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BOTH FAIR WINNERS!-Danika Skippen was named the 2025 Providence Bay Fair Ambassador during the Friday night opening ceremonies of the 142nd annual Providence Bay Fair. Danika and her award-winning calf took part in the 4-H showmanship competition on Saturday. For more fair fun, see Pages 4A-5A.

# Town of Gore Bay, Aboriginal Housing, discuss Woods-Lane site

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) is still waiting word from its insurance brokers on what its options are with the Woods Lane Apartment building (which OAHS owns) which

### **New Sheshegwaning** school build begins

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—There has certainly been a lot of construction taking place in the Sheshegwaning First Nation over the past year or so, with three major developments taking place, the start up of construction of the new elementary school, the near completion of the Leadership Cen-

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was extensively damaged in a fire on April 1. They are also hoping to meet with Gore Bay town officials to discuss all matters regarding the property, including the recently passed Gore Bay council interim control bylaw on the property.

"OAHS is currently doing our due diligence and awaiting further information from our insurance broker to clarify what our options are and the associated costs," said Sarah McBain, communications manager with OAHS. "Once we have this information, we will review all factors in order to make the best decision possible."

Ms. McBain explained, "a permit for demolition (of the

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# Little Current Beer Store to close

Last day will be October 19

location stays open, but at this

point, we just don't know. There

by Ed Prudhomme

LITTLE CURRENT—The local Beer Store in Little Current will be closing its doors for good on October 19, leaving Manitoulin Island without a standalone retail location. Staff learned of the decision early Monday, becoming the latest group affected by a province-wide wave of store closures as the company restructures in response to shifting alcohol sales and an ever-changing market landscape.

For the Little Current Lions Club, the news came as an unwelcome surprise. Lion President Bruce Burnett said the outlet has long been central to preparing for community events such as Haweater Weekend and Winterfest. "We usually

### Wiikwemkoong mourns child killed by stray gunshot **Saturday in Toronto**

by Tom Sasvari

NORTH YORK—The family of eight-year-old JahVai Roy is grieving the loss of the their young boy after he was killed by a stray bullet in an apartment he lived in with his mother in North York. His mother, Holly Roy, is from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

JahVai will be laid to rest in Wiikwemkoong today, Wednesday, August 20. A visitation was held Tuesday in Rabbit Island.

JahVai Roy was in his bed in the early morning hours of Saturday morning, August 16, when he was shot and killed by the stray bullet inside the North York apartment, reported the Toronto Star. Police said the gunfire started near the street, Martha Eaton Way near Trethewey Drive, and moved toward the building.

Holly Roy, in a Facebook post stated in part, "My baby was preparing for one of his best friends' birthday celebration. He was so excited he couldn't sleep. I was in pain this day. We got ready for bed. JahVai loved me so much; he brought me my water and insulin. We were in the bed!! He was laying beside me and then we heard

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are other potential options in get about 70 to 80 cases of beer for those events," he explained, Mindemoya and Manitowaning, noting how convenient the local but I don't know if they'll be able store had been. "I guess we'll to handle that kind of order.' need to figure out another option. Hopefully, the Espanola

Until recently, many of those agency stores had relied on the

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Nuclear activist Ed Burt, who lives in retirement in Billings, has strongly opposed nuclear energy in all forms since the day the first bomb dropped in 1945. In photo left, Mr. Burt as he looked at that time and, at right, a recent photo.

# Ed Burt's opposition to all things nuclear began 80 years ago

96-year-old reflects on Hiroshima anniversary

by Michael Erskine

KAGAWONG-It has been quite the journey for anti-nuclear activist Ed Burt whose lifelong passion has been to sound the alarm on our complacency about nuclear power. On the advent of the 80th anniversary of the only time a nuclear bomb has been used in combat, The Expositor caught up with Mr. Burt to chat about his memory of that day, and how that event has coloured his experience ever since.

Mr. Burt was a 15-year-old when the news of dropping nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki came across on the radio in 1945—and this was to have a lasting, in fact lifelong, impact on the young Haweater.

'It did, it really had an impact on me, and it still does," said Mr. Burt. "I was going on 16 and we lived on a farm on Poplar Road, just three miles outside Gore Bay."

Mr. Burt was sitting, ears glued to the family radio, eager to learn of news from the front. These were the days without the internet or even television. News travelled slowly in those days and the first reports of the bombings were actually reported in newspapers. Radio broadcasts soon followed.

The bombing occurred at 8:15 am, on August 6, 1945. Specially modified B-29 bombers of the US Army Air Force dropped "Little Boy" on Hiroshima, levelling it for all intents and purposes and by the end of 1945, between 90,000 and 166,000 human beings had died as a result of the blast

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



Comrade Linda Bowerman is flanked by former MPP Michael Mantha, left, who nominated Ms. Bowerman for the King Charles III Coronation Medal, and Comrade Roy Eaton. Comrade Bowerman was bestowed with the medal during a surprise event held at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 where so many of her good deeds take place.

photo by Michael Erskine

## Linda Bowerman's many contributions recognized with King Charles medal

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Friends and family members of Linda Bowerman gathered with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current executive at the Legion hall in Little Current for a very special presentation. The numbers attending the moment probably would have filled the hall to the brim had the occasion not been a surprise.

Ms. Bowerman was presented with a King Charles III Coronation Medal in recognition of her many volunteer efforts on behalf of both the Legion and many other organizations.

The citation on Ms. Bowerman's award reads: "By command of THE KING the Coronation Medal Is hereby conferred upon you in commemoration of his Majesty's Coronation as King of Canada and in recognition of your valuable contribution to your country.'

"As former MPP, I was provided with five King's Coronation Medals," said former Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha. "I took in some guidance, some help and suggestions from community members, to help me with the dis-

Mr. Mantha noted that "unfortunately, we fell into the provincial election, and I just didn't have time or the opportunity to issue these to recognize individuals. That's what we're going to be doing today. We're going to be recognizing somebody here in community.'

Mr. Mantha then called Legion Public Relations Officer Comrade Roy Eaton to the front of the assemblage. "I wanted Roy to come up with me and help me out with this, he said.'

"This individual has done and gone over and above the call of duty for the community," said Mr. Mantha. "When something needs to be done, this person doesn't hesitate. Not because it's asked or because of a few accolades, or the flowers that come with it, (because there's normally never flowers that come with it), you do it because it needs to be done, and that's what a community member does. And that's the basis of what the Coronation Medal is, and I'll turn it

"Linda Bowerman, can you come up please,"

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### Birch Island member creates trilingual version of O Canada for professional use

by Tom Sasvari

by Tom Sasvari

powwow.'

growing community."

OTTAWA—Anishinaabe singer Mary Bryton Nahwegahbow, a member of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) has worked with a film/music producer in Espanola toward havsung in Anishinaabemowin, English and French.

"I think it is about language preservation, truth and recon-

ciliation and with what is happening south of the border, it is great to see people coming together," said Jayson Stewart of Laps in Judgement Studios in Espanola, who has helped produce the trilingual O Canada ing a professionally recorded recording by Ms. Nahwegah-trilingual version of O Canada, bow, and is making it available for free for schools and communities across Turtle Island.

> Ms. Nahwegahbow, who is a member of WRFN who lives

Juno award winning Crystal Shawanda

ZHIIBAAHAASING—Juno award-winning artist Crystal Shawanda

will be live in concert at the 29th annual Zhiibaahaasing First Nation

powwow," stated Tina Davidson, administrative assistant of Zhiibaa-

haasing. "We are lucky that she is going to be around on the Island

during the powwow and that she wants to perform in concert at the

Ms. Shawanda will perform Saturday evening, August 23 from 9

The powwow is billed as "an event in celebration of our proud and

pm-10 pm at the Zhiibaahaasing beach. There is free admission to the

concert. Her concert will be followed by fireworks, also at the beach,

'We are thrilled to have Crystal Shawanda in concert at our annual

Pow-Wow, taking place this weekend, August 22-24.

in concert at Zhiibaahaasing powwow

a WRFN member and grew up in Sudbury) said, "this all started in 2017, when I auditioned to sing the anthem as part of a Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) contest. It was awesome to be chosen for this. My mom had learned this trilingual version of O Canada, in English. French and Anishinaabemowin. From there it progressed to where I was requested to sing this version of O Canada at the 2017 North American Indigenous Games and auditioned for the National Hockey League and received many more requests to sing the anthem."

in Ottawa (her mother is also

"I have sung the trilingual Under the Stars event, and many more," said Ms. Nahwe-

anthem during Indigenous Heritage nights with the (Toronto) Blue Jays, Toronto Rock, Ottawa Senators, several conferences like the (2025) Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference and Trade Show, Royal Agricultural Fair 100th Anniversary Gala, the 2022 Canada's Walk of Fame

### Mindemoya boy embarks on 200 km bicycle ride for children's cancer research

MINDEMOYA—A nine-yearold boy from Mindemoya has raised over \$3,500 in his first three years of riding his bicycle to fight kids' cancer.

Jace Middaugh states on his fundraising campaign page, "I am riding 200 kilometres (in August) to fight kids' cancer and save little lives. My favourite quote is 'never back down.' I ride to help kids get better so they can be a kid."

"This is the fourth year Jace has ridden his bicycle to raise funds for the Great Cycle Challenge," said Rhonda Middaugh of her son. He had been inspired by someone locally who had already taken up the challenge several years ago, "and Jace decided to join the challenge."

'The funds Jace raises goes to kids' cancer in the 'Kick Cancer's Butt for Kids Cancer,' fundraising campaign, through the Great Cycle Challenge," explained Ms. Middaugh.

On July 7, Jace posted on his campaign page, "This August, I am taking part in the Great Cycle Challenge to fight kids cancer! Why? Because right now, over 1,400 children are diagnosed with cancer every year, and it's the biggest killer of children from disease in Canada."

"Kids should be living life, not fighting for it," stated Jace. "So, I am raising funds through my challenge to help these kids and support Sick-Kids Foundation to allow them to continue their work in developing treatments and finding a cure for childhood

"Jace has driven his bicycle 30 kilometres so far, and his goal is 200 kilometres riding his bicycle in August, so he has a way to go," said Ms. Mid-

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### **New family doctor at Northeast Manitoulin Family Health Team**

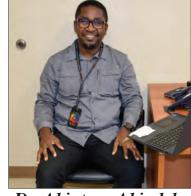
by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Dr. Akintayo Akindele has just finished his rounds for the day and takes some time to sit down with The Expositor for an introductory interview before heading home to his wife and three children.

Dr. Akindele provides his first impressions of Manitoulin and its residents. "It's a nice place," he said. "People are friendly, helpful. Also, everyone asks 'have you got in a place to live?' Both colleagues and people you meet outside and even patients, so it's nice.'

"Originally, my medical school was in Nigeria and when I was done, I went on to postgraduate work, also in Nigeria," he said. "Then I worked briefly in South Africa and Dubai, then I was in Leeds, UK."

He said he found Dubai to be "very hot, but nice. It's a des-



Dr. Akintayo Akindele

ert, you know, but nice clean streets. Cold inside the buildings, but extremely hot out-

Arriving in Canada, he first settled in Mississauga. "I lived in Brampton for a while. I worked in Mississauga for a while, too."

### **Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions launch Catch the Ace**

PROVIDENCE BAY—A southern Ontario man, who has ties to Manitoulin Island, has won the first draw of the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club 'Catch the Ace' draw.

"James Pihura, a gentleman who lives in St. Catharines won our first Catch the Ace draw," said Chris Bryan of the Lions Club. "He has a place in Spring Bay, and he won \$500 in the draw." He explained all 500 tickets were sold for the initial draw.

"The Ace lives on after the first draw and if someone wins next week the prize will be \$2,000 if we sell all 500 tickets," said Mr. Bry-

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Members of the Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club held the first 'Catch the Ace' draw last week

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# One Manitowaning Road opinion

### <u>editorial</u>

### Editorials are an important part of media transparency

Freedom of the press is a vital pillar of our western democratic systems and it has never, outside the strictures of war, been more under threat. That being said, it is also important that credible news sources remain as unbiased as humanly possible.

"News" coming through social media posts does not have that particular stricture. In fact, the internet age has ushered in a milieu where "alternate facts" and theories, conspiracy and other abound. The algorithms of social media platforms seek to reinforce the preconceived notions about what is true and what is not by feeding us what we want to hear in an echo chamber that brooks little diversity of thought.

Small wonder that people can entertain the most outrageous of "alternate facts," a term made famous by US President Trump's communications officer in his first term.

But true journalism must attempt, to the best of its ability, to winnow the chaff and misinformation, to unwind political spin and obfuscation and present something reasonably close to the unvarnished truth. It isn't easy.

The workaday journalist spends an inordinate amount of time chasing rumours and tips that too often turn out to be ephemeral at best—but that's our job and most of us take to it with a passion for

There are two exceptions to that rule. The columnist and the editorial. Both come at the subject with a stated position. An interpretation of the facts that goes somewhat beyond the bare facts of the story to offer opinion.

These days, the so-called "news" items that appear in people's social media feeds are actually columns—written to espouse a particular point of view, and not necessarily that of the news outlet itself.

But in truth, we are, at the end of the shift, all human beings (at least for now).

That is in part one of the important roles that a newspaper's editorial page provides. An editorial, unlike a news story or feature article, comes at an issue with the opinion of the author, representing the publication. It is an interpretation of how, in this case, the newspaper, in gestalt, views an issue and offers what the writer believes is the proper course of action that should be taken to deal with it.

While being a considered opinion, an editorial remains at its core just that, an opinion. It serves a role in assisting the reader of the

paper in understanding the perceptual screen of the publication. As much as professional journalists attempt to set aside their own views when writing about an issue or event that has taken place, that screen exists for all of us. The editorial is a (hopefully) clear statement of that viewpoint. On occasion, the editorial may even not reflect the personal opinion of the writer, as its role is to express the viewpoint of the publication and usually reflects that of the overall staff.

That is also why, contained within the editorial pages, letters expressing alternate opinions are important. They may, or may not, be, in line with how the paper perceives things, but they offer up an opportunity for readers to weigh in on the issues of the day and are just as important, perhaps even more important than the editorial expressed by the paper or any columnists contained within.

These days we are all too inundated with our own opinions being reflected back upon us.

The late, great, Peter Stickley, a conservative and very prolific writer of letters to the editor, more often reflected a different opinion than that of this paper's editorial stance. But we published them as a matter of duty to our readership.

Mr. Stickley refrained from slander, liable and outright misinformation in his missives, offering up a different point of view that has every right to be heard—even if we disagree.

In that spirit, we highly encourage our readers to express their own opinions, as long as they stay within those lines.

In these days of echo chambers and misinformation, the role of an editorial page has rarely been more important. It is an opportunity to understand the perspective of the newspaper and to challenge, or reinforce the opinions expressed in the editorial itself.

It is sometimes remarked that The Expositor editorials are unsigned. There is a good reason for that. Our editorials express the opinions of our journalists and the paper as a whole. Each of us takes responsibility for the position taken in the written words.

We insist that letters to the editor are signed, however, as they are the expressed opinions of an individual writer.

So, the next time you disagree (or agree) with a position taken by the editorial you find on this page, or wish to call out something we have written you feel lies in the realm of opinion, not fact, then set pen to paper and set us straight. Communication between people with opposing views is also an important pillar of democracy.

### North Channel Cruise Line to be featured in FONOM video

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Funding being provided by the government of Canada to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) will allow for FONOM to provide and distribute 12 bilingual videos to highlight business opportunities and promote the strength and talents of Northern Ontario's workforce, the availability and price of residential and industrial lands and the benefits of the Northern Ontario lifestyle. One of the 12 videos will include one featuring North Channel Cruise Line, based in Little Cur-

"FONOM receives funding every year toward the Go North Video series," said Al MacNevin, Mayor of the town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) and a member of the FONOM board. "FONOM features one business in a video within our districts in Northern Ontario. Film crews will be coming to the Island to produce a video on North Channel Cruise Line."

"I had to ask Chris Blodgett, the operator of the business, if he was interested in being part of this, and he was very excited about this taking place," said Mr. MacNevin. "This is the third year the videos are going to be produced, and for Manitoulin Island Henley Boats of Manitowaning and Split Rail Brewing Company of Gore Bay have been featured the first two years."

"Its awesome," stated Mr. Blodgett. "We are thrilled to be part of something like this. The business was founded in 2013. so we are in our 12th year of providing tours.'

"Things are going great, we have seen steady growth in the business over the years, and this year is going to be our best season yet," said Mr. Blodgett.



North Channel Cruise Line will be featured in a FONOM video.

"Our business has been very well received in Ontario, other parts of Canada, and the US to join our tours, and there is spinoff by people renting hotel rooms, for example which benefits the local Island economy.

Mr. Blodgett said filming of the business and its tours will take place in October. "We are already doing three Octoberfest style event tours to Louisa Island where everyone will be able to see the rich fall colours of that time of the year. They will be able to see what our operations are like and capture video of the North Channel when it is not so busy, in the shoulder season, and be able to see the fall colours in all their splendor.'

"I'm stoked that we were asked to be part of this video," stated Mr. Blodgett. "Al (Mac-Nevin) had called and asked if we would be interested, and I said yes immediately.'

Mayor MacNevin said the Go North Videos are produced and "Mainly marketed to the GTA (Greater Toronto Area) area encouraging businesses to set up their businesses in Northern Ontario. The videos create interest in setting up business in the North, information on what is here in the north and all the benefits of having a business

Pauline Rochefort, parliamentary secretary to the Secretary of State (Rural Development) and member of parliament for Nipissing-Timiskaming, nounced \$863,023 in funding to support local and regional innovation and economic development across Northern Ontario on July 25. This announcement was made on behalf of the Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of jobs and families and minister responsible for FedNor.

"Northern Ontario is home to vibrant communities, innovative businesses, and untapped potential. Today's investments are a testament to our focus to grow the regional economy, by strengthening the agri-food sector and showcasing what makes the North such a great place to live and work," said minister Hajdu. "Through collaboration with organizations like NOFIA and FONOM we're creating good jobs, supporting sustainable development, and laying the groundwork for long-term prosperity across the region.'

Of the funding announced, \$702,713 will support the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA) in strengthening the region's agri-food sector. The initiative will improve local value chains, advance technology adoption, and promote sustainable practices. NOFIA will also assess key production and procurement challenges and explore infrastructure investments to support aggregation, storage and distribution. The project aims to expand market opportunities and increase demand for Northern Ontario-produced foods. The project is expected to help expand and modernize 120 businesses, create 60 new jobs in the agricultural sector over three years, supporting the development of nearly 2,000 acres of farmland. This will help to attract over \$1 million in industry investment and economic benefits for the region.

Also announced was \$160,310 in funding for FONOM to allow the organization to produce and distribute 12 bilingual videos to highlight business opportunities and promote the strengths and talents of Northern Ontario's workforce, the availability and price of residential and industrial lands, and the benefits of the Northern Ontarian lifestyle.

"Northern Ontario is full of opportunity, and it's time the rest of Canada sees it," said Danny Whalen, president of FONOM. "With this support, FONOM will be able to shine a spotlight on our communities, our workforce, and the industries that drive our economy. These videos will help attract new businesses, and families to the region by showcasing the unique advantages of living, working, and investing in the North."

### The Old Mill's 100th anniversary was the focus of History Day in Kagawong

**by Margery Frisch**KAGAWONG—This year's History Day in Kagawong began with the toe-tapping tunes of the Manitoulin Swing Band, effectively setting the mood for a nostalgic 100-year stroll through Kagawong's history.

Old movies began to roll on a projector, and the musical accompaniment gave the feeling of the silent movies of the 1920s, some of the movie reels, provided by the Lamb family, were about that old. After giving recognition to the Manitoulin Swing Band, with member Jim Smith introducing his bandmates, some of whom date back to its 1947 origins, museum curator Rick Nelson began his presentation.

"I don't know how you follow the Manitoulin Swing Band," Mr. Nelson said. After a brief pause, the face of Ontario Premier Doug Ford sprang onto the screen, much to the surprise of the audience. "Well, let's find out what the Premier has to say."

"I want to give a big shout out to the folks from Manitoulin Island as they celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Kagawong Pulp Mill Power Plant. What a historic milestone, a whole century, it's really incredible. I want to thank you for your dedication to preserving and protecting our history and supporting jobs and industry in Northern Ontario, because that's what makes Manitoulin Island the special place it is today," the Premier said in his pre-recorded video.

"I've got 842 slides," Mr. Nelson began, as he laid out what to expect in the program. He was kidding, of course, though he did intend to cover 100 years in slides, so they did add up. He began with a series of photographs of Kagawong, the town and its streets, before 1925, to provide some perspective. While showing these slides, Mr. Nelson implored the audience to identify any of the people they might know, those who perhaps were grandparents and great grandparents of those in attendance.

'So, around 1925 there was an outfit out of Wisconsin - the pulp and paper mill of Fox River that decided there was money to be made on Manitoulin Island. They could harvest the spruce on the island, and they hired local contractors to come in and build what is now the Old Mill," Mr. Nelson said. He then went on to explain the process, accompanied by photographs. "It was one of the most amazing, mechanical engineering jobs of the early 20th century," he said, as it harnessed the energy of the water from Lake Kagawong, carried to the mill by a .5-kilometre-long barrel-stave (or penstock) to power the machinery. The pulp mill only ran for about five years, he explained. The depression set in, and then the mill went dormant. Eventually, the building was used to provide electricity for all of Manitoulin Island up until 1961 when the same water power drove a power plant turbine and generator. But, as time marched on, the building was abandoned, and dilapidated. In time, it was gutted, the interior being repurposed to be used for card parties, weddings and other events. It was even used, briefly as a recording studio, when an Ojibwe Cultural Foundation festival was taking place in M'Chigeeng. Some professional musicians were contracted to put out an album in time for the festival, and they set up in the Old Mill to get it done. Mr. Nelson learned of this only after the book, Kagawong Old Mill Celebrating 100 Years, was published, but it did give him an opportunity to give the book a plug in the telling of it.

A brief intermission followed, and the hall erupted with laughter and conversation. The packed house of the afternoon was filled with community members quite



Steve Paikin questions local historians, from left, Lois Linley, Dianne Fraser and Candy Tracy during History Day in Kagawong.

photos by Margery Frisch



The crowd was delighted by an performance by the famed Manitoulin Swing Band during the evening presentation of History Day in Kagawong. Doug Smith, an original member of the band from 1947, is playing the clarinet.



Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Centre at History Day in

used to being entertained and edified all at once, and there was anticipation for what was to follow.

Steve Paikin, former TVO host of the Agenda, was asked to lead a panel with three local historians and Rick Nelson resumed his post at the podium to introduce the illustrious guest. After several minutes of introduction, Mr. Paikin interjected, "Rick, this isn't cutting into our time, is it?" to much laughter and applause. He also stated, "It's an interesting thing, when I hosted the Agenda for 19 years, for seven and a half of those years, Doug Ford was the premier of Ontario. I tried all the time to get Doug to come on and he never would, but Rick Nelson got him for this?"

Mr. Paikin began by having each panel member introduce themselves. Dianne Fraser, second chair of the Museum Committee, Candy Tracy, historian of the Billings community and the Old Mill, and Lois Linley, an original member of the Kagawong Historical Society.



One hundred slides were shown of the History of the Old Mill during History Day, including the above photo, the only known picture of the interior of the Old Mill when it was in full operation as a power plant for Ontario Hydro.j1

"What motivated everyone to start an historical society in the first place?" was Mr. Paikin's first question to the group. "The historical society wasn't started till '89, November 30, 1989" Lois Linley explained. And its mission was to make people aware of the riches of the Island. "Was that not happening before you started the society?" Mr. Paikin asked.

"Somewhat, but there wasn't any real society that got people together," Ms. Linley said.

Through Mr. Paikin's questions and the panel's answers, the audience learned there was never a consideration to tear the building down. Many families thought it would make a great community centre. "In the 1990s an industrious group of people had decided to renovate and repurpose the building as a community hall," Diane Fraser explained. "So, they put in new windows and new doors, and it was used as a hall. By the time our historical committee came into being, that had already been done." The plan was

to divide the space so that historical information could be provided, dividers were built and used not only to divide the space but to post historical facts. "We also left enough space so that we could have a new exhibit each year, because, if you're going to have people come back you need to change things up," Ms. Fraser said.

Ms. Linley spoke of the initial challenges for the historical societv. in terms of setting up the museum. The main building was still used jointly with the community for other events. Concerning the post office, "Our first step was to move it log by log and reassemble it." It had been the former Spring Bay pioneer Post Office donated to the Kagawong Historical Society in 1992. It was relocated to Kagawong by the Historical Society in October 1993. Once used as a homestead, it was moved to the Old Mill Heritage Site in 2008.

"Candy, what do you think of the job Rick Nelson does now?" Mr. Paikin asked.

"He's terrific," was Ms. Tracy's

immediate response. The History Day in Kagawong was the brainchild of Mr. Nelson. Started in 2009, it has grown from a small audience in the museum to downstairs in the Park Centre, moving upstairs as the audience grew annually, and now needing two presentations, afternoon and evening, as the popularity of the event continues to increase its numbers.

"In the midst of all the efforts, to make all of this happen, you must sit back and say to yourself, 'Aha, we've got it now,'" Mr. Paikin said.

"No," Ms. Linley answered, emphatically, to audience laughter. "Because history is ongoing."

Memorable displays were touched upon – the teddy bears at Christmas and the wedding gown display that went on for years. The Governor General Award nomination in 2003 was also mentioned. "We were very surprised and honoured by the nomination." Ms. Fraser said. "It was validation for all the volunteers through the years, and, though we didn't win, we were shortlisted and that's from all across Canada." The audience applauded.

"A hundred years in the rearview mirror, what's still to come?" Mr. Paikin asked.

"There's a lot of history that still needs to be discovered," Ms. Linley said.

"I'm hoping to see the era of the hydro line crews of the 1950s highlighted. There were so many hydro crew families in Kagawong, said Ms. Tracy.

"We want to finish the Mariners Park we've begun," said Ms. Fraser. "The marine history is also so important here."

In the evening event, thank you gifts were given out to members of the Manitoulin Swing Band and the guest panel. Michael Hunt, councillor for Billings Township and chair of the Billings Museum Committee also presented Steve Paikin, host of the panel, with a canvas photo of the Old Mill Heritage building.

Dianne Fraser paid tribute to Mr. Nelson and in doing so said, "Rick, as part of the committee and a Star Trek and Star Wars fan, helped take the history of Billings Township and Manitoulin Island where no one had gone before in this Old Mill building. A few examples: Recreating the Lester B. Pearson Library with artifacts from the Canadian Museum of History in Ottawa, The Daniel Dodge Story, The Wreck of the North Wind, Harbour Island and Berry Boats to name a few.'

"Rick's interest and respect for Veterans is shown by the Military Room and as Chair of the Kagawong Cenotaph Board. In 2024, the Billings Museum Committee with Rick at the lead, displayed the Banners of Billings Veterans on hydro poles throughout the Village of Kagawong.'

"Thank you, Rick. "Live long and prosper, may the force be with you. Rick, please come forward to receive tokens of the Billings Museum Committee's appreciation for all you have done to share the rich heritage of Billings, Manitoulin and beyond."

Mr. Nelson was presented with a Craig Jackson framed photograph of the Old Mill Heritage Building. The audience showed their appreciation, and the band played on.

History Day in Kagawong is so much more than its title reveals. History is brought to life, is revered, in some cases laughed about, but most importantly, is remembered. Check out the Old Mill Heritage Museum, open seven days a week June through September, 10 am to 5 pm and, while there, be sure to pick up the book 'Kagawong Old Mill Celebrating

# Friends and Neighbours

### Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your post prov fair fly! I wanted to take this time here to make mention of all of the wonderful creative, hardworking, innovative, inspiring, dedicated and tenacious collective that makes up our wonderful community here of Providence Bay. Every last one of you are remarkable rockets that work tirelessly and devotedly season after season to keep our little community beautiful and thriving. Nothing demonstrated this more than the weeks leading up to the fair and the heart and soul of all of you, the fabric and fastidious framework of all that is wonderful of our little township all together under the roof of the exhibit hall. Beautiful beacons, mementos and handmade marvels, beautiful little windows into all that we are and all that

Thank you to everyone who came out and hats off and high fives to all of the dedicated volunteers, organizers, entertainers and sponsors who keep the big wheels turning and the hearth stones hot. Providence Bay is better because of you and all you do! Big feather in the cap of this great community!

Here's what's happening: Fairground and arena clean up and turnover time! No events for now but there will be a bit of post fair clean up and work. So easy does -it- we will get it all done in due

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 Beach: is an amazing two km sand beach on Lake Huron coast that is open to the public. Play safe and enjoy the beautiful beaches, boardwalk and epic sunrises, moon rises and sun-

Sunset Music Series: The series officially marshalled in the new music, check the Sunset Series posters and Huron Island Time and Manitoulin musicians Facebook page for updates. The music series features great musicians and artists who take to the stage right beside the Boardwalk and Discovery Centre every weekend though August from 6:30 to 9 pm. Bring your blankets and

Reuse/Recycle: The Providence Bay Reuse Shed is opened 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 Friends: Happy birthday to all of you late-August babies! We welcome you all to Manitoulin Island, we wish you a wonderful, happy and safe summer hol-

Social pages for special events. You can also visit the Central Manitoulin Township webpage or visit exploremanitoulin.com for updates on all the events happening near you.

"The most important thing is to enjoy your life - to be happy. It's all that matters." - Ozzy Osbourne

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We love walking the river trail and other off-the-beaten-tracks around the Island. We often indulge in deep, philosophical discussions as we trek, and the one thing that always stands out to us as we wander through this gorgeous landscape we live in is that squirrels always look and act as if it's their first day being a squirrel.

Body Stories Dance has announced their 2025/26 dance schedule for classes in Kagawong, which include offerings for children, youth, adults and seniors. You can register on their website: www. bodystoriesdance.com.

We wish a very happy 29th birthday to Meg M and Andrew T, as well as Kagawong-adjacent Mike Z, and extended Kagawongian family members Tiis T and Emma T. Some of you might be feeling your age, but just remember, in geological terms, you are still incredibly

Billings Library has officially launched the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Billings Township! Each month, the Imagination Library program mails an age-appropriate book to registered children (age 0-5), free to the family. To take part, complete and return the registration form found on the library's Facebook page (FB.com/kagawonglibrary), or visit the library in person for a paper copy and more information!

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 bylaw 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.

Some upsetting news: we've learned that there have been a number of thefts from local craft and fabric stores across the north shore. Based on the locations hit, the perpetrator seems to be following some sort of pattern.

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 ctheijsmeijer@ gmail.com.

For students (and teachers), August really is the Sunday of the summer and the new school year is just around the corner. Grade 9 students can come out to the annual Grade 9 barbecue at Manitoulin Secondary on Wednesday, August 27. Students can get their schedule, learn about high school, explore the school while finding their classrooms and even meet some of their teachers. The day starts at 10 am and includes a barbecue lunch. Parents are also welcome to attend! For more information, contact the office at Manitoulin Secondary School.

While watching some classic tennis matches this week, we realized that 50 per cent of Roger Federer's name is 'er'. Have a great week!

### Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

Rose's granddaughter Micah was up for an extended stay and has now gone home. Now, her sister is up to help Rose celebrate Rose's birthday.

A friend of mine has been dog sitting while a neighbour is away. When she went to go to bed, she found the dog stretched out on her bed with its head on her pillow. He did not seem to be suffering from any separation anxiety. We have been cat sitting. We don't have any interesting cat stories to tell.

On Friday, August 8 at cards Elaine Bradley was high lady with 81 points; one more point and I would have won the money jar, sigh; high man was Karen Noble with 72. Donna K McDonald had ladies lone hands with four; Murray Duncanson had men's lone hands with five; most euchres went to Tom Rumley with nine; Diane Jones brought home the door prize; Andy Cull won the 50/50 draw. Natasha McVey brought home the juice. We had a great time. Come and join us if you can make it.

Have a great week everyone.

### Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

The 'dog days of summer' are here (look up and you will find the Sirius star system rising) and the dry hay is being put under cover. The chokecherries are coming on, but they might not be easy to find, as Carolyn Lane-Rock and her friend Heather Wilson (Silver Water) report. Liz and Steve Clifford planted six zucchini seeds in the spring and have a bumper crop!

A Bald Eagle was sighted on the front lawn of Goldenbrook Farm, where it surveyed from high up in a tree, pausing to ruffle its feathers or rotate its head and finally flew off after an hour. The two little brown twin calves that were born on the grass last week and brought to the Grandview neonatal calf barn to be bottle fed have been named (Curley and Slick) and are successfully being bottle

Greetings to Breanna Campbell and family who have just moved to Barrie

Belated Birthday wishes to Reece Carter, who celebrated her 23rd birthday last Saturday!

Katie Runnalls has been home from Toronto for the week and staying with her parents while visiting family and friends. Diane (of Kagawong), Danielle and Nalu Brunetti-Rodrigues (of Vancouver, B.C.) were out to visit, and Micah took them on a farm and sugar shack

Jim and Margaret Blanchard were officially proclaimed great-grandparents on August 8 when their grandson Ted and his wife Amanda welcomed daughter, Rory Joy Blanchard into the world! The Blanchards are currently hosting their son John from Palmdale, California, their youngest grand-daughter Samantha from Pittsburgh and their oldest grand-daughter Vanessa and her husband Alex Carpenter from Columbus, Ohio for the next two weeks. All four were able to take the North Channel cruise to the Benjamin Islands.

Three Barrie Island ladies, Ardiss Luce (Ohio), Sabine Schoen (Germany) and Enid journeyed to Dominion Bay, where they feted their dear friend Ursula Hettmann who turned 87 on August 11. On their way they stopped to safely usher a turtle across the road. Please be mindful of wildlife!

Scott and Enid were out for ice cream at Campbell's this week. Katie joined them too. They enjoyed the generous scoops and the range of flavours and the soft serve. The establishment was full of Barrie Islanders, waving from the kitchen was Erin Montgomery and, on the deck, they visited with the 'Matheson Girls', Nancy Panton, Marylou Harper and Marylou's daughters Louanne and

Oliver Runnalls and the Manitoulin Swing Band played at the Kagawong History Day. They were wonderful as always and it was a very interesting program (see Team Fergemeijer's news for more details).

The Manitoulin Fine Arts Association Members' Show is opening today until September 6 at the Sheguiandah Museum and Enid has submitted some Barrie Island portraits to be viewed.

Mark your calendars for the Julia Bay Beach barbecue at the causeway on Friday, August 22 from 4 to 7 pm. There will be free Burt Farm hotdogs and music by Elora Miller and Jon Best and even clowning by sweet and surprising MaD HoTdeR the clown! Bring a potluck dish and your picnic ware and a chair and join in the fun. (Rainy day location is the Barrie Island Hall).

Condolences to the family and friends of Raymond Runnalls who passed peacefully on August 5. Raymond grew up on his parents' farm on the north line of Barrie Island. He was recently here in May with his sons Steven and Adam and had some really good visits. His funeral will be held on August 23.

### Silver Water Karen Noble

The date of the upcoming LSB meeting was listed incorrectly in last week's paper. It will be on Wednesday, August 27

Mark Wismer and his daughter Reine were here from Vancouver Island to visit his brother and family in Ottawa and then his parents Doug and Jane Wismer

Doug and Brenda Carter had friends Chris and Deb visit them last week.

Ken and Doreen Duncanson joined Myra Duncanson for a visit with their cousin Pauline Lloyd Adams and her daughter Karen Adams as well as daughter Tracey DaSilva and granddaughter Jayde Lavoie. The journey to Silver Water was part of the 80th birthday celebration for Pauline on August 9. Pauline's grandparents were the "Lloyd" of the store Thomson and Lloyd which is where Karen Noble and Albert Meijer live now. Her father Ewart was born in Silver Water at that time. Ewart Lloyd married Arden and Norman's sister Gladys Duncanson on July 5, 1928.

Jonathan LeSage and his girlfriend, Emily, stayed at the family cottage last week. They left on Wednesday. Colleen and Eric Julseth arrived at the cottage later in the day and are here for a week. They leave for a two-week trip to camp on Lake Superior soon.

Max and Linda Trick are at their cot-

Teddy and Becky and their children, Maddie, Brody and Ty have been at their cottage. Teddy's sister, Heather and her family are with them. The mothers and children were enjoying Silver Lake when Gladys Duncanson and I arrived for our swim on Thursday afternoon.

Doug and DonnaKay McDonald had a granddaughter stay with them for a

Kate Duncanson and Chip Tomisch went to Marathon to attend a wedding on August 6 and then travelled to Verner for a wedding on August 9. They returned to Myra's house on Tuesday.

On Sunday, after church in Gore Bay, Murray and Gladys Duncanson travelled to their son Craig's camp on Lake Penage. Blake Duncanson and his daughters, Willow and Shelby, Alysha McDonald and daughters, Kinley and Everly, Jodie Duncanson and daughter Jordan were also at the cottage for the weekend. Gladys said she did lots of swimming on Sunday with all the girls and had a boat ride on the pontoon. They came home on Monday afternoon.

On Friday, August 8 we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

On Saturday morning we held a market in our yard with several vendors and lots of shoppers.

Sunday after church, I picked up Myra Duncanson and we went to Tehkummah for their euchre tournament. The high score was 94 points; second place was two teams with 83 points each; and third place was split by three teams with 72 points each. Mike and Susan Arbour and Myra and I were part of third place. We took 10 boxes of books with us to donate to the Tehkummah library. We will go there again on September 7 if anyone wants to send boxes of books with us.

Monday morning GFL did the garbage pick-up.

Monday afternoon, the residents came out to the recycling bins. We had a lot of people who donated over 700 hundred liquor cans and many boxes of bottles. They also filled both bins.

On Monday, I took Ken Duncanson and Myra Duncanson to euchre at the Burpee and Mills Complex.

Tuesday evening was fire practice. On Wednesday, Albert and I went to Little Current to the Beer Store and collected another \$170 for the Angel Bus. Thanks to everyone who donated their cans and bottles.

On Thursday I went to work in the morning.

Thursday evening there was euchre 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.

Condolences to the family of Ivan Wheale.

### ...Linda Bowerman's contributions recognized

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said Mr. Eaton. "Linda has championed so many outfits besides our Legion, she's also seen in clown suits, witch suits all kinds of suits. Why? Because it puts a smile on people's faces. Why? Because it's what the community needs. She is always at an event; she's always involved; she's always there. And when you look at the definition of the Coronation Medal, it says 'by the command of the King."

"Linda, there is nobody more deserving than you than to receive this medal," said Mr. Mantha. "And I am so proud and so honored in being here and presenting this to you."

Mr. Eaton assisted with the placement of the medal, which Mr. Mantha pinned to her lapel.

"The Queen's medal goes in front of the King's medal," said Mr. Eaton. "So, when you remount these things, the Queen has to be on the inner side, and then the King is next."

"Now, you may be wondering why I am standing here," said Mr. Eaton. "Michael approached me and said 'Roy. Do you know somebody on Manitoulin Island who's deserving and should receive this medal?" I said, 'absolutely, no question."

Mr. Eaton cited former MPP Mike Brown, who, some 25 years ago had arranged for Ms. Bowerman to be recognized with a 40-year volunteer pin. "It was a 40-year service pin and I remember that Linda was invited over to Sudbury and received it from Michael Brown and from the Ontario government. That was 25 years ago. Think of what she's done since then as we turned into the 21st century."

Mr. Eaton cited the creation of the Women's War Memorial at Memorial Gardens in Spring Bay. "Under Linda's leadership, we have the beautiful Women's Memorial, and that is such a credit to you Linda," he said. "From that time, well you hear now the number of different things (she has been involved in) and I won't go into all of them. But one of the things she's done for our communities across this Island, especially here in the eastern end, is to apply to Royal Canadian Legion, Ontario Command, the charitable foundation for project funding like the Tehkummah Fire Department." She also initiated the veterans' memorial banner program that has spread across Manitoulin.

"How many times do you see Linda at the Cenotaph, cleaning up," he said. "What you don't see is out at the Island Cenotaph. Hours and days spent making sure that it is kept clean in respect for the veterans, the 129 veterans who are on the main one, the women and the Merchant Marine."



Former MPP Michael Mantha pins Linda Bowerman with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

In fact, there are few Island organizations that have not benefited from Ms. Bowerman's efforts over the past six decades.

"There is no question when you asked me as who is more deserving of receiving the King James III Medal" said Mr. Eaton

Ms. Bowerman admitted that she knew something was up. "When a daughter calls and says, 'don't you know that you have a meeting tonight?" and so many people urged me to wear my uniform tonight," she smiled

In accepting the medal, Ms. Bowerman said "I don't do the things I do for what happens. I do it for me," she said. "The cenotaph is an open place in my heart because of my own." She noted that her uncles are commemorated on the cenotaph. "I started the veterans' banner project because of three uncles."

Ms. Bowerman teased that she has "a certain number coming up" but "I'm still here on the clock. "I'm actually really proud because I went yesterday and got my driver's license." she laughed.

got my driver's license," she laughed.
Following the presentation, Ms. Bowerman, her family, and members of the Legion gathered for commemorative photos.

The Expositor adds its congratulations, along with the entire Island community, to Ms. Bowerman and heartily agree with Mr. Eaton in that nobody is more deserving.

### ...New family doctor at Northeast Family Health Team

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Manitoulin provides a big change from his previous experiences.

"I see nature, lots of water, the Great Lakes, you read about them, situated between the US and Canada," he said. "You see how people interact with nature, how people respect nature here."

Dr. Akindele pointed to the local practice of stopping on the road to assist turtles across the road. "It's nice and also makes you very careful when you're driving. Makes it easy to want to

live here."

"I have a wife and four kids. My wife has many hats. She's studied chemistry, then social service work. She is a registered social worker. Now she's an immigration consultant."

As for the children, "First, one is a boy, he's going to be 15 in November. He's going to start high school here. Second year of high school. Then a girl who just clocked 13 yesterday and finally a four-year-old boy who's going to be five in December." He also has a teenage niece staying with the family.

Dr. Akindele said that his family operates as a team. "My wife leads the team. I just give a backup, as much as I can."

Wait until your father gets home?

Dr. Akindele laughs. "That's true, but it works every time."

He is a family physician, "What they call a rural generalist." So, he handles whatever walks in the door. "I find it interesting. You enjoy the work because different things come and it keeps you on your toes. It's not just the run of the mill stuff. And as a generalist, you help more peo-

ple."

The people he has met in the course of his work in the emergency room have been very happy and appreciative. "It makes it very nice," he said. "I'm happy to be here. The community has received me very well. It's very nice to be wanted and appreciated"

Although the population here tends to be aging, Dr. Akindele said that they seem to be well cared for and that care is of a reasonably high standard.

Although he is committed to staying on Manitoulin for the next three years, Dr. Akindele said he is planning to settle for a much longer time than that. "It's a nice thing that they have here. It's a quiet place. To many people, it seems it's been the same thing over the past 100 years. That might look easy, but it is a very difficult thing to maintain, so I give them a thumbs up."

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### ...Mindemoya boy embarks on 200K ride

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daugh. "He had a goal of raising \$500 and so far, he has raised \$965 for this year's ride thanks to the generosity of those who donate."

In his first year of the ride, 2022, Jace rode 42 kilometres and raised \$953, in 2023, 52 kilometres and raised \$421, and in 2024, he rode 94 kilometres and

raised \$2,339.

"Jace gets emails from kids thanking him for helping them out," said Ms. Middaugh.

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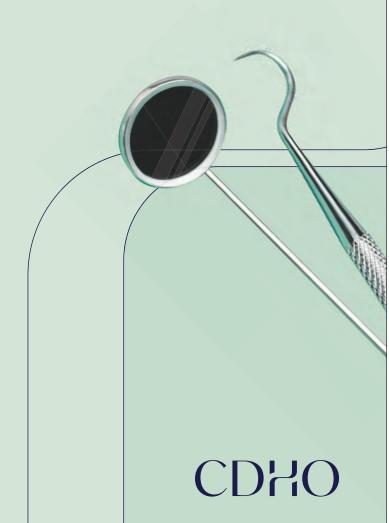
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### Little Current Beer Store to close its doors October 19

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Little Current outlet as a distribution point, a practice that ended about two vears ago.

Reaction from Manitoulin's breweries was mixed. Manitoulin Brewing Company manager Alex Inman said the change may not hurt their business at all. "We haven't really been in the Beer Store for about a year and a half now," he noted. "Once we heard they were going to be closing something like 10 stores a day, we knew we had to make changes on our end." The brewery has shifted sales toward the LCBO, grocery outlets and approved corner stores, and Mr. Inman suggested that the closures may

even be helping. "We've Liquor Control Board of actually seen a bit of an Ontario (LCBO). uptick in business since these changes started."

The Beer Store, which began in 1927 under the name Brewers Retail, has long been a unique part of Ontario's landscape. Owned collectively by brewers from its inception, the system today is controlled primarily by Molson, Labatt and Sleeman. These multinationals together hold most of the shares, although roughly 30 Ontario-based craft breweries also maintain a stake in the franchise. The ownership structure allows all qualified brewers to list their products equally, setting their selling prices within limits approved by the

Prior to 1949, Little Current had been dry as a result of the Canada Temperance Act (CTA). However, the region was permitted to hold a referendum to repudiate the CTA which was successful, and soon after both the liquor and beer stores were opened. In its early years, Ontario's beer industry was tied closely to the railways. Large breweries in southern centres shipped their products north by train, while empty bottles were sent back down the line for cleaning, relabelling, and refilling. As a result, many Beer Stores across Northern Ontario were built alongside rail spurs, and Little Current ap-



The last day for the Little Current Beer store location is October The news was announced on Monday.

pears to be no exception. Located where once the terminus of the rail line to Manitoulin Island, the community was a natural site for such a facility, its store serving for decades as both a retail outlet and a supply hub for surrounding agency stores. Though rail shipments have long since ceased, the legacy of that system can still be traced in various communities in the North. The Little Current Beer Store was the last stop on the

In 2024, the company delivered 2.92 million hectolitres of beer to more than 13.000 customers and collected some 1.6 billion alcohol containers through its recycling program. Yet despite its storied history, the Beer Store has been steadily shrinking its retail footprint recently, citing the rise of supermarket, big-box, and convenience store sales.

CPR line.

retail market."

Much of that change stems from the Ford government's decision last year to expand alcohol sales to grocery and corner stores. To break the Beer Store's long-standing exclusivity agreement, the province provided \$225 million in compensation to the company. Under the agreement, the company must maintain at least 300 outlets until the end of this year, after which it can reduce its network at will.

For Little Current, the closure means the loss of a familiar storefront that has served both locals and visitors for decades. It also leaves residents and organizations asking the same question: where to turn

### ...mourns child killed by stray gunshot in Toronto

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the shots! Two shots. It took a minute to know that's not fireworks. My baby sat up. The last look he gave me was fear! Then another three shots and I felt glass hit my face. I went to grab my son to put him on the floor and he was lifeless! It was instant. His blood sprayed all over me. I couldn't even look at him. I knew where the bullet went! I ran my son's lifeless body to my doorway. The devastation my kids witnessed."

"There was nothing I could do but scream and hold his lifeless little body,' continued Ms. Roy. "I can't get that image out of my head. I can't unwelcome everything from that moment. I cannot unsee and not feel my baby's blood on me. The rest is too graphic to share. But I'm carrying it. And I'm feeling it. And I don't want to sleep and I don't want to be awake. Remember his name!! Never forget his name!!."

In an update later on Monday, Ms. Roy wrote in part, "a sacred fire is already going in our community where I am bringing my son. I am burying him in Wiikwemkoong and having a celebration of life for him here in his city upon his burial. I want everyone to come and eat and share stories of him. I want everyone to remember his name. I've decided to bury him in some Jordan's—he loves his shoes. Me and my daughter need ribbon skirts. Can someone help with that? And a nice ribbon shirt for his brother."

A sacred fire has been lit at a family member's home in Wiikwemkoong. A celebration of life will take place on August 17 at 6:30 pm in the back of 25 Martha Eaton Way in North York.

A Go Fund Me has been set up by Charlene Small to help with the funer-

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# Birch Island member creates trilingual version of O Canada

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gahhow.

She also sang the trilingual anthem at the Canadian governments' cabinet swearing-in ceremony at Rideau Hall in Ottawa this year that really garnered her national attention.

"Back in June I saw on the TikTok channel this voung woman singing O Canada for the swearing in of the new federal government cabinet in Ottawa," said Mr. Stewart. "She sang the anthem in English, French, and Anishinaabemowin. Most of the new MPs sang the English and French versions, very few knew the Anishinaabemowin language version, but they were obviously very impressed by the looks on their faces."

"When I saw this, I said this needs to be professionally recorded so we can get this version to schools," said Mr. Stewart, who is a teacher with the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB).

"I did some research and found out Mary is a member of Whitefish

River First Nation. If she had been living here, she would have gone to Espanola High School. When I inquired online I found out she lives in Ottawa. I contacted her and she was all for recording the anthem."

The two recorded the trilingual anthem on August 12-13 at Dustin Moore's Film and Sound Studio in Sudbury. "We recorded the trilingual version and today the Anishinaabemowin version," said Mr. Stewart.

"The trilingual version will be available to all schools in Canada that want it. I never expected to receive such a positive reaction for the trilingual version of the anthem," said Ms. Nahwegahbow, who is 23 years old. "I have seen elders, survivors of residential schools with tears down their cheeks. I guess it has put the trilingual version of the anthem on the radar in a positive and culturally positive way."

"The first verse of the



Mary Bryton Nahwegahbow of Birch Island has recorded a trilingual rendition of O Canada.

anthem is in English, the second in French and the third verse in Anishinaabemowin," said Ms. Nahwegahbow. "My mom learned the Anishinaabe-

mowin version in an Ojibway course she took. And my poppa (grandfather) also helped with the pronunciation and translation," said Ms. Nahwe-

Nahwegahbow Ms. said. "I attended Canterbury High School in Ottawa, an arts school, and completed my bachelor's degree in music and dance at Queen's University. "

"I've been singing since I was small, and entered many performances and contests," said Ms. Nahwegahbow. In working with Mr. Stewart, "he saw a video of me performing the anthem and got in touch with me, saying he really wanted to get a professional recording done and make it widely available in schools. I was thrilled that he contacted me with this suggestion and it is now available for schools to use."

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### ...Prov/Spring Bay Lions launch Catch the Ace

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# ...Crystal Shawanda in concert at Zhiibaahaasing

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The list of events for the weekend includes a welcome fish Friday on Friday, August 22, from 6-8 pm, or while supplies last.

On Saturday morning a full hot breakfast will be served in the community centre. Grand entry for the parade will take place at both 1 pm and 7 pm, followed by Ms. Shawanda's concert, followed by the fireworks.

On Sunday, again a full breakfast will be served, followed by grand entry at the powwow at 12 noon.

Master of ceremonies for the powwow is Gerard Sagassige, and the elder male and female dancers are Raymond Jackson, from Wiikwemkoong, and Zhiibaahaasing Chief Irene Kells. Head veteran is Bill Antoine.

The powwow is taking place at 36 Sagon Road, right in the middle of the community.

Everyone is welcome, and visitors are asked to



Crystal Shawanda will perform this Saturday evening as part of the Zhiibaahaasing powwow festivities.

bring feast plates and water bottles. No alcohol or drugs are permitted. There will be many vendors on hand selling their wares, including food vendors.

Zhiibaahaasing Nation is also the home of a major Manitoulin tourist attraction: the world's largest peace pipe, pow wow drum and dream catcher,

so a visit to the powwow grounds is also an opportunity to see these community icons. Bring your camera!

To get to the beach for Ms. Shawanda's concert and the fireworks follow the signs along Sagon Road to Zhiibaahaasing beach.

Please see the ad on Page 9 of this newspaper.



### ...Gore Bay, OAHS discuss Woods-Lane

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apartment building) was acquired for the portion of the building that our insurance broker deemed to be unsafe and not salvageable."

"We have recently reached out to the Town of Gore Bay in hopes of meeting with the mayor and council in the near future," said Ms. Mc-Bain. "We hope to have positive discussions on all matters surrounding

the property, including the interim control by-law."

As was reported in the August 6, 2025 edition of The Expositor, Gore Bay town council has passed a bylaw that will allow it to control any development on property where the Woods Lane Apartment building is located for at least a year, to allow time for the town to have a planner do a study of the best housing use for the property.

### ...critical of fundraising demands

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al, trauma counselling and other costs. As of Monday afternoon, \$44,525 has been raised toward the goal of \$70,000.

The GoFundMe page states, "it is with broken hearts and unimaginable sorrow that we share the tragic loss of eight-year-old JahVai Roy, an innocent child who was taken from this world far too soon. In the early hours of August 16, while peacefully lying in bed beside his mother in their North York apartment, JahVai was struck by a stray bullet in a senseless act of violence. Despite every parent's instinct to keep their children safe at home, that sanctuary was shattered in an instant."

"Your donations will go directly toward: funeral and memorial service expenses, relocation to a safe and secure home, trauma counselling and emotional support for the family after this tragedy, any unforeseen costs as they attempt to rebuild their lives."

"Let us honour JahVai by standing against violence and showing his family that they are not alone in this fight for justice and healing," the GoFundMe message adds

The Star story adds, "When he was six, JahVai was featured in a video by the One by One Movement. Looking into the camera he says he is working on anti-bullying, and his message to other children is "be nice."

To make a donation to the family of JahVai online: Gofundme.com/f/justice4jahvai

Toronto police have not released information on any

At a special meeting on July 14, Gore Bay council gave direction to town staff in order to control what will happen on the property, to draft an interim control bylaw, which is good for a year

"With this bylaw we control any development of the property and the owner (OAHS) will not be able to rebuild during that period," Mayor Ron Lane had told The Expositor previously. "We have to do a planning study to determine the best use for the property and can amend our current zoning bylaw to allow for the possibility of other types of use other than the current one.'

As council has raised previously, "social housing is needed, but this is not the best location in town" for that (OAHS) location, explained Mayor Lane.

He pointed out both Harry Schlange (former town manager/clerk) and himself had sent several messages to the OAHS CAO requesting a meeting, but no agreement ever came to having a meeting.

The interim control bylaw freezes development of the building property for a year. Mayor Lane had also explained OAHS cannot oppose the interim control bylaw in court during the first year.







# Ed Burt's opposition to all things nuclear began 80 years ago

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and its after affects. On August 9, 1945 a second bomb, "Fat Man," was dropped on the city of Nagasaki, bringing the butcher's bill to approximately

The reason for the uncertainty about the casualty numbers is illustrated by a conversation Mr. Burt had many years later with a Japanese educator.
"He was a little Japanese guy after the war," re-

called Mr. Burt. "He was the principal of a girls' school in Hiroshima when the bomb dropped that morning." The students were in the midst of their morning prayers when the bomb blast hit.

"When he regained consciousness, the principal was buried in rubble and had to claw his way to the surface," said Mr. Burt. "He looked out across the landscape that had been Hiroshima and it was just

"I don't know how many days he spent searching for his girls in the school," said Mr. Burt. "He didn't



The Atomic Bomb Dome, also known as the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan,



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identify them." The principal himself had burns marks all over

his body. "Somehow, he survived it," said Mr. Burt. "It is a good example of what happened. Here were all these girls in grade school all praying when they got hit. It wasn't about killing the officials who started the war and continued it. It was little girls in school.'

find any of them alive. He did find enough of six to

Mr. Burt contends that the bombing of Hiroshima was more about testing the bomb than in ending the war. "There is evidence the war was just about over," he said. "It would have been over fairly soon." The contention at the time, and for many years after, was that the bombings saved thousands of Allied soldiers' lives.

For his part, at the young age of 15 (going on 16), Mr. Burt found himself horrified at the carnage.

Out of the horror, death and maining an accelerated growth of plants followed the blast and devastation. Oleander (Nerium) is the official flower of the city of Hiroshima because it was the first to bloom again after the explosion of the atomic bomb.

But although the Allied populations knew about the bombings, it was not until the end of the occupation that the Japanese public learned the truth of what happened as the occupation forces kept a strong lid on the press in Japan.

Response to the civilian tragedy was severely lacking. The first simple emergency dwellings were not provided until 1946.

Much has been made of the American Manhattan Project and the immense investment made by the US in the development of the bomb, but much less is known of the British and Canadian contributions to that story. The British scientific community played a key role in the race to build a nuclear bomb, but it could not have been possible without the uranium resources hauled through countless rivers by Metis and other Indigenous porters in 200-pound sacks from the far north.

The uranium was then processed at the Eldorado refinery at Port Hope. Without Canadian resources and effort, the production of those lethal weapons would have been delayed, probably for years.

Mr. Burt's antipathy to all things nuclear does not stop at the creation of bombs, however. He points to the impact of cancers caused by radiation treatments and the incredible length of time that spent nuclear fuel remains deadly to human life as examples of why humanity should step back from those doomsday materials and the potential leakage into our freshwater resources that takes place at locations such as the uranium refining facility on the North Channel, Cameco near Blind River.

He points to the numbers of cancer cases that have surfaced since the 1950s and suggests that there is no coincidence. "It is a silent killer," he said. He himself has been battling cancer.

The issue is only getting worse with time, he notes. "I read in the papers the other day that China has 66 new nuclear power plants planned for the future," he said.

Mr. Burt has put his money where his mouth is over the years fighting against nuclear power. "I darn near lost my farm over it," he said. He notes that he largely funded his battle through his own resources. "Spent so much money and time over it."

Along with a group of "regular people," Mr. Burt has had some successes and he said that he wouldn't take any of it back. But he notes that their success was somebody else's loss. "We might keep it out of our back yards," he said, "but it ends up in somebody else's yard. The situation hasn't changed, it just keeps getting worse."

Mr. Burt will be turning 96 in a couple of weeks, but he remains adamant. "I haven't changed my mind one bit," he said.





### An Island escape to the Queen's Inn

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Tucked away on the tranquil shores of Manitoulin Island, The Queen's Inn in Gore Bay offers a luxurious, history-rich retreat that feels worlds away.

Established in 1880, this charming landmark has been lovingly restored by owners Sandra and Mark Garofolo, seamlessly blending timeless heritage with modern, highend comforts.

Stepping inside feels like entering a dream. The Garofolos, seasoned global travelers, have infused the inn with sophisticated touches inspired by their journeys. Recent renovations have elevated the guest experience, with elegantly upgraded bathrooms featuring organic products from Tofino, British Columbia and a serene new spa complete with a sauna and invigorating cold-plunge circuit. The Inn is, "our passions, our purpose, and our journey coming full circle," stated Ms. Garofolo. It's an open invitation to experience a slice of Manitoulin magic, a place where luxury and history meet to create an unforgettable escape.

Food lovers will be delighted by the Inn's culinary offerings. On Friday and Saturday evenings, the veranda transforms into an intimate tapas restaurant, helmed by the Garofolos' daughter, Chloe, a gifted, self-taught chef. Guests can savour artfully prepared small plates, from fine cheeses and cured meats to wines sourced from around the globe, all while basking in the Island's gentle breez-

The Garofolos' purchased the Queen's Inn in 2024, opened it up to the public in August, and operated until Thanksgiving

"We fell in love with

the Inn the moment we walked through the front door," said Ms. Garofolo.

The Queen's Inn is more than a place to stay, "it's a labour of love," said Ms. Garofolo, brought to life by a family deeply committed to preserving its history while creating new memories.

Collaborations local artisans, including painter Monic Sirkka of Artistry 67 and renowned muralist Monique Legault of Sudbury, add vibrant character to the property. The skilled craftsmanship of contractor Scott Lebrun and the artistry of acclaimed island painter Bobby Hannigan further enhance the inn's distinctive charm. Every detail has been thoughtfully curated to create an atmosphere as unique as it is enchanting.

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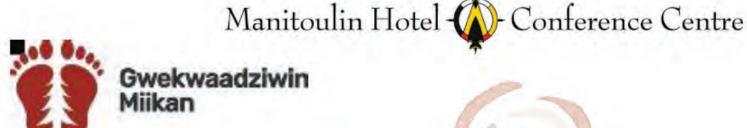


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### Elementary teachers federation bringing class size fight to bargaining table

ONTARIO—In the spring, the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) surveyed its 84,000 members to gather input to determine the federation's next round of central bargaining priorities for both the teacher/occasional teacher table and the education worker table. Class size emerged as a unifying issue for members across the province, validating the issue as a focus during the next round of bargaining.

"For years, educators have called for

student leaning. In 2026, ETFO is bringing this fight back to the bargaining table with renewed urgency and collective strength," said ETFO president Karen Brown. "We've seen how overcrowded classrooms limit what's possible-how they stretch educators too thin, reduce opportunities for individualized support and make it harder to create the kind of calm, safe and inclusive spaces our students deserve.' Currently, primary grades (1 to 3) are

funded for an average class size of 20. By comparison, funding for junior grades (4 to 8) supports a class-size average of 24.5. Unlike in primary grades, there are currently no gaps on class size for Grades 4 to 8. This has resulted in the largest class sizes, often with 30 plus students of varying needs. ETFO is calling on the Ministry of Education to amend the Education Act to cap the number of students in Grades 4 to 8 at 24 and 26 students in Kindergarten.

smaller class sizes that better support

'Smaller classes are not a luxury, they are foundational to a high-quality public education system, and key to addressing the growing challenges we face every day," said Ms. Brown. "They improve student learning by delivering more opportunities for individualized support, reducing violence in schools, and supporting stronger relationships and better collaboration between students and educators. Smaller classes also reduce educator burnout, and boost job satisfaction and retention."

"As the federation prepares for the 2026 round of bargaining, ETFO is laying the groundwork for bold, focused action. A new, far-reaching public campaign, smaller classes, will reflect what members have told us; that reducing class sizes must be a top priority. It's how we ensure that every student, in every corner of this province, gets the attention and support they need to thrive.'

With fewer students in each class. educators can focus on supporting individual learners, particularly those with special education needs. Lower class sizes and adequate staffing levels are essential to the inclusion model, as outlined in ETFO's recent position paper, "Promises Unfulfilled: Addressing the Special Education Crisis in Ontario." Every child, including those with disabilities, deserves to have their learning





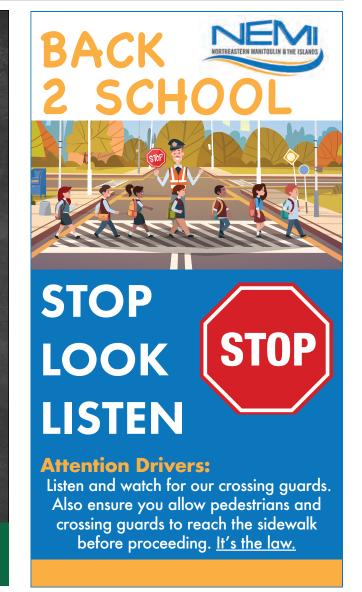


### Rainbow ringer!

To those who say it has been difficult to catch any fish in Gore Bay, Tim MacTaggart has the proof that this is not the case. 'Someone said to me recently there are no fish in Gore Bay. proved them wrong," stated Tim MacTaggart of Kagawong, who on Thursday, August 7 caught a Chinook salmon that measured 35 and a half inches and weighed 18 pounds.

The captain of the boat was Barry Scully, who is from Levack," said Mr. MacTaggart, who pointed out the giant fish was caught in Gore Bay waters across from Janet Head Park and the lighthouse. "I was also fortunate to catch two rainbow trout," said Mr. MacTaggart, who pointed out a friend of his, Dan McQueen, caught six rainbow trout in the same area the day before





### Manitoulin Metal hosts FIRST robotics camp

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Manitoulin Metal robotics volunteers hosted a FIRST Robotics Camp recently in partnership with the municipality of Central Manitoulin, with a total of 21 Island youngsters taking

Sessions were held for kids in Grades 1-4 in the morning and Grades 5-8 in the afternoons. Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) robotics team member Amara Wilson-Zegil organized the program and designed lanc, Dylan Kuntsi, Ryan Kuntsi, Alex Wilson-Zegil and Sebastian Mara.

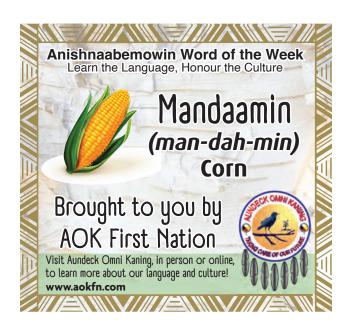
"With full registration and a waiting list, campers gathered at the Mindemoya community hall, where they learned from MSS students about the engineering process, design, programming, teamwork, inclusion, strategy, decision-making and had so much fun!" said Ms. Bauer.

Competition in the morning was themed around the arts, where teams completed challenges to earn Team Clean with Chloe and Gaebe won the Programming Award by using code to provide unique machine functions. Team Awesome, with Noah, Tessa and Brinley, won the Engineering Inspiration Award, recognizing the team that best demonstrates industrial design principles, striking a balance between form, function, and aesthetics.

In the afternoon, teams build and programmed Java-based robots to compete in a game designed by Manitoulin Metal called Free the Fish. Finishing in first place by one point was team Ckau: Simon, Reese and Olivia, with the robot Achoo. This team also won

the Programming award. In second place was The Boys: Connor, Sebastian and Zack, with their robot Bonk and they also won the Engineering Inspiration award. Team Fireliers, which included Theo, Greta and Harriet, with the robot Ch103, won the Gracious Professionalism award. Team Fish, including Frederick, Jace and Felix, with their robot Gilbert, won the Judges Award.

Leaders, guests and parents who attended the final competitions and closing ceremonies were impressed with the learning, accomplishments and great attitudes of each camper. Most importantly, everyone had fun!





A total of 21 youngsters are shown taking part in one of the activities as part of the Manitoulin Metal First Robotics Robocamp

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the game for the older group.

"The program offered opportunities for children ages 5-9 in the morning and 9-14 in the afternoons to explore skills connected to robotics," said Yana Bauer, a mentor on the MSS Robotics Metal 6865 team. Youth facilitators included Amara, Spencer Johnston, Xander Thompson, Kaelen Thompson, Tanner Leb-

points in a game called Masterpiece. The team that scored the most points was Team Grasshopper with Emilly and Gil, who also won the Gracious Professionalism award for their outstanding demonstration of FIRST Core Values and working together both on and off the playing field. The red team of Orion and Vasily won the Judges' Award for their unique

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# New Sheshegwaning First Nation school build begins

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tre, and the construction of a satellite office of the UCCM Anishinabek Tribal Police office.

"Construction on the new school is in the early stages," stated Joan Sheppard, executive director of Sheshegwaning, last week. "The ICF blocks and the foundation are in now, and house students and staff work is carrying on."

"The work on the new school is excellent news for staff and students at the school, and the community," said Ms. Shep-

The construction work is being carried out by Prosperi Construction, based out of Sudbury.

"The new school will

and include grades Kindergarten to Grade 8 as is the case at St. Joseph's Anishinabek School currently but will be a much larger building (18,403 square foot). The current school building is really exceeding its capacity," explained Ms. Sheppard. Suggestions for the name of the new school are still on the table, although nothing has been finalized.

The land the new school is going to be located on, was cleared the site this past spring, said Ms. Sheppard. The project is being funded through Indigenous Services Canada.

"This is a very exciting project," said Ms. Sheppard. She pointed out the anticipated completion date for construction is December

Work and construction on the new leadership centre has been ongoing for a couple of years. "This project has been in progress for a while now," said Ms. Sheppard. "It is geared toward economic development, with offices for our economic development office staff. Odawa Stone (Quarry) will have an office, and their will be space for the community cultural coordinator. One of the new features will be a healing



Work on the new K-8 school in Sheshegwaning has commenced.

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lodge, which will be very nice for the community, and be available for all community members to

There will also be a large fover, open space when visitors come into the building, historical information and artifacts on Sheshegwaning, and space for an artisans display area and for special events." The leader-ship centre is attached to the band office and Prosperi is doing the construction.

The majority of the funding for this project has been provided by the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and FedNor.

"This project is very closer to completion, the interior work has basically been completed, with a couple of exterior parts of the project to be finalized," said Ms. Sheppard. She said the grand opening of the new leadership centre is expected to take place this fall.

As has been reported previously a new UCCM Anishinabek satellite office is being constructed in the community and will be completed in the fall.



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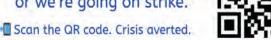
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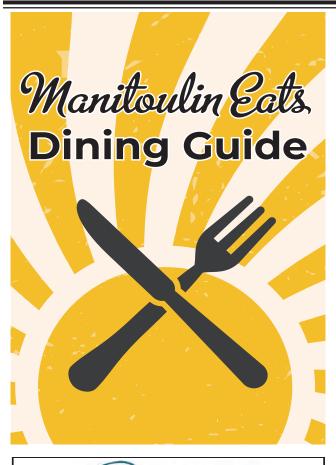
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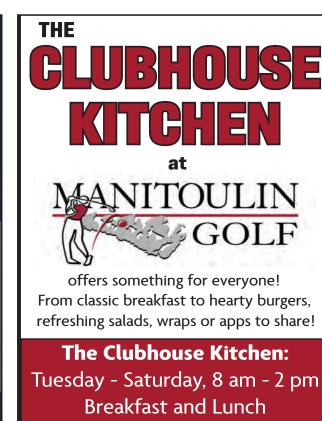


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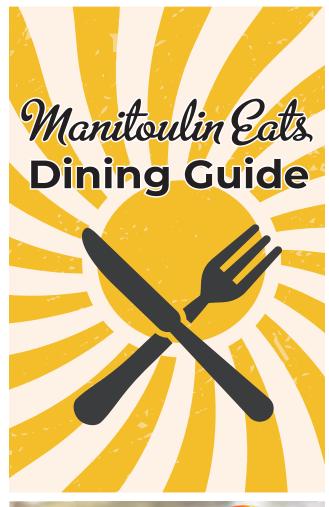


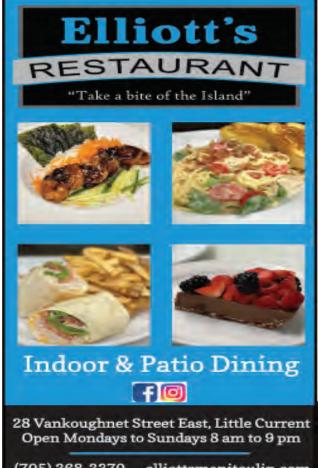
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### Police Seeking owners of boat and outboard motor

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On Tuesday, July 29, members of the Northeast Region Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with assistance from the Manitoulin OPP, executed a CDSA search warrant at a residence on First Street in the town of Webbwood.

As a result of the search, officers seized amounts of suspected fentanyl, cocaine, crack cocaine and crystal methamphetamine, with a total estimated street value of \$14,000. Additionally, police seized a camping trailer, a boat and a motor, all believed to be stolen. As a result of the investigation, Hugh Foster, 46, from Sables-Spanish Rivers township, was charged with possession of ammunition contrary to prohibition order, two counts of failure to comply with release order, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, two counts of possession of



weapon for dangerous purpose, two counts of unauthorized possession of weapon, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking opioid.

Additionally, Justin Foster, 42, from Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation was charged with possession of ammunition contrary to prohibition order, failure to comply with release order, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, two counts of possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, two counts of unauthorized possession of weapon, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking opioid.

Deborah Benoit, 69, from Webbwood, was charged with two counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, possession of a schedule one substance other drugs, possession of a schedule one substance opioid, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking cocaine.

Trevor Middleton, 52, from Sables-Spanish Rivers township, was charged with two counts of possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, possession of a schedule one substance other drugs, possession of a schedule one substance opioid, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking cocaine.

Christopher Neville, 34, from Sables-Spanish Rivers township, was charged with two counts of possession of ammunition contrary to prohibition order, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, fail to comply with probation order, two counts of possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, two counts of unauthorized possession of a weapon, possession of a schedule one substance methamphetamine, possession of a schedule one substance opioid, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking opioid.

All remained in custody to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice, with all charged to appear in court August 14, except for Ms. Benoit who is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on September 22.

During the search, police seized a Lund WC 14 boat on a trailer and a 2022 Mercury 20 horsepower outboard motor. Police are now looking to locate and speak with the individuals who own these items.

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### Evansville resident suffers injuries from IPV

On Monday, August 11 at around 9 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP, the UCCM Anishinabek Police were alerted to respond to the incident at an Evansville location in Burpee and Mills township. The OPP emergency response team and the UCCM canine unit attended along with Sudbury-Manitoulin paramedics.

The victim was cleared at the scene by the paramedics and was not taken to hospital.



The incident is still under investigation. No charges have been laid as of this time.

### Manitoulin OPP confirm identity of missing male recovered from Spanish River

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP has confirmed that the body recovered from the Spanish River in Sables-Spanish Rivers Township is that of a previously reported missing person from June 16.

On Monday, June 16, at approximately 1 pm, the Manitoulin OPP, and the OPP's Underwater Search and Recovery Unit (USRU) responded to a report of a deceased person located in the Spanish River.

This thorough investigation was conducted by the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit, the OPP Forensic Identification Services and the Office of the Chief Coroner and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service, which resulted in the deceased person being identified as missing person, 50-year-old Gregory Grant.

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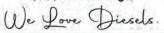
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Are vou concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Alon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm,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

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### UN's top court declares climate action a legal must and warns: failure could cost you

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism **Initiative Reporter** MANITOULIN—On July 23, 2025, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the judicial body, dropped a bombshell with a sweeping advisory opinion: countries ignoring climate change protections may be breaking international law—and the

United Nations' highest victims of climate harm could demand reparations.

> The court's president, Yuji Iwasawa, didn't mince words. He called climate change "an existential problem of planetary proportions," threatening all life and the very health of Earth itself. The blunt message: "Failure of a state to take appropriate action to protect the climate system ... may constitute an internation-

ally wrongful act."

This isn't some dusty

legal text buried in bu-

reaucracy. Clocking in at

over 500 pages, the opin-

ion declares that a "clean,

healthy and sustainable environment" is a fun-

damental human right.

That's a seismic shift, opening the floodgates

for lawsuits-not just be-

tween countries at the

ICJ, but also in national

courts and through trade

forward by Vanuatu, a

Pacific island nation lit-

erally on the front lines

of rising seas, backed by

more than 130 countries.

Every UN member state is

part of this court-includ-

ing climate juggernauts

like the United States and

mate activists held a ban-

ner: "Courts have spoken.

The law is clear. States must ACT NOW." Inside,

smiles, laughter and hugs

broke out as the ruling

Mary Robinson, former

UN human rights chief, called it a "powerful new tool" to hold governments

accountable for the cli-

done. Vishal Prasad, from

Pacific Islands Students

Fighting Climate Change,

already

mate damage

Outside the court, cli-

China.

landed.

The case was pushed

and investment treaties.

states owe the planet and what happens if they fail.

Fifteen judges wrestled with two urgent questions: What are the legal duties of countries to protect the climate from human-caused house gases? And what consequences face governments that harm the environment through action or neglect?

Arnold Kiel Loughman, Vanuatu's attorney general, put it plainly last



The island nation of Vanuatu is losing more and more land mass from the effects of climate change.

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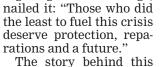


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KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc. manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome.



ruling runs deep. After years of island nations warning they might vanish beneath rising oceans, the UN General Assembly asked the ICJ in 2023 for guidance on exactly what

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December: "The stakes could not be higher. The survival of my people and so many others is on the line.'

Since 2013, global sea levels have climbed about 4.3 centimetres on average—with Pacific islands feeling the worst. The planet has warmed 1.3°C since preindustrial times, fueled by fossil fuels.

"The agreements being made internationally are not moving fast enough," said Ralph Regenvanu, Vanuatu's climate minis-

The ruling gives citizens a new weapon—they can challenge their own governments if they fail to act on the court's demands.

Joie Chowdhury, senior lawyer at the Center for International Environmental Law, said the case tackles the full spectrum: "It addresses past, present and future climate action... confronting historical responsibility is

But the fossil fuel giants—namely the US and Russia—push back hard against any court mandate to cut emissions. Still, as the UN Secretary-General told The Associated Press, clinging to fossil fuels is a losing bet—economically morally.

This advisory opinion is just the latest win for vulnerable island tions. Earlier this month, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights ruled countries must actively protect and restore ecosystems. Last year, Europe's top human rights court said governments must better shield their people from climate fallout. And back in 2019, the Netherlands' Supreme Court set a precedent: climate protection is a human right and governments have a duty to safeguard citizens.

The ICJ's presiding judge closed the July 23 hearing with a sober truth: international law is vital but limited. The fight for Earth's future demands all fields of knowledge, and every person's contribution, to secure a world for those yet to come.

10-14p

### **Death Notices**

### YVONNE THERESA BONDI (nee Marchildon) January 6, 1938 - July 31, 2025



vonne passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya on Thursday, July 31, 2025, surrounded with great love by her family. Yvonne was the much loved and devoted wife of Sam (Salvadore) Bondi for 63 wonderful and exciting years. Yvonne will be greatly missed and never forgotten by her children, Michael (Wendy White),

Michelle (Steve Hart), Steven (Rhonda Smarch), Matthew (Marilena Muto), infant Charles Andre (predeceased), Danielle (predeceased) and Owen (Debbie Gagnon). They have 12 beautiful grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren. Yvonne had seven siblings, John, Eleanor and Marc (all predeceased), as well as Raymond, Paul, Denis and Marie Guagliani. She will also be fondly remembered by her much-loved sister-inlaw Nina Bondi. Yvonne loved people, especially if they curled or golfed. She was an avid sportsperson who loved to be outdoors and would tackle just about any sport she might be challenged with. She loved the many children who she provided daycare for and fostered. Her love of family and the love she received from her family, were her greatest joys. She was a very community-minded person and volunteered at her church, curling club, figure skating club, minor hockey and Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Being raised on a farm, Yvonne knew the meaning of hard work and never backed away from a challenge. Every task was taken seriously and was given her best effort whether it was operating a tourist resort or managing the gift shop at the Mindemoya Pharmacy. The family would also like to express our great appreciation to the administration and staff of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home and Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya who all provided such wonderful care for Yvonne during her illness. In memory of Yvonne's love for colourful clothing, we would encourage you to dress in that fashion! Family and friends gathered at Our Lady of Canada Roman Catholic Church for visitation on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 from 2 to 5 pm. The funeral mass was on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 11 am. Interment followed in the Mindemoya Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Mindemoya Curling Club. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial charitable donations to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Mindemoya Curling Club or Community Living Manitoulin as you see fit. Arrangements are handled by Island Funeral Home, Little Current. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

### PAUL KAY July 7, 1970 - July 23, 2025



Paul Kay was born on Manitoulin Island at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya, July 7, 1970. Paul is the 7th of 11 siblings in a big, strong, hard-working family. Life shaped Paul early and he met it head-on, a little rough around the edges and unapologetically himself. Paul left Manitoulin Island around the age of 18,

pursuing his dream of becoming a welder. Over the years he lived wherever work took him and eventually moved out west to Grande Prairie, Alberta. In 2004, at the age of 33, Paul decided to move even farther north to Fort Nelson, BC. There he met Melissa King and over the years they had three beautiful babies together. He was a hard worker through and through, driven, hands-on and never one to sit still. Paul believed in earning his way and didn't shy away from tough jobs or tougher conversations. He had a sharp tongue, a sharper wit and a love of banter that could keep you laughing or put you in your place sometimes both at once. Paul didn't sugarcoat things. He told it like it was, whether you were ready to hear it or not. But underneath that tough exterior was a heart that beat strongest for his family. Paul has three amazing, kind, funny and smart children, Mitchell, Brody and Ava, who were everything to him. They weren't just his children, they were his pride, purpose and his soft spot in a hard world. He loved them deeply without condition. He was endlessly proud of the people they are becoming, and nothing meant more to him than being their dad. Paul and Sarah started dating in 2016. She quickly fell in love with Paul and his kids and stepped into their lives with a full heart. She wouldn't change being their bonus mom for anything. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter and memories that will be held onto forever. He leaves behind a legacy of grit, honesty and unwavering love - the kind that doesn't always come with soft words, but is deep, real and eternal. Paul is survived by his spouse Sarah Tofte; children Mitchell Kay, Brody Kay and Ava Kay; mother Janet Kay; brothers Bob Kay (Sarah), Ron Kay (Tammie), Larry Kay (Gladys) and Doug Kay; sisters Nancy Kay, Diane Kay, Lorie Rushton (Jerry) and Ruth McFarlane (Ken); and his sister-in-law Sharlene Kay. He was predeceased by his father Ken Kay, brothers Tabby Kay and Kevin Kay, as well as nephew Kenny Kay. A Celebration of Paul's Life will be held Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 1 pm at Bear Creek Funeral Home (11802 99 Ave. in Grande Prairie, Alberta). Care entrusted to Bear Creek Funeral Home, 780-830-7742, bcfh.ca.

# In Memoriam

**BOWERMAN**—In loving memory of a dear mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Doris Bowerman, who passed away August 23, 2004.

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Always loved and remembered by daughter Marilyn, son-inlaw Jim, grandchildren Marilee, Mallory and Mitchell, and greatgrandchildren Landen and Hailee



Wilson—In loving memory of "Kate" Catharine Ica Wilson (nee McDermid), June 3, 1957 to August 22, 2020.

Five years have quickly slipped away.

Life just isn't the same without you.

Your presence is missed at family events, the store and especially at home

Forever in our hearts and sadly missed. John, Jessica and Al, Dianna, Finlay, Mom (Blanche) and Dad (Duncan predeceased 1997), Ernie and Michelle (both predeceased 2018 and 2010), Fran, Linda and Barry, Ed and Sheila, Karen and families.



### **Death Notices**

### HEATHER HELENA EADIE August 16, 1948 - August 16, 2025



The family of Heather Eadie wishes to announce her peaceful passing with her family by her side. Daughter of Lloyd and Vida (McGovern) Middaugh. Beloved wife of Andrew (predeceased). Mother of Susan Case (Larry predeceased) and Lloyd. Grandmother of Lindsay Lessard (Robert) and Benjamin

Case. Great-grandmother to Jocelyne and Adeline. Sister to Bonnie McWilliams (predeceased), Judy Middaugh, Lee Ashley (Jack) and Meeka White (Andrew). Brotherin-law Dave Canham, sister-in-law Wayne and Judy Eadie, Linda Burnett (Keith predeceased), Grant Burnett (Alberta predeceased) and many more. Will be missed by many nieces and nephews. A graveyard service will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 11 am at Mountain View Cemetery.

### **Celebration of Life**

### JOE OSTERKRUGER

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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.

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



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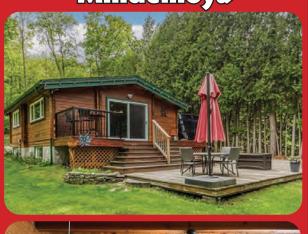




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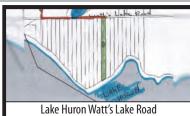
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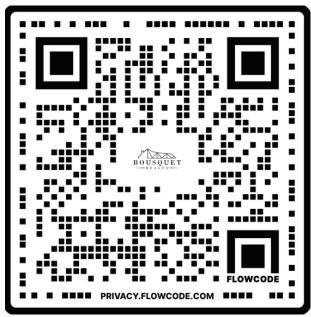
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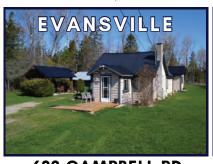
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Little Current, Ontario

Wednesday, August 20, 2025



Valerie Bailey, Marlene Burns, Betty Jean Bailey, and Joan McMurray gather around the Brier Tankard trophy with Brier Canadian Men's curling champion Brad Jacobs, at a meet and greet event held at Waters Edge Restaurant in Gore Bay.

# **Brad Jacobs makes Island trip** with Brier Tankard in hand

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin curling fans had the chance to meet Olympics and two-time Canadian Brier champion Brad Jacobs, and the Brier Tankard, in a two-venue visit he made to the Island years

"Since our team won the Brier this year, I thought it would be really neat for Manitoulin and for community members who wanted to, to see and touch the Brier Tankard trophy," Mr. Jacobs said



From left, Ron McQuarrie, Jordan Chandler, Canadian Men's Brier champion Brad Jacobs and Kyle Chandler pose for a photograph with the Brier Tankard. This group formed one of the teams at the Assiginack Curling Club Memorial Golf tournament held at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Court in Manitowaning this past Saturday. A meet and greet event with Mr. Jacobs was held after the tournament, which he participated in.

last Thursday and Friday.

"I've been waiting a long time for this chance to meet you," stated one Island resident at a meet and greet Mr. Jacobs took part in at Waters Edge Restaurant in Gore Bay last Friday afternoon. He was on hand along with his wife and their two children, and he brought the Brier Tankard along for the visit as well.

On Saturday, Mr. Jacobs took part in another meet and greet at the Assiginack Curling Club annual Memorial Golf tournament (which he participated in).

The visit was coordinated by Manitoulin Transport, which has been a sponsor of Team Jacobs for the past three Friday. "It is an historic trophy, and the curling community is strong on Manitoulin Island. I thought this would be a great way to give people the opportunity to see the trophy."

"Manitoulin Transport has been a

"Manitoulin Transport has been a sponsor of our team for the past three years," said Mr. Jacobs. "It seems to be a perfect fit, and they arranged the meet and greet events."

"Melanie Carr (of Manitoulin Transport) mentioned that the Assiginack Curling Club was raising money through a golf tournament on Saturday. I like to play golf, and I like to support

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# **Manitoulin Sporting Life**



### Local lads, impress at Provincial MTB!

The Provincial Mountain Bike Championships were held at Horseshoe Valley Resort which featured a challenging and sandy course with some steep climbs and descents. Friday night started with an intense in the XCC (short track) race in 30-degree heat. **Nathan Quackenbush** had a strong 6th place finish in the U15 division.

The temperatures came down for the Sunday morning race but the elevation went up with over 200m of climbing each lap of the race. Nathan pushed for a 10th place finish in the U15 final. **Bradley Slaght** claimed the U19 Sport win, racing uncontested.

This concluded a successful Ontario Cup race season for the Manitoulin team. At the end of the season standings, Nathan claimed 7th place overall in the provincial U15 standings and Bradley Slaght claimed a place on the podium with second overall in the U19 sport division

While the Ontario Cup season has ended, the high school mountain bike season starts in September. Interested riders who want to race with us can reach out to manitoulinmtb@gmail.com or get in touch with Ms. Caroline Black when school starts.

For anyone interested in a fun local mountain bike event, the annual McLean's MTB Relay is coming up on August 31. Details at breakawaymanitoulinevents.ca.

### **Indigenous Games hardware!**

Aurel Fox-Recollet of Wiikwemkoong was among hundreds of Indigenous athletes from around the globe competing at the 2025 Masters Indigenous Games in Ottawa over the weekend. Aurel placed third in the 800metre, 1500m, 3000m and the 5k cross country races. The famous Tarahumara runners of the copper canyons in Mexico finished first and second. Congrats Aurel!



### Volleyball Gold for Manitoulin-dominant team!

At the Masters Indigenous Games held in Ottawa this past weekend, a Manitoulin Island based team are bringing home gold. Former Manitoulin Mustangs Kyleigh Biedermann, Saraya Eshkawkogan and Naomi Naokwegijik and their teammates Arianna Gagnon, Natalia butterfly and Jayden Rivers met an undefeated Quebec team for a rematch in the Women's division finals and came out on top after facing defeat in their preliminary round match!

### Assiginack hosts Youth Ball Tournament

Assiginack continues the tradition of great events to keep their kids active. In their 4th annual youth ball tournament they actually got youth involved from across the Island and beyond, for a great time. In the 12U division it was the Marshmallow Mitts taking the title. Their roster featured: Jacen Simon, Bray Wassegijig, Rowan Lécuyer, Howie Desjardins, Hunter Inglis, Treilyn Gonawabi, Danika Peliter, Jordyn Corbiere, Gracie Trudeau and Mikayla Bondy.

In the 13-15 class winners were the Chaos Crushers, with: Reece Belanger, Hunter Daigle, Lincoln Rancourt, Thomas McMherson, Jackson Houle, Hayden McPhee, Presley Rancourt, Loryn Rowe, Zoey Paradis, Sophie Gagne, Hailey Donnelly and Taylor Wragg.

Finally, the 16-18 Division champs were the Ball Busters consisting of: Liam Stevens, Cohen Rayotte, Bryden Romaniuk, Merik Sokoloski, Justin Mrochek, Brayden Armstrong, Brinley Watson, Charmaine Webkamigad, Kayla Lockeyer, Brynn Best, Trinity Cheechoo and Scarlet Mohr.

A huge thanks goes out to the weekend's indispensable umpires: Ryan Stewart, Larry Harasym, Murray Gammie, Reuben Allen and Jamie McCarville.

### Jiujitsu Gold!

Congratulations to **Graham Schinbeckler** who competed at this past weekend's 2025 Budo BJJ Open, touted as Northern Ontario's Largest Jiu Jistu Tournament. In his first competition as a purple belt, he won a pair of gold medals. Graham credits his Sudbury based club Troop MMA for hi training and preparation and his brother, Lucas for helping get him into the sport.

### Babstock gives back!

The PWHL's Boston Fleet's **Kelly Babstock**, is hosting her first annual, KB Hockey Camp from August 19–21, 10 AM–4 PM, at the Espanola Ice Rink, proudly sponsored by Wiikwemkoong First Nation. The response has been incredible but unexpected. They initially planned for four hours of ice each day, but due to overwhelming interest, they've extended it to six hours, so no one is turned away.

Kelly was born in Little Current, in 1992, and a proud Wiikwemkoong First Nation member. She has made this camp a milestone for herself and her community. It's an opportunity for youth to build hockey skills, confidence, and cultural connection, with the goal of making it an annual tradition and is free for all Wiky Hawks players!

Kelly is now a veteran in the PWHL and will begin her third year in Boston. Before the creation of the PWHL she was a three-time all-star in the PHF (formerly the NWHL) playing for the Metropolitan Riveters, the Buffalo Beauts and the Connecticut Whale.

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

### Fundraising in support of toddler

Eighteen-month-old Holland Moggy has epilepsy, and in an effort to raise funds and awareness toward research and to help other families whose children have epilepsy, Angie Moggy of Mindemoya and her family are going to be taking part in the 12th anniversary Epilepsy Seize the Day fundraising walk next month in London, Ontario.

"Mv little grand-Holland daughter, Moggy, whose parents are Corey and Marissa, has epilepsy. "So far, we have 10 or 11 family members that will be joining in on

the walk. It's in London on September 28."

 $\hbox{``Epilepsy Southwestern'}\\$ Ontario (ESWO) invites you to join us on Sunday, September 28, 2025, for the 12th anniversary of our Annual Seize the Day Fundraiser at Graham Family Park. All funds raised will directly support vital programs and services for individuals living with epilepsy, their families, and communities," the website explains.

"This family-friendly event kicks off at 10 am with a spirited run or an uplifting walk followed by a barbecue celebration.

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Moggy Holland. granddaughter leading 'Holland's Heroes' in epilepsy fundraising walk.

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

**Little Current Place Non-Profit Housing** 

### Scope of Job

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

### Skills/Experience Desired

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

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

### The closing date to apply for this position is August 27, 2025

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



### **Employment Opportunity** Golf Course Manager

The Wikwemikong Property Management Co. (WPMC Ltd.) o/a Rainbow Ridge Golf Course is seeking a highly motivated and well-organized individual to fill the position of Golf Course Manager.

The Golf Course Manager reports directly to Enaadmaagehjik Management and Board and will be responsible for all Golf Course operations including, but not limited to, Restaurant, Pro Shop, Golf Course maintenance and administration.

### **General Duties:**

- Develops, maintains and administers a sound business and organizational plan for the property which includes an operating/capital budget and marketing plan
- Hires, develops and supervises all key employees of the property and ensures that all employees have the necessary certifications
- Consistently assures that the property is operated in accordance with all applicable local municipal, provincial and federal laws
- Oversees the care and maintenance of the property's physical assets and facilities
- Development and implementation of the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course marketing strategy and annual business plan
- Ensures the highest standards for food, beverage, sports, recreation activities and other property
- Analyzes financial statements (income and expenses) relative to budgeted goals and takes corrective measures as necessary
- Prepares and presents financial and operational reports to the Enaadmaagehjik Board and Shareholders on a Quarterly and Annual basis
- Responsible for hiring, scheduling, supervising and directing the work of all Golf Course employees
- Participates in outside activities to enhance the presence and brand of the Golf Course in the local
- Other applicable duties/responsibilities as assigned

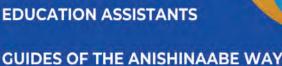
### Qualifications:

Must have 3-5 years related management experience in the hospitality industry and/or golf operations/club management with a proven track record of leading a professional, efficient, high quality, service-oriented

- Post-secondary education in business, commerce, hospitality/tourism management or hotel & resort management is preferred
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Must be highly organized, efficient and detailoriented
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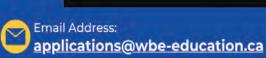
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Please submit cover letter, resume, current and three (3) work-related references to: Wikwemikong Property Management Company Ltd. PO Box 96 Wiikwemkoong, Ontario P0P 2J0

For more information and/or job description, contact

John Dube, Business Services Manager at jdube@wikydevcom.ca

Deadline: September 5th, 2025 at 4:00 PM





### Contract Indigenous Support Workers - 2 Sudbury, 1 Espanola and 1 Manitoulin Island

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for **Contract Indigenous Support Workers.** 

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

Interested candidates should apply by 3 pm Friday August 22, 2025 and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**David Farrow Board Chair** 

**Bruce Bourget** Director of Education rainbowschools.ca

# Brad Jacobs makes Island trip with Brier Tankard in hand

things like this where groups are trying to raise money," said Mr. Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs took part in the golf tournament, playing on a team with Island curlers Jordan and Kyle Chandler (the former who was a teammate previously with Mr. Jacobs). "It will be nice to connect with them," he said.

Mr. Jacobs had his family members, wife Shawna and their children Cale and Camille on the trip and the meet and greet on Friday. "I think Manitoulin is just a beautiful place, and we don't visit the Island enough, even though we are just down the road in Sault Ste. Marie."

"And to be here in the summer is special. We

...continued from page 1A are looking forward to taking in the beautiful scenery Manitoulin has to offer and the people who are so welcoming," said Mr. Jacobs.

> Jeff Smith, vice-chair of Manitoulin Transport told The Expositor, "We have sponsored Brad's team for three years, having first met him through Jordan Chandler, when Brad played with the Island team, then when he played with the Carruthers rink in Manitoba. Then last year when there was an opening on the Alberta team for a skip and Brad joined them. This team is a powerhouse, winning the Brier."

> "We also sponsor the Kerri Einarson team of Manitoba (again for the past three years), which went to the world cham

pionships two or three years ago, and Brad's team won the Brier and went to the world-winning a bronze medal," said Mr. Smith. "Our company was looking for a sport that customers all through rural Canada would have the most access to attach our company name to. And my mom always loved curling. The sponsorship has been fan-

"A person can go into a restaurant or sports bar anywhere in Canada and see our company name as a sponsor on television commercials. And Brad and Kerri have both been great to work with. It has been fantastic," said Mr. Smith.

"We will have our same team in place for this season," Mr. Jacobs confirmed. His Alberta rink, including Marc Kennedy, Brett Gallant and Ben Hebert), "start on September 10 at Okotoks just outside of Calgary. We are all starting to get excited about the season. We have a lot of big things to play for. It will be maximum effort from all of us, and we are hoping to do very good things this season."



Canadian Brier curling champion Brad Jacobs, left, and Jeff Smith, vice-chair of Manitoulin Transport pose for a photo with the Brier Tankard. Manitoulin Transport is a sponsor of the Brier.

### **KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services**

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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities: **Manitoulin Island:** 

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### **Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:**

Legal Counsel

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### \*All postings close August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at 4 pm EST\*

To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at **applications@kgcfs.org**, ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at:

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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

Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.



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# Manitoulin Centennial Manor

(IPAC)/QUALITY MANAGER **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

L'eads 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:

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



**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.

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# Rootin' Tootin' Revelry at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Providence Bay Fair Jamboree: Barnyard Bustin' Good Times



Pull! Curtis Corbiere and his team of 'Rex' and 'Chief' won the heavy draft horse pull, pulling a weight of 12,750 pounds to win; they also won the best dressed team award. The Preston Webkamigad team won the prize for Best Light team and Best Teamster award.



A victorious contestant beams as she proudly wears her ribbon and caringly clutches her cow.





Is people power mightier than horsepower? A parade participant has "horse" and infant in tow.



Dayne Tipper gives a thumbs up as his business participates in



2025 Fair Ambassador Danika Skippen is presented with the winners sash and crown by 2023 Fair Ambassador Ben Dewar.



Leta Wood showcases a prized silkie rooster.





All smiles! This youngster obviously enjoyed his ride on a horse at the Glendale Pony Rides.



Part of the tradition! Local band The Islanders helped open the Providence Bay Fair on Friday evening.



Capturing fair magic, thrilled kids echoe screams and laughter as they ride the exhilarating Midway rollercoaster



Sharing the ride at the Providence Bay Fair, a seasoned farmer drives his tractor holding a baby dressed as a cow on his knee.



Acheerful group of Shriners waves enthusiastically to the crowd from their decorated float.



The Sudbury and District Pipe Band march proudly in traditional Scottish regalia with bagpipes in the lively parade.



Fenix, of Professor Kurio's Travelling Circus Sidewhow, tests limits with a chainsaw on the tongue.





Two young cowboys wave enthusiastically from a makeshift float adorned with



Two fair participants carry a society banner, trailed by playful participants in chicken outfits.

Smiling and waving, representatives of the Agricultural Society cruise on their float during the festivities.











Tiny hands offer treats to a goat.









Defying pain, Red of Professor Kurio's Travelling Circus Sideshow endures a mousetrap.

Balancing gracefully on the side of a galloping horse, a stunt rider thrills the crowd.

A daring stunt horse driver balances atop a galloping steed, Canadian flag waving high at the Providence Bay Fair.

### Gore Bay golfer notches hole-in-one



### Housekeeper (Part-time) - Small Inn

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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.



### **Health Department:**

- Family Support Worker
- Social Development Manager

### Administration Department:

Custodian

Recruitment

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

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

### by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—A Gore Bay golfer realized the dream of every golfer, recently.

"This was my first hole in one," stated Patrick Payette of his first ace, notched on July 21 on the fourth hole at Manitoulin Golf in Gordon/Barrie Island. "You never know how you are going to celebrate a hole in one until you get one,' said Mr. Payette.

"It is pretty surreal," he said noting that unfortunately his ace came a day after the annual Men's open tournament held at the golf course.

Mr. Payette explained he used, "a 54-degree wedge (club) (on his memorable shot). The ball landed seven feet from the pin, took one hop, and went in the hole. That's' when we went crazy."

A resident of Gore Bay, Mr. Payette's ace was witnessed by his playing partners, Jessie Wilkin, Emma and Dawn Wilkin.





# Nakiiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Finance Officer

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

### **Job Duties**

- Generate monthly financial statements for distribution to program managers, finance committee and Chief and Council
- Review financial statements and general ledger listings with program managers, prepare adjustments as required
- Prépare 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
- Ássist other finance personnel
- Other duties as required

development

### Requirements

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

Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and

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

Posting Date: June 25, 2025 Closing Date: Until Filled

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

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

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

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



### **NEW NORTH FUELS INC**

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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

- 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
- 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.

- Must possess a valid DZ licence.
- Must Be Able To Drive a Manual Transmission. Must provide recent driver abstract and CVOR reports.

Qualifications

- 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
- 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 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

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.

### Veteran horse trainer takes riders back to the basics for better trust

by Michael Erskine HONORA BAY—The morning sun is starting to warm things up as the first class of riders at the Honora Bay Riding Stables canter about the are-

of Sean Patrick. Mr. Pat- to learn. terson has been coming North to Manitoulin from his home in the US to train riders for over a decade and such is his fame that riders from across Canada and the US come

Mr. Patterson has been a horsemanship trainer for around 33 years and has collected a number of awards for his efforts, but he remains very low key about it.



In the training pen, Sean Patrick Patterson works closely with a group of mounted students, taking them back to horsemanship basics to foster confident, trusting equine bonds.



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**Now Hiring: Ontario Works Administrator Location: Sheshegwaning Administration Office Employment Type: Full-Time** Contract to July, 2026 (4-Day Work Week!)

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

### About the Role

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

### What You'll Do

- Submission of monthly and quarterly reporting requirements ensuring applicability of legislation and accuracy of content, to INAC & MCSS, including TSF.
- Monitor and verify the monthly client reporting requirements and ensure adherence to applicable policiés and legislation, as well as ensure accuracy
- Help clients apply for Employment Insurance (EI) and to the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).
- Conduct client interviews to process applications and monitor ongoing client eligibility for Ontario Works.
- Professional Development attend ONWAA training assemblies, maintain a good working relationship with organization, regularly complete required training to fulfil duties of Ontario Works Administrator.

### What You Bring

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

### Why Join Us?

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

**Apply Today!** Send your cover letter and resume to: Joan Sheppard, Executive Director joan@sheshegwaning.org 1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0

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"Over the years, yeah, it's kind of how that works, sometimes it's just small shows, and sometimes it's, you know, somebody accredits you with something," he said. "My specialty is the foundation, so I kind of take everybody back, no matter their discipline, I take everybody back to the basics and we work on our horses. We learn how to teach them better and how for them to be more confident, more trusting and then more skillful. To kind of keep breaking it down into bite-sized chunks that people can kind of understand, because when you first get into horses it's hard to always relate to them on their level and know what they're thinking and why and how. And so, we respond to them sometimes either inaccurately or ignorantly by accident. The

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same with the person handling them. They could be green as well, and just innocently making mistakes. So, part of my job is to take people back and kind of reboot the system and say, 'hey, this is how they actually learn.' And this is how you can teach them better and more effectively and more efficiently. So, I really work on the basics.'

Like any skill, horsemanship needs to be revisited. "A good muscle memory," he said. "You need good, quick, go-to moves in your brain when something goes wrong or right, and you need to know what to do," he said.



Veteran horse trainer Sean Patrick Patterson smiles from the arena at Honora Bay Riding Stables, where he guides riders back to foundational skills for stronger horse trust.



Now Hiring: Child & Family Advocate Location: Sheshegwaning Health Centre Employment Type: Full-Time (4-Day Work Week!) Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

We are seeking a self-directed, motivated individual for the position of Child and Family Advocate. The successful applicant will be responsible for ensuring that the Heritage, Cultural Traditions, Identity and Rights of Sheshegwaning First Nation families, children and youth are recognized by all parties involved in child welfare matters throughout Sheshegwaning child welfare model and community-based approach.

### What You'll Do

- Provide support, advocate to maintain family units and advocate for satisfactory solutions to family problems for both on and off-reserve members.
- Maintain an up-to-date understanding of family law, child services and legal proceedings as it relates to child services.
- Pre and post trial meetings, reporting and monitoring with families and appropriate
- Develop and deliver culturally relevant prevention programs, workshops and community events.
- Seek extended family placements where and if needed.

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to maintain strict confidentiality.
- Strong organizational skills, time management, negotiation and evaluation skills.
- Must have a Secondary School Diploma and a valid "G" Class driver's licence
- Must be flexible with hours, including days, evenings and weekends.
- Understanding of client population, cultural and socioeconomic characteristics of
- Working knowledge of relevant child and welfare laws preferred.
- Able to speak Anishnabemowin and understand Cultural practices/traditions would be an asset.
- Must provide clear Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Check as a condition of employment.

### Why Join Us?

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

**Apply Today!** Send your cover letter and resume to: Nicole Bush, Health and Well-Being Director nicole@sheshegwaning.org 1079B Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0

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