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**STORM-FELLED TREES IN KABONI**—The Expositor found evidence of the July 24 severe weather event that saw Islanders' phones ring out with alarms, cautioning of an Environment Canada-issued tornado watch. While the event has not yet been classified (this is currently underway), the force of the winds was strong enough to shear several trees along a stretch of Kaboni Road in Wiikwemkoong.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

Damaging winds shear Kaboni trees during July 24 tornado watch issued for Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari  
WIKWEMKOONG—It appears Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory was the only location on Manitoulin Island affected by what had been a tornado watch

on Thursday, July 24. It has not yet been determined by the Northern Tornadoes Project if the weather event was a tornado, microburst, downburst or damaging winds on Thursday, July

24. "It was a tornado watch, based on the radar we use," said Steve Flisfeder, a regional meteorologist with Environment Canada and Climate Change (ECCC). "What we were seeing on the radar was a tornado watch, and at the very least very strong winds. But we've haven't received information on damage so far for Kaboni."

During the afternoon of July 24, cell phones, radio signals and television stations lit up with repeated warnings from Envi-

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Measles diagnoses on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari  
SUDBURY—A measles infection, the first reported by Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) since 2014, has been reported in an infant too young to have been vaccinated in the Sudbury area. Since this announcement was made last week, an additional 39 measles infections have been identified.

Through the efforts of its investigation, PHSD has identified an initial, previously undetected introduction of measles in the area seven weeks ago. That infection is linked to the broader measles outbreak occurring throughout North America. Through following chains of transmission from that initial infection to the one reported earlier in the week, Public Health has uncovered an additional 39 measles infections in its service area. The majority of those infections have now been resolved.

PHSD has identified numer-

ous private gatherings and interaction that have led to infection spreading to these individuals. In addition, PHSD has identified some recent public locations where members of the general public may have

Youngsters rescue turtle at Sandfield  
Fell down a crack, retrieval took hours

by Tom Sasvari  
SANDFIELD—While a snapping turtle was rescued by members of the Friends of Manitoulin Turtles recently, a group of young girls who spotted the turtle stuck between two rocks and unable to get itself out are being praised for finding the stranded turtle and doing what they could to help. "It was three young girls and their two friends, who were playing in their backyard, who spotted the common snapping turtle first," stated Amelia Wood, a member of the Friends of group. "It is remarkable that they were there at the right time.

We are just glad everything worked out." Kait Watson-Smith told The Expositor, "our three daughters, Maeve, Lennon and Joni, were out playing in the bush in our backyard with their friends Cora and Lauer. They were jumping back and forth between the rocks, when they looked down the crack in the rock and saw the turtle." "They told us (Kait and her husband Jordan)," said Ms. Watson-Smith. "We certainly weren't expecting to find a snapping turtle. We went out to

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Assailants use edged weapon, Wiikwemkoong police officer injured

by Tom Sasvari  
WIKWEMKOONG—A Wiikwemkoong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) officer is in Sudbury hospital after sustaining knife-related injuries in an early morning incident on Monday, July 28 in the community. Two Wiikwemkoong men were taken into custody. "Two people (both from Wiikwemkoong) were arrested and held for bail, scheduled for today," WTPS Inspector Tammy Duffy told The Expositor on Monday. "The officer is in Sudbury hospital, in stable condition," she said, adding the WTPS would not be releasing the officer's name publicly.

A WTPS press release explained, "at approximately 4

am today (July 28), WTPS responded to an incident at Andrew Crescent in Wiikwemkoong. During the course of the response, one officer sustained knife-related injuries and was immediately transported by air ambulance to Health Sciences North (in Sudbury) for medical treatment." "Two individuals, a 19-year-old man and a 20-year-old man, have been taken into custody in connection with the occurrence," the release notes. "There is no ongoing threat to public safety. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and UCCM Anishnaabe Police are assisting with the investigation."

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Island now being serviced for fiberoptic transmissions  
Will lead to broadband service

by Michael Erskine  
ESPANOLA—Espanola's Red McCarthy Memorial Ballfield Pavilion was abuzz with excitement on Saturday, July 26 as officials from the companies spearheading the "First Gigabit Connection for the Northern Ontario Fibre Project" delivered a presentation on progress being made to deliver "to the door" fibre connectivity to the internet.

"We're pleased to share continued progress on our fibre optic project across Manitoulin Island," said project manager Mahsa Alikhani. "Two of the seven planned OLT cabinets have already been installed—one in the Town of Gore Bay and one in M'Chigeeng—and fibre placement is set to begin in the coming weeks." Next up in line will be Little Current, Sheguandah and Assiginack.

"We're excited to begin connecting the first homes to our network, starting in the Town of Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island," said Nadine Mansour, vice president of marketing and business operations with ROCK Networks. "This marks a key milestone in our mission to expand access to fast, reliable internet across the Island. At the same time, we're working closely with other authorities to secure the necessary approvals for installation in other areas. While this process can take time, our team remains fully committed and is working hard

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



MPP Bill Rosenberg, left, Linda Erskine, family friend, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin, Ivan Wheale (seated) and daughter June Wheale were all on hand to see Mr. Wheale honoured with a nomination for the Queen Elizabeth II Ontario Medal for Citizenship and a certificate from the Province of Ontario, recognizing the artist's contribution to arts in the province at his Little Current home Saturday.

photo by Michael Erskine

## Manitoulin artist Ivan Wheale nominated for Ontario Queen’s Medal for Citizenship

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Artist, teacher, mentor and community supporter Ivan Wheale has touched the lives of innumerable people over the course of his 90 years. On Saturday, July 26, Mr. Wheale was presented with two certificates by Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg. The first recognizing him for his contributions to the arts from the Province of Ontario (including a photo of Mr. Rosenberg and Ontario Premier Doug Ford) and the second acknowledging his nomination for a Queen Elizabeth II Ontario Medal for Citizenship.

The Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship was named the Queen Elizabeth II Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship in September 2024 to honour Queen Elizabeth II. It is awarded to individuals who have made outstanding, long-term contributions to the well-being of their communities in Ontario. This medal is Ontario’s second highest civilian honour, after the Order of Ontario.

The certificates were presented to Mr. Wheale in his home on the shores of his beloved North Channel where he was spending the afternoon. Mr. Wheale is currently in palliative care at the Manitoulin Health Centre. MPP Rosenberg travelled to Mr. Wheale’s home for the private presentation ceremony.

“On behalf of the Province of Ontario and the residents of Algoma-Manitoulin, it’s my great

pleasure and honour to extend our heartfelt thank you and appreciation for your decades of volunteerism, generosity, mentorship and unwavering commitment to the arts and to all the communities that you have generously supported,” said MPP Rosenberg. “Your dedication has left a profound mark on the people and places that you have touched along your travels, encouraging others to follow your example, embrace the support you generously offered. This certificate is awarded in recognition of your lifetime achievements and your legacy. Thank you for sharing your gift devotion and wonderful citizenship with friends and strangers alike.”

“I don’t know what to say,” said a visibly touched Mr. Wheale. “Thank you.”

“It’s only fitting,” MPP Rosenberg said of the Queen Elizabeth II medal, “because I heard you were, 70 some years ago, at the late Queen’s coronation. This nomination comes from your peers, friends and all those whose lives have been touched and uplifted by your years of service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to your community.” MPP Rosenberg noted the nomination was supported by numerous letters from across the region.

Aside from his more than 70 years as a working artist, Mr. Wheale has taught countless aspiring

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## Split Rail Brewing Company turns 10

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—It was 10 years ago, July 24, 2015, that Split Rail Brewing Company opened its doors, opening with the tremendous support of the community through a Kickstarter fundraising campaign. It was with this in mind and the support of many people over the years that the owners of the business held a 10th anniversary customer appreciation party last Friday.

“Ten years ago, after five years of planning, team building, product development and a Kickstarter campaign, we opened our doors. Split Rail’s 2015 Kickstarter was more than a fundraising effort; it was proof of concept and convergence of people who shared a love of Manitoulin and vision for a community micro-brewery,” a Split Rail Post states.

“We are here because of all of you here, and others, and the support you have given us,” stated Andrea Smith, co-owner, at the anniversary celebration. “We have received exceptional support over the past 10 years.”



Andrea Smith and Eleanor Charlton, co-owners of Split Rail Brewery, dole out treats in honour of the brewery’s 10th anniversary.

“I have worked with Andie over 10 years to open and operate Split Rail. We welcome all the support we have received, through our Kickstarter (fundraising) campaign and since we started,” said co-owner Eleanor Charlton. “I can’t say enough about the support we’ve received over the years.”

“Today we have such a diverse group of partners and colleagues that we work with,” said Ms. Smith. “We are blessed to be able to work with all of them, and we appreciate the collaboration and support they provide, as well as the support we have received

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## UCCM Police satellite station now installed in Sheshegwaning FN

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING FIRST NATION—The first of two community UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) police satellite station offices has been installed in the community of Sheshegwaning First Nation to serve all Western Manitoulin.

“We’re pretty excited,” stated Brad Mack, UCCM APS staff sergeant and detachment director of operations. “It will give our police service a strong visual presence and enable us to serve our western Manitoulin communities better and provide for more community engagement.”

“And if the community wants to hold meetings and wants to use the building for this function, they will be able to,” said Staff Sergeant Mack. He pointed out the new satellite office will be located in Sheshegwaning but also serves Zhiibaahaasing First Nation and all Western



The first of two UCCM Police satellite stations, this one headed for Shehegwaning, arrived last week.

photo by Kevin Spikes

Manitoulin communities. “If there is a call for service from Silver Water, we will be able to help out the OPP if needed.”

The 4,000 square foot building is located on Sheshegwaning

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## Sic Sox Circular removes textile recycling bins from Manitoulin Island locations

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Local municipalities were surprised that the Sic Sox Circular Ltd. Program has now been cancelled, without the company providing notice that the used recycling bins would be removed from their communities.

“Last night, the driver who usually empties the bin came with a trailer and picked it up. He had a full load of them and said the project is ending. The reason had something to do with the fact that the electrical requirements did not get approved for the new facility they were planning,” Karen Noble, secretary-treasurer of the Robinson Township Local Services Board (LSB), wrote in an email on Monday, July 21.

“I was told they were picking up all the recycling bins, and that the project was closing,” said Ms. Noble. She explained the one bin for the township, which was located on her property in Silver Water, “got used very week and was full every week. In fact, some weeks after the bins were full, we had to take some of the materials and put it into our garage until the delivery guy showed up and we would hand it over to him. These bins were very popular,” she said, noting residents from other neighbouring communities such as Meldrum Bay, Zhiibaahaasing and Sheshegwaning First Nations residents had also helped to fill the bins on a weekly basis as well.

Billings township councillor Vince Grogan said last week, “I received a call from a local resident who indicated that Sic Sox had picked up our bins. There was no previous notification provided to

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## Civic Holiday Weekend events

Little Current  
Lions Haweater  
Weekend a real  
spooktacular treat

Wiikwemkoong  
Cultural, Arts  
Festival, promise  
great things

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—One of the most anticipated events of the summer season will soon be upon us as Little Current Lions Club presents the 56th edition of Haweater Weekend, in conjunction with the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. This year, the August long weekend homecoming celebration will be a real treat, given this year’s theme of ‘Haw-lloeen.’

Last week’s edition of The Expositor’s Haweater Weekend supplement contains a number of stories and a weekend agen-

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by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wiikwemkoong Cultural Festival, aka the Wiky Powwow, has been drawing the best of dancers and drum groups from across Turtle Island for over a half-century (64 years in fact), and once again this year, the venerable event will be paired with WAMF, the Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival.

This year, the music festival will be a more laid back affair, with a more country-folk vibe than in the past, albeit the featured artist, Crystal Shawanda is an award-winning

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## opinion

### editorial

## Hockey player sex assault trial highlights parenting challenges

Canada is still a hockey country, albeit other sports have been catching up of late (soccer and the two b-balls among them), but we still identify with the sound of blades on ice and the slapshot’s crack. So it was that many Canadians found themselves following the case of five young hockey players charged with sexual assault with more than a bit of horror and trepidation.

In the final verdict, the judge ruled that the Crown prosecutor had not proven that the victim did not provide consent and delivered a verdict of “not guilty.”

The charge is serious in Canada; if the victim is older than 16 years old, the accused can face up to 10 years in prison, while if the victim is younger than 16 years old, the accused faces a minimum sentence of one year with up to 14 years in prison. The bar for determining guilt is therefore set high. Up until 1978, rape, the most serious of sexual assault crimes, was still listed as a hanging offence—a capital crime.

While the evidence of criminal sexual assault in the case of the five young men (four of them active National Hockey League players) fell short of the mark, the details that emerged from the trial are nonetheless disturbing—with behaviour falling far short of what should normally be considered morally acceptable, if not provably criminal.

Of self-reported sexual assaults, friends, acquaintances and neighbours represent 52 percent of the assaults. These young men were not familiar to the alleged victim. Instead, a young woman was picked up in a bar and taken back to a hotel room for, what she admitted, was consensual sex with one of the men. Following a sex act, other members of the group were invited to take part.

To be clear, the young men accused of sexual assault were found not guilty of a crime. In delivering her nine-page verdict, the judge, a woman, decided that the victim was “not credible” in her testimony. Even most advocates who support women when reporting sexual assault understand the judge’s reasoning, under the Canadian justice system.

That notwithstanding, the behaviour of these young men, as outlined in court proceedings, falls well short of what any mother, father or guardian would, or should, expect of their children.

It is not a small issue.

According to Statistics Canada, few instances of sexual assault are reported to police and only a fraction of those police-reported sexual assaults actually result in charges and convictions. One

study indicated that only six percent of sexual assaults were reported to the police in 2019. It is a brave person who stands up and reports the crime. Statistics Canada reports that between 2015 and 2019, 36 percent of sexual assaults that were reported to police in Canada resulted in charges, of which 61 percent proceeded to court. Once in court, 48 percent of cases linked to these incidents resulted in an accused person being found guilty and 50 percent of these resulted in a sentence of custody—not jail time and a far cry from hanging.

The pervasiveness of pornography online likely plays a key part in the thinking of young men that their behaviour is socially acceptable—with choking becoming a serious danger thanks to sexual portrayals on the net according to numerous studies being published on the burgeoning crisis.

“The talk” is a challenging rite of passage for parents and, all too often, it is left to children’s compatriots and the internet to educate youth on how to treat their partners. Young men, especially (let’s be clear, some men are also sexually assaulted, but the numbers are far smaller than those of females being assaulted by every account), need to be taught better.

Machismo, toxic male behaviour, has always been rampant in society—ubiquitous “locker room” behaviour being case to point—but it has escalated thanks to internet porn and social media normalization.

Sexual assault is a crime that stays with the victim for a lifetime, it should never be, in any way, considered normal. But its root cause lies in the behaviour of our young men and it is we, the parents of our children who are falling short.

The young men who were accused of sexual assault may now be able to continue their lives and possibly even their careers. The NHL has chosen not to welcome those players back into “The Show” pending a review but the young woman who has been subjected to the trial by fire, that a sexual assault trial certainly is, will carry that pain for the rest of her life. Should the NHL decide not to allow the players to return, that would, at least, send a message to other young men, athletes or not. This would be the NHL’s prudent decision.

It is past time that we “teach our children well” for “our children’s hell does slowly go by” to paraphrase the Crosby, Stills and Young song.

## letters

# Congratulations to the Gore Bay Summer Theatre

## We are fortunate to have such talent and dedication

**To the Expositor:**  
*EDITOR’S NOTE: The following letter to the editor was submitted by a Gore Bay resident after attending one of the Gore Bay Theatre productions this summer.*

Thank you, yet again, Andrea (Emmer-ton) and Walter (Maskel), for providing us with another wonderful evening of theatre!

I can only imagine the challenges involved in presenting “The Woman in Black,” a riveting and complicated production, but you nailed it with your usual power and simplicity, and it was perfect for a gloomy rainy evening!

Ray (Scott) and John (Robertson) gave very strong performances accompanied by great sound effects and Tammy (Robinson)

was beautifully creepy as she wafted malignantly around!

Again, may I say how very fortunate we are to have such talent and dedication right here in little Gore Bay.

**Ev Cardiff  
Gore Bay**

## Technology is dumbing down the human race

## If people would listen to me they would learn something about life

**To the Expositor:**  
This technology is completely destroying people’s lives because they do not understand life anymore, just becoming dumb asses in life. Sorry for saying that, but I think I need to get down to the damn truth

as I see this happening. Even doctors and nurses are getting dumber too because of this technology and I sure would love to have a good long lecture with these people and teach them about life because I am the teacher of life and I know what I’m talking

about and understanding it and if people start listening to me, they would learn something about life and how to have a normal life.

**Ronald Osawabine  
Wiikwemkoong**

## Canadians are coming to realize the US is not kind and benign

## The case of a Quebec boater is an object lesson for Manitoulin’s West End boaters

**To the Expositor:**  
Just when Canadians (and other nationals) have come to the realization that the United States of America is not the benign friendly welcoming place that it once was, it appears that the US Coastguard is haunting the marine borders (inland only?) waiting to pounce on some unsuspecting Canadian who might happen to stray a few feet over the invisible border line of a lake or waterway. They have taken to the waterways now.

This may have happened to Edouard Lallemand, 60, (newyorkalmanack.com/2025/07/canadian-angler-arrested/4) who borrowed a small boat from a friend in Venise-en-Québec.

Looking at the map of Lake Champlain,

the area in question is a relatively small bay in the north end of Lake Champlain which is quite a massive and complex lake.

The crew of the US Coastguard boat acted like thugs in keeping with the current manner of ICE and other law enforcement agencies of the USA. The crew of the US Coastguard boat must have been desperate for something to do to traverse a truly large lake to reach the Canadian border in a tiny corner of the lake.

The US Coast Guard crew could have simply pointed out to Edouard Lallemand that he may have strayed over the border. The crew would have had the benefit of a GPS to support their claim which they could have shared with Edouard Lallemand. Good manners and friendship would have pre-

vailed as any right-minded person might expect in any marine environment.

But no! The US Coastguard resorted to what amounted to the thuggery and malicious behaviour now all too common in the United States.

So... while enjoying sailing around Lake Huron—especially around areas like Cockburn Island and the waterway leading to Sault Ste. Marie and beyond—these are no longer friendly waters.

Best regards

**Lionel Rudd  
Sudbury**



# Manitoulin North Shore/Sudbury West Federation of Agriculture’s 2025 Ag Day - a tremendous success

**by Margery Frisch**  
TEHKUMMAH—On Saturday, July 26, cars and trucks, mostly pickup trucks, in large numbers, headed down Smeltzer Road in Tehkummah and descended upon the Palace Hillside Farm. The air was hot, the excitement hotter, as Manitoulin North Shore and Sudbury West Federation of Agriculture hosted its first Ag Day “in many, many years,” said Bill Orford, organizer of the event and president of the local federation.

The host farm, owned by the Reneckers, Lyle, Teresa and their son, Johannes (aka Hannie), consists of hundreds of acres of farmland, both owned and leased. It was an easy choice as the location for the Ag Day event.



Ag Day 4H Members serving up lunch - Shawn McKelvie, Parker and Spencer Johnston, Charles Skippen, Owen Flikweert, Brinlea Corbiere, Nicole Skippen and Allie Flikweert



Lyle Renecker, left, presents John Kelly with a Maple Leafs cap (which he most likely will never wear).

“Part of it was they had a brand-new grain dryer,” said John McNaughton, also a board member for the local federation, “it’s only the second one on the island. And Hannie was wanting to show off the farm too, but mainly because he was also doing all the trials in the fields that are more innovative.

was to take all interested parties out to the fields in two wagon loads pulled to the site by tractors. Those who couldn’t fit on the wagons would get their turn once the others returned. Unfortunately, the one tour lasted far longer than expected, cancelling the second group tour due to time constraints.



Learning the benefits of a Top Dry silo.

I do trials myself, but I only do one or two at a time. Here he is, he’s got about a dozen out there.” And, with a sly grin, Mr. McNaughton added, “it also helps to be fresh out of school too.”

Bill Orford got things underway with a brief welcome and a thank you to the many sponsors, and an introduction of special guests, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, John Kelly, MPP for Algoma/ Manitoulin, Bill Rosenberg, and the Northern Director of OFA, Bill Groenheide.

Next on the agenda was a crop tour of test plots and research trials on the Renecker farm. The plan

However, those who were left behind, did not lose out. They were treated to a tour of farm machinery the likes of which many had not seen before and the very reason the Renecker farm is so proficient in crop management and innovation.

Hannie Renecker explained every piece of machinery in the yard, beginning and ending with the prided Top Dry Silo. “I’m a big believer in making a difference in the world,” he said at the start “and I don’t mind leading the charge on that one.” He went on to explain the intricate workings of the grain silo which would make great sense to the farmers among his listen-

ers. The top dry has many advantages, one of the main ones being the use of far less propane in the drying process. “This is helping us be better stewards of the land, we are always improving our practices, helping to reduce the threats caused by climate change,” he said.

“We’ve got to think of every way we can, yes to make a profit, but also to preserve the land we have

necker said, then he went on to explain, in detail, how he can get 15 rows out of the bag, rather than the traditional 10 rows. The young farmer was full of useful information for all who wanted to learn his farming practices.

When the tractors pulling the wagons returned, Mr. Orford was anxious to get the afternoon’s events underway. Seija Deschenes, coordinator



Off to the fields we go!

and increase yield at the same time we’re improving practices. In doing that, seed placement is a huge part of that, because you’ve got to think about the cost that goes into these crops,” Mr. Renecker said. Much of the innovation on the farm comes from state-of-the-art machinery, like the Lupin Leaf population monitor-



Wonderfull Inc. drone spraying a fine mist over the field.

ing system that measures the number of seeds going down per acre, using an infrared technology and costing about the same as a scale to put on a drill. But it reduces cost because the seed placement is reduced, thereby improving the germination of the seeds put down, not overpopulating with seed and resulting in a greater yield. “Canola costs about \$1,100 a bag,” Hannie Re-

of Manitoulin Streams, was first to speak, as she had another commitment to attend. Manitoulin Streams was in attendance because they are reworking and restoring a stream at the back of the Renecker property. Ms. Deschenes explained that Manitoulin Streams is a non-profit organization made up of a board of directors. They have helped restore many agricultural properties with streams or creeks in need of repair. In addition to explaining what practices are being used to bring the Renecker’s stream back to life, Ms. Deschenes said, “Because we are not-for-profit, we have to find all the money that we can, but Lyle also applied for the RALP program and received funding for wetland improvement as well as repairing and restoration.”

Everyone who spoke that afternoon had valuable information to share with farmers. Claude Pélouquin from Ontario Seed and Crop Improvement Association (OS-CIA) also spoke of the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program

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Bill Groenheide, Northern Director of OFA. (RALP) which provides funding to support Ontario farmers in making their agricultural lands more productive and resilient. Dr. Caio Correa, a plant pathologist from Ontario Ministry of Agriculture (OMA) directed farmers to gocrops.ca for data on performance trials, etc. Holmes Agro, one of the sponsors of the day, was represented by Taylor Legge and she shared one of their new innova-



What did he say? Bill Orford and John Hill are amused by Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg’s remarks.

tions in the cropping industry—Enlist soybeans. What makes this product special is its herbicide tolerance. And the Reneckers had some growing in one of their test plots. Graeme Spiers, professor emeritus from Laurentian University spoke of soil health, and it being the cornerstone of life.

Bill Groenheide, Northern Director of OFA shared a bit of information with everyone regarding the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. “We’re 38,000 strong,” he said. That’s 38,000 farmers in 11 federations and

15 zones. “In the North there are different issues than in the south – big time. There’s weather, number one, there’s transportation and other things that happen in the north. I am one voice out of 15. So sometimes it’s difficult to get things on the table that mean a lot to us in the north. I get a lot of help from Bill (Orford) and other federations and that’s what I need when I go to the table, with your issues. So that is something that’s really good for me because I know that I have these federations standing behind me when I go there. It’s kind of neat when we get together three times a year. We all work together because we know we have to be strong when we go south. I am very, very happy to be part of this. I’m glad Bill invited me to come here. My wife and I traveled 12 hours to get here, from Thunder Bay. It’s a big area, but believe me it’s well worth it to meet you people, to talk about farming and to see what you’re doing on Manitoulin. Every time I come here, I’m blown away.”

Mr. Orford thanked the Renecker family for the use of their farm, but also for all the work they had put into preparation for the day and gracious hospitality. The last speaker of the day was Jenny Chen from Wonderfull Inc. which is a company based in Innisfil. Since 2019, Jenny Chen and her team have been among the first to promote and sell DJI agricultural drones in Canada. Ms. Chen spoke of the many uses and benefits a drone can provide in modern farming practices. The pièce de

resistance came when everyone followed her out of the coverall and into the field where her partner was ready to demonstrate one of largest drones seen in these parts, its speed and distance capabilities as it sprayed water over the crops.

The entire day was filled with opportunities to talk, to listen, to learn different practices and to meet new people. Farmers did listen, learn, talk and share, and there’s no greater proof of a successful Ag Day than that.



# Friends and Neighbours

*Providence Bay*  
*Alexia Hannigan*

Alexia here with your hot and humid fly-by!

July is like a bridge. The seventh month brings so many people and memories together all at once, it bridges the people we were and the places we have visited to the people we will become and the journeys that lie ahead of us. It is the passage, place and pinnacle of all forward moving energies and experiences that we must embrace and traverse to bridge and gap the gift of precious time. We try to quantify and measure the minutes and days; file and filter our emotions and memories and lose ourselves in the process. Stop! Be still. Allow the now to fill and forge your soul and senses. Smell the cedars after the rain, savour the fruit from the vine, bask in the warmth of the sun. This is your time to shine, right now! Breathe it in and drink it up, fill your cup and then fill it again!

Here's what's happening: Providence Bay arena and fairgrounds: No big events this weekend but you may catch some of the horses and trainers preparing the August Providence Bay Fair horse show. The bleachers are always a beautiful spot to spot Eagles, Hawks and catch a great sunset. If you would like some more information about the August Providence Bay Fair you can check out the providence Bay Fair Facebook page. Campsites are selling fast: To reserve your site download the waiver here: <https://2025-prov-fair-camping-waiver.tiiny.site>. Complete the form in full! Email it to: [provfaircamping@gmail.com](mailto:provfaircamping@gmail.com).

Providence Bay Curling Club: Bake sale and yard sale Saturday, August 2 from 8 am to 1 pm at 184 Munro Street, Providence Bay (corner of Munro and Mira). Check the Providence Bay Curling Club Facebook page for details.

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions are launching their new progressive lottery "Catch the Ace" to benefit the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Inc. Starting July 21, \$5 tickets will be available at Mindemoya Grill & Chill, D.A. Williamson, Huron Island Time, Buie's Grocery and Lions Club members. The first draw takes place Tuesday, August 12 at 7 pm and will be broadcast live on the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Facebook page. From each ticket sale, 20% funds of the weekly jackpot, 30% contributes to the progressive jackpot and 50% goes directly to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary Inc.

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

Sunset Music Series: The series officially marshalled in the new music season be sure to catch London Trio on Friday, August 1 and Nick Posthumous on Saturday, August 2. This is not a ticketed event, but you can support your local musicians by donation side of the stage show. Note if the show gets rained out, it is always pushed to the next show day! Location is in Providence Bay beside Huron Island Time. Parking and washrooms at the site. The music series features great musicians and artists who take to the stage right beside the Boardwalk and Discovery Centre every weekend though July and August from 6:30 to 9 pm. Bring your blankets and chairs!

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

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you late July and early August babies! Thoughts and love to my late mom who would have celebrated 86 years this August 1. We welcome you all to Manitoulin Island, we wish you a wonderful, happy and safe summer holiday.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift, that is why it is called the present."

- Master Oogway, Kung Fu Panda

*Kagawong*  
*Team Fergmeijer*

As many of you know, Team Fergmeijer enjoys puttering about in the kitchen. We also quite enjoy a good cooking show. We have recently finished watching the final episode of the Australian Master Chef series. It was surprising to hear the audience clapping and cheering when the chef made a fancy meringue. In our experience, Australians normally boo meringues.

The Manitoulin Tennis Club meets regularly Wednesdays 6:30 until 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.

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! Show starts at 9 pm; admission is by donation.

This week we are sending out heartfelt birthday wishes to Mike C, Meredith C-N, Dawn N and Beth G on their 29th trip around the sun. We wish you good health, happiness and just a bit of magic. Failing all of that, we wish you doughnuts.

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](mailto:seniors@billingstwp.ca) for more information or to RSVP.

Please note that the pink Sic Sox containers are no longer available at the Park Centre. The company has unexpectedly discontinued the program and the township is looking for alternative providers.

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 Thursday, 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. Come out for the matinee at 3:30 pm or the evening show at 7:30 pm. Admission is free, though donations to the museum are appreciated.

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

We bought a vinyl record called "Sounds Wasps Make" but when we got home and played it we agreed it sounded nothing like wasps. Turns out, we were playing the bee side. Have a great week!

*Meldrum Bay*  
*Elaine Bradley*

On Friday night, July 18 at cards Janice Cada was high lady with 80 points; high man was Gene Cada with 90 points; Myra Duncanson won the ladies' lone hands with four and she took home the

juice; Donna K McDonald won the men's lone hands with four; most euchres went to Lois Wismer with eight; Lynda Rumley won the 50/50 draw. Congratulations to the winners of the money jar, which was shared between Gene Cada with 91 points and Donna K McDonald with 89 points. Karen Noble won the door prize.

On Friday morning we had gone into Gore Bay to have coffee and treats in the basement of the town hall. The proceeds go to different area churches. This week we were supporting the West End United Church congregations. It's always nice to do a good deed and have fun at the same time. We stopped and wandered around looking at the waterfront booths and displays. Then we had lunch at the Cod-mother's. After a bit of shopping, we went home. It was a great day.

Soon we will be having our Beef Barbecue at the Community Hall. Every year the beef has been tender and delicious. The last few years Rose's daughter and son-in-law have donated corn on the cob and it has been delicious. I hope that they do the same this year.

This week we attended Norm Morrell's funeral in Burpee Mills. Following interment there was a lunch served. He touched so many lives. He often took services here in Meldrum when Rev. Janice Frame was away. He did many auctions. One lady I spoke to told me how he until a few years ago had done her income taxes for her. He sold real estate. He was a high school teacher and vice principal. So many hats he had worn in his lifetime. He was very friendly and was always making new friends. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

We were out to visit friends tonight and on our way home we saw a small buck with two prongs for antlers. There have been some bear sitings as well. So far the bears have been behaving themselves. The deer have been behaving themselves too. We have two grape vines but our neighbour on Water Street and another on Joyce Road South have a large number planted. Hopefully the deer leave them alone.

Have a great week everyone.

*Barrie Island*  
*Enid Runnalls*

Apologies to the readers of this column which didn't happen last week. I was busy at my other job, being an artist!

The sun has been shining on Barrie Island and so the hay is growing well and yet frequent rain has impeded the cutting and baling cycle. But I guess you shouldn't complain too much when you've got a good crop. Some of the bulls have been put out with the cows in the pastures.

On Thursday, July 17 there was a gathering at the Barrie Island Community Hall for John Featherstone's memorial service. People came from far and wide to celebrate Brother John's life. His wife Pauline and son Austin were here for the first time since moving to Manitoba and it was a bittersweet reunion for their local friends and neighbours.

Last Friday, July 18, I found myself scurrying around early in the morning posting 'Art Tour' signs along the road and putting those last minute touches in the studio. Sandy Miller and Carolyn Lane-Rock were on hand the whole weekend to greet, guide guests and put the coffee on. Thank you to the many visitors - true art lovers who ventured here to appreciate and discuss art and artmaking! It was so much fun!

For those of you who didn't make it to the Art Tour, Enid's Barrie Island Studio is open most days by appointment or by chance.

Bill Runnalls is here from Winnipeg to visit his big brother Oliver Runnalls and sister-in-law Barabara Runnalls. Bill is an avid walker and has been out daily to tread the trails of his youth. He is looking forward to Oliver's performance with the Manitoulin Swing Band at the Gore Bay Harbour Days.

Edith and Elwood Beange were at their property for a few days enjoying the summer weather. Edith is a great reader and always stops at the Little Free Library at the corner of 5th Side Road and East Line Road.

Wayne Jeffkins reports that the gooseberries are ripe and ready to be picked in his garden.

Teresa Norrish is enjoying the last few

days of July with her parents Bob and Barb Norrish, as she soon will be flying over to New Zealand. She plans to travel and work there for two years.

Sandy and Jim Miller have a family friend, 17-year-old Abbey Wilson, visiting for a few weeks. Abbey hails from London, England and is greatly enjoying the rural activities he finds himself involved in, such as four-wheeling, whipper-snipping, campfires, cookouts, fishing, 'wild' swimming (as swimming in a lake is referred to elsewhere) and tractor driving.

It's a full-house at the Miller's cottage, as their daughter Fiona Miller-Perry is here from Ottawa with her two boys: Griffin (almost three) and Rowan (almost one). When the Miller boys Arie, Isaiah and Eli, as well as Micah show up, they have enough for some sort of team sport. Rock throwing is a favourite activity and the boys are learning to skip stones with some effectiveness.

This week, Mark and Sharon Robbins of Lindsay, Ontario, are visiting Scott and Enid Runnalls for a few days. They will soon be joined by their son Matty Robbins and his girlfriend, Olivia Sisson.

Diane and Sal Brunetti of Kagawong were here for a farm tour with their son Joel, his wife Emily and their two little boys Nico (four) and Theo (two) from Golden, B.C. Micah took the boys on a full tour of the implement shed, pointing out the balers, tedders, combine harvester and manure spreader. Then he moved on to show the bull, a few calves and Melody the horse.

Please contact me if you have any news to share!

*Silver Water*  
*Karen Noble*

On Friday, July 11 we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

On Saturday morning the UCW went to the Burpee/Mills Complex to prepare the lunch for Stella Campbell's funeral.

On Monday we went to euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex.

There was a session of kits & quilts in Meldrum Bay on Tuesday, July 15. Colleen Julseth and Albert Meijer went to it and reported they got a lot done.

Fire practice was held on Tuesday evening with a good turnout.

SLM brought a 20-yard metal recycling bin to our yard on Wednesday, July 16 and picked it up on Tuesday, July 22. It was completely full again this year. The proceeds of \$221 are for the Local Services Board.

The UCW ice cream party was held at Linda Thiessen's house on Wednesday, July 16 at 7 pm. The theme for next year's Canada Day is "west end timber." We finished the meeting just in time for the rain to start falling.

Larissa Chevrete stayed at our house for two nights. The weather did not co-operate for us to swim. We did some baking and visiting the neighbours.

Gladys and Murray Duncanson had their friends Len and Celin stay with them for the weekend.

On Friday, July 18 there was a group of people who went to the community hall to get ready for the fish dinner on Saturday. On Saturday morning there was another group at the hall to set up the tent outside for cooking the fish and to prepare the potatoes for the ladies to cook. There were over 150 people who attended this hall board fundraiser.

On Monday night we went to euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex.

Myra Duncanson's daughter, Kate and her husband Chip Tomisch arrived Friday night and are here for a couple of weeks while on vacation.

A group of UCW went to the Burpee/Mills Complex on Thursday morning to prepare the lunch for after Norm Morrell's funeral. There was a very large crowd for the funeral.

There was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday evening.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson have their son, Clarke and grandson Aiden at their house for the weekend.

Happy Birthday to DonnaKay McDonald, Rose Van Every and Larissa Chevrete on August 7.

Condolences to the family of Norm Morrell, the family of Ginger Morrison and the family of Kathy Beckon.



# ...Ivan Wheale nominated for Ontario Queen’s Medal for Citizenship

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artists his techniques, sharing insights and gentle encouragement to each and every one. Together with the late Peg Forbes, Mr. Wheale founded the famed La Cloche Art Show held at the beginning of July in Whitefish Falls and he has delivered painting workshops for Perivale Gallery (his official agents) each year.

For decades, Mr. Wheale also shared his quirky sense of humour with readers of The Expositor through tongue-in-cheek anonymous classified ads. His secret is now out. (Call 368.)

Although he is now facing his last

days, and faces considerable pain due to his illness, Mr. Wheale has not lost any of that sense of humour and the twinkle in his eye, along with his grip, remains undaunted.

“I have always painted what inspires my passion,” he said. His latest works have largely featured the rugged shorelines, trees, rocks and water of Georgian Bay and the North Channel, but his subjects have ranged from the farmhouses and barns of Manitoulin (many of which have since vanished into the mists of time) to icebergs of the arctic. Each rendered in a realistic style that showcase his master of oil paint, canvas and brush.



MPP Bill Rosenberg and Ivan Wheale enjoy a chat at the artist's home.

# ...UCCM Police satellite station now installed

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Road, “right before the powwow grounds in the community,” explained Staff Sergeant Mack. “It will be the first large building people will see coming into the community, and if anyone comes to the community with intent (of committing a crime), they will know there is a strong police presence.”

Staff Sergeant Mack said that “for now, until we get our officer numbers increased, we will be undertaking zone policing; if there are eight officers on duty for the whole service area, two will be deployed in Western Manitoulin. Once the number of officers has increased, we will have officers dedicated full-time to this office.”

The new satellite office will also benefit the community with administrative and reception staff being hired, said Staff Sergeant Mack.

Royal Homes built the prefab offices. Five modulars were transported from the company’s plant in Wingham to Sheshegwaning last week. The modulars were set in place on the foundation. The roof is to be installed on the building, along with exterior masonry stone to be put on the outside of the building. Staff Sergeant Mack said, “we should be able to be able to man the building by October.”

The building provides for a two-and-a-half bay garage allowing for two police cruisers, quads and snow machine used by the police service.

The Sheshegwaning location is one of two UCCM satellite offices being set up. “The modulars have been built for the satellite office to be located in Whitefish River First Nation. The lot has been cleared and preparation work will begin. “Our goal is to have the concrete

foundation work complete within two weeks, and in mid to late August the modulars will be set on the foundation,” said Staff Sergeant Mack. The WRFN office will be located in the new subdivision area in the community.

The two buildings are prefabricated commercial/residential buildings designed to serve as permanent satellite offices.

Staff Sergeant Mack had explained previously, “Currently our office headquarters are located in M’Chigeeng, which is basically an hour drive for Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaabaashing meaning (the satellite office) will provide for better, timely service to the West End of the Island.

“Every community on Manitoulin Island deserves to feel safe. And when there is a sign on a building that says ‘police,’ if a person in a community or visiting has any ill

intent, this might help dissuade them. A visual and physical presence means a lot. And there is no doubt communities all over Manitoulin have issues dealing with drugs and addictions. Our goal is to help serve all of the Island,” said Staff Sergeant Mack.

“With offices in the communities, officers will be able to visit schools, band offices, and businesses. It is all about building relationships in the community,” said Staff Sergeant Mack.

Rob Seifried, a Manitoulin resident who has been employed with Royal Homes for the past three years and is the company’s representative for Northern Ontario, indicated the roof on the satellite office will be built on site, beginning this week. “We like to use local labour, and Dave Deeg will be doing the roof work,” said Mr. Seifried.

# ...Split Rail Brewing Company turns 10

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from family and friends.”

Ms. Smith noted Split Rail has been fortunate to have a great team of employees, from the original crew to the “thriving and exciting team we have currently.”

Split Rail produces high quality, small batch beer and soda. Ms. Smith and Ms. Charlton began brewing in a garage in 2011 and opened Manitoulin Island’s first craft brewery in 2015 in Gore Bay.

“Thanks to artist Michael Belmore’s extraordinary talent, Kickstarter supporters from near and far were forever immortalized with names carved into the bar (and on metal signs throughout the taproom). Every day, as glasses clink and stories flow, these names remind us that Split Rail exists because communities of people believed,” a Split Rail post notes.



Staff of Split Rail Brewing Company pose for a photo during the Gore Bay business 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary customer appreciation party, held last Friday evening.

True collaboration is a founding value for Split Rail based on lasting partnerships with local businesses, suppliers, and creators and makers, and creating a network that strengthens the Island community has been key. From sourcing ingredients as locally as possible to cross-promoting fellow entrepreneurs, Split Rail holds the value that working together makes everyone stronger. This community-first, customer-centred philosophy has been the driving force behind Split Rails growth

and success over the past decade,” Ms. Smith said.

The 10-year anniversary celebration featured live music by Annette Smith (Nettish), complementary snacks, cupcakes and 10 special giveaway draws. Prizes included merchandise, beverages, Maple Ridge maple syrup and the grand prize winner, Dave Johnson, received an experiential ‘Brew Day’ package with brewmaster Barret Campbell. Mr. Johnson will receive an exclusive behind the scenes brewing experience with Split Rail’s head brewer. This hands on ‘Brew Day’ package adventure takes the winner through the complete journey of crafting their own personalized beer from initial concept to final pour on the taps (with

take-home bottles too).

The celebration marked the launch of a highly anticipated non-alcoholic beverage in takeaway format. This popular drink, Hawberry-Cherry Seltzer, has been available on tap since 2018 will now be offered, in limited supplies, for take-home purchase for the first time, responding to years of customer requests. A second non-alcoholic seltzer (which has also been enjoyed on the taps for many years), Maple Seltzer, was also released in takeaway format on Friday.

The idea for Split Rail started in 2010. At that time there were no microbreweries in the region. Andrea and Eleanor with their team started brewing in their garages under guid-

ance from master brewer Glenn Forbes and several other key advisors including Lake of Bays owner Darren Smith. Split Rail was incorporated in 2012 and launched to the public on July 25, 2015. Over the years Split Rail has won numerous provincial and national awards.

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# ...Little Current Lions Haweater Weekend a real spooktacular treat

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da—but for those who did not get a copy of that edition (heads up, we do have some archived copies) here is a brief synopsis of what visitors can expect in Little Current between today, Wednesday July 30 and Sunday, August 3.

Throughout the weekend, the popular Carver Kings will be playing their trade and showcasing their chainsaw art chops at the old fire hall building on the corner of Meredith and Worthington Streets. Starting 6 pm on Friday, it is the ever-popular Slo-Pitch Tournament down at the Low Island ball fields. Enjoy a brew or two (responsibly please) at the beer tent while cheering on your favourite teams. The lads and lassies of

summer will continue on to the championships on Sunday.

The action heats up on Thursday, with Shock n’ Haw Wrestling as the warriors of Live Pro Wrestling hit the ring for shows at 4 pm and 7:30 pm at the NEMI Recreation Centre. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Little Current will be hosting a wing night with live entertainment.

Friday, the streets of Little Current will be closed to vehicular traffic as a host of vendors will be set up with food, clothing and much, much more—including, new for this year, a cooling mist tent. The NEMI Farmers’ Market will be in full swing as well. While all day, down at the NEMI Rec Centre parking lot the

Midway is back!

From 10 am to 4 pm, a silent auction takes place at Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street—winners can pick up on Sunday afternoon.

Author and illustrator Ashley Whyte will be offering ‘Tale in Support of Tails,’ a live reading of her 2026 Rescue Pet Calendar at The Expositor Office as a fundraiser for Manitoulin Pet Rescue starting at 3 pm Friday.

There are plenty of dining options available on Friday, including a Legion Steak Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 hall, while live music can be found at Soldiers’ Park cenotaph from 6 pm, courtesy of George Williamson and friends. At 8 pm to 12 am, there will be live music and an open mic at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 hall, hosted by Highway 6 and the Legion—this is a licenced event, age of majority only.

Saturday, carvers, vendors, baseball and the midway continue, while fishers hit the waters for the annual Huron Bass Tour, launching from Spider Bay Marina.

At 9 am it’s Yoga on the Docks at, you guessed it, the downtown docks at the east end of Water Street; Psychic Chantelle at Friendleigh’s Flowers and Gifts and the Soapbox Derby on Vankoughnet Street (practice runs at 9:30 am—bring your own helmet),

At 10 am the Breakaway Sports and Cycle Haw Run sets out from the NEMI

Public Library at 50 Meredith Street and the Little Current Quilt and Stitchery Quilt Show will take place in the Artisans’ Incubation Centre on the east side of the municipal offices. Get your tickets in for a chance to win a large queen-sized hand stitched quilt and other prizes.

The Lions barbecue starts up at 11 am in the Rec Centre parking lot, while at noon the inflatable bouncy castles will be in full swing down at Low Island.

Beach volleyball starts at noon at Low Island as well, while at 12:30 pm, the massively popular Cardboard Boat races get underway for its 20th edition, with prizes, age categories and a business challenge on the beach.

At 1 pm there are pickleball demonstrations at the NEMI Rec Centre tennis courts.

Manitoulin Brewing Company will launch its annual Block Party featuring live music (a licenced event—age of majority only) from 1 pm to 8:30 pm at its Manitowaning Road location. They will also feature a beer garden downtown on Saturday afternoon at the post office parking lot.

Doors on the famous Hawfest Dance open at 8 pm to 1 pm (doors close at 10:30 pm so don’t dawdle). This year the dance features a twofer—with Pynx Productions on the hockey arena side and New Country Music on the Curling Club side. Something for everyone.

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## Tales in support of Tails



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## ...removes textile recycling bins

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the municipalities. I understand they closed for a combination of things, the major one being unable to get approval for three phase power at their processing plant in Chapleau.”

Jerret Paquette, of Sic Sox Circular Ltd. said, “we made a statement on our social media page that we are closed for now. We are at a standstill with Hydro One having kept postponing our hydro upgrades for the plant facility over the past 18 months and we have been operating by taking funds out of our own pocket. We have also suffered a significant death in the family recently.”

“We decided to close for now, restructuring makes sense,” said Mr. Paquette. “We are saddened by all of this, and hope to get back in operation in the future. We need a \$200,000 power

er upgrade at the facility to continue and we can’t keep up with the materials that have been coming in because we can’t get the plant operating (the way the company had proposed).” He pointed out Sic Sox had been receiving between 2,000-3,000 kilograms of materials per week.

“With everything going on we need a break. We don’t know what the future holds, but feel that restructuring makes sense,” said Mr. Paquette. Sic Sox had textile recycling bins in Kagawong, Gore Bay, Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and Silver Water.

“We will be sending a formal apology and explanation to everyone that has supported us so far,” said Mr. Paquette.

“The concept was brilliant and was working,” said Mr. Grogan. “We (Billings) had two bins and they were incredibly


successful. We are looking for a group like Canada Diabetes to do the same.”

As had been previously reported, Mr. Paquette and his mother Doris Mitchell launched Sic Sox Circular in the community of Brunswick House First Nation near Chapleau in the fall of 2023. The plan was to repurpose unwanted textiles in a new type of home insulation and recycle the rest of the materials in a recycling facility at Brunswick House. Clothing, bedding and pillows, industrial textiles, shows, handbags and even stuffed animals toys would be dropped in the bins and had been emptied once a week and transported to the recycling facility at Brunswick House. Items that still have lots of life in them were being resold through the Sic Sox Thrift Store in Chapleau and online.

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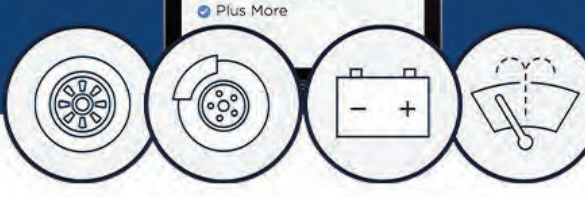
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The popular Sic Sox textile recycling bins have been removed from Island communities.



# ...Wiikwemkoong Cultural, Arts Festival, promise great things

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blues and country artist. This year, the headliner will be William Prince, Mr. Prince is a Canadian folk and country singer-songwriter who hails from Winnipeg. A direct descendant of Chief Peguis, whose efforts are credited with keeping the Selkirk settlers alive (circa 1817). Prince's father Edward was also a musician and preacher, who recorded a number of albums, and Prince travelled with his father playing gigs in northern Manitoba.

Mr. Prince released his solo debut album, 'Earthly Days,' on December 11, 2015 and since then, his song 'Breathless' reached No. 22 on the Billboard Adult Contemporary charts in 2018. His second album, 'Reliever,' was released on February 7, 2020 and also in 2020, he released his third studio album, an album of country gospel songs called "Gospel First Nation." The album included a mixture of new original songs, songs written by his father (a preacher with whom the younger Mr. Prince played gigs across the territory, as well as traditional gospel songs. He has also performed alongside Vince Fontaine and Don Amero in the band Indian City.

Featured artist Crystal Shawanda is no stranger to WAMF or Wiikwemkoong, having grown up in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Her amazing blues performances bring a Janis Joplin-level energy to the stage. Her daughter will also be performing in her own first solo onstage gig.

Among the highlights at this year's WAMF, according to organizer Jason Manitowabi, will be emerging headlining performances; a Smoke Dance versus Fancy Dance showdown; an 'Honouring Our Water Protectors & Land Guardians' Fashion Show; Odawa Mnis Youth Chef Showdown, an arts and crafts marketplace as well as a host of culinary vendors to sample.

WAMF takes place all day Friday, August 1, at Nimbinesinh Kaaning (Thunderbird Park) in Wiikwemkoong.

This year the Cultural Festival will take place from Saturday, August 2 to Monday, August 4, but in a switch up from previous years, the contest awards (this is a competition powwow) will take place on Sunday—allowing for more dancers and drums to come from away.

The draws are substantial with a first prize in the drum competition sitting at \$12,000. Even fifth prize is no slouch with a \$2,000 prize. Host drum is Charging Horse, a contemporary drum group with singers from numerous parts of Canada. In the dance categories, top prizes in the adult sections run from \$1,200 to \$600 for

## ...Haweater Weekend

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Sunday may be a day of rest, but carvers, vendors, baseball, psychic, the quilt show and the midway continue, while at 10:30 am the Haweater church service takes place at Little Current United Church.

At noon, the Haweater Parade heads out on its traditional route—floats please be in position by 11:30 am.

From 1 to 4 pm there is live music at the cenotaph by Crash Sunday and their good ol' time rock and roll.

From 1:30 to 4:30 pm, a new event, the radio-controlled car rally will be featured at the NEMI Rec Centre tennis courts.

From 3 pm, down at Low Island, there will be kids' games and activities, sponsored by the Lions this year.

As an early prelude to the fireworks at dusk, there will be line dancing at the post office parking lot from 5 pm to 7 pm, when the street dance will start up, featuring Pynx Productions.

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Women's traditional contestants line up at last year's Cultural Festival.

fourth place, while the youth categories start out with \$500 for teens, to \$300 for boys and girls and a daily honorarium for Tiny Tots.

"This year we have added the Woodland and Smoke Dance to the regular categories," said Mr. Manitowabi. "We hope to invite and open up the dance arena to more

dancers." In the past those categories had been listed as "specials" he noted.

On Saturday night, there will be a Fancy Dance Showdown, with fancy shawl dancers facing off against fancy bustle dancers and a Woodland versus Smoke Dance challenge. "This year we are replacing the Iron Man and Iron Woman with those events," said Mr. Manitowabi. The designs by Wiikwemkoong's own fashion designer Tashina and collaborator Darcy Moses (of Vogue Magazine fame) will be sure to dazzle.

Master of ceremonies are Duke Peltier, Allan Manitowabi and Jason Whitehorse. Mr. Whitehorse hails from Mount Pleasant Michigan.

Head veteran is Wayne Pitawanakwat, arena director David Trudeau, head drum judge Animikeence Plain, head male dance judge is Dr. John Hupfield, head female judge is Deanne Hupfield, Smoke Dance singer is Sheldon Sundown and the head elders are Henry James Shawanda and Gloria Mandamin.

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# ...Island now being serviced for fibreoptic transmissions

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to accelerate progress and bring high-speed connectivity to more communities as quickly as possible.”

Attending the event were Dr. Kalai Kalaichelvan, CEO of PomeGran; Joe Hickey, president of PomeGran, founder

and president of ROCK Networks; Sault Ste. Marie-Algonia MP Terry Sheehan; Marc Bellini, vice president of enterprise sales at Nokia Canada; Ashraf Youssef, PomeGran director of fibre projects; and Jean Lamoureux, PomeGran’s chief subscriber officer along with a host of supporting

admin staff. PomeGran Inc. is Canada’s fastest-growing fibre-centric broadband infrastructure provider and is dedicated to enhancing broadband services. As such, PomeGran has emerged as a leader on a mission to empower underserved markets in Quebec and Ontario, notes Ms. Mansour. “PomeGran is investing in rural Quebec and Northern Ontario as part of their strategic plan. Boasting ownership of broadband networks, underground and aerial fibre assets, and fixed wireless access assets, PomeGran is committed to bridging the digital divide that exists between urban, rural and Indigenous communities. Founded on the fundamental principle of ensuring equitable access to high-speed Internet, PomeGran believes that everyone deserves the opportunity to participate in today’s digital-first economy.”

Nokia, explained Mr.



Marc Bellini, president of enterprise sales at Nokia Canada, addresses the crowd at the Espanola Northern Ontario Fibre Project information session.

photo by Michael Erskine

Bellini, no longer makes cellphones and has come a long way from its humble beginnings as a Finnish lumber mill company, growing to become the largest international player in network infrastructure—providing equipment and services for mobile and fixed networks, cloud technologies and the “Internet of Things.”

The event began with short speeches by each of the main proponents of the project. Ms. Mansour noted that the purpose of the barbecue/public meeting is so PomeGran could preview progress on the gigabit fibre service and to introduce the new community-focused ISP brand NIVO.

“We are proud to introduce a sneak peek of NIVO, a new kind of internet service provider designed with smaller communities in mind,” said Mr. Lamoureux. “NIVO is clear, capable and community focused. You’ll start seeing more of the brand as fibre connections go live across Espanola and beyond.”

Although the group are bringing fibre connectivity to Manitoulin, the broader initiative will deliver fibre broadband to more than 18,600 underserved homes, including 2,580 Indigenous households, across rural and remote parts of Northern Ontario, noted Ms. Mansour.

During the presentation, Dr. Kalaichelvan,

highlighted the advanced technology behind the network. “We are building with 25G PON fibre from Nokia, the same world-class infrastructure used in major cities globally,” he said. “Soon, Espanola residents will have access to multi-gigabit internet speeds that are truly future-proof.”

MP Sheehan was introduced as a strong supporter of the project who has attended every meeting about the project. “I can tell you that it’s been amazing watching this development and being on this journey,” said MP Sheehan. “I supported this from the get-go. What this represents to me is that everybody in Northern Ontario should have a same service and access that anyone else in this country does, places like Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, because it’s about quality, it’s about equality. It’s equality in health care—being able to do your medical appointments. It’s both equality and education. It is about being able to do business anywhere in Northern Ontario. We made a commitment that we would connect all Canadians by 2030. So, in our Northern Ontario Liberal caucus this was a standing item for many, many years.”

MP Sheehan noted that the project has moved forward with fire hose speed. In the summer of 2024, in June, “We announced \$97 million. I’m so happy to see we will connect 18,600

people, including 2,500 First Nations.”

Supporting remarks were also read from a letter by Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg. “On behalf of the provincial government, we are very pleased with the progress that has been made on this major milestone of the first fiber-to-home connection project in the Town of Espanola. This provincial government infrastructure program will help improve high-speed gigabyte broadband internet opportunities for Algoma-Manitoulin and for remote locations lacking internet services at this time.”

“When you do a project like this, you need lots of partnerships and one of the partners that has been very critical to the success of ROCK networks and PomeGran has been Nokia,” said Mr. Hickey. “Nokia is one of the largest technology companies in the world in terms of Internet infrastructure, and a key part of us delivering 25 gigabit connections in this community.”

“We are building the infrastructure to connect 725 homes (in Espanola) that is, an installation and building the cabinet electronics, which is sitting here at 598 Second Avenue,” said Mr. Youssef, “this cabinet can serve more than 4,000 homes—through 97 kilometres of fibre which is being built and almost completed

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**NOTICE: The August 5 meeting of council is CANCELLED**

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# ...Almost 40 measles cases in Manitoulin District since June

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These locations include the Chi-Cheemaun ferry on Thursday, July 17, the South Baymouth to Tobermory 11 am departure, and Tobermory to South Baymouth 1:15 pm departure. PHSD recommends monitoring symptoms until Thursday, August 7. As well, exposure locations on the Chi-Cheemaun includes Monday, July 21, Tobermory to South Baymouth, 1:15 pm departure and South Baymouth to Tobermory, 3:30 pm departure. Monitor for symptoms until Monday, August 11.

People who were exposed on the dates and two locations listed below would have already developed illness if they were infected. They are urged to follow up with their health care provider if there are any questions or were previously ill with symptoms that could have been measles (as outlined below) for older exposures: Chi-Cheemaun ferry: Tuesday, June 24, South Baymouth to Tobermory 11 am departure, and Tobermory to South Baymouth, 1:15 pm departure; Thursday June 26, Tobermory to South Baymouth, 1:15 pm departure and South Baymouth to Tobermory, 3:30 pm departure; Friday, June 27 Tobermory to South Baymouth 1:15 pm departure and South Baymouth to Tobermory 3:30 pm departure; Saturday, June 28 South Baymouth to Tobermory 11 am department, and Tobermory to South Baymouth, 1:15 pm departure; Monday, June 30 Tobermory to South Baymouth 8:45 am departure, and South Baymouth to Tobermory 11 am departure.

A second location, the Manitoulin Health Centre, Minde-moya, emergency department Thursday, June 5, 10:15 am to 12:45 pm; Saturday, June 7, 2:19 pm to 7:30 pm; Friday, June 27, 9:45 pm to Saturday, June 28, 1:30 am.

Dr. Mustafa Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health for PHSD said, “Over 95 percent of measles infections in Ontario have not been fully vaccinated. The overwhelming majority of infections we are seeing locally align with that trend. Since measles can cause severe illness, disability, or even death in some people, I encourage everyone to ensure they have had two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine.”

Dr. Hirji said the additional infections in the area, “took place about eight weeks ago when someone from another part of Ontario had measles brought it here. However, no one has got sick enough until the young infant was diagnosed in the area.”

“I would say from our investigations there are people on Manitoulin Island that have had measles, with a total of 40 people,” said Dr. Hirji. “We will continue to investigate and identify where cases have spread and monitor this. To members of the public I would say first and foremost if they have had the vaccine (or if they previously



Public Health Sudbury and Districts is reporting almost 40 cases of measles in the Manitoulin District since June.

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had measles) it is very unlikely they will get sick. Check with your health care provider to make sure you have been vaccinated for measles.”

Some of the symptoms of measles include developing a fever, rash, cough, running nose and red eyes. Call your health care provider to get tested so you are not at risk of getting measles, said Dr. Hirji.

Public health has directly notified the individuals in its service area who are known to have been exposed to measles and continues to work with the Ministry of Health and other local public health agencies to minimize the spread of infection. However, measles is spreading across North America at levels not seen in three decades. Given this heightened risk, it is important that everyone protect themselves by ensuring they have had two doses of vaccine.

Dr. Hirji said that in all cases if someone feels they have or a family member has been exposed to measles or have questions and concerns they should contact their health care provider. Call your health care provider or the walk-in clinic’s office before going so they can provide instructions to follow to protect other people, such as wearing a medical or N95 mask.

If you were born before 1970, you are likely immune to measles but consult your health care provider if you’re uncertain.

PHSD recommends contacting your health care provider as soon as possible to discuss vaccination if your child is 6-12 months of age and it has been less than 72 hours since they were exposed. If it has been more than 72 hours but less than six days since your child’s exposure or if your child is less than six months of age, contact public health; your child is 12-17 months to 17 years of age and less than six days have passed since the date and time of their exposure, and they have not received two doses of measles vaccine; you are over 18 years of age and less than six days have passed since the date and time of your exposure, and you have not received any doses of measles of measles vaccination; you work in

health care or military or are a post-secondary student and have not received two doses of measles vaccine (regardless of year of birth). Not. If you are pregnant and have received two doses of measles vaccine, you can contact your health care provider if you have questions.

You can find information about Ontario’s routine immunization schedule online at [ontario.ca/page/ontarios-routine-immunization-schedule](http://ontario.ca/page/ontarios-routine-immunization-schedule) online at [Ontario.ca/page/ontarios-routine-immunization-schedule](http://Ontario.ca/page/ontarios-routine-immunization-schedule) (government of Ontario).

For more information about measles and immunization, please visit [phsd.ca](http://phsd.ca) <http://phsd.ca> or call Public Health Sudbury and Districts at 705-522-9200 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200).

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# ...Damaging winds shear Kaboni trees during July 24 tornado watch

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ronment Canada about a tornado watch for Manitoulin, urging people to take shelter and be wary of damaging winds should a tornado occur.

The Expositor had called the Wiikwemkoong band office on Friday, and was told by a band office employee, “Kaboni did get hit, with two large trees being brought down.” Fortunately, no one was injured.

A member of The Expositor staff visited Kaboni right after the storm went through and spotted at least eight trees on a stretch of Kaboni Road with the tops sheared off.

Environment Canada had reported on July 24 at 2:38 pm, that meteorologists were tracking a severe thunderstorm that was possible producing a tornado. Damaging winds, large hail and locally intense rainfall are also possible. “A severe thunderstorm capable of pro-



A stretch of Wiikwemkoong’s Kaboni Road saw several downed trees following the weather event on July 24. Inset on right: the recurring message sent to cell phones and shown on TV that afternoon.

ducing a tornado is located near Kaboni, moving at 70 kilometres per hour. Locations impacted include Kaboni.”

Mr. Flisfeder said what was described as damage to the trees in Kaboni are consistent with a possible tornado but requested the

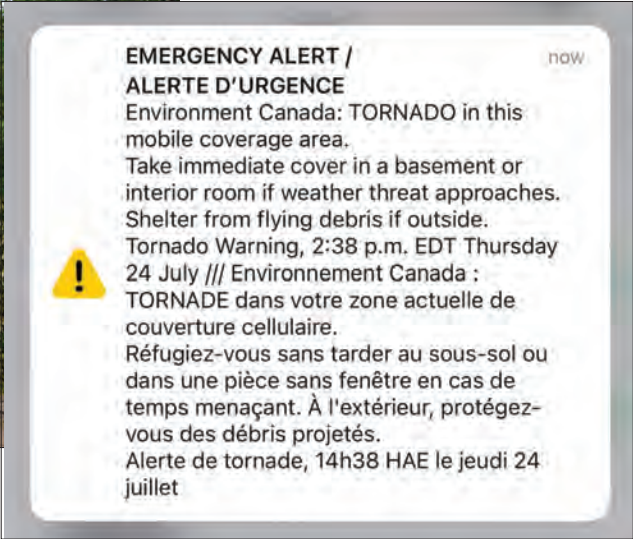
photographs to confirm this. He said the tornado watch warnings included water areas for Manitoulin extending east of Georgian Bay including the North Channels.

The Expositor did forward the photographs to ECCC, which forwarded

them to the Northern Tornadoes Project. Dr. David Sills replied through email on Monday explaining

in part, “There was quite a bit of storm damage to investigate over the last several days and this area is on our list to take a closer look at. Without a more thorough investigation it’s not possible for us to know if the damage may have been associated with a microburst or a tornado.”

“We’ll likely have to wait until we review high-resolution satellite imagery to have a better idea of what happened,” added Dr. Sills.



## ...Island now being serviced

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right now.”

“When we build our cabinet, we need to make sure that this cabinet is reliable, providing the maximum availability long-term performance,” he said. “We know, in Northern Ontario, we can face some tough weather conditions, especially in winter. Me and my team have driven along Highway 17 and Manitoulin Island during the winter.” He noted how they realize the infrastructure can be “beat up with snowstorm with the power outages. That’s why we have considered that we have ensured all the features to achieve the maximum reliability for our cabinets. We have the battery backup for the batteries, we have AC and DC power for the battery. We have generator plug-in in terms of the power outages. We wanted to make sure there is no disruption in terms of any power outage or any power disruptions. Our cabinets are reliable and keep homes connected with internet.”

The team is currently putting the fibre up on hydro poles across the region, he noted, adding later that the trucks will soon be seen operating across Manitou-

lin Island.

He assured everyone that the team will soon be connecting homes by dropping the fiber cable from the main cable to each home (after getting consent from each homeowner)—“each individual home will have dedicated fiber to connect them with internet.”

Georges Bilodeau, chairperson/president of H and M COFI and former mayor of Huron Shores was an early proponent of the project and currently operates, along with his wife, the warehouse where equipment for the project is stored. He said he was pleased to see the project moving forward as a vindication of his efforts.

“It cost me my election as mayor because the municipality did not want to get involved,” he said. “But it is getting done and that is what counts.”

Following a demonstration of how fast the download speeds will be with the new fibre connections (spoiler—blazing fast), the group hosted a community barbecue.

It is anticipated that work on Manitoulin will be complete by the end of next year.

### 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.  
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For further information, contact the Meldrum Bay Historical Society at 416-522-3885 or [netshedmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:netshedmuseum@gmail.com).

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# ...WTPS officer injured

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The two accused apparently went to several houses in the community. One neighbouring resident on the same street told The Expositor, “We were woke up by someone banging on the window. I got up to see what happened and there were two intoxicated kids standing on the sidewalk. I went out to confront them and they started to come back at me.” The householder, who had nothing to defend himself with, said “one of them was trying to pull out something from his pocket, so I went back inside my house and called the police.”

“We ask for continued patience and cooperation from the community as our police services works diligently to gather information and bring clarity to this situation,” the WTPS release states.

# ...Youngsters rescue turtle at Sandfield

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the site where the girls found it and tried on our own to get it out but couldn’t budge it. So, we called Sudbury’s Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre (TPWC).”

TPWC posted on their Facebook page a couple of days later, “Stuck between a rock and a... rock! This weekend, we received a call regarding a snapping turtle that was very stuck in between two rocks on Manitoulin Island. Because we are a small centre with limited staff and resources, we asked the callers to get in touch with the wonderful folks at Friends of Manitoulin Turtles. And boy did they respond!”

“This big turtle was returned home thanks to a fantastic group of individuals who worked together to get him free! So many great people are around looking after these ancient creatures,” TPWC reported.

“We called the Friends of Manitoulin Turtles on Sunday morning (July 20),” said Ms. Watson-Smith. “They sent two people, who arrived on Sunday morning at 9:30 am. They had to work for over an hour to get the turtle out.”

Ms. Wood said, “Sunday morning we received a message that the property owners had been working until dark trying to get the turtle out. They had called the MNR (Ministry of Natural Resources). The MNR told them us to call Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre, and they in turn said to call the Friends of Manitoulin Turtles.”

Ms. Wood noted one of the other members of the

# Island pastors seeking funds to help fill 400 backpacks for Island students

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Island pastors across Manitoulin are rallying together, to make sure no student on the Island starts the next school year without the essentials. Hence, the Island wide backpack program is looking to raise \$6,000 before this fall’s school openings to help provide close to 400 backpacks for Island students.

Jamie Greenwood, pastor of the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church told The Expositor. “We have raised \$1,100 in the campaign so far this year,” noting the backpack program has been in place for the past three years.

“The program is run through all pastors on the Island, who are trying to raise money to provide backpacks for every Manitoulin Island student in need,” said Pastor

Greenwood. “Our goal is to raise \$6,000,” confirmed Pastor Greenwood. “It has determined that the need is

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August

Upcoming Events

07 & 21 Aug

Senior Drop-In

Join us for coffee, games and conversation every other Thursday in the Council Chambers.

13 Aug

Knowledge Sharing Session

Join Maggie and Jason at the Mindemoya Hall to learn their tips and tricks on making memorial/saddle arrangements.

12, 19 & 26 Aug

Chair Yoga

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

12, 19 & 26 Aug

Gentle Yoga

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

27 Aug

Knowledge Sharing Session

Join Pam at the Mindemoya Hall to learn her tips and tricks on how to can pickles.

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



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## 56TH ANNUAL HAWEATER WEEKEND

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

**ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - (OLD FIRE HALL PARKING LOT, CORNER OF MEREDITH & WORTHINGTON STREETS)**  
Back by popular demand! Members of the hit HGTV show Carver Kings will be showcasing their talent by creating beautiful carvings with only a chainsaw! Come witness their amazing work.

### THURSDAY, JULY 31

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**4 PM AND 7:30 PM - INTRODUCING... SHOCK 'N HAW! LIVE PRO WRESTLING**  
Live pro-wrestling at the NEMI Rec Centre, 9001 Hwy 6. Two shows: Afternoon 4 pm (doors open at 3 pm), evening 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm). Advance tickets at: Buzwah Toys and Variety (Wiikwemkoong); D&N Variety and Gifts (Little Current); Finn's Gas and Convenience (M'Chigeeng); Boarderline (Little Current); Green Acres (Sheguiandah). Floor seats, \$20; bleachers, \$15. Lions BBQ on-site.

**5:30 - 7 PM - LEGION BRANCH 177 WING NIGHT**  
15 Vankoughnet St. E., Little Current. Sauces include Honey Garlic, 1st Degree, 2nd Degree, 3rd Degree, Sweet Chili Heat, Sweet 'n Sour, Parm 'n Pepper & BBQ. Sides available are Ranch or Blue Cheese. Wings and Mozza Sticks and Cheese Balls too. Take out is available. Live entertainment!

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

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**ALL DAY - VENDORS DOWNTOWN**  
Water St. closed to vehicular traffic! Food, shopping and more. New this year: cool-off misting tent!

**ALL DAY - MIDWAY AT THE REC CENTRE PARKING LOT**  
Rides, games, fun and more at the midway! 9001 Hwy 6.

**9 AM - 1 PM - HAWEATER FARMERS' MARKET**  
Downtown at the Market Garden Pavilion, 36 Water St. E.

**10 AM - 4 PM - SILENT AUCTION AT LITTLE CURRENT UNITED CHURCH**  
There be treasures here! Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson St. Winners to be notified for pickup on Sunday afternoon.

**3 PM - TALES IN SUPPORT OF TAILS**  
Come for a live reading with Ashley Whyte, author and illustrator of the 2026 Rescue Pet Calendar at The Manitoulin Expositor, a fundraising project in support of Manitoulin Pet Rescue. Come for the poetry, stay for the paws.

**5 - 7 PM - LITTLE CURRENT LEGION STEAK DINNER**  
At the Little Current Legion Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet St. E., Little Current. Cost is \$25 per person. Menu items include steak, baked potato, coleslaw, bun, coffee or tea and ice cream!

**6 PM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT & BEER GARDENS**  
At the Low Island Ball Field. Beer Gardens and BBQ begin at 6 PM.

**6 PM - LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY GEORGE WILLIAMSON AND FRIENDS**  
Catch the classic rock and country performance at the Cenotaph in downtown Little Current.

**8 PM - 12 AM - LIVE MUSIC AND OPEN MIC NIGHT**  
Hosted by the Little Current Legion and 'Highway 6.' Upstairs at the Little Current Legion Branch 177, 15 Vankoughnet St. E., Little Current. Admission is \$10 per person. Age of majority only.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

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**8 AM - 4 PM - HURON BASS TOUR**  
Launch from Spider Bay Marina or Harbor Vue Marina. Contact Laszlo Feher at 705-920-2459 to sign up! Weigh-ins Saturday and Sunday at 4 pm, downtown docks.

**9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT**  
At the Low Island ball fields. Beer gardens and BBQ as well!

**9 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS**  
At the east end of Water St.

**9 AM - 8 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTALE**  
Downtown at Friendleigh's Flowers and Gifts, 19 Water St.

**9 AM - 1 PM - HAWEATER FARMERS' MARKET**  
Downtown at the Market Garden Pavilion, 36 Water St. E.

**9 AM - 12 NOON - HAWEATER SOAPBOX DERBY**  
On Vankoughnet Street E. Please note: All participants MUST bring their own helmet! Practice runs at 9:30 am with elimination runs to follow. Sponsored by Little Current Lions Club.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

**10 AM - BREAKAWAY SPORTS & CYCLE HAW 5K RUN**  
A Haweater favourite! Dust off your shoes and get ready to run! Starting at the NEMI Public Library, 50 Meredith St. W., Little Current.

**10 AM - 4 PM - SILENT AUCTION AT LITTLE CURRENT UNITED CHURCH**  
There be treasures here! Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson St.

**10 AM - 5 PM - QUILT SHOW**  
View the beautiful work of the Current Quilts and Stitchery Guild at the Artisans' Incubator, east side of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands municipal office.

**11 AM - 3 PM - LIONS BBQ**  
At the rec centre parking lot.

**12 NOON - 5 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK - LOW ISLAND**  
Bring the kids down to Low Island to the inflatable/bouncy play park! New this year: foam run, axe throwing (Saturday only).

**12 NOON - BEACH VOLLEYBALL - LOW ISLAND**  
Come down to the Low Island Volley Ball court and get your game on! Registration begins at noon, contact Tracey Esposto at (705) 822-3212.

**12:30 PM - THE 20TH ANNUAL CARDBOARD BOAT RACES**  
Prizes, age categories and business challenge all at Low Island! Contact Alicia to register at (705) 929-3101. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club.

**1 PM - PICKLEBALL DEMONSTRATION**  
At the NEMI Recreation Centre (tennis courts).

**1 - 8:30 PM - MANITOULIN BREWING CO. BEER GARDEN**  
Live music, free, licenced. Post Office parking lot.

**8 PM - 1 AM - TWO HAWFEST DANCES!**  
With Pynx Productions at the NEMI Recreation Centre 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current. Licenced dances! ALL NEW COUNTRY MUSIC on the curling club side. Age of majority required. Advanced tickets available at The Manitoulin Expositor and Boarderline. Limited tickets available. Advance tickets, \$15; at the door, \$20. No face coverings. Doors close at 10:30 pm.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

**ALL DAY - CARVER KINGS - (OLD FIRE HALL PARKING LOT, CORNER OF MEREDITH & WORTHINGTON STREETS)**  
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**9 AM - 1 PM - HAWEATER FARMERS' MARKET**  
Downtown at the Market Garden Pavilion, 36 Water St. E.

**9 AM - HAWEATER ANNUAL MIXED SLO PITCH TOURNAMENT - CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES**  
At the Low Island ball fields. Beer gardens and BBQ as well!

**9 AM - 8 PM - PSYCHIC CHANTALE**  
Downtown at Friendleigh's Flowers and Gifts, 19 Water St.

**10 AM - 5 PM - QUILT SHOW**  
View the beautiful work of the Current Quilts and Stitchery Guild at the Artisans' Incubator, east side of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands municipal office. Raffle will be drawn Sunday, August 3 at 4 pm.

**10:30 AM - HAWEATER CHURCH SERVICE**  
Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson St.

**11 AM - KIDS' PARADE**  
Put on your most spooky/halloween costume and get ready for the kids' parade! Post office parking lot downtown.

**11:30 AM - YOGA ON THE DOCKS**  
Downtown, East end of Water St.

**12 NOON - 4 PM - INFLATABLE/BOUNCY PARK**  
Bring the kids down to Low Island to the inflatable/bouncy play park!

**12 NOON - ANNUAL HAWEATER PARADE**  
Please have floats in position by 11:30 am. Starts at Harbour View Rd., ends at Manitoulin Centennial Manor. Sponsored by the Little Current Lions Club.

**1 - 4 PM - LIVE MUSIC AT THE CENOTAPH BY CRASH SUNDAY**  
Join us for some old time rock and roll music at the cenotaph, downtown.

**1:30 PM - 4:30 PM - NEW! HAWEATER RC RALLY**  
Bring your remote controlled vehicle to the NEMI Rec Centre tennis courts, 9001 Hwy 6.

**3 PM - KIDS' GAMES AND ACTIVITIES AT LOW ISLAND**  
Fun and games for kids of all ages. Sponsored by Little Current Lions Club.

**5 - 7 PM - LINE DANCING DOWNTOWN**  
Post office parking lot, downtown Little Current.

**7 - 11 PM - STREET DANCE**  
By Pynx Productions. Downtown Little Current.

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**CURTAIN TIME: 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7 pm.  
MATINEE: 2 pm. Doors open at 1:30 pm.  
ADVANCE TICKETS: \$20 at the Gore Bay Town Office  
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# WIIKWEMKOONG CLASS OF 2024/2025

## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation & Awards Ceremony

The Wiikwemkoong Board of Education and Wii-ni n’guch-tood Labour Market Services proudly present the 24/25 Post Secondary Graduates!

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GRADUATION DAY  
JULY 31<sup>st</sup> 2025, @6:00pm  
Wiikwemkoong High School



# Crowds beat the heat at Gore Bay Harbour Days



The Manitoulin Swing Band performed in front of a large crowd on Saturday afternoon.



Island Time Dancing had families, like the Karns from Little Current, and individuals up and dancing!



And they're off! The second annual Breeze Around the Bay five kilometre run drew a great number of participants, this past Sunday.



## Manitoulin Fine Arts Association

# Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who came out to support our local artists this past weekend at our 29<sup>th</sup> annual MFAA Art Tour. A special thanks to those who embraced our newest feature, the FIND the Artist Bingo game.

We would also like to thank all of our local business sponsors. Without your support we wouldn't be able to offer such an amazing event for our Island residents and visitors.

**1<sup>st</sup> place** - 2 line bingo winner of \$200 gift certificate is

... **John Finlay**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - 1 line bingo winner of \$100 gift certificate is

... **Cathy Murphy**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place** - no lines winner of \$50 gift certificate is

... **Janet Ilves**

Congratulations to our winners, have fun shopping!!!



An ice cream eating contest, but no hands allowed!



Dave King is shown beside his 2002 Chrysler Prowler, at the classic auto show.



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## History Day in Kagawong

### Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

### Kagawong Park Centre

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



### Refreshments to follow

### Matinee 3:30 pm / Evening 7:30 pm

Admission free but donations in support of museum projects appreciated.

Also featuring historical photographs and home movies dating back 100 years!



## Music by the Manitoulin Swing Band!





# Crowds beat the heat at Gore Bay Harbour Days



The Gore Bay Rotary Club served up a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning.



Sadie Hardy was one of many people that enjoyed having a boa constrictor around their neck.



Justin Harris, receives a pie in the face courtesy of OPP officer Brody Huevel, at a fundraising event the former put on for "Guardians of the Angel."



Larry Hunter, left in photo, of the Gore Bay Western Manitoulin Lions Club, presents a cheque in the amount of \$2,500 to Kathy Moggy, the winner of \$2,500 in the Lions Club 50/50 draw held this past weekend. The Lions club sold 1,000 tickets in the draw held as part of the Gore Bay Harbour Days celebration. The additional \$2,500 raised in the draw will go toward supporting the Manitoulin Food Bank, the Lyons Memorial United Church Food Cupboard as well as Manitoulin Special Olympics.



The band Sugarboom drew a huge crowd on Saturday evening at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Gore Bay Harbour Days celebration.



Many participants took part in one or all of the four cardboard boat races and even more spectators came out to cheer them on.

**photos by Tom Sasvari**

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### Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival ft. headliner William Prince and Crystal Shawanda.

Smoke Dance vs. Fancy Dance Showcase, Honouring our Water Protectors and Land Guardians Fashion Show, Odawa Mnis Youth Chef Showdown, Arts & Crafts Marketplace, Culinary Vendors.

### Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Championship Dance and Singing Contests, Cultural Pavilion (Fashion Show, Beading Showcase), Miss Wiikwemkoong Pageant, Art Show, Arts & Crafts Marketplace, Culinary Vendors, Community Specials.

### Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Championship Dance and Singing Contests, Memorial Specials, Cross-Cultural Performances, Art Show, Arts & Crafts Marketplace, Culinary Vendors, Closing Ceremonies.

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- Special Honouring Nibi (all ages)
- Aanimikwan Trudeau outgoing
- Jr. Miss Wiikwemkoong 17 and under Girls Woodland Special
- CPL. Wemigwans Veteran Memorial Special (for Veterans past and present)
- Men's and Women's Traditional Special (all ages)

#### Committee Specials

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- Woodland vs. Smoke
- Men's and Women's
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MANITOULIN PRIDE WEEKEND 2025 Event Schedule

Thursday, August 7

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

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

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

Friday, August 8

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

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

Saturday, August 9

Creativity Workshops at the NEMI Recreation Centre: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
2Spirit Teaching and Painting w/ Ozhawa Anung Kwe (upstairs)  
Beading w/ Nina (upstairs)  
Juggling Mental Health (intro to juggling) (ice surface, drop-in)  
Location: NEMI Recreation Centre, 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

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

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

Intro to Archery with Rainbow Hood: 3 - 5 pm  
Location: 4 Directions Complex Outdoor Rink, 1300 Hwy 540, Aundeck Omni Kaning

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

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

Queer Music Bingo (19+): 7 - 8:30 pm  
Location: NEMI Recreation Centre (upstairs), 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

Drag Show and Dance (19+): 9 pm - 1 am  
Music by: DJ Tom-A-Haw  
Location: NEMI Recreation Centre (upstairs), 9001 Hwy 6, Little Current

Sunday, August 10

PRIDE Christian Worship Service: 10 - 11 am  
Location: Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street, Little Current

Annual PRIDE Parade and March: 11:30 am - 12 pm  
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Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make Christmas in July a success, which includes the three bands who donated their time; Rural Roots, Hwy 6 and Just Because.

A big thank you to the truck pull and derby volunteers.

In photo, from left, are Bruce Edington, Jen Chambers, Dave Kaine, Brad Spark, Mark Harvey, Jennifer Harvey and Peter Hutchison out front. Missing from photo is Nancy Mann.

## Local group tackles invasive phragmites in Gushy Bay

by Michael Erskine

LAKE MANITOU—A hardy group of dedicated volunteers from the Lake Manitou and Area Association (LMAA) and the Manitoulin Phragmites Project gathered on the shores of Gushy Bay, off Bidwell Road, to tackle control of a patch of the invasive reed phragmites.

The effort to challenge Canada’s number one most destructive invasive plant was the first by the LMAA since biologist Judith Jones announced she would soon be stepping back from overseeing the project on Manitoulin—handing off the effort to local groups and municipalities. Ms. Jones was, nonetheless, still part of the LMAA effort.

“Once the grass gains a foothold it can quickly smother the other vegetation,” noted LMAA President Sharon Cooper. “In some cases, it can make access to the water nearly impossible.”

In addition to forcing out native species, the invasive reeds can cluster so close and thick together that turtles and some species of fish cannot reach their spawning areas.

So it was that on the morning of July 23, eight LMAA volunteers lead by Phragmites Project Coordinator Judith Jones, met at Queen’s Lane off the Bidwell Road.

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### Pride Manitoulin Kick-Off Event

# Sunrise Ceremony

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# Anishinabek Nation meets with Premier Ford in Huntsville

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

HUNTSVILLE—The scent of summer pine and policy hung in the air last week as leaders from the Anishinabek Nation joined Ontario Premier Doug Ford in Muskoka cottage country—not for pleasantries, but for purpose.

The July 21 meeting, convened by Premier Ford in his role as Chair of the Council of the Federation, marked more than a political courtesy. For the Anishinabek Nation, it was an opening—however narrow—toward the kind of direct engagement that has too often been bypassed in favour of bureaucratic detours and pan-Indigenous proxies.

“We came not as guests but as equals,” said former Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe. “This was not simply a formal invitation—it was a meaningful step forward, a chance to honour the vision of our ancestors and strengthen the nation-to-nation relationship we have always carried.”

That relationship, rooted in the Treaty of Niagara and other sacred agreements that predate Canada, was the heart of the message brought forward by the Anishinabek Nation delegation. More than 39 member First Nations strong, the Nation used its voice in Huntsville to advocate for what has long been withheld: direct, respectful dialogue with the true rights holders.

“It is of utmost importance that Ontario—and all jurisdictions—speak with First Nations, not about us,” said Chief Niganobe. “Our voices must be heard not

through intermediaries, but directly. That is what nation-to-nation means.”

The Anishinabek Nation emphasized it is not opposed to development—but is resolutely opposed to exclusion.

“We did not come to block the road to progress,” Chief Niganobe said. “We came to build the bridge. A bridge that reduces risk, promotes inclusion, and fosters true reconciliation. A bridge that leads to shared prosperity—without compromising our sovereignty or our rights.”

At the heart of that bridge-building is a call for co-development: of regulations, of project criteria, of economic frameworks that reflect both Anishinabek knowledge systems and the legal obligations of the Crown.

The Anishinabek Nation is proposing collaborative regulatory tables—forums where decisions aren’t just consulted on, but co-created. Where governments and First Nations walk side-by-side, not miles apart. “We’re advocating for co-design and co-ownership,” said Chief Niganobe, “because that’s what respect looks like in

practice.”

The meeting also included discussions on the province’s push for critical minerals extraction—an area of significant concern for communities wary of the environmental and cultural impacts of rushed development. While open to economic opportunity, Anishinabek leadership was clear: extractive industries must respect treaty obligations, protect the land, and deliver tangible benefits to First Nations.

“We’re committed to working with government and industry,” said Chief Niganobe. “But let there be no confusion: we will use all legal tools available to protect our treaty rights and defend our inherent connection to our lands and resources.”

As the sun dipped behind the trees in Huntsville, what emerged from the gathering was not consensus, but clarity. The Anishinabek Nation will not be sidelined. It will not accept tokenism in place of trust, nor policy in place of principle.

“Treaties are not historical artefacts,” Chief Niganobe reminded provincial leaders. “They are living agreements. And we are still here, upholding our end.”

## ...phragmites in Gushy Bay

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“Our mission was to remove phragmites from a section of the shoreline on Lake Manitou at Gushy Bay,” said Ms. Cooper. “This was the second year for work at this spot.”

Ms. Cooper noted that Ms. Jones did the preparatory work for Gushy Bay, “establishing landowner permission to access the invasive grass, supplied tools, equipment and technical expertise. Volunteers came prepared wearing tall rubber boots, and they did their best to avoid stepping into deep wet holes.”

“The tall thick stems of grass measuring approximately three meters in height are cut off below the water line with raspberry cane cutters,” noted Ms. Cooper. “The cut stems are removed and transported by trailer to a disposal site (a dry place where the material dries out). Once the grass is dry, it can be burned or taken to the dump. It is important to collect all the pieces of stem that were cut so they don’t float away and infect the surrounding area.” Phragmites is so aggressive that even a tiny piece of stem can establish a new patch.

“It was noted that that grass was considerably less thick than the previous year,” said Ms. Cooper, “so the removal project is having a positive effect on reducing phragmites.”

She went on to add that further treatments will be required to, hopefully, eradicate it from Gushy Bay. “The work this summer helps to contain this patch and will stop the grass from spreading and invading other shoreline areas of Lake Manitou,” she said, adding that Ms. Jones “will do follow up work to control any of the grass the LMAA volunteers missed.”

“This is one example of how a community action group is striving to protect and improve our local environment now and for the enjoyment of future generations,” said Ms. Cooper. “This activity helps the LMAA fulfill its mandate and moto, ‘Let’s Keep Our Lake Great,’ she added. “Thank you to all the LMAA volunteers and Judith Jones for making this a successful venture. Hope to see you back next year.”

Other groups across the Island were also out during Phrag Week putting their shoulders to the wheel to ensure the reed does not despoil Manitoulin’s shores.

## ...fill 400 backpacks

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higher this year with 393 backpacks needed this year, an increase over 362 last year. We had surplus from last year, and with the wholesale company that we found last year, and some already generous donors we were able to keep our goal the same as last year.”

Pastor Greenwood explained, “we call all the schools on the Island around the end of May every year and ask them to determine the number of students that will be in need of a backpack for the following school year. They call us back with this information a couple of weeks later.”

“We deliver and hand out the new backpacks to the schools/students the last week in August, so they have them in time for the start of the school year,” said Pastor Greenwood.

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### Highway 6 closed for several hours due to serious collision

Highway 6 between near Goat Island Road in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) was closed for about six hours after a serious collision on Monday, July 21.

On Monday, July 21 at approximately 6:15 pm, officers with the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment responded to a two-vehicle collision involving a passenger vehicle and a transport truck.

After the accident, the OPP reported one driver had been transported to hospital by ambulance, having sustained serious life-threatening injuries as a result. However, The Expositor learned from the OPP on Friday that the injuries sustained by the driver are now reported as non-life threatening.

Highway 6 was reopened at around 12:54 am on July 22. It had been closed in both directions between the Little Current Swing Bridge and Sunshine Valley Road near Birch Island.

The investigation remains ongoing and no charges



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have been laid thus far.

There was no detour in place for vehicular traffic to access.

### Death investigation in Sables-Spanish Rivers Township

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP is investigating a death following a call for service in Sables-Spanish Rivers Township.

On Sunday, July 20, at approximately 1 pm, officers with the Manitoulin OPP, with assistance from the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit, responded to a report of a deceased person found in the Spanish River. The investigation is ongoing with the assistance of the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit, the OPP Forensic Identification Services and the Office of the Chief Coroner and

the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.

The identity of the deceased has not yet been confirmed.

There is no concern for public safety. Further information will be released as it becomes available.

### Manitoulin OPP makes 96th impaired arrest for 2025

One person is facing impaired and drug-related charges after a reduce impaired driving everywhere (RIDE) check.

On Saturday, July 19 at approximately 11 pm, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP were conducting a RIDE check at the intersection of Highway 6 and Old Webbwood Road in Espanola. A vehicle came through the RIDE, and an investigation was initiated. As a result of the investigation, the driver was arrested.

Additionally, police seized an amount of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of \$150, and an

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amount of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$500.

The driver, Manfred Bremer, 58 years old from Brantford, was charged with operation while impaired, operation while prohibited under the criminal code, possession of a schedule one substance, methamphetamine, possession of a schedule one substance, cocaine and driving motor vehicle with open container of liquid.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on September 22.

This incident marks the 96th impaired driving arrest by the Manitoulin OPP in 2025, so far. 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.

Driver arrested for impaired operation  
after erratic driving around  
horseback driver

One person has been arrested, following a traffic

complaint involving a vehicle and a horseback rider.

On Tuesday, July 8, at approximately 10 pm, officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a vehicle being driven dangerously around a horseback rider in the area of Sugar Lake Road in Walford.

The complainant reported that the driver was also yelling and honking the horn at the horseback rider. The same driver then directed the dangerous driving behaviour toward another vehicle that was attempting to assist. Police arrived shortly after and located the driver. Following an investigation, the driver was arrested.

As a result, Marillyn Rule, 59-years-old from the Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, was charged with operation while impaired.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on September 22.

Overfishing walleye leads to charges  
for two Sudbury men

Two Sudbury area men have pleaded guilty to overfishing of walleye in the North Channel of Lake Huron. Andy Taylor of Lively and Robert Krueger of Sud-

bury both pleaded guilty to catching and retaining more than their daily quota of fish and catching and retaining fish of a prohibited size. The two men were both fined a total of \$1,660 each long with their fishing rods and reel, and the walleye they caught, forfeited to the Crown.

The court heard that on November 12, 2024, a conservation officer with the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) contacted both men in the Town of Spanish, after returning from fishing the North Channel of Lake Huron. A subsequent investigation revealed that both Mr. Taylor and Mr. Krueger had caught and retained eight walleye total, five of which were of prohibited size. The sport fishing license daily catch limit for walleye on the North Channel of Lake Huron is two with none between 41-56 centimetres.

Justice of the Peace Jill Morris heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Elliot Lake, on February 19, 2025.

To report a natural resource problem or provide information about an unsolved case, members of the public can call the ministry TIPS line toll free at 877-847-7667. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS. For more information about unresolved cases, please visit ontario.ca/mnrrips.

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A revamp may be in Mariner's Park future.

Committee hopeful for upgraded Kagawong Mariner's Park

by **Tom Sasvari**  
**KAGAWONG**—The Billings Museum Committee is bringing a proposal forward that would see the Mariner's Park in Kagawong added to and upgraded.

"This is a vision the committee has had for a number of years," stated Rick Nelson, a member of the committee and curator of the Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum in Billings. "The committee wants to further develop the Mariner's Park wa-

terfront area," said Mr. Nelson. "Development of the waterfront and Mariner's Park started years ago, and through a bit of a facelift the committee would like to finish the work."

"The committee wants to add to it and to develop it into a more accessible place," said Mr. Nelson. "This would include shelters and park benches being installed and historical plaques put up."

Mr. Nelson explained, "all the outside artifacts we have at the park need to be presented in a better way, so shelters would be constructed and some landscaping would take place to make the park more presentable."

"Obviously, what we are looking at will not be inexpensive, and we also need to have a better conceptual design of the additions done before the project goes to tender. All of this is dependent on (Billings) council approval, and we would need to find funding for the project."

The committee will be making a presentation to council in the next month or so, added Mr. Nelson.



# 2025 ‘All Nations Childcare Gathering’ celebrates Indigenous early learning and language revitalization

SUDBURY-MANITOU-LIN—The 2025 All Nations Childcare Gathering, hosted by Kenjgewin Teg’s Manitoulin and Mnidoo Mnising Sharing and Learning Centre for all (MMSLCA) brought together early learning educators, knowledge keepers, caregivers, and community members for three powerful days of learning, inspiration and celebration.

Held July 16-17 in Sudbury and July 18 on Manitoulin Island, this year’s gathering centred around the theme: “Kog-naawsigaaswad gdoobinoojiimaanig miin-waa wii ntawging gdin nwewinina,” meaning, “Nurturing Our Children and Fostering Language Revitalization.”

The event opened in Sudbury at the Holiday Inn with master of ceremonies Brent Edwards (Mooselegs), an opening prayer by elders Gloria Oshkabewisens-McGregor and Martina Osawamick, and an honour song by the Black Bull Moose Singers. Kenjgewin Teg President Dr. Beverley Roy delivered a warm welcome and opening remarks, reflecting on the importance of Indigenous-led education and the growing impact of Anishi-



Dr. Rhonda Hopkins presents ‘The Sacredness of Educating a Child’ during day two of the All Nations Childcare Gathering.

naabemowin language revitalization.

“As we begin to prioritize our Anishinabek culture and Anishinaabemowin as part of our early learning education vision and goals, we will begin to see a return to ourselves, a return to nurturing our own spirits,” shared Dr. Roy. “At the same time, I acknowledge the reality that we do live in two worlds, one being the world of a legacy of colonization, and the other being our kind and loving Anishinaabe teachings.”

Wednesday’s keynote, ‘Walking with My Relations,’ was delivered by respected educator and speaker Dr. Pamela Toulouse. Following the keynote, participants engaged in three different workshop rotations: Inoojiinhs Ntam Gaashkibijigan (Baby’s First Bundle) with Laurie McLeod-Shabogesic, ‘Spirit’s Journey,’ with Dan Garcia, ‘3 Ms of My Learning’ with Ninaatig Staats Pangowish.

The day also featured a powerful language success story presentation, ‘Ebipskaabiiwdoonaa Maanda Anishinabemowin Binoojiinhsak Wii Kendimowaat (Bringing Back Anishinaabemowin Within Our Babies), shared by Ngwaagan Eshkibok, Anishinaabemowin immersion support worker with Mooshkin Anishinaabemowin Gamig.

To wrap up day one, attendees enjoyed an 80’s themed karaoke dinner, complete with a costume contest and fun prizes.

Day two of the gathering focused on deepening understanding of cultural and spiritual approaches to early learning. Presentations included: ‘The Sacredness of Educating a Child’ with Dr. Rhonda Hopkins, ‘Anishinaabe Biiskaabiyang Begins With Us’ Revitalizing indigenous Early Childhood Education’ with Dr. Melanie Manitowabi and ‘From a Parent’s perspective with Jessica Shonias.’

Thursday’s keynote on self-care for education and caregivers was led by Indigenous medicine woman Asha Frost. The day concluded with a closing prayer by Elders Gloria Oshkabewisens-McGregor and Elder Martina Osawamick and song by the Black Bull Moose Singers.

The third and final day brought participants to Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island) for site visits and immersive cultural experiences. Friday began with storytelling on the cultural interpretation bus rides on route to Manitoulin, led by Elder Tim McGregor and Craig Fox. At the M’Chigeeng community complex, Kenjgewin Teg Early Learning Team member Peggy Simon and M’Chigeeng First Nation Councillor Kim Aelick welcomed participants to the community.

Participants had the opportunity to visit both the M’Chigeeng Binoojiinh Gamgoonhs Daycare Centre and the Maamwe Kendaasing Daycare Centre in Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) during their time on the Island. At the Maamwe Kendaasing Daycare Centre, participants toured a forest school site and the local childcare centre.

The gathering concluded with WRFN Councilor Jeff McGregor offering closing remarks, and a final prayer from Elder Tim McGregor and a closing drum song from Craig Fox.

“It was an honour to welcome the participants to the All-Nations Childcare Gathering, where the spirit of collaboration and passion for Anishinaabemowin in early learning was evident,” said MMSLCA Early Years Coordinator Melanie Francis. “I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed speakers who shared their wealth of knowledge, and also to recognize our heroes behind the scenes, the individuals who transformed this vision into a beautiful reality. It was a gathering of passionate souls who have devoted their lives and careers to this work for professionals, students, children and families. It fills my heart with warmth to see so many come together united in our shared vision. Chi-miigwetch to you all, and we look forward to our continued journey together.”

This year’s gathering was a celebration of collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and a collective commitment to nurturing Indigenous children through culture, community and language.

“By weaving together the teachings of our ancestors with the innovations of today, we are creating something truly powerful,” concluded Dr. Roy. “An education system and educators in those system that reflects, respects, and revitalizes the identities of our children.”

## Death Notices

**ALVIN A. “SANDY” WRIGHT**  
**May 31, 1946 - July 7, 2025**



Forever in our hearts. We are saddened to announce the passing of Alvin Alexander Wright, who passed away unexpectedly on July 7, 2025 at the age of 79 years. Alvin was born on May 31, 1946 in Gore Bay. Alvin was predeceased by his parents Alvin Earl Wright and Katherine Beatrice Wright. Alvin is survived by his brother Beverley Wright (wife Claudette). Alvin is predeceased by his wife Rose Wright and children Lee Alvin Wright and Katherine Cecile “Mia” Wright. Alvin was a loving husband to Rose and they shared a love of music and dancing. Alvin was an amazing father. He was the best storyteller and loved telling jokes. He enjoyed many activities including hunting, fishing, horse racing and playing the slot machines at the casino. Alvin loved watching sports and was a huge football fan. Alvin wore his heart on his sleeve and will be greatly missed. Survived by his children Cindy Batusic, Tammy Service, Janey Service and Shelley Buratynski (husband Kori Buratynski). Alvin leaves behind many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends. Family and friends will gather at Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay on Saturday, August 16, 2025. Visitation from 1 to 2 pm; service to follow at 2 pm with burial of ashes in Gordon Cemetery.



**NORMAN L. H. MORRELL**  
**August 5, 1942 - July 20, 2025**



In loving memory of Norman L. H. Morrell, who passed peacefully at Health Sciences North on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at the age of 82. Loving husband of 57 years to Joyce Morrell (Cosby). Father of Wm. Larry (Tammy), Roger (Andrea), Craig (Michelle) and Anne (Jeff MacInnes). Proud grandfather of Nathan, Clare, Lindsay, Abbey, Jacob, Eric, Austin, Ella, Max and Josie. Survived by his brother Austin (Marilyn). Predeceased by his brother Russell. Predeceased by his parents Leonard Morrell and Viola Morrell (VanHorn). Survived by in-laws Myrna Ferguson (Ron), Morris Cosby (Enid predeceased), Marilyn Jeffery (Terry), Julia VanHorn and Floyd Cosby (Carol). He will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Norm was well known by many through his many years as a teacher, auctioneer and real estate agent. Norm loved meeting people and loved the Manitoulin Community. He touched the hearts of many. Family and friends gathered for visitation at Simpson Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 from 7 to 9 pm. The funeral service was at the Burpee Mills Community Complex on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 11 am, burial followed at Gordon Cemetery.



## Burial Notice

**CLARK GEO. DEWAR**

Please join the family of Clark Geo. Dewar on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 11 am at the Providence Bay Cemetery to be followed by a luncheon at the Community of Christ Church, 80 McNevin Street, Providence Bay. 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 Mindemoya.

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**JUDY LAURINE HYATT**

**September 30, 1942 - May 31, 2025**

Please join the family of Judy Laurine Hyatt on Saturday, August 9, 2025 at 11 am at the Holy Trinity Anglican Cemetery (rain or shine), located on Hwy 540, Little Current for a Celebration of Life followed by a lunch at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Little Current. Reverend Catherine Hazlitt officiating. All are welcome. Dress informal.



**BRYAN OLNEY**

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

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# 31st annual Gore Bay International Lace Camp attracts 34 lacemakers

by Tom Sasvari  
GORE BAY—At the 31st annual Gore Bay International Lace Camp, a special presentation of a commemorative lace collage banner that depicts the waterfront of Gore Bay was presented to the Town of Gore Bay.

“It is such a pleasure to talk about this exceptional banner,” said Lise Gagnon (of Ottawa), one of the lacemakers. “Most lacemakers who are attending this year’s Lace Camp have contributed to the creation of the banner as well as many more who are absent today.”

Ms. Gagnon explained, “In 2016 a committee was formed to create a commemorative banner to celebrate The International Lace Camp’s 25th anniversary, in 2018. This banner is based on a summer photo of Gore Bay taken by Sandy Anderson, chair of the committee.”

Committee members included Sandy Anderson, Tini Pel, Lauren MacDonald, Pat Bowley and Jane Dobinson. Ms. Gagnon noted, “Josee Poupart suggested we make lace strips of different widths and in various colours; Sandy Anderson provided the background fabric as well as the support system; Lauren MacDonald constructed



A total of 34 lacemakers from all over Canada took part in the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Gore Bay international Lace Camp.

the banner, made all the letters and the plaque on the back featuring the names of all contributing lacemakers; Tini Pel and Dora Hocken, both founding members of the Lace Camp, made the two Lace Camp logos seen on each top corner, based on Julie Nichols pricking; using all contributions, different people created the final look including Pat Jay, Josee Poupart, Cheryl Ford and myself.”

“In addition, numerous people, including visitors, assisted in sewing the lace pieces on the banner,”

continued Ms. Gagnon. “Over the week of the 2018 anniversary lace camp, the entire group of lacemakers worked on this banner. The remaining lace was sewn on the banner in Gore Bay with the cooperation of the Manitoulin Island Quilters.” The names of the 79 lacemakers who contributed to this banner are listed on the back of the item.

“On behalf of the community of lacemakers here, we hope you will cherish, as we do, this invaluable gift,” stated Ms. Gagnon.

The 39-inch x 64-inch wide banner was presented to Jason Quinlan, manager of the Town of Gore Bay. “It is just amazing,” stated Mr. Quinlan later. “They presented me, on behalf of the town, with this beautiful artistry.”

“I thank the ladies for this beautiful banner, which overlooks the bay from the East Bluff,” said Mr. Quinlan. “It represents the many hours of work and effort on behalf of the lacemakers.”

Lacemaker Annie Fournier of Gatineau, Quebec explained, “we have 34 people here for

the 31st annual week-long lace camp, including five new people. This year all our lacemakers are all from Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario.”

Mr. Quinlan welcomed all the lacemakers at the official opening of the lace camp on Monday of last week.

“The theme for this year’s camp is mushrooms, and many different types of lace were chosen, such as Torchon, Needle Lace, Flander Lace (Belgium),” said Ms. Fournier. “I have been attending this lace camp for a number of years and just love it.”

“We welcome new lacers on Monday morning, and they receive a lovely gift,” said Ms. Fournier. Among the new lace camp attendees included Cindy Rusak of Bracebridge, Julie Bernard of New Brunswick, Katie Cameron of Ottawa, Jenny Lynn Albers of Sudbury and Iona Schmidtke of Manitoba.

Jody Pilon of Seeley’s Bay (near Kingston) and chairper-

son of the Lace Camp committee said, “we always look forward to coming back to Gore Bay and the lace camp every year. Tini Pel had originally got me involved in the lace camp. We were both at a weaving and spinning group work and she encouraged me to come to Gore Bay for the lace camp.”

The local United Church hosted the lacemakers to a fabulous lunch during the week and the Anglican Church hosted a turkey supper as well. “We look forward to, and are grateful to both churches for hosting us every year.”

“We also take part in a lot of shopping at the local businesses during the week, and internally we hold several workshops,” said Ms. Pilon. “One of the beautiful things about the lace camp is that everyone is generous with their knowledge on different types of lace making and help others.”

Ms. Pilon said many of the lacemakers also take in the Gore Bay Theatre productions on their visit and lines up its dates for the annual camp with this in mind.

“At the opening of the lace camp, I welcomed everyone to Gore Bay and for holding this event in the town for the past 31 years. We are happy to have such a wonderful group of ladies visit from all over Canada and other countries to share their beautiful artistry. The town benefits from having them visit every year and we are blessed that they continue to visit every year.”

The dates for next year’s week long lace camp has already been set for July 13-18, 2026.

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# New outdoors store offers a host of equipment in Little Current

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—Mike and Megan Varey are the co-owners of Outback 40 Outfitters, a new outdoor equipment store located on Vankoughnet Street East in Little Current that promises to be a huge asset to lovers of the outdoors on Manitoulin and beyond.

"We are outdoor enthusiasts, my husband and I, boating, fishing, snowmobiling and hunting," said Ms. Varey when asked what prompted the couple to take on the challenge of operating the new store. "We had an opportunity through somebody that we met up North, when we were bird hunting actually, to take on a whole bunch of inventory and open an outdoor-inspired store. So, here we are. We're just going to give it a whirl." Ms. Varey noted the couple have a few silent partners in the endeavour.

"I think it's something that this area of the Island could definitely use" she said.

The store encompasses about 5,000 square feet well. "We needed it for all of the inventory storage at the back," said Ms. Varey, indicating a back storage area filled to the brim with boxes of inventory. "We definitely needed the space."

Not surprising, given the wide and eclectic



Megan Varey, Outback 40 co-owner with manager Carrie Green and student employee Hailee Harasym.

mix of product available, mostly outdoors-oriented, but also including items such as slippers and moccasins. "We have a little bit of everything," said Ms. Varey. "There's winter stuff. There's hunting stuff. There's summer stuff. The stock will be ever changing."

Every time the store is offering a door prize to early visitors. "Any customer that comes into the store and spends \$50 before the end of July can enter into the draw for a free stand-up paddle board kit. The kit comes with the pump, the fin, the tether and the paddle," said Ms. Varey. "We'll be drawing that the first couple days of August and we'll announce the lucky winner online."

The contest ends come July 30, that is today's edition of The Expositor, so early readers get on down to check the store out and enter in the draw. The paddleboards are impressive and come in three styles.

"All of our shipments came from Quebec," said Ms. Varey, adding that many of the brands they offer are popular in that province, but just arriving here in Ontario. "That was another reason why the people that we made contact with were kind of hopeful that maybe some of these brands could take off here."

"We are kind of off the beaten path, which is a bit of a challenge," admitted Ms. Varey, "but hopefully with the signage and the social media that can kind of bring people in. We're hoping to, with the sort of inventory, keep people coming back and checking in what's new."

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## Father and son team top Manitoulin Golf Men's Open

by Tom Sasvari

GORDON—The Manitoulin Golf men's open championship flight winners were a father and son team.

Craig and Anthony Rogerson of Sudbury took the championship with a two-day, 36-hole score of 132, garnering a seven under par in the first round and five under par on day two. The tournament, which drew a total of 120 players, was held July 19-20.

The third flight was won by Gord L and Richard B with a score of 151, while the fourth flight was won by Ray Bodson and Leon Mallette with a score of 157, the third consecutive year they have won this flight.

The champions of the fifth flight were Nathan B. and Grant Turner.

At the awards ceremony clubhouse manager Cheryl Deeg thanked everyone for taking part in the tournament, and



Craig and Anthony Rogerson won the championship flight at the Manitoulin Golf annual men's open. In photo, from left, is Craig Rogerson, his father Keith (holding trophy) and Anthony Rogerson.

photos by Tom Sasvari

For Craig Rogerson, this marks the third time he has been the winner of the championship flight, having won individually as a single player previously (when the tournament was a single player format), and with Dan Lefebvre in one tournament.

Finishing second in the championship flight was the team of Roddy and Curtis who posted a score of 137. The brother team of Cassidy and Patrick Payette finished third with a score of 138.

In the first flight, the team of Kevin Sullivan and Dan Lefebvre finished first with a score of 143. Through retrogression, the team of Tyler D. and Tyrone D. finished second, with Peter S. and Kennedy S. placing third with a score of 144.

In the second flight Kyle N. and Carson M. were first through retrogression, with the team of Al and Jake second. Finishing third was Marc Addison and Garret Gouge with a score of 148.

her staff for all their hard work and efforts in putting on the tournament.

Craig Rogerson said, "I would like to toast Cheryl (Deeg) and her course and clubhouse staff, as well as the course staff for a great job in hosting the tournament, and to all the new participants and those who have played this tournament for many years."

"I would also like everyone to raise a glass in memory of Jane Pummell (long-time clubhouse manager), who was a great friend, for all her efforts over many years—Cheryl will continue on for many more years," said Mr. Rogerson.

"Jane (Pummell) was a wonderful woman, and she and her husband Arthur (on the golf course grounds crew) did a phenomenal job operating the clubhouse and course over many years," said Ms. Deeg. "I have pretty big shoes to fill with Jane's passing, and we all miss her dearly."

## Manitoulin Sporting Life

### Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



#### Embracing the grind!

I was checking in with **Dawna Chartrand** to see how her training is going ahead of her invite-only Static Monsters strength competition in Ireland next month. The Static Monster format was developed to make it accessible to as many people as possible by using fewer pieces of equipment and using just two functional lifts—the deadlift and overhead press.

Dawna was almost apologetic for not having much to share but did share that it is really just a regular grind four days a week of strength training followed by personal training on Sundays in Elliot Lake with her trainer, **Yanick Bailargeon** at Muscle Factory. "The grind is not pretty or very exciting. I was sidelined and had to modify training for a while and chose not to compete at Strongman Provincials as a precaution against injury this past weekend." She is pleased with her deadlift as it is coming along nicely and feeling really good about that. Her log press is her "weaker point," but she will just keep plugging along.

I am often struck by the thought that athletes only get noticed on competition day if everything goes well or horribly wrong. If things go well, many think, "well aren't they a gifted athlete!" They do not see the months of hard training but not over-training, navigating injuries, peaking properly, etc. Dawna is doing what needs to be done, embrace the grind. She welcomes anyone to see what some of her training and equipment looks like on Instagram but would likely think, there isn't anything too exciting!

#### Andre goes to Ottawa!

You know it has to be a slow news-week when I have to write about myself, but some may find this trip interesting or even informative.

As I am writing (on my phone), Sunday the 27th, I am on night seven of a bike-packing trip to Ottawa. The trip took me across on the Chi-Cheemaun (where I sent last week's column) on Monday the 21st to where I am now, at Sharbot Lake Provincial Park. I have about 650 km completed with another 130km to go.

A bit of background first: essentially, the concept is like back-packing on a hike but on a bike! I have had it in my mind to try a trip for quite a while but on a much smaller scale that would likely involve fishing, of course and maybe a weekend. I had been purchasing some gear as I could, for over a year, when my daughter invited me to go to a concert in Montreal. In a moment of weakness I decided this would be my first trip!

Now, I don't say this to be boastful, but I wasn't worried that I could not do it. I chalk it up to a whole whack of questionable endurance events, myself and friends have tried over the years. I have been uncomfortably tired in ways not even approaching what this trip has been like. In fact, it has been fun and relatively easy!

I did do some training of course but nothing even as long as my daily average over the last week. You can take it

at your own pace, rest when you need to, eat when you feel hungry, etc. If you have done some longer rides and your 'sit muscles' are toned, the physical fitness part will likely be fine.

The things I have learned or didn't expect may be interesting to know. For instance, I have done a lot of camping over the years and thought that part would've been easier. However, when packing a backpack for a hiking trip, if something doesn't quite fit inside your knapsack you can still strap it to the outside. It is not ideal of course, but if you don't mind looking like **Jed Clampett** moving to Beverly Hills, it can be done. On a bike, there are constant vibrations interrupted by sudden, jarring jolts that will rattle something loose. Sorry, Highway 7, for that one funky New Balance; I had no idea when I lost it. A quick back-tracking ride produced nothing. Walking around in biking shoes is not fun.

Poison ivy and I have had a long and itchy relationship my whole life as I am extremely allergic. I have become a botanical expert in spotting and avoiding the three-leaved menace. A great portion of my ride has been on repurposed rail-bed trails and are amazing for many reasons but this. I can see the stuff—it is not reaching out to grab me as I ride by. The best I can figure is that I ran over some and I transferred some of the urushiol oil allergen to myself by brushing against my tires. Due to the persistent nature of this oil (it can be potent for years), I must be continually spreading the oil around. Without the ability to isolate and properly clean equipment and clothing, and here I am!

The few inconveniences, though, have been far outweighed by the wholesale experience. I am using a cycling app that routes me through trails, roads with bike lanes or less heavily used backroads. It has introduced me to areas that I have never and would never see through the windshield of a car.

The wildlife you can see from a bike is amazing. You are quiet enough and quick enough to sneak up on things you can't while walking or automobiling. I haven't seen on Manitoulin, cottontail rabbits, jumping mice and wild turkeys doing their best Roadrunner impressions, pulling away from me at 20kph! It is a way to vacation, you might want to try.



Our Andre is on night seven of a bike-packing trip to Ottawa.

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# Wikwemikong tribal police services welcomes Anthony Kilburn as staff sergeant

WIKWEMKOONG—Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) is welcoming Anthony Kilburn as Staff Sergeant and the new divisional commander for the Support and Logistics Division.

WTPS Police Chief Ron Gignac says Staff Sergeant Kilburn brings more than 20 years of dedicated experience in law enforcement, including extensive leadership in community policing, officer training, and organizational development across Canada.

He added that Staff Sergeant Kilburn began his policing career over two decades ago and has since served in a wide range of frontline and leadership




The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service has welcomed Anthony Kilburn as staff sergeant.

roles including criminal intelligence, investigations, and officer safety and training. Police Chief Gignac says Staff Sergeant Kilburn’s most recently held position was of Inspector with the Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) Police Service.

Originally from Alberta, Staff Sergeant Kilburn will be relocating to Manitoulin Island with his wife Jennifer and their two children.





**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.**

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Child Well-Being Worker  
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**Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:**  
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**Sudbury:**  
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**\*All postings close July 29<sup>th</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 4 pm EST\***

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**Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.**



**M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION**

**CUSTOM ELECTION CODE 2019**

**ELECTORAL OFFICER**

**INVITATION TO TENDER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tender Submission** must include the following information and documents:

- Details of work to be performed with a cost breakdown and description of resources to complete thereof;
- Previous election experience performed.

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

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

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**Thespians for a cause!**

Espanola Little Theatre Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre producer Linda Erskine hands over a \$400 donation from the ‘Stairway to Murder’ production held at the Billings Hall recently to representative Penny Strain. The dinner theatre production was in partnership with the Silver Water Recreation Committee with funds raised going toward the renovation of the Silver Water Hall and Espanola Little Theatre. Ms. Erskine explained that \$25 dollars of the \$60 ticket price goes to ELT while the Silver Water Hall receives \$35. This donation represents half of the ELT proceeds after expenses. The Silver Water Hall was voted as the recipient of half of the proceeds from the show by the volunteer cast.

**photo by Michael Erskine**



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**Employment Opportunity**

**Finance Officer**

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

**Job Duties**

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

**Requirements**

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

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


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

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





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### SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Location:** United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mníising, M'Chigeeng First Nation

**Duration:** 6 weeks or casual part-time

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As a Research Technician, you will be responsible for providing essential support to an ongoing research project within the By-law Program. Under the direct supervision of the principal researcher(s), you will actively contribute to data collection, analysis and interpretation of the information collected. You will also have an opportunity to attend team meetings, participate in discussions about research findings, and present your own observations.

- Assist research in collecting and presenting data related to the research project.
- Participate in the progress of the research project according to established protocols.
- Contribute to data analysis and the generation of reports, graphs or presentations.
- Participate in team meetings to discuss research progress and results.
- Work closely with the research team to ensure weekly progress of the project.
- Any other reasonable tasks related to this position.

**Qualifications:**

- Can be a Grade 10-12 student or post-secondary student returning to post-secondary school in September 2025.

**Skills/Knowledge:**

- Knowledge of computers including word processing and data applications preferably in a Microsoft environment.
- Some work experience is preferred but not necessary.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Willingness to travel to First Nation communities to carry out research activities.
- Good organization and time management skills.

**Closing Date: August 1, 2025 at 12 pm**

**To apply: mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following:**  
Cover letter, resume, copy of a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle, and one work-related or character reference letter.

Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark **“Confidential-Research Technician”** to:  
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## Sheshegwaning First Nation

### Job Opportunity: Ontario Works Administrator



**Location:** Sheshegwaning Administration Office

**Employment Type:** Temporary Full-Time - Contract to July 2026 (4-Day Work Week!)

**Deadline to Apply:** Open until filled

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

**What You'll Do**

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

**What You Bring**

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

**Why Join Us?**

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

**Apply Today!**  
Send your cover letter and resume to:  
**Joan Sheppard, Executive Director**  
[joan@sheshegwaning.org](mailto:joan@sheshegwaning.org)  
**1079A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON P0P 1X0**

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

### Cleaning Position

Must have own transportation for 1 or 2 days every 2 weeks.

Please send resume and references to  
2026 Bay Estate Rd N  
Sheguandah P0P 1W0

or call 705-368-2523 and leave a message.

### Manitoulin Group of Companies acquires Martin Roy Transport

*Enhances operations in Quebec and Ontario*


GORE BAY—The Manitoulin Group of Companies has announced its acquisition of Martin Transport (MRT), effective Monday, July 18.

Founded in 1998 by Martin Roy and his mother Claire, MRT is a well-established transportation company based in Rouyn-Noranda, Quebec. The company operates terminal facilities in Val-d'Or, Dorval, Timmins, Mississauga, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay. MRT has built a strong reputation in the truckload (LTL) and full truckload (FTL) markets across various industries, many of which align with Manitoulin Transport's existing client base.

“We are delighted to welcome Martin Roy and the entire MRT team to the Manitoulin Group,” said Jeff King, president of Manitoulin Transport. “With a comparable terminal network footprint in many locations, there are significant opportunities to enhance our service in this important market. We look forward to collaborating with the MRT Team in the coming months.”

“Joining the Manitoulin Group of Companies marks an exciting new chapter for our company,” said Martin Roy, president of MRT. “Our companies share the same values on hard work and integrity, and we are confident this partnership will benefit our customers.”

This acquisition strengthens Manitoulin's presence and service capabilities, particularly in Northwestern Quebec and Ontario, enhancing operational efficiencies and expanding service offerings to both companies' customers.



### 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 possess:

**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 standing
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

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

**Submissions:**  
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 P0P 1K0  
705-368-2182 ext.271  
[hr@mnaamodzawin.com](mailto:hr@mnaamodzawin.com)

## Sheshegwaning First Nation

### Job Opportunity: Full-Time Medical Driver



**Location:** Sheshegwaning Health Centre

**Employment Type:** Full-Time

**Deadline to Apply:** Open until filled

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

**What You'll Do**

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

**What You Bring**

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

**Why Join Us?**

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

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

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As early as Grade 1, Taylor Peltier had an inkling of what her career direction would be. Her mom has some of her artwork from that period to prove it. When asked at the age of six to draw a picture of what she wanted to be when she grew up, she sketched a policer officer. Taylor’s happy childhood growing up in Wikwemikong revolved around family, sports and school. It was the latter locale that provided the inspiration and motivation to pursue policing



# On the Beat

by Heather Marshall



as a young adult. Regular visits to her school by Jamie Peltier and Jeff

attention and energy throughout childhood and her teen years was sports. elementary school. While I loved going to classes here in the community, I knew there would be greater opportunities in sports going to a bigger school.” Those interests continue to this day, both personally and in her volunteer work with youth in the community. “By high school knew I had a real drive to become a police officer,” she says, which prompted her to pursue postsecondary education in North Bay. There Taylor did a bridge program that merged studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Crimi-

nal Justice at Nipissing University with a diploma in Police Foundations at Canadore College. She graduated in 2019 after completing the four-year program. With the benefit of summer jobs as an auxiliary officer shadowing WTPS police officers while still a student, Taylor was hired almost immediately by the Tribal force following graduation. She began in the early days of COVID as a constable with general duties, such as responding to calls for service, general investigations and interacting with community members by attending local events. “I enjoyed working on the road and being the first to arrive at a scene, whether determining the details of an incident or comforting a victim.”

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### Employment Opportunity Manitoulin Centennial Manor



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

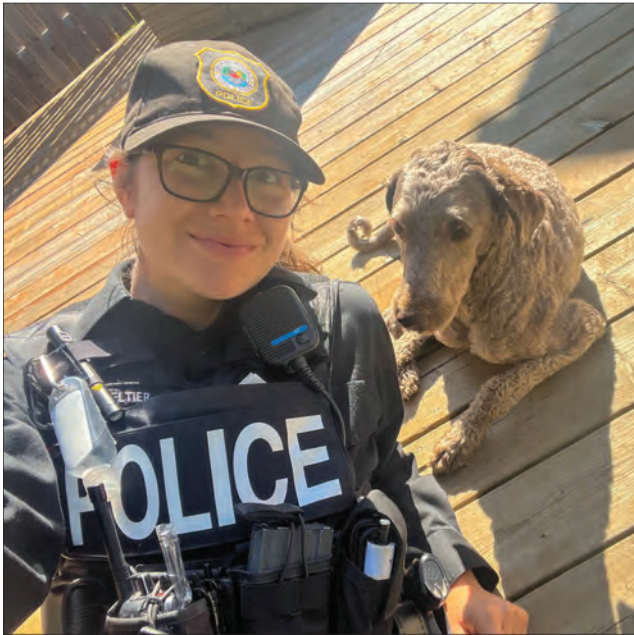
#### Activities Assistant - Part-Time

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

Please send your questions and resume to the following individual:

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

Deadline to apply is August 15, 2025



Constable Taylor Peltier was inspired to pursue a career in policing through visits by Wikwemkoong Tribal Police Service members to her school.

Pitawanakwat, officers with Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS), left a lasting impression. “We had very positive interactions with officers coming into our classes. They were really community-service oriented, and I had them as role models,” she explains. The other great passion that consumed Taylor’s

“I loved almost all sports and especially basketball and hockey, which was a key part of my reason for attending Manitoulin Secondary School after



With the Wolverines on dry land.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION 2ND POSTING HOUSING MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR Full-Time (35 hours per week)

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

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

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

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

#### SKILLS:

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

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

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

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

**CONFIDENTIAL: Housing Maintenance Coordinator**  
c/o Human Resources  
Whitefish River First Nation  
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0  
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

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



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION BAND REPRESENTATIVE

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

#### POSITION SUMMARY:

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

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

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

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

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

#### OTHER:

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

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

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

**CONFIDENTIAL: Band Representative**  
Whitefish River First Nation  
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0  
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285-4532

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# The Big Bad Jug Band is coming to Manitoulin Island

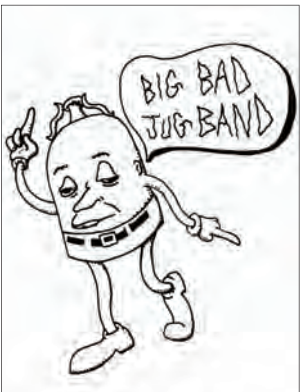
## Will play three sets at Manitoulin Brewing Company on Friday, August 8

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT— Ever wonder what a post modern, post-jug psych quartet sound like? You will have a chance to check out this most eclectic of bands Friday, August 8 as the band will play three sets, starting at 6 pm, outdoors at Manitoulin Brewing Company in Little Current.

“The Big Bad Jug Band is a post-jug psych quartet from Orillia and Hamilton,” said band spokes-

person Jim Fitzgerald. “We write modern protest songs performed in the styles of yesteryear. Our gonzo take on jug music mixes rock and roll, doowop and bluegrass progressions are delivered with a raucous panache. The Big Bad Jug Band brings the sounds of old into the ears and minds of now.”

Mr. Fitzgerald notes The Big Bad Jug Band is not limited to the standard folk-roots genre usu-



The band's handdrawn posters are a hoot.



The Big Bad Jug Band provides an eclectic take on the traditional roots instrument.

ally associated with a jug band.

With Jim Fitzgerald (lyrics, melody, vocals, harmonica, jug, kazoo, tin whistle), Sean Patrick (licks, banjo, vocals), Jessica Martin (fiddle, vocals), Nate Robertson (percussion, vocals) and Chris Lamont (bull fiddle), the foursome brings a whole new repertoire of songs in a new progression of the “jug genre.”

While some have called them folk-punk, Mr. Fitzgerald eschews that label. “We are too good at our

instruments to be ‘punk’,” he laughs. But the crew are not your standard jug band either, stepping past the folk, blues, bluegrass boundaries and encom-

passing elements of jazz and doowop, rock and roll and folk.

The quartet will take the stage at the [Manitoulin Brewing Company](#), 43

Manitowaning Road in Little Current on August 8, with three sets starting at 6 pm.

### ...On the Beat: Constable Taylor Peltier

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When asked if there were challenges being accepted as an authority figure among friends and family members in her hometown, where many had watched her grow up and some may have still considered her just a kid, Taylor is quick to clarify that her experience has been just the opposite.

“I’ve never had issues with people accepting me in this role. In fact, I have found it to be very positive. I think people are receptive because they already knew me, so I was able to gain rapport right off the bat. That has helped with relations in the community.”


Taylor’s strengths as an officer led to her promotion to Detective Constable in 2024, a rewarding role in different ways from her previous work as a constable since she spends more time in the office and less in the community. “I didn’t have unrealistic CSI expectations and knew what to expect. Although it’s not exactly the way I thought it might be, as it’s a continual learning curve, I really enjoy having the ability to slow down and dive deep into investigations as opposed to split-second responses necessary in crisis situations. It is great to have more time to do follow-up on bigger cases.”

Taylor says the past year has been one of big and constructive changes. “With new leadership and a lot of new WTPS members, combined with a lot of encouraging community response to our police work, it has been very positive. The best thing is my co-workers. You lean on

them, they lean on you, and we’re all here for each other. The workplace is like a family without being a family. I’m lucky to have such a great job.”

Although she misses her former involvement in the community in her new position, especially working in the schools, Taylor makes up for it by devoting her after business hours’ time to local youth programming. “My sister, cousin and I have a team, the Wolverines, and lots of WTPS members come out to help with programming for kids. We play hockey in the winter and do dryland activities during the rest of the year including sprinting, agility work and strength training, which we generally do at the ballpark. We aim to create a positive and uplifting space for youth in the community to promote physical health as an important piece of the puzzle for overall health and well-being. Thanks to funding provided through Indigenous Youth Roots – a national Indigenous youth-led organization that focuses on empowering First Nations, Inuit, and Métis youth across Canada – we received a grant that covers the cost of ice time, food and snacks for these activities.”

Exciting things continue to happen in Taylor’s life, including her recent marriage to fellow Haweater, Chris Beaudry, in late June. Taylor didn’t need to leave her community or Manitoulin Island to find the love of her life and the job of her dreams – make that lifelong plans – to become a police officer.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

### MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR

Full-Time

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

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

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

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

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

**SKILLS:**

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

Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.


For a complete job description, please email: [hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca)

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

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

**CONFIDENTIAL: Mental Health Counsellor**  
Whitefish River First Nation  
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0  
Email: [jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca) Fax: (705) 285-4532

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

## WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

### 3<sup>RD</sup> POSTING

### POST-SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Full-Time (35 hours per week)

Salary Range: \$56,800 - \$67,820 / year + Group Benefits and Pension

(Salary dependent on education and/or experience, or a combination of both)

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

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

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

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

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

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

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

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

\*For a complete Job Description, please email: [hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca)

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

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

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

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Whitefish River First Nation  
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# Southeast Lions Summerfest Weekend was another great success



Nothing quite like a cool one on a hot summer day. Toronto eat your heart out with your travelling pubs. This float can float.  
photos by Alicia McCutcheon



These elves are a happy go lucky bunch on Grandma's float.



The Assinack Horticultural Society is always up for a great float. Hugh Moggy is missed.



Dustin Peltier gives a great swing... woulda, coulda, out of the park if it had connected at the Slo-pitch tournament.



The truck pull gets underway at the Assinack track. Do the drivers yell giddy up when they push on the accelerator?



Nothing says Christmas quite like 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.'

# Demolition Derby hauls in a record crowd during Summerfest Weekend



Drivers, crews, organizers and fire department volunteers gather for a group photograph following the demolition derby.

**by Michael Erskine**  
MANITOWANING—The weather could hardly be better as a slight breeze helped cool the mid-summer heat as a near record crowd gathered to watch the popular modern gladiatorial games close out Southeast Manitoulin Lions Club Summerfest Weekend.  
“It’s been a great weekend,” said organizer Lisa Hallaert. “Everyone is having a great time, and this is one of the largest, if not the largest, crowd we have ever had for the demolition derby.”  
The excitement began with a lesson in defensive play, as the first heat got underway. Each brightly painted car spun in strategic circles looking for an opening to deliver a killing blow to their opponent’s vehicle. The driver’s door is sacrosanct, so care must be taken to



The Van Division was new this year and proved a smashup hit.

avoid being disqualified. The drivers demonstrated incredible skill.  
The action in the demolition arena was ably related to the crowd by emcee Scott Hughson, whose banter added great colour commentary to the event.  
Winner of the first heat was car 626 driven by Josh Burnett, but the win did not come easy. Mike Deforge in car 024 had a dicey start, but once he got the car going



Jason Quackenbush, left, in number 18 took top honours in the new van division. Southeast Manitoulin Lion Larry Lecappellain presents the prize.

**photos by Michael Ersking**  
he proved a canny opponent and there was little left of old 024 by the time the last horn blew.  
Heat two was won by car 444 driven by Zach Burnett and heat three went to car 10-A driven by Cole Chisholm.  
Best hand-painted car went to Kyle Wood of White’s Transport. Best spray painted went to Cole Chisholm of Manitoulin Mobile Auto Glass.  
In the end it was Zach Burnett in car 444 who was the overall winner in the car division, while Jason Quackenbush in number 18 took top honours in the new van division.



A game little car... Number had a slow start, but was a game crowd favourite even if it didn't win.



Heat 2 winner and overall winner in the car division was Zach Burnett, left, as Lion Larry Lecappellain presents the prize.



Heat 1 winner was Josh Burnett, left, as Lion Larry Lecappellain presents the prize.



Best Hand Painted Award went Kyle Wood of Whites Transport, who won the Best Spray Painted Award presented by Lion Larry Lecappellain.



Noojmowin Teg hosts family-oriented Pow-Wow Social

by Margery Frisch  
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—On July 24, when the thunder rolled in, the rain poured down and tornado warnings flashed across cell phones, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre made the quick decision to move their powwow social from outside their offices to the 4 Directions Complex in AOK.

“This was an idea one of the cultural workers had,” said Rebecca Dantouze, nurse navigator at Noojmowin Teg, “to have an informal social, to practice singing and dancing.” It was also a way to bring people together, to talk and socialize, to have dinner and connect.

Throughout the evening, the Trout Creek Settlement was mentioned numerous times. Jacob Dayfox was the Master of Ceremonies, “If you know someone, or you yourself were forcibly removed from your family, between April 1, 1991 and March 31, 2022, you may be entitled to this settlement,” he told those gathered at the complex. “We don’t have a lot of information out yet; we’re still getting banners. We’re going to have a QR code on those banners that will lead you to more information and the application process.”



Noojmowin Teg Powwow gift basket went to Reanna Corbiere and the two Foodland gift cards were won by Kailyn Inglis.

photo by Margery Frisch

Mr. Dayfox, one of Noojmowin’s cultural support workers, emphasized that the evening was, for the most part, simply a time to socialize, celebrate life and have some fun.

There were many children present who were all about having fun, practicing their dance steps and observing their parents, aunties and grandparents practice their dance steps too. There were spot dances and door prizes, and the atmosphere was festive and light. Executive Director Debbie Francis was also there, but she was not working, simply enjoying the evening with her daughter and her grandson.

“Two of my singers were not able to show up tonight,” Mr. Dayfox explained at the beginning of the evening, “but that’s

okay. I’ve been at socials where I was the only one at the drum. That’s totally fine, but my role is to stand up here, a knowledge sharer and if any of you want to come up here and learn – young ladies, young men, older ones too. It’s never too late to learn.” As it turned out, Jonn Naveau, Daniel Manitowabi, Martin Panamick, and later Bruce Solomon, joined in the circle, a new experience for some, but in the relaxed atmosphere of the social, a great place to practice and learn.

The first prize winner of the evening was eight-year-old Hazel McGraw; she won a \$100 gift card in a spot dance.

In the July 23 issue of this newspaper, in the article ‘Noojmowin Teg mobilizing around child

welfare settlement,’ the Trout Creek Settlement was explained and three new members of the Noojmowin team, recently hired to help with trauma support, were mentioned. All three, Rebecca Dantouze, Jacob Dayfox and Daniel Manitowabi, were actively taking part in the powwow social, giving the community an opportunity to get to know them. At different times, each spoke to those gathered. “If you have any questions about the Trout Creek Settlement, you can find me, I’ll be here,” said cultural support worker Daniel Manitowabi.

“And, if you want more information about the settlement, there’s a write up in this week’s Manitoulin Expositor,” Tara Dantouze, operations manager at Noojmowin Teg, added. Ms. Dantouze was filling in as MC when Jacob Dayfox was in the drum circle. “My sister, Rebecca, is one of the organizers of the event,” she explained to The Expositor, “and she just handed me the microphone.”

The evening was just what was planned, a relaxed social, families gathered to talk and watch their children run around and sometimes dance. This was a soft introduction to the Trout Creek Settlement. More information and more opportunities will follow in the coming weeks and months.



**GIIWEDNONG**  
HEALTH LINK  
Employment Opportunity  
Operations 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 Opportunity**  
Reporting to the Operations Coordinator, the Operations Assistant will assist with the completion of financial, human resources, and administrative support tasks for GHL.

**Primary Responsibilities**


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

**Summary of Key Qualifications**


1. A Certificate in Business Administration/Accounting / Bookkeeping or Related Discipline.
2. Minimum of one year of bookkeeping, payroll processing, financial record management, and office administrative work experience.
3. Computer skills, including the ability to operate computerized accounting software, and the Microsoft Suite at a proficient level
4. Valid Ontario Class 'G' Drivers licence with access to a reliable vehicle.
5. 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](mailto: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](mailto:hr@giiwednonghealth.ca).



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



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

**Essential Duties:**

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


**Qualifications/Requirements:**

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



**SHEHEGWANING 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 education delivery.
- Knowledge of current First Nations’ position on education and training issues at community regional and national levels as it pertains to education and training programs.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proven supervisory skills.
- Ability to manage programs within a limited budget.
- To speak Anishinaabemowin would be an asset.
- Proven computer skills in Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook.

**Duties and Responsibilities:**

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

**Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a CPIC, cover letter and three references no later than August 15, 2025 or until position filled, marked confidential to the attention of:**  
**Heather Wilson, Director of Education**  
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# Manitoulin Island’s fragile future endangered in a warming Great Lakes basin

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—“We’ve passed too many boundaries,” David Suzuki said last week—not with thunder, but with the hush before a storm. After decades urging Canada to listen—to science, the land, ancestors—he no longer hedges. “It’s too late,” he told iPolitics. “We’re not going to do it.”

The Earth has already warmed past 1.5°C—12 months running. Ice thins, fires rage, emissions climb. Last week, torrential rain south of Wawa tore through Highway 17 between Batchawana Bay and Montreal River. For Manitoulin Island—with its fragile single access point on Highway 6—such an event threatens to sever our only lifeline. Deliveries, medical transport, school buses, fuel trucks: all at the mercy of failing roads and relentless storms.

Authorities keep promising a swing bridge—twice, thrice—a spectral solution announced in press releases but never built. Each flood leaves Islanders exposed.

In that washout, a parable: nature’s patience exhausted, systems once assumed immutable dissolving under pressure.

Here, we’ve long known systems fail. When roads close and ambulances stall. When food costs rise and water runs murky. When neighbours become lifelines, chopping wood or

opening their doors. Mr. Suzuki, once a believer in policy’s power, now echoes what many here have felt: politics won’t save us. Not in time. Maybe not at all.

Mr. Suzuki urges environmentalists to focus local—build resilience, not petitions. Root cellars, seed libraries, community hubs doubling as warming shelters. Lytton, B.C.—flattened by fire—is rebuilding this way.

### A framework to define Earth’s safe operating space

Swedish earth systems scientist Johan Rockström, director at Potsdam Institute, first mapped nine planetary boundaries in 2009—critical Earth system processes like climate, biodiversity, freshwater use—that humanity must respect to avoid collapse.

By September 2023, seven of nine had been crossed, including: climate change (over 1.5°C warming), biosphere integrity (mass extinctions), biogeochemical flows (nitrogen/phosphorus overload), land-system change (deforestation, sprawl), freshwater depletion, novel chemical pollutants and atmospheric aerosol loading.

Only ocean acidification and stratospheric ozone remain just inside safe limits, though both strain under pressure.

Mr. Rockström warns crossing multiple boundaries triggers cascading, unpredictable risks. We now inhabit what he calls the “danger zone.” Mr. Suzuki

points to this as the science behind his grim warning: “we’re going to overshoot.”

### What the Lakes are telling us now

It starts with degrees—a subtle tilt like an old cedar leaning or shore ice retreating earlier each spring. The climate shifts, the Great Lakes bear witness.

The latest regional assessment from the Environmental Law and Policy Center (July 2025), supported by GLISA, shows the Great Lakes basin warming nearly 3° Fahrenheit since 1951. Seasons reshuffle. Cold nights drop by five days yearly compared to the early 20th century. Extreme precipitation events surge nearly 40 percent above historic norms.

Here on Manitoulin, where snowplows and sap runs still mark life’s pulse, this is profound. Too much rain shears the land—flooding fields, drying soils to crust, clogging culverts. Once rare storms now strike twice a season.

Lake Huron’s moods shift too. Lake Superior, our northern neighbour, has warmed nearly 5° Fahrenheit since 1979—faster than any other Great Lake. All five lakes hit record surface temperatures in 2024. Underwater currents that fed spawning fish twist strangely now. Whitefish, perch, fishers—none fooled.

Ice is no longer guaranteed. The Great Lakes hit their lowest winter ice cover on record in 2024—just over four percent aver-

age. On Manitoulin, ferry schedules stretch longer into shoulder seasons, ice roads go unbuilt, winter travel turns risky. The loss of ice disrupts hunting, harvesting, connection—disorients a people who read the land by seasons.

Snow thins too. Projections suggest a 60 percent drop in snowfall by century’s end across Ontario and the Upper Midwest, if emissions keep rising.

Then there’s evaporation—water stolen from lakes and wetlands as warmer air sucks moisture skyward. We see it in shrinking wetlands, thirsty gardens, low water tables.

Perhaps most alarming is the speed and scale of change. Under high emissions, the region may see 60 extra days over 90°F by century’s end. Even modest scenarios promise longer summers, shorter winters, fewer biting cold days. That means heat stress for the vulnerable, new pests, rising energy bills for cooling.

Here on Mnidoo Mnis- ing—where land and water cradle community—the stakes are intimate.

### Shifting patterns in water and life

Across the basin, once stable rhythms—river rises, wetland retreats, ice durations—now falter. Aquatic and wetland plants suffer as flow timing and water levels shift. Manoomin, wild rice, holds cultural and ecological roots here; floods too frequent or too fierce, along with thinning ice, threaten its survival and those who harvest it ceremonially.

Warming and longer growing seasons push agriculture north. Corn and soybeans spread with intensified practices—more fertilizer, fewer buffers. Western Lake Erie’s nutri-

ent overload and hypoxia warn us what unchecked expansion might bring elsewhere.

These same shifts increase fertilizer runoff. Spring rains flush nutrients into lakes, warming water feeds harmful algal blooms. Water quality fails; aquatic habitats degrade; human health risks rise. Inland lakes, vital for drinking and recreation, are vulnerable.

New players complicate the water story: data centres. As of May 2025, 855 operate around the Great Lakes, consuming millions of gallons daily for cooling. Many sit by rivers and lakes; some draw groundwater and return warmed water, altering local flow and temperature in ways yet to be fully understood.

Illinois and Ohio rank fourth and fifth in national data centre presence. Water abundance draws developers, but fresh water is finite—its health demands vigilant stewardship as pressures mount.

On Manitoulin, these changes ripple through dwindling turtle and fish populations, the looming threat of algae blooms in our bays, and the subtle fading of familiar frog calls.

### Species and ecosystems on the move

Climate change reshapes life itself. Species ranges creep northward. Storms grow more frequent, intense, longer—impacting land and water habitats. Tick populations expand. Summer stream temperatures rise, stressing fish.

Many impacts result from intertwined forces: climate, land use change, habitat loss, invasive species.

Cold-blooded animals respond strongest, moving north or to higher ground.

Cisco and lake whitefish have disappeared from

many Wisconsin inland lakes, victims of shrinking coldwater habitat—a fate looming over Manitoulin’s own waters. In Lake Michigan, lake whitefish risk local extinction within five years, despite fishing bans. Reduced winter ice leaves eggs vulnerable, while invasive mussels strangle food sources for young fish—a threat that casts a shadow not far from our shores. Brook and brown trout habitat may shrink 30-70 percent by mid-century, though northern streams with cold groundwater might offer refuge.

Sea lamprey may find longer growing seasons and new habitats, complicating control efforts.

Harmful algal blooms and hypoxic zones spread, fed by warmer water and nutrient runoff, impacting fish, birds, and amphibians. Amphibians suffer from toxicity, habitat loss, disrupted food sources, and reproductive failures—though mortality often goes unseen.

Storms stir lakes, changing light, nutrients, temperature, and the aquatic food chain—sometimes briefly, sometimes long-term.

### Stewardship and strength

Here, local groups hold the threads of hope. Wiikwemikoong Species at Risk, Friends of Manitoulin Turtles, Manitoulin Nature Club and Manitoulin Streams are deeply engaged in protecting waterways, habitats, and species. They monitor water quality, restore habitats, educate communities and champion Indigenous stewardship.

These organizations anchor community engagement in cultural knowledge and scientific vigilance, weaving together past, present and future.

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