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WOMEN WHO GET THINGS DONE—A meeting of the minds on the Sunday of the Southeast Manitoulin Lions Club's Summerfest celebrations was spotted by Expositor reporters when Jackie White, former Assiginack events coordinator, was seen with Southeast Manitoulin Lion President Lisa Hallaert (who also acts as NEMI's events coordinator) and Assiginack's new recreation director Kelly Ranta. SEE NEXT WEEK'S PAPER FOR SUMMERFEST PHOTOS AND

Ontario First Nations say they'll resurrect 'Idle No More' movement over twin 'C' bills

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre. Local Journalism Initiative Reporter ONTARIO—Nine First Nations

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MANITOULIN—The

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

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underfunding of the FNCFS ...continued on page 14 vincial—that they say violate their constitutional rights and threaten the environment.

nations-Alderville, Apitipi Anicinapek, Aroland, Attawapiskat, Fort Albany, Ginoogaming, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug, Oneida Nation of the Thames and Wabauskang—announced their case at a press conference at Queen's Park on Wednesday.

The legal challenge targets

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Citizen challenges Ontario to provide alternate routing after Hwy 6 closure

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The deluge that struck the region on the evening of Wednesday, July 16 brought more than six inches of rain to the north of the Manitoulin District, causing washouts on a number of roads throughout the North including Highway 6, which was closed for several hours between Birch Lane and Hopkins Road. There was also a washout on Fox Lake Road leading to no options for a detour to Manitoulin Island and prompting calls for the construction of an alternate route to the Island.

Flooding also closed both lanes of Highway 17 between

Wawa and Montreal River requiring repairs the OPP say could take days. Luckily, the washout on Highway 6 was bypassed with one lane by noon on Thursday and fully opened late in the evening.

"Traffic is being let through one lane at a time periodically while road crews continue to repair the road," OPP Const. Berkley Parisien said in an email shortly after the closure. "We are just hoping to advise motorists to be patient as the traffic has built up and also to proceed with caution through the construction area as there

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Tehkummah citizens hold meeting, still seek answers to concerns over council

by Tom Sasvari

TEHKUMMAH—While there were many concerns raised on specific issues that residents of Tehkummah township would

like answers on, there was one main message that came out of a town hall meeting attended by about 65 residents last week.

"Everyone feels that there is a lack of transparency and communication on the part of the township," stated Paul Crepeau, who facilitated the public town hall meeting last week. "We wonder why the mayor and clerk are not communicating with members of the public. The feeling is that there are backdoor meetings going on. Councillors are trying but there are no answers and nothing gets accomplished.'

Ashley Bowerman, who organized the meeting, said it was organized to bring information together and allow residents to have input and bring forward questions that will be presented to council. "There is very poor communication from the township office and that is why we are

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It's all in the family

Two generations land comparable walleye a decade apart



Dad Robert Snow and his impressive walleye caught a decade ago.

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Walleye offer some of the most popular angling opportunities in the waters around Manitoulin Island. The family of John Snow of White's Point have had great luck over the decades and just a few days ago, a third generation pulled in a whopper.

John Snow's son Robert hauled in a massive walleye about 10 years ago (and his photo was published in Patrick

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Snow hauled in impressive whopper a decade after his dad's trophy catch.

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The Manitoulin West Recorder



Commodore Joe McKeown presents an award for travelling the farthest by boat to Bernie Coyne and Lynn Squire who brought their boat up from Portland, Maine - 731 nautical miles.

US and Canadian boaters' friendships remain strong at the Great Lakes Cruising Club banquet

PORT OF LITTLE CURRENT—One of the final events of the Great Lakes Cruising Club's (GLCC) Rendezvous —their 60th—was the banquet held at the NEMI Community Recreation Centre on Wednesday evening, July 16. There was no disparity in evidence, nothing but congenial conversation and laughter between those who travelled from the States and those boaters from Canada. The first item on the agenda at the dinner was the singing first of the Star Spangled Banner and next, O Canada—both anthems were sung loud and proud by all in attendance.

Roy Eaton gave a toast to the Great Lakes Cruising Club (GLCC), saying how he always promotes the GLCC whenever he is asked to speak the many benefits of becoming a member, and the great friendships that form in coming together. 'Ladies and gentlemen, will you please rise and toast with me the Great Lakes Cruising Club, and while you're still standing, lets toast to friendships," Mr. Eaton said. The invocation was given by Fleet Chaplain Nelson Stone, and Jib Turner

The dinner was provided by Brystons on the Park, in Sudbury. "We had to get them," said Jib Turner, because we wore out the caterers for the last two days here on the Island." There was a choice of roast chicken, stuffed with goat cheese or local baked pickerel with a panko Parmesan crust. Neither choice was the wrong choice, the meal was excellent either way.

Awards followed the dinner and the first went to Karen Riley and Bernie Coyne, winners of the Pico sailboat races. The second award was for the cornhole competition, and it was presented to Norman Powell and Joe Riley. There were plaques awarded to those who travelled the farthest by water: Norman and Jody Powell were third place winners, travelling a distance of 498 nautical miles from Holland, Michigan; second place went to Maria Redson and Ken Hurst for travelling 532 nautical miles from Michigan City, Indiana; and first place in the longest distance

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Mindemoya's Trinity United Church up for sale

by Tom Sasvari

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MINDEMOYA—Trinity United Church Manitoulin property is now up for sale.

Reverend Kim Inglis confirmed last Wednesday (a day after the church was officially listed), "the property, including the church building, is up for

"The community of Faith Trinity United Church will continue. And, depending on who purchases it and what they want to do with it, we may be able to rent out space in the church to continue, or look at

other partners to rent from or form a partnership with another community of faith to continue worship."

Rev. Inglis explained one of the reasons the church is for sale, "is there are no longer enough people in the church to put on community events, the average age of the congregation is about 78, and putting on events is getting tougher to do."

She said the number of church members has dropped in recent years. "Oh yes, there was quite a significant decrease in the number of the congregation that didn't come back to the church once COVID was over."

"When I arrived here in 2022, there was no minister at the time," said Rev. Inglis.

Rev. Inglis noted, "actually the church includes parish-(where the United Church there was sold) and Kagawong (where the church was given to Billings township in 2018). They all operated as separate churches, and then with Providence Bay and Kagawong parishioners, became one community of faith."

The church is over 100 years old, at least the older part of the church is," continued Rev. Inglis, and worshipping started in 1915 when the church membership was Methodist.

A 100th anniversary celebration was held at the Trinity United Church in September

The first church, a white frame building, was built in 1886-1887 by Francis Wagg and George VanHorne. It was the only church in the town of Mindemoya at the time, so it was shared by the Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational and

Phragmites Week

Info sessions to battle invasive reed to be held Island-wide this week

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOULIN—It rises like a mirage—tall, swaying, deceptively elegant. Ten feet high, with thick stalks and soft-plumed heads, phragmites might pass for something natural, even lovely, at first glance. But this foreign grass is an uninvited guest. It creeps in dense, choking waves, swallowing shorelines, strangling wetlands and silencing the native species of the land.

This week, July 21 to 25, marks the 9th annual Manitoulin Phragmites Week, a time to look closer, walk the land with intention, and notice what's changing along the water's

Known formally as phragmites australis, and pronounced (frag-MITE-eez) this robust invader isn't from here. It doesn't know how to share. It spreads fast and thick, leaving little room for turtles to nest or fish to spawn. Where it takes hold, reeds rise like spears, and in the fall, the dead stems remain standing—hard as bam-

boo, topped with fluffy, windsnatched seeds.

For the past decade, the Manitoulin Phragmites Project has been pushing back, stem by stem, in defence of the Island's rich and fragile biodiversity.

"If we lose these beautiful shores, they can't be replaced,' says project coordinator Judith Jones. "You can't just go buy another one." Her work carries both urgency and reverence for the meadows and marshes, the winding creeks and rocky bays that make Manitoulin what it is.

To raise awareness, short info sessions will take place across the Island on Friday, July 25: 10 am, Providence Bay, by the Discovery Centre; 11 am, Mindemoya, at Up Top Sports Shop; 12:30 pm, Gore Bay, at the Community Centre; 2:30 pm, M'Chigeeng, at the Freshmart parking lot; and 3:30 pm, Little Current, outside The Manitoulin Expositor office.

You can also learn more and follow updates on Facebook and

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Billings Twp. to work out details of proposed WEST agreement

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township officials will be meeting with representatives of Waste Energy Solutions and Technologies (WEST) to discuss exact details as to what exactly would be required by the township if they agree to be a participating site in the WEST proposal.

WEST is proposing an efficient, environmentally friendly, non-combustible, waste-to-energy conversion technology capable of processing the municipality's solid waste. The company is in the process of developing a waste-to-energy facility at a neighbouring location, Gordon/Barrie Island, which is capable of processing the municipality's solid waste at a fixed cost.

"We think this is a good idea," said Billings Mayor Bryan Barker after a council meeting last week, and a request for support of the project proposal

"Before we (council) got into discussion on the request

had spoke to Mathieu Gagnon of WEST last Sunday and I suggested to him that we should meet with our CAO Veronique Dion, project manager Todd Gordon, waste project coordinator Arthur Moran and myself, so that Mr. Gagnon could outline what exactly they are asking of the township and staff can provide questions," the mayor explained. "Then a report would be drafted by township staff and we could present this to council at our next meeting." He said the meeting with Mr. Gagnon could take place as soon as this week.

At a June meeting council had brought up several concerns with the WEST proposal, one being as to what, if any, costs the township would need to contribute, the details of their proposal and ensuring no waste is being transferred from off-Island to the proposed site on the Island. WEST had ensured the township previously that the only thing Billings would have to provide for the new waste from WEST I indicated that I system is garbage waste.

Canada Post's CUPW-represented employees to vote on final offers

OTTAWA—Between Monday, July 21 and Friday, August 1, more than 53,000 Canada Post employees represented by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) will have the opportunity to vote on the corporation's final offers for collective agreements.

On July 16, the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) provided the parties with a notice of vote. The CIRB is an independent tribunal that will administer the confidential vote. Employees will vote privately, either online or by phone.

Voting will be open to all employees in the Urban and RSMC (Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers) bargaining units. Employees from each unit will vote

on their respective offer. If a majority of voters in that bargaining unit accept their offer, it will become the new collective agreement for that unit and bring resolution to this extended round of negotiations.

The Canada Labour Code allows the Minister of Jobs and Families to direct that employees be allowed to vote on an offer that is in the public interest. After 19 months of negotiations, four global offers, mediation and an Industrial Inquiry Commission, Canada Post and CUPW have remained at a significant impasse since Decem-

CUPW-represented employ-

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events like the cardboard boat races which is one of the biggest draws for the weekend." ...continued on page 11

Gore Bay Harbour Days this weekend

GORE BAY—There is something for everyone to enjoy as the Town of

Gore Bay is hosting the 12th annual Gore Bay Harbour Days celebra-

tion July 25-27. There are several new events taking place alongside

Kelly Chaytor, a member of the Gore Bay Harbour Days committee.

up a lot of partnerships with groups and organizations in town which

place," stated Ms. Chaytor. "And of course we have many annual

benefits everyone and provides for more activities taking place.'

'As was evidenced at the Canada Day celebrations we are building

There will be lots of music, games and many other events taking

"I'm really excited for the weekend," stated Gore Bay councillor

the many popular activities that have been held in the past.

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North Channel continues to offer the world's best boating

The waters of the North Channel and Georgian Bay have garnered a reputation for offering the best freshwater boating in the world. With waters often compared to such exotic locations as the Aegean and Greek Islands.

Some locations, such as the Benjamin's to the west of Little Current and the popular Hole-in-the-Wall at the western entrance to the Lansdowne Channel, provide excellent anchorages and shelter from the vagaries of the big water and can be more populated at times, but the choices are legion enough to meet anyone's preferences

People from across the world are drawn to the stunning natural beauty of the region, with its unique geological feature and exceptional cruising grounds with its pristine waters, uncountable sheltered harbours featuring rugged landscapes yet offering plenty of options for hiking or picnicking onshore on the literally hundreds

One of the greatest boosters of the region is Little Current's own Roy Eaton, whose popular Cruisers' Net VHF broadcasts helps to knit the boating community in the North Channel and Georgian Bay together. Mr. Eaton also travels to the Toronto International Boat Show each year to promote boating in the North Channel and his is often the best attended of the workshops at that event. Boating and tourism in our region owes a huge debt to his volunteer efforts.

Recently, a group from southern Georgian Bay has sought to entice municipalities into joining an effort to have the entirety of 'the Bay' and Manitoulin listed as a "geopark" citing many of those very things that draw people to visit the North Channel and Man-

That group has not been greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm by local municipalities, although there does seem to be a bit of interest from some tourism and hospitality operators.

UNESCO Global Geoparks are "single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development."

At present there are 229 such parks in 50 countries across the

The main thrust of the proponents seeking the designation is focussed on the number of geological features ranging across the 15,000 kilometres of the Georgian Bay waters (not counting land)

and the need to encourage "sustainable development." The situation in southern Georgian Bay is of concern as it is seeing massive development, especially since the pandemic but in play well before that boost to rural living. While the latter is certainly something to raise concern, the former is somewhat puzzling—by its own admission, Georgian Bay region contains a plethora of unique geological features only unified by the waters of Northern Lake Huron.

While protection of the waters and islands encompassed by the North Channel, Manitoulin and Georgian Bay should be a priority for everyone, it is not without reason that opponents of the concept have misgivings. Sadly, despite the project being a number of years in the making (with significant financial input from the southern version of FedNor), it was only recently that the group has reached out to Manitoulin communities (despite including at least the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands' logo in their promotional material)—inducing a sense of afterthought.

An earlier version of the plan called for an interpretive centre to be built in the Midland area, a proposal that seems to have been set aside in the recent public meetings focussed on the North

Manitoulin and the North Channel have much to offer, including much to offer the proponents of the geopark concept, what is not clear is what the geopark really has to offer our region. Certainly, the marketing chops of the frontmen for the project are impressive, but while they tout the need for sustainable development and/or preservation of the uniqueness of Georgian Bay, they emphasize that the geopark designation will bring no new regulation or oversight body along with it. Leaves one wondering about the whole point—and when in doubt, suspicion quickly arises to fill the void.

Manitoulin's surrounding waters and those of Georgian Bay and the North Channel are certainly deserving of preservation and conservation efforts, but the case being made, at least at this juncture, seems to fall short, despite the enthusiasm being projected by its

As it stands, Manitoulin communities seem to be responding with a "thanks, but no thanks," to the concept. While the geopark goals may well be laudable, the concept could work just fine without the inclusion of Manitoulin Island and, whether true or not, our inclusion in the deal has a bit of a hint of a tourism money grab.

That being said, it behooves all of us to ensure that the waters and region of the North Channel and Manitoulin Island remain pristine for the enjoyment of the next seven generations.

letters

An ode to the Providence Bay Sunset Series music series

The following poem is being published at the request of its author, Nicole Pepper, and was written in celebration of the Providence Bay Sunset Series.

Music at the Beach

A slew of spectators, chairs and blankets placed in random order on the grass sit in anticipation of the music, like a homestead clothesline hanging out in Island air

moving hither and thither laughing in the wind with pegged up shirts and pants ascending in sizes; large white bed sheets flapping and folding with a quick slap and snap of sheetpushing out whiffs among wild green and yellow grasses that stretch upward towards white puffs of cumulus clouds continuously fading and forming into bubbles

against an azure, bluer-than-blue skyall here actively waiting in the warm, golden glaze of the sun

On this Island aged cedar shacks lay in lonely landscapes burning in isolation-left with dilapidated barns in the distance still somehow standing, as blinked into the timeframe of unshakeable memories that still ring familiar; like the toll of a clanking halyard on a sailor's mast moored to an old, wooden dock, or where waiting rolled up hay bales dry out in open, freshly cut fieldsthese clear cut pictures outlined in high definition images emerge as scenic scapes-

what you willor as foggy experiences that wade down forgotten, dusty roads leading to a point and arrive at a camp or cottage or urban farmstead, loud and alive with the words that sound about the place with no time in mind. but for the toil in the soil and the labour of the land and to watch the setting sun in its mulberry stained sky

at end of day watching the cool glow of the moon rising

gazing through double-tipped tree tops; a black lace veil draped over porcelain

skin, and then, to be struck dumb by the dark starry skynavigating the earth's rotation and all the seasons and all the while and forevernow seated in the north on Manitoulin Island where the silence hugs and music awaits

People, shaped and defined by the warm, late afternoon sun, sit as an audience with glimpses of light spilling over their forms, momentarily meeting for the musicians, recalled to this spacemaybe for a second chance meeting at the Sunset Seriesa free concert at the beach

They sit in fold-up chairs with loved ones and neighbours, besidesbursts of giggles with shifts of kids scooting between them to-and frolicking ice creams larger than their fists, big, cold dollops of deliciousness

melting like a glacier over the edge of the Canadian shield; sitters suck on straws, slurp from cans as children assimilate their surroundings

visiting one t'other within the safe perimeter of parents

Fading in the distance at the back, shifty eyes under a stern brown survey the crowd, the woman besides, strangely quiet

while standing under the shadow of dark

glasses

looking over grey heads of hair and straw hats; purple flowers in tall grasses

Guiding eagles soar, hawks circle past, swooping seagulls squawk and pass as silhouettes beside the setting swirl of sun reflected in a billion celestial stars spilling abundantly onto the constant lap and slurp of water where wavy lines etch their way onto the wet shore that stretches out the length of beach to the horizon line of the Great Lake Huron vast, as well as deepwithin the endless echo in its ear it beats

Live music plays here as free as sweet grass in an open fieldas kind as a caress of breeze across this sacred land; as love notes kiss the evening air and leave messages in the sand.

The Song of the Drum

And Big Canoe crossing

Nicole Pepper Providence Bay

Billings gala celebrates 100th anniversary of the Old Mill building

by Tom Sasvari KAGAWONG—The 100th anniversary celebration of the Old Mill building in Kagawong focussed on the building and what it has meant to the community, but it was also a celebration of the many people who have been involved in preserving and developing the history, culture and heritage of the community and area.

"Tonight is a celebration of heritage, resilience and the generations who built and preserved this landmark," stated Billings Mayor Bryan Barker at the Old Mill 100th anniversary gala held this past Saturday evening. "It's also a tribute to all the people, past and present, who make this community so



In photo, from left, are museum committee members Brad MacKay, Deb Flaxman, MPP Bill Rosenberg, MP Jim Belanger, museum committee member Dianne Fraser and Billings councillor and museum committee member Michael Hunt, museum curator Rick Nelson, museum committee member Barb Edwards, Billings Mayor Bryan Barker, museum committee members Diane Larocque and Wes Newburn, and Ontario NDP leader Marit Stiles.

photos by Tom Sasvari

celebration, including Billings township mayor Bryan Barker, Jim Belanger, MP for Sud-East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt, Marit Stiles, New Democrat Party Leader of the Official Opposition, Queens Park, Bill Rosenberg, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, who delivered formal remarks on behalf of Premier Doug Ford and the province of Ontario.

"On behalf of the Billings Old Mill Heritage Centre, it is my great pleasure to welcome you all to this very special evening, our Old Mill 100th anniversary gala," stated Mayor Barker.

"We are honoured to be joined tonight by esteemed dignitaries, valued community members, cherished guests, and members of the media and all those helpthe next century of storytelling. Thank you and enjoy this evening's celebration.' NDP Leader Marit Stiles told the approximately 100 people in attendance in the museum, "It is an honour to be with all of you here tonight for this special celebration. My visit was arranged by your former MPP Carol Hughes."

it and carry it forward."

'Congratulations on 100 years

of history, heart and heritage,"

said MP Belanger. "Here's to

"I would like to thank Dianne (Fraser) and her museum committee, curator Rick Nelson, and the entire group that made this celebration possible, now and in the past," stated Ms. Stiles. She explained over the thank everyone who has had a part in making this celebration a reality for the community and a heritage museum that will be appreciated by generations in the years to come in preserving the history of the area. Together it is and will be a source of pride and information for years to come."

MPP Rosenberg read a letter of congratulations from Premier Doug Ford which states in part, "Congratulations on the 100th anniversary of this historic building and the people who have established the Old Mill Heritage Museum. We recognize the dedication of so many volunteers and community members who have kept the history of the community and



Leader of Ontario's Official Opposition NDP leader Marit Stiles, right, presents a congratulatory scroll to Billing's museum committee co-chair Dianne Fraser.

Master of ceremonies for the Old Mill 100th anniversary gala and co-chair of the Billings Museum Committee, Dianne Fraser, left, is presented with a congratulatory scroll by Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg.

special."

"Thanks to the dedication of volunteers, curator and local leaders, this centre has become more than a museum, it's a living archive of Manitoulin's rich heritage," said Jim Belanger, member of parliament for Sud-East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt. "It tells the stories of pioneering families, Indigenous roots, wartime heroes and the everyday lives that shaped this region.

"This beautiful and special building honours the hard work, sacrifices of many people from past and present for those in future generations," said Bill Rosenberg, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin.

Dianne Fraser, a member of the Billings Museum Committee bade, "a warm welcome to everyone here tonight for the celebration of the Old Mill-100 years 1925 to 2025. A milestone for a small community like Kagawong. The Fox River Pulp and Paper Company built this pulp mill to grind the spruce pulpwood into pulp and ship it by boat to Wisconsin where it was transformed into paper for such uses as the Sears-Roebuck catalogues. After the mill closed in the 1930s, the Hydro Electric Power Company bought the building. It became a hydroelectric station, eventually supplying electricity to all of Manitoulin Island until around 1960 when the building was decommissioned. It remained a vacant building for 30 years when in the 1990s some civic-minded citizens of Billings repurposed and renovated this limestone building for community use."

Over the years, changes have taken place; the upper floor houses the Edwards Art Studio, part of the main floor became the Billings Municipal Office and in 2008 the Old Mill Heritage Centre became a reality," said Ms. Fraser. "A curator (Rick Nelson) was hired, and the Billings Museum Committee was established. The mandate was to collect, record, research and exhibit historical information about this area for present



Billings Mayor Bryan Barker, right, presents a plaque to Councillor Michael Hunt and Dianne Fraser, co-chairs of the Billings Museum Committee on behalf of the township at the 100th anniversary Old Mill gala celebration.

and future generations."

Ms. Fraser explained, "when a group of people interested in preserving history were planning how to go forward for a heritage centre, we were given very good advice from a representative from the Ministry of Culture, Anita Lamarche. She told us to develop exhibits based on the history of this area such as Berry Boats which is this sight where the Old Mill is now situated, shipping for the port of Kagawong, commercial fishing, sawmills, agriculture, Daniel Dodge and Lester B. Pearson, to name just a few. Also, the museum may highlight special news events from time to time. Tonight, one of our guests is Micheline Baxter from the Ministry of Culture. Thank you for coming."

"Through diligence and hard work and the community answering requests for historical artifacts and stories, exhibits were developed, and we opened for visitors," continued Ms. Fraser. "Also, a welcome addition was the Post Office Museum sharing history about the early times of Manitoulin. The Post Office Museum was started to share this area's history by the past organization, the Kagawong Historical Society."

Ms. Fraser noted several special guests on hand for the ing us share this moment beyond these walls. Thank you for telling our story.'

"Thank you for joining us as we honour 100 years of the Old Mill and the legacy it represents," said Mayor Barker. "We hope you enjoy the evening, the stories and the company. Here is to a century of history and to the enduring spirit it represents. Thank you!"

MP Belanger said, "It is a true honour to be here in beautiful Kagawong to celebrate a significant milestone, the 100th anniversary of the Old Mill Heritage Centre. This building, once a pulp mill, has stood as a symbol of resilience, transformation, and community spirit for a full century. From powering homes in the early 20th century to now inspiring minds and hearts through history and storytelling, the Old Mill has always been at the heart of this community.

MP Belanger said, "every time I set foot on this beautiful island, I find myself already looking forward to coming back. As your Member of Parliament, I want to thank everyone who has contributed to preserving this legacy. Your work ensures that future generations will not only remember the past, they will learn from it, be inspired by past few weeks she has been visiting communities in Northern Ontario. "I have learned so much being in Northern Ontario and visiting the wonderful people in the communities."

"What has been built, preserved and grown here at the Old Mill is the type of stories we like to tell, of the commitment and dedication by so many to preserve our history and culture," said Ms. Stiles. "This is one of the most important heritage museums anywhere, as you have preserved the history of the community and area, from shipping, legends like Daniel Dodge, to Lester B. Pearson's involvement in the community and (long-time Billings Mayor and councillor) Austin



Sudbury-East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt MP Jim Belanger brought federal areetings to the event

Hunt. Everyone who has been involved in the Old Mill and the heritage centre needs to be proud of what you have delivered.'

"I can see the obvious hard work and care that has been given by so many people to keep the

history alive," said Ms. Stiles.
"On behalf of the Premier and the province of Ontario it is great to be here tonight for this celebration and thank you for the wonderful opportunity to share in this special event this evening," said MPP Rosenberg. "We all know how important volunteers are. I would like to

area alive."

Mayor Barker said, "as we come to the close of this unforgettable evening, I want to thank you all for being part of this 100th celebration. Your presence has made this milestone truly special. I would like to acknowledge our museum curator Rick Nelson for his passion, commitment and dedication in managing the museum and presenting its history to our community and its visitors. Thanks, Rick."

"Before we conclude, we have one final honour," said Mayor Barker. "On behalf of Billings township, we are proud to present this commemorative plaque to the Old Mill Museum Committee, in recognition of your dedication, vision and tireless efforts in preserving and sharing our local history. This plaque is a small token of our deep appreciation, and a lasting reminder of the impact your work has in preserving our history and in making this evening possible.'

Ms. Fraser told the gathering, "thank you to everyone who has supported the Old Mill Heritage Centre and the Post Office Museum. It is because of all of vou that this journey of preserving and sharing of history is possible. Thank you, members of the Billings Museum Committee; our chair Michael Hunt, curator Rick Nelson, recorder/treasurer Harmony Hancock, Brad MacKay, Wes Newburn, Diane Larocque, Deb Flaxman, Barb Edwards. Thanks to administrative staff, mayor and council for all their support."

She encouraged everyone, "please visit our tent, which has lovely refreshments, delicious finger food, cold water and refreshing punch. Also to commemorate this special year a book called "Kagawong Old Mill-Celebrating 100 Years" is available as are commemorative pins of the Old Mill. So, here's to the Old Mill 100 years and to many more!"

No charges being laid as

investigation continues into fatality
The Manitoulin detachment of the

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has completed a thorough investigation into a fatal two-vehicle collision on Highway 6 near Espanola.

On Tuesday, July 8 at approximate-

ly 1:30 pm, officers with the Manitoulin OPP, Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services and Espanola Fire Department, responded to a two-vehicle collision involving a passenger vehicle and a motorcycle. As a result of the collision, the motorcyclist, a 47-year-old from Kleinburg, was transported to hospital where they were pronounced deceased. The driver and passenger of the vehicle were transported to hospital as a precaution; however, they sustained no injuries.

The investigation, with assistance from the OPP Northeast Region Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Team, Technical Collision Investigators and reconstructionist, determined that the motorcycle, which was travelling southbound on Highway 6, entered the northbound lane and collided with the oncoming passenger vehicle.

The investigation has concluded and there will be no charges laid.

Manitoulin OPP respond to vehicle rollover, arrest driver for impaired operation

One person is facing charges after police were called to a single vehicle collision on Highway 540 in Billings township.

On Sunday, July 6, at approximately 4:30 am, officers with the Manitoulin OPP, with assistance from the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Police Service (UCCM Police) responded to a single vehicle rollover on highway 540 in Billings Township. Police arrived on scene and noticed an odour of alcohol emanating from the driver. Police requested a breath sample using an approved screening device, and the driver was subsequently transported to the Little Current OPP detachment for further testing.

There were no injuries as a result of this collision. The driver, Malcolm Wilson, 19 from Mono, was charged with operation while impaired alcohol operation while impaired blood alcohol concentration (80 plus). The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on August 26.

\$45,500 in suspected drugs seized on Highway 17 after impaired arrest

Two people have been arrested and charged after police were called to a single vehicle collision.

On Saturday, July 5 at approximately 1 am, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received a call reporting a single vehicle collision, where a pickup truck went into the ditch on Highway 17 near Michon Road in Baldwin Township. Police attended the scene and located the vehicle near-



by, on Michon Road. Further investigation resulted in both the driver and passenger being arrested.

Additionally, police seized an amount of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of \$45,500, an expandable baton and a wooden club.

an expandable baton and a wooden club.

The driver, Merence Trudeau, 47 years old from the municipality of Central Manitoulin, was charged with operation while impaired, two counts of possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, failure to comply with release order, possession of a schedule one substance-opioid (other than heroin), possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine and driving while under suspension.

The passenger, Josephine Osawanimiki, 37 years old from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, was charged with two counts of possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, possession of a schedule one substance-opioid (other than heroin) and possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine.

Both accused were held before the Ontario Court of Justice Bail Court on July 5, 2025. The accused driver remains in custody. The accused passenger is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on August 18.

Failure to stop at two stop signs results in impaired arrest

One person is facing charges after a traffic stop led to the seizure of suspected drugs and an impaired arrest.

On Sunday, June 29, at approximately 11 am, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP observed a vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of George Street and Young Street in Sables-Spanish Rivers township. The vehicle was followed by police and subsequently failed to stop at a second stop sign before being pulled over on Main Street in the township. Further investigation on scene resulted in the driver being arrested for impaired operation.

Additionally, police seized an amount of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$1,400, an amount of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of \$1,600, and an amount of suspected crack cocaine with an estimated street value of \$500.

The driver, Edward Recollet, 41 years old from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, was charged with: operation while impaired, possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose, failure to comply with undertaking, possession of a schedule one substance-methamphetamine, possession of a schedule

one substance-cocaine, possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking methamphetamine, possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking-cocaine, two counts disobeying stop sign (fail to stop), two counts of

driving while under suspension and driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on August 5.

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.

Traffic stop for disobey sign results in impaired arrest

One person is facing impaired-related charges after a traffic stop for a Highway Traffic Act violation in Espanola.

On Saturday, July 5 at approximately 11 am, officers with the Manitoulin OPP conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for disobeying a stop sign on Highway 17 in Baldwin township. Upon interacting with the driver, police observed cannabis readily available. As a result of further investigation, the driver was arrested for impaired operation.

The driver, Gavan Potvin-Lennox, 19 from Capreol, was charged with operation while impaired alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), have care or control of vehicle with cannabis readily available, have care or control of vehicle with open container of liquor, disobey sign, young driver-blood alcohol concentration above zero.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on August 5.

Manitoulin OPP make impaired arrest in Mindemoya

One person is facing impaired-related charges after a traffic stop.

On Wednesday, July 2 at approximately 10 am, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP were alerted to an expired vehicle permit by the Automated Licence Plate Recognition system. Police conducted a traffic stop at a parking lot in Mindemoya, and further investigation on scene resulted in the driver being arrested for impaired operation.

The driver, Jessica Biscope, 30 years old from Prescott, was charged with operation while impaired, driving while under suspension and driving a motor vehicle with no currently validated permit.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on August 26.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

We at Team Fergmeijer are strong proponents of lifelong learning. For instance, we just learned that Albert Einstein was a real person. All this time we thought he was a theoretical physicist.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club meets regularly Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 12 noon at the Manitoulin Secondary tennis courts. Beginners and players of all ages and abilities are welcome! Team Fergmeijer has only just started getting into tennis, and we were wondering if tennis players realized that if they hit the ball a little gentler, their friend could hit it back and they could play longer.

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

Many thanks to all the volunteers and dedicated book addicts who helped to make the library used book sale fundraiser a huge success! The library's next big summer event is the annual summer beach movie on Saturday, August 9. This year's offering is 80s classic, Labyrinth starring David Bowie!

Because someone missed the Expositor submission deadline last week (we won't name names), we have a slew of happy birthday wishes to send out this week! On the occasion of their 29th birthday, many happy returns go out to this chronologically gifted crew: Caroline B, Carol G,

Linda R, Craig F, Jenifer F, Arik T, Ethan T and Jen C.

On Saturdays we do Yoga! Seniors (55+) are invited to drop-in Yoga classes at the Kagawong Park Centre at 9:30 am. Beginners and experienced yogis are welcome. Classes are \$5 each and run Saturdays until August 16.

On Tuesdays we paint! Tuesdays through July, the township of Billings invites everyone aged 55+ to Painting with Sheila from 1 to 4 pm at the Kagawong Park Centre. These classes are \$35 each and include all materials. Beginner painters welcome, refreshments and lots of laughter to be expected! Contact Mary at seniors@billingstwp.ca for more information or to RSVP.

The Township of Billings Climate Action Committee is hosting a community yard sale this Saturday, July 26 from 8 am until 12 noon at the Park Centre parking lot and Kagawong River Complex. Bring along any items you'd like to sell and take some time to browse for some new treasures, all while helping to keep items out of our landfill. There's no need to sign up in advance - come one and all! Tables are provided if needed.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the iconic Old Mill in the village. In honour of its significance to our town and the wider region of Manitoulin and beyond, the museum has published a book that explores its venerable history. These can be purchased at the Billings Heritage Centre (conveniently located in the Old Mill) and at the weekly Wednesday markets.

The museum is also hosting its annual

History Day in Kagawong on August 14, featuring Kagawong's favourite celebrity, Steve Paikin, who will be speaking with local historians Candy Tracey, Dianne Fraser and Lois Linley. There will be historical photos and home movies dating back 100 years, and the Manitoulin Swing Band will be performing.

In an effort to always be learning, we have also taught ourselves how to make a bunch of people unreasonably angry really quickly. We're happy to share our tricks with you, but first we need to soak our cast iron skillet into the sink overnight before running it through the dishwasher. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

On the night of Friday, July 11 at cards here in Meldrum Bay there were three full tables plus one three-handed table. High lady was Brenda Carter with 76 points; she also had six lone hands. High man was Gene Cada with 67 points. Ladies' lone hands went to Elaine Bradley with two and men's lone hands went to Natasha McVey with three. Most euchres went to Rick Bradley with 12. Karen Noble brought home the juice. Bob Benedict won the 50/50 draw. Donna Kay McDonald won the door prize. The money jar is safe

On Sunday we enjoyed the music of John and Sharon MacDonald at the Meldrum Bay Church accompanied by their banjo and bass viol. It was great!

In the afternoon we had a fundraiser at

the waterfront. Marcus and Randi served burgers with pasta and potato salad. Rick said that his burger was perfect. Afterwards we were entertained with local music. Thanks so much to everyone who made it a success. Proceeds go to community hall repairs. My friend told me that the person sitting next to her said that she was amazed at the amount of musical talent we had in the community.

Last year Rose VanEvery had some trees cut down in her front yard and others had fallen as a result of last winter's ice storm. The result looked a bit rough. She hired Mike Purcell, Oasis Property Development of Mindemoya. They did an excellent job. Some of her neighbours couldn't believe the work that they did. The work was done quickly, and the result is amazing.

On the way home from cards in Silver Water Thursday night a young coyote ran in front of us. I have seen the adults quite often, but this was a first for me.

We are really pleased to be getting road work done on the end of 540 where it enters Meldrum Bay. It is not paved yet, but the sand and gravel are down. The road had been getting quite bad and it is a major improvement. So, if you drive to Meldrum, take a moment to appreciate the road.

Have a great week everyone!

Info sessions to battle invasive reed

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YouTube at @manitoulinphrag.

But this year, hands-on control efforts are limited. The water in Lake Huron has receded, leaving most phragmites stands high and dry — and unfortunately, that means the usual cutting methods won't work. Without water, the roots keep growing, undeterred. Seed-head removal can do more harm than good, and digging is a gruelling, shovel-by-shovel affair.

Still, there is something everyone can do.

"Don't drive through phragmites," warns Ms. Jones. "ATVs, trucks, machinery - they pick up seeds and carry them to new places." If you've been near a patch, wash your tires. A moment of care can mean the difference between containment and colonization.

To report sightings, or request a site visit, contact manitoulinphrag@yahoo.com or leave a message at (705) 859-1027.

So, this week, take a moment. Walk the shore. Listen. Learn the names of what you're seeing. Not everything that grows tall is meant to be a part of the ecosystem – but every shoreline deserves protection.



Judith Jones of the Manitoulin Phragmites project, right, leads an information session during last year's Phragmites Week

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...US and Canadian boaters' friendships remain strong

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travelled by water went to Lynn Squire and Bernie Coyne, 731 nautical miles from Portland, Maine.

There were speeches that followed the awards and NEMI Mayor Al Mac-Nevin was among them. He thanked the Turners and their committee for all their hard work and then went on to say, "We are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, particularly the Odawa, the Ojibwe and the Potawatomi clans. And we work together on Manitoulin as municipalities and First Nations communities." And for a laugh, he added, "We also play really dirty sometimes, when we play hockey." He concluded his talk by presenting a certificate of congratulations to Commodore Joe McKeown for the 60th anniversary of the GLCC. Mr. Turner reiterated something Mayor MacNevin said, thanking CAO Dave Williamson and his team. "Our town staff have been phenom-



Past Commodore Doug Jackson, Commodore Joe McKeown, Vice Commodore Craig Shantz, Rear Commodore Rob, Hillman, Past Commodore Chuck Mead, Judge Advocate Stephen Selznick and others on the Bridge

enal," he said. "They're watering the flowers at 7:30 in the morning, picking up garbage, helping everybody all the way through it. Dave, you and your team deserve a lot of

Williamson George provided music for the

evening as the meal ended and again, once the awards and speeches were finished. As the evening came to an end. the rain began to fall gently at first, and then heavily, violently at times and endlessly it seemed. Not a pleasant send off

for the fleet on Thursday morning, but the planning committee had done their best...and boaters know better than anyone, the weather will not be controlled. In every other respect, it was a job well

church to accommodate

the minister's office and

committee room upstairs

and the kitchen and bath-

One feature of this

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...Mindemoya's Trinity United Church up for sale

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the Anglican congregations. The ministers of the congregations took turns preaching on Sundays.

In 1918 the need for a larger church became apparent, so the present church was built on this site by many volunteers in the community. A new porch at the entrance to the church was constructed to enhance the appearance accessibility to the church in 1920. A new manse was built for the current minister of the time in 1922.

In 1925, the church officially became a United Church of Canada. Sunday school was very active at this time. There soon was a need to put several

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presented on May 28, 2025.

ees in the Urban and RSMC bargaining

units will be voting on their respective

best and final offers which Canada Post

fers that reflect the company's current

realities while protecting items that are

important to employees. They also in-

clude needed changes to help begin to re-

build the company's parcel business. The

full offers are available at canadapost.

ca and include the following: wage in-

creases of six percent in year one, three

percent in year two, two percent in year

"The Corporation has put forward of-



Trinity United Church in Mindemoya is now for sale.

churches on the Island into a pastoral charge, served by one minister. The reason for this was due to finances and the need to free up ministers to fill other much needed postings. Providence

...CUPW-represented employees to vote

Bay and St. Paul's on the Hill, Kagawong United Churches also joined the Mindemoya Pastoral Charge.

In the 1960s a new ad-

dition was added on to the side and back of the

three and two percent in year four (13.59 percent compounded); a signing bonus (\$1,000 for full-time employee, \$500 for all others); maintaining their defined benefit pension and industry-leading job security; creation of new part-time positions, with predictable hours and benefits, "that would help the company provide weekend parcel delivery and optimize delivery during the week, phased charges to the delivery model to better reflect volumes, avoid overburdening and provide better service," the Canada

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... Citizen challenges Ontario to provide alternate routing

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are road repair crews on scene." Motorists were also advised to not move around barricades and the OPP urged the public to avoid the locations and to respect all road closure signs. "For your safety, do not attempt to bypass barricades or detour around signage, as the road conditions are unstable and pose a serious risk to drivers," cautioned Constable Parisien.

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin were advised by an EMCON employee that it could take up to 12 hours to fix the road, but in the end, it was open, one lane at least, just after noon. The town had staff stationed at the bridge to let people know about the road closure and advised the fire department, the hospital, the ferry and the Great Cruising Club Lakes group that were planning on leaving on Thursday (a number of whom had arrived by car to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the club's rendezvous).



The Thursday aftermath of the deluge that washed out a portion of Highway 6, south of Espanola, and kept the highway closed for several hours.

photo by Sean Soderman

The town anticipated traffic backups throughout the town and were "encouraging people to find options rather than sitting in their cars," according to town CAO David Williamson. "We will have the recreation centre open and provide a place for people to wait with coffee, tea, games for kids, etc, for those that have no other options."

A cloud often brings a silver lining, and the town was encouraging visitors

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...CUPW-represented employees to vote

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Post release explains.

On May 23, CUPW restarted its strike action by announcing a ban on overtime, which reignited the uncertainty for customers and Canadians still recovering from the union's national strike in November and December, 2024. To continue serving Canadians while seeking a resolution to the negotiations, Canada Post has maintained full staffing across the country.

"Customers are avoiding the uncertainty at Canada Post by using other delivery companies, causing parcel volumes to drop significantly and financial losses to spike. In June, Canada Post saw losses from operations increase to approximately \$10 million a day, more than double the daily average losses in June 2024. These record losses are clearly unsustainable, especially if the uncertainty continues," the release continues.

Prior to this round of negotiations, Canada Post was already facing significant and mounting financial challenges. Since 2018, the Corporation has recorded more than \$3.8 billion in losses before tax. In 2024, it posted an operating loss of nearly \$1.3 billion.

This May, the final report of the Industrial Inquiry Commission concluded that "Canada Post is facing an existential crisis: it is effectively insolvent, or bankrupt" and that, "The world has changed, and both Canada Post and CUPW must evolve and adapt. Merely tinkering with the status quo is not an option."

"Canada Post is proposing critical changes to its delivery model. These changes will help the company grow its parcel business so it can meet the evolving needs of Canadian businesses and Canadians, help protect jobs and preserve a vital national service," the release adds.

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Trinity United Church hosting July 31 Hootenany

MINDEMOYA—They are back! Maja Bannerman and Rusty McCarthy are back for one night in performance at the Trinity United Church in Mindemoya to perform their original music from Ms. Bannermans' new album "What a World," followed by a Hootenany.

Sue Wadge explained, "Everyone is invited to enjoy the music, and musicians are invited to bring their instruments and join in playing along with familiar songs as part of the hootenany."

"If you have a musical instrument, please don't leave it at home," said Ms. Wadge. "We will be picking some oldies to sing and some of you may even want to play along."

"We are trying to do gmail.com by July something that will be fun reserve a lunch spot."

and enjoyable for members of the public," said Ms. Wadge. She pointed out the church, "held a community garage sale last weekend to raise funds so there will be no charge at the door for the night of music."

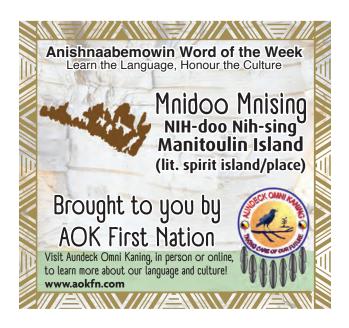
The event will take place at 7 pm on Thursday, July 31 at the Trinity United Church, located beside the J.H. Burt Memorial Arena at 6070 King Street in Mindemoya.

Admission is a donation at the door.

All musicians are also invited to talk shop and meet Maja Bannerman and Rusty McCarthy at noon for lunch at the church. Please contact Sue by text at 705-348-2075 or email feltfarmsw@gmail.com by July 28 to reserve a lunch spot.



Maja Bannerman and Rusty McCarthy will perform original music from Ms. Bannerman's new album 'What a World' at a concert July 31.



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to check out local trails and parks once the weather had cleared.

Whitefish River First Nation band manager Murray McGregor expressed frustration that the First Nation was only advised of the situation on social media rather than being contacted directly.

"It's a little disappointing because it does affect a lot of our community members and a lot of our administration," said Mr. McGregor. "If we don't get the information in a timely manner, then we can't really let our members know through our own social media."

As was the case with many Island residents, Mr. McGregor noted that many people in the First Nation had to cancel doctors' appointments in Espanola and Sudbury which can often take months to reschedule.

"We do have a number of staff that do live out of town, who live in neighbouring communities, Espanola, even as far away as Sudbury and Massey," noted Mr. McGregor. "With a sudden closure like this, and if they're not prepared to work from home, then they're kind of stuck with a day off type thing."

Thankfully, the band still had access to the Manitoulin Health Centre and its helipad should a medical emergency occur.

On the bright side, Mr. McGregor later noted that he had received a call from the road maintenance company looking to set up better communications in the future. "So, that's a good thing at least," he said.

Whitefish River First Nation is calling on the province to build an alternate route to ensure that communities south of Espanola have another option should one of the roads become impassable, isolating Manitoulin.





any events please email Alison at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca

...resurrect 'Idle No More' movement

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Bill C-5, also known as The One Economy Act, and Bill 5, Ontario's Special Economic Zones Act. Both laws were passed earlier this year and aim to accelerate the approval of major infrastructure and resource development projects deemed to be in the national or provincial interest

The First Nations argue that both laws enable governments to bypass existing environmental and consultation processes and were passed without meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities. The application asserts that this violates Section 35 of the Constitution Act, which protects Aboriginal and treaty rights, as well as sections of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms related to security of the person (Section 7) and equality (Section 15).

"Both of the 5s were introduced to push forward massive economic developments without the necessary information to understand and address what could be serious negative impacts, and without including First Nations—whose lands these projects would be built on—in much if any of the decision-making process," said Sudbury MPP Jamie West at the press conference.

Meanwhile, First Nations leaders in Northern Ontario are vowing an "Idle No More 2.0" if the province passes Bill 5, legislation that would speed up development without clear rules on Indigenous consultation and accommodation.

Grand Chief of the Anishinabek Nation Linda Debassige of M'Chigeeng First Nation has fired a proverbial warning shot saying "we caution the provincial government that should Bill 5 proceed in its current form, we will be idle no more."

Scope of the Laws

Bill C-5, passed by the federal government, allows cabinet to designate certain projects as being in the "national interest" and fast-track approvals by exempting them from multiple federal laws. These approvals are made through regulation and are not subject to parliamentary debate.

The law was amended during the legislative process to clarify that certain statutes—such as the Indian Act and Impact Assessment Act—remain in force. However, the legal challenge argues that the mechanism still limits public and Indigenous input in decisions that affect lands and communities.

Bill 5, passed by the Ontario government, enables the province to create "special economic zones" where cabinet can override or suspend parts of environmental and planning legislation, including laws protecting endangered species and cultural heritage.

According to the legal filing, both laws include "Henry VIII clauses," provisions that permit cabinet to amend or repeal sections of legislation without going back to the legislature. The application argues that such clauses further reduce transparency and accountability and contribute to the violation of Indigenous rights.

rights.

"These laws authorize the Crown governments to approve on a fast track major projects like Ring of Fire mining and pipelines, by short-circuiting the need to get critical information about human and environmental safety and impacts, and without involving the very peoples whose lands these projects would eat

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...Gore Bay Harbour Days this weekend

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The weekend events begin on Friday, July 25 with the Gore Bay Street market taking place at the waterfront beginning at 9 am and running to 1 pm. During the afternoon, The Marvellous Magic Show and balloon animals will entertain children of all ages (and will perform again on Saturday), with kids' games also taking place. In the early evening, a family dance (featuring Island Time DJ and Dancing) will get underway.

The opening ceremonies begin at 7 pm with Mayor Ron Lane welcoming everyone for the weekend. Other events to be held during the evening include live music by Elijah and the Back Burners, with the Gore Bay-Western Manitoulin Lions Club putting on a beer garden from 7 pm to 1 am. A designated driver is available.

The Gore Bay Theatre will be presenting its production of 'The Woman in Black' at the community hall at 7:30 pm.

A free outdoor movie, 'The Wild Robot,' will be shown at the splash pad area, beginning at 9:30 pm.

"At Harbour Days last year, there was a lot for families to do, but not as much for individuals to enjoy," said Ms. Chay-tor. She explained Split Rail Brewing will have their cornhole game set up all day Saturday.

The Gore Bay Rotary Club will be putting on a pancake breakfast Saturday morning beginning at 8:30 am, while a vendors' market will take place, starting at 9 am. Later in the morning and continuing throughout the afternoon Amaze N Fun in the Kids Zone will have bouncy castles, a foam party, rock wall, face painting and more.

The Lions Club will be serving its famous beef on a bun lunch. The Lions will also be hosting a beer garden from 11:30 am to 1 am. The Lions will also be providing hot dogs and beverages from 2-3 pm.

The Northern Exotics (animals) will be on hand from 11 am to 2 pm.

"Another new event this year is the ice cream eating contest, being sponsored by Mayor Ron Lane and members of council," said Ms. Chaytor. This event will take

place at 12 noon.

"We are anticipating the classic auto show will be drawing even more vehicles than last year," said Ms. Chaytor. She pointed out the event will take place at the Harbour Centre parking lot this year (because of construction taking place in the town downtown area).

Other events taking place Saturday afternoon include the cardboard boat regatta at 1 pm, with tube and dinghy races following the cardboard boats and fire truck fun with the Gore Bay Fire Department.

The Gore Bay Rotary Club will be holding its annual fish fry from 5-7 pm, while also in the evening the Gore Bay Theatre will show their production of 'Separate Beds' at the community hall.

There will be plenty of live music all day and evening Saturday. From 1:30-3 pm, the Manitoulin Swing Band will be performing, with Chicks with Picks from 3-5 pm followed by Cole Hughson from 5-7 pm and Island Time Dancing from 7-8:30 pm. The Sweet Steeler Duo will entertain from 9-10 pm, and from 10:15 pm to 1 am Sugarboom will hit the stage.

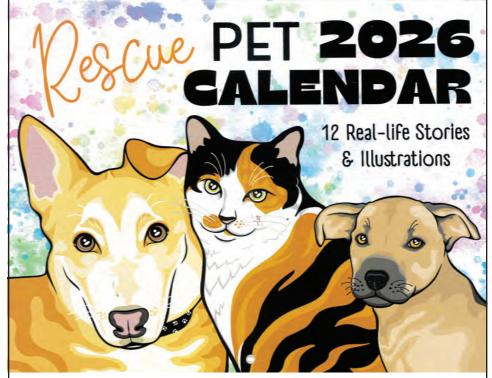
"One of the events taking place Sunday is the second annual Breeze Around the Bay (being put on by the town spirit committee)," said Ms. Chaytor. Proceeds from the event will go to the Lyon's Memorial United Church Food Cupboard. The five-kilometre fun run will start at Harold Noble Memorial Park at 10 am, with the one-kilometre run starting at 11:15 am at the Harbour Centre. "Several Gore Bay firefighters will be running in the one kilometre run in full fire gear," said Ms. Chaytor.

On Sunday morning at 11 am, an ecumenical church service will take place. Everyone is welcome.

At 2 pm, Gore Bay Theatre will be showing 'The Woman in Black' at the community hall.

Well over 30 sponsors are supporting Harbour Days this year, with all town run activities being free over the weekend.

For a full schedule of events and details go online to www.gorebay.ca/Harbour-Days and see the ad on Page 11 of this newspaper.



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6:00PM-7:00PM - Family Dance (Featuring Island Time DJ & Dancing

7:00PM - Opening Ceremony with Mayor

7:00PM-1:00AM - Beer Gardens with proceeds to the Western Manitoulin Lions Club Free Admission/DD Available - LIVE MUSIC

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SATURDAY JULY 26TH

3:30AM-10:00AM - Gore Bay Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast, Adults \$15 & Children 12 and under \$5

9:00AM-1:00PM - Vendors Market

10:00AM-4PM - Amaze N Fun in the Kids Zone -Bouncies, Foam Party, Rock Wall, Face Painting and

11:00AM-1:30PM - The Marvellous Magic Show & balloon animals

11:00AM-2:00PM - Beef on a Bun (\$12) & Beverages (pop/water \$2) with proceeds to the Western Manitoulin **Lions Club**

11:00AM-2:00PM - Northern Exotics

11:30AM-1:00AM - Beer Gardens with proceeds to the Available - LIVE MUSIC

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7:30PM - Gore Bay Theatre 'Separate Beds' at the Community Hall - tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

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SUNDAY JULY 27TH

8:30AM - 2nd Annual Breeze Around the Bay Registration and Check-In at the Harbour Centre, proceeds to the Lyon's Memorial Church **Food Cupboard**

11:00AM - Church Service, non-denominational everyone welcome!

10:00AM - 5km Fun Run Start at Harold Noble **Memorial Park**

11:15AM - 1km Fun Run Start at the Harbour

2:00PM - Gore Bay Theatre 'Woman in Black' at the Community Hall - tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door



FRIDAY JULY 25TH

6:00PM-8:30PM - Island Time Dancing

9:00PM-1:00AM - Elijah & The Back Burners

SATURDAY JULY 26TH

1:30PM-3:00PM - Manitoulin Swing Band

3:00PM-5:00PM - Chicks with Picks

5:00PM-7:00PM - Cole Hughson

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Approximately 65 Tehkummah Township residents were in attendance at a town hall meeting held in the community last week.

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...Tehkummah citizens seek answers

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here. We've compiled a good list of questions and concerns that we will bring to council, and this is just the first meeting of getting things going."

However, "it is not a time to attack the township, but to bring forward issues and concerns on things that need to be addressed," said Ms. Bowerman, encouraging residents to voice their concerns or write them out and put them in a basket located at the entrance to the hall.

"It is important for everyone to put their thoughts forward," said Mr. Crepeau. "Council does try, but we are not receiving answers to those questions." He noted, for example, an April 30 job posting by the township for a public works roads department position, but no one was hired. Interviews were conducted during the time council meetings had been suspended, but council did vote in favour of hiring a marina employee.

"Someone needs to explain why coun-

cil would fill the marina position over the public works roads department," said Mr. Crepeau. "No disrespect to the marina, but who do they answer to? Do they know what their responsibilities are?"

"What is the plan for road maintenance in the winter with only two employees?" asked Mr. Crepeau. "What is the plan for any resurfacing or hard topping of roads?"

"As for operations of the township office, the door is always locked," said Mr. Crepeau. "COVID is over, so why is the office closed to people coming in. If there is a reason for this, what is it?" He pointed out a third-party person has been hired to help the clerk working in the office, but no one knows what this person's responsibilities are.

Mr. Crepeau said members of the public have been asking for a township social media presence (Facebook for example). "We (Tehkummah) are probably the last

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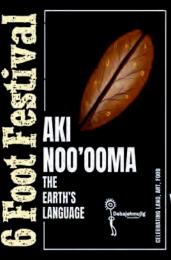
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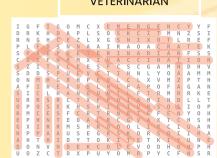
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...Noojmowin Teg mobilizing around child welfare settlement

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program—and its narrow interpretation of Jordan's Principle—had caused irreparable harm to thousands of First Nations children and caregivers.

The Trout Creek component of the broader class action specifically compensates: Children who were removed from their families by child welfare authorities between April 1, 1991, and March 31, 2022, while living on-reserve or in the Yukon; children who experienced delays, denials, or gaps in accessing essential services due to Canada's failure to uphold Jordan's Principle (from April 1, 1991, to November 2, 2017); and certain caregivers, including parents and grandparents, of these children.

Applications for compensation—divided into the "Removed Child Class" and the "Removed Child Family Class"—are now open. But for many, applying means reopening old wounds.

"People will be re-traumatized by the Removed Child Family Claims process," said Debbie Francis, director at Noojmowin Teg. "Individuals will want to apply for the basic amount and not reopen old memories of pain and suffering. Others need help with each step of their journey. It's about meeting individuals where they're at."

To do that, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre has hired

a team of trauma-informed Cultural Supports, blending Anishinaabe ways of knowing and being with western practices. Two Cultural Support Workers, Jacob Dayfox and Daniel Manitowabi have joined the team with a Nurse Navigator, Rebecca Dantouze.

The team will support individuals and their families, offering self-care, emotional, spiritual support and traditional healing practices.

That support goes beyond application forms. It means building trust, offering support with mental health and addictions, self-care, healing circles, ceremony, and the offering of Anishinaabemowin. The team plans to offer a model of trauma-informed care designed for both frontline workers and support to clients and their families

"If you don't work through the trauma, it becomes illness," Ms. Francis told the Expositor. "Let's work together to create a plan to help you take charge of your health and well-being and let go of the hurt that you do not need to carry or burden yourself with. That's the path to wellness."

Ms. Dantouze agrees. "The funding helps people with the application process, yes—but it's also about reform and reconciliation. It's about bringing families back together."

The team is planning on a series of pow wow socials just ahead of each of the seven communities larger pow wows as way to build relationships with community members.

The first Powwow Social is taking place on the evening of Thursday, July 24, hosted at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre at 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation at 5:30 pm.

It's designed to be a relaxed, welcoming gathering—a place to reconnect before the summer pow-wows. Think drum circles, family-friendly dancing, smudge, and informational booths led by the outreach team, while supporting the settlement claims and application process.

"These events are fun and family-oriented, but they're also about connection—spiritually, culturally, emotionally,"Ms. Dantouze said. "It's a healing space where people can come socialize and maybe practice their dance steps."

Still, there are limits to the settlement's reach. The eligibility criteria strictly requiring that children were living on-reserve at the time or in the Yukon and placed in federally funded care. Off-reserve families and many survivors of provincial child welfare systems are excluded.

Some call it the "Millennial Scoop"—a continuation of the Sixties Scoop and residential schools under new names and policies. The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre team hopes their work can interrupt those cycles—not just through the claims process settlement and paperwork, but through presence, listening and supporting the clients, their families and First Nations communities

"We will offer Anishinaabemowin lunch and learns, cultural teachings, social gatherings, access to traditional healers, knowledge keepers, mental health and addictions, primary care and health and wellness services in support of you and your healing journey," said Ms. Francis. "You move between your family support circle, your professional support circle, and your community support circle. The individuals know best what they require and we're here to provide those opportunities as a "path to healing."

As families begin the work of trauma, remembering, reclaiming, and rebuilding, Ms. Francis is clear: this is a step and a path to assist members with connecting to health and local cultural and wellness services and resources. Contact Noojmowin Teg Health Centre at 705-368-0083.

...whopper walleye

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The Expositor at that time).

Recently, John's grandson (Robert's son) kept up the family tradition with a large (29-inch) walleye caught just recently. Both fish were released to help keep the stocks strong.

Asked where the big fish were caught, Mr. Snow responded with a laconic "in the mouth." Pressed further, he admitted the spot was "somewhere in the North Channel." Fishermen are such closemouthed when it comes to their favourite spots it seems.

Mr. Snow noted that his son Robert has raised his three children to be "independent with their fishing tackle" and 12-year-old Patrick has his own boat and motor, operator's licence and is planning on getting his hunting licence as soon as he is able.

Bill Strain, of the Little Current Fish and Game Club brought the story to The Expositor's attention, noting that the club "have been stocking area waters since 1986."

Sadly, Mr. Strain reports that for the last three years, "the club has had no production from its hatchery due to the fact there has been no walleye spawning run in Bass Lake stream at Sheguiandah."

Mr. Strain notes that it was not unusual to see a number of gill nets strung across the bay in recent years,

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Debajehmujig opens its doors to the public and gives them a sneak peek

by Margery Frisch
MANITOWANING—At
the K.B. Reynolds Mastin Gallery, Debajehmujig Storytellers were kept
busy on July 17 giving
tours of their building,
cooking up lunch on the
barbecue, rehearsing for
the upcoming show and
greeting the many visitors who came through
their doors. And there
were door prizes to be
won, too.

Debajehmujig Storytellers is a First Nations theatre group and multiarts organization based in the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and each year they open their doors to let people in to see who they are, what they do, and what it all looks like.

The Expositor got the 'Platinum' tour, given by David "Sunny" Osawabine himself. The building is impressive in size, the storefront view at 43 Queen Street is deceptive—it's much larger than it appears—and is set up to accommodate the many facets of the organization. Upstairs, where so much happens, there's the 'cultural hub' and the maintenance office. The wardrobe room, located on the second floor is full of costumes, some are bought and some need to be created. Mr. Osawabine's wife, Christine, helps with costumes as creating needed.

"You know how some people say they wear many hats?" Mr. Osawabine said, "I just wear one and flip it." Though he does look after a great many areas in the creating, promoting and producing at Debajehmujig, the title which best describes his role at the centre, but by no means touches on all that he does there, is 'cultural educator.' He provides the traditional teachings for their students.

The recording studio was most impressive. It's used for doing voice over recordings for some shows. Also, the centre is often called upon to do translations of English into Anishnaabemowin. The sound and lighting booth are impressive too, soon to be set up for 'The Dead End.' Also in the upstairs space is the faculty office and production meetings take place there, script writing too. percent "Ninety-nine of what we do here is all creation work," Mr.



Sunny Osawabine in the wardrobe room at Debajehmujig Storytellers.

Osawabine said. The

administration office is

also located on the sec-

ond floor. The centre em-

ploys about 13 people in

total, then there are the

full-time students and

the summer students.

Another beautifully ap-

pointed room is what

once was the 'creation

station' but is now set up

Out in the Shabotowan Lodge, the teaching

lodge, recently set up at

the back of the property, there are banners,

depicting their influencers and emancipators. "Some were chiefs, tradi-

tionalists, cultural keep-

ers, and actors...going back to the 1960s," Mr.

Osawabine said. Josh

Peltier drew the portraits

and other staff members

helped with painting them. There were many,

and they were impres-

sive in name and stature. The downstairs holds

a gift shop, which fea-

tures mostly local ar-

tisans' work. There's

a large kitchen and an

art room. Barry Beaver

is back for the summer

after graduating from

Cambrian College. He

was helping design the

upcoming production's

sets. Overall, an impres-

sive structure and equal-

ly impressive organiza-

After some lunch and

tour of the entire build

ing, the opportunity

was presented to sit in

on a rehearsal of 'The

Dead End,' the produc-

for podcasting.

photos by Margery Frisch



The recording studio where they are often asked to translate English into Anishnaabemowin for health centre videos, etc.



Inside the Shabotowan Lodge, a teaching lodge, where images of past emancipators and influencers were on display during the open house.



Formerly creation station, the room is now set up for podcasting.

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but most concerning was that one fisher strung his nets across the very mouth of Bass Creek during spawning season. Since then, the club's tunnel nets (and the creek) have been devoid of walleye. While that practice might have brought a short-term gain, it was hardly in the spirit of maintaining the resource for seven generations.

"It has been very demoralizing for our club members," said Mr. Strain. Members continue to put in countless hours to maintain the pools in which fertilized eggs become fingerlings. Hauling them out when they reach a couple of inches in length. "After that they become predatory and start feed on each other," he said

Mr. Strain noted that the club is currently in negotiations with the MNR about acquiring more fertilized eggs for the hatchery.

tion soon to appear on the Debajehmujig stage. Just enough of the storyline was revealed to draw in those watching the rehearsal and make them determined to find out where the story goes from here—how does it end? It's a dramatic and tragic story about a bunch of guys on the night of their graduation from high school. The valedictorian shows up at the local hangout and four friends invite him to 'The Dead End,' their favourite spot to drink, smoke and party. He agrees to come with them and they decide he needs to go through the

initiation they have all been put through. That's where things go terribly wrong. The main cast of characters are 'the Don,' played by Daniel Recollet-Mejaki, Quinten Kaboni plays Slick, Ronnie is portrayed by Dustin Trudeau, Rich Nerd is played by Sapper Wemigwans and Tyler Pangowish plays Sparky. The show runs July 30 and 31 and August 1 to 3 and 6-9. If the rehearsal is any indication, the show is a must-see. Time is running out, you can call 705-859-3560 to reserve your seat today.



Richard Lathwell, president of the board, and Lynda Trudeau, general manager of Debajehmujig Storytellers.

Visit the Net Shed Museum in Meldrum Bay!

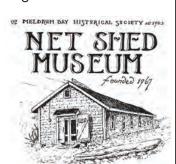
The Net Shed Museum, located at the west end of Manitoulin Island, is open from Saturday, June 28th, until Sunday, August 17th.

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

Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm. Closed daily from 12:30 pm to 1 pm, and on Mondays.

Free admission but donations appreciated.

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



Fundraising excursion to Louisa will support Manitoulin Family Resources

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN-The need for support for Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) has rarely been greater and thanks to Step Up for Manitoulin, a fundraising partnership between Rolston Realty and North Channel Cruise Lines, everyone has an opportunity to help, well, at least for those 100 guests who will be aboard the Grand Heron cruise to Louisa Island on August 23.

"Rolston Realty is the

presenting sponsor for the MFR fundraiser on August 23," said Steve Rolston. "All proceeds raised will go to MFR. Rolston Realty is very proud to be part of this initiative. MFR is an outstanding cause. Here at Rolston Realty, we pride ourselves on honesty and integrity and being involved in local fund-raising is just another way in which Rolston's has been giving back to Manitoulin for over 50 years. Many real estate brokerages have come and gone over the decades, but Rolston's is locally owned and operated and your money stays on the Island when you deal with the team at Rolston Realty. Whether it is your children's hockey team or the annual Haweater Weekend, Rolston Realty has always been there for

Manitoulin."

"We're going to whisk a hundred guests to Louisa Island," said Meredith Morris, chair of MFR's fundraising committee..

"While on route to Louisa, there's a beautiful prime rib on a bun dinner with summer salads and there's going to be live entertainment."

That live entertainment is traditional roots, Latin, classical, blues, jazz performer Ricardo Chávez, who may be familiar to

Manitoulin Islanders from his performances at Ribfest and the Providence Bay Sunset Series.

"Once we get to Louisa, a private island owned by North Channel Cruise Lines, we're going to be dazzled by Island Time dancing with Joe and Beth," said Ms. Morris. "They will whisk us under the big party tent that Chris (Blodgett, owner of the cruise line) has set up. They're going to be doing line dancing lessons and then, on the way back, we will watch the sunset. There will be a cheese and fruit course while we watch the sunset and listen to more live entertainment as we pull into the town docks and Little Current."

The entire cruise lasts four and a half hours, with boarding taking place at 4 pm on the Port of Little Current waterfront.

Meal options on the cruise will also include a grilled veggies on a bun and both the prime rib and veggie options will include sides of watermelon and feta salad, corn salad and spring potato salad.

Cost for the Step Up for Manitoulin cruise is a manageable \$150 plus HST and tickets can be booked at northchanneltours.com.



Tickets are on sale now for a fundraising cruise sponsored by Rolston Realty and North Channel Cruise Lines to benefit Manitoulin Family Resources.

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EVENT DETAILS

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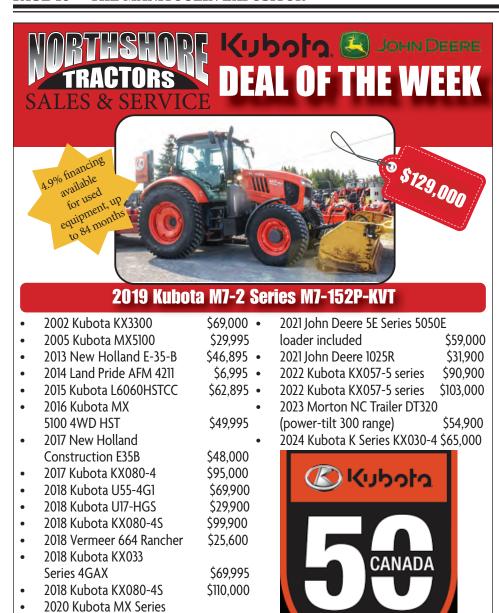


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No Safe Amount

Poor diets, poor access and the health crisis facing Island's most vulnerable

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOULIN —In a healthcare desert like Manitoulin Island, where low-income families face rising grocery bills and long waits for specialist care, the latest global findings on diet and disease carry a heavy weight.

A sweeping new study published in Nature Medicine analyzed more than 60 previous reports and delivered a clear and chilling message: there is no safe amount of processed meat, sugary drinks, or trans fats. Published in Nature Medicine, the study analyzed over 60 past reports and found that just one daily hot dog increases a person's risk of type 2 diabetes by 11 percent and colorectal cancer by seven percent. A single can of soda raises the risk of diabetes by eight percent and heart disease by two percent. No level of consumption was considered "safe."

"This research confirms what public health professionals and community advocates have long warned: poverty is a health crisis," said Dr. Demewoz Haile, lead author and research scientist at the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Seattle.

But here on Manitoulin, where living off the land is no longer as accessible for many and where food bank usage has surged to record levels this year, making "healthy choices" often means choosing between rent and real food.

For too many local families, healthy eating is less about willpower and more about survival. Grocery costs are climbing. Fresh options are hard to come by without a vehicle. Affordable housing is vanishing. And basic health care? Still out of reach for hundreds across the Island.

Poverty, Processed Foods and the Hidden Cost of Convenience

In previous Expositor reports, we've documented how families in Gore Bay, Little Current, and beyond are relying more heavily on food banks — many of which are seeing supplies run low by mid-month. The most readily available options for those without vehicles or grocery budgets are often shelf-stable, calorie-dense and heavily processed.

It's not hard to understand why hot dogs, sugary drinks and boxed meals dominate grocery carts when they're cheap, non-perishable, and easy to prepare after a long day of shift work or child-rearing without childcare.

As previously reported by The Expositor, living without a family doctor — a reality for many Manitoulin residents — compounds the harm. Preventative screenings for diabetes and colon cancer are delayed or missed. Nutrition guidance is rare. And chronic illness is too often discovered only after a crisis sends someone to the ER — if they can even get there.

The Role of Systemic Neglect

Nutrition professor Gunter Kuhnle of the University of Reading in the U.K. cautions that it's not just the food itself — it's the bigger picture of structural inequality. People who eat more processed food often also face low income, housing insecurity, stress, smoking and limited access to care.

On Manitoulin, those dots are already connected. As previously reported in our coverage of local health — traditional foods — once the foundation of community nutrition — have become harder to access due to environmental degradation, high fuel costs, and the legacy of co-

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Pleasant Valley Farm an educational, tourist attraction

by Tom Sasvari KAGAWONG—A local family decided to bring a long-time dairy farm back to life with its main focus on beef cattle and its education and agriculture tourist location.

"We want people to come in and enjoy having a look at our farm operations and our outdoor education centre, to learn about farming, husbandry and other aspects of farming," said Lauren Porter-Geerdink of Pleasant Valley Farm, in Kagawong, which held its official opening this past Saturday.

Pleasant Valley Farm is a unique education centre and agritourism location. The centre offers hands on learning to farming for all ages. There are live animals, information on the history of agriculture, including local history, a play area for children and so much more.

"It's an agriculture-education farm," Ms. Porter-Geerdink told The Expositor. "We have a fully operational farm, mainly focusing on beef operations. As well as raising cattle, we also raise meat birds, laying hens, goats, all for our own products and healthy eating."

"With the educational centre, it provides an opportunity for children to learn about a beef farm and its operations, animal husbandry, crops and animals, of course," said Ms. Porter-Geerdink. There is also a play area, and everything is self-guided for families.

Porter-Geerdink Ms. and her husband Jeffrey have two sons, Levi and Joel, and a daughter Grace. "We purchased this farm in 2021 and got the centre open the second weekend in July."

"The family 300-acre property backs onto Lake Kagawong and used to boast one of Manitoulin's larger operational dairy farms. The dairy barn, parlour and milk house are still part of the farm today. Unfortunately, the dairy portion of the operations were sold and the dairy ceased on the farm. Our family has decided to bring the farm back to life with our main focus on beef cattle, and our education and agriculture tourist location," their website indicates.

"Our families' combined background in both agriculture and education creates a perfect combination for Pleasant Valley Farm to operate in this capacity. We have a passion for educating others, especially children, as well as all aspects of farm life including animal husbandry, planting and harvesting, cattle and animals of all kinds. Lastly, we enjoy knowing our farm and knowing our food. We raise happy and healthy animals that produce products that we feel good about consuming."

Ms. Porter-Geerdink is a registered early childhood education teacher. "I originally came from the Bruce Peninsula, and the majority of the children I taught didn't know about farming and agriculture. We can take it



Visitors of all ages are welcome at Pleasant Valley Farm in Kagawong.

area they know all of this, but this isn't the case with all children."

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The Chad MacKenzie team, which included Joey Eadie, Greg McCourt and Josh Favaro won the men's division championships. Also in photo is Lions club member Chris Bryan.

Prov/Spring Bay Lion golf fundraiser to benefit youth curling, Girl Guides

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—The third annual Providence Bay and Spring Bay Lions Club golf tournament was again this year a huge success!

"This was our third year of holding this tournament," said Lions Club member Chris Bryan at the awards ceremony after the 18-hole tournament, held July 12 at Manitoulin Golf in Gordon/Barrie Island was completed. "Over the past two years we have raised \$15,000 and this year's tournament will bring us over \$20,000 for the three years."

"We want to keep the tournament going as long as we can," said Mr. Bryan.

The tournament drew fifteen teams of four participating. "On behalf of the Lions Club we want to thank everyone for taking part again this year," said Mr. Bryan. He pointed out the 50/50 draw was the biggest to date, with \$2.330 worth of tickets sold.

Proceeds raised from the tournament will benefit the Providence Bay Curling Club Youth and Junior Curling program and the 1st Western Manitoulin Girl Guides SEGPR. Mr. Bryan noted the Lions Club had received \$3,000 in sponsorships for the tournament, and with \$2,400 in registration fees for participants. Many

prizes were donated to the Lions Club for a silent auction held during the day.

As for the tournament itself, the Amy Wright team, which included Amy and John Wright, Sherry Marois and her son Josh, won the mixed division with a score of 69, three under par.

The Chad MacKenzie team, which also included Joey Eadie, Greg McCourt and Josh Favaro won the men's division with a nine under par score of 63.

The Sonia Morningstar team, which included E.J. Murray and Marti Murray, and Sandy Bonbled, won the ladies' division with a score of three under par.

The prize for the ladies' shot closest to the pin on the second hole was won by Tara Dantouze (a shot only four inches from the pin), while Matt Moggy won the prize on the men's side.

The prize for the most honest team went to the Brian Mitchell team.

Mr. Bryan acknowledged the support from several participants that have played in all three of the Lions club tournaments including Ellen Holroyd, Pat Burke, Chris Anderson, Duane Deschamps, Mike Abotossaway, Billie Abotossaway, Brad Anderson, Keith Jacques and his team, Eric Theriault, Dan Ryan.

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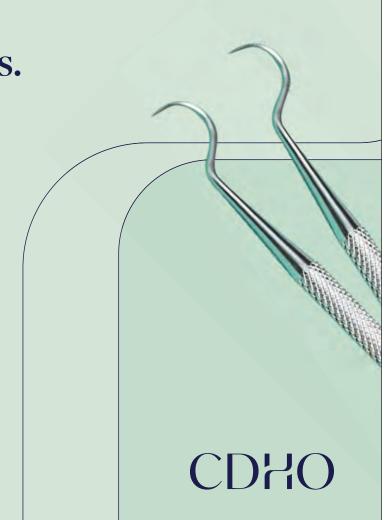
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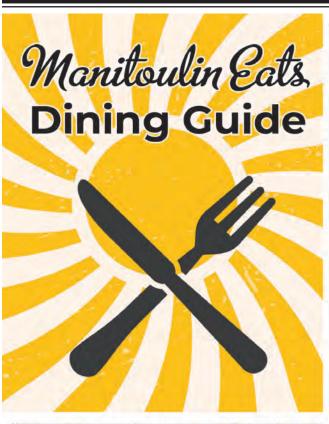
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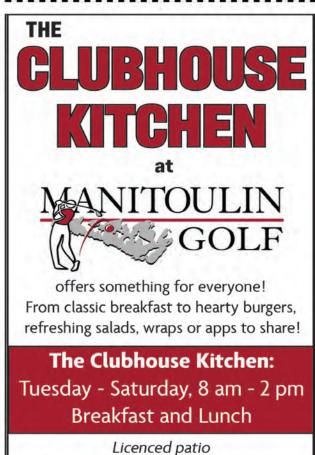




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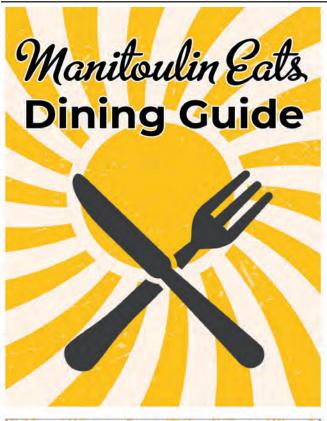
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lonial food disruption.

"Don't panic," said Professor Kuhnle. "Food is more than nutrients — it's culture, connection, joy." But for too many here, the joy has long been stripped from food and replaced with shame, fatigue, and survival math.

What Can Be Done?

Nutrition experts and public health researchers agree: perfection isn't the goal. But equitable access to fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and culturally relevant foods should be. That means investments in local food systems, land-based education, community gardens, and fair wages — not just diet lectures from afar.

As we've reported, several local organizations are already pushing for change: hosting workshops, building seed libraries, distributing wild rice and moose meat and running mobile food banks to reach elders and isolated families.



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The Hidden Risks in Everyday Foods

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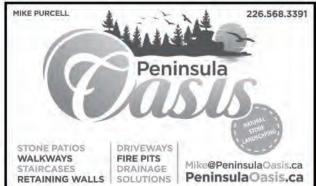
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Deadline looms for glyphosate review as Manitoulin and national concerns align

by Jacqueline St.Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—The Federal Court has given Health Canada and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) until August 2025 to conduct a full scientific reassessment of glyphosate, after ruling that the agencies failed to consider independent, peer-reviewed evidence when renewing several glyphosate-based herbicides, including Mad Dog Plus.

The ruling follows legal action from a coalition of environmental and public health organizations—Friends of the Earth Canada, Environmental Defence, Safe Food Matters, and the David Suzuki Foundation—represented by Ecojustice. The court found that the PMRA's 2022 renewal of Mad Dog Plus did not meet the legal requirement to base regulatory decisions on current science, particularly as evidence has mounted linking glyphosate to cancer, reproductive harm, disruption of the human microbiome, neurological toxicity, and adverse effects on pollinators and aquatic ecosystems.

"Glyphosate is the most widely used pesticide in Canada, with residues detected in 70 percent of Canadians tested," said Ecojustice lawyer Laura Bowman. "Health Canada now has until August 2025 to re-evaluate this product using up-to-date, independent science."

This federal decision mirrors rising concern at the grassroots level, including here on Manitoulin Island, where residents and local governments have been asking increasingly pointed questions about where, how, and why glyphosate is being sprayed.

In a delegation to NEMI Council on May 22, Janice Mitchell of Tehkummah called for clarity and caution, referencing the widespread use of glyphosate in forestry and the difficulty communities face in accessing transparent data about when and where spraying occurs. Her appearance followed similar delegations to

Tehkummah Township and the Manitoulin Municipal Association earlier this spring, where she presented evidence drawn from forestry maps, academic studies and Health Canada records.

"I'm asking you to protect the health of residents and the water, the wildlife and the land," she told council. We are downstream."

Councils across the Island have expressed concern about the lack of local control over provincial spraying permits issued on Crown land, and have joined calls for a moratorium or greater public oversight.

Slower Progress in New Brunswick Draws Criticism

Elsewhere in Canada, attempts to reform glyphosate regulations have encountered delays. In New Brunswick, a 2021 report by the provincial committee on

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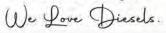




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Gore Bay Harbour Days annual ecumenical church service under the tent on Sunday, July 27 at 11 am. Followed by a potluck lunch and fellowship. Everyone welcome.

9-10p

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9-12p

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climate change and environmental stewardship recommended stronger protections, including: Increasing aerial spray setbacks from homes to 1 kilometre; expanding watercourse buffer zones to 100 metres; phasing out glyphosate use by N.B. Power; and reviewing safer alternatives to glyphosate-based products.

Three-and-a-half years later, only 11 of the 20 recommendations have

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Guest speaker: Manitoulin Streams been marked "complete," and even those have been questioned. At a recent committee meeting, Assistant Deputy Environment Minister Christie acknowledged Ward that the province had increased residential setbacks for aerial spraying to 500 metres—still only halfway to the committee's original target.

For watercourses, current provincial rules require 65 metres for aerial application and 30 metres for ground-based spraying, falling short of the 100-metre buffer recommended in the report.

Green MLA Megan Mitton and Green Party leader David Coon questioned whether the department had meaningfully implemented the report's recommendations or merely reworded existing poli-

"When you went through the recommendations... you pointed to a number of those recmarked as completed, which were not implemented as recommended," said Mr. Coon. "So essentially, you rejected those recommendations."

Ward responded that the department was working to fulfill the "intent" of the committee's guidance, though she noted some of the recommendations were based on an incomplete understanding of prior regulations.

Environment Minister Gilles LePage, who participated in drafting the original report while in opposition, acknowledged the lag. "In the past six years, I think there was a lack of work on that file." he said. "That's why it's part of my mandate now."

Mr. LePage's mandate letter from Premier Susan Holt calls for a full implementation of the committee's report and a New Brunswick-specific

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Thank you

The family of Carl & Gerry Ziegler would like to thank everyone who came to the church to offer their condolences, and to those who brought food and/or flowers. We appreciate each and every one of you who helped us send Mom home.

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"Why can't council meeting agendas be posted on Fridays before regular council meetings?" asked Mr. Crepeau.

Mr. Crepeau pointed out the township does not currently have anyone in the office spending time looking for grant opportunities, even though those grants are out there. The township did have someone to fill this position, but they left, he said.

"The township says their meetings are recorded, but why are they not available?" asked Mr. Crepeau. He said a new kitchen was installed at the John Budd Park awhile back, but council has not set prices for rentals of the facility, nor has council indicated if they are planning to increase trailer park fees.

Mr. Crepeau said there was an offer by a local resident to clean the dumpsite area of brush and debris, with residents willing to help out, but this has still not been approved by council.

"As for staff wages, where is that? Who is getting what? How are they spending the taxpayers money?" asked Mr. Crepeau, from the list of questions. "Administration had set a budget of \$147,000 to run the office and four years later now requesting over \$200,000. It is your—taxpayers—money; we should know why this has increased so significantly."

He said residents want to know if there is a job description in place for each township employee.

The township received a government grant for work on









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the Bowerman Trail, and the money has been spent, but residents don't know if it has been completed.

Mr. Crepeau said on the May long weekend it was discovered the fuel pump at the marina was not working, so people in boats coming to the marina could not get gas, and it is still not working.

Last fall a resident complained that the playground swings and tetter totters were in disrepair and needed to be removed before a child is hurt. Mr. Crepeau said the swings have been taken down, but the teeter totters are still in the playground even though they are broke. Council is still looking into grants to replace this playground equipment.

"Council is holding a closed meeting to discuss the budget, tonight," said Mr. Crepeau. "We are already eight months into the year. The proposed budget handed out a couple of months ago could have been done by a Grade 6 student. And no money has been put aside for legal expenses."

Mr. Crepeau pointed out last year the township paid over \$4,000 in late fee fines. "Who is monitoring the situation? And is the lawsuit against the township (from a former employee) settled?"

"We are not getting answers on any of these questions," said Mr. Crepeau.

Resident Brian McCarthy said there is a major issue with the bridge over the Manitou River. The township had the bridge replaced on the Government Road over the Manitou River however work needs to be done to keep a portion of it from falling into the river. He outlined a plan that he and another resident have that would keep this from happening, on a temporary basis until it is properly supported. "If it falls into the river the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources) will go in and take it out at a cost to the township. Belanger Construction looked at it and it was going to cost \$39,000 to remove or pin the bridge to the wall right now, but the work was not undertaken," he said. "It will cost the township and its taxpayers a lot of money if it falls into the river."

Paul Bowerman, a former Tehkummah township councillor said, "in my experience with the township, they don't follow all the acts and procedures that are mandated and that is when they end up in the bees nest—this has been going on for years."

"There used to be committees of council, so members of the public and council would look at issues and concerns," said Mr. Bowerman. "I was on council for two terms. It is

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sickening that our municipality has to go backwards before it can go forward.'

We are not here to attack council but to get answers to our questions and concerns," said Mr. Crepeau.

Former township councillor Rick Gordon said, "my opinion is we have not had a good clerk in this township since Patsy Gilchrist was here. One of our former clerks tried to run the township with her friends. As for the question on the Bowerman trail, upgrades had been approved. Why the plans and money went away I don't know.'

Mr. Gordon said what the township needs "a clerk that lives in the township, and a council we can trust will work for the betterment of the entire township and not for their own gains. The township has a good future in my opinion, but we need to find a clerk that lives here and will do a good job for us.'

Grace McLeod told the meeting she is a former management accountant. "A good job description for every position in the township would stop lawsuits. It doesn't take a brain surgeon to figure this out.'

"And we need to hire a person with the proper papers and experience as a clerk," said one resident.

Mr. Crepeau said, "we have two guys on council that have between 50-60 years' experience in public works/ roads, and they are not even allowed in the roads department garage. And the clerk who is in charge has never been in the garage."

Mr. Crepeau said in looking at the township proposed budget, it expected to spend \$12,000 on propane fuel this year, but by the end of January the township had already

"That's all we have tonight," said Mr. Crepeau. "We're here and council is at their budget meeting. They know we're here, and if they finish their meeting in good time they could be here."

Ms. McLeod said, "the Ontario Landowners (OLA) would stand behind all the comments residents have made here tonight. All you would have to do is form a chapter here, and when the OLA talks to a municipality, they listen.

"We would like to thank everyone for attending tonight's meeting," said Ms. Bowerman. "It is disappointing council could not attend this meeting, but they are having a budget meeting tonight. We will bring forward the concerns raised tonight to council. And keep the comments coming. More are definitely welcome.'



Ashley Bowerman organized the Tehkummah Town Hall meeting, attended by about 65 local residents last week.

Death Notices

GERALDINE "GERRY" MONICA LOUISE ZIEGLER (nee McGregor)

September 29, 1934 - July 11, 2025



With heavy hearts, we regret to announce the passing of Geraldine "Gerry" Monica Louise Ziegler (nee McGregor) in her 90th year, who began her spirit journey peacefully on July 11, 2025 at Manitoulin Health Centre. She was born on September 29, 1934 to David and Louise (Meawasige) McGregor (both predeceased). She was married

and survived by her husband Carl, children Wayne Douglas (predeceased), Karen McGraw (Fred), Marilyn Stevens, Evelyn Leeson (Darrel predeceased), Ann, Carl Jr. (Shari), Gerald (Micheline) and Brian (Margaret). Also survived by her 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and spiritual son David Schulist. Gerry is survived by her sister Jean McGregor-Migwanebi (Lawrence) of Birch Island and eight other siblings Theodore, Teresa, Blanche, Evelyn, Gordon, Oscar, Rose, Helena and Godfrey (all predeceased). Gerry is survived by a great many nieces and nephews and cousins, too many to mention but always in her heart. Mom was an avid bingo player who liked to go to see her bingo buddies any chance she could to catch up on the goings on. She loved to knit us socks for the winter and make soup and scon when it was cold. We never needed to worry, mom was always there to give us advice, scold us and to tell us to smarten up. She was gentle, she was kind, firm yet loving. She strived to reach 100 but the Lord had other plans. We will miss every word, every bit of time, but will always remember her in our hearts forever. The wake was at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Little Current on Monday, July 14, 2025 from 4 to 9 pm and Tuesday, July 15, 2025 from 9 am to 9 pm. The funeral service was Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 11 am at St. Bernard's Catholic Church with interment in the Birch Island Cemetery. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd., Espanola.

BARBARA HAY January 11, 1954 - June 20, 2025



B orn in Toronto, Barbara was wonderfully warm and had a deep sense of caring and responsibility. Countless people were touched by her kindness. She didn't hesitate to speak up about what's right or offer a helping hand - or frank advice - if you needed it! She moved to Vancouver in her early twenties and met the

love of her life, William Hay. They married and had two kids, Shawna and Garrett, who will cherish her loving spirit forever. She was diagnosed with brain cancer in 1995. Through major surgery and treatments thanks to the team at PMH she remained resilient and kept a positive outlook. She enjoyed a longer than expected life between Elliot Lake, the farm on Manitoulin Island and Sudbury. Her final years were spent in Ottawa's Carlingview LTC facility. We're eternally grateful for their caring staff there, who shared her strong spirit and kindness. Barbara is predeceased by her loving husband William and her parents Joan and Ivan. Barbara is survived by her children, Shawna (Lars) and Garrett; grandchildren Leif and Gala; brother Wes (Arla); sister Beverly; and roommate Mavis. We hold her memory, spirit and values deep in our hearts and will continue to share them with the world. In lieu of flowers optional donations to Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation are welcome.

DONALD "DONNY" NORTON March 16, 1955 - July 8, 2025



In loving memory of Donald **■** "Donny" Norton, 70, who passed away peacefully on July 8, 2025 at Health Sciences North with his family by his side. Donny was born in Stouffville, Ontario on March 16, 1955 to Lawrence "Crumb" and Marjorie Norton. Donny was raised in his beloved hometown of Claremont,

Ontario where he was a local legend. He was the man everyone knew, always willing to lend a helping hand, tell a great joke and sit down to talk a while. Walking into the local restaurant or store, everyone knew his name and his daughter's were simply, "Donny Norton's girls." The kind of community where friends are family too. In his younger days he was an avid hockey and baseball player. But his most passionate pastimes were gardening and fishing. His daughters have many fond memories of learning how to work the soil, plant seeds and then tend to the garden. Eating vegetables from the garden is a memory both Michelle and Cheryl will hold close to their hearts. Don started his life as a truck driver, but left trucking to be closer to home and raise his children with Denise. Norton Home Improvements became the best local company for siding, roofing, windows and doors. Don and his crew of both family and friends provided quality service to so many homes in Claremont and he was so proud of his work. He was a devoted friend to many and would lend a helping hand to anyone who asked him to. In 2002, he moved to Manitoulin Island where he resided with his current wife Patricia, where he quickly endeared himself to many of the local farmers and tradespeople. The first phone call he made during his hospital stay was to let his Island friends know he couldn't help with having this year. Don is dearly missed by his daughters Michelle (Giovanni) Grano and Cheryl (Rick Moore) Norton. His grandchildren, Aislinn, Sammi, Lainna and Emilio who will remember him gardening and bringing Timbits when he came to visit. He also left behind his wife of 22 years, Patricia (nee Scott), his siblings Larry Norton (Sharon predeceased), Faye Brown (predeceased) (Henry), Gail Beebly (Bob) and Daryl Norton (Jacqueline). He will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews. He loved fiercely and was the most loyal man we knew. His knack for telling inappropriate jokes at the perfect time made him even more lovable. He kept the nurses and doctors laughing even as his health deteriorated. Michelle and Cheryl want to sincerely thank the nurses and doctors at Health Sciences North for their patient and loving care of their father in his final days. As per Don's wishes, there will be no formal service. A Celebration of Don's Life will be hosted by his daughters Michelle and Cheryl at the Claremont Legion on Sunday, July 27, 2025 from 1 to 4 pm. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lougheed's Funeral Home, Sudbury. An additional memorial service for his Manitoulin Island family will be held in the fall, after having season. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com towards the Health Sciences North Foundation or the Claremont Legion.

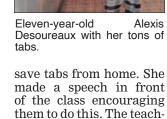
Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, POP 1H0 and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

Girl with Island roots helps collect can tabs for a cause

CAPREOL—A young girl from Capreol, who has strong family ties to Manitoulin Island, has collected can tabs and encouraged other students in her school to collect them too, which are then used to benefit a six-year-old boy with autism who gives them to an organization in Sudbury.

Eleven-year-old Alexis Desoureaux of Capreol asked her Nana one day what she was doing with the can tabs. Her grandmother, Lisa Orford, explained she was collecting tabs to provide for wheelchairs. She asked Lexie if she would save tabs from her mom and dad.

Lexie told her teacher she would ask her grade to



er grades at the school. All the students collected can tabs for Lexie. By the end of June, they had collected over 20,000

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Lexie said that in September she will start the collection campaign recently again. She brought the can tabs to her Nana on Manitoulin Island, who gave them to a six-year-old boy with autism who gives to an organization in Sudbury for wheelchairs.

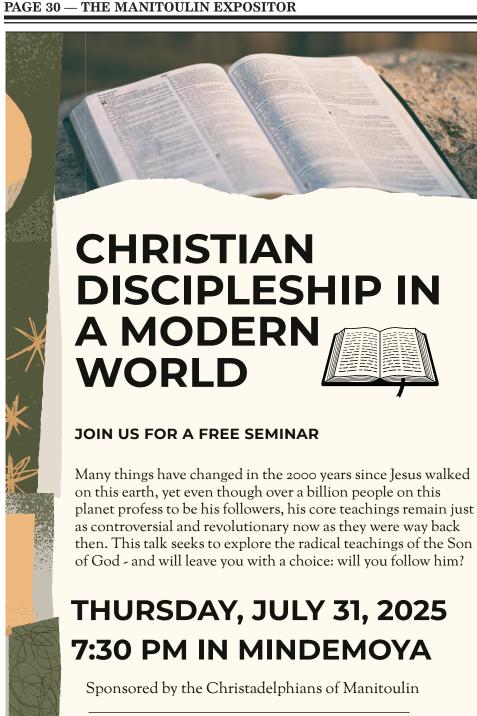
Great job. Lexie!



BOWERMAN—In loving memory of a dear father, grandfather and great-grandfather, William (Bill), who left us suddenly on July 23,

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Government of Canada launching update of regional growth strategy

FedNor funds also announced in support of the tourism industry

THUNDER BAY—The Honourable Patty Hajdu, federal minister of jobs and families and minister responsible for FedNor, has announced the updated Prosperity and Growth for Northern Ontario, as well as a total FedNor investment of \$4,571,673 in tourism projects across the region, including several funding recipients on Manitoulin

"The economic landscape has seen many changes over the last five years and communities in Northern Ontario deserve new opportunities for economic development," said Minister Hajdu. "Whether it is harnessing new investment opportunities or supporting careers in the tourism industry, today's announcement (July 17) is critical to maximizing Northern Ontario's full potential, in collaboration with communities and organizations across the

Tourism initiatives funded by Fednor in Northcentral Ontario include the Indigenous Tourism Association of Ontario (ITAO) which is receiving funding of \$250,011 to develop and implement a tourism corridor strategy to accelerate Indigenous tourism in Northern Ontario. Designed to attract visitors from south of Muskoka to the Manitoulin Island and Sault Ste. Marie corridor, the strategy will promote Indigenous tourism focused businesses that are visitor ready. The strategy will include three key studies: a corridor strategy, implementation and sustainability report, and a business case for development/future investment in tourism along the corridor. At least 15 Indigenous-owned businesses in Northern Ontario will be directly supported to showcase cultural heritage and develop market-ready products as part of the corridor development.

To help boost tourism in the region, Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) is receiving a non-repayable FedNor investment of \$112,500 to create a best-in-class mountain bike park.

The new park will be located at the Nordic Ski Club's 80-acre facility, thus transforming the area into a four-season destination. The park will be engineered and built to International Mountain Bike Association standards and will complement the existing cvcling tourism products which include e-bikes and chargers and over 850 kilometres of off-road and paved routes along Manitoulin's beautiful road-

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) is receiving a FedNor investment of \$42,575 through its NODP to help NEMI maximize the tourism and economic potential of its Home, Cottage and Culinary Show (HCCS). Identified as a local priority, the funding was used to purchase an accessible portable stage, sound system and generator to enhance the 2025 HCCS experience (held recently) and reduce costs for future municipal and community-led events. These assets will also improve the visitor experience, encourage return visits and increase economic activity through visitor spending in the region.

The Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario is a comprehensive document intended to support and amplify current and ongoing government of Canada programs and collaborations to address the needs of Northern Ontario's residents and communities.

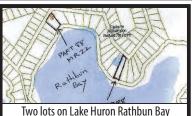




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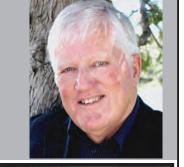
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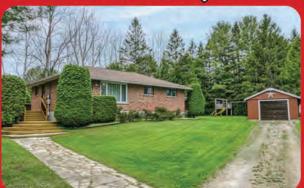


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up," said Alderville First Nation Chief Taynar Simpson in a public statement.

"Our case is not a fight against development," he added. "It is a fight against dangerous development pushed ahead by factless, thoughtless, and reckless decision-making from government ministers behind closed doors."

Statements from First Nations Leadership

Chiefs from several of the plaintiff nations spoke at last Wednesday's press conference. Apitipi Anicinapek Chief June Black described the duty to protect the land as a "sacred responsibility" and said the legislation represented a "clear and present danger" to Indigenous ways of life.

"We have a right to a way of life in our lands, and that way of life includes decision-making and government authorities," said Chief Black. "Canada and Ontario cannot continue to make unilateral decisions about developments and major projects."

Oneida Nation of the Thames Chief Todd Cornelius also emphasized that the issue was not a blanket opposition to economic activity.

"We First Nations are not against development per se. This is not about a battle between development and not," said Chief Cornelius. "It is about doing things recklessly and doing things right."

In a written statement, Chief Sheri Taylor of Ginoogaming First Nation questioned the rationale provided by government officials, who have cited ongoing trade tensions with the United States and tariff threats from President Donald Trump as reasons to expedite national infrastructure development.

"If Canada and Ontario are so worried about threats to Canada from a bullying U.S. president whose administration has been stripping human rights protections, then why are Canada and Ontario supposedly answering those threats with their own laws that bully First Nations and strip human rights and environmental protections here?" asked Chief Taylor. "Would that not make this country the very thing we are trying to avoid being imposed on us?"

Government Responses

The Office of the Premier of Ontario issued a statement saying it continues to consult with First Nations on shared priorities, including infrastructure and resource development.

"We have begun productive conversations with First Nations who share our vision of unlocking economic opportunity and critical infrastructure in their communities, and will continue these consultations throughout the summer," said Premier Ford's spokesperson, Hannah Jensen. "These consultations will shape the regulations and criteria for new special economic zones and Indigenous-led economic zones."

Prime Minister Mark Carney also hosted a summit with First Nations leadership on July 16 and 17 to discuss the implementation of Bill C-5 and related concerns.

Lawyer Kate Kempton, who is representing the nine nations, said the challenge is aimed at ensuring Indigenous communities are not excluded from decisions with long-term consequences for the land and future generations.

"When we first heard of Bill 5, we were given a mandate by our citizens to stop this bill at any cost," said Chief Simpson. "And that is what we are doing today."

The legal action filed by the nine Ontario First Nations came just days before a national summit on Bill C-5, hosted by Prime Minister Mark Carney in Gatineau, Quebec, on July 16 and 17.

The chiefs of Ontario raised concerns about Ottawa's handling of a July 16 meeting with Prime Minister Mark Carney to discuss Bill C-5, the Building Canada Act. Prime Minister Carney had committed to meeting First Nations after chiefs said their rights were overlooked during the bill's fast-tracked passage.

Initially, chiefs, legal advisers and technical staff were invited to register. Days later, only regional chiefs' registrations were confirmed; all others were excluded despite having made travel arrangements. The chiefs called the decision disappointing and unfair, noting the bill's potential to reshape the country and the importance of having full support at the table. Prime Minister Carney's office did not respond to requests for comment.

Leaders arrived at parliament in Ottawa — that sits on Algonquin land which has been petitioned since 1772 and has been under formal negotiation since the 90s — with questions, legal threats and growing frustration over the fast-tracked law and what it could mean for their lands and rights.

More than 600 chiefs from across the country travelled to the Canadian Museum of History, where the federal government invited leaders to discuss the implications of the Building Canada Act.

The summit was framed by the federal government as an opportunity for "engagement," not formal consultation. This distinction was noted by many attendees, including Chief Don Tom of the Tsartlip First Nation and vice-president of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs (UBCIC).

"The prime minister was clear that this was not consultation but rather engagement," said Chief Tom. "I think the general feeling amongst chiefs is that the government is a day late and a dollar short."

Chief Tom noted that while many First Nations had expressed concerns about the bill, those given the floor during the summit were largely supportive of industrial development.

"From the opening of the meeting, it was evident that those who were project-friendly were given the platform to speak," he told CBC News following the summit

"This is a bad decision by the prime minister to short-circuit the need to protect the land, the earth itself, and to trample on our people's rights and reduce our rights to consultation," said Ovide Mercredi, a lawyer and former national chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in a virtual meeting held to prepare for the summit. Former Chief Mercredi is a Cree leader born on January 30, 1946, in Grand Rapids, Manitoba, Canada. He is a member of the Misipawistik Cree Nation, located in central Manitoba.

"We still own this land."

"We're heading to challenges in the court system," said Chief Teegee, referencing not only Bill C-5 but also B.C.'s related Bills 14 and 15.

In its public statement, BCAFN noted that most of

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Tugfest is coming to the Port of Little Current in mid-August

by Michael Erskine

PARRY SOUND—There are a hardy group of boating enthusiasts who take on (mostly) retired tugboats, converting them into vessels more suitable to civilian and recreational life. A large group of those tugs will be coming to the Port of Little Current on the weekend of August 16 to celebrate Tugfest, or the Georgian Bay Tug Boat Festival as it is now officially known.

The Expositor caught up with Captan Bob Corrigan, a longtime tug enthusiast who helps to organize the annual Tugfest gatherings.

"Tugfest all started back in the early 80s, when a couple of tugboat owners were sitting having some refreshments, mainly out of a dark bottle with a Captains picture on it," said Mr. Corrigan. "The topic was how much power and how fast their tugs could go. As the brown bottle got lighter, the topic got louder and the challenge for a race was on.'

"The first race was here with a distance of just three miles, out in the big sound," he said. "The next vear the challenge came from Penetang and more tugs joined the group. This went back and forth for about five years, then one of the founding members passed away."

Interest dropped off at that point, he explained, as there was no one willing to organize Tugfest.

Fast forward a decade. "The topic came up and again over another one of them brown bottles with the Caption's picture on it," chuckled Mr. "Some-Corrigan. one asked 'what happened to the tug races you guys used to run?' and that someone was me. A Tugfest cartoon by Tugfest co-founder lent and then there Captain Jack Kennedy. was a low raspy

continued to build up until they reached around 25 tugs in the group. "The rotations went on until about 2005 and again interest dropped off," said Mr. Corrigan. "In 2009, I purchased the 60-foot tug Cambrian from Captain Jack Kennedy, who was in fact one of the founders of Tugfest and was part of the original group that took the challenge to race. We would get together from time to time and just raft out somewhere and enjoy the moment talking tugs

and viewing the upgrades going on each tug. During this period we got a flotilla together and attend the Great Tug Races in the Soo (Sault Ste. Marie), stopping in Little Currant enroute-also a trip to Owen Sound was enjoyed."

In 2013 the group received an invitation from Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to help celebrate the 100th anniversary

of the swing bridge.

"We were treated with open arms and the captain's still talk about the great time they had," said Mr. Corrigan. "That kind of rekindled the spirit of Tugfest. The captains were again up for new adventures when an offer came from Midland in 2014 to host Tugfest. We have been going there every year since. Midland has been good to us, with free docking and hosting our awards

"This year we couldn't have our usual date because the tall ships were there, so it was decided to reach out for a new location for this year and Little Currant won hands down," said Mr. Corrigan. "We have tugs coming from Port Dover, Parry Sound, Owen Sound, Midland and the Sault and are looking for it to be a fun-filled weekend. The tug captains and their families all looking forward to showing off their tugs to the viewing public."

"Last year we turned Tugfest over to some younger captains, Darin Lortie, Ryan Carson and Richard Ferguson are now at the helm and after all these years I can sit back and enjoy the moments,' laughed Mr. Corrigan. "It's been a joyful time for me and I cherish all the memories from over the years."

This year there will be new memories made to cherish, unfortunately, Mr. Corrigan will not be among those attending as he slipped while working on his tug and broke his

Attending the festival will be tugs of many different types and power.

Most are converted working tugs, some originally designed for fishing, while others are of the ship and barge hauling powerhouse variety. All will be on display and inviting the public to come and share in the tugboat enthusiasm of their owners.

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B.C.'s 204 First Nations remain concerned about the lack of transparency around the Building Canada Act and the extent to which it may override Indigenous

Chief Tom acknowledged that Prime Minister Carney remained present for the duration of the summit something he described as unusual for a sitting prime minister—and that Carney indicated further consultation would take place in the future. However, leaders across the B.C. First Nations Leadership Council have stated that consultation after the passage of legislation cannot be considered meaningful.

As legal action moves forward in Ontario, both provincial and federal governments now face growing national scrutiny over how the laws were developed, passed, and communicated.

"If this Act is to be saved," said the BCAFN in its release, "and if Canada is to avoid costly legal battles, Prime Minister Carney will need to make substantive and concrete commitments to legislative, regulatory and policy protections to ensure the standards of the UN Declaration are upheld."

...Deadline looms for glyphosate review

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reassessment of glyphosate safety, echoing the court order now facing the federal regulator.

A National Conversation with Local Stakes

For residents of Manitoulin Island and across the North, the Federal Court's ruling puts fresh weight behind calls for precaution and transparency. While Health Canada reconsiders its glyphosate approvals under judicial order, local communities are still navigating

what role-if any-they can play in monitoring herbicide use within their own watersheds.

Municipal councils have few formal levers to restrict spraying on provincial land, but delegations like Ms. Mitchell's have sparked a growing paper trail of resolutions, correspondence, and requests for public consultation.

The science is under review. The policies are under scrutiny. And the questions raised by Island residents-about health, ecology, and informed consent are now echoed across the country.



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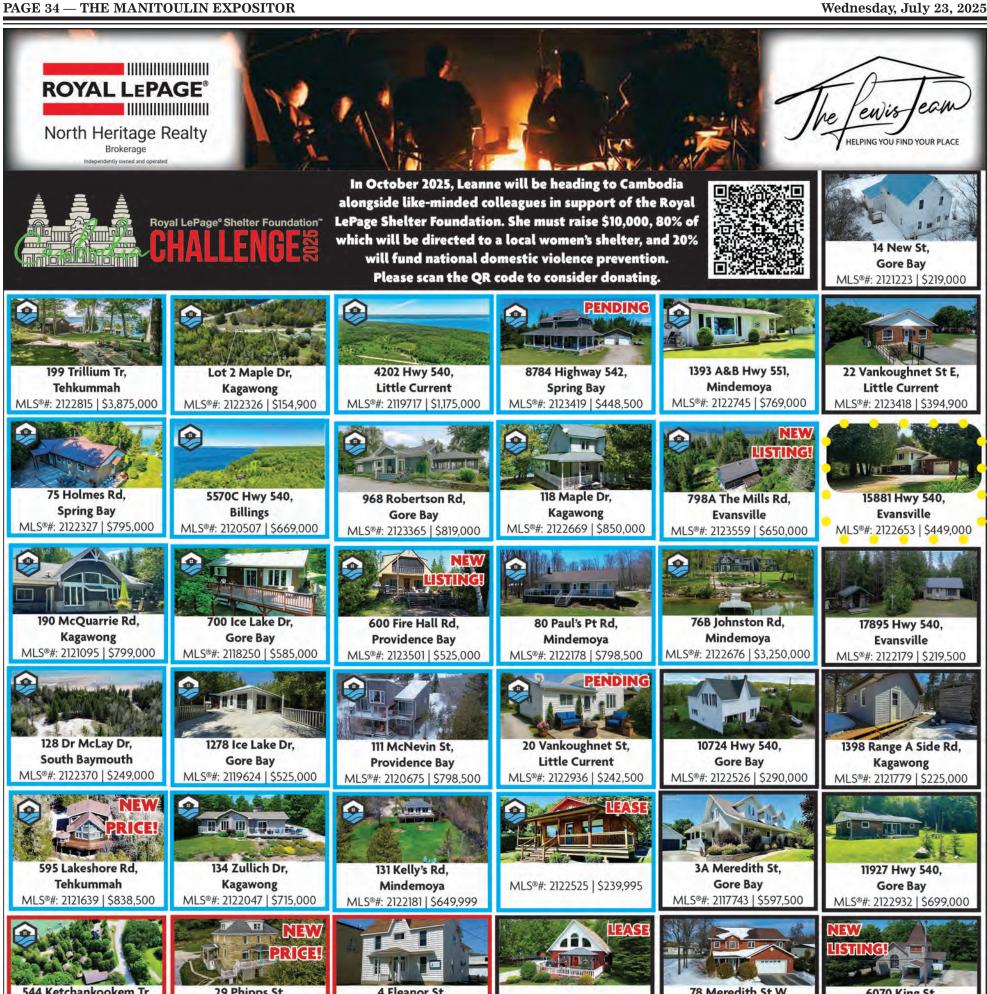
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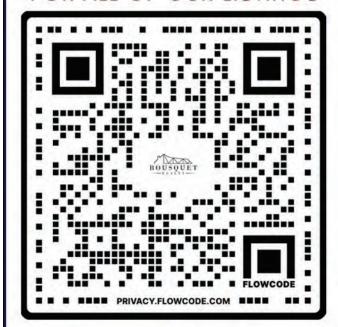
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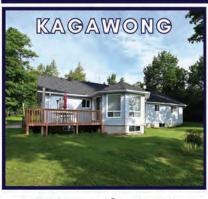


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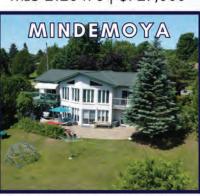
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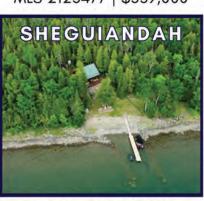
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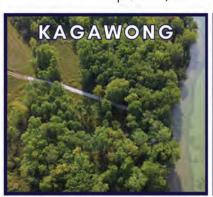
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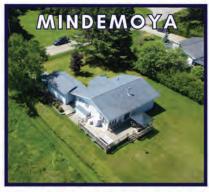
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Building dedicated to memory of Jim Runnalls

by Darlene Wroe, L ocal Journalism Initiative Reporter Temiskaming Speaker with files from Tom Sasvari

T E M I S K A M I N G SHORES—The board of the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum, family, friends and local history enthusiasts gathered on the museum grounds Saturday, June 21, to celebrate the opening of a new display and storage building. The new building was dedicated to the memory of Haweater Jim Runnalls.

Morley Runnalls (of Evansville), Jim Runnalls brother, told The Expositor that his brother Jim had passed away on February 3, 2023. "Jim was born on the Island, Mills Township," said Morley Runnalls. "He was married in 1959 and moved up there (Temiskaming Shores) in about 1961. He and his wife (who passed away a few years ago) had three children, two sons and a daughter and they many grandchil-



The late Jim Runnels.

ly; local businesses donated; Caisse Desjardins Ontario surprised the board with a \$10,000 donation; and a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund grant was approved.

Among the larger artifacts on display in the new building are two sleighs and a seed drill. Formerly located inside the museum, the relocation of the large items opens up a little space in the museum, Ms. Pahkala commented.

In the program at the opening of the new building, "Honouring A Vision: A Legacy Remem-



A new display and storage area at the Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum was officially opened in Temiskaming Shores on June 21, having been dedicated to the memory of Haweater Jim Runnalls.

dren."

The new building will be used primarily to house the museum's agriculture artifacts, explained museum board secretary and treasurer Elizabeth Pahkala.

The new building was the dream of the museum's late director Jim Runnalls and has been dedicated in his memory.

Ms. Pahkala said the board decided to pursue Jim Runnalls' dream. After many letters, grant applications and local advertising the funding rolled in, she related. Many area people donated personal-

bered," it explains. "In 2021, our late Director, Jim Runnalls, brought forth the idea of building a new storage and display area. Jim was a successful farmer and collector of antiques. You may remember him by the extensive flower garden display he had every year on his property, and how he invited local school children, as well as the public to tour his gardens. Jim was a beloved school bus driver for 48 years, delivering all local school children to Kerns Public School."

"Jim's dream was to

create an exhibit area that would feature farming equipment and tools from pioneer days in our area. This vision sparked a collaborative effort that brought new life to our museum grounds. As you tour our new outdoor building, you will discover a rich display of antique farm equipment that once shaped daily life on the land. You will see well-preserved plows. a wooden seed drill, two antique sleighs, tools and other implements used by early farmers to work the soil and sustain their families. Each piece tells a story of ingenuity, labour, and the evolution of rural life. Whether you're a history buff or just curious, this hands-on look at the past offers something for everyone."

"With great appreciation of the generous donations of many friends of the museum and local businesses, today we are opening our new exhibit building. We are very proud of our accomplishment creating this display in Jim's memory."

Members of Jim Runnalls' family were present including sons Steven and Kevin, as well as daughter Kathy who flew out from Richmond, British Columbia. Brother Morley Runnalls of Manitoulin Island (the youngest of the family at 80 years) where Jim and his siblings grew up, was also present. Two sisters, Darlene Orford and Elva Lloyd, and sister-in-law Mary Armstrong Gibson attended as well.

Kevin Runnalls commented that his father became fond of antiques when his farming career was winding down. He began to gather collectibles and fix them, Kevin remembered of his father. Steven Runnalls added that when his father started attending the museum and working with the vol-unteers there, "it was like he found a second home." It kept him active both physically and mentally, he said.

Kathy Runnalls commented, "I think Dad would have been very proud to see this."

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Kohyn to national selection camp!

Congratulations to **Kohyn Eshkawkogan** who has been invited to the Canada's National Men's Summer U18 Team selection camp to compete for a chance to represent Team Canada at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, set for August 11-16 in Brno, Czechia, and Trencin, Slovakia!

Pretty good little tune-up, tournament for his OHL, Ottawa 67's camp, right? Nice job, Kohyn!

Elite volleyball player receives new

Rockville's **Mya Balfe** has been constantly improving her game every time she's on the court thanks to her dedication to always playing against the best.

In her Manitoulin Secondary school experience she became a dominant hitter, striking fear into her opposition defenders!

She upped her game by joining the Northern Chill and Black Vortex club team, improving still. The videos posted of her "kills" are devastating for those over the net!

This summer she has attended regional training and Mya made the team Ontario black - 14 girls chosen from Ontario to make a team. She had to apply by sending in video footage back in March, then they do physical fitness testing results at Ontario provincials in April and they have people scouting and making final decisions on selection when watching the in-person play at Ontario provincial championships in April.

She was selected in the final round after seeing her play with her Chill team in April. They play at brock university starting on Wednesday!

Well deserved, Mya congratulations.

Aurel on top, again!

Wiikwemkoong's Aurel Fox-Recollet repeated as the overall winner of the Conquer the Crater, 10km trail run this past weekend! Aurel is putting this and many other runs in his tank as training for the 2025 Indigenous Games. Not-bad, prep-work, Aurel!

Bruins get netted!

The Gore Bay Bruins are getting everything in order for this upcoming season. They are still offering early-bird registration by the way. They are also now the proud owners of new nets, purchased by Western Manitoulin minor hockey for the Bruins' teams and President, **Nick Lane** is glad for the long overdue puck-catchers. Their sign-up continues and so far have about one-third of their anticipated players registered, which is great but they still need more. The organization will be running a hockey themed game as part of the kids' activities at Gore Bay Harbour Days this Friday from 4:30 to 5:30. Sounds fun, check

Badminton in Manitowaning!

The township of Assiginack had a fantastic turnout for the first night of their badminton camp hosted by certified coach, **Mark Peltier** of Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

Camp is held every Thursday at 3:00-4:00 under 10 years, and 4:00-5:30 for youth, 11–14-year-olds.

Near-local, stars in FIBA!

Sudbury's **Syla Swords** has one of those names that you remember. Many of our graduated secondary students will remember that name in every every intermural sport but basketball especially.

Syla scored 15 points to lead Canada past South Korea 70-58 Wednesday in the Round of 16 at the Under-19 FIBA Women's World Cup.

Canada, which went 3-0 in group play, launched a 15-0 run in the first quarter to erase an early deficit and never looked back. The Canadians led 38-28 at half-time and outscored Korea 20-16 in the fourth to seal it.

Syla's Father, **Shawn** was the Coach of the Laurentian University Voyageurs Men's team until 2022 and now Coaches the Long Island Nets of the NBA 'G' league!

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



Book lovers rejoice!

The Billings Public Library held a very successful book sale last Saturday in Kagawong. Thousands of books were on sale, and there was a huge crowd of book lovers looking to purchase prized reading material to take home and enjoy.

photo by Tom Sasvari



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

Manitoulin Island:

Child Well-Being Worker **Executive Assistant**

<u>Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:</u>

Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

Sudbury:

Child Well-Being Worker Family Support Worker

All postings close July 29th or August 1st, 2025, at 4 pm EST

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

www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities.

At KGCFS, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an

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

Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.

UCCM Anishnaabe Police is hiring

Help make our communities a safer, better place.

Position: Financial Assistant

Term: Permanent Full-time

Salary/Pay: \$65,985.72 - \$72,104.38 - \$78,790 (based on education and experience)

The Finance Assistant position will assist the organization in successfully meeting its mission of providing culturally sensitive policing services to the UCCM police service area. This position is a finance assistant professional who will provide financial support to the Financial Controller through compiling financial data, analyzing information and preparing reports by applying accounting control procedures that ensures the accuracy and integrity of the accounting system

Your duties will include (but are not limited to):

- Acting as the first point of contact for payroll related inquiries including processing payroll,
- troubleshooting and resolving payroll discrepancies, reconciling payroll distribution
- Process accounts payables: along with reviewing purchase orders and matching with invoices, complete travel forms, HST Exemptions, etc.;
- Prepare accounts receivables: send out applicable invoices, monitor revenue and reconcile monthly, prepare and process bank deposits, ensure revenue is entered as per funding agreements;
- General accounting responsibilities: reconcile monthly bank statements, reconcile monthly visa statements with supporting documentation in accordance with applicable policy, collect and develop forms as
- Other financial and administrative duties as assigned.

Administration Support

- ullet Inform the Financial Controller about financial anomalies, and complete internal reporting;
- Maintain, file and keep safe financial records, contracts, leases and other funding agreements;
- Complete approved program grant applications and prepare and submit interim and reporting
- Compose professional correspondence and memorandums as required.

Your education and experience:

- College Diploma or acceptable combination of equivalent experience;
- Minimum of 2-3 years of recent work-related financial and payroll experience, preferably in a business
- Experience processing financial and payroll transactions; and
- Experience interpreting and applying financial policies and guidelines.

Compensable factors include (but are not limited to):

- Knowledge of accounting functions and principles: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, chart of
- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance;
 Ability to work independently, handle multiple projects, meet multiple deadlines and problem solve;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to learn very quickly in a fast-paced environment;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications, financial accounting software and general computer
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We offer competitive pay and 100% employer covered benefits, matched pension contributions, Health Spending Account, Wellness Account, along with a welcoming, close-knit work environment and opportunities to learn about Anishnaabe culture and history.

How to Apply – We Require:

- Cover letter and resume
- Copy of driver's licence and valid First Aid and CPR
- Contact information for three (3) work-related references (1 current)
- Completed Consent and Release of Liability form (available at uccmpolice.com)

Learn more at: uccmpolice.com/careers

We encourage individuals of Anishnaabe ancestry to apply and self-identify.

Send your application with the subject line "Employment Opportunity: Financial Assistant" marked Confidential to:

Email: recruitment@uccmpolice.com

Mail: UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, 5926 Hwy 540, Box 332, M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0 **NOTE:** The successful applicant must clear a thorough background check prior to an offer of

Deadline to apply: August 1, 2025, 4 pm EST



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Waubetek Business Development Corp. moving to digital mode after 37 years

Jake's Home Centre

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6104 Hwy 542 in Mindemoya or 9050 Hwy 6 in Little Current.

Valid driver's licence and a clean abstract.

NATION— ER FIRST Waubetek Business Development Corporation (WBDC) is moving out of its current office location,

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and furniture)

mode.

"After 37 years operating in our offices on the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN), Waubetek

as it moves to a digital Business Development Corporation (WBDC) is transitioning to a remote office operating model. This will take place on or before June 21, 2025," a release explains.

"Since the pandemic, we have digitalized our operations and maintained our important work online with our clients," the press release continues. :This actually made us more accessible to our clients across Northeastern Ontario."

"Our contact information for phone and emails will remain the same. In-person meetings will be arranged as needed," the release noted. "It is our intention to have a physical office space within the next 24 months, but until then, we are still available without interruption."

"We will continue to help build businesses owned and operated by First Nations people and work alongside our partners to strengthen First Nation economies.'

UCCM Anishnaabe Police is hiring

Help make our communities a safer, better place.

Position: Human Resources Assistant

Term: Permanent Full-time

Salary/Pay: \$70,948.80 - \$80,953.60/annually (based on education and experience)

The Human Resources Assistant (HR Assistant) will assist the organization in successfully meeting its mission of providing culturally sensitive policing services to the UCCM police service area. The position is an administrative professional who will provide clerical and administrative support ensuring the efficient daily operation of the office, while operating within standard operating policies, procedures and practices. The HR Assistant will have interactions with UCCM Anishnaabe personnel, vendors and external stakeholders,

Your duties will include (but are not limited to):

- Provide general human resources support;
 Assist HR in maintaining HR files and databases;
- Assist in fulfilling approved uniform and equipment requisitions; Participate and travel to various events and meetings to promote UCCM APS;
- Maintain working knowledge of applicable legislation, polices and procedures;
- · Assist in recruitment and selection including preparing job postings, scheduling interviews and applicant testing, attending recruitment and community events and manage inventory of promotional materials; Provide administrative support;
- Implement the organization's marking plan; and
- Assist in quality assurance of the company's image.

Your education and experience:

- Applicants must have a Certificate, Diploma and/or Degree in Human Resources Management, Business Administration and/or Office Administration or equivalent combination of education/work experience;
- Knowledge of Human Resources principles and previous experience in human resources is required.

Your skills include (but are not limited to):

- Knowledge of standards and policies related to effective records management Human resource management and HR file maintenance
- Ability to handle multiple projects, meet multiple deadlines
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Word processing skills of 40 words per minute · Ability to learn very quickly in a fast-paced environment
- Ability to organize and prioritize work/tasks
- Knowledge and skill in Microsoft Office software applications and general computer skills
- Ability to exercise professional judgment and reasonableness in a variety of situations

How to Apply – We Require:

- Cover Letter and Resume
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Kohyn Eshkawkogan named to Nat. U-18 camp

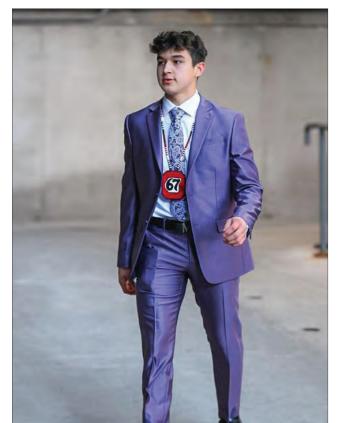
CANADA—Manitoulin's Kohyn Eshkawkogan has been named to Hockey Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team Selection Camp.

Kohyn, a defenceman with the Ottawa 67's of the Czechia and Trencin, Slovakia.

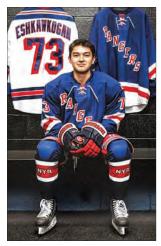
The selection camp, set for July 29-August 1 at the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex in Oakville, Ontario, will include a pair of Red-White games on July 31

and August 1. Following Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team will practice at MET Arena in Szekesfehervar, Hungary, from August 3-6. It will take on Hun-

gary's national under-20 team on August 7 in Budapest and Slovakia on August 9 at Easton Arena in Piestany as part of its pre-tournament schedule.



Kayhn Eshkawkogan has had a whirlwind run of hockey successes, being recently named to Hockey Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team selection camp.



Eshkawkogan his NY City Rangers' top prospect uniform.

Ontario Hockey League (OHL) is one of 119 players invited by Hockey Canada to participate in two of its Program of Excellence summer camps, including Canada's National Men's Summer Under-18 Team selection camp and Canada's national under-17 development camp.

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national Men's Summer Under-18 Team selection camp, 40 players, four goaltenders, 12 defenceman and 24 forwards have been invited to compete for a chance to represent Canada at the 2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, set for August 11-16 in Brno,

EALTH LINK Employment Opportunity **Opérations Assistant** (Part-Time Permanent)

About GHL

Giiwednong Health Link (GHL) is a health and information project management office that serves fourteen First Nations and three Indigenous health organizations on Manitoulin Island and the North Shore of Lake Huron. GHL is focused on developing and implementing e-health initiatives to improve health outcomes for the members of stakeholder communities.

About this OpportunityReporting to the Operations Coordinator, the Operations Assistant will assist with the completion of financial, human resources, and administrative

Primary Responsibilities

- Assist with the completion of all financial records and reports utilizing Sage 50 Pro financial accounting software, including liaising with applicable vendors and suppliers.
- Support the maintenance of all human resource documents and records, including required interactions with both GHL team members and external service partners.
- Completing administrative tasks as required in support of the work of the Operations Coordinator and the GHL team.

Summary of Key Qualifications

- A Certificate in Business Administration/Accounting / Bookkeeping or Related Discipline.
- Minimum of one year of bookkeeping, payroll processing, financial record management, and office administrative work experience. Computer skills, including the ability to operate computerized
- accounting software, and the Microsoft Suite at a proficient level Valid Ontario Class 'G' Drivers licence with access to a reliable vehicle
- Submission of an acceptable Criminal Records Check.

GHL offers a highly competitive salary and benefits compensation package with annual professional development opportunities. This employment opportunity will be based out of Aundeck Omni Kaning. All candidates are strongly encouraged to request the full job description, which provides the complete qualifications and position responsibilities. This can be requested by emailing: hr@giiwednonghealth.ca.

The deadline for submission is August 6, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. We thank all those who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Please submit your confidential cover letter, resume and two references when applying by email to: hr@giiwednonghealth.ca.

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Program Description

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Program Descriptions

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Land-Based Counsellors (Full-Time Contract) Application deadline: July 25, 2025 at 4:00 pm	The Land-Based Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and operate on a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a holistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinaabe culture and land-based learning.
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Aftercare Support Workers (Casual) Application deadline: Open until filled	A part-time casual position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group, and assisting with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming. There is opportunity to provide casual relief in all areas of programming.
Please visit gwek.bamboohr.com/careers for more information	
Current Vulnerable Sector Check and Drivers Abstract	

Current Vulnerable Sector Check and Drivers Abstract required prior to offer of employment.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.



information and to apply!



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 judgement. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall

Required Competencies:

- Integrity and Respect 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
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

Deadline: Friday, August 1, 2025 @ 12:00 pm

Send resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, three (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 POP 1K0 705-368-2182 ext.271 hr@mnaamodzawin.com



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- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
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- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of: Mrs. Megan Wickett, Operations Manager Community Living Manitoulin PO Box 152

Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0 Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com Or by fax to 705-377-7175

Community Living Manitoulin welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for applicants taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit www.clmanitoulin.com.

The 2025 Manitoulin Art Tour brought visitors across the Island



Heather Galea, of Modest Makings in Honora Bay, is too modest about her talent. She produces paintings, prints both large and small, along with cards, jewelry and a whole lot more.



North Channel Arts Gallery, located on Hwy 540, brought a twofer with Patricia Meehan, Gail Meehan's daughter, often paints with a sense of humour but always paints "just for fun."



North Channel Arts Gallery's Gail Meehan loves to experiment with subjects and styles. no one piece is like another in her studio, located on Hwy. 540.



Photographer Dani Lynn Redgrift-Berthelot was exhibiting at the NEMI Welcome Centre in Little Current. Her works reflect timeless imagery of rural scenes.



Debra Ireland was holding court at Turners of Little Current where a host of her art was on display. Works by photographer Jon Butler were also at the upstairs Turner Gallery.



Gwendlyn Goulet was displaying her eclectic creations of copper wound art and jewellery at the NEMI Welcome Centre in Little Current



Lynsart Studio Gallery's Shanon Farquhar creates unique, but functional, ceremic ware and whimsical pieces just for fun.



Lisa Robbins, of Oak Hill Studio, on the East Bluff just outside of Gore Bay was excited to share her vibrant water colour paintings as part of the Manitoulin Art Tour.



Periwinkle Studio is nestled on the shores of Lake Mindemoya where artist Rochelle Neal creates her masterpieces featuring images from across the world and close to home.



The Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah played host to Julia Chmilnitzky, whose inspiration comes from the landscapes that surround her Northern home.



Paulette Stewart is no stranger to patrons of the arts on Manitoulin. Plein Aire painting is her passion and that fits in well with her love of the outdoors.



Pam Jackson has been drawing and painting for over 10 years on Manitoulin Island. She was one of five artists that had their works on display at the Park Centre in Kagawong.

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Though landscapes are very much a part of her portfolio, Debbie Whatling of Wee Point Resort on Bidwell Road loves making and teaching 'blob art.' "It's a thing," she says, "it's fun to do."



Vic Laberge's woodworking with its intricate inlaid wood designs are works of art that everyone can appreciate.



Connie St. Pierre works in oils and acrylics and was showing her art at the NEMI Artisan Incubator in Little Current.



Art tour organizer Judy Boyd was celebrating her final year of organizing the Manitoulin Art Tour and is handing the job off to "younger hands." She is pictured her, on the left, along with fellow artist Sue Cairns in Ms. Boyd's Little Current home.



Paddle artist Lesley Shaji of Nocimo Lakeside Studio outside Manitowaning, on the right, poses with Mathew, Chantelle and their childeen Everson and Aundra. The couple were visiting Manitoulin from their home in Windsor over the past few weeks and thought the art tour would be a great way to explore the Island.



Lonely Bay Pottery's Gertha Griffiths poses with some of her creations in her Spring Bay studio.



The Manitoulin Art Tour location at Mindemoya's Pioneer Heritage Museum featured the works of Garth Eley.



The Centennial Museum of Sheguianda was home to a number of exhibitors, including Jola Klim whose ceramic creations channel her feelings about the world.



The inimitable Marian Barnett was busy talking art wih a visitor from Burlington at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah when the photographer caught this shot. The retired teacher's works are inspired by the impressionist school of art.



Little Current's Wendy Thorne was absolutely thrilled with number of sales she had by Saturday morning--although she had run out of bird paintings.



Richard Edwards of Edwards ArtStudio in Kagawong, is a well-known painter and printmaker.



Melanie Hunt, left in photo, is both a potter and fibre artist, while Sarah Monger (also in photo) is a potter, fibre artist and painter. The latter and her husband Larry Monger, is a woodworker and the couple own Monger Ware Arts.

We are Hiring





FINANCE CLERK

The Finance Clerk will support our Economic Development team and M'Chigeeng First Nation finance department team with essential administrative tasks. The Finance Clerk will assist with invoicing, processing financial transactions, maintaining accurate records, and ensuring timely reporting. This role requires an individual with strong numerical aptitude, attention to detail, and an understanding of basic accounting principles.

Department: HIAH
Salary: CA-4 (\$46,800.00 - \$57,200.00 per annum)
Type: Term Full-Time - 6 months with possible extension

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/GENERAL LEDGER CLERK

M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN) is seeking an organized and detail-oriented Accounts Receivable Clerk (ARC) to manage day-to-day financial transactions, ensuring the accurate and timely recording of revenues and accounts receivable for MFN and its affiliates. Reporting to the Finance Manager, the ARC will be responsible for maintaining financial records, reconciling accounts, processing customer payments, preparing reports, and assisting with month-end and year-end financial audits. The ideal candidate will have strong analytical skills, excellent attention to detail, and a commitment to efficiency improvements in line with MFN's values and policies. Strong communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with department managers and other stakeholders are essential.

CS-4 (\$63,648 - \$77,792 per annum) Regular Full-Time

PAYROLL CLERK

M'Chigeeng First Nation is looking for a detail-oriented and experienced Payroll Clerk to join the Finance Department. The Payroll Clerk will be responsible for accurately and timely processing employee payroll, including calculating deductions, tracking attendance and leave entitlements, and maintaining accurate payroll records. The ideal candidate will ensure compliance with MFN's policies and payroll legislation and manage reports for benefits providers, including pension and group life plans. Applicants should have a minimum of three years of relevant experience or be working towards a Payroll Compliance Practitioner certification. Strong IT skills, attention to detail, confidentiality, and effective communication are essential.

Department: Finance Salary: CA-4 (\$46,800.00 - \$57,200.00 per annum) Type: Regular Full-Time

employment@mchigeeng.ca c/o Human Resources P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1GO (Fax 705-377-4980)





SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Principal - Full-Time position



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

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

Qualifications:

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

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Consult and work with other departments along with Director of Education for the harmonious advancement of our students.
- Work with Director of Education to review budgets, school policies and rules and regulations to maintain a positive relationship with the Education Committee and Chief
- Attend and participate in meetings with staff, parents and other officials.
- In cooperation with teaching and support staff and administration, work with Director of Education to review departmental needs within financial constraints.
- Help to arrange professional development for school personnel.
- Establish rapport and maintain relationships with parents, staff and students.
- Sit in on disciplinary hearings and provide advice for at-risk students.
- Update student and school records
- Remain active and visible on field trips during school functions.
- Address concerns raised by students, staff and parents.
- Supervise teachers on a day-to-day basis including performance reviews and setting annual goals and objectives.
- Monitor the attendance and progress of the students who are being transported to other communities to be educated.

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

> Heather Wilson, Director of Education **Sheshegwaning First Nation** 1079A Sheshegwaning Road Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0

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

Curling legend visiting Manitoulin

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin curling fans will soon have the chance to meet Olympics and two-time Canadian Brier champion Brad Jacobs.

Mr. Jacobs will be taking part in a special meet and greet in Gore Bay on Friday, August 15, and then will be taking part in another meet and greet at the Assiginack Curling Club annual Memorial Golf tournament (an event he will be taking part in) on Saturday, August 16. At both events he will be bringing the Brier Tankard trophy from his recent 2025 Montana's Brier victory (having also won in 2013). He was also skip of the team that won the gold medal at the 2014 Winter Olympic Games.

Announcements were posted online by both Transport Manitoulin and Assiginack Curling Club of Mr. Jacobs' visit. Manitoulin Transport has been a sponsor of Team Jacobs for several years.

Jeff Smith of Manitoulin Transport explained, "Manitoulin Transport has been sponsoring Brad's team for several years, when he was briefly with the Jordan Chandler team, the Reid Carruthers team out of Manitoba and now the

skip of the Alberta team (which includes Marc Kennedy, Brett Gallant and Ben Hebert), which won the Brier this year."

"The Alberta team is a super team, they are pretty amazing curlers," said Mr. Smith. "They ended up winning the Brier this year. We are fortunate as a company to have our logo on Team Jacobs uniforms, and our company also sponsors all the Grand Slam events."

Mr. Smith said he had received a text from Mr. Jacobs who said, "I would love to visit the Island

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



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

Essential Duties:

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

Qualifications/Requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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with the Montana's Brier Tankard Trophy. I am looking forward to meeting curling fans on the Island."

Originally Mr. Jacobs, who is from Sault Ste. Marie, skipped a rink that included his two first cousins E.J. and Ryan Harnden.

Melanie Carr of Manitoulin Transport and the Assiginack Curling Club said Manitoulin Transport is proud to welcome Mr. Jacobs to Gore Bay on Friday, August 15 for a special meet and greet at Watersedge Pub and Restaurant (1 Water Street in Gore Bay) from 1-4 pm. Mr. Jacobs will be joining the Assiginack Curling Club's annual Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 16 at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Manitowaning, with another meet and greet from 2-4 pm following the tournament. Mr. Jacobs will be participating in the tournament.

The Assiginack Curling Club Memorial Golf Tournament is a four-person scramble format event, with mixed, men's and ladies' teams



Canadian Brier and Winter Olympics champion Brad Jacobs will be taking part in a special meet and greet at two locations on Manitoulin Island, Friday, July 15 to

(\$400 per team), with all proceeds going to support the curling club. To register your team, contact Peter Bond at 705-210-0528 or pbond_74@

live.ca

All curling fans are welcome, don't miss this chance to meet a true Canadian champion.



TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH is accepting applications for **FULL-TIME Public Works Operator**

- Assist in maintaining municipal infrastructure including roads, landfill site
- Responsible for operating equipment, routine maintenance and equipment repairs, and performing other tasks as required
- Ability to operate heavy equipment
- Grader and snowplowing experience an asset, DZ licence
- 40 hour work week possible flexible scheduling due to seasonal demands

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, July 25, 2025 - 3 pm

Interested applicants please forward resume to: Clerk-Administrator Township of Tehkummah 456 Hwy 542A, P.O. Box 24 Tehkummah, ON POP 2C0

Deliver in person to Township office between 8:30 am - 4 pm

By fax: 705-859-2605

By email: clerk.administrator@tehkummah.ca



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Finance and Human Resources Assistant Full-time Position

Position: Finance and Human Resources Assistant **Location**: Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service **Responsible To**: Chief of Police

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is currently seeking and accepting applications for a Finance and Human Resources Assistant position.

Summary: Under the direct supervision of the Administrative Division Commander or Designate, the Finance and Human Resources Assistant will assist in the Finance and Human Resources department areas. The incumbent will assist in ensuring efficient administrative and financial operations within the organization, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, and provide administrative support to the WTPS team as well as assist with special projects related to the overall objectives of the WTPS as assigned.

Key Duties/Responsibilities

- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance.
- Process payroll for salary and hourly employees, retroactive payment, reconcile, and verify accuracy of payroll submission ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Establish and maintain organized filing systems for financial transactions, ensuring adherence to accounting standards and organizational policies.
- Record and document financial transactions such as invoices, expenses, payroll records and receipts for proper documentation and audit trail.
- Collaborate closely with the finance team to uphold financial management procedures and
- Assist in budgeting processes by gathering financial data and preparing reports to support
- budget analysis. Generate financial statements and reports as needed for financial reporting activities.
- Manage a high-volume workload efficiently, prioritizing tasks to meet strict deadlines for payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable and other financial activities.
- Maintain WSIB bi-weekly in-house report for year end reconciliation, remittance and reporting to WSIB.
- Responsible for Ontario Pension Board for Uniform Staff and Civilian Staff, for online
- enrolment, termination, pension calculation and remittance. Maintain up-to-date information of current and emerging payroll legislation.
- Maintain pay scheduling, preparing pay budgets, maintain and update salary grids as required.
- Act as a liaison with external agencies.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications, DayForce Payroll software, Sage Accounting software, InTime Software, and general computer skills a definite asset.
- Use discretion and maintain confidentiality.
- Multi-task in a high-volume working environment, ability to work with tight deadlines.
- Prepare and process confidential documentation/forecast reports related to Human
- Prepare and process statistical information for internal and external stakeholders, Finance Manager and auditors when required.
- Maintain accurate Human Resource files both electronic and hard copy.
- Maintain historical data by designing filing and retrieval system, keeping past and current
- Finance Manager.
- Assist with various special projects directly related to the overall objectives of WTPS, and perform other duties as assigned.

Education and Experience

- Diploma or Degree in Payroll/Finance/Accounting/Business Administration from a college with a Canadian accreditation.
- Any relevant certificates related to the position being applied for.
- 3-5 years of previous work experience in a related field considered an asset. Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions. Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record, and must pass a detailed background
- Must be a permanent resident of Canada.

Employment packages are available and will be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates to:

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

Subject: Finance and Human Resources Assistant

Applications will be accepted until July 11, 2025 at 2 pm

Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Only those applicants who pass the screening component will be invited for an



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

Position⁻ Location: Responsible to:

Salary:

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

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

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

Primary Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

 Provide court security during court hours for judges and other court staff, adult and young offenders, Crown
- Attorneys or other prosecutors and the general public, where required.
- Schedule sufficient court security personnel to ensure adequate coverage.

 Assume responsibility for offenders while they are on-site for court appearances, monitoring their activities and
- performing searches, as required. Arrange for prisoner transport. Escorts prisoners between various locations, i.e. cells, counsel room in building
- and to and from various correctional/holding facilities.
- Manage all case files, including criminal cases, assisting the Crown and preparing or ensuring preparation and proper completion of all related information and documentation by uniformed officers.

 Present and swear information, warrants and KGB statements as commissioner of oaths; issues subpoenas for witnesses (police and civilian); prepares and processes various court-related documents and serves or ensures
- appropriate notices are served, as required by law. Liaise with and respond to inquiries from uniformed officers, Crown Attorney's office, defence counsel accused persons, victims, witnesses and personnel from various agencies including probation and parole office, immigration, police, correctional facilities to obtain and update court documentation, to consult on Pre-Charge
- Diversion (YCJA) and to answer general enquiries regarding court protocol.

 Maintain court-related records and files, e.g. court dockets, disclosures, warrants, and add all charges to Niche/RMS and ICON record systems and send all court orders to Records Clerk for CPIC maintenance (bail release
- documents, probation orders, prohibition orders. Process all Provincial Offence tickets issued, including reviewing for accuracy, filing with the courthouse and completing or ensuring completion of all necessary documents for trials.

Secondary Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Respond to routine and emergency calls with an assigned parent WTPS officer, assist with crime or accident investigations with WTPS officers.
- Assist with vehicle patrol operations as directed.
- Assist with the containment and preservation of crime scenes as directed.
- Assist WTPS members in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community. Perform shift work that include weekends and holidays.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

urements:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 18 years of age. Must possess an OSSD or equivalent.
- Must possess a valid Class G Ontario Driver Licence. Current OACP certificate or equivalency.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certification.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office. Must have awareness of First Nation cultures and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position. Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy. Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.

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

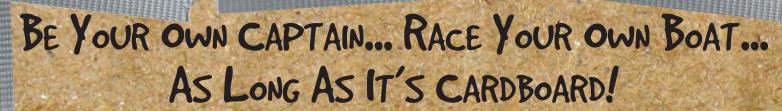
- 100% employer paid benefits.
- As part of the benefits program, an additional Flex family spending account of \$3,000 per year. \$5,000 annual mental health clinicians.
- A police service Wellness Coordinator on-site for the staff and their families. Continuing education tuition assistance program starting January 2026.

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

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

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

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



The Little Current Lions Club wants you to join in the fun of HAWEATER WEEKEND with the

20th Anuual

Saturday, August 2, 12:30 pm

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Questions? Call Alicia at 705-929-3101 or email editor@manitoulin.com

Structure must resemble a typical boat—no rafts.
All paddles must have shafts and a blade.

