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**HONOUR BLANKET**--An Honour Blanket was presented to Zhiibaahaasing band manager Bobbisue Kells-Riberdy, in recognition of her exemplary commitment to the community. In photo from left are Councillor Richard Mitchell, Chief Irene Kells, and Councillor Kevin Mossip wrapping Ms. Kells-Riberdy in her blanket. See story on Pages 16-17 photo by Tom Sasvari

## Community rallies in downtown Toronto after stray bullet kills Wiikwemkoong boy

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
TORONTO—The name of eight-year-old JahVai Roy carried across Nathan Phillips Square last Friday, August 22, lifted in chants, songs and sobs. Just days before, the boy had been lying in bed beside his mother in their North York apartment when a stray bullet tore through the walls of his home and into his small body.

JahVai, described by family and friends as compassionate, fearless and tender-hearted, was pronounced dead in hospital shortly after 12:30 am on Saturday, August 16. Toronto police say gunshots were fired outside the building on Martha Eaton Way near Trethewey Drive, and a white Acura believed to be linked to the shooting fled the scene. Police have released images of the vehicle and are appealing to the public for information.

JahVai was laid to rest in Wiikwemkoong last week, a place he loved to visit all his short life.

But in the square last week, the language was not of crime statistics or suspects. It was the language of love, grief and a call for justice.

Smudge smoke curled above the crowd as prayers and stories



Signs condemning the murder of an eight-year old Wiikwemkoong boy in Toronto say it all.

were shared. Families, Elders and youth drummers circled together. Many wore blue—JahVai's favourite colour. Signs read "Enough is enough" and

photo by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre  
"Justice for JahVai."  
His mother, Holly Roy, of Wiikwemkong told the CBC in

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## Petition supports Little Current Beer Store

### Opposition to closure of Island's only Beer Store

LITTLE CURRENT—Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) has directed Mayor Al MacNevin to forward a letter to Brewers Retail and the provincial government indicating its many concerns with the announced closure of The Beer Store in Little Current as of October 19, and to have the decision

reversed. A petition has also been initiated by a local resident calling for a reversal in the decision.

NEMI council, at a meeting last Thursday, passed a resolution to have Mayor MacNevin write a letter to the noted parties indicating coun-

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## Fraudsters clone website for Chi-Cheemaun bookings

*Beware of [www.ontarioferries.org](http://www.ontarioferries.org)*

OWEN SOUND—The Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) is advising users of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry service that a fraudulent website is being used by a company impersonating OSTC for booking ferry services and other information.

"It has come to our attention that a fake website, [www.ontarioferries.org](http://www.ontarioferries.org), is currently in use and impersonating our organization," an OSTC press release Monday, August 25 reads. "This website is not affiliated with the Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) or our ferry services, and any information or services found on it are not official or legitimate."

"Do not use this fake website for any purpose, including booking ferry services or providing personal or financial information," the OSTC release continues.

OSTC explained if you encounter this website or receive related communications: "Do not click on any links: or enter personal details on the fake site. Do not provide any financial or personal information to any entity claiming to be from [www.ontarioferries.org](http://www.ontarioferries.org). Verify all information by contacting us directly through our official and verified channels."

The OSTC warns, "if you have made a reservation through this fake website, please note you have not booked with OSTC. Kindly contact our reservation line to rebook your service."

The OSTC explained, "Our official information includes its website [www.ontarioferries.com](http://www.ontarioferries.com) Reservations Chi-Cheemaun (Tobermory/Manitoulin Island): 1-800-265-3163.

"Report scam attempts," advised OSTC. "If you have been affect-

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## North Shore anti-glyphosate rally ends spraying plans in that area

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre,  
Local Journalism initiative Reporter  
HIGHWAY 17—On August 14, the steady pulse of Highway 17 through Serpent River First Nation slowed to a crawl. Cars idled as Elders and allies stood on the asphalt, handing out pamphlets and warnings, calling for a moratorium on aerial glyphosate spraying across Anishinaabek territory.

The message was plain and sharp: glyphosate — the herbicide known in forestry as Vision and to the public as Round-up — harms not only the trees and undergrowth it is designed to kill, but the people, animals, waters, and medicines that rely on those forests for life.

By the end of that same week, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and its corpo-

rate partner, Interfor, quietly announced that the scheduled aerial spray over the North Shore, Serpent River and Pine-land forests would not proceed this year. The cancellation followed directly on the heels of the protest and is being hailed by organizers as proof that collective voices — rooted in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and treaty rights — can still shift the direction of policy.

For people like Jenifer Brousseau of Serpent River, who has long worried about gathering berries and medicines in forests she fears may be laced with poison, the reprieve comes as both relief and a reminder of what is at stake. "It's kind of scary because I don't know where I can gather anymore," she said earlier this summer. "I have to be very mindful — has there been forestry here? Are they gonna be spraying here?"

The August 14 demonstration, led by TEK Elders, was backed by the Chiefs of Ontario, who have reached consensus to reject glyphosate use on all First Nations lands. Their demands were sweeping but clear: abolish glyphosate-based herbicides

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder

## Gore Bay harbourmaster Lee Hayden retires after 30 years

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—For over 30 years he has been harbourmaster for the town of Gore Bay, but Lee Hayden has also been a true ambassador for the town of Gore Bay.

“Lee’s impact goes far beyond the marina docks,” stated Pam Fogal, deputy clerk of Gore Bay at a retirement party held for Mr. Hayden last Thursday, at the Ron McQuarrie Gazebo. “He has been a true ambassador for Gore Bay. For countless visitors, their first impression of our community was shaped by Lee’s friendly smile, helpful manner and dedication to making them feel welcomed.”

“I’ve only known Lee for a couple of years, but as boaters we love Lee,” stated Stephen Thursby of Toronto. “We are from Toronto and only discovered the North Channel about five years ago, when we arrived in Gore Bay after a storm. My wife (Michel) and I stayed a few days, and when we went back to Kingston (where

their boat is stationed) we both agreed we would have to come back to Gore Bay and the North Channel.”

“Like (Gore Bay) Ms. Fogal mentioned Lee made us feel so welcome and wonderful when we arrived,” said Mr. Thursby. “Lee has been a great ambassador for Manitoulin Island and the North Channel, not just for Gore Bay.”

“Good evening, everyone,” said Ms. Fogal in greeting everyone to the event. “It is my great honour to stand here to recognize and celebrate someone who I have had the pleasure to work with as a summer student and who has dedicated more than three decades of service to our community, our harbourmaster, Lee Hayden,” said Ms. Fogal.

She explained, “the role of harbourmaster is not an easy one. For over 30 years, Lee has been the steady hand and watchful eye of the Gore May Marina. He has guided this harbour, its boaters, and



Happy retirement Lee! Pam Fogal, deputy clerk for the town of Gore Bay, and Lee Hayden get set to cut the cake at a retirement party held for Mr. Hayden last week.

**photo by Tom Sasvari**

our visitors with professionalism and patience. Having over 50 summer students throughout the years I am sure has tried

this patience... myself being one.”

“On behalf of the town of Gore Bay, council, staff and the entire community, I want to thank you, Lee, for your remarkable service,” stated Ms. Fogal. “Thirty-plus years is an incredible achievement, and you have left a legacy we will long remember. May your retirement bring you time to relax, to travel, and enjoy your family.”

Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane explained he has known Mr. Hayden a long time, as they both grew up in Gore Bay. “Over the years I have got to know Lee, and as Pam said he has been an excellent ambassador for the town of Gore Bay. Boaters who have visited the North Channel from across Canada and the US have enjoyed dealing with Lee over the years.”

“Lee has a great protégé, Barry Jewell, who will have big footprints to fill, but will do his best for the town,” said Mayor

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## Gordon/Barrie Island parks and boat launches see first-ever instances of vandalism

GORDON-BARRIE ISLAND—Gordon/Barrie Island municipal officials are perplexed and concerned that for the first time that they can recall, vandalism in the form of theft and destruction has taken place this year at its parks and boat launches.

“This is the first time we have seen vandalism and destruction at our parks and boat launches,” stated Reeve Lee Hayden. “Carrie (Lewis, Township CAO/clerk) presented a brief at our last meeting concerning these issues, and that hopefully the eyes of the community will help to prevent this type of thing from continuing.”

Mr. Hayden said at Salmon Bay Park, “we have made sure that there is water for people to use the washrooms and wash their hands. Someone stole the water pump and battery to pump the water there, for example. Stuff happens, and we have been fortunate up until now. It is too bad when people do things to prevent others from enjoying services provided for everyone and wreck public property.”

Reeve Hayden pointed out the township hauls water to the park so people can flush the toilets in the restrooms and wash their hands afterwards. He noted the township has these same systems at two other parks in the township.

“The township takes great pains to provide water, and our parks attendant works hard to keep everything clean and operating properly,” said Ms. Lewis. “Now we have to wait for a new pump to come in so we can put it in place.”

A notice from the township reads, “The municipality puts great emphasis on services that are provided to our residents and visitors through council decisions, staff time and municipal budget. A lot of compliments are given to the municipality for the hard work to keep parks and boat launches maintained.”

“This season we have had a record year of theft and destruction to our parks and launches. We have seen posts regarding the conditions of parks on Facebook,

instead of giving the municipal office a call to express what they have witnessed while attending the parks. If you did contact the municipal office, we could explain that equipment has been ripped out of the washrooms and stolen.”

“If you want to have the services available to you and your friends and family, it takes a community,” the township notice continues. “Please watch your neighbourhood for these individuals who feel the need to steal the equipment that operates our washrooms at the parks, and the individuals who want to vandalize our parks. It takes more dollars each time, which will in the end force the municipality to shut down the services that we all enjoy.”

“We never used to have this type of thing happening in the township,” said Ms. Lewis. “This year is the worst year we have seen for vandalism and destruction.”

## Leanne Lewis’s Royal LePage Real Estate office moving to uptown Mindemoya

MINDEMOYA—Leanne Lewis and her Remax Team Lewis have been making waves in the local real estate market. This past weekend, Ms. Lewis and her team held a grand opening of their new office located in downtown Mindemoya, right beside the Mindemoya Foodland and Cindy’s Fashions.

“We’re really excited to be moving to uptown Mindemoya,” said Ms. Lewis, noting the location is central to Manitoulin.

The grand opening was well-attended, with Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens doing the honours in cutting the ribbon to officially open the location.



Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens cuts the ribbon to officially open the new Royal LePage Real Estate office in Mindemoya. Team lead Leanne Lewis is to the right of the mayor in the photograph.

Ms. Lewis is the team lead for RLP North Heritage Realty on Manitoulin. The brokerage firm led land deals on the Island with 24 percent of all transactions, according to the Sudbury Real Estate Board, referring to 2024.

Along with her team of realtors, Karen Bond and real estate agent Corey McCutcheon, Ms. Lewis said she is eager to be in her new location and looking forward to assisting Islanders with their real estate transactions.

The celebrations included live music and a free barbecue, with Mindemoya Foodland owner Andrew Orr assisting in the flipping burgers department.

Ms. Lewis is well-known on Manitoulin Island for her Cambodian Challenge for Shelter, a fundraising effort aimed at helping women and children find “safety, hope and a brighter future.”

“A huge thank you to Andrew Orr of Mindemoya Foodland for his generosity and partnership,” said Ms. Lewis. The Royal LePage Canada Shelter Foundation raised \$4,537,974 since 2020 and has surpassed its 2024 target. The foundation’s goals benefit from an average of \$631.50 donation from agent commissions, with 2,746 commission donors, and a \$100,000 boost from corporate donations.

## FONOM receives good news regarding OPP service costs going forward

LITTLE CURRENT—Ontario municipalities will not have to face the significant increase in policing costs that had alarmed municipalities until a substantial portion of the costs were al-

leviated by the province earlier this year. The province, which is reviewing Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) billing costs to municipalities, will be informing them as to how the impact in

costs on municipalities will be mitigated by the province.

“I represent Manitoulin Island on the FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities) board,” said Al

MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) last week. He explained that at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) annual conference

held last week in Ottawa, “We had a delegation meeting with Solicitor General Michael Kerzner on the issue around police billing costs.”

“I was there on behalf of FONOM to ask the minister for more reliable funding when adjustments are made in the OPP billing to municipalities,” continued Mayor MacNevin. “We (municipalities) were all taken aback when we faced an

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## Annual Marc Hovingh Ride set for September 6 in Mindemoya

**by Tom Sasvari**  
MINDEMOYA—The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Youth Foundation has announced the Annual Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series bicycle ride will be taking place in September in Mindemoya, as will the OPP Youth Foundation Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Bike Ride and Rodeo, which will be available for all kids 18 and under.

“The Tour de Force Heroes in Life Cycling Series will take place on September 6 starting at the arena in Mindemoya,” stated Adam Belanger, provincial coordination for youth engagement with the OPP, last week. “Bicyclists will gather around 8 am to register, with opening ceremonies to take place at 9

am.”

Rider participants have the option of taking part in three ride distances: 30 kilometre ride around Mindemoya Lake, a 70

kilometre ride that takes bicycles on a northeast route on the Island and a 140 kilometre ride “which is a little more scenic, travelling the east side of the

Island to South Baymouth and back to Mindemoya,” said Mr. Belanger.

“The OPP cycling team will

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## M’Chigeeng gearing up for 36th Traditional Powwow ‘Unifying Our Generations’

**by Michael Erskine**  
M’CHIGEENG—As the summer days begin to grow shorter, temperatures are somewhat abating and school buses are getting revved up for the new school year, the 36th annual M’Chigeeng First Nation Powwow will start things off in a good way. The powwow, with a theme of “Unifying our Generations” will run from August 30 to 31.

Each day, grand entry will take place at 12 pm, with a sunrise ceremony taking place earlier at 6 am.

Head drum this year will be the ever-popular Bear Creek, with invited drums including Chippewa Travellers, Snake Island,

Indian Road, Little Creek, Young Biisineh and the M’Chigeeng Community Drum.

The action will take place under the careful eye of arena director Cheyanne Kichikake and Head Veteran Howard Debassige. Master of ceremonies keeping the banter flowing will be Meeg Snake, with able assistance from Gordie Odjig. Head dancers Adrian Klein and Kookie Migwans will lead the dancers and head elders Jerry Kaboni and Linda Kaboni will help start things off in the good way.

The powwow takes place at the M’Chigeeng Powwow grounds located at 325-A Highway 551 in M’Chigeeng and, as always,

there are no drugs or alcohol permitted or pets allowed. There is, however, space available for rough camping.

The Princess and Brave competitions are slated for 10 am on Sunday morning, so come on out and cheer on the community’s youth. An honour song for the Princess and Brave will take place during the grand entry on Sunday.

Speaking of youth, the Tiny Tots will dance at 1 pm Saturday, just following the first intertribal at 12:45 pm and the imitable Gordie Odjig will dance a Hoop Dance Special at 3:30 pm—this will be something to not miss.



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Escalation is not in the best interests of the mouse

The ongoing saga of The Donald’s tariff bullying of America’s allies and trade partners is far from being played out—if indeed it ever will be. The latest news of the POTUS imposing new tariffs on a far-ranging list of British products despite the fanfare and hoopla over a trade deal concluded mere weeks ago illustrates just how tenuous any deal with the “great dealmaker” is at the end of the day.

The new tariffs cover a huge number of British products, any that contain steel or aluminium. That includes products such as condensed milk (aluminum cans), motorcycles (steel and alumi-num) and construction equipment—some 400-plus products. The new tariffs have taken UK manufacturers by surprise, being some-what hidden within the terms of the much-ballyhooed new trade deal. Such is the wake that can swamp businesses small and large.

The obvious impact of global tariffs is that the US consumers are on the hook for the new tariffs. While the American public seems to have bought into the concept that it is the seller who will be paying the cost of the tariffs, anyone with knowledge of the actual man-ufacturing markups would realize in a heartbeat that businesses do not have the kind of markup that could sustain that business model.

This brings us to the news that Canada will be dropping most of its retaliatory tariffs on US goods and services.

The perennially bellicose Premier Doug Ford and the newly elected leader of the Conservative opposition in Parliament have voiced opposition to the move, calling for even stronger retaliation against the US economy. Poking the elephant, they say, is the best way to force it to come to favourable terms.

Sounds good, eh?

The problem, of course, is that the US elephant is bargaining with a Canadian mouse—a mouse, by the by, that depends on the elephant for defence (even if that means not getting stomped on by the mobster currently acting as the elephant’s mahout) and whose livelihood depends on supplying the elephant’s needs.

Countervailing tariffs, we would argue, are not the tool that will assist the Canadian economy in weathering the oncoming hurri-cane. Why might you ask? Striking back at the bully is a time-hon-oured tradition.

We refer you to the third paragraph above. It is the American consumer who pays the price for The Donald’s adventures in geo-political trade bullying. So, who pays the price when it comes to countervailing tariffs? The Canadian consumer who is already reeling from a host of economic winds of our own making.

For all his villainous machinations, it isn’t The Donald who is causing the current housing crisis where 80,000 Ontarians do not have a permanent roof over their heads. That honour falls to the provincial government whose constitutional responsibility it is; that same government currently headed up by the aforementioned Premier Ford—but make no mistake, this didn’t just happen on his watch. He, like other premiers of all partisan types and flavours in

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The Connection between Glyphosate and Forest Fires

A Rally Call for Public Outcry

insects, to which I have personally demon- strated high levels of this known carcin- ogen in my dead bee colonies. (Note: me- ta-analyses are examination of data from a number of independent studies of the same subject, in order to determine overall trend. In other words, powerful evidence.)

Take note: It is not just the MNR spraying our forests, it is also the forest companies. Why? To selectively destroy the deciduous trees in favour of the more profitable co- niferous trees—more profit. This is much like the approach of the industrial farming model in the south. The use of the this her- bicide that is sprayed approximately 1/2-1 litre/acre on the cash crop lands of corn, soy and canola, to name a few. Thus, our province gets ubiquitous application of this compound in the north by forest companies and the MNR, highway roadside applica- tion by the MTO and most of our agricul- tural lands predominantly in the south and here on Manitoulin Island. As the famous 1500s Swiss physician Paracelsus stated: “the dose makes the poison.” How much to- tal herbicide is applied in a year in just our province alone? Only the companies that make this know by their profit margins.

But here’s the clincher: for all these forest fires that we have been experiencing lately,

our federation, loves to blame the feds for all of the shortcomings in their own backyards.

It isn’t The Donald who has caused the current challenges in health care, with more than 2.5 million (and rising) of us in this province still struggling to find a family doctor. That too is a pro- vincial responsibility—albeit one that is historically shared with the federal government thanks to the Liberal government of Jean Chretien’s draconian cuts to health transfers to balance the nation- al budget (it worked, his Liberal government was the last to post surpluses in the federal budget). Still, the province fails to fully ap- ply the current transfers to the health envelope.

The cost-of-living crisis that is falling heavily on youth and the vulnerable in our society is therefore largely of our own making— which leads us to believe that we are the ones who must find the way out of the current economic morass.

So, how does adding the burden of paying for countervailing tar- iffs onto the backs of the long-suffering Canadian consumer help with that? If we follow the logic of the third paragraph above—it doesn’t. Plain and simple. We pay the piper for that tune—period.

Oh, certainly some US businesses are feeling the pinch. But the past few months have shown the futility of escalation. That is not to say we should roll our tiny little mouse bodies over and just take it. But we need to find more innovative ways to strengthen our econo- my to weather these storms.

While the one-liners and dog-whistling coming from the current “loyal” opposition leaders’ mouths can be expected to continue hammering at our united front like a deranged Jack Russel terrier, they are barking up the wrong tree.

One of the main criticisms of the current “government in wait- ing” during the last election, the one where the Conservatives blew a supposedly insurmountable lead, was the lack of any coherent plan in the Conservative platform. Canadians, it seems, want some- thing more than just a “we are not them” plan for governing.

The Canadian Constitution cites “peace, order and good govern- ment” as the founding principles underpinning our federation— and that appears to be the course being currently plotted by Prime Minister Mark Carney and his government.

The mouse will not influence the elephant’s path by viciously bit- ing its toes—that strategy is far more likely to get the little critter stomped on. Scurrying out of the way and finding ways to avoid the worst of the foot’s damage makes far more sense. It may not be as satisfying as leaving tooth marks behind as an epitaph, but using your head makes more sense when your teeth are so tiny.

We need mouse-clever strategies, not kneejerk wannabe ele- phant-style retaliations. So far, we are seeing far too little of the for- mer and far too much of the latter from those who would be king. Canadians have survived and prospered, built one of the most ad- mired and envied nations on Earth, by working and pulling togeth- er.

It’s time we see more of that.

one has to recognize that glyphosate is mak- ing our forests dry as tinder. Glyphosate is a desiccant. And also in destroying the de- ciduous trees that act as a natural buffer for wildfires, we lose that protection. Our for- ests are now ready to go up in flames at any lightning strike. Just take a look at the ti- tle of an article in the Narwhal publication of December 2024 “Aspen is a natural fire guard. Why has BC spent decades killing it off with glyphosate?”

It baffles me how the powers that be dis- cuss carbon taxes and promote electric ve- hicles, and yet continue to allow this harm- ful compound to be sprayed year after year in our skies, on our land and spill off into our waters and a lot of this application is funded by you and me—the taxpayers.

I am just hoping that there are more fires that are lit, not in our forests but in the hearts of concerned Canadians like our TEK elders to speak out against this herbi- cide misuse. To quote Peter Gabriel: “You can blow out a candle, but you can’t blow out a fire. Once the flame begins to catch, the wind will blow it higher.” Stop the spray.

Janice Mitchell  
Tehkummah



# MFR’s fundraising cruise to Louisa Island packed with fun

by Michael Erskine

NORTH SHORE—The Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) fundraising cruise to Louisa Island aboard North Channel Cruise Line’s The Grand Heron included plenty of laughter and fun activities, and music courtesy of Mexican musician Ricardo Chavez (there and back again), as well as line dancing once the vessel reached its destination on Louisa Island and the passengers debarked.

Suzanne Norris, one of the seven board of directors members of MFR, offered closing remarks as the vessel drew close to its return to the Port of Little Current. “It is my pleasure and honor to be here tonight,” she said, before introducing the other board members aboard. “Yana Bauer is at the back, Maya Bauman, Meredith Morris and Jillian Peltier. Margaret Alberti is also a member as well as Lindee Lynn Sproule, but they couldn’t be with us tonight.”

“As a board of directors for a not-for-profit organization, we typically work behind the scenes doing mostly governance policies and procedures, and other things that aren’t so exciting. But I just want to remind everybody, as we’re behind the scenes, the face of our organization is our executive director, Colleen Hill.”

“I also want to thank all the staff and volunteers who may or may not be here with us,” said Ms. Norris. “We celebrate our community partners for coming together to support our organization. Your generosity will help keep our women’s shelter doors open, ensuring safe haven for those escaping difficult situations.”

“It will stock our food bank shelves and it will strengthen our children’s services, giving young people the support they need to thrive,” continued Ms. Norris. “Tonight’s success is the result of months of preparation, from securing this venue, to organizing volunteers, reaching out to sponsors and bringing all the pieces together. I want to take this opportunity to thank Meredith Morris and Maya Baumann, two of our board members who took the lead on tonight’s events. Thank you so much. It’s been a scramble, but well worth it. We had a full house tonight. Also, I’d like to mention several businesses were instrumental in making this happen. Our main sponsors are Rolston Realty, North Channel Cruise Lines and Prepped Manitoulin. Other sponsors who are being recognized tonight are the Anchor Inn Hotel, Island Home Outfitters and Sally Still. We see these businesses time and time again supporting

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Passengers aboard The Grand Heron soak in a stunning sunset over the La Cloche Mountains and North Channel during the return voyage from Louisa Island on the Manitoulin Family Resources fundraising cruise. photos by Michael Erskine



Mexican musician Ricardo Chavez strums his guitar, providing lively entertainment for passengers aboard The Grand Heron.

events in our community, and I just want to mention that their commitment to our community does not go unnoticed to everyone here.”

“I also want to thank all those who attended this evening’s event,” said Ms. Norris. “Thank you so much. Thank you for opening your hearts and your generous donations and thank you for proving once again that when our community comes together, we can make a profound difference.”

“Julia Ann, Hope and Mad-die are deck crew members tonight,” said Captain Chris Blodgett. “I’ll be helping with the meal service and taking care of you guys and in both directions out to Louisa Island

and back. It will take us just a little over an hour to reach Louisa Island.”

“There will be a stretch that it could be a little bit windier than you’re seeing in here, where we might experience a little bit of wave action,” cautioned Mr. Blodgett. “But that should be pretty short-lived and we will be back into the protection of the cove at Louise Island where we’ll be tying off to our dock and giving you the opportunity to get off of the boat and go explore the island.”

In the event, the crossing was hardly that noticeable and the vessel soon arrived at its destination.

Once there, the beef on a bun, corn salad, hot potato salad,

cheese and vegetables made for a great meal, catered by Prepped Manitoulin.

Passengers were able to eat either on the cruise ship or on-shore, seated in one of the many Muskoka chairs lining the beach before heading up to the large party tent erected on the top of the hill and line dancing or exploring the beaches and trails on the island.

Captain Blodgett explained where the lifejackets are located and assured all of the passengers could be accommodated in The Grand Heron’s lifeboats. Passengers were advised to gather in the front section of the vessel in the unlikely event of an emergency that would require evacuation.

The Grand Heron weighs in at an impressive 107 gross tonnes and measures 75’ long by 30’ wide and floats on three large hulls—a factor that makes

it remarkably stable in any sea condition, which explains why the crossing was relatively unbothered by the choppy waters.

The Grand Heron began her service life in 2007 as a state-of-the-art vessel equipped with a full pantry, liquor license and a spacious layout with capacity for up to 100 passengers. Mr. Blodgett explained that, on most cruises, the capacity is limited closer to 50 passengers to allow for greater comfort.

This was the second such large fundraising trip to Louisa Island, part of which Mr. Blodgett had purchased and is currently developing as a destination for his cruise tours.

“It’s a work in progress and probably will be for the rest of my life,” laughed Mr. Blodgett. The trails have been roughed out and over the next few seasons, North Channel Cruise Lines intends to conduct a lot of landscaping and planting of flowers and other plants to enhance the experience of his visitors.

A more permanent set of washrooms is also in the works, as well as a covered space to take the place of the current party tent.

Both crossings, to Louisa and back to the Port of Little Current, were filled with laughter and lively conversations as the passengers enjoyed what their \$150 contributions to MFR got them in style. As the sun set over the La Cloche Mountains, passengers could be seen taking photographs or just enjoying the outstanding view of the North Channel—a few on the top deck of the vessel could be seen mimicking the famous Titanic scene with arms outstretched in the breeze.

The crew and attendants on the vessel were attentive to their passengers’ needs and did so with broad and friendly smiles.

The entire trip took five hours, leaving the docks at Little Current at 4 pm and arriving back just before 9 pm.



Passengers eagerly serve themselves from the bountiful buffet, featuring dishes catered by Prepped Manitoulin.

# Father of Missing Woman Thanks Newspaper for Coverage

## Laments Treaty Funds’ Role in Community Drug Issues

### To the Expositor:

Thank you for the excellent article on my daughter Winnie, Juanita Migwans (‘Woman’s body found in Spanish River raises more questions than answers about missing, murdered women in area,’ August 13, Page 1). It is so much appreciated as well as necessary to keep her plight in the news not only for her but for the countless others that have been affected by the scourge of evil that has infiltrated Manitoulin.

Unfortunately, the RHT (Robinson-Huron Treaty) moneys have seemingly created more problems than they have solved. I fault the government as well as the band leadership for not requiring all recipients to take at least rudimentary as well as more advanced teachings and courses in money management and drug prevention. However, the horse is now out of the barn and too late to close the door. The consequences are adding up daily.

Once again, though, thank you for keeping Juanita’s story in the news. Hopefully the name of the poor soul found in the river will become known soon and will be published for better or worse.

Sincerely,  
**Morris Ashcroft**  
**Lions Head**

# Local Resident Decries Tree Cutting on Trail for Hotel Patrons

## Hope for Regrowth

### To the Expositor:

For years I have spent my summer walking the Waterfront Trail in Little Current. It is shady, cool and welcoming. A few weeks ago, I noticed that trees were being cut down on the trail! Eventually I discovered the

hotel wanted them cut down so their patrons could have a better view from their rooms. The hotel doesn’t even own the lakefront property! Parts of the trail are now sunny, hot and unpleasant. I am so disappointed that the Waterfront Trail has been so severely damaged. I

hope this is temporary destruction and look forward the regrowth on the trail.

Thank you for your attention.  
**Elizabeth Joyce, McGregor Bay and Chicago**




**OPP Seeks Stolen Honda ATV in Sandfield Township**

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is calling for assistance from members of the public in locating an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), stolen from a location in Sandfield Township last month.

The ATV was reported to the OPP as stolen on July 30. “The complainant reported that a 2019 Honda TRX Four Trax Rancher ATV was stolen,” explained the OPP in a release. The vehicle was stolen from a residence on Gibraltar Road in Sandfield.

The vehicle has an Ontario-registered off-road vehicle plate, number 93BJ4.

Anyone with information related to the theft, those responsible, or the location of the ATV is asked to contact the OPP using reference number E#251016033 or Crime Stoppers anonymously. You can contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

**Law & Order**

**Alberta driver arrested for impaired after driving on walking path at Low Island Park**

Driver arrested for impaired after driving on walking path at Low Island Park

One person is facing impaired-related charges after a traffic stop at Low Island Park.

On Friday, August 15 at approximately 8 pm, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP were at Low Island Park in Little Current, when they observed a vehicle driving on the walking path. Police conducted a traffic stop, and further investigation resulted in the driver being arrested for impaired operation.

The driver, Robert Nahwegahbo, 45 years old from Calgary, Alberta, was charged with operation while impaired, operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on September 23.

The OPP wants to remind the public that no amount

of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe while driving. If you suspect an impaired driver on our roads, waterways or trails, don’t hesitate to ‘make the call’ and dial 911. Your phone call could save someone’s life.

**Domestic dispute results in multiple charges**

Accused led police on hunt through two communities

A 36-year-old male from M’Chigeeng First Nation has been charged with numerous criminal code offences involving weapons, assault, and uttering threats. Due to the nature of the incident-intimate partner violence (IPV), a publication ban is in effect. The name of the accused will not be released.

On August 19, at approximately 1:02 pm, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service responded to a report of a domestic dispute at a residence on Highway 540 in M’Chigeeng First Nation.

Upon arrival, officers encountered a distressed victim who alleged that the accused had damaged their vehicle and threatened to cause harm. When police arrived, the accused fled into a wooded area.

During the investigation, police received information

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# Friends and Neighbours

**Providence Bay**  
**Alexia Hannigan**

Alexia here with your fall chill fly? Can you feel it? The season is turning faster than a prize horse around a barrel. As the post fair, post tourist season and post birthday blitz adrenaline levels and schedules get somewhat back to normal.

The back to school, silly season, hockey and curling season is coming in fast and furious and the rodeo will start all over again! With a few more wonderful months left to make memories, add a little sugar and pumpkin spice, make them count, make them nice!

Here’s what’s happening: Fairground and arena clean up and turnover time! No events for now but there will be the Providence Bay Fall Market around mid-October and a few more fun fall events to look forward to before the skating and hockey season goes full tilt so stay tuned!

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

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Check the Providence Bay Community of Christ Facebook page for announcements and updates!

Providence Bay Curling club: Yard sale alert! Saturday, August 30 from 8 to 11 am at 84 Munro Street, Providence Bay (corner of Munro and Mira).

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

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. This weekend marks the season finale for the sunset series. You can expect a big finish and fun time from these awesome artists: Friday, August 29, Teilhard Frost; August 30, Kristine St. Pierre and on Sunday, August 31 join Nettish and Friends for the Grand Finale. This is not a ticketed event, but you can support your local musicians by donating side of the stage show. Note if the show gets rained out, it is always pushed to the next show day! Location: Providence Bay beside Huron Island Time. Parking and washrooms on site. The music series features great musicians and artists who take to the stage right beside the Boardwalk and Discovery Centre. Bring your blankets and chairs!

Reuse/Recycle: The Providence Bay Reuse Shed is open at the Providence Bay Transfer Station. For more information contact 705-377-5726. Visit the transfer station at 4077 Government Road. Summer hours are Thursdays, Saturdays or Sundays 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 Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions progressive “Catch the Ace” lottery continues to benefit the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Inc.

The Heavens: Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve, so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos. September 7, Corn or “Harvest” Moon, total Lunar Blood Moon Eclipse, September 7 to 8.

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you end of August babies! We welcome you all to Manitoulin Island, we wish you a wonderful, happy and safe summer holiday!

Check out your favourite local businesses, art galleries and restaurants social pages for special events. You can also visit the Central Manitoulin Township webpage or visit exploremanitoulin.com for updates on all the events happening near you.

As the last of the lazy hazy days of summer fade away - make sure to enjoy the last gifts of the season surrounded by the people you love because every day is a gift.

“Dancing fires on the beach, singing songs together.

Though it’s just a memory, some memories last forever.”

Lakeside Park, Neil Peart of Rush

**Kagawong**  
**Team Fergmeijer**

It is officially back to school time, and we’re sure parents and kids are both having big feelings about it (not necessarily the same feelings, though). It brings back a lot of memories for Team Fergmeijer. We went to a private school on a surfing scholarship - it was a boarding school. It had a great music program, but on the first day the teacher locked herself out of the classroom - her keys were on the piano. At one point, budget cuts meant the math teacher had to take a shift in the cafeteria, but at least it meant we were getting three square meals a day.

In honour of the impending start of school, we present, “An Ode to Summer’s End”:

School bells ring, are you listenin’?

New binders and backpacks, we’ll be christenin’,

A beautiful sight: new erasers and graphite,

It’s time for back-to-school on the island!

And with the return to school this coming week drivers are reminded to watch for little ones getting on and off buses around the Island as everyone settles back into routine.

Haven’t been able to make it to the Kagawong market this summer because you always have something on Wednesdays? Great news! The Kagawong Evening Market is back, Saturday, August 30. Come by the Kagawong River Complex from 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm to shop from over 40 vendors showcasing unique, locally sourced and handmade goods. There will also be live music and food available for sale on-site. See you there! And don’t forget there is still one more regular Wednesday market on September 3.

As we come to the end of another amazing summer season, we want to take a moment to thank the township summer students for all their hard work over the last months. You make a lot of amazing things possible in our little town!

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 want to wish Susan S, Diane L, and Kagawong-adjacent Amy H a very happy 29th birthday this week. If your age is getting you a bit down, consider this: You aren’t over the hill. You’re at the peak of awesomeness!

Billings Library invites all Billings families to register their children (under 5) for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library! Each month, the Imagination Library program mails an age-appropriate book to registered children each month up to their 5th birthday, absolutely 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!

As students are gearing back up for English class, remember pre- means before, post- means after. Using both at the same time would be preposterous. Have a great week!

**Barrie Island**  
**Enid Runnalls**

The heat seems to have broken this week and we are enjoying cool, misty mornings, warm sunny afternoons and balmy evenings. A little bit of rain has kept the grass green and the tomatoes are ripening on the vine. Sandhill cranes are here in abundance!

Wedding bells are ringing for Kayla Greenman (granddaughter of Lillian and Lance Greenman) who will marry her fiancé William McIntosh on Saturday, August 22 at 4 pm. They met at Nipissing University and presently live in London, Ontario. The Greenman and McColeman clans are here celebrating the nuptials from all points: Don and Betty Greenman have arrived from Innisfil, Pat and Sheri, Alyssa and Brady from New Market are here, as well as Natalie and Roger, Lily, Krystan and Alex Hayden from Lively. Details are pending.

It looks like a beautiful day for Kayla’s wedding and for the Beach Barbecue at Julia Bay! Today the community will be picnicking at 4 to 7 pm at the Barrie Island Causeway where free Burt Farm hotdogs and potluck will be served. Jon Best and Elora Miller will be strumming the guitar and singing sweet tunes and we will keep our eye on MaD HoTdeR the clown, as she will surely be up to some silly antics! Should be fun!

Carolyn Lane-Rock has been out enjoying an evening bike ride and scouting the roads for apples. She’s already put down some apple jelly and some salsa, with the help of her trusty assistant, Jim Miller.

Wayne and Gaye Cox of Kingsville are already up here for the hunting season, and the preparation begins now! They love the fall, and it can’t come soon enough for them.

Rob Lane has returned from his Mediterranean cruise and is glad to be back with his feet on Barrie Island soil and some building projects ahead of him.

George Calback reports that Carolyn hasn’t been well, and he is taking good care of her at home.

Scott and Enid were out for supper at Matt’s Stand on the Bidwell Road last Sunday. It was a lovely day to eat out-

side, the woodfired pizza was delicious and they enjoyed Matt’s entertaining banter. They can’t wait to go back.

Abbie Wynter made it safely home to London, UK in spite of the Air Canada strike. After his Barrie Island vacation, he had to reroute his original direct flight plan and flew from Ottawa to Portugal to London. He reports it was a long layover, but all went well and begins his A levels in STEM at a new school.

Carolyn Lane-Rock gave a guided tour of the Manitoulin Island this week with her cousins, Jim and Sandy Miller and Enid in tow. They visited long departed relatives in Mills Cemetery, then drove a road that would break a snake’s back into South Portage Bay, enjoyed the artwork of Barrie Islanders, Mary Anderson’s and Jane Weber’s art at Perivale Gallery and Enid’s at the MFAA Art show in Sheguindah Museum, marveled at the heritage of Batman’s Mill, gasped at the awe-inspiring view of Ten Mile Point and enjoyed delicious pizza at Dockside in Little Current. They concluded their tour at Russ and Sarah Smith’s Garden where they had a little visit with Turner, Anika and Kjell. Along the way, Carolyn shared stories of her youth and the history of the area.

**Silver Water**  
**Karen Noble**

Murray Duncanson, Doug Carter and Harold Rogers left on Tuesday, August 19 to fly into a northern lake to go fishing.

Brenda Carter went to southern Ontario on Wednesday for visiting and appointments.

Aileen Noble and her son, Ronan Callahan are at the cottage on Silver Lake. They visited me on Thursday morning and had a tour of our gardens. They helped pick the beans and took them home to have with their lunch.

On Friday night we went to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

Saturday morning, we had a very busy market in our yard.

Monday night we went to euchre at the Burpee and Mills Complex. Congratulations to Tom Howard who had 104 points; Myra Duncanson with 91 points and Sally Lanktree with 82 points. The three of them shared the money jar and took home three of the top prizes.

Wednesday morning, Albert Meijer went to help Doug Wismer and Eric Thiessen with a project at the fire hall.

On Wednesday I went to town for groceries. In the afternoon, my niece Tamara came to our house, and she helped me make a batch of pies and the cakes for Friday morning’s café at the Gore Bay Community Hall. This is the Silver Water UCW’s last turn for this summer.

There will be an LSB election meeting at the Silver Water Community Hall on Wednesday, August 27 at 7 pm.

There will be a lasagna dinner at the hall on August 30 at 5 pm.

The UCW meeting resumes on Thursday, September 4 at St. Andrew’s United Church in Silver Water at 1:30 pm.

Happy 25th wedding anniversary to Lara and Chad Chevette on August 19.

Condolences to the family of Pat Sorbara.

Condolences to the family of Jeffrey Smith.



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that the accused may have recently obtained a handgun, which police were able to locate and seize during the course of the investigation. Officers established scene containment and requested additional resources including the Manitoulin OPP and a K9 unit. The residence was cleared, and a search of the surrounding area did not locate the accused.

A cellphone location search later identified the accused's position whereabouts, and the suspect vehicle was eventually located on Virginia Crescent in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOK). After initially fleeing into the bush the accused surrendered to police without incident.

Earlier, the Manitoulin OPP had advised of a heavy police presence in the area of Highway 540 between Hill Street and Bebonang Street in M'Chigeeng First Nation as well as on Virginia Crescent in AOK.

The incident was resolved with the arrest of the male and charges laid. The accused was transported to the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, processed and held in custody pending a bail hearing.

The accused has been charged with the following: Criminal Code charges: five counts of adult failure to comply with undertaking, adult mischief (domestic), three counts of adult uttering threats cause death or bodily harm, unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm, possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to probation order, possession imitation weapon for dangerous purpose, possession of weapon for dangerous purpose, assault with a weapon (spousal), adult assault (spousal).

On August 20 the accused attended bail court. UCCM police contested the release of the accused. However, following a review of the matter, the Office of the Crown Attorney consented to the release of the accused on conditions. The victim was personally notified by UCCM police and Mobile Crisis Response team of the condition of the accused's release.

The investigation remains active. Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service; phone 705-377-7135 or provide information anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Police respond to second weapons call in one day

On August 19 UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service responded to an incident on Ge Te Miiikan in Sheguiandah First Nation involving reports of threats and a potential weapon. Upon arrival, officers conducted a search of the area and located a pitchfork in a roadside ditch approximately 20 metres from a residence. The item was seen as evidence.

During the investigation, officers learned that the ac-

Brad Ham scores hole-in-one at Rainbow Ridge after 40 years golfing

MANITOWANING—It was more of a case of shock rather than excitement for Brad Ham when he notched a hole in one at the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC).

Mr. Ham said his three regular playing partners “were more excited than I was. I was in a little more shock. This was my first hole in one in 40 years of golfing. I’ve been close before, but this was the first that actually went in.”

Mr. Ham notched his ace on the 16th hole at RRGC on Thursday, August 14. “It was a shot over the water, 167 yards. The ball bounced once and rolled toward the hole. Someone in my group said, ‘it looks as if it is going to go into the hole, and it did,’ he explained. “I was playing with my normal men’s night group: Brock McKenzie, Tyler Karn and Stan Esquimaux.”

“There was also a group on the (15th) green that saw the shot, and at the tee box at the 17th hole. There was quite an audience to see the shot,” said Mr. Ham.



Brad Ham beams with a mix of shock and joy as he holds the ball from his first hole-in-one in 40 years of golfing, achieved on the 16th hole at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course during a men's night round.

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cused had attended a nearby residence and made statements regarding an altercation involving a neighbour's dog. The accused was reported to be intoxicated by alcohol at the time. Police attended the accused's residence, where they attended the end of the driveway. The accused was informed he was under arrest, placed in handcuffs without incident, searched, and secured.

As a result, the accused, a 34-year-old male from Sheguiandah First Nation has been charged with the following criminal code charges: possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, uttering threats, failure to comply with release order (Conditions: do not possess any weapons as defined by the Criminal Code, including but not limited to pellet guns, firearms, imitation firearms, crossbows, prohibited or restricted weapon or devices, firearm parts, ammunition, explosive substances, or any imitation thereof).

This was an isolated incident, and there is no ongoing risk to public safety.

On August 20, the accused attended a bail hearing and was released from custody with strict conditions.

Anyone with further information related to this incident is encouraged to contact: UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service at 705-377-7135, or provide information anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

Drug warrant executed

On August 20, the Northeast Region Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) executed a controlled drug and substances act search warrant at a residence on Daawema Road in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

The execution of this search warrant was a joint effort between the Northeast Region CSCU, Manitoulin OPP, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS).

Police seized amounts of suspected fentanyl, cocaine and crack cocaine with a total estimated street value of approximately \$12,800, and approximately \$7,800 in Canadian currency.

As a result, Sunny Hang, 21-year-old from North York was arrested and faces multiple charges including possession for the purpose of trafficking and possession of property obtained by crime.

OPP investigating abandoned vehicle in Gore Bay

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP is continuing an investigation into the abandonment of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) early in the morning of August 21.

The OPP had been contacted by a local resident who reported that an individual had been seen driving the ATV at a high rate of speed and was possibly impaired, in the downtown area of Gore Bay.

OPP officers investigated, finding an abandoned ATV on Meredith Street, in front of the Canada Post office at about 5 am. Officers called a tow truck to recover the abandoned ATV which was partially blocking the driving zone on Meredith Street.

Report of assault at campground in Espanola results in arrest

One person has been arrested following a call to police about an assault that took place at a campground.

On Wednesday, August 20 at approximately 11 pm, the Manitoulin OPP received a call reporting an assault at a campground in Espanola. Police attended the campground and initiated an investigation. As a result, one person was arrested for assault.

As a result, Sergey Adamov, 70, from Calgary was arrested for assault cause bodily harm.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on October 6.

Manitoulin OPP responds to false stabbing report in Espanola

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP wants to remind the public about the appropriate use of 9-1-1 and the serious consequences of misusing emergency services.

On Sunday, August 3, at approximately 10 pm, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a 9-1-1 call reporting a stabbing in Espanola. Upon arrival, police determined that no stabbing had occurred. The caller was intoxicated and had contacted police seeking assistance in retrieving personal belongings from another location. The individual was subsequently arrested for public intoxication and public mischief.

9-1-1 should only be used for emergencies involving police, fire, or medical services where someone's health, safety or property is in jeopardy, or a crime is in progress.

Intentionally misusing 9-1-1 is a criminal offence. Individuals found misusing emergency services may be charged with public mischief.

Accidental 9-1-1 calls also continue to be a significant issue, typing up emergency lines and resources. To help

prevent accidental calls: lock your phone screen when not in use, disable auto-dial emergency features if they are not needed, store phones securely, keep phones out of reach of children.

If you accidentally call 9-1-1, do not hang up. Stay on the line and inform the operator that the call was made in error and that there is no emergency. Hanging up may prompt emergency services to send officers to your location to confirm your safety, consuming additional time and resources to identify you and attend your location.

For non-urgent police matters, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. For weather updates, contact Environment Canada. For road conditions or closures, dial 5-1-1.

The OPP appreciates the public's cooperation in using 9-1-1 responsibly to ensure help is available when it's truly needed.

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# New mountain bike trails in Honora Bay almost ready for soft open in September

**by Michael Erskine**  
HONORA BAY—A hardy team of volunteer labourers from Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) have been working diligently all summer on the new set of mountain bike trails that will be known as Channelview Mountain Bike Park. MICA is planning a “soft open” of some of the trails this coming September.

An original infusing of funding, some \$112,500, was provided for MICA through a non-repayable FedNor investment, aimed at the redesigning of the 80 acres of the for-

mer ski hill to accommodate mountain bike trails. A further investment of roughly the same size is coming from the Northern Ontario Heritage Foundation and MICA has provided the seed capital of \$25,000.

MICA President Maja Mielonen took The Expositor on a tour of the new facility, where the world championship style trails are quickly taking shape under the hand of construction contractor Zane Davis. In addition to the mountain bike trails, a new pump track has also been added to the site

thanks to the efforts of championship track builder Adam Billingham. Mr. Billingham and his team at Earth Odyssey built the GMC Pump Track at Whistler’s mid-station for the 2016 Crankworx event and have continued to design and build features, including the Crystal Viper pump track for Crankworx 2025.

The world class mountain bike trails include a “flow trail,” a relatively recent addition to the mountain bike lexicon which is used to describe a trail that’s full of berms and rollers provid-



Manitoulin Gothic! Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates president Maja Mielonen, board member Rebecca Laurenti and volunteer Guy Neilon pose outside the ski chalet building.

ing a dirt carnival ride that almost any ability level can make their way down without too much trouble.

“They look like so much fun, I wish I was 30 years younger,” said Ms. Mielonen.

The 80-acre property currently hosts hiking and snowshoe trails as well as hosting the popular Café in the Woods concert series. Ms. Mielonen said that the new park will not have a negative effect on either, rather enhancing the experience.

“The hiking trails and the snowshoe trails are on the westerly side of this property now,” she said.

series is held and created a series of “hitching posts” in front of the building that also serve to keep vehicles back from where the bicycles will be tethered.

Next on the tour was the Climb Trail. Trails are colour coded to help cyclists and parents determine which trail is best suited for their child and/or themselves.

“There is a green Climb Trail for beginners that can only have certain degrees, while the Climb Trail for intermediate can be a little steeper,” explained Ms. Mielonen. “The climb tail to the top is in black and it becomes extremely difficult, so you kind of sort people out already. The beginners won’t even want to do that when it gets steeper.”

The degrees of steep-



Board member Rebecca Laurenti is one of the hardworking volunteers making things happen.

“So, they are well separated.”

Ms. Mielonen and her team have also refinished the entrance to the ski chalet where the concert

ness of the trails is governed by the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) explains Ms.

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Mielonen. “Because it’s an IMBA standard, the builder has to adhere to those degrees of slope.”

The IMBA Trail Difficulty Rating System is a basic method used to categorize the relative technical difficulty of recreation trails. The IMBA Trail Difficulty Rating System can help trail users make informed decisions; encourage visitors to use trails that match their skill level; manage risk and minimize injuries; improve the outdoor experience for a wide variety of visitors; and aid in the planning of trails and trail systems.

The system was adapted from the International



The flow track will prove very popular with the cycling crowd.

September 14, which is Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm,” said Ms. Mielonen. “Which will be 11 am to 12 pm for registration and stuff like that.” Ms. Mielonen noted that vis-

just want to come and see, everybody’s welcome. If they want to ride the trails, they have to register right under ManitoulinCycling@yahoo.ca.” The soft open will see



The banks and berms of the flow track will provide a rollercoaster type thrill for the adventurous. photos by Michael Erskine

al Trail Marking System used at ski areas throughout the world. Many trail networks use this type of system, most notably resort-based mountain biking trail networks.

“There will be a food truck here as well,” she said. The plan is to make the site financially sustainable.

Sustainability is important, as the park will be insured.

“The only insurer that we found, which is for specifically mountain bike insurance, Canada-wide, is called Oasis, and they said it’s waiver-dependent,” said Ms. Mielonen. “Now, they say you can do a QR code and do the whole honor system.” But that is not the plan here.

“I’m more of thinking of creating summer jobs for students and create internships,” said Ms. Mielonen. “I have applied for an intern, so we’ll see if we get that funding from NOFHC.”

The work on the Manitoulin Nordic Ski Club property is not limited to the trails; in addition to the aforementioned work on the front of the chalet, the team has salvaged the old metal from the ski hill wheelhouse, ensuring that the roof on the new entrance shelter will be the same as the existing roof on the chalet.

“So, it will look nice,” she said. “We took out the whole infrastructure, the cables and the towers, and all of that has been removed to be safe.”

The two buildings, one on top and one at the bottom were also dismantled.

“We are aiming, I’m really hoping, we’re aiming to do a soft launch on

itors who just want to visit to see the trails and the work being done will not have to register. If they want to use it they must register, but if they

limited trails open, along with the pump track for the little ones, but it will be next year before the main trails are fully complete.

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September

## Upcoming Events

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1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

10 Sept

**Knowledge Sharing Session**  
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6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

2, 9, 16, & 23 Sept

**Chair Yoga**  
Join Brenda on Tuesday afternoons at the Providence Bay Hall for a 45 minute Chair Yoga session.

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm

2, 9, 16, & 23 Sept

**Gentle Yoga**  
Join Brenda on Tuesday afternoons at the Mindemoya Hall for a 1 hour Gentle Yoga session.

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

24 Sept

**Knowledge Sharing Session**  
Join Alison at the Mindemoya Hall to learn how to make Turkey Pumpkins.

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For more information or to register for any events please email Alison at [asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca](mailto:asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca)





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# ...Petition supports Little Current Beer Store in opposing closure

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cil’s concerns around the loss of jobs with the closure, the loss of service, no process in place to manage returnable bottles and the impacts it could have on recycling. “Everyone is surprised the Beer Store in Little Current is being closed, at least at this time,” Mayor MacNevin told The Expositor. He said it was apparent The Beer Store would be closing at some point, when the province allowed convenience and big box stores to sell the product, especially when it is the only show in town

that provides the services it does. The liquor store has some beer, but not the choices The Beer Store does. And there is not a lot of room for stores to add the beer products to their stores, and I don’t know if they have even been approached. “No one knew when these closures would take place, including for the Little Current location. My assumption is that the impact is already being felt with the loss of sales, although I am not privy to whether sales have decreased.” “Personally, I was also surprised with the announcement for the Lit-

tle Current Beer Store,” stated Mayor MacNevin. “I definitely didn’t expect it to take place at this point.” “When the Brewers Retail started to announce the closures, they didn’t share this with us, the public until the decisions were made,” continued Mayor MacNevin. Mayor MacNevin said, “(Brewers Retail) has indicated they are supposed to continue collection of returnable (bottles) with the closure in October, but I don’t know how this will be accomplished if they are closed. I am worried that a lot of these return-

ables will end up in the landfill rather than being returned for a refund. If you have three dollars in empties you’re not going to drive half an hour to get rid of your empty beer bottles.” “The biggest concern though is the lose of jobs in the community,” stated Mayor MacNevin. “I don’t know how many people this closure is going to affect, but regardless, it means the loss of jobs.” He noted a petition is being circulated by a local resident calling for a reversal of the decision. The petition was started by Debbie Lovelace, and as of Wednesday of last week, had 970 signatures.

“The sudden decision to close the Little Current Beer Store has sent shockwaves through our community in Little Current,” the petition on Change.org reads. “This beloved local institution is more than just a store; it serves as a vital community hub, providing not only access to a variety of beverages but also supporting local events and causes. For many residents, especially those without transportation, this store is an essential service that offers convenience and accessibility.” “Statistics have shown that rural areas face a significant disadvantage when it comes to services that urban areas often take for granted,” the petition continues. “This closure would mean increased travel distanc-

es for many residents, contributing to both economic strain and environmental impact due to increased vehicle use. The Little Current Beer Store’s closure threatens local jobs, as employees might find it difficult to secure employment elsewhere without relocating.” “The reasons behind this closure have not been made transparent to the public. Many residents are left with questions about the decision-making process and whether all alternatives for keeping the store open were explored. In a time when communities should be strengthened, not weakened, it feels unjust to see this cornerstone of our town taken away.” “We urge the decision-makers and stakeholders to reconsider this closure and explore alternative solutions that could keep the store open. Whether it means restructuring, seeking community support, or finding financial alternatives, every possible solution deserves attention.” “Please sign this petition to show your support for keeping the Little Current Beer Store open. Let’s urge the authorities to hear our collective voice and ensure that Little Current remains a vibrant and accessible community for all its residents,” the petition concludes. “For organizations like the Lions Club that

hold events like Haweater Weekend, I’m not sure how this will go now and how they will be able to get the large volume of products they need,” said Mayor MacNevin. “People are frustrated and upset, rightfully so. My thoughts are with the people losing their jobs.” “I expected the closures to take place in cities where consumers have a number of choices of locations to buy beer from and are not limited to availability,” said Mayor MacNevin. “To me, the biggest issue is the loss of jobs,” said Mayor MacNevin. After October 19, residents will have to travel to Espanola to reach the nearest Beer Store. Since April, The Beer Store has made eight separate announcements of store closures, with a total of 77 locations being shut down. In each case, the closure date is two months from the announcement date. Each announcement mentions the “difficult decision” to close some locations, along with a similar statement from Ozzie Ahmed, retail vice-president of Brewers Retail. The latest says, “where we sell beer and collect empties in Ontario is changing. The Beer Store is modernizing to meet the changing marketplace and unfortunately this means making the hard decision to close re-

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**Request for Proposals**  
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RFP documents are available on the NEMI website: [townofnemi.on.ca](http://townofnemi.on.ca)  
If further information is required, please contact:  
Connor Davis at [cdavis@townofnemi.on.ca](mailto:cdavis@townofnemi.on.ca).

### Application for CONSENT

Under Section 53 of the *Planning Act*  
*To be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm*

**File No. :** Con 2025-07  
**Applicant:** Martian Properties Inc.  
**Legal Description:** Howland Township, Pt. Lot 22, 31R3234 Part 1  
**Civic Address:** 120 Harbour View Road  
**Official Plan:** Rural  
**Zoning:** General Industrial

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION:**  
Purpose of this application is for the creation of a new lot.

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**  
Consent is required for the creation of a new lot.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

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Dated: August 27, 2025

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# Manitoulin artist Judy Martin shares insights on journals, dreams and the healing power of quilts in public conversation

**by Margery Frisch**  
SUDBURY—From June 17 until August 30, an exhibit of Judy Martin’s work hangs in the Art Gallery of Sudbury and on Saturday, August 23, two Manitoulin artists sat together in conversation, for it was more conversation than interview. However one would describe it, it was a treat for those fortunate enough to sit and listen in on the conversation between environmental artist Sophie Anne Edwards and textile artist Judy Martin.

Ally Carlos, director of the Art Gallery of Sudbury, and was on the job “for approximately one more week,” she said in her introduction, and laughter followed, as because Ms. Carlos was undeniably large with child. She began the program with the land acknowledgement, followed by the introductions for both the moderator and the artist.

“I do have a bunch of questions, I doubt we’ll



Environmental artist Sophie Edwards (left) moderates a lively conversation with textile artist Judy Martin at the Art Gallery of Sudbury, discussing Ms. Martin’s journaling practice, quilting techniques, and the dreamlike impact of her work during the ‘The Sky: New Quilts’ exhibit.

couple of words. But using the actual journal text has occurred in a couple of my pieces,” Ms. Martin said, and she showed some slide examples of written text on the back of a couple of her quilts.

Ms. Edwards observed the artist is so conscientious about the materials and the work – the slow process. “Why do you work the way you do? So slowly. Why is it import-

she felt he was copping out. “But now,” she said, “I get it completely.” And later, “We have to believe that what we’re doing is important. My quilts are not going to save the world, but they’re going to make some kind of impact. I know they are.”

Ms. Edwards responded, “I think they remind us in the day to day, the care and compassion we need to have for each other. There’s not enough of it in the world.”

The importance of mentorship was addressed, especially Ms. Martin’s mentorship with her daughter April. “Well, I have had a long mentorship with April, her whole life. But she mentors me as well. I appreciate her take on my work and it changes my take on my work.”

“Can you talk a bit about how you navigate the world as an artist?” Ms. Edwards said, pointing out most of Ms. Martin’s work is large, too large for many galleries, too untraditional.

Ms. Martin held up an article from the Manitoulin Expositor from 1999 and read the title of the piece. ‘Quilter seeks re-

spect for art form.’ “So, it’s been going on for all of my career and now I just don’t care.” She said to audience laughter and applause.

The audience was invited to ask questions. Does your state of being change as you work your long hours of stitching? Ms. Martin replied that she does go into a meditative state. “It’s like an act of

self-love for me.”

When do you decide that a piece is finally done? “If someone buys it, then it’s done. Otherwise, it never seems done in my mind and sometimes I change it completely.”

Two things said during the conversation so beautifully depict the art and soul of Judy Martin: Quilts wrap us up in a dream-like state and, “It’s important to dream because new ideas come from dreams and that’s how quilts and dreams

can change the world.” She also remarked, “It used to be more important to me that my audience go into this dream world, now it’s more important to me that my audience feels cared for, that they know that I love them.”

Wrap yourself in dreams by catching these last few days The Sky: New Quilts by Judy Martin, at the Art Gallery of Sudbury on Elgin Street, until August 30., located 174 Elgin Street in Sudbury’s downtown.



Judy Martin’s hand-stitched textile artwork from ‘The Sky: New Quilts’ exhibit at the Art Gallery of Sudbury, featuring cosmic circles in soft, naturally dyed linen, silk, and wool, symbolizing the vast sky and unseen stars over Manitowaning Bay.

get to all of them,” Sophie Edwards began. Her first question had to do with Ms. Martin’s journaling, explaining that Judy has a dedicated journal practice. Ms. Edwards wanted to know how Ms. Martin’s journal practice works in regard to the objects she creates.

“I’d almost say that they are more important to me than the textiles,” Ms. Martin began. “I don’t go a day without my journal.” She held up a large, thick black book that contained the writing of just two weeks. The journal was from several years ago and she read aloud, “Neither of the commercial galleries that I speak about in my resume appreciate my work. They do not support me.” So, I won’t go on,” she said, to much laughter from the audience. She sketches in her journals, but in ball point pen, she will lay out how her next show will look. If she has a good idea from a previous journal, she’ll add it to her new journal so her good ideas are not forgotten. “That’s how they’re so nourishing for me.”

“Perhaps you can talk a bit about text and textiles, sometimes they’re hidden, sometimes they’re fully there. I wonder if you can talk about your relationship to the written word in your quilting practice,” Ms. Edwards said.

“I like to read poems, and I don’t always put a whole poem in my journal, but sometimes just a

ant to you?”

“I think I really love having these friends for years. It takes me years to make each piece. But I don’t just go working on one piece for two years, I work on about eight or 10 pieces. I put them aside. Those pieces actually change, to reflect my life and what I’m actually thinking. So, I’ll fold them up and put them away. And I’ll get excited about another one, then I’ll come back to this one and I’ll do something different that I didn’t know I was going to do. I really like to be able to keep on changing.” She gave an example of a piece she was working on when her father died, and how she ended up incorporating a piece of the hospital gown that her father had worn into the piece, and how it changed it. “I think all my work responds to the material that way.”

In conversation they touched on ‘urgency,’ the urgent need to create. Is it a selfish thing to do? In this world of turmoil, is it not more important to take concrete measures to improve the world? Ms. Martin quoted Patti Smith: “Even amidst all the stupidity and the terror, I need to live, and I need to do my work,” She also spoke of Henri Matisse and a quote of his from 1908, where he said he wanted to give people serenity through his art, to be like an armchair for them to get away from the world. When she was young, this statement of Matisse’s made her angry,



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# ...Gore Bay harbourmaster Lee Hayden retires after 30 years

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Lane. “All the best in your retirement Lee, and on behalf of the town, thank you for all you have done.”

Mr. Hayden then addressed the large crowd of boaters, family and friends on hand. “I guess the gist of how a person ends up in any job for over 30 years is, you never know where life’s path may lead you.”

He explained that in the fall of 1992 he and his wife Darlene, “were living in Kincardine. She was teaching high school, and I was managing the meat department in a local grocery store. We were your typical young couple, with two young children. We both had our chosen career paths. Life appeared somewhat set.”

“But then in November (1992), I received a letter from my grandmother stating she was preparing to move to town and offered to sell us the Robertson family farm in Ice Lake. Well, after a very brief discussion, Darlene and I decided we were in,” said Mr. Hayden.

“We were both very excited about the prospect of moving to the island, and decided whatever job came up in the Gore Bay area, we would apply. Well, as fate would have it, the very next issue of the Manitoulin



Lee Hayden with his shiny new retirement watch.

Recorder that arrived had a job posting for Gore Bay harbourmaster. I called and the town was very accommodating in scheduling an interview during the week between Christmas and New Years when we would be on the Island. The Mayor Larry Lane, Councillor Ron McQuarrie and clerk Joyce Foster conducted the interview.”

“I remember vividly the call from Joyce I received at home a week later... I had the job! I was moving home!” stated Mr. Hayden.

“I didn’t have a clue what a harbourmaster did, but I figured, ‘how hard can it be?’ And furthermore, as soon as a good meat cutting job came up, I’d be moving on,” continued Mr. Hayden.

“Well, I was wrong on both accounts. My first season as harbourmaster in 1993 was a huge learning curve. I had three Grade 10 students, and none of us knew anything about boats or marina operations. I did have some tutelage from the former harbourmaster Bob Zahnow, but for the most part, I was on my own. What a rough ride that was,” continued Mr. Hayden. “But I was committed to living on Manitoulin, and



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eventually this job turned into a very rewarding career. I have met countless wonderful boaters over the years and I think I have witnessed every spectrum of human behaviour.”

Mr. Hayden explained, “I have always held the belief that marina staff are the first contact boaters have with the community, and therefore we must act as town ambassadors at all times.”

“Over the past 30 years, I have had the privilege of working with several mayors, town councils, clerks, treasurers, office staff, public works managers and staff, basically all the great people who have been—and are—the keepers of the Town of Gore Bay’s affairs,” said Mr. Hayden.

“I was a member of the waterfront committee that was assembled under the leadership and vision of Doug Smith to create the plans for all the docks, washrooms and marina grounds that you see here today. This facility is truly a gem in the North Channel, and I am proud to have had input in its development.” “I cannot forget to mention the marina attendants I have had the privilege of working with,” said Mr. Hayden. “There have been over 60 of them over the years and it is usually their first summer job. I can understand a teacher’s pride in watching their students’ achievements as they mature. I hope they were all able to take away some valuable life lessons while here at the marina.”

“I informed the town last season that this summer would be my last as harbourmaster and left it up to council to find a replacement that I would train,” said Mr. Hayden. “Let me introduce Barry Jewell to you. I have had the privilege of working closely with Barry, and I can assure you the marina will be in very capable hands. All the best to you, Barry, and remember, I’m just a phone call away.”

“In closing, I wish to thank everyone for attending tonight, and for all your happy retirement wishes. I am truly humbled, and appreciative to be recognized for my time spent as the Gore Bay harbourmaster. Thank you all!”

## ... good news regarding OPP costs

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increase of 17 percent on average (with some being higher) on municipalities earlier this year. Some municipalities were forced to raise their budgets significantly.”

FONOM “is asking the province for ongoing, reliable top-up funding when municipalities are faced with increasing policing costs,” said Mayor MacNevin. “We had a good conversation with Minister Kerzner,” he said, “fortunately extra funding was provided to municipalities to offset the huge increases. It was not clear if we would be compensated again this year.”

“The minister indicated the province is reviewing the billing process, and that the province realizes they can’t surprise municipalities by unloading these proposed costs onto municipalities,” continued Mayor MacNevin. “In our case (NEMI) we made out a little better after receiving the compensation support from the province.”

“The OPP billing form is being reviewed, and we are told municipalities will be informed by the end of the year what this will mean, and what they are going to do to mitigate the impact to municipalities,” said Mayor MacNevin. “The minister was very supportive that we will not have to go through this again.”





**Gordon/Barrie Island community picnic was a blast**

Live music was provided at the annual Julia Bay Beach barbecue sponsored by the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island on Friday, August 22. Live music was provided by Elora Miller and Jon Best (in photo), while MAD HoTdeR the clown was on hand as well. Barbecued hot dogs and drinks were provided, while all those on hand brought food items for the potluck dinner.

**...Petition supports Little Current Beer Store**

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tail locations. We know this is difficult news for customers and employees. As the Beer Store modernizes, our locations will continue to provide friendly customer service and a deposit return system that gets consumers their money back.”

“The Beer Store recognizes the contributions our employees make to the business and in the communities where we operate. All efforts will be made to support employees through this process in alignment with commitments and agreements.”

In late 2023, Premier Doug Ford announced that sales of beer, wine, cider and ready-to-drink cocktails would be allowed in convenience stores and all grocery stores by 2026. Then last summer the premier announced that the phase expansion would begin even earlier, in August 2024.

A 2015 agreement between the former Liberal government of Ontario and the Beer Store had given the retailer exclusive rights to sell 12-and 24-packs of beer until the end of this year. As part of the earlier expansion of alcohol sales, the province agreed to give the Beer Store up to \$225 million.

In a press release at the time, the government said the money was “to make the necessary investments over the next 19 months to support a stable transition to a more open and convenient marketplace, including funding to protect jobs across the province and to keep The Beer Store locations open for the continued availability of recycling and bottle return.”

The agreement also included keeping at least 386 stores open until July 2025, and at least 300 until December 31, 2025.

The press release added, “The Beer Store will continue to run the effective and efficient province-wide recycling program for alcoholic beverage containers until at least 2031.”

To sign the petition, go onto Change.org and search ‘Stop the Closure of the Little Current Beer Store.’

Despite several attempts to have our questions on the issue answered by the Brewers Retail, The Expositor has received no reply as of this week’s press deadline.

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# ...North Shore anti-glosphate rally ends spraying plans in that area

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The reasons for opposition are as layered as the forest itself. Protesters cited ecological devastation — blueberries, moose, fish and medicines like sage, cedar and sweetgrass all at risk. They pointed to health hazards flagged by scientists worldwide, with the International Agency for

Research on Cancer naming glyphosate “probably carcinogenic to humans.” They rejected the provincial narrative that glyphosate is “necessary” for forest management, countering that sustainable alternatives exist but have been ignored.

Their voices echoed a growing chorus. Moonbeam, a small Northern Ontario municipality, has already passed a resolution opposing spraying, citing fears of drift into local wells, gardens and farms. West Nipissing is calling for a moratorium until proper research is done. Nickel Belt MPP France G  linas has



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pressed the province to suspend spraying, noting the “glaring absence” of

independent, region-specific science and the exclusion of Indigenous knowledge in decision-making.

For Elder Allan McDonald of Garden River First Nation, the issue is simple: “Quebec banned glyphosate on its Crown land forests back in 2001. And they seem to be doing OK.

So why is it that Ontario can't follow suit?”

The ministry's original plan was to begin aerial spraying on August 18. But after the Highway 17 protest — and a rally the next day at Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli's office — Interfor confirmed by email that the spray pro-

gram for the North Shore, Serpent River and Pine-lands forests has been suspended until at least 2026. The company cited “contractor safety” as its reason.

For activists like Isaac Murdoch of Serpent River, who received confirmation directly from Interfor's management, the suspension marks a victory — though a temporary one. “The hope is that this is just the beginning,” he said.

Not all of Northern Ontario has been spared; aerial spraying is still scheduled in other regions. But for the communities along the north shore of Lake Huron, the forests have been given a year's breath of reprieve.

Grace Manitowabi of Sagamok put it bluntly: “The blueberries are all dead now. Our medicines are dying. And our moose are sick.” To her and others, halting the spray is not only about protecting food and medicine — it is about survival.

As Highway 17 traffic returned to its normal summer roar, the protest lingered like a signpost: proof that when Elders, chiefs and grassroots people take their stand together, even the biggest machines — government and corporate — can be made to pause.

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## ..Community rallies in Toronto after stray bullet kills Wiikwemkoong boy

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a statement just the day before, "I want everybody to know his name," she said through tears. "I don't want his name to ever be forgotten. I don't want his memory to be tragic. I want his memory to be good because he was a really good little soul." She described a boy who cared for others before himself. "He was always there—'Mom, what do you need? You need some water?' His love language was loud. It was love."

The rally was organized by the ENAGB Indigenous Youth Agency. Executive director Cynthia Bell said the aim was both to honour JahVai's legacy and to push for systemic change. A petition has been launched calling on all levels of government to take gun violence seriously and commit to long-term solutions.

Briar Rose Perrier, who grew up alongside the Roy family, spoke to the crowd. “We are demanding change in the way gun violence is addressed in Toronto and across Canada,” she said. “We want laws that protect Indigenous peoples from violent crime—whether accidental or deliberate. Holly and her children have always been central to our community. She has advocated for us, and now we are advocating for her child.”

Drummers from a youth group shared teachings about the big drum — Ode'wegun — and the responsibility men and boys carry in community. "This should never have happened to a young boy sleeping beside his mother," said Thunder, the adult leading the group. "Where I come from, we take care of one another. This is not just a Toronto issue. This is a federal issue that needs to be handled accordingly, for all families affected."

The square then opened into a round dance, led by jingle dress dancers. The circle swelled as strangers and relatives alike joined hands, moving together in heat and heartbreak. Organizers urged those unable to attend in person to sign the petition online, contribute to the family's GoFundMe, and show solidarity in whatever way they could.

"JahVai is still creating change," Ms. Perrier said. "Even now, he is moving people together."

Police continue to seek information about the white Acura spotted near the scene. Anyone with dashcam or surveillance footage from the area around 12:30 a.m. on Aug. 16 is asked to contact Toronto police at 416-808-7400 or reach out anonymously through Crime Stoppers.

For JahVai's mother, though, the focus is clear: the world must remember JahVai for who he was in life. "He was a good and compassionate boy," she said. "That's who he was when he was here. That's who I want people to know."

In a message to the Wiikwemkoong community, Ms. Hoy wrote: "To



Large crowds gathered at Nathan Phillips Square to protest the death of a young Wiikwemkoong boy who was killed by a stray bullet while in his mother's arms.

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the Wiikwemiikong Unceded Territory community, I want to express my

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grief. To my siblings for really stepping up when I needed them the most. Chief and council for everything! Buzwah store my baby's favorite! Tribal police and fire services. Relatives and friends! Community members! Please know how much that helps my healing. JahVai ba Wiky was his home. The warmth and generosity meant the world to us. The prayers, visits, and words of comfort brought us strength and comfort when we needed it most. Your support reminded us that we weren't alone in our journeys.

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# Zhiibaahaasing Powwow features Crystal Shawanda and a host of specials

by Tom Sasvari  
ZHIIBAAHAASING—The 29th edition of the Zhiibaahaasing First Nation Powwow could certainly go down in history as the best thus far!

If large crowds, great dancing and drumming, recognition of a band member with an Honour Blanket and great food is not enough, then add on a great performance by Manitoulin’s superstar musician Crystal Shawanda live and in concert, and a spectacular fireworks show that should do the trick.

“I have never seen this



Crystal Shawanda and her crew were on hand for the evening entertainment.

pow wow committee, all the volunteers and helpers for everything they have done to put this powwow on, the dancers and the drums.”

Dance is a form of healing and “we are asking our drums to help us to provide the healing that we need,” said Chief Kells. “Especially today for what is happening around us, and for a couple of our community members who are in hospital, Derek Sagon and Mark Wabegijig.”

“It’s been really exciting all week how the pow wow grounds have changed, and how quick and fast they have changed from being empty at first to what we have today in front of us. It is beautiful,” stated Chief Kells.

On Saturday afternoon, master of ceremonies Gerard Sagassige explained to everyone on hand the importance of the presentation of an Honour Blanket to an individual in the community who has gone and above to support and

many people in our community at one time, there must be 500 people here today,” stated Kevin Mossip, a band councillor and a member of the powwow committee. “It is so beautiful to see everyone here and looking at our many dancers and drums.”

“Today is an opportunity to visit with family, friends,” said Mr. Mossip, who said, “I would like to thank Bobbisue (Kells-Riberdy) who is the main organizer of the powwow and a great leader in putting this event on. And thank you to all the

volunteers for their many efforts this week. I would also like to mention several people who are here from the US. They have always been members of Zhiibaahaasing but never realized that they have a home and community here.”

“We would like to welcome back home all the members who have always been members of the community, but never realized that there is actually a thriving home community to come back to,” said Chief Irene Kells. “We want to thank our

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## ...Zhiibaahaasing Powwow features Crystal

benefit the community. An honour blanket presentation is something Zhiibaahaasing does yearly at its powwow.

“Today, the community is honouring a young lady (band manager Bobbisue Kells) who I have known since she was little,” said Mr. Sagassige. “She always puts the community first, and in the last eight years many people have come back to the community because they have a feeling of being at home.”

“This young woman is always respectful of everyone,” said Mr. Sagassige. “Everything she does is from her heart and



Grass dancers are an important part of a powwow.

with compassion, which is something you don't learn. You either have it or you don't.”

Chief Kells said, “Today we are going to take time to say thank you to a person that we are recognizing, Bobbisue, for all the work that she does as the band manager for the community. She is in the band office at all hours of the night and weekends, and when I stop in to ask here what she is doing she always says I have to finish this form or application.”

“I can't express how much gratitude we have for Bobbisue,” stated Ms. Kells, as she, Mr. Mossip and Councillor Richard



A shawl dancer swirls across the dance arena.

Mitchell wrapped Ms. Kells-Riberdy in the Honour Blanket.

Mr. Mossip presented Ms. Kells-Riberdy with a plaque on behalf of the chief, council and Zhiibaasing community members, in recognition of her exemplary commitment to the community, noting she is a ‘true leader in the community.’

Councillor Mitchell said Ms. Kells-Riberdy knows how to get things done in the community and always puts the community first.”

“Wow!” That is the only




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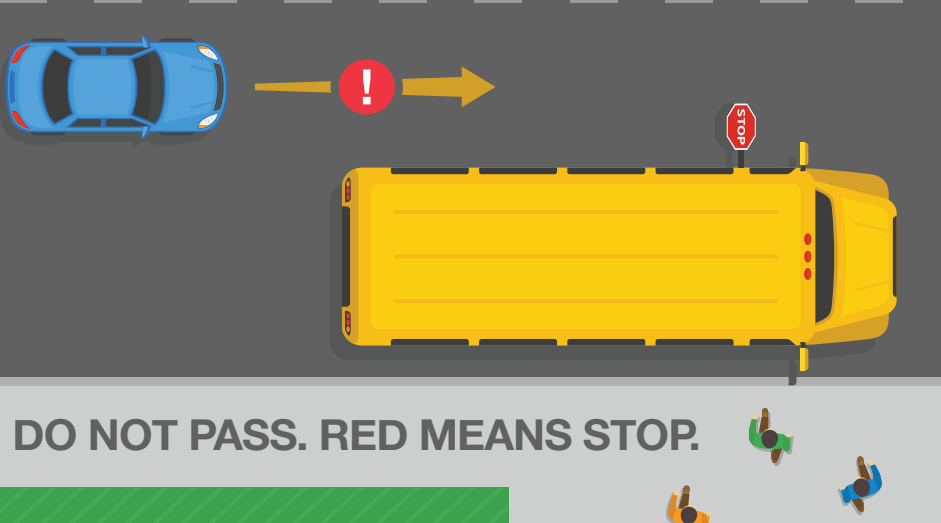
word this reporter has for the concert Crystal Shawanda and her band put on for a large crowd at the beach area on Saturday evening. Ms. Shawanda performed many of her hit songs and songs from her newest album release. It was an awesome show!

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### Canada Post and CUPW representing delivery workers resume talks

CANADA—On Wednesday of last week, Canada Post met with the Canadian Union of Public Workers (CUPW) and resumed discussions with the assistance of federal mediators.

At this meeting, the Corporation received CUPW’s response to its best and final offers that were presented on May 28.

“The company is currently reviewing the union’s response and will be seeking further clarification as needed. Further meetings are scheduled for Friday and Monday,” a press release explained. “Canada Post is committed to reaching new collective agreements through the bargaining process.”

“The parties will meet on Friday to resume good faith discussions with the assistance of federal mediators,” said Lisa Liu, media relations with Canada Post. “The company looks forward to receiving a detailed and comprehensive response from CUPW that addresses the real, significant and increasing challenges faced by the postal service.”

Ms. Liu explained in the release, “Canada Post is facing an existential crisis. Letter mail volumes continue to erode and competition in the parcel line of business places ever increasing pressure on the Corporation’s operating model. This reality was confirmed by the independent Industrial Inquiry Commission led



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by Commissioner William Kaplan. While negotiations remain unresolved, there remains an urgent need to modernize Canada Post and protect this vital national service for Canadians.”

Jan Simpson, national president of CUPW said in a release August 13, “After pressing the employer to come back to the bargaining table early last week we received a response from Canada Post chief executive officer Dug Ettinger on Friday evening, just hours after the posted Bulletin 128, “CUPW is Waiting for Canada Post.” In his letter, Mr. Ettinger stuck to the lines we’ve heard from Canada Post for many months now.”

“And while Canada Post says it needs to act with urgency, the corporation seems to forget that it was its side that delayed negotiations for two months by requesting a forced vote, and this after the government paused our legal strike for six months,” wrote Ms. Simpson.

Ms. Simpson wrote that Canada Post has suggested its “best and final offers” reflected the “objective findings” of the Industrial Inquiry Commission. But Canada post failed to acknowledge that its offers just didn’t cut it; they were overwhelmingly rejected by members.”

“Mr. Ettinger told us Canada Post was open to continued discussions with the help of federal mediators,” continued Ms. Simpson. “He suggested the best way to re-start bargaining would be

for the union to respond to Canada Post’s best and final offers from May 28.”

“But we have had enough discussions that go nowhere. The job now is to get ratifiable collective agreements,” said Ms. Simpson. “And the members have made it clear that these do not look like what the employer is selling.”

“In the meantime, the employer needs to stop sending customers away, offering steep discounts for Purolator and attacking services—the latest is not putting the flag up on rural mailboxes,” explained Ms. Simpson.

“It’s time for Canada Post to get serious and negotiate now,” stated Ms. Simpson. “Our national overtime ban remains in effect.”

Global News reported that the statement that Canada Post is in an existential crisis echoed the findings from an IIC report from Commissioner Kaplan earlier this year, which found the postal service was effectively bankrupt and needed substantial reforms to remain afloat.

The negotiations between the two parties have been going on for more than a year and a half.

CUPW has been calling for a return to the bargaining table ever since the results of a two-week vote administered by the Canada Industrial Relations Board were announced on August 1, which saw more than two-thirds of urban and rural mail carriers rejecting their respective contract offers. The union has accused both CP and the federal government of delaying negotiations through the vote and an attempt at arbitration that went nowhere, reported Global News.

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# Groups applaud cancellation of plans to move nuclear waste to Nairn Centre

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Local First Nations and MPP Bill Rosenberg join the Township of Nairn and Hyman in applauding the province of Ontario’s announcement of a change in plans that would have seen several thousand tonnes of Niobium tailings shipped to a former uranium tailings site near Nairn Centre. They are also pleased that government has also given its assurances that the Agnew Lake Tailings area will be receiving more attention and that any radioactive leaks from the existing uranium tailings are resolved.

“We are happy they are not shipping these uranium tailings close to Manitoulin Island, and it’s a good decision for Nairn Centre and Hyman,” stated Patsy Corbiere, Chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) and chair of the UCCMM First Nations Tribal Council.

“I went to the original meeting that had been held with the local residents; there were a lot of technical people talking over people’s heads about how positive it was going to be to haul this to Nairn,” said Chief Corbiere. “I gave them a blast, telling them that it was a crock of crap. All they were trying to do is railroad people into believing it was a good thing.”

“It is a good thing they are not shipping the tailings to the Agnew Lake (Tailings Management Area), and that they are going to take action to fix (any radioactive leaks from) the existing uranium tailings,” said Chief Corbiere. “Fixing the site should have been done first, before any other action was going to be considered.”

A resolution had been passed by the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Chiefs of Ontario and the Anishinabek Nation for the province to pause their plans until appropriate consultation and accommodation, including the provision of adequate data was completed.

MPP Bill Rosenberg said he is happy with the government change in plans and said, “The message from the Ministry of Energy and Mines that they are going to undertake to treat the current Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area with covering and repairs of the site so there is no runoff, regular maintenance activities, and maintenance work to be done on the East Barrier Dyke and the South Ditch, with construction work to begin in summer 2026 is also very good news.”

In a letter to Tribal Chair Corbiere on August 11, Marc J. Stewart, senior manager, Abandoned Mines Program Mine Rehabilitation Section with the Ministry of Energy and Mines wrote, “I am writing to provide an important update regarding the relocation of niobium rock tailings originally planned for the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area (ALTMA), as well as upcoming work at the site. Our government sincerely appreciates the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission’s (CNSC) diligent work and approval of the Soils Management plan received on July 29.”

“In communication with Nipissing First Nation and the Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM), the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has revised the plan to move niobium rock tailings and will no longer be moving this material to the ALTMA site,” wrote Mr. Stewart. “MEM will pursue an alternate plan to fulfill its CNSC licencing obligations for the ALTMA site. The required cover repair will now be completed using conventional clean pit run rockfill, rather than the original proposal to use the niobium rock tailings. Preliminary work is already underway to implement this approach for the required cover repair.”

“In addition to the cover repair, MEM will be undertaking several other important activities at the ALTMA site: a dam safety review (DSR) is scheduled for the fall. The findings from this review will inform the final engineering designs; engineering designs for these maintenance activities are currently being developed by MEM engineers; concurrent to work on the cover, other maintenance work will be completed on the East Barrier Dyke and the South Ditch. Construction work is tentatively

scheduled to begin in summer 2026. The replacement of the Ministic Creek water crossing is also planned for summer 2026 and may temporarily interrupt work at the ALTMA site. If construction cannot be completed by fall 2026, remaining work will be carried over into 2027. MEM will continue routine maintenance and monitoring activities, including vegetation clearing and seasonal surface and groundwater sampling. Additional studies and monitoring programs recommended by the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment may also be implemented in 2026.”

The government’s change in plans follows a roughly year-long battle by the Township of Nairn and Hyman to get answers to the original plan to truck old niobium tailings from the old Beaucage Mine near the Nipissing First Nation to the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area about 25 kilometres north of Nairn Centre.

Township of Nairn and Hyman CAO Belinda Ketchabaw told Sudbury.com the community was happy to get a former letter outlining the change in plans. “The Township of Nairn and Hyman and the Township of Baldwin are pleased to share important news: the (MEM) has provided written confirmation that niobium rock tailings

from the former Beaucage Mine will not be transported

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# Central Manitoulin Historical Society celebrates Nola Haner

**by Margery Frisch**  
MINDEMOYA—On Friday, August 22, the Pioneer Museum in Mindemoya was filled with well-wishers honouring Nola Haner for her remarkable dedication to the historical society. “We were setting up our summer programs and it was decided we would have a special day celebrating Nola,” said Mnawaate Gordon-Corbriere, curator of the Central Manitoulin Pioneer Museum and the organizer of the event.

Many community members were present including Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens. Nola Haner’s daughters, Sue Moggy, Lynn Quesnel and step-daughter Lynda Peever, were on hand to greet everyone who came through the door.

Ms. Haner was a nurse at the Mindemoya Hospital for many years and, among those well-wishers on Friday was Dr. Craig Pettis and his wife, Ruth. “I was a medical student in the summer of 1972, here at the Mindemoya hospital,” Dr. Pettis explained. “That’s when I first met Nola. She was a nurse at the hospital back then.” Of course, Dr. Pettis also met his future wife at that time. Ms. Pettis is from Mindemoya and so, though home for them is in Kingston, they come back to the Island every summer. They did not want to miss the opportunity to visit with Ms. Haner on her special day.

Displayed throughout the hall was Ms. Haner’s artwork. Her oil paintings, which cover the span of decades, along



Nola Haner with her daughters, standing from left, Sue Moggy, Lynn Quesnel and step-daughter Lynda Peever.

with examples of Christmas cards she had made in past years, intricate pieces made with birch wood “Our mother had also been a student of Ivan Wheale’s,” Ms. Moggy said.

“Mom was one of the founding members of the Central Manitoulin Histori-

cal Society,” Lynn Quesnel said, though she wasn’t sure when the historical society began. “Mom will know,” she said.

But Ms. Haner couldn’t remember either. “It was a very long time ago, I can tell you that,” she said. The early beginnings of the society were in 1973, though the number of members climbed slowly,

reaching its highest number in the early 1980s. But it wasn’t until the beginning of the museum project that the objectives of the historical society were set: to collect and preserve artifacts, pictures and materials from the pioneer period in the area. In 1998, Ms. Haner’s husband, Harvey, donated a frame barn to the museum project, used to house pioneer farm equipment and machinery, and Ms. Haner was a part of it all, which is why the historical society chose to honour her on this summer day.

“Well deserved,” could be heard from all in attendance. “And long overdue,” said one of her daughters.



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# Providence Bay Fair concert series on the Lone Pine Stage was a big hit

by Tom Sasvari  
PROVIDENCE BAY—You can certainly count country music legend Jason McCoy as a huge fan of the Providence Bay Fair and particularly the Lone Pine Stage as one of the favourite venues he has played in his career. “The Lone Pine Stage is fantastic,” Mr. McCoy told The Expositor on Saturday afternoon, several hours prior to the incredible concert he, Michelle Wright and Doc Walker, of the Great Canadian Roadtrip, put on in front of a huge crowd at the relatively new stage as part of the Providence Bay Fair Saturday evening. “Wayne Legge needs to be recognized for being so passionate about the community to step up and support having this kind of venue. It is a great stage to play at. And it’s a great venue with the hillside in front of the stage for the fans to sit. It’s a beautiful setting and one of the best venues I’ve ever performed at.” Mr. McCoy, repeated his praise at the concert itself,

telling the crowd, “I would like to thank Wayne and his family for their vision and support of this type of venue, and the many people that helped put on this event. I have to tell you this is one of the best facilities I’ve ever played.” Since forming in 1994, the award-winning country duo Doc Walker, composed of Chris Thorsteinson and Dave Wasyliw, has become one of Canada’s most beloved country music acts. Over about three decades, the pair has won a JUNO award, 14 Canadian Country Music Awards, and had 21 top 10 Canadian Country radio singles, eight No. 1 CMT videos and millions of streams. Jason McCoy is a two-time CCMA Male Vocalist of the year award winner. In his over 25-year career and frontman and founder of the Road Hammers, a Canadian Country music Hall of Fame inductee, he has racked up multiple CCMA and CMA awards along the way in



Michelle Wright, is shown on stage with Jason McCoy at Saturday’s concert.

addition to a gold-certified album and CMA Global Artist Award (Nashville CMA). Michelle Wright is one of Canada’s most recognized and awarded female country singers. In 1992, she became the first Canadian artist in the modern era of country music to have a Top 10 hit in America, a number one video on CMT-USA, and to win a major US music industry award (the Academy of Country Music Top New Female Vocalist Award in 1992). She has graced concert stages around the world and accepted more



The Redhill Valleys performed at the Lone Pine Stage Saturday evening.

than 40 major awards, including her 2011 induction into the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame. The performers high energy concert was a huge hit ...continued on page 31

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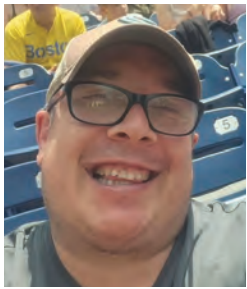


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It is with great sorrow and sadness that Duane and Beverly Cress announce the passing of their beloved son Corey. Corey lost his long battle with cancer in Toronto on August 9, 2025. He fought his battle with dignity and grace, never complaining about the cards he was dealt with. Corey was a free spirit and danced to his own drum. He loved life and people and enjoyed his 20 year career as a professional bartender in downtown Toronto. Working in the service-based industry suited Corey because God knows he loved to talk. He had a love for sports and politics and enjoyed sharing this love with many regular customers that will miss him dearly. Corey will be greatly missed by his older brother John (Lynn), his identical twin brother Craig (Donnie) and his nephews Cole and Tyler. Corey came from a large family with many uncles, aunts and cousins who will all miss his quick-witted humour. He will also be missed by his life partner, Alison. Corey will also be missed by his closest friends, Louie Cristello, James Russo and Syd Mendewitz. A Celebration of Life will be held in his hometown of Providence Bay on October 11, 2025 at the town hall from 12 noon to 4 pm.

WILLIAM DOUGLAS HARDY  
(Bill)

June 2, 1948 - August 19, 2025



William Douglas Hardy of Woodstock, passed away peacefully at Woodstock General Hospital on August 19, 2025, at the age of 77 years. Dearly loved husband of Darlene (Ducklow) Hardy. Proud father of Laura and Lisa. Very proud grandpa and great-grandpa of Ashley and her boys, Mason and Hendrix, Mathieu, Bradley (Michaela), Benjamin (Louisa) and Jonathan. Survived by brother John Hardy (Coyla), brother and sisters-in-law, Jim and Diane Longworth, Donald Ducklow, Ted and Pat Fewkes and Marilyn Lancaster. Predeceased by his parents John Douglas and Annie (Longworth) Hardy, brother David Hardy, Darlene's parents, William and Selena Ducklow and brother-in-law, David Ducklow. Also survived by many special nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and their families. Bill loved his profession as a Funeral Director, and Manitoulin Island always had a special place in his heart, where he lived and worked for 25 years. They moved to Timmins in 2006, where they lived for eight years, for Darlene to serve as minister with the United Church of Canada before retiring back home to Woodstock in 2014. Bill had a deep faith in God and was always involved in church events. Bill taught himself to do wood carving and created many special pieces of art, even though he was visually impaired in his 40s. He also had a passion for learning to play the banjo, and was active in Toastmasters Club, Doric Lodge, Cursillo, and curling. Bill and Darlene travelled to many places in the world and to every province in Canada. Thank you to staff and residents of Caressant Care Nursing Home, Woodstock, where Bill lived and was content and happy for close to two years. Bill will be forever missed and loved by many. Visitation was held on Sunday, August 24, 2025 from 2 to 4 pm at Brock & Visser Funeral Home, 845 Devonshire Ave., Woodstock. A Celebration of Life took place on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 1:30 pm at St. David's United Church, 190 Springbank Ave., Woodstock, followed by lunch in Kirk Hall and burial in Oxford Memorial Park Cemetery, Hwy 2, Zorra, ON, after the reception. If desired, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society, Woodstock, the C.N.I.B., Heart and Stroke Foundation or St. David's United Church. If you wish an acknowledgment card to be given to the family, please contact the funeral home at 519-539-0004.

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Celebration of Life

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**Yard Sale**

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**Yard Sale**

**Gigantic yard sale** on Saturday, August 30, Sunday, August 31 and Monday, September 1 from 8 am to 8 pm at 1171 Beaver Road, Spring Bay. Rain or shine, it's indoors.

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**Yard Sale**

**Giant moving sale** on Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31 from 9 am to 4 pm, rain or shine at 6145 Bidwell Road. Something for everyone. Hunting, fishing, tools, household items, generator, log splitter and more. No early birds.

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**Yard Sale**

**Yard sale** on Saturday, August 30 from 9 am to 4 pm at 7 Red Mill Road, Hawberry Unit, Little Current. 10 HP snowblower, \$500; steel loading rams, womens coaster bike, books, clothes, kitchen wares, nick-nacks, baseball cards and more.

# ...Groups applaud cancellation of plans to move nuclear waste to Nairn Centre

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The trucking project will now see the 34,000 tonnes of material being hauled from Nipissing First Nation to a provincially approved hazardous waste site located near Sarnia.

Amy Mazey, the Mayor of Nairn and Hyman, said in a release, “I am personally thrilled with this announcement and on behalf of the community I would like to thank the provincial government for listening to our grave concerns. This has been a difficult time in our area, but we have put in the effort, supported our stand with science and pulled together as a community. The two ministries heard our concerns and have chosen the safest path forward for everyone involved, the process worked.”



**Yard Sale**

**Large garage sale** at 18246 Hwy 540, Evansville (second driveway past Misery Bay) on Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31 from 10 am to 3 pm. ATV, fishing equipment, chain saw, and tools, furniture, over 500 CD's, DVD's and VHS tapes, and book. Everything must go.



**Yard sale**


**Yard sale**, last one of the year at 28 Silver Bay Road, Central Manitoulin on Saturday, August 30 from 9 am to 3 pm. Lots of new goodies, something for everyone.



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**Nakiiwin Azheyaaksin**  
*Employment Opportunity*  
Financial Administrator

Under the supervision of the Rental Property Manager for Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory's Rental Property Management (RPM), the Financial Administrator will perform all aspects of financial administration and the collection, analysis, and reporting of information and preparing RPM's monthly/annual reports, maintaining an up-to-date database and financial management software, and to assist in the efficient operation of the rental portfolio.

**Responsibilities:**

- Processing monthly rental payments
- Monitor cash flow received from tenants
- Research and investigate tenant rental accounts
- Ensure proper adjustments to tenant records
- Review and process reimbursements on over payments
- Track data and information and create reports
- Prepare quarterly financial reports
- Create & export GL transaction reports
- Responsible for administering the Rabbit Island Center
- Prepare and maintain financial reports for laundry revenue
- Carry out administrative duties related to the position

**Qualifications:**

- Post Secondary education in a related field.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Experience in office administration.
- Proficient with MS Office.
- Experience in handling cash and bookkeeping.
- Proven customer service background; and,
- Commitment to become fluent or maintain and encourage fluency of Anishinaabemowin.

**Salary: \$65,009.00**

**Posted: August 22, 2025** **Closing: September 5, 2025 2:00 PM**

Interested applicants are asked to submit a signed cover letter of application, current resume, copies of applicable diplomas or certificates and three work-related references including current employer with contact information to:

All applications are to be marked “CONFIDENTIAL” and sent to:

Attention: Finance Administrator Vacancy Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
19A Complex Drive, BOX 112 Wikwemikong, Ontario  
POP 2J0  
[erc@wiikwemkoong.ca](mailto:erc@wiikwemkoong.ca)


Please submit copies as there is no return of submissions. Late or incomplete submissions will not be considered. While we thank all interested applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

personally thrilled with this announcement and on behalf of the community I would like to thank the provincial government for listening to our grave concerns. This has been a difficult time in our area, but we have put in the effort, supported our stand with science and pulled together as a community. The two ministries heard our concerns and have chosen the safest path forward for everyone involved, the process worked.”

MP Jim Belanger in a Facebook post August 13 stated, “Good news for our community!

Thanks to the tireless advocacy of the people of Nairn Centre and Hyman, the province has decided to send the radioactive niobium waste, to a more appropriate facility elsewhere in Ontario. It was a pleasure working alongside Mayor Mazey and the staff of the Township of Nairn and Hyman, who worked tirelessly to find a solution. I would also like to thank MPP Bill Rosenberg for his hard work on behalf of his constituents.”

“This decision means major remediation at Agnew Lake will move forward with clean materials, protecting our environment and drinking water,” continued MP Belanger. “Together, we’ve shown that when communities raise their voices, we can make real change.”



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

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

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

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

**Interested applicants may forward their resume by mail or email to:**  
**Don Cook, Administrator**  
**70 Robinson Street, Postal Bag 460**  
**Little Current, ON**  
**POP 1K0**  
**[don.cook@exeassist.ca](mailto:don.cook@exeassist.ca)**



**Manitoulin Centennial Manor**  
INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL  
(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**

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

**Additional Responsibilities Include**

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

**Qualifications**

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

**Interested applicants may forward their resume by mail or email to:**  
**Don Cook, Administrator**  
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# ENAADMAAGEHJIK

OPERATING AS WIKWEMIKONG DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## Employment Opportunity Tourism Supervisor

Enaadmaagehik is seeking a highly motivated individual for the fast-paced role of Tourism Supervisor. The Tourism Supervisor will be responsible for coordinating, administering and establishing client relationships with all Wikwemikong Tourism Group Tour and FIT programs, including the coordination for the Cultural Guide Training Program. The successful candidate will work under the guidance of the Tourism Manager.

**DUTIES:**

- Responsible for coordinating group itineraries for Cruise Ships, School Groups and Motor Coaches for Wikwemikong Tourism and Point Grondine Park.
- To maintain and establish relationships with schools, motor coaches, special interest groups and travel trade, including itinerary development and costing.
- Responsible for coordinating all daily Anishinaabe Cultural Experiences.
- To provide direction and supervision of Cultural Tour Guides and summer student staff, including scheduling and monitoring.
- To coordinate cultural guide training program.
- Network with local community organizations and schools to implement four season land-based learning programs that promote cultural reclamation and advance local historical knowledge.
- To participate in travel trade shows and conferences as required.
- To assist with workforce development including training and recruitment for Tour programs.
- Provide administrative support to the tourism team.
- Research and gather information for future product development for Tour programs.
- Network with various businesses, government, event stakeholders and industry partners.
- Assist in coordination of tourism events that are designed at increasing long-term visitation and non-resident participation.
- To deliver superior customer service.
- Perform other assigned duties as required.

**BASED ON THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Combination of work experience and education will be considered.
- Preference given to Business, Arts, Marketing and Hospitality/Tourism Graduates.
- Grade 12 diploma or equivalent.
- Valid Ontario driver's licence with access to transportation.
- Anishinaabe Cultural Knowledge & Language is considered an asset.
- Flexibility to work long hours with the ability to work evenings and weekends.
- Preference given to First Nation applicants but all are encouraged to apply.
- Excellent analytical, problem-solving, communications and networking skills.
- Ability to organize and set priorities; work independently, and contribute to the team dynamics.

**Duration: Full-time - Contract ending March 2026**  
**Opportunity for full-time indeterminate employment**  
**Remuneration - \$70,000 Annually**  
**Please submit cover letter, resume, three recent work-related references and an up-to-date criminal reference check (CPIC) to:**  
**olivia@wikytours.com**  
**c/o Tourism Supervisor Application**  
**2102 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0**

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# Golf Seniors’ tourney sees hot scores

GORDON—On a very hot day, the scores posted by participants in the annual Manitoulin Golf Seniors tournament were equally as hot.

With only having three ladies’ teams entered, the ladies and mixed (men and women) teams were joined in the same division, with a separate men’s division (both two flights each). As well, two prizes were handed out for first and second place in each division.

The team of Tom Mathe-son and Patty Smith took first place in the mixed/ ladies’ division with an 18-hole two under par score of 70, followed by Warren and Laura Corbiere with a score of 74 with the Max and Bev Abotossaway team with a score of 75. First in the second flight was Michelle Bishop and her sister who posted a

Walker’s Electric is looking for a **mechanically inclined/ handy person** who can work with us on the Zhibbaahaasing Water Treatment Plant (This is at the Northwest end of Manitoulin Island). If you are intersted, please call **705-529-8144**.



Manitoulin Golf held its annual seniors tournament on August 20. In photo from left are some of the winners in the event including Max Abotossaway, Jack Clark, Bev Abotossaway, Michelle Bishop and her sister, John Gordon, Dan McQueen, Tom Matheson, Patty Smith and Dan Smith.

score of 84.

Dan McQueen and John Gordon were the cham-pions in the men’s first flight with a score of 69 (three under par), with Dan Smith and Jack Clark second with a score of 70. Taking first in the men’s second flight was Murray McDonald and Bob Cor-biere with a score of 74. Bill Lloyd and Cam Mc-Leod were second with 76.

Special prizes were won by Kyra Lanktree with the ladies shot closest to the pin, Sheila Bray with the ladies’ longest putt.

The men’s closest shot to the pin prize was won by Brian Bainborough, with Tony Staalstra with the longest putt and Dan Smith the longest drive.

Cheryl Deeg, clubhouse manager, thanked all the participants for taking part in the tournament. “I hope everyone had a great day.” She also praised staff for all their efforts in helping to make the event a success.

A total of 48 players took part in the tournament.

## ...Marc Hovingh Ride set

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be on hand along with several other police agencies, the OPP Youth Foundation, MICA North Channel Bike Park, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, and Wik-wemikong Tribal Police Service,” said Mr. Belanger.

“The event is open to the public,” said Mr. Belanger. “Our purpose in holding this event is to support law enforcement services and the SOLE Group which in-cludes widows and widowers of fallen officers and secondly memorialize the names of fallen officers in Ontario, focusing on the Northwest and Northeast re-gions.”

Coordinator Belanger pointed out the ride had pre-viously been named the Marc Hovingh Memorial Ride but has been rebranded to include more fallen officers in the region.

Retired Manitoulin OPP Constable Marie Ford, said the Marc Hovingh Memorial Youth Bike Ride and Ro-deo is geared for kids 18 and under, and being hosted by the OPP Youth Foundation. The event, which is free for kids 18 and under, will take place on September 6 at 1 pm at the Mindemoya arena.

“The OPP Youth Foundation, MICA, OPP, UCCM Po-lice and Wikwemikong Police, along with Ride Smart will be holding the event. There will be a self-contained trailer with bikes and helmets for kids that don’t have a bike or helmet to use, with officers running the pro-gram,” said Ms. Ford. “Bicycle safety and safe riding skills are a big part of the program along with the most important aspect, having fun.”

A \$100 gift certificate prize will be drawn, and there will be a free barbecue lunch with hotdogs and ham-burgers. “Almost 20 kids have registered already,” said Ms. Ford. “We are encouraging kids to call or text me to register, so we will a good idea of the numbers that will be taking place. The more that register, the better.”

The OPP Youth Foundation will be giving away six bikes and locks, and helmets at about 3 pm. Contact Marie Ford at 705-348-8472 to register.

# NEW NORTH FUELS INC

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### Full-time

**Company Description**

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**Job Description**

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

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

**Qualifications**

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

**Additional Information**

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



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

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

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

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

To apply, please send a resume to [info@jakes.ca](mailto:info@jakes.ca) or drop one off in person at one of our two locations:  
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WIKWEMKOONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## 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.

<b>General Duties:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develops, maintains and administers a sound business and organizational plan for the property which includes an operating/capital budget and marketing plan</li><li>Hires, develops and supervises all key employees of the property and ensures that all employees have the necessary certifications</li><li>Consistently assures that the property is operated in accordance with all applicable local municipal, provincial and federal laws</li><li>Oversees the care and maintenance of the property's physical assets and facilities</li><li>Development and implementation of the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course marketing strategy and annual business plan</li><li>Ensures the highest standards for food, beverage, sports, recreation activities and other property services</li><li>Analyzes financial statements (income and expenses) relative to budgeted goals and takes corrective measures as necessary</li><li>Prepares and presents financial and operational reports to the Enaadmaagehjik Board and Shareholders on a Quarterly and Annual basis</li><li>Responsible for hiring, scheduling, supervising and directing the work of all Golf Course employees</li><li>Participates in outside activities to enhance the presence and brand of the Golf Course in the local community</li><li>Other applicable duties/responsibilities as assigned</li></ol>	<b>Qualifications:</b> <p>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 operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Post-secondary education in business, commerce, hospitality/tourism management or hotel &amp; resort management is preferred</li><li>Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills</li><li>Must be highly organized, efficient and detail-oriented</li><li>Must have excellent interpersonal/relationship skills</li><li>Must be proficient in the use of accounting/database software and Point of Sale Systems</li><li>Must have extensive human resource background in supervisory, coaching and staff development experience</li><li>Must have a strong business aptitude and passion for the golf industry</li></ul>
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Wikwemikong Property Management Co. Ltd o/a Rainbow Ridge Golf Course is an equal opportunity employer.

Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$70,000 plus benefits

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](mailto:jdube@wikydevcom.ca)

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

## ...Fraudsters clone Chi-Cheemaun bookings

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ed or believe you have been a victim of a scam related to the fake website, please report it immediately to: Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre-1-888-495-8501 or [Canada.ca/Fraud](http://Canada.ca/Fraud), or contact your local police department."

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### Mnaamodzawin Health Services Employment Opportunity Community Health Nurse – Full-Time

35 hours per week

Salary range: RPN \$52,778- \$63,075 // RN \$67,975 - \$81,236

**Overview:**

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in 5 First Nation communities in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise and advanced judgment. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall possess:

**Required Competencies:**

- Integrity and respect for cultural diversity
- Dependability
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Adaptability
- Critical thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous learning

**Qualifications and Work Experience:**

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities.
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishnaabe customs, culture and language.
- Minimum of three years related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing.
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle).
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification.

Deadline: Friday, September 5, 2025 at 12 pm

**Submissions:**

Send resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, 3 references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources  
Mnaamodzawin Health Services  
Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540  
48A Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning  
Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0  
705-368-2182 ext.271  
[hr@mnaamodzawin.com](mailto:hr@mnaamodzawin.com)



# Book launch at Mindemoya Public Library for Manitoulin Metal Robotics Team

by Margery Frisch  
MINDEMOYA—‘Robofriends & the Beach Day,’ the second Robofriends book created by the dynamic duo of Alexandra Wilson-Zegil and Robyn-Ashley McNaughton, along with the help of the MSS Robotics Team, was published just in the nick-of-time. A book launch and book signing event took place on Thursday evening, August 21, the day before Alexandra was due to leave for her first year of studies at McMaster University. Their first book, ‘Robofriends the Mow Zone’ was published in 2023, just in time

for Christmas gift giving. Mindemoya Public Library generously provided the space, a quiet tucked away spot where the author, Alexandra, and illustrator, Robyn-Ashley, along with Lead Mentor, Yana Bauer, shared with their audience the behind-the-scenes details of bringing these books to life – private jokes, inspirations from childhood cartoons and clever wordplay, i.e. battery juice, microchips, candied nuts and bolts as picnic snacks for the robofriends. “That’s something that we carried through both books,” said



Illustrator Robyn-Ashley McNaughton, left, and author Alexandra Wilson-Zegil are promoting their latest book.

photo by Margery Frisch

Alexandra, “the food. We had a picnic in the other one as well, we like having robot snacks.” “I like everything having a cohesive theme, with the book. So, getting

the feel from the writing into the book properly for me is probably the most rewarding,” said the illustrator, Robyn-Ashley. “Writing-wise, I’m happy with how I voiced Jed. We can’t get rid of him now,” Alexandra said. It was important to speed up the process in creating this second book. The launch date had to happen before Alexandra left for university. The final days of proofing before the book went to print were tense. It was summer holidays, and Ms. Bauer was flying back from Costa Rica, in mid-air, while approving the final proof. “Just so you know, the book is already No. 71 in engineering,” Alexandra’s dad, Mike Zegil, shared with the audience. But last check before sub-

mitting this story, the book had leapt to No. 16 in engineering, in children’s books! This is the second in the Robofriends series, books intended to ignite an interest in robotics, environmental sustainability and teamwork in young children. But it’s the third book in the Manitoulin Metal Robotics FRC6865 Literacy Series to date, the second being ‘I is for Innovation,’ an alphabet book by Alexis McVey for small children interested in robotics. All three books are available on Amazon, but you can find them in the Expositor’s bookstore, Robertson’s IDA in Gore Bay, and many retail stores around Manitoulin Island. More books will be added to this series in due course, so stay tuned.



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**UCCM Building Material Supply in M’Chigeeng** is seeking qualified and experienced drivers to deliver lumber and building materials to customers on Manitoulin Island. Seasonal and permanent positions available. The successful candidate must possess a valid class “G” driver’s licence and be insurable and eligible under the company’s fleet insurance. Knowledge of building materials is an asset. Competitive wages, benefits and pension plan offered for full-time permanent positions.

**Email resumes to [info@uccmcastle.com](mailto:info@uccmcastle.com) or drop off at 386 Hwy 551, M’Chigeeng, Ont.**



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

**About the Role**  
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 agencies.
- Develop and deliver culturally relevant prevention programs, workshops and community events.
- Seek extended family placements where and if needed.

**What You Bring**

- 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 the area.
- 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.

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**Apply Today!**  
**Send your cover letter and resume to:**  
**Nicole Bush, Health and Well-Being Director**  
**[nicole@sheshegwaning.org](mailto:nicole@sheshegwaning.org)**  
**1079B Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0**

Sheshegwaning First Nation is committed to equity, diversity and inclusion. Preference will be given to qualified members of Sheshegwaning First Nation. We thank all applicants for their interest; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**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 policies and legislation, as well as ensure accuracy of content.
- 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.
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...Providence Bay Fair concert series on the Lone Pine Stage was a big hit

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with the huge crowd on hand, who could be heard singing and dancing to their songs.

“The Great Canadian Roadtrip started up two years ago,” Mr. McCoy told The Expositor. “We were all working with the same agent, and it was proposed that we should all tour at the same time. It was a great idea. I mean when you are performing with music greats like Michelle (Wright) and Doc Walker, how much better can you get?”

Mr. McCoy performed at the former Manitoulin Countryfest “a few times in the past, put on by Craig and K.T. Timmermans. It was always a great event, and it is always good to get back to the Island.”



Local musician Ben Lentir and the band White Stallion opened up the Saturday night entertainment at the Lone Pine Stage.

He pointed out with the three legendary performers on one stage, they take turns performing the other performers songs, many of which have been number one hits, during the concert. And it is easy to see they all get along very well, judged by their interaction and wise cracks they have for each other during the show. Not to

mention the fantastic music they provide. “When someone brings up the possibility of Doc Walker getting together on tour with Michelle and Jason, I mean you have to love it,” Mr. Thorsteinson told the crowd. “Performing with them on tour is one of the best things I’ve ever done, and I’ve been in this business for over 30 years. I love these guys.” “I have been out here on the road for about 40 years

now, and it is because of you, our fans, thank you Manitoulin Island,” stated Ms. Wright. The Great Canadian Roadtrip was not the only crowd-pleasing entertainers to hit the stage this weekend. Local musician Ben Lentir and White Stallion performed Saturday evening, as did The Redhill Valleys. On Friday evening, local band Double Barrel, along with Avery Drive performed in front of a large crowd.

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# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



### Next-Gen ball players impress!

The Wiky Sons of Pitches, a team that has seen much success over the years at the All-Ontario Native Fast-ball championships has made sure their legacy is intact by taking three teams this year. Along with the Men's team they also took two youth squads. The Junior SOPs record was three wins and two losses, finishing as runners up. Coach, **Kyle Baibomcowai** was proud of his charges, "played their hearts out, never getting down and never getting quiet on the bench, they were loud from start to finish! They plan on coming back faster and stronger next year to bring home the trophy".

The Wiky Junior Sons of Pitches Roster featured, **Koda Peltier, Damien Dell, Peyton Ominika, Landon Manitowabi, Ethan Flamand, Noah Jackson, Seth Bennett (Sagamok), Jaron Panamick (M'Chigeeng), Ian McCauley (M'Chigeeng), Ethan Ense (M'Chigeeng), Jadam Hughie (Moose Factory)**. Their Manager was **Gerard Baibomcowai**, Coaches, **Kyle Baibomcowai, Joe Ominika, Levi Morrison and Bodell Turner**.

Kyle gives an honorable mention to the Wiky's Lil

### 6- Hour MTB Relay, Sunday!

The final event of the Breakaway Sports race series for the year culminates with the McLean's Park 6-Hour Relay this Sunday the 31st. Information and registration can be found on the Breakaway Sports Events' page.

### New mountain bike trails need us!

The new North Channel Mountain Bike trail system on the former nordic ski trails and Café in the Woods property is nearing its opening date. Volunteers have been on the hill prepping the fantastic trails. If you would like to help making these trails fun and safe, please step up and give them a helping hand. You can reach out at [manitoulincycling@yahoo.ca](mailto:manitoulincycling@yahoo.ca).

### Young curling team prepping for competition!

There is an official new, U18 competitive men's curling team out of Providence Bay. The rink consists of **Skip-Eric Wahl, Vice-Spencer Johnston, Second-Devon MacKelvie and Lead-Parker Johnston**

### and Coach-Angela Johnston.

They haven't planned the full season yet but are starting with the Tri-Town Toyota U18 Challenge Cup in New Liskeard on Nov 14-16, followed by Ontario Winter Games Qualifiers, also in New Liskeard on Dec 12-14. They are encouraged by some awesome local sponsors that we will be introducing soon on their Facebook page!

### Competitive Volleyball for Espanola!

The Northern Chill Volleyball Club is expanding from Sudbury to Espanola due to a strong coaching and player interest in bringing more competitive volleyball to Espanola this season! At this stage they need to get an idea of their age-range numbers but are looking at the possibility of forming teams for the birth years from 2011 – 2014. Understandably, the more athletes who sign up, the greater the chance these teams can take shape for the 2025–2026 season. Tryout registration is open now, so don't wait. Secure your spot and be part of building volleyball in the area by visiting the Northern Chill website or Facebook page.

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The under 18 Lil Pitches, in red, are in the front row, while the Sons of Pitches, who placed second in their division in the tournament, are in pink in the back row.



Taking in the action.

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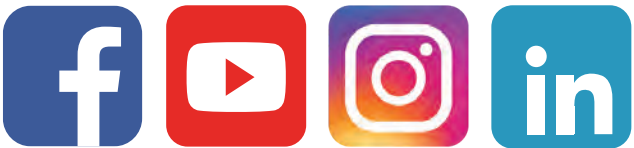
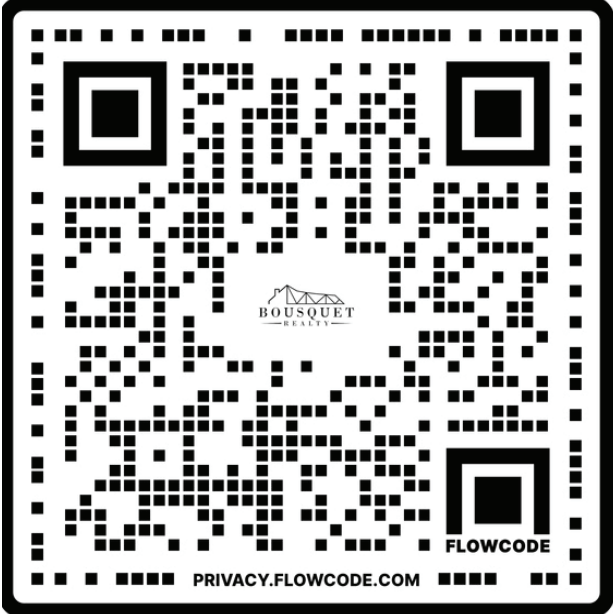


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