at the Canada-wide

SHAD program he participated in during July. Dylan was one

of only two students selected for a scholarship through the

The Wikwemikong Co-ordinated Financial Services Unit is seeking applications from qualified individuals to apply for the position of Finance Officer. Working under the supervision of the Band Finance Manager, the Finance Officer will perform various general accounting duties for the WUT and related companies.

#### **Job Duties**

- Generate monthly financial statements for distribution to program managers, finance committee and Chief and Council
- Review financial statements and general ledger listings with program managers, prepare
- adjustments as required Prepare and distribute transactions, then record and post transactions to the general ledger
- Perform reconciliations for various accounts Maintain capital asset records for additions, dispositions, amortization, insurance, etc.
- Assist program managers with preparing financial reports for funders Assist program managers with budgets and record budget data to the financial accounting
- Assist other finance personnel
- Other duties as required

#### Requirements

- Minimum 2-year diploma in finance or accounting Excellent knowledge of financial management systems
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite applications
- High standards of ethics and maintain confidentiality when handling sensitive information
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently, learn and implement new concepts
- Exercise good judgement, show initiative and be proactive
- Able to work overtime as required
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

**Salary Range**: \$65,009.00

Posting Date: June 25, 2025

Closing Date: Until Filled

Please submit a covering letter, resume, copies of diplomas and/or certificates, and three (3) workrelated references (within the last three years) to:

#### **Confidential: Finance Officer Position**

19A Complex Drive, PO Box 112 Wiikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve Wiikwemkoong, ON P0P 2J0 erc@wiikwemkoong.ca

We thank all interested applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit copies as there is no return of submissions.

# Manitoulin Colouring Book volume six captures Island charm for a new generation

MUNICIPALITY 2



OF ASSIGINACK

#### Requires a PUBLIC WORKS OPERATOR

The Township requires a self-starter to perform public works operations on a year-round, full-time basis.

A detailed job description and pay grid is available from the undersigned. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 pm, Friday, August 15th, 2025, by mail or email.

#### Township of Assiginack Alton Hobbs, CAO

PO Box 238, 156 Arthur Street Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0 705-859-3196 ahobbs@assiginack.ca www.assiginack.ca

Information collected for employment is done under authority of Section 29(2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purpose of assessing eligibility for employment.

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

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

MANITOULIN—The beloved Manitoulin Colouring Book series continues its artistic journey with the release of Volume 6, available in shops and markets across Manitoulin Island and aboard the Chi-Cheemaun ferry at the Boatique gift shop.

This newest volume maintains the series' celebrated tradition of turning iconic island scenes into captivating blackand-white illustrations, inviting locals and visitors alike to create their own colourful memories. Designed for all ages, Volume 6 leans into an even more family-friendly format with bold lines and simpler illustrations, making it especially appealing for younger chil-

"As always, our books are appropriate for all ages. However, this year is particularly great for younger family members," said artist and publisher independent Ashley Whyte. "Sometimes folks shopping for children are worried they will make a mess of the book, but I always remind them to never underestimate what kids are capa-



Ashley Whyte, in photo, displays the newly released Manitoulin Colouring Book Volume 6 that she and her husband have had

ble of, especially when the adults join them and have fun together. Our books provide the perfect opportunity to co-create, share stories about the Island and develop skills and coordination. I like to think of it as 'edutainment."

Volume 6 marks the second consecutive annual release since Ms. Whyte and her husband Dylon resumed publication of the series following a several-year hiatus. The break began in 2020 as Mr. Whyte faced a serious cancer diagnosis, which had put plans for the next volume at an indefinite pause.

"I didn't think we would get to another volume after the fourth," reflected Ms. Whyte. "But we decided to go for it and published volume 5 in 2024. We received overwhelming feedback in response to our continuing the series and we knew we just had to make another one.'

With Mr. Whyte now officially cured, the couple have reignited their creative momentum, with Ms. Whyte as lead illustrator and Mr. Whyte offering behind-the-scenes support.

"Ashley has taken over illustrating for the last several volumes and I provide support," laughed Mr. Whyte. "We do work on the ideas together though, pitching potential pages back and forth, as well as the little quotes that go with them.'

The series began in 2016 as a way to showcase the Island through accessible, interactive art. With roots in a collaborative project between Mr. Whyte and his father, Manitoulin artist Jack Whyte (1939-2018), the books have evolved from nostalgic illustrations to highly engaging cultural keepsakes-thanks in large part to Ms. Whyte's imaginative visual style and clever page design.

Each book is also a grassroots effort, supported by local businesses that sponsor custom colouring pages. Over the years, more than two dozen businesses have contributed, their ads blending into the book's content so naturally that colouring them feels more like exploring the Island than reading a promotion.

Now six volumes deep, the series stands as a unique form of destination marketing, one that is equal parts memento, activity book and Island ambassador. The Whytes have worked tirelessly to make each edition a love letter to Manitoulin and ensure the books are a locally produced product.

"We do every bit of the work ourselves, everything from drafting ideas, sketching, illustrating, layout and design, formatting and publishing. The only thing we do not do is print the final copies. We work with a local business, OJ Graphix in Espanola, for that last portion," stated Ms. Whyte.

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#### M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION **CUSTOM ELECTION CODE 2019 ELECTORAL OFFICER**



For both the upcoming By-Election 2025 & the General Election in September 2026

The M'Chigeeng First Nation is requesting tenders from qualified persons to serve as an Electoral Officer for the CUSTOM ELECTION to be held on M'Chigeeng First Nation.

The M'Chigeeng First Nation has a membership of 2,988 registered members. The majority of membership is off reserve.

To administer the registration of voters, the nominations process and conduct the taking and counting of a vote under the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code and Election Code Regulations.

To exercise the powers, and perform the duties set out in the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code and Election Code Regulations and such duties as are assigned by the Council.

The successful candidate will ensure the duties and responsibilities as set out within the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2019 are carried out for the bi-election.

An Electoral Officer, must prior to appointment, provide to the Council with an undertaking to discharge their duties and responsibilities of the position in a fair and neutral manner. The Electoral Officer must possess a high degree of professionalism, integrity and confidentiality.

#### SCOPE OF WORK:

The Contractor shall perform all services required of an electoral officer pursuant to the Custom Election Code to conduct the Election including, but not limited to, the following:

- Adherence to the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code;
- Conduct the Election in accordance with the Code; Strictly adhere to the Election timeline as per the MFN
- Report the results of the Bi-Election to the members of the First Nation immediately after the filing of the
- The final report on the overall bi-election must be provided to the First Nation upon completion of the

In addition to the Duties of Electoral Officer as outlined in M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2019, the

- Electoral Officer will be responsible to provide:

  An election report and results to Chief and Council, First Nation, Band Membership A Training session to the Election/Appeal Committee as required by the Electoral Officer

**<u>Tender Submission</u>** must include the following information and documents: Details of work to be performed with a cost breakdown and description of resources to complete thereof;

Previous election experience performed.

To request a copy of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2019, Timeline, and/or to ask questions, please contact Shannon Bebamash Enaagdenjged at (705) 377-5362, ext. 1202 or via email enaagdenjged@mchigeeng.ca.

> Sealed Tenders will be accepted by the undersigned up until August 21st, 2025 at 2:00 pm

> > Attn: Chief & Council c/o Enaagdenjged M'Chigeeng First Nation P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, Ontario P0P 1G0

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