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PRIDE SISTERS TRIO—Rebekkah Batman of Little Current and daughters, Lizah, Evie and Mable attended the Manitoulin Pride parade in their colourful finery. The parade and barbecue that followed at the Little Current United Church has become a popular culminating spot to the days-long August event. **FOR MORE PRIDE PHOTOS, PLEASE SEE PAGE 15.**

Woman's body found in Spanish River raises more questions than answers about missing, murdered women in area

by **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ALGOMA-MANITOULIN—Nibi, the spirits of the water, returned one of her daughters—whose earth walk had ended—to the shores of Sable-Spanish River in Ontario.

A woman yet to be named was found where Lake Huron folds into the reeds of the river near Webbwood. The discovery, quiet as a breath, spread quickly throughout the North Shore and Manitoulin Island—communities braced, like poplar trees waiting for a wind that might carry news too heavy to bear. The current carried instead, a woman in silence, as if the water itself could not bear to speak her name before her family heard it first.

For many, that wind might have carried the name of Juanita “Winnie” Migwans, missing since October 8, 2024—313 days now—her absence a forlorn howling in the lives of family, friends and a region already straining under the weight of too many gone. By some counts, seven or more Indigenous women remain missing from this stretch of Northern Ontario in recent open cases.

The OPP says they cannot yet name the woman the river returned. Foul play is “not sus-
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by **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Once, in late summer, the skies over Manitoulin could flicker orange and black as monarch butterflies set out on their improbable journey—a multi-generational migration from Canada to the mountains of central Mexico. Today, ecologists say those numbers have dropped to “alarmingly low” levels, and without swift, coordinated action between Canada, the United States and Mexico, the monarch’s migration could collapse.

Ryan Norris, a University
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Documentary film in progress

Features life and accomplishments of Dr. Jeanette Corbiere Lavell

by **Michael Erskine**

MANITOULIN—For decades the friends and family of Canadian Indigenous rights icon Jeanette Corbiere Lavell of Manitowaning/Wiikwemkoong have been urging her to write a book about her life’s work—and what a life it has been. But the tireless ogichidaakwe (warrior woman) has



Dawn (Meme) Lavell-Harvard interviews someone for her upcoming documentary on the life and times of her mother, Jeanette Corbiere Lavell at the Wiikwemkoong powwow grounds.

never paused long enough to put pen to paper (or fingers to keys) to lay down her truth.

So it is that Ms. Corbiere Lavell’s daughter, Dawn (Meme) Lavell-Harvard has set about creating a documentary film based on her mother’s life’s
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Department of Fisheries and Oceans scientist Trisiah Tugade holds a massive 26 kg (57.2 lbs) grass carp found in Lake Huron last month. **photo courtesy Department of Fisheries and Oceans**

Giant Asian grass carp found in Lake Huron near Bruce power plant

by **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LAKE HURON—The waters surrounding Manitoulin Island are sounding urgent alarms. Lake Huron faces a relentless squeeze from invasive species, rising temperatures and the unraveling of ecological balance that has supported these waters for millennia. Among the newest—and perhaps most troubling—signs came on July 14, when a recreational angler reported a dying grass carp floating in Baie du Doré, just a short drive north of Tiverton

in Bruce County, close to the Bruce nuclear generating plant.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) swiftly collected the fish, confirming it was a triploid (sterile) female grass carp—the third such carp found in Canadian waters of Lake Huron since surveillance began in 2013. DFO spokesperson Sam Di Lorenzo described it as one of the largest grass carp specimens processed by the agency, measuring 1,230 millimeters long, 780 millime-

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Anishinabek elders to host protest against Garlon use

by **Jacqueline M. St. Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

NORTH SHORE—In moonlit silence, Mishomis Ray Owl was stirred by an ancient call: “Wake up.” At his kitchen table, he heard his ancestors and

guides speak in Anishinaabemowin—an ancestral summons that birthed his role as forest sentinel in the vanguard against aerial spraying of glyphosate for plantation forestry, being executed in the Anishinabek Nation Great Lakes territories.

Across the land, TEK Elders stand for the law of the land—embodying Mino-Bimaadziwin (the Anishinabek law of ‘living the good life’). Their duty is not relegated to ceremony; it is spiritual, legal, communal. They are unwavering in their message: aerial glyphosate spraying violates Treaty rights—the sacred obligations enshrined under section 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982 and grounded in Anishinaabek law and oral tradition, ways of being with the land that predate European contact.

Grandmother Caroline Recollet, who has taken on Mishomis
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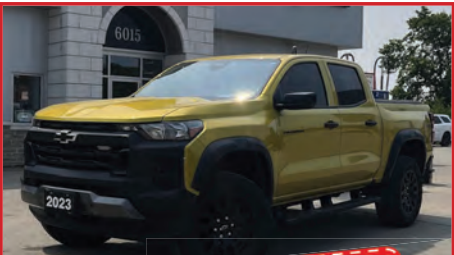


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A crowd gathers for the dedication of artifacts of the SS Norisle on the grounds of the Little Schoolhouse and Museum Saturday in South Baymouth. In foreground is the Norisle's bow windlass, the piece of equipment that raised and lowered the anchor chain.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Norisle artifacts returned to her home port at South Baymouth

by Alicia McCutcheon

SOUTH BAYMOUTH—The South Baymouth Community Development Association and Little Schoolhouse and Museum hosted an MS Chi-Cheemaun/SS Norisle salute event Saturday in South Baymouth that included a special dedication of several artifacts from the former SS Norisle—the passenger ferry that plied the waters from Tobermory to South Baymouth from 1947 to 1973 when it was replaced by the MS Chi-Cheemaun—back to her home port.

The artifacts, all installed on the museum grounds, include the Norisle's bow windlass (the machinery that raised and lowered the anchor chain), a lifeboat and a cowl vent.

The dedication was emceed by Gary Brown, museum board chair. He explained to the crowd that the Norisle was built in the Collingwood Shipyard for a cost of \$547,000 and launched in 1946.

The name Norisle stands for NOR (Northern re-

gion of Lake Huron) and ISLE (representing Manitoulin). She was 215' in length and had a capacity of 200 passengers and 50 vehicles and replaced the SS Caribou, which could carry 13 vehicles, and supplemented the MS Normac (10 vehicles).

"In her first full season she carried 13,000 vehicles and 40,000 passengers," Mr. Brown shared. "Multiply this by 26 years of service and you get 340,000 vehicles and over one million passengers."

Mr. Brown noted that the two outside lanes of the Chi-Cheemaun would hold as many vehicles as the Norisle.

The Norisle was the first commercial vessel built in Canada after WWII and the first new passenger ferry built on the Great Lakes since 1911. It boasted a crew of 47 and included "white linen" dining and overnight berths.

Mr. Brown thanked several people and organi-

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'Beetle's Buddies' hockey grant named for the late Kevin Bailey

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—When you consider his tremendous involvement with hockey at all levels on Manitoulin Island, it seems only right that the family of the late Kevin Bailey has launched a new grassroots grant (to help those local families who may not have the means for their children to play minor hockey) called Beetle's Buddies in memory of Kevin.

"I wanted to share something special happening here on Manitoulin Island that I think might resonate with our community, especially with anyone who's ever laced up a pair of skates or wanted to and didn't have the means to do so," said Patricia Stephenson, daughter of Kevin in an online post.

Ms. Stephenson explained, "We've just launched a new

grassroots grant called 'Beetle's Buddies,' in memory of my dad, Kevin "Beetle" Bailey. If you knew him, you know he was a huge part of the local hockey scene, coaching more kids than I could count, teaching them to skate, pass and hold their heads high. He was a loud, passionate presence, full of tough love and belief in the underdog. He didn't coddle, he challenged. And he showed up for kids who needed someone in their corner."

"This new grant is our way of continuing that: Beetle's Buddies will help cover hockey costs, registration, travel, equipment, food, gas for kids who want to play but may be held back by the price tag," continued Ms. Stephenson.

"Actually, we put out applications this morning," Ms. Stephenson told The Expositor last Thursday. "We're hoping this campaign can be ongoing, so \$1,000 can be provided to a family to help with the costs of a child playing hockey." She said at this point no decisions have been made. "We will start with pro-

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Matthew Redmond recognized by Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

Second year medical student at NOSM

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Matthew Redmond, of Mindemoya, has been recognized with a Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) Award.

Mr. Redmond, a medical student at Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM University), is one of 16 exceptional medical students from across Canada who has been named a recipient of the award for 2025. The award recognizes a second-year student from each medical school across Canada who has demonstrated leadership, academic excellence and a commitment to collaborative and innovative approaches in health care.

"I am very grateful to have received this year's Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award and to be able to represent NOSM University in this way," said Mr. Redmond. "There have been so many mentors along the way who have shaped my journey, from sports to the operating room, and everywhere in between."



Matthew Redmond

"This award recognizes Matthew Redmond's deep commitment to health equity and social accountability, two core values of NOSM University," said Dr. Michael Green, president, vice-chancellor, Dean and CEO of NOSM. "The CMHF awards recognize future physicians, like Matthew, who are dedicated to building a more just and inclusive health-care system."

Originally from Manitoulin, Mr. Redmond learned the val-

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MSS teacher and mentor, Caroline Black, honoured by FIRST Robotics Canada

MANITOULIN—Educators play a key role in ensuring that FIRST Robotics Canada programs have a lasting, positive impact on students while inspiring them to explore the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Caroline Black, a Team 6865 Manitoulin Mentor (Manitoulin Secondary School) has received recognition as a 2025 First Educators Recognition Program Honoree. She was one of fifteen educators worldwide to be honoured with this distinction, the only person in Canada to receive this honour.

"I think Ms. Black is fantastic," stated MSS 6865 Robotics team member Amara Wilson-Zegil. "She is always right there when you need support."

"She is a terrific female role model for STEM. I really enjoy working with her," continued Ms. Wilson-Zegil. "She is a great teacher and mentor and the same could be said for Yana Bauer and all our mentors."

"Oh my gosh, we are so proud of Caroline receiving this award. It's fantastic," stated Yana Bauer, a fellow MSS teacher and mentor on MSS Team 6865. "She is an amazing educator in general, very creative and such a great role model for learning in general, and in robotics."

Ms. Black was nominated for her award by Alex Wilson-Zegil, team captain of the MSS Robotics team last fall. Her remarkable dedication to engaging students in STEM has been truly incredible.

Ms. Bauer noted that Ms. Black has been instrumental in starting the MSS Robotics elementary school program,

which was initiated last year, and was expanded this fall. "Caroline is the lead mentor in the elementary school program for ages 5-13," said Ms. Bauer, noting Ms. Black is the communications technological teacher at MSS.

Ms. Black, a Tehkummah resident, was actually contacted about the award in June. "I've been a mentor for the robotics team since 2021 at MSS."

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New name graces former Lafarge Cement docks at Birch Island

by Michael Erskine
BIRCH ISLAND—The Lafarge fish fry has become an annual event, continuing a legacy celebrating the 54 years that Lafarge has partnered with Whitefish River First Nation. This year, the event has become the Amrize Fish Fry, as the Swiss company's head office, Holcim Group, has spun off North American operations with the Lafarge holdings rebranded to "Amrize." The change in name, however, has not altered the relationship between Whitefish River and what is now Amrize.

"On July 24, our Amrize Whitefish cement terminal team hosted its 54th annual fish fry with our Whitefish River First Nation partners," said Kelly Barrett, content specialist with Amrize in Chicago. "What originally emerged over 30 years ago as a way to invite members of the First Nations

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142nd Providence Bay Fair this weekend, August 15-17

Lone Pine Stage features local, national talent

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—One of the many reasons the annual Providence Bay Agricultural Fair is celebrating its 142nd anniversary this year is that the fair always provides for many popular events, both new and old, to ignite the interest of all visitors to the fair. This year's fair is taking place this weekend, August 15-17. "The official opening of the fair is taking place earlier this year, at 7 pm, to allow for everything that we have planned," said Dawn Dawson, a member of the Fair Society board.

"The Fair Feud (family) game has become a great hit at the fair, people really enjoy it," stated Ms. Dawson. "Also, to get people used

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Continued MMIWG2S+ remains a national disgrace

The pain of not knowing is a powerfully negative force eating at the wellbeing of the families of those women and girls who have gone missing in our communities. It is impossible for those who stand witness on the sidelines to fully comprehend that agony, a pain fueled by hope against hope.

According to research, Indigenous women and girls are 400 per cent more likely to go missing in this country. Since 1956 to 2016, it is estimated the tally of missing Indigenous women stands at over 4,000—we can’t know for certain the actual number, but it is likely much higher given the lacklustre record keeping that continues to fall short to this day.

Not so the level of incarceration.

In 2017/2018, Indigenous women represented four percent of the female population yet comprise 42 percent of those admitted to provincial/territorial custody and 40 percent of those in federal custody. The evidence is plain. Indigenous women are over-policed and under protected.

Studies based on the experiences of Indigenous women in their interactions with the police highlight the systemic challenges our society faces in remedying this pernicious issue. They overwhelming identify two main factors—they are met with either justification or dismissal.

Blaming the victim is nothing new, nor is the issue of missing and murdered women and girls. Too often, when a woman goes missing or is murdered, especially in an urban environment, the investigation is hampered by assumptions about the victim.

This is an attitude that is not relegated to Indigenous women—but it falls most often upon them. Social norms have changed dramatically over the past 50 years. Women are no longer considered chattel, the property and wards of the males in their lives, but the vestiges of that attitude remain to colour, consciously or unconsciously, approaches to dealing with the issue.

There are many factors impacting investigations into MMIWG2S+.

Resources of time, labour and technology are limited. The fundamental concept of Occam’s razor, also known as the principle of parsimony, suggests that the simplest explanation for a phenomenon is usually the right one. It’s a problem-solving tool as opposed to a law which favours explanations with fewer assumptions and complexities. Put the two together with the belief that the victim brought it upon themselves due to their lifestyle and you have a recipe for disaster.

This is not simply an issue of policing, law enforcement or a failure of the men and women who wear the blue. It is something that goes far deeper than that. It is a societal failing which, to some degree, each of us bears within us.

Dress in a manner regarded as provocative to males. It’s your own fault.

Engage in the sex trade. It’s your own fault.

Become addicted to drugs. It’s your own fault.

How many of the previous three statements caused a twinge of agreement? How many does the reader agree with wholeheartedly?

To a police officer patrolling the streets, a disproportionate number of those they meet engaging in those three streams are Indigenous.

The reasons are legion. Poverty, systemic trauma, a lack of opportunity, a dearth of options and opportunities in remote communities can lead someone to a life on the streets of the city. These are societal failures and not the fault of the police—but it is they who must deal with the fallout from those issues and, far too often, the human beings they are dealing with are Indigenous.

So, when it is an Indigenous woman who is missing or murdered, that lens gets unconsciously or consciously employed. The problem is not the police, or even law enforcement. Canadian law enforcement and the legal system is demonstrably better than that of our southern neighbours—the stats prove that point. Recidivism is far lower in Canada than the US.

Being relatively better is not enough. Too many MMIWG2S+ cases remain unsolved or resolved—period.

We can, and we must, do better as a society, as parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours. We need to teach our children better—especially our boys. Certainly, there are instances of female violence against males, and that too lies beyond the pale, but the numbers tell the tale. Men are more likely to engage in violence against women.

The recent vilification of “woke” attitudes will in no way reduce the tragedy of MMIWG2S+, it will, in plain matter of fact, make things much worse. Empathy provides a path we can, as individuals, take to improve our society. It will never be perfect, but that should not mean we should not try to make it better.

Sadly, that imperfection means there will always be MMIWG2S+, but what can be changed is the indifference with which their plight is met. Together we can make a change, but only if we wake up to the underlying causes and become unapologetically “woke.”

letters

Island artist recalls conversation with Ivan Wheale

A life dedicated to his art and mentoring others

To the Expositor:

I was chatting with Ivan Wheale today at the Little Current Hospital. He is such an amazing man. We talked for a long time about our art and about cre-

ativity and that creativeness makes people all-rounded. He has done this his entire life giving people this peace. We are on the same link when it comes to this time in our lives and will miss him dearly.

Linda Williamson
Big Lake

EDITOR’S NOTE: Mr. Wheale passed away last Saturday, August 9.

Annual Bay to Bay bicycle ride helps fill Lyons’ food cupboard

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay Rotary Club’s sixth annual Bay to Bay bicycle ride was a true community event!

“This year’s ride is special because it is a community event,” Rotary Club president Peter Carter said prior to the start of the 100 kilometre ride this past Saturday morning. “This year’s event is special because we are tying it into another commu-



A total of 30 riders took part in the sixth annual Gore Bay Rotary Club Bay to Bay Ride on Saturday.

nity event (the second annual Rock the Rings fundraiser) being hosted by the Gore Bay Curling Club this evening.” He pointed out the Gore Bay Rotary Club was established in 1954.



Participants in the sixth annual Gore Bay Rotary Club Bay to Bay Ride pose for a photo just prior to the event held on Saturday.

“This year’s ride is being held to raise funds toward the Food Cupboard (at Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay), which is near and dear to our club,” said Mr. Carter. “And equally important, our club has taken on being part of a foreign exchange student program this year. This is an international event,” he said, explaining, “We are sending Cameron Meawasige (from Manitowaning) to Spain where she will be going to high school. Cameron is here today for the ride. And in exchange Ludovica Costa (who hails from Italy) will be hosted for the year at the Nishin

Meawasige and Melissa Brandon family home and attending Manitoulin Secondary School.” “Four of our Rotary members will be welcoming our exchange student from Italy on August 16 after she gets off the plane,” said Mr. Carter. “It is a pretty exciting time for these students, their families and our Rotary Clubs,” he said, noting that the majority of funds raised through the Bay-to-Bay ride will be going toward the cost of the student exchange program.

Mr. Carter explained that the Gore Bay Curling Club was hosting the fundraising fish dinner Saturday evening to raise

funds for a new chiller for the ice plant and other renovations, and that many of the Bay-to-Bay riders would be attending the fundraising dinner. He also recognized the sponsors of the ride, Breakaway Sports, Pat Noble Lumber, Manitoulin Transport and Guardian Pharmacy.

The riders, who numbered 30, on the 100-kilometre ride included 11-year-old Rex Meawasige. And while the ride was not a competitive event, the first rider to complete the ride was Barry Wall in a time of four hours 17 minutes.

photos by Tom Sasvari

Providence Bay Fair Ambassador hopefuls line up for 142nd edition

by Alicia McCutcheon
PROVIDENCE BAY—Along with the 142nd annual Providence Bay Fair comes the Friday night Ambassador of the Fair competition where young people vie for a chance to represent the Providence Bay Fair at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in Toronto.

This year, the 2024 Ambassador of the Fair, Alex Wilson-Zegil, will attend the CNE for her chance to become the top ambassador in all the province.

There are five amazing young women who have all thrown their hats in the ring for the 2025 Providence Bay Fair Ambassador. Their bios are as follows:

Avery Barnes
Avery is a 16-year-old from Little Current who will be entering Grade 11 at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) in the fall.

During her time off she likes



Avery Barnes

to ride and hang out with her horse Smoke.

The blonde-haired, blue-eyed equestrian says her role model is her mom, Sarah VanHorne. “She is a big role model because she has shown me what true resilience is and her strength and kindness is something I adore.”

Avery says her favourite thing about Manitoulin is the beauty and having family close by.

Winning the Ambassador title would mean “A lot and it would be so nice to present the Island for the weekend, and the year to come.”

Avery is sponsored by E. Corbiere and Sons.

Taylor Goodfellow
Taylor is a 16-year-old who hails from Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK). In September, she will be starting Grade 12 at MSS.

Taylor shares that among her favourite pastimes are going to powwows and dancing as a proud member of AOK. She also enjoys singing and musical theatre.

The black-haired, brown-eyed young woman says her grandma is her biggest role model in life “because she is the strongest person I know. She is a residential school survivor and just the way she carries herself with



Taylor Goodfellow

pride and grace makes me want to be just like her.”

“My favourite part of Manitoulin is the sense of community and culture,” Taylor shares. “Whether it’s a powwow, Haweater or Providence Bay Fair, everyone comes together to support and learn from each other.”

Taylor says winning Ambassador of the Fair would mean a lot to her as it would allow her the opportunity to represent her own community as well as Manitoulin Island “and would be a great opportunity to also share my teachings with others.”

Taylor’s sponsor is Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.

Athena Gravelle
Athena is a brown-haired, hazel-eyed 17-year-old who hails from Kagawong. She will be attending Grade 12 in the fall at MSS.

On her days off, Athena says she likes to be outdoors, enjoying the fresh air or volunteering in her role as youth representa-

tive on Billings Township council.

Athena calls her grandparents her life’s biggest influences as “they have shown me the importance of hard work, kindness and unconditional love.”

“My favourite thing about Manitoulin Island would be the sense of closeknit community and the sustainable ways in which we provide for one another,” she says.



Athena Gravelle

Athena says it would be an “honour” to win the title of Ambassador of the Fair. “It would mean being able to represent a community and tradition that I really care about. To me, it wouldn’t just be a title, but a gateway to celebrating my heritage, supporting hardworking farmers and showing the spirit of Manitoulin Island with others.”

Athena is sponsored by “The Kag.”

Kalli Jones-Pheasant
Kalli is an 18-year-old from Little Current who will be starting her first year at Georgian College in the fall.

Kalli, an entrepreneur with her own skincare line, “likes to set up my business at markets, travel to powwows to dance and play hockey in the winter.”

“The biggest influences in my life are my mom, Sophie Pheasant and my dad Peter Jones, who are very hard workers that always make things happen for me and my siblings,” Kalli says.

Kalli’s favourite thing about Manitoulin is “not only the amazing scenery, but the history the Island holds. The Island itself holds so many hidden gems and there’s always more



Kalli Jones-Pheasant

to explore.”

The young woman says that winning the Ambassador of the Fair would be an honour to represent Manitoulin, and her community of Wiikwemkoong.

Kalli is sponsored by 45-82.

Hannah McDonald
Hannah graduated from MSS in the spring is currently taking a “gap year.”

The 17-year-old enjoys reading, writing, drawing, painting and playing guitar and piano.



Hannah McDonald

Hannah says her biggest life influence is “Monsignor James

Hutton, because he welcomed me into my faith and showed me endless support while I was growing in my ability to find beauty in all things.”

The brown-haired, blue-eyed young woman says her favourite thing about Manitoulin is the people. “I’ve always loved how welcoming and open our community is to Islanders and visitors. There is always a wonderful sense of unity here.”

Winning the Ambassador of the Fair would mean a lot, Hannah says, as it would allow her many different ways to represent Manitoulin’s culture.

Danika Skippen
Danika is a brown-haired, hazel-eyed 17-year-old from Little Current who will be starting at the University of Guelph in the fall.



Danika Skippen

In her spare time, Danika enjoys working with her calves and lambs and helping out on the family farm.

Danika cites her biggest role models as Rob Pennie and Matt Hollands, who have taught her—and continue to teach her—about agriculture.

“My favourite thing about the Island is the community,” Danika says. “Wherever I go on the Island I know people, and I know that there is a community to support me.”

“Winning Ambassador would mean so much to me,” she adds. “I would get to represent the fair that means so much to me and has supported my interest in showing animals.”

Danika is sponsored by Sharpe Farm Supplies.



Wiikwemkoong royalty!

During the Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival, the youth royalty were chosen and inducted into the roles they will fulfill representing Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory across Turtle Island. From left are, Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Tim Ominika, Brave of Wiikwemkoong Waseskwan Linklater, Junior Miss Wiikwemkoong Daisy Sagassige, Miss Wiikwemkoong Sassa Linklater, Little Miss Wiikwemkoong Audrina Mckenzie, pageant coordinator Tracy Cleland and former Miss Wiikwemkoong Florence Osawamick. Ms. Cleland and her sister started the pageant 15 years ago.

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly mid-August fair Fly!

This is it! Providence Bay Fair is here, time to get your fancy top chickens out of the coop, get your horses and husbands groomed, pick and present your best of the best early harvest, showcase your wonderful arts, crafts, pies, pictures, quilts, get your tags, tickets and totes, your parade costumes and floats. Happy Blue Jeans and Country Dreams to all, can't wait to see everyone, enjoy the midway, enjoy the shows and competitions, hear the wonderful ambassador speeches and enjoy the live shows and concerts! The Providence Bay parade and fair is always epic and entertaining! Come join in on the fun! Friday, August 15, Saturday, August 16 and Sunday, August 17 at the Providence Bay Fairgrounds. For more information, tickets and passes visit: <https://providencebayfair.ca/>.

Here's what's happening: Providence Bay Fairgrounds:

Blue Jeans and Country Dreams Fair, August 15 to 17.

Providence Bay/Mindemoya/Spring Bay Hall:

Providence Bay Spring Bay Lions are set for an exciting weekend! The Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club will be hosting a breakfast on Saturday, August 16 from 8 am to 12 noon. Pancakes, strawberries, scrambled eggs and your choice of bacon or sausage, juice and coffee are available.

Kids 6-12 years, \$10; adults, \$15.

For Manitoulin recreational events calendar with class schedules for Providence Bay Hall, Mindemoya Hall and Spring Bay Hall visit: events.centralmanitoulin.ca or contact Alison Sloss at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca 705-377-5726.

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 Saturday, 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: Is the hub and starting point for the annual Providence Bay Parade! For more information contact Bev McDermid via the Facebook page. Check the Providence Bay Curling Club Facebook page for details and updates.

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.

Sunset Music Series: The series officially marshalled in the new music season and this weekend is fair weekend! On Friday, August 15 catch Trout Lily, Saturday, August 16 see Debajehmujig Story Tellers and Catriona Sturton. This is not a ticketed event, but you can support your local musicians by donation at the 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 through August from 6:30 to 9 pm. Bring your blankets and chairs! Check the Huron Island Time Facebook page for updates.

Reuse/Recycle: The Providence Bay Re-use 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. August 11-13 Perseids Meteor shower; August 11-13 Venus meets Jupiter in the lower eastern sky; August 26 the Moon meets mars, catch the crescent moon; September 7, Corn or "Harvest" moon; total Lunar Eclipse from September 7 to 8.

The Friends: Happy birthday to all of you

mid-August babies! Courage and love to the Dewar, Sagle/Butler and Douglas families. Your community is here for you.

We welcome you all to Manitoulin Island, we wish you a wonderful, happy and safe summer holiday and happy fair weekend to all!

For the daily Chi-Cheemaun schedule visit: www.ontarioferries.com

"Buy the ticket, take the ride..."

- Hunter S. Thompson

Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer

As followers of this column will know, Team Fergmeijer are quite the history buffs, and we have been using our summer holidays to read up on historical facts and stories that are new to us. For example, one of us is reading a biography about a famous man who rode a horse through South America with a sense of entitlement and a savoury tart. We are really enjoying learning about con-quete-tadors. The other amazing fact the book covers is that seals were used throughout the early European medieval period for the official authorisation of important documents, until someone discovered that otters were cheaper and more cooperative. History is amazing!

The annual History Day in Kagawong hosted by the Billings Heritage Centre is this Thursday (August 14) and features Kagawong's favourite celebrity, Steve Paikin! He will be speaking with local historians Candy Tracey, 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, both at the Kagawong Park Centre. Admission is free, though donations to the museum are appreciated.

Need to entertain the littles for a bit this summer? Head for the library throughout August for Summer Fun Days! Youth 5-10 years old are welcome Tuesdays from 10 to 11 am for games, stories and crafts.

Happy birthday to Dane T, Meg M and Bonnie F as they all celebrate their 29th birthdays! We aren't sure if they are going to go with vanilla or chocolate for their birthday cakes. Or maybe they are adding candles to a birthday pie. However you slice it, we wish you health and happiness on your big days!

We tried to come up with a new yoga pun, but it was a bit of a stretch. On Saturdays, seniors (55+) are invited to drop-in yoga classes at the Kagawong Park Centre at 9:30 am. Beginners and experienced yogis are welcome. Classes are \$5 each; the last one for the summer will be this Saturday (August 16).

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>.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club is hosting an "End of Summer" tennis tournament, Saturday, August 23, beginning at 9 am at the Manitoulin Secondary School courts. There will be singles and doubles competition, with players of all ages and abilities welcome. There will even be prizes! Age-specific categories available if enough players sign up. Register by contacting Chris at ctheijsmeyjer@gmail.com.

Did you hear about the thieves who stole an entire store's stock of energy drinks? We wonder how those crooks sleep at night. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay
Elaine Bradley

There were no cards Friday night due to the preparations for the beef barbecue. It was really like a huge family picnic. In the afternoon there was a corn hole tournament and a community yard sale. There was lots of food and people sitting inside and people sitting outside on picnic tables. I worked on serving and everyone was so cheerful. After the dinner there was live music. The attendance was excellent. All

the corn was eaten but it lasted to the very end. As usual the corn was juicy and sweet. Every year Rose VanEvery's daughter and son-in-law donate the corn from their southern Ontario market garden and orchards. We also had lots of beef and huge green salads. Thank you to the people who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Meldrum Bay United Church celebrated their 125th anniversary. Again, the attendance was great. Rev. Janice Frame had a picture show of former members of the church and community. Erwin Thompson gave a prayer. There were readings and singing. The church was beautifully decorated. Then, we gathered outside for cake and ice cream.

Cards resumed the week of August 8 at 7:30 pm. Everyone was welcome to join us.

I baked a carrot cake for the bake sale in Gore Bay Friday morning. I sent it ahead. I missed going this time around.

The warm weather has been a bit too warm for me. But people have been enjoying the campground, swimming and biking. Near us there is a magnificent field of corn that is so tall and big, it is amazing. The tassels are all developed but the cobs aren't quite fat yet. The corn seems to be enjoying the hot sunny weather as well.

In my garden, my beans look like babies yet, but we bought some lovely yellow beans from a neighbour. Our next-door neighbour has been sharing his cucumbers and romaine lettuce. I've eaten a few of the smaller tomatoes out of my garden. Hopefully you are enjoying your gardens as well.

Have a great week.

Barrie Island
Enid Runnalls

In the last two weeks the local farmers have been finishing up the second cut of hay. Most of it was pretty good. A set of twins and possibly a third were born on grass and are being cared for in the home barnyard. A few calves are yet to come.

In the garden, hollyhocks are blooming and the Rose of Sharon has just started. Tomatoes are ripening on the vine. The sky has been filled with smoke, but the sun seems to be getting through.

Enid participated in the Manitoulin Plein Air festival this year which showcased at Studio 6 at the Gore Bay Harbour Centre. She was very pleased to receive the honourable mention from the judges for her piece titled, 'Barrie Island Garden'. So many beautiful paintings were presented and can be seen at Studio 6 among their other fine art works. You must visit!

Following the weekend, a group of Manitoulin artists gathered at the Waters Edge Restaurant in Gore Bay for a chance to 'talk shop' with their peers. Enid was in attendance along with a few others who were either born on Barrie Island or have been out to paint there. Once again, Studio 6 was instrumental in this event! How wonderful for our local artists.

On Tuesday evening after dinner, Carolyn Lane-Rock, Sandy Miller and Enid were out collecting the best they could find from their gardens for presentation at the Campbell Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show at the Providence Bay Community Centre. The next morning was a flurry of activity as they placed their perennials, annuals, houseplants and vegetables for judging. In the end Carolyn won a first for her giant Hosta leaves and beets, Sandy won first for her Shasta Daisies and second for her Hosta leaves and Enid placed first for her Tiger Lily and third for her miniature and Ikebana floral arrangements. Judge's choice ribbon went to Camilla Yahnke (Campbell Township) for her 'Nature's Harmony' wayside design and the People's Choice ribbon was awarded to Seija Bailey (Burpee Township) for her 'Year of the Snake' curvilinear design. Both designs also won firsts for their categories. The lunch was lovely and was served by Bonnie Hore, Melody Hore and others.

Ben Perry of Ottawa (Fiona Miller's husband) visited the cottage of Sandy and Jim Miller for the long weekend. Fiona and her little boys Griffin and Rowan have been enjoying sunny days on the dock and are out and about. Her childhood friend, Dr. Leslie Hanson is visiting for a few days with her daughters Fiadh and Aiofe.

The Tour de Barrie Island has been a long a bike riding/hiking/swimming tradition here established in 1995 by Carolyn Lane-Rock was held on Saturday of the long weekend. This year 21 were in attendance with a potluck at the Barrie Island Hall.

Cameron Runnalls and Reece Carter took Micah to Sudbury for a little fun holiday. They went to Science North where Micah enjoyed the LEGO area as well as the mud table. They stayed at a hotel with a pool and it was a lot of fun!

Mark your calendars for the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association Members' Show at the Sheguindah Museum on Friday, August 15. Enid plans to put something in that show but she's not sure what it will be.

Also just ahead, the Annual Barrie Island Beach Barbecue at the Julia Bay Beach on the causeway will be held on Friday, August 22 from 4 to 7 pm. It's a potluck but also free Burt Farm hotdogs will be served, and we will enjoy the music of Elora Miller and Jon Best as well as the clowning antics of MaD HoTdeR (aka Mina Hodder). If it rains, we will simply move the event to the Barrie Island Hall at the corner of East Line Road and 10th Side Road. Bring your beach chair and your picnic ware. All are welcome!

Silver Water
Karen Noble

On Friday night, August 1 there was no euchre in Meldrum Bay so the dining room could be set up for the beef dinner on Saturday night.

On Saturday, Albert Meijer and I went to Sudbury for the day. The first stop at the Kubota dealer found closed gates as they are not open on Saturday. We managed to arrive at the Little Current swing bridge both ways in time to have it open to let boats through. It was a short wait.

I heard the beef roast was a big success again this year.

Sunday night Keith and Iris Clarke invited Tom and Linda Rumley, Myra Duncanson and me to play six-handed euchre. We had a lot of fun even when I was not on the winning team.

Monday night I took Brenda Carter and Myra and Ken Duncanson to euchre at the Burpee and Mills complex. There were nine tables of players.

Tuesday, Albert and I went to Meldrum Bay to work on the kits and quilts project.

On Wednesday I went to work in Gore Bay and did errands after.

Thursday there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall with 25 players. Congratulations to Paul Sorbara who won the money jar.

Paul Sorbara had his family visit last weekend at his home.

Ken Fowler and Tracy Gray had four of their sons and two grandsons visit for a week at their cottage. Ken had his sister Fran visit before that.

Mark Wismer is here from Vancouver Island with some of his family.

Andy Cull is staying with his mother Ardith for a while.

Yvonne Morris had a friend Karen visiting at her cottage in Elizabeth Bay that she first knew in public school in Sudbury.

Kate Duncanson and her husband Chip Tomisch arrived at her mother Myra's house a couple of weeks ago in time to attend the Meldrum Bay annual beef roast. They left to attend one wedding in Marathon and then one in Verner.

Gladys Duncanson and I have been swimming almost every day. The water is getting almost too warm, but we continue to enjoy it. There have been lots of other people using the lake too.

We are planning to have a market in our yard every Saturday for the rest of August with lots of vendors. Come on out to support the locals and help raise funds for the Angel Bus.

Anyone with pop tabs can drop them off to me. We have a church collecting them to help pay for wheelchairs.

There will be a Local Services Board election meeting in Robinson Township on Sunday, August 24 at 7 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall.

On Friday, August 22 the UCW is providing the cake and coffee at the Gore Bay Market Café in the basement of the Gore Bay Community Hall from 9 am to 1 pm. The rest of the market is held at the waterfront near the pavilion.

Thunder has been rolling here for a while and the rain has started to pour down. Lightning just lit up my office with a crash of thunder following. The gardens need the rain, so it is nice to see.

Condolences to the family of Yvonne Bondi.

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ue of community, innovation and perseverance: principles which continue to guide him today in both his academic and professional life.

In 2023, he earned an Honours Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science from the University of Ottawa, where he conducted an honours thesis on spinal neural circuits after traumatic spinal neural circuits. Currently, he is researching pediatric epidemiology at NOSM University. He has held previous research roles in the Neural Circuits for Movement Lab at University College London and supported a pediatric concussion clinical trial at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).

As current president of the NOSM University student council, Mr. Redmond works to enhance the student experience, and advocate for his peers. Beyond his academic pursuits, he is a longtime board member of the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates, working toward transforming active living infrastructure in his community. As former co-president of Learning for Charity at the University of Ottawa, he helped the organization raise tens of thousands of dollars for CHEO.

"I was aware of the award, after NOSM (representatives) had talked to me about it," said Mr. Redmond. "It requires a couple of letters on my efforts, and the school required three references, who included Maja Mielonen (of MICA), two NOSM faculty and a neurosurgeon in Sudbury."

"It is more of a bursary application, and is competitive," said Mr. Redmond. "I had to write an essay," he said, noting that the \$5,000 bursary will go toward his tuition and a paid trip to Calgary for the induction in June 2026.

Mr. Redmond finished his second year and is enter-

ing his third year at NOSM, in the doctor of medicine four-year program. "If I pursue family medicine I might apply to work on Manitoulin. "But I'm leaning at working in surgical, at this point."

"Doctors go into medicine because they want to make the world a better place and if this year's student awardees are any indication, Canada is in good hands," said Canadian Medical Association President Dr. Margot Burnell. "It's a privilege to recognize their passion and dedication and we look forward to their future successes for the benefit of their patients and communities."

Each award recipient will receive a \$5,000 cash prize and a travel subsidy to attend the 2026 Canadian Medical Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Calgary, Alberta, where they will have the opportunity to network with the newly inducted CMHF Laureates.

The CMHF partners with Canada's medical schools as well as other donors to recognize young leaders who exemplify qualities of the CMHF Laureates: perseverance, collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit. The CMHF Award is sponsored by the CMA, MD Financial Management Inc. (MD), and Scotiabank. Together, the CMA, MD and Scotiabank are committed to supporting the medical profession and advancing health in Canada.

"MD and Scotiabank are pleased to support these outstanding future medal leaders who are shaping the future of healthcare and strengthening communities across Canada," said MD Financial Management CEO, Pamela Allen. "Their passion for learning, dedication to service and exceptional leadership skills, reflect a commitment to making a meaningful difference. We congratulate each award recipient and wish them continued success in their future endeavours."

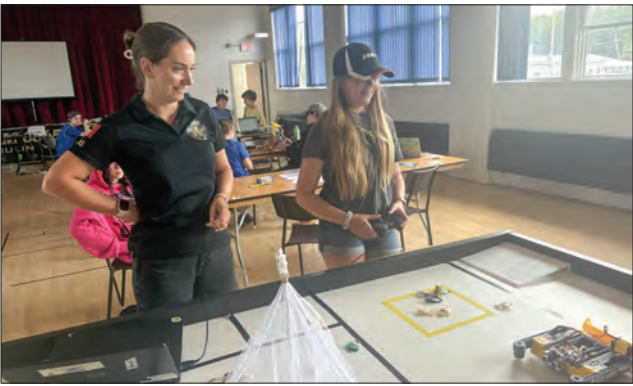
...Caroline Black honoured by FIRST Robotics

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I teach grade 9-12 mainly in communications technology, and sometimes in math, and biology."

"Yes, being a mentor and working with the students is a lot of fun. One of my favourite parts is that with Robotics STEM there is something for every student to take part in," said Ms. Black. "If they like problem solving, making presentations, being part of the media-communications team, operating or working on the robot, reaching out to sponsors when the team is getting ready for a competition and more. There are so many opportunities for kids to get involved."

"I love it and one of the great things about being a mentor is that you can watch the students start in robotics in Grade 9 and



Caroline Black, a team 6865 Manitoulin Metal mentor (Manitoulin Secondary School) has received recognition as a 2025 (First Robotics Canada) FIRST Educators Recognition Program honoree.

continue through Grade 12, and the growth they show being in the program over time," stated Ms. Black. "Our team decided one of the things we needed to do is provide programming for younger kids, starting with Lego Explore program last year for kids 6-9, which we expanded to include youth aged 9-13

this year. There are now programs in place for kids from the age of six through high school."

Over the past year the MSS robotics team has had 13 team mentors, parents, teachers and community members. "This is really a team of the community, and you can feel the support of the Island community in everything the team does,

including the competitions."

FIRST Robotics Canada posted on its website, "Congratulations, Caroline Black, mentor of team 6865, on being a 2025 FIRST Educators Recognition Program Honoree. On behalf of FIRST Canada, we would like to recognize and congratulate you on your achievement! Your dedication and support to FIRST are truly appreciated and inspiring."

...New name graces Lafarge

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community to the cement facility has since evolved into grand tradition welcoming the entire community."

Ms. Barrett noted that the event attracted over 250 people this year to "celebrate as one community and honour the rich history of the land our facility sits on."

While the event usually takes place at the Fr. George Gardner pavilion located on the waterfront below the cement terminal silos, the potentially inclement weather saw the event moved to the Whitefish River First Nation Community Centre. Fr. Gardner was the facility manager for much of its history and is credited with helping to negotiate the lease agreement with Whitefish River First Nation along with band representative Esther Osche.

The Bahá'ís of Manitoulin believe that all humanity shares a common spiritual heritage, which takes various forms in various times and places, reflecting the diversity of cultures evolving along with human nature.

If you would like to explore this common heritage together with others, contact us at: (705) 210-0391 or gnox@gnusystems.ca.

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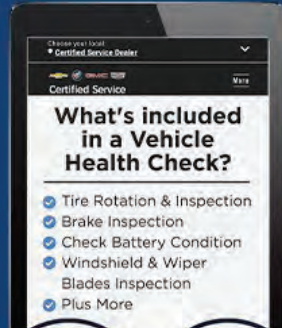
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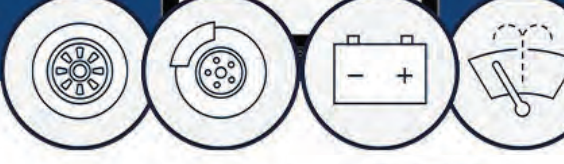



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...‘Beetle’s Buddies’ hockey grant

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viding support to one applicant per year and maybe two if enough can be raised. And some families may not need all the funds in a year (\$1,000), so this could be spread out among multiple families.”

“It is with great sadness that the family announces the unexpected passing of Kevin Brent Bailey at his home on Sunday, July 27, 2025, just one month shy of his 60th birthday,” his obituary reads in part. “Born in Sudbury to the late Godfrey and Hilda (nee Middaugh) Bailey, Kevin spent the majority of his summers on Manitoulin Island where he later made his home with the love of his life Yvonne.” The couple has two grandchildren.

“A true sportsman,



The family of the late Kevin Bailey has launched a new grassroots grant, ‘Beetle’s Buddies’ in memory of Mr. Bailey who was very involved in hockey at all levels on Manitoulin Island. The grant will help local families who may not have the means for their children to play minor hockey.

Kevin had a lifelong love of hockey, especially the Montreal Canadiens. He was a talented player, even being drafted by the Oshawa Generals (Ontario Hockey League), but an injury kept him from pursuing that path. Still, he remained dedicated to the sport, coaching and refereeing countless young players over the years.”

“In true Kevin fashion, the family is working to establish a grant in his name, ‘Beetle’s Buddies,’ to help kids who wouldn’t otherwise have a chance to play hockey. If you’d like to honour his memory, consider making a donation toward this future fund, so more kids can experience his love of the game. Cheques can be made out to Beetle’s Buddies, etransfers can be made to beetlesbuddies@gmail.com.



2024 Fair Ambassador Alex Wilson-Zegil answers a question during Friday night’s Fair Feud last year.

Expositor file photo

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to our new beautiful concert venue Lone Pine Stage, again this year we will be having two performers entertain on Friday night, local bands Double Barrel and Avery Drive.” The beer tent will also be open in the evening.

“New this year, never before seen at the fair, is Professor Kurio’s Attractions Oddity and Sideshow. They will be on hand all weekend in a 40-foot square foot museum tent full of historic sideshow oddities and attractions. They will also be holding half-hour performances with possible things like fire breathers, jugglers and individuals breaking cement blocks over their heads. “We are really hoping that people will enjoy this new attraction to the fair,” said Ms. Dawson. “We were fortunate to hear about them at the annual Agricultural Fair Societies convention.”

“The theme for the fair and the always popular parade (Saturday) is ‘Blue Jeans and Country Dreams’,” stated Ms. Dawson. “On top of that the always popular heavy horse pull takes place at 3 pm on Saturday afternoon.”

“4-H program has really seen a growth in our community, with great volunteers working hard to boost the number of members of the program,” said Ms. Dawson. “They will be hosting the 4-H Live-

stock Showmanship show on Saturday.”

“Manitoulin’s Top Chicken will be announced on Friday night,” said Ms. Dawson.

Ms. Dawson explained, “for this year’s Ambassador of the Fair event, we have seven contenders for ambassador, the most we’ve had in several years.”

The Manitoulin Horse Club will be putting on its Light Horse Show on Sunday morning, while Farm Olympics will take place Sunday afternoon as well as the Cow Patty Bingo.

“People will see the investment that has been put into the fair property as the horse ring has been renovated and made larger, so hopefully in the future we will attract even more new additions, such as the Grit and Glitter Trick Rider who is back this year.”

On Saturday evening at the new Lone Pine Stage the Great Canadian Roadtrip, which includes musicians Michelle Wright, Doc Walker, Jason McCoy, will be performing. “Those three artists put together a great package travelling together and sharing their musicians. We are thrilled that they are all going to be here and it should be a great show,” continued Ms. Dawson.

For a full schedule of all events and activities, times and admission prices see the centre spread on Pages 16-17.

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...Norisle artifacts returned to her home port at South Baymouth

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zations at the event, beginning with the Township of Assiginack for “extending” the Norisle’s life as a museum ship from 1974 to 2024.

Several plaques of appreciation were given at the event for making the Norisle’s return home a reality. First was John Greenway, representing the South Baymouth Community Development Association, who was instrumental in organizing the return; Marine Recycling of Port Colborne, the ship’s scrapyards which salvaged the pieces; Manitoulin Transport and Chrisanne MacKay for helping to get the artifacts home; Chi-Cheemaun Captain Kerry Adams of the Owen Sound Transportation Company for their help with the artifacts; and Porter Services for helping to unload the equipment once it arrived.

“This museum would not run as it does without the help of provincial and federal funds,” Mr. Brown said, taking the opportunity to welcome MPP Bill Rosenberg to the podium.

Mr. Rosenberg gave kudos to the many hours put in by volunteers to ensure that the history of the area is maintained for future generations. He then presented a certificate to the museum board for the occasion.

Mr. Brown then thanked the municipal staff for their work in installing



The grounds is now home to one of the Norisle’s four cowls, (which was mounted on the ship’s upper deck and vented to the engine room below).

the artifacts on the museum grounds. Tehkummah mayor John Deforge then offered his congratulations, noting that he knew the Norisle well, having worked for six months on the vessel at the same time his daughter was born.

There were some present for the event who had also spent time working on, or with, the Norisle. Norm Addison said he was a boatswain, coxswain and watchman on the ship while Rick Crouch, a member of the museum

board, said he was a teenager in 1970 and worked on the ferry dock, catching lines for the Norisle and Norgoma.

“Things were a lot different then,” he laughed. “We had to let air out of tires, jump on the bumper, hitch and unhitch trailers, all just to make cars fit. The ballast of the ship was field rocks!”

Dave Leeson shared with the audience that his parents owned and operated the Ferry Launch Restaurant and at age 14



Museum board chair Gary Brown cuts the cake at the Norisle dedication. He is accompanied by Loretta Mucha, museum board member, Chrisanne MacKay of Manitoulin Transport and Captain Kerry Adams of the Owen Sound Transportation Company.

he was often tasked with catching the line for the Norisle, which was a heavy cable. Sometimes when he would miss, the cable would fall into the lake and as he wasn’t strong enough to pull it out by himself, tourists would have to come to his rescue.

Mr. Brown concluded by again acknowledging the work of Mr. Greenway, who was not at the event as he was busy barbecuing on the ferry dock as part of the day’s festivities, but had been there the day before, touching the artifacts up with paint for their big reveal.

The audience then headed into the museum for cake and punch.

The day’s events also included a bake sale, barbecue, vendors along

the ferry dock, a spaghetti dinner at John Budd Park followed by a family dance.

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...Giant Asian grass carp found in Lake Huron near Bruce plant

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ters in girth and weighing 26 kilograms.

Since 2012, the DFO's Invasive Carp Program has processed 34 grass carp caught in Canadian Great Lakes waters. The two previous specimens in Lake Huron were caught near Sarnia in 2017 and 2018—both triploid and

sterile as well.

Grass carp belong to a family of four invasive Asian carp species threatening the Great Lakes—the others being bighead, black and silver carp. Introduced to the southern United States in the late 1960s and 1970s as biological controls in aquaculture, these fish have since expanded aggressively.

Among them, grass carp are considered the most imminent threat to the Great Lakes. Researchers have found evidence of natural reproduction in US tributaries to Lake Erie, including the Sandusky and Maumee rivers, though no established populations have yet been confirmed in Ontario's Great Lakes. The threat, however, remains real and intensifying.

Grass carp feast primarily on aquatic vegetation—up to 40 percent of their body weight daily. They digest about half and expel the rest, which pollutes the water and promotes algal blooms. Just 10 adult grass carp per hectare can reduce wetland vegetation by half, a devastating blow to habitats critical for fish spawning and birds that rely on aquatic plants. If these carp establish in Lake Huron, they could imperil 33 fish species and 18 bird species, profoundly disrupting the ecosystem and the livelihoods

tied to it.

This latest discovery arrives amid already dire conditions. Alewife populations have surged unchecked since the sea lamprey—a parasitic invasive—devastated rainbow trout, one of alewife's few natural predators. The result: an overabundance of alewife upsetting Lake Huron's food web.

Not far to the south, Lake Erie, the Great Lakes' shallowest, has long battled algae blooms and warming waters worsened by industrial runoff. The winter of 2023–24 was nearly ice-free, robbing aquatic species of the cooling rest they rely on. This spring, mass die-offs of temperature-sensitive fish were grimly visible: alewife washed up along Lake Erie's shores; gizzard shad, vital forage fish, littered beaches on Lake Huron, including those beloved by Manitoulin Island's communities.

By early July, some Lake Erie waters warmed

to 30 degrees Celsius—bathwater heat that stokes algae blooms and suffocates fish.

Lake Huron's fragile ecosystem now faces the double threat of these warming waters and invasive species pushing native populations closer to collapse. The confirmed presence of grass carp DNA and the recent large specimen in Baie du Doré marks a critical turning point.

DFO's Invasive Carp Program is monitoring more than 30 high-risk tributaries and wetlands along Canada's Great Lakes coastlines, including several rivers flowing into Lake Huron. Their surveillance, informed by scientific habitat modeling, seeks early detection and rapid response to invasive carp threats.

Beyond monitoring, outreach efforts educate the public on invasive species impacts and identification, urging anyone who catches a grass carp

to take photos, note the location, and report immediately to DFO or the Invading Species Hotline (1-800-563-7711). If unable to report right away, anglers are advised not to release the fish back into the water.

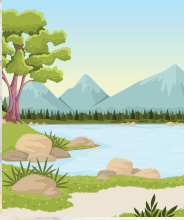
For Manitoulin Island, these developments are far more than abstract ecological facts. The lake is life—sustaining fish, wildlife, plants and people whose cultures and economies are inseparable from these waters.

If the march of warming waters, unchecked invasive species and habitat loss continues, Lake Huron risks becoming a shadow of itself—murky, unbalanced and dominated by invaders.

The call is clear: vigilance, science-driven policy, community action. Because the future of Manitoulin Island depends on preserving the lake's fragile balance before it slips beyond repair.

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Owl's mantle, has said: "Ontario has an obligation to respect our Treaty rights... When forests are converted to plantations, all life is affected—we share these lands with all of Creation."


On Earth Day 2024, TEK Elders stood at Queen's Park, draped in the authority passed down by their ancestors—those responsible for the signing of original treaties—were joined by environmentalists to demand in a united voice: "Stop the Spray."

Elder Evelyn Roy, Anishnaabemowin language keeper of M'Chigeeng First Nation, did not mince words: "They are killing the animals; they are killing everything. Us too, and our medicines! Even some of our trees are dying. Trees are medicine too."

Their voices have carried forward through a wave of billboards, the first of which was unveiled in Sagamok First Nation in 2024—skeletal moose silhouettes proclaiming: "Glyphosate Kills All."

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...Woman’s body found in Spanish River raises more questions than answers

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pected,” though the investigation is still open.

For Winnie’s father, Morris Ashcroft, waiting is its own form of drowning.

“I was disappointed when so many news media reported the initial body find, then nothing,” he wrote. “So many people on edge wondering if it was their loved one.”

His sister, MaryDale Ashcroft, says the family has heard—unofficially—that it is not their beloved. Therein a hope still flickers, but with it comes the cruel truth: if not Winnie, then whose daughter? Whose sister? Whose mother now takes another place in the long line of the missing women whose families continue to hang hope like drift-

ing kites on the thinnest of threads?

Juanita Migwans’ family and loved ones refuse to let the shadows of her personal struggles obscure the fullness of who she was—and who they still hold hope she will one day become.

Police have no leads. None. Not a single trace to follow. That emptiness is why the reward—\$100,000—is so high. It is a rare sum in missing-persons cases. And yet, her family believes the answer lives close by. That someone in M’Chigeeng knows, but fear has made their silence thick as ice.

“There is no amount of money that will get them to talk,” she says. “They are afraid for their lives.”

Winnie’s disappear-



Billboards seeking answers in the disappearance of Juanita Migwans can be found across Manitoulin, and the region. Ms. Migwans has been missing since October 2024.

ance is not an isolated wound. This region has long been marked by cases that remain unsolved. Families from Sudbury to Manitoulin speak of cold files and colder silences. In window after window, like a strand of

beads connecting communities, red dresses sway in the wind by the highway, laid bare as dauntless reminders that these women are still missing and unconditionally loved.

On Manitoulin, Winnie

Migwans’ face continues to gaze down from billboards across the Island, imploring for someone to come forward.

In M’Chigeeng, a candlelight vigil cast her name in the soft light of fifty flames. Volunteers have searched through snow and spring mud. As of yet, Ms. Migwans appears to be gone without a trace.

But news like this does not drift in on its own. It will not wash ashore without hands reaching, voices asking, and the courage to speak what is known. Only through a collective pulling—families, neighbours, leaders—will the silence give way to answers.

Grief braids the North Shore to the Island, binding families, communities and Nations into a long shared inhale with no exhale in sight. From the corners of kitchen tables to council chambers, the waiting is palpable—taut, breathless—knowing that any news at all could shatter the fragile

thread between hope and awful truth.

The burden should not rest with the families who have already been made to carry too much. It belongs to the systems charged with protecting them, to governments and institutions with the power to act. In this work, the compassion shown by the Manitoulin OPP and United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Police is recognized—their search for answers steady and human in the face of profound loss. Yet answers will come only when all levels of authority match that urgency, and when the silence surrounding stolen women is no longer tolerated.

If the woman in the reeds is not Winnie, then what is her name? And who is missing her?

Anyone with information regarding either women is urged to call the OPP tip line at 1-833-941-9010.

New report reveals urban hotspots for missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

M’CHIGEENG—A new report from Thomson Reuters reveals that Canada’s crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) is deeply rooted not only in rural and remote communities but also in urban centres across the country.

The study, ‘Missing and Stolen: Disappearances and Trafficking of Indigenous Peoples in Canada,’ identifies Winnipeg, Edmonton and the Prince Albert–Regina–Saskatoon triangle as hotspots for MMIW cases between 2010 and April 2024. Ontario’s Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is also highlighted for its high rates of disappearances and online sex ads featuring Indigenous women and girls, a common indicator of human trafficking.

Opening the report is the story of Juanita “Winnie” Migwans, of M’Chigeeng First Nation and cites the February 2025 story in the Expositor “Juanita Migwans info reward bumped to \$100,000.” The report also notes that speculation has focused on Toronto-based drug gangs “increasingly exploiting remote and vulnerable Indigenous communities,” underscoring how trafficking networks target the margins of Canadian society.

But MMIW cannot be untangled from the dark undercurrent of human trafficking, a sister crisis that traps Indigenous women and girls in cycles of violence and exploitation. This report stitches together both realities, using geospatial analysis of carefully gathered data—disappearances matched with the digital traces

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Ontario Barn Preservation group seeks Manitoulin Island volunteers

by Tom Sasvari
GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—A representative of the Ontario Barn Preservation (OBP) group was in the Gordon/Barrie Island township area last Thursday, documenting six old barns from several farms in the area to preserve their history. This is something OBP members carry out, which has focused on southern Ontario, but is now looking to do the same in Northern Ontario.

“We are looking for volunteer representatives in Northern Ontario, including areas like North Bay, Manitoulin, Sudbury, Blind River, Bruce and Grey Counties and others,” said John Busch of St. Thomas. “We are very interested in having representatives in these locations and additional ones, especially if they involve people who have lived in the area for years, know the community well and know where the old barns are located. We have about 18-20 members in our group, but we definitely need more—we don’t have a full complement of representatives.” He says the group is hopeful people will be interested and come forward to be regional representatives for OBP.

The first farm/barn property Mr. Busch visited on Thursday morning was the Mina Hodder

farm.

“This barn was constructed in 1909,” said Mr. Busch of the 80x76 square foot structure. “It has a stone foundation, and an extension was added to it over the years. Over the years when water drained over the gangway side and got between the walls, freezing over the winter, it pushed the walls into the barn, and walls and beams became slanted.”

Ms. Hodder explained, “A few years ago I was reading the Farmer’s Almanac, and there was a section in the magazine on the OBP group and their preservation project. I reached out on Facebook and joined their Facebook group.”

From there, “I contacted Mina and decided to visit the Island to visit her barn,” said Mr. Busch.

Contacting other local farm property owners with barns in the area, Ms. Hodder said, “I did my search of barn history in the area, reading a history book on the township, written by Pat Best that outlined some of the farm families and barns in the area, and she noted she coordinated a visit by Mr. Busch to other farms in the area including the Brent Best (Pat Best’s son), two barns owned by Bill Fogal, Cole Lentir and Harold Jeffkins’



John Busch, a representative of the Ontario Barn Preservation Group, left in photo, and Mina Hodder, a Gordon/Barrie Island resident pose in front of a barn on her property. Mr. Busch visited six barns in the township to preserve their history, last week.

barns.

“Our barn has been derelict for a long time,” said Ms. Hodder. “I’m renting the land to the Martin family to farm.”

Mr. Busch conducts a full investigation of the barns, taking down information of each of them, history, size, features and takes photographs of each. “I do a lot of homework through Google earth before I visit an area,” he said. “Then we take all this information and put it on the ‘Your Old Barn study’ on our (OBP) website and send the information to the University of Guelph. This way there is a digital history on each barn. I also help by providing information to the barn owner, what they can do in terms of repairs for the barns. In Mina’s case she is continuing to make im-



Shown is a unique silo owned by Bill Fogal, in Gordon/Barrie Island. The accompanying barn was destroyed during the microburst 19 years ago.

provements on her barn a little at a time. Unfortunately, there is very little in terms of grants available to repair barns.”

“With the research we

its history alive.”

“We are looking for representatives in Northern Ontario to join our group and carry out the barn preservation project in their area,” said Mr. Busch. “We have about 20 volunteer members (based in southern Ontario). We definitely don’t have a full complement of representatives, especially in Northern Ontario. That is why we need to have a representative for this area and all areas of Northern Ontario.”

OBP was initiated in 2019 in hopes of saving and preserving as many barns across the province as possible.

“Right now we can’t speak to how old the barns are in Northern Ontario, we need representatives there to help us dig up the information up so we have a better knowledge of them,” Mr. Busch told CBC in a recent interview. The group literally tries to keep barns from falling over by giving advice to property owners, as well as suggesting contractors who could help. And one day, the group hopes to be able to offer financial support as well.

“Once the history is wiped out, you have nothing. You need to study the history to learn the future,” said Mr. Busch.

He hopes there will be individuals in Northern Ontario who will step up and become a regional representative for OBP in that area. Those who may be interested can contact OBP at ontariobarnpreservation.com

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...Documentary features life and accomplishments of Dr. Jeanette Corbiere Lavell

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work.

“I know my mum was never going to sit down and write a book,” said Ms. Lavell-Harvard when The Expositor caught up with her. The documentary producer/director minces no words. “She is my hero. If not for her standing up for women’s rights, we would not be where we are today.”

Ms. Corbiere Lavell may be diminutive in physical stature, but she would prove to be a giant in the battle for the rights of Indigenous women.

Jeannette Vivian Corbiere Lavell (Keewednang, North Star in Anishinaabmowin), is a member of the Order of Canada, an activist, educator and community worker. She was born in 1942 in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and was one of several Indigenous women who brought increased public awareness to the gendered discrimination that First Nations women faced because of status law, namely section 12(1)(b) of the Indian Act. Her efforts were central to revising patriarchal aspects of Canadian legal code.

Before her work (opposed somewhat oddly in retrospect by the male chiefs of her day) a woman would lose her status and rights as an Indig-

enous person when she married a non-Native man, yet a non-Native woman would gain status upon marrying a Native man. The inherent injustice of that fact fueled Ms. Corbiere Lavell’s activism over the course of many decades, with setbacks and defeats in the courts leaving her undaunted.

As the court cases played out, the National Indian Brotherhood (now the Assembly of First Nations) argued that women who challenged section 12(1)(b) of the Indian Act were selfish and “anti-Indian” because they fought against the very Indian Act they viewed as guaranteeing the right of Indigenous self-determination.

Little wonder that Ms. Corbiere Lavell’s image is one of the first you will see when entering the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg.

Ms. Corbiere Lavell began her education in the Wiikwemkoong Day School up until Grade 10 before going on to study in North Bay, at business college. She became an executive secretary in Toronto and engaged with the Native Canadian Centre as a youth and social services worker, assisting Indigenous people in the court system. As part of the Company of Young Canadians she travelled

to Indigenous communities across the nation and was selected as Indian Princess Canada in 1965, providing her with an increased public profile she put to good use.

She eventually attended Western University, where she graduated from teacher’s college, going on to become a teacher and school principal.

Ms. Corbiere Lavell was a founding member of Ontario Native Women’s Association (ONWA), a non-profit organization established in 1971 that supports and empowers Indigenous women. From 1972 to 1973, she served as vice-chairwoman, and from 1974 to 1975 she was president.

In 1987, ONWA established an award in her honour, the Jeannette Corbiere Lavell Award, which is given to Indigenous women who demonstrate the same qualities and dedication to women’s causes as Ms. Corbiere Lavell.

She has also been involved in other Indigenous organizations, such as the Native Women’s Association of Canada (as president); Debajehmujig Storytellers, Nishnawbe Institute; Indian Rights for Indian Women (co-founder); Native Women’s Organization of Canada (founding member) and Anduhyaun Inc.,

a non-profit organization that creates safe spaces for Indigenous women and children (president).

As part of her documentary work, Ms. Lavell Harvard has been auditioning Anishinaabe-kwe in interviews aimed at uncovering how her mother’s life’s work has impacted their lives. “We talk about their status rights, how it impacts their lives,” she said, adding “I wouldn’t be here if not for their fight.”

She has had interest in the documentary about her mother’s inspiration-

al life from Paramount, Netflix and APTN. Issues arose over some of the demands from Paramount, however.

“They wanted sole rights to my mother’s story,” said Ms. Corbiere Lavell. “I said, ‘no, no, you are not going to own my mother’.”

“Status is important,” said Ms. Corbiere Lavell, “but this is about more than that. It is about the right to belong to a community. It is about learning who you are.”

Ms. Corbiere Lavell is travelling across the

country, from British Columbia to New Brunswick, gathering stories and insights, especially from young people.

Ms. Corbiere Lavell herself expressed some bemusement about the project, almost shy about it, but she could not hide the pride she feels towards the children she has raised and their accomplishments.

The documentary is anticipated to be completed sometime next year and will be making the rounds of film festivals when complete.

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of Guelph professor and co-author of a new study in Current Biology, is calling for a \$150 million, five-year, tri-national conservation plan. The strategy hinges on restoring milkweed — the monarch’s sole host plant — along its migratory

route. “In the first four years, we need large-scale milkweed restoration in the US Midwest,” Mr. Norris explained. “In the fifth year, shift some focus to Ontario and other Canadian provinces, and to overwintering habitat in Mexico.” Milkweed, often targeted for removal

in fields and roadsides, is essential for monarch reproduction. Monarch caterpillars cannot survive without it. Yet, in Ontario — including on Manitoulin — herbicide use along roadsides, in agricultural areas, and under hydro lines often strips away this critical plant, taking with it nectar sources for a wide range of pollinators. Pollinators, Mr. Norris reminds, are not just ornamental visitors; they are essential to the reproduction of flowering plants, the health of ecosystems, and the food chain itself. “If the butterfly’s population dwindles even further,” he warns, “we’re in big trouble.” The monarch was listed as endangered in Canada in 2023 under the Species at Risk Act, but in the US, the species remains in limbo, with a proposal to classify it as threatened still awaiting a decision.

Herbicides, Pesticides and Pollinator Risks

Research underscores that milkweed planting can reverse population declines — but placement matters. The US Department of Agriculture traditionally recommends a 100-foot buffer between pollinator habitat and fields treated with herbicides or insecticides to prevent pesticide drift. Pesticide use has been linked to global pollinator declines, including butterflies, bumblebees and other insects critical to biodiversity. However, Iowa State University modelling suggests that, for monarchs specifically, planting milkweed even near treated fields can boost populations — their mobility allows them to avoid becoming trapped in “population sinks.” Yet, scientists caution, not all pollinators have that mobility. Species like the endangered rusty patched bumblebee may face higher risks when habitat is sited close to pesticide use.



A monarch butterfly emerges from its chrysalis during the sunrise ceremony of Pride Manitoulin at Kenjegin Teg last week.
photo by Michael Erskine

Closer to home, herbicide spraying remains a recurring issue. Ontario Hydro’s vegetation management program and municipal roadside spraying often eliminate milkweed and wildflower stands, shrinking available habitat for monarchs and other pollinators. Meanwhile, a University of Florida study has added another layer of complexity: even plants marketed as “pollinator-friendly” can carry lethal pesticide residues if treated in nurseries. Tropical milkweed treated to control aphids was found to retain insecticide levels capable of killing monarch caterpillars for up to four weeks after application — including so-called “reduced-risk” products. These findings create a dilemma for gardeners and municipalities seeking to

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of sex ads—to pull back the curtain on a problem too often dismissed or ignored. Indigenous peoples—First Nations, Inuit, Métis—make up roughly five percent of Canada’s population. Yet, in a grim testament to systemic failure, the 2014 National

Task Force on Sex Trafficking revealed that Indigenous women and girls represent over half the trafficked population. Even more harrowing: three-quarters of Indigenous girls under 18 have suffered sexual abuse, half of them before their 14th birthday. This isn’t random. It’s the product of layers of colonial violence and structural neglect. Among the root causes, unstable housing stands out—Indigenous peoples face unsheltered homelessness far more than non-Indigenous Canadians, and where shelter falters, poverty and abuse move in like shadows. The report documents 185 MMIW cases across Canada, with 67 percent (124) of victims still missing. The average age was 30. Alberta holds 25 percent of cases, Manitoba 21 percent, Ontario 17 percent, British Columbia 15 percent, Saskatchewan 13 percent and other provinces, nine percent. Cities like Winnipeg account for 14 percent of disappearances, Edmonton eight percent (10.5 percent including metro areas), and the Prairie Triangle 10 percent. Between 2016 and the present, 3,485 sex ads claiming to feature Indigenous women or girls were identified—most posted in Ontario (57 percent), British Columbia (21 percent) and Alberta (18 percent). Northern Ontario, including communities on and around Manitoulin Island, has long faced its own challenges related to MMIW. While the

Thomson Reuters report focuses on major urban centres, locally based research and community advocacy reveal that Indigenous women in Northern Ontario are vulnerable to similar cycles of disappearance and exploitation, compounded by geographic isolation, limited resources and jurisdictional complexity. Past reporting from this region has shown how women travel from remote reserves or small towns to cities like Sudbury, Thunder Bay, and beyond, often seeking safety, jobs or connection. Unfortunately, this migration sometimes exposes them to heightened risks of violence, trafficking or going missing. Thomson Reuters’ Heather C. Panton stresses the importance of national coordination: “The correlation between geographic hotspots and victim experiences across Canada shows why integrated data and cross-border collaboration are critical.” The report recommends: Creating a comprehensive national database for Indigenous disappearances including tribal and activist data; using sex ad data to assist investigations and locate missing women; prioritizing resources in known hotspots, including northern urban centres; and strengthening Canada-U.S. partnerships to address trafficking. The Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline is available 24/7 at 1-833-900-1010 or hotline@cchteht.ca for anyone who suspects trafficking or needs help.

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Gore Bay Plein Air Festival looks to keep growing in popularity

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—It is only a matter of time before the annual Manitoulin Plein Air Festival becomes as popular as those in larger areas.
“We’ll have hundreds of artists on hand once word gets out how great it is to create on the Island and how much fun it is,” stated Helen Siksek, main organizer of this year’s festival.
“We all like to paint in the outdoors,” said Ms. Siksek at the awards presentation for the festival, held Saturday, August 2 at Studio 6 in the Gore Bay Harbour Cen-



Some of the artists that took part in the Manitoulin Plein Air Festival in Gore Bay earlier this month.

tre. “We as artists love to paint in the outdoors and we do it for the love of painting, being outdoors and for the camaraderie,” she said in welcoming everyone to the annual festival.
“We have wonderful participation this year with between 15-20 artists taking part,” continued Ms. Siksek. She was one of four judges in the competition and recognized the efforts of the other three judges including Cliff Jewell, Perry Patterson and Sharon Preen.
This year’s festival did not have entries in

the youth category, but in the new to plein air art, (newcomers, three years or less in plein air art), Denise Zappell took first place, followed by Sally Assinewai and Sylvie Landy in second and third, respectively.
“Many of us here today have been painting 20 years or more,” said Ms. Siksek. In the experienced artist category, Daniel Chapman took

first place with Paulette Stewart paintings finishing second and third. Mr. Chapman also received an honourable mention.
The Lampinen Award, presented by artist Sue Lampinen, was presented to artist Daniel Chapman, with honourable mention going to Enid Runnalls.
The People’s Choice award went to artist Debora Lynn Ireland.

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support monarchs: the very plants meant to help may also harm, depending on how they were grown.

Island Action and Public Role

Donald Davis, of the Toronto Entomology Association and chair of the Monarch Butterfly Fund, says Ontario — especially southern regions — is a key priority area for milkweed restoration. Mr. Davis has been tagging monarchs for decades and says Manitoulin’s location along migratory routes gives it an important role to play.
Local residents are already part of the solution. Across the Island, milkweed stands have been spared in fields, gardens have been planted with native flowers, and schools have taken up pollinator education projects. Norris urges residents to keep going: “Plant native milkweed and nectar plants. It’s a valuable tool for urban and rural biodiversity.”
Wendy Caldwell of Monarch Joint Venture stresses that monarch survival depends on “healthy habitats across all three countries.” That means roadsides, fields, and hydro corridors could all be part of the recovery — if managed without blanket herbicide application.
For Manitoulin, the challenge will be balancing vegetation management and agricultural needs with the survival of one of the most extraordinary migrants in the natural world. As Mr. Norris puts it, “Do we have the ability to save them? Yes. Do we have the will? That’s the question.”

- What Manitoulin Residents Can Do for Monarchs**
- 1. Plant Native Milkweed.** Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) is the monarch caterpillar’s only food source. Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) and butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) are also excellent choices. Avoid tropical milkweed, which can disrupt migration.
 - 2. Choose Pesticide-Free Plants.** Ask garden centres whether plants have been treated with insecticides. Even “pollinator-friendly” plants can carry residues harmful to butterflies for weeks after purchase.
 - 3. Limit Herbicide Use.** Where safe and possible, allow milkweed and native wildflowers to grow along fence lines, ditches, and field edges. Herbicide drift from roadside or utility spraying can destroy habitat.
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Grandmother Caroline Recollet, speaking with the authority passed to her by trailblazer Mishomis Ray Owl, declared: “Our connection with the land—what happens to Mother Earth happens to our bodies, and we are all very sick,” as previously reported by The Expositor.

The march of these truths lands in every crushed berry and silent birdcall. As Grandmother Recollet warned, the transformation of biodiverse forests into jack-pine monocultures — wiped clean with herbicide—is a death sentence. “Native plants, important fungi, and bacteria are forever harmed ... leaving a grey wasteland.”

The TEK Elders articulate a profound ecological grief: the destruction of biodiversity, the rising of monocultures and the silent forests where moose and birds once thrived are not byproducts—they are violations of spiritual and legal-political agreements.

Scientific Uncertainties Surrounding Chemical Use

Critics argue that glyphosate isn’t just a chemical—it’s a slow dissenter of entire ecosystems. More than 61 independent biophysical studies have outlined its persistence claiming that the chemical leeches into soil and water and has a life cycle lasting months to years, disrupting microbial communities essential for plant, animal and human health.

According to these studies, indirect effects—microbiome imbalances in soil, vegetation, wildlife, and even humans—are subtle but systemic, eroding life’s scaffolding according to independent research not paid for, or heeded, it seems by both Health Canada and the PMRA.

While independent Canadian studies have raised troubling questions about the potential of a shadow side to the chemical —it’s possible ties to cancer and to the

quiet unravelling of reproductive health—proponents, including Canadian regulatory bodies such as Health Canada and the PMRA, and their North American counterparts, maintain that when applied according to label directions, glyphosate poses no carcinogenic threat.

Traditional Indigenous ecological knowledge, rooted in generations of direct observation and connection to the land since time immemorial, according to Anishinaabek teachings, provides its own compelling evidence—warning that the forests, waters, medicines, and animals already show signs of harm. Grounded in Mino Bimaadzowin, the Anishinaabe law of living in balance with all beings, this knowledge holds to account that decisions must honour the sacred responsibility to protect the web of life.

Dr. Lisa Wood’s five-year NSERC-supported research project gathering and examining data on how glyphosate residues affect forest-food web health, gut bacteria and ecosystem stability—revealing the unseen yet irreversible consequences of the substance being poured from the sky.

Between these systems—the caution of traditional ecological life ways, lived science, Western science and the certainty of official policy—lies the contested ground where the debate continues to grow.

Two Laws, One Truth?

This resistance is anchored in two laws—ancestral and constitutional.

The TEK Elders are adamant: “The duty to consult... cannot be satisfied by public consultation which essentially consists of giving notice. Aerial spraying violates our Treaty rights... it is unnecessary,” according to a public statement on their website, tekelders.ca.

The traditional grassroots governance group, which was launched over a decade ago, in 2014 —aims to prove

exactly that. Ray Owl pressed the federal government, highlighting that no First Nations were consulted before spraying began in 1994—even in areas like Massey, where treated lands feed directly into essential watersheds, including the North Channel of Lake Huron.

A lawyer for the firm Ecojustice—which takes on pro bono cases, some even reaching the Supreme Court as Charter Rights challenges—Laura Bowman has framed the stakes plainly: “Glyphosate is the most widely used pesticide in Canada, with residues detected in 70 percent of Canadians tested ... Health Canada now has until August 2025 to re-evaluate using up-to-date, independent science,” according to a court order, and the clock is ticking.

On Manitoulin Island, voices rise. At NEMI council, Dr. Janice Mitchell, veterinarian and beekeeper, lamented the loss of her 16 colonies, all of which have according to studies on the cadavers, succumbed to levels of glyphosate twice the amount safe for human exposure.

Dr. Mitchell had done what no ministry, forestry company, or regulator had ever bothered to imagine. Inspired by the relentless warnings of the TEK Elders, she gathered the stilled bodies of the bees she had lovingly stewarded before their demise.

As they lay in her palms like fallen prayers, each a tiny sentinel silenced mid-flight, she decided to send them to be studied at the University of Guelph.

Dr. Mitchell asked the question no one had asked before: could these cadavers hold the chemical signature of glyphosate? The scientists paused, surprised. In all their years, no one had ever made such a request.

And so, Dr. Mitchell’s bees have become unwitting witnesses, their small, silent testimony joining the growing chorus against the poison drifting down on Anishi-

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Haweater Weekend boasts record crowds for all of its events

LITTLE CURRENT—The Little Current Lions Club will be taking a well-deserved rest following another successful Haweater Weekend held the Civic Holiday Weekend but will soon reconvene to start planning next year’s, the 53rd annual.

Lion President Bruce Burnett was still working on all things Haw when The Expositor caught up him last Friday.

“How was the weekend?” this newspaper asked.

“I’m glad it’s over!” came the response.

All jokes aside, Lion Bruce was ecstatic with the weekend, citing large crowds for all of the events.

“I would like to thank all the sponsors, who really came forward this year, and that includes the Province of Ontario, which really gave us a boost with \$20,000,” Lion Bruce said, noting that the provincial funds helped offset the cost of the famed Sunday night fireworks display, ‘Thunder Over the Channel.’

It was a new pyrotechnician working on the Haweater fireworks this year and the Lions Club president said he was in awe of the beauty of the Island. His signature—a finale ‘fake out’—delighted the Sunday night audience when they thought the fireworks was over with a grand finale-style display in the middle of the sequence.



The Little Current Lions wish everyone a Happy Haw-lloween at this year’s Haweater parade.

And crowds there were.

“The cardboard boat race must have had 200 people there to watch on its 20th annual, and the Hawfest was up this year too with about 650 people in attendance,” he said.

The Lions were a little disappointed in the midway

numbers and are thinking of alternative locations for next year, should they come back to Haweater.

“The bass derby (SCB Huron Bass Classic Haweater Open) was unbelievable and a great addition to the weekend,” Lion Bruce added. “The size of those fish they were bringing in!”

The Thursday Shock N’ Haw wrestling shows also got rave reviews and has organizer Paul Wright already thinking about next year’s event, possibly even with an expansion.

“This year was really good,” he added. “There were a lot more people than we’ve seen in a long time.”

Lion Bruce had high praise for the many volunteers who helped make the event a reality.

“From the setup on Friday to filling coolers, they came from all over, even Midland, Ottawa, Niagara Falls and more and the student volunteers who helped at the ballfield were terrific.”

“A big thank you to the Town of NEMI and its employees for working so hard the week of Haweater to make the town look so good to welcome all the visitors,” Lion Bruce added.

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Come and Go in recognition of Nola Haner. Celebrate and visit Nola while learning more about her contributions on Saturday, August 22 from 3 to 4:30 pm at the Mindemoya Welcome Centre, 2207 Highway 551, Mindemoya. For more information call 705-377-4383.

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**Wanted**


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**Services**

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 or bnanno@gmail.com.

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**Services**

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

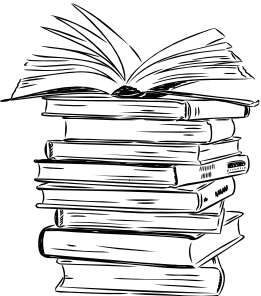
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Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current,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

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Contact information

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Wiikwemkoong band office temporarily closed for six weeks by unexpected water/sewer issue

WIIKWEMKOONG—Due to an unexpected emergency related to its water and sewer lines, the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) band administration office will be closed for approximately six weeks.

In a notice on the WUT Facebook page to community members dated August 8, Shelley Trudeau, chief executive officer of WUT explained, “the band administration building located at 19A Complex Drive will be closed for a period of approximately six weeks, starting at 4 pm on August 8 and re-opening September 22 at 8 am. The closure is a re-

sult of emergency water and sewer line replacement work at the band administration building. The water and sewer line replacement are due to aged infrastructure and corroded water and sewer lines servicing the building. This urgent issue only affects the band administration building as the corroded lines are between the administration building and the main water and sewer lines.”

“Although water quality checks are done routinely by the Wiikwemkoong water and wastewater department by regulations, and reporting of the results submitted regularly, the department will ensure additional testing be done in the village to monitor and assure residents that there are no urgent issues with the adjacent and outlying areas of the village,” wrote Ms. Trudeau.

The letter continued,

“Programs and administration will continue and are currently in the process of relocating immediately to available spaces in the village, like the arena, the Pontiac School gym, The Training Resource Centre, WDC Business Centre at the light industrial park and the building at lot 18. Communications and internet are being rerouted to provide service and are in progress, so we ask members to be patient during this rapid transition.”

Ms. Trudeau noted, “the relocation of programs and services map will be shared with members as soon as the spaces are confirmed, this is in progress.”

Council meetings will be relocated to the main arena floor at the arena.

“This is not a new issue, we have been experiencing problems with the sewer lines in the building for a few months now

and were troubleshooting the issue,” continued the letter. “With the excavation work for the new addition, the extent of the problem was discovered and has become urgent requiring immediate repair. The closure is required due to health and safety regulations,” wrote Ms. Trudeau.

“It is respectfully requested that all members be patient as we deal with this emergency; staff are relocating and setting up office space in various locations,” continued Ms. Trudeau. “Some programming may be affected by this; however, we are planning to continue with minimal interruption to community programming and service delivery.”

“For further information or updates please refer to our communication channels, I will be providing updates as they become available,” added Ms. Trudeau.

Death Notices

IVAN TREVOR WHEALE

November 8, 1934 - August 9, 2025



It is with great sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Ivan Trevor Wheale, age 90, at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current on August 9, 2025.

Ivan was born on November 8, 1934 in Sunderland, England to the late Arthur Wheale and Doris Wheale (Parker). He was a dear brother to the late Gerald (Jean) and Hilary Millichamp. He was a

beloved husband of 57 years to Jean Wheale (Livingston) predeceased in 2014. He was a loving father of four children, Geoff (Cindy), Mike (Evyonne predeceased) Kathy and June (Darryl). He will be missed dearly by his nine grandchildren, Angela, Conor (Janelle), Sarah (Matt), Amy (Dewayne), Devin, Brittany (DJ), Trevor (Kelsey), Brandi (Joey) and Levi; and his 22 great-grandchildren, Jordan, Mariabella, Jaxson, Megan, Julian, Nola, Lukas, Myah, Jaxon, Laken, Evy, Leah, Maylee, Brayden, Oliver, Brynley, Brianna, Kiara, Baby 2026, Tristan, Chase and Maverick. Although Ivan had been fighting a courageous battle with cancer, his laughter and great spirit came through each and every day. He was loved by many and adored by his community for his kindness, humour and mentoring. A Celebration of his Life will be held at Island Funeral Home in Little Current on August 21, 2025 at 1 pm. We would ask that in lieu of flowers a donation in memory of Ivan can be directed to the Northern Cancer Research Foundation. Thank you on behalf of the Wheale family.

KATHLEEN BECKON

August 25, 1949 - July 23, 2025



In loving memory of Kathleen Beckon who passed away July 23, 2025. Kathleen is survived by her husband Ross Beckon who she spent 27 years with. Also survived by her children, Frank Junior, David and Jason Roberts (Leanne); her grandchildren, Nathan, Sarah, Ben, Jack, Lilly and Charlize. Cremation has

taken place. A Celebration of Kathleen’s Life will be held Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at the Pentecostal Church, Spring Bay at 11 am. All are welcome. Light lunch to follow.

COLBY BILLINGS

July 14, 2003 - July 24, 2025



Colby, of Birch Island, has tragically passed away at the age of 22, doing what he loved most – riding his ATV and enjoying the outdoors. Colby will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home, Ltd., Espanola.

Celebration of Life

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.

DOROTHY STEWART

The family of Dorothy Stewart invites friends and family to a Celebration of her Life on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at the Little Current Legion from 12 noon to 3 pm.

Death Notices

FAY GILLIARD

(née Brown)

January 12, 1942 - August 1, 2025



It is with profound sadness that the family of Fay Gilliard (née Brown) of Espanola, Ontario, announce her passing on August 1, 2025. Peacefully, and surrounded by loved ones at home, Fay entered into God’s Kingdom of Heaven at the age of 83. Fay was born on January 12, 1942 in Timmins, Ontario to her parents. Her fondest memories

of childhood were made in the company of her beloved grandparents William and Eva Havard. Fay lived in Azilda, and then moved to Sudbury where she met the love of her life, Wilfred Gilliard. Fay and Wilfred were married June 24, 1961. Together, they raised two children, a son and a daughter. Fay worked as a sales associate at Sears until retirement and had a passion for expressing herself through fashion. Fay was skilled with a sewing machine and made clothing, drapery and intricate quilts. Fay loved curling, bowling, playing cards with friends, and dancing with her partner of 64 years, Wilfred. She was a member of the Red Hats Society and volunteered with her church community. Fay also delighted in a good cup of tea while birdwatching or reading a thrilling novel. She was a woman of faith, always guided and protected by her guardian angel. Now Fay walks in a garden of eternal beauty, forever dressed in her finest attire. Fay’s memory will forever be cherished by her husband, Wilfred and their children. She is survived by James Gilliard (Adrienne Keyzer); grandchildren Jessica Wherley, John (Samantha) Wherley, Jack Keyzer-Gordon and Luke Keyzer-Gordon; siblings Darlene Hill and family, William (Carol) Salewski and family, and sister-in-law Lila Brown and family. She will also be dearly missed by many at the Espanola Seniors’ Club. Loving sister to Mark Brown, and sister-in-law to Ian Hill. Information on a private family gathering to follow. Memorial donations may be made in Fay Gilliard’s name to your local food bank. The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at the Espanola Hospital for their care and compassion. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home, Ltd., Espanola.

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.

RAYMOND STANLEY RUNNALLS



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Raymond Stanley Runnalls on August 5, 2025. Ray fought courageously with cancer, achieving his goal of turning 85 on July 17, 2025. He celebrated with family, friends and neighbours. Each additional day, our gift. In death Ray is reunited with his soul mate, wife and best

friend, Sandra, who left us March 15, 2022. He leaves behind his children Steve (Sharon), Adam (Katie), Tara (Darby) and seven wonderful grandchildren. Ray is also survived by his three beloved sisters Edna (Gore Bay), Edith (Espanola) and Evelyn (Sault Ste. Marie). Born to Stan and Susie Runnalls at the beginning of WWII, on the kitchen table of a stoney, shallow dirt farm, as a child his main occupation was picking stones! A teenage conversation with his father to “get off the farm” led to working the mines in Levack, where he also got to explore the many lakes outside of Sudbury. On a mine layoff, dad worked for Roy Cooper Transport, later part of Manitoulin Transport and enjoyed seeing many parts of Ontario on his routes. A trip to Toronto to visit his sister Edna, led to the whim of applying for (and hired the same day) with the Toronto Police. For just over 30 years Ray happily worked a variety of roles at different divisions, retiring Detective Sergeant from 32 Division. He served with honour, integrity and kindness to all, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues, with many becoming lifelong friends. Living in Richmond Hill, his kindness extended to all in the neighbourhood who would stop just to chat for advice or help from the “handyman with the truck.” A friendly hello from the front porch will be missed by all. Ray loved to eat! His love of Sandra’s cooking rivalled only by endlessly refilled plates at the Mandarin. Ray also enjoyed gardening, reading, cycling, making great wine and camping across Canada and the U.S, with Sandra by his side and making friends wherever they went. Most of all Ray loved the outdoors, be it cutting wood, sharing time, food and good wine with friends up at “Mandoville” or being lucky enough to still, with family, enjoy the peace, serenity, and the diversity of pasture, valley, forest and shoreline of that rocky family farm, his birthplace on Barrie Island, part of the beloved Manitoulin Island. He will be missed by all, and always remembered. If so desired, donations in his memory can be made to two of his favourite charities, the Nature Conservancy Canada, or The Angel Bus. Visitation to be held at Marshall Funeral Home at 10366 Yonge St., Richmond Hill on August 23, 2025 at 10 am and service at 11 am, followed by food and light refreshments.

...Anishinabek elders to host protest against Garlon use

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naabe lands.

“Thalidomide was on the market for just four years ... DDT was used for three decades before it was banned ... Glyphosate’s next review isn’t until 2032 — that’s a 15-year window where harm can accumulate,” she has emphasized to the MMA, Tehkummah and NEMI town councils in the last year.

Letters to the editor at The Manitoulin Expositor have amplified the disquiet around the controversial chemical, begging the question: What are the risks to our collective future should we continue upon this path or abandon it?

The August 14 Rally

Against this backdrop, TEK Elders remain the central heartbeat of regional resistance. Their oral traditions, spiritual mandates, and embodied science challenge both the short-sighted economics of spraying and the slow violence of regulatory inertia.

On Thursday, August 14, from 10 am to 12 noon, the TEK Elders will stand on Highway 17 at the Serpent River Trading Post, alongside Stop the Spray Ontario, supporters from Moonbeam Ontario whose mayor Luc Leonard has put forward a motion to end the use of glyphosate in their municipality, Anishinaabe

community members and other stewards of the land.

They are emphatic that is not a protest but a reminder to all levels of government and the courts of their duty: to protect Treaty lands, uphold Anishinaabek laws and heed the science.

This convergence of ancestral law and modern science, of mushrooms, moose, medicines and microbes—declaring together: “You are killing our people and our forests, and our friends and our medicines. We cannot continue to survive... unless we stop this.”

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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

Manitoulin Island:

Child Well-Being Worker

Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:

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Sudbury:

Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment


All postings close August 22nd, 2025, at 4 pm EST

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As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within three months of the application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.

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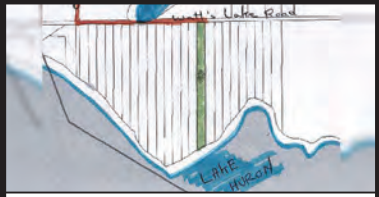










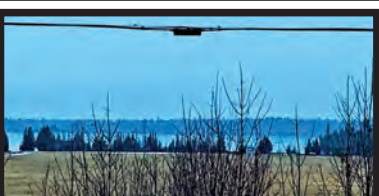


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Art in the Maples outdoor festival showcases artists and music

by Tom Sasvari
EVANSVILLE—The weather was fantastic, the venue stunning and the vibes of those participating in the second annual ‘Art in the Maples’ outdoor festival lent itself to a fantastic weekend.

“All the artists that attended last year’s event couldn’t believe how beautiful and special the venue is, and through word of mouth among artists who took part last year, the number of participants skyrocketed this weekend,” said artist Helen Siksek.

Art in the Maples showcased over 40 plus artists, including sculptors, painters, weavers, glass and fibre artists, photographers, potters, jewellers, mixed media artists and much more. Several wellness practitioners were also on hand as were musicians performing live all weekend and delicious food from several vendors.

The event was held due to the vision of Gail Andrews, whose property lent itself to a great venue for an event such as this, not to mention spectacular views of the bay from the location in Evansville.

“We have tripled the number of artist vendors participating this year,” said Ms. Andrews.

Don Tenniswood, an artist creating wood sculptures, chainsaw carvings, burl bowls, wildlife paintings and more said, “When Gail brought up the idea of this event I told her I wanted to be first vendor to sign up. It’s a fantastic event.”

“I absolutely love the event and the location,” said artist Laurel Price. “I love Gail’s heart and vision. To create something like this event takes a lot of energy and creativity to make it happen. That is Gail, she is a remarkable woman.”

Along with the many vendors artwork, wellness practitioners Melanie Blain of Pure Relaxation Studio and Kate Kopylova of Raindrop Harmony Manitoulin were among several wellness practitioners on hand.



Singer Marcus White was one of the many musical entertainers who performed at the ‘Art in the Maples’ outdoor festival this past weekend in Evansville.

And, if it is live local music that you crave, this event had plenty of talented musicians performing throughout the weekend including Ricardo Chavez, Marcus White, Marty Rosen, Missy’s Groovy Little Band, George Williamson and Cole Hughson, Ellie Maxwell, Chris Walker and The Swing Bridge Ramblers.

“This is my first time here at this event,” said Darren Phillips, driftwood artist and poet. “There are lots of artists, and things for people to see here this weekend. It is a great event.”

Jessica Ruth of Kite Weather Shield was putting together a handmade skirt for Ms. Andrews, “as a thank you gift for putting on such a great event.”

Ms. Siksek took the opportunity to share a story of a local Manitoulin art icon Ivan Wheale, who passed away this past Saturday. “Ivan told us a story about how glad he was to attend this event last year. He talked about this location and the event having a creative force and feeling. He sat with a group of us from the Manitoulin Arts group, telling us how much he was in support of artists. He pointed out how wonderful it was for Gail (Andrews) to put on an event like this, and the fantastic vision she had for creating this, and he said how beautiful this venue and weekend is. I would like everyone to say a prayer for our dear friend Ivan. He will be missed.”



Art in the Maples’ vendor Don Tenniswood stands with the 10-foot eagle he created. Mr. Tenniswood creates wood sculptures, chainsaw carvings, burl bowls, wildlife paintings and more.



Darren Phillips, a driftwood artist and poet is all smiles at the ‘Art in the Maples’ outdoor festival.

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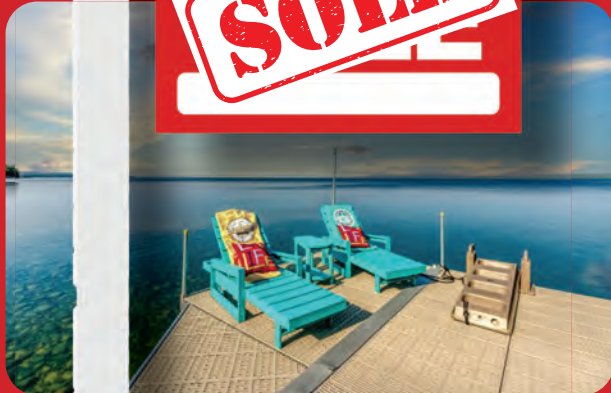


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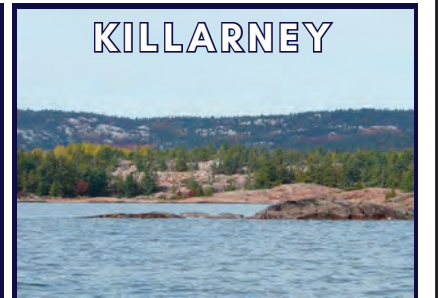
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Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Noah Thorpe wins Order of Merit

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Mindemoya golfer Noah Thorpe led the way for Manitoulin Island players in the Northeastern Junior Golf Tour by claiming the tour championship on the boys (under 19) side to win the Order of Merit medal.

“Noah is a very nice young man, well respected by the entire group,” stated Andre Lemieux, operations director of the NEJGT last week. He explained that Mr. Thorpe won three of six tournaments this summer, at Cedar Green in

“Noah is an excellent golfer and had a very good season, winning the Order of Merit,” said Mr. Lemieux. He said Noah is likely on track for a division one scholarship at a university in the US.

Amy Smith of Gore Bay, “played in all events on the schedule this year, in the under 19 girls division, which includes a total of six events including the championship at Idylwyld,” said Mr. Lemieux. “She is a great young lady.”

Ms. Smith posted a couple of second place finishes along with a fourth place



Mindemoya golfer Noah Thorpe claimed the tour championship in the Boys' (under 19) Division in the Northeastern Junior Golf Tour, winning the Order of Merit medal. Mr. Thorpe, in photo right is congratulated by Andre Lemieux, operations director of the Northeastern Junior Golf Tour.

Sudbury, Timberwolf Golf Course and a tournament in Parry Sound. He finished second in the tour final event held at Idylwyld Golf Course in Sudbury, the first weekend of August. Noah was narrowly edged out for first place by Ayton Longe, after posting a two round 36-hole score of 76-75.

Mr. Thorpe has another year of high school starting this fall, at Manitoulin Secondary School. “What struck me about Noah in getting to know him is his priorities,” said Mr. Lemieux. “On the same night as a prom party he could attend, instead, he stayed home to study for an exam taking place the following Monday.”

in the events this season. “She is a super young lady and is a good competitive player, who you can tell plays for the enjoyment of the game. Her father Dan is a volunteer director on the NJGT, super nice and helpful,” said Mr. Lemieux.

Island golfer Rylan Carrick “is a very good competitor and finished fourth overall in the Boys U-19 division,” said Mr. Lemieux. “He is a nice young man, and very respectful. He has a very solid golf game, in his first two tournaments this year he finished fifth and sixth, and improved over the season, finishing in third or fourth place in most events after that.”

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Bike Rodeo for Marc

The Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Bike and Rodeo will be held this September 6th in Mindemoya. The event is free to register and is open to anyone under 18. The omnipotent organizer, **Marie Ford** needs numbers to tailor the day to whoever is interested. The day will be based at the Freshwater Community Church across from the school. She has planned a barbeque with hamburgers and hot dogs, gift certificate draw prizes, a fun skills course and a group ride. The fun starts at 1PM but Marie needs numbers so please register now! You can call her at 705-348-8472. Thanks to sponsors, OPP Youth Foundation, MICA and the North Channel Bike Park (news coming soon on this exciting, new, Manitoulin destination).

Beating Beaton!

Dane Gibeault, has been recognized for his athletic prowess for years now and paddling is one of his niche skills. He was once again drafted to be the canoeist for the annual, Beaton Classic quadrathlon! Dane's paddling leg was the bright light on his team, LADS! Racing in the Co-ed, Fours division, Dane posted the second fastest time of just 31 minutes, giving his team a huge advantage. Regrettably, his teammates posted leg rankings of 26, 35 and 20th to place the team in seventh place overall! Dane as usual, took it all in stride and had a great time!

Thunder only happens if you register!

The Mindemoya Thunder Minor Hockey Association has started their registration drive in earnest and is reminding parents of a possible problem. The possibility of your child missing out on being on a team due to the hard cap at 19! Mindemoya, over the years has had the enviable problem of too many players for a team. Perhaps due to its centralized location, plus the parental option of driving their kids from their residential area to Central Manitoulin, it has happened. Notwithstanding all the political arguments on this polarizing issue, you don't want to take the chance! You can just imagine two 'besties' not getting to be on the same team. That would be a hard one to live down! It is first come, first served but the Thunder has made registering as quick and easy as possible with an online form. Gone are the days of holding registration drives at the Fall Fair! Another caveat is that teams require a minimum number of volunteers to form a team however their forms also have a handy spot for you to sign up. You can find their portal by searching Mindemoya Thunder on the Facebook.

MARC helps JH Burt!

The Mindemoya Arena Repair Committee has been working hard to get our communities to put their money where their mouth is to fix the ailing arena. To date, MARC has raised \$35,000 toward this critical fund. Their Hillbilly Fish Supper alone raised nearly \$5000! Stay tuned for their next event!

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Greg Major rink second in Houston

by Tom Sasvari

HOUSTON, TEXAS—The Greg Major rink finished second in the annual Curling Club of Houston curling bonspiel in Houston, held the first weekend in August.

“We just completed our yearly curling bonspiel in Houston,” Mr. Major, who is originally from Gore Bay, told The Expositor last week. “There were 30 teams entered from all over the US plus one team from Scotland.”

“My team of Greg Major, Don Huggins, Nathan Nissley and Michelle Zuniga went 4-0, defeating teams from Oklahoma, Houston, Wisconsin and Detroit to make it to the A finals against a strong Scottish team,” said Mr. Major. “We lost in the final but were very satisfied with our play and the outcome.”

“The Scots team was made up of Mike Fergu-



Greg Major, fourth from left in photo, and his rink finished second in the annual Curling Club of Houston curling bonspiel, held the first weekend in August. Mr. Major's rink is shown with the first-place team in the bonspiel, who are from Scotland.

son, the owner of a curling club in Scotland, his ice technician, and two others who as a team curled 80-90 percent all weekend,” said Mr. Major. “Fun was had by all, and I am bringing them to my hunting lease to do some target shooting, then do an evening hog hunt.”


Mr. Major, self-appointed social director for the bonspiel explained, “Every year I get a celebrity skip to take part. This year we had Eugene Hritzuk, of Saskatchewan. He won the World Senior men's championship (2007) and was skip of two provincial championship team in 1985 and 1988.”



Playing for ice!

Musician Nettish performs in front of a large crowd at the Gore Bay Curling Club second annual 'Rock the Rings' fundraising fish dinner, held this past Saturday. The event was held to raise funds for a new chiller ice plant and renovations.

photo by Tom Sasvari



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- Monitor compliance;
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- 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;
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- Supply toll-free number and all other communication resources and options for voters;
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Scope of Job

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Skills/Experience Desired

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

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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 education delivery.
- 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 and Council.
- 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.
- 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
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Nakiiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Finance Officer

Summary
The Wiikwemikong 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 system
- 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
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Please submit a covering letter, resume, copies of diplomas and/or certificates, and three (3) work-related references (within the last three years) to:

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Permanent Full-Time

Candidates are invited to apply for this Full-Time position to work at our Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility, located in Little Current, Ontario.

Reporting to the Director of Care, the IPAC/Quality Manager will oversee the IPAC and quality improvement programs.

Responsibilities

- Leads the LTC home’s IPAC program
- Ensure the IPAC program in the home is consistent with provincial standards and best practices
- Train staff, residents and care providers on IPAC standards and practices
- Conduct IPAC audits and risk assessments in the home, developing corrective plans and actions
- Other responsibilities as related to IPAC in the home

Additional Responsibilities Include


- Oversee quality teams
- Reviewing quality indicators
- Working with staff to improve quality within the home

Qualifications

- Education and experience in IPAC practices including infectious diseases, cleaning and disinfection, data collection and trend analysis, reporting protocols, outbreak management, asepsis, microbiology, adult education, epidemiology and program management.
- LTC home operational experience, considered an asset.
- Certification in infection control from the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology or willing to obtain Certification.
- Effective communication skills and ability to work independently and collaboratively are essential.

Interested applicants may forward their resume by mail or email to:

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Manitoulin Centennial Manor

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CARE (ADOC) Temporary Full-Time 6 – 9 Month Contract

Candidates are invited to apply for this Temporary Full-Time position to work at our Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a 60-bed long-term care facility, located in Little Current, Ontario.

Reporting to the Director of Care, the ADOC will review and update all Clinical program teams.

Responsibilities

- Review all clinical programs
- Review policies for clinical programs
- Train staff, to participate in clinical programs
- Ensure all clinical programs are in compliance with Ministry regulations
- Other responsibilities as directed by DOC

Qualifications

- Education and experience in setting up and running clinical programs.
- LTC home operational experience, and excellent knowledge of policies and procedures.
- Effective communication skills and ability to work independently and collaboratively are essential.

Interested applicants may forward their resume by mail or email to:

Don Cook, Administrator
70 Robinson Street, Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
don.cook@exeassist.ca

Pastors’ Island-wide backpack program gets an ice cream boost

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—The Manitoulin pastors Island-Wide Backpack program has received a significant donation from 3 Cows and a Cone through their generous customers’ donations.

Judith Wright, at 3 Cows and a Cone located in Little Current, told The Expositor on Wednesday of last week, “Our fantastic customers have helped by making donations in the amount of \$720 towards the backpack program through our fundraising campaign August 1-5.”

“In support of the backpack program, we are collecting donations to assist the churches raise their \$6,000 goal which will go towards purchasing 362 backpacks and school supplies (to make sure no students on the Island start the next school year without the essentials).”

Ms. Wright explained that 3 Cows and a Cone owner, “Phil (Blake) had seen the article in The Expositor August 30 that the church is trying to raise \$6,000 for students to get backpacks, and that it would be nice to support this program somehow and add to the cause. We contacted Pastor Jamie Greenwood (Spring Bay Pentecostal Church) to get approval to hold our fundraiser.”

“Our customers are always generous and willing to help,” added Ms. Wright.

Pastor Greenwood, in an update on the fundraising campaign last week said, “we’re excited to share that we’ve now raised \$2,380, almost halfway to our \$6,000 goal! With just over three weeks until school starts,

we’re getting closer to blessing 393 student across Manitoulin with backpacks and school supplies they need to start the year strong.”

“A huge thank you to everyone who has already contributed, your generosity is making a real difference. Let’s keep the momentum going,” added Pastor Greenwood.

Housekeeper (Part-time) - Small Inn

The Queen's Inn is seeking a meticulous and reliable HOUSEKEEPER (seasonal only), to join our team on a part-time basis. If you have a keen eye for detail, a passion for cleanliness and enjoy contributing to a welcoming guest experience, we encourage you to apply!

As our Housekeeper, you'll be instrumental in maintaining the pristine condition of our guest rooms and common areas, ensuring every guest enjoys a comfortable and spotless stay. Salary to commensurate with experience.

Send resume to Queensinnngorebay@gmail.com



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 manner.
- 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.

MUNICIPALITY



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


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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.

Employment Opportunity

Manitoulin Centennial Manor



We are currently seeking a motivated and experienced individual for the following position commencing mid-August:

Activities Assistant - Part-Time

- Preferred diploma in Activation or Recreation or enrolled in the program
- Must be available to work evenings and weekends
- Flexible to work extra shifts for vacation coverage
- Must enjoy working with seniors
- Ability to work independently
- Experience in a long-term care environment an asset
- G-licence to drive the Manor Bus

Please send your questions and resume to the following individual:

Julie Omnet, Activity Director
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
P0P 1K0
Fax: 705-368-2710 x322
Julie.Omnet@exeassist.ca

Deadline to apply is August 15, 2025



Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

IS HIRING!

Competitive wages and benefits

Health Department:

- Family Support Worker**
- Social Development Manager**

Administration Department:

- Custodian**
- Cultural Coordinator**

This intake has a deadline of Wednesday, August 27th, 2025. A cover letter and resume are required. The work location is the Zhiibaahaasing Band Office.

Please forward your questions and letters to:

Melanie Sabourin
Recruitment
melanie@zhiibaahaasing.org

Zhiibaahaasing First Nation is a proud and growing community on the western end of Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada.

NEW NORTH FUELS INC

DZ Fuel Driver Little Current-start @\$28/hr

120 Harbour Vue Rd, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0, Canada

Full-time

Company Description

Welcome to New North Fuels! Since 1994, we've been a part of your community, delivering to commercial and residential customers throughout northeastern Ontario. Whether you live in Sudbury, Timmins, Manitoulin Island or Sault Ste. Marie, you can count on us to deliver.

The people at New North Fuels understand the importance of delivering superior customer service. Our staff is knowledgeable, reliable, helpful and courteous. Whether you choose our dependable, scheduled service or responsive call-up service, we work hard to make sure your fuel needs are backed up by our professionals.

Job Description

As a DZ Fuel Driver for New North Fuels, a Marketer for Suncor (Petro-Canada) in Northern Ontario, your responsibilities will include:

- Safely operate and maintain a fuel delivery truck, ensuring compliance with all regulations and company policies.
- Perform fuel deliveries to various customer locations, including gas stations, businesses and residential areas.
- Accurately measure and record fuel quantities delivered to each customer.
- Conduct pre-trip and post-trip vehicle inspections to ensure the truck is in proper working condition.
- Maintain accurate logs of driving hours, fuel deliveries and vehicle maintenance.
- Assist in loading and unloading fuel at terminals and customer sites.
- Ensure proper handling and storage of hazardous materials under safety regulations.
- Communicate effectively with dispatchers, customers and team members.
- Respond promptly to emergency calls and unscheduled deliveries as needed.
- Maintain a clean and organized vehicle, including proper storage of equipment and supplies.
- Participate in ongoing safety training and stay updated on industry best practices.
- Report any safety concerns, vehicle issues or customer complaints to management.
- Assist in route planning and optimization to ensure efficient fuel deliveries.
- Collect payments and process transactions when required.
- Represent New North Fuels and Suncor (Petro-Canada) professionally at all times.

Qualifications

- Must possess a valid DZ licence.
- Must Be Able To Drive a Manual Transmission.**
- Must provide recent driver abstract and CVOR reports.
- Minimum of two (2) years of driving experience, preferably in fuel delivery** or similar industry.
- High school diploma or equivalent required.
- Valid Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) certification required.
- Knowledge of fuel handling procedures and safety protocols.
- Excellent customer service skills and professional demeanor.
- Strong time management and organizational skills.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends as needed.
- Physical ability to lift and carry up to 50 lbs and climb ladders.
- Clean driving record with no major violations in the past three (3) years.
- We require a Criminal Record Check and two reference checks.**
- Site deliveries may require pre-access Drug and Alcohol testing.**
- Basic computer skills for using electronic logging devices and communication systems.
- Ability to read and interpret maps and follow routing instructions.

Additional Information

We offer an excellent starting wage of \$28.00 an hour, @ three (3) months \$29.00 an hour, and 12 months \$30.00 an hour, as well as benefits, uniforms, profit sharing, etc. Please forward your resume to jobs@newnorthfuels.com.