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EVERYBODY LOVES BBQ—The lineups for the three professional ribbers were long at the Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend and Ribfest event held over three days in Mindemoya last weekend. The lines didn't deter people from sampling barbecued vittles like ribs, pulled pork and brisket. FOR MORE PHOTOS PLEASE SEE PAGES 12 AND 13.

photo by Margery Frisch

Gore Bay declines to extend water services to location of proposed waste processor

by Tom Sasvari GORE BAY—Gore Bay town council has turned down a request from WEST (Waste Energy) for a waterline connection from the town to its proposed advanced waste recovery plant on property that is located beside the transfer station in Gordon/Barrie Island as it could impact future water capacity for the town.

Wiikwemkoong's Jack Nesbitt Pick No. 12 by Philadelphia in NHL's first round draft

WIIKWEMKOONG—Jack Nesbitt, a Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory band member has been drafted by the National Hockey League's Philadelphia Flyers. Philadelphia obviously thought very highly of Mr. Nesbitt, trading its 22 and 31 picks to move up in the draft and take the Windsor Spitfires centre in the NHL hockey draft held Friday. He was the 12th pick overall in the first round of the draft.

Charges against Gore Bay resident Bill Concannon withdrawn

by Michael Erskine EDITOR'S NOTE: This story has been corrected to reflect inaccuracies in the original story—to wit Mr. Concannon is a Gore Bay resident, not Kagawong; charges were withdrawn on June 19, 2025, not June 12, 2025; court was held in the Wikwemikong courthouse, not Gore Bay; the peace bond is of a personal nature, not a professional one—Mr. Concannon has

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Tehkummah council will resume meetings but no councillor has signed mayor's oath pledging courtesy

by Tom Sasvari TEHKUMMAH—After a closed meeting last week, Tehkummah Township council will resume its normal council meetings, Mayor John Deforge told The Expositor last Friday. "We are resuming normal scheduled council meetings, so I'm very happy about that," stated Mayor Deforge. "I would like to apologize to the office and for the inconvenience this may have caused." As was reported in the June 4, 2025 edition of the Expositor, citing disrespect directed at Tehkummah Township acting clerk-administrator Barbara Grigg, Mayor John Deforge suspended all council meetings until council members sign a written promise to treat all township staff, Ms. Grigg and council with dignity and respect. The Expositor contacted all council members, Mike McKenzie, Steve Wood, Lori Leeson and Perry Chatwell, who all indicated after the meeting that council meetings will resume, and they all indicated that they did not sign a written promise that Mayor Deforge referenced.

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Planning Board seeks MPP's help for province to name unorganized townships' reps to its board

by Tom Sasvari MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) is asking for the assistance of provincial MPP Bill Rosenberg on concerns it has that the province has not increased funding to the MPB for services it provides (on behalf of the province) on planning matters for unorganized townships, and that the province has still not yet appointed two new members of the board for Robinson and Dawson townships, a process that has been underway for almost three years.

"We as a board approved directing staff to contact our new MPP on our concerns," stated Lee Hayden, chair of the MPB after a meeting last week. "Their (Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, MMAH) response to our letter of concerns is unacceptable. It is the same response we have been getting for the past three years." "All the ministry has done is used the same information they sent to us previously, on the appointment of new board members from the unorganized townships," said Mr. Hayden. "They indicated in their letter that the process is still underway to appoint two new board members for the unorganized townships, which has been the case since

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On the Beat Heather Marshall's new feature introduces new officers

MANITOULIN—With this week's edition of The Manitoulin Expositor, a new column, 'On the Beat,' profiling Island police officers, is making its debut. The monthly column will be written by Heather Marshall, who will be familiar to Expositor readers. "I wrote 'Newish to Manitoulin' for four years (with her last column published last December), where I interviewed new residents to Manitoulin Island," Ms. Marshall said. "I was finding it harder to find people that wanted to tell their personal stories." When she knew that 'Newish' had run its course, "Right away I pitched the idea of a police column, talking to officers and telling their personal stories," said Ms. Marshall. "In my previous column I had interviewed a couple of Manitoulin OPP police officers. The back story on that was that I had got pulled over for speeding by one of the officers, and after I was given my speeding ticket I asked the officer, 'are you new to the Island?'" "After meeting these two officers I became friends with several more police officers and was invited to a number of birthday parties where I was fortunate to meet many more interesting offi-

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SUMMER MAIN STAGE—Rehearsals are continuing by the Gore Bay Theatre for its two productions, ‘The Woman in Black’ and ‘Separate Beds,’ this summer. In photo, Ray Scott, left, and John Robertson are shown in a scene from ‘The Woman in Black.’ The two productions will hit the stage beginning this weekend.

July 19 gala planned for 100th anniversary of Kagawong’s Old Mill

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—It promises to be a night to remember as the Billings Museum Committee is hosting a 100th anniversary gala of the Old Mill in Kagawong.

“It is a momentous anniversary, and it is important to remember all the history that has taken place in this building,” stated Dianne Fraser, of the Billings Museum Committee. “The fact that this building started out as a pulp mill (for five years) and evolved into a hydro generating station that supplied power to all of Manitoulin Island in the early 1930s.” Increased demand for hydro led to its closure in 1962.

“After it was decommissioned, the building was vacant for a number of years,” said Ms. Fraser. “Community members decided to re-

purpose the building into a community hall in 1990. A lot of community members were involved.”

Ms. Fraser explained, “In the 2000s Billings council wanted to repurpose one section of the building, and it became the municipal office and an art studio upstairs (Edwards Art Studios). Then council and the mayor wanted to repurpose this section of the building and see if it could be turned into a museum or heritage centre.”

At the time the Kagawong Historical Centre owned the post office (from Spring Bay) and then when they were looking to open a museum, advice and recommendations were pro-

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Manitoulin Health Centre welcomes Dr. Steven Daniel as new Chief of Staff

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Steven Daniel as its new Chief of Staff, effective September 1, 2025. Dr. Daniel will assume this leadership role, succeeding Dr. Stephen Cooper, who is set to retire in December.

Dr. Daniel brings a strong foundation of northern healthcare experience to the role, having completed his medical education

at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) in 2015. He has since been a valued member of the Assiginack Family Health Team, where he will continue to maintain his practice and serve his patients while taking on his new responsibilities at MHC.

As Chief of Staff, Dr. Daniel will serve as a vital link between the hospital’s medical staff and its administration and board of directors. His responsibilities

will encompass medical and professional leadership, including oversight of quality of care, credentialing and privileging, and performance monitoring. He will also play a key role in strategic planning, resource utilization, and fostering a collaborative environment within the medical



*Dr. Steven Daniel,
Chief of Staff*

staff and across all departments at MHC.

Beyond his clinical practice, Dr. Daniel has cultivated extensive leadership experience across medical education and governance. He currently contributes as the Lead Physician for the Manitoulin Island Clinical Teacher’s Association (MCTA), Local Education Group (LEG),

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Welcome Kevin Spikes, Expositor director of sales

by Tom Sasvari
LITTLE CURRENT—The Expositor is pleased to welcome a new addition to its family. “My partner and I are very happy to be on the Island,” stated Kevin Spikes, director of advertising and marketing for The Manitoulin Expositor. “It has always been a dream of mine to live permanently on the Island and this has come together in the last year.”

Mr. Spikes explained, “In the 1950s my parents (Brian and Sylva) lived in Sudbury, where my dad was a social work parole officer. It was in Sudbury that he met my mom. Part of my dad’s work district was Manitoulin Island.”

“My parents used to come to the Island and camp in Providence Bay before there were even trailers and parks,” said Mr. Spikes. “I was born in 1964 (in Toronto) and that was my first year of coming to the Island in the summer. I spent summers with my family when I was growing up, first at Mac’s Camp in Kagawong and then Woodside Beach Cottages in Providence Bay.”

Gore Bay downtown revitalization project is well underway

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—It’s definitely been a case of so far, so good as far as the downtown revitalization project in Gore Bay.

“We finished pouring the concrete for the curbs and are close to the halfway mark in the project,” said Alexander Dawson, inspector contract administrator with exp. Services Inc. in an interview The Expositor had with he and Will Schickluna-Pierce, assistant to the town manager for Gore Bay last week. “Once we are finished curbs on the east side (of Meredith Street) then we will be moving on in the next couple of weeks to the sidewalks and the lockstone (boulevard) which should be finalized by the end of July.”

“We’ve been working with Alex and exp. and things have been good,” said Mr. Schickluna-Pierce. “And MCA (Con-

tracting Ltd.) have been great. They have done everything they can to accommodate the businesses and residents.”

“We’ve heard very few complaints,” said Mr. Schickluna-Pierce.

Once work has been completed on the east side of Meredith Street, work will commence on the west side of the street, with the same process followed.

“The first digging started on May 21,” said Mr. Dawson.

Mr. Dawson said as far as any major concerns with the construction, “No, to be honest with you, things have gone smoothly. Things are interesting when you are dealing with an older town water system, but things have gone well so far.”

Mr. Dawson said, “the new light structures will likely

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Gore Bay will see veteran banners for light standards

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Banners showing the photographs, names and ranks of veterans who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces and are from Western Manitoulin will soon adorn the downtown of Gore Bay.

The Western Manitoulin Legion Branch #514 Gore Bay and the Rotary Club of Gore Bay have partnered to unveil the Remembrance Project to recognize all veterans of Western Manitoulin, thanks to the interest of local residents.

Beverly Wright, second vice-president of RCL #514 told The Expositor last week, “I sent out an email in 2023 to see if there was anyone interested in having veteran’s banners displayed in town. After testing the waters, 23 Western Manitoulin residents expressed an interest and put their names on a list to purchase banners. Then when other local people heard about

the project, they wanted to put their name on a list to purchase a banner, and we have 33 in total, so far.”

The Legion is in partnership with the Rotary Club on this project, said Ms. Wright. “Jack Clark, a member (past president) of the Rotary Club had indicated he was interested in the project and could help get some donations (funding) for the Legion and the project. This veterans banner project is a combined effort.”

With the town of Gore Bay having indicated previously that it was undertaking an extensive downtown revitalization (which is currently underway) the Legion/Rotary Club waited to let members of the public know about the proposed veterans banners project. “We are looking to install 33 banners on poles and we can use the hydro poles

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Former Expositor editor Diane Sims is invested with Order of Canada

by Michael Erskine
OTTAWA—The life and times of former Expositor editor Diane Sims have not been easy, but her life has been a testament to what can be accomplished through an indomitable spirit and dogged determination. On June 25, the accomplishments of this most remarkable woman saw her invested into the Order of Canada—with Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada pinning the medal signify her elevation to the ranks of 8,000 of our nation’s most accomplished and admired citizens.

The citation accompanying the announcement of her investiture barely skims the list of her accomplishments:

“Diane Sims is a celebrated writer and accessibility advocate. Her publications include the internationally distributed ‘An Ovarian Cancer Compan-

ion,’ as well as candid writings about her lifelong perseverance through medical hardships and her personal journey with medical assistance in dying. She is also a long-time volunteer with organizations focused on multiple sclerosis and ovarian cancer.”

As the paper has previously reported, Ms. Sims’ accomplishments far outstrip her Expositor stint in the late 1980s. Despite being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) as a teenager and told she would likely not live beyond the age of 35, despite being afflicted with all manner of ailments as a result of the MS including: vision loss in one eye and leg paralysis; ovarian cancer; preventative breast removal (while earning a master’s degree in divinity, no less); and having her leg broken in three places, this most resolute

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The US has become the poster child for limiting political donations

Any student of history (as rare as those seem to be these days) knows that the United States of America was founded by an oligarchy and largely ruled by the same for nearly 250 years. Over the intervening years numerous pieces of legislation have attempted to reign in the influence of corporations, unions and wealthy individuals with largely mixed results due, in part, to lax enforcement. But successive US Supreme Court decisions have largely taken any teeth out of those efforts. Following the 2010 Citizens United vs the Federal Election Commission decision, wealthy citizens are, in effect, allowed to spend unlimited amounts of money on campaigns through what are called PACs or Super PACs, aka political action committees. Worse yet, those contributors can shield the identity of who is trying to influence from the electorate—using so-called “dark money.” The result has been an utterly amazing amount of lucre flowing into campaigns and the numbers show little to no sign of abating. In 1990, the average successful US House of Representatives hopeful spent \$407,600 on their campaigns, by 2024 that number escalated to a whopping \$3 million. While the Senate crew saw their average for winning candidates pony up a mind-bending over \$28.5 in 2024. In 2020, the tally for federal election campaigns almost scaled a \$14 billion mountain of cash—a number higher than that of many countries’ entire gross national product. When it comes to running for office in the US it helps to be rich, but better still, it helps to have rich friends. Tesla owner and former staunch Trump supporter Elon Musk, at various moments the richest man in the world, spent over \$290 billion on the 2024 election. That’s ‘b,’ as in billions—if one were to count continuously to a billion, it would take over 30 years, and, of course, it would take a team as one person could not continuously count for that long as humans need to sleep and eat. The result of this unfettered political largesse can be seen in the current state of the state in that country and the corruption it en-

genders is utterly predictable. The founders of the United States of America would have been scandalized at anyone spending a millionth of that amount to get elected. In fact, the US founding fathers specifically designed their system of checks and balances to prevent any one “faction” from being able to dominate all the levers of power in their new country. No kings indeed. They did not count on the aggregation of wealth currently in play. The corruption that unlimited money in political contributions has brought about has enabled the super wealthy to rule the roost in American politics to an extent far beyond the ken of even such forward thinkers as Benjiman Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Small wonder that the average American has little use or faith in their government. Theirs is a government that is no longer of the people, let alone for the people—and no, all men are no longer created equal in the land that was once the bastion of freedom and Western democracy. The Donald’s Big Beautiful Bill stands testament to that. Service cuts for the poor, disenfranchisement for the disposed and the loss of rights for the commons citizen while accompanied by obscene tax cuts for the wealthy and a full-on assault on the freedom of the press and the very first amendment to the US Constitution. In the not-so-distant past, it was the wealthy of America who paid the piper when it came to financing the government, no more. The decision to limit political contributions in Canada has not ended political corruption or the influence of big money, be it union, corporate or individual, but it has moved most political corruption into darkened hotel rooms and brown envelopes stuffed with cash and/or wedding gifts. Our nation may be in need of political reform—but increasing the influence of money in election campaigns should never, ever be contemplated. The fall of the United States of America into its current state of political and social turmoil should stand as a cautionary tale to be heeded, not emulated.

Jesuit from Romania visiting Little Current’s St. Bernard’s

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—The road to becoming a full Jesuit priest is a long and sometimes winding path but, according to Deacon Alexandre Duma SJ, the journey brings a host of spiritual rewards that can’t be measured in dollar signs. Deacon Duma, 31, originally hails from Romania, Europe’s sixth most populous country (nestled between Ukraine, Poland, Hungary, Serbia and Bulgaria) and his journey as a member of the Society of Jesus brought him to Canada last August before arriving as a visiting deacon at St. Bernard’s Roman Catholic Church in Little Current. His decision to enter a life dedicated to spreading the message of Jesus Christ began in a most a low-key manner and did not happen overnight, but serendipity played a role in setting his feet upon the path to vocation. “I think my luck was finding two Jesuits when I was about 16,” he said. Deacon Duma explained that Romania is over 80 percent Orthodox as opposed to Catholic. “We’re a few Catholics and then, in those few Catholics, you have about 10 Jesuits in all Romania. Suffice to say, I was lucky to find these two guys. I was doing a volunteering camp, working with the poor, and these two Jesuits were collaborating with that association when I met them. One of them actually was a kind of my neighbour and close. It’s just that I haven’t met him because he was in formation, and he’s 20 years older than I am.” Deacon Duma described his first impressions of the two Jesuits as “humane, very authentic humans. These were two guys, I would say, understand the true depths of humanity.” “As a teenager, the first impact was being listened to,” he said. “I could interact with them



Deacon Alexandre Duma SJ. is visiting St. Bernard’s Roman Catholic Church in Little Current for a couple of weeks. Deacon Duma, originally from Romania, is on the path to the priesthood.

photo by Michael Erskine

in a very authentic way. I could speak and talk to them about anything. And then, through that, I was discovering that they have a capacity of learning this whole spectrum of human experiences.” “After I’ve met them, it took me a while, I just continued my life and maintained contact with them,” said Deacon Duma. “When I was 18 I moved from my hometown to Bucharest where they have a (Jesuit) community.” But becoming a Jesuit priest was not yet in his game plan for life. “I moved to Bucharest to study engineering,” he said. “I was studying civil engineering and I maintained contact with the Jesuits, and at 18, they invit-

ed me to do the spiritual exercises.” Deacon Duma explained that those exercises were period of intense prayer. “They invited me to do two weeks, it’s usually eight days—you can do three, five or eight days, you usually have eight days,” he said. “In those years, we just did two weeks. It was in those spiritual exercises that the calling of God came to the surface. And then I did another two weeks, some months after, and this calling clarified. This is my first year of university. In my second year, while I was continuing having my normal student’s life—going out ,studying, volunteering—in that second year the calling that I felt doing the spiritual exercises was troubling me.”

“I felt something was not enough in my life plan,” he said. From an original plan of building a career in the well-paid field of engineering, getting married at 27 and starting a family (a long-standing tradition in his family both his father and his grandfather were married at 27, “I wanted to maintain the tradition”) he began to discern a different path lay ahead of him. “My plans and God’s were not the same,” laughs Deacon Duma. “I got lucky because they (the Jesuits) accepted me before I finished university,” recalled Deacon Dumas. “Usually, you’d have to finish university. This is how it works today.” “There was a boom of vocations in 2014,” he said. “There’s a guy who joined before me from Romania.” The next year, with Deacon Duma, there were four aspiring Jesuits in Romania. “Each year after that there were one or two.” “We don’t have schools for Jesuits in Romania, so I was sent to Genoa,” said Deacon Duma. “That is two years of novitiate, the first two years before we take the vows. It’s a period of discernment. You join the Society; you get two years of experiences.” Then it was another month of intense spiritual exercises this time. “It’s 35 days of continuous prayer, and then you do a month of service in a hospital or in a hospice and then you do the pilgrimage of poverty.” That involved setting out on a 250-mile journey from Genoa to Mantua, on foot, without money or much more than a backpack containing a few T-shirts to sustain them. “We did it in 12 days,” he said. “It wasn’t bad.” “You just rely on providence,” said Deacon Duma—and providence work out just fine. “The first evening we had ...continued on page 20

Manitoulin celebrates Canada Day in style



Mom Tracy and daughter Grace Bartolucci were part of the downtown Little Current Canada Day vendors market.

photo by Michael Erskine



Fireworks capped off all the great events and activities held as part of the Gore Bay Canada Day celebrations.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Timber!! The wooden blocks are starting to fall at this game, one of the many held during Canada Day celebrations.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Stoneman Wayne Martin has a real knack for getting in the paper eating food. This year, his wife Judith saw to it he was wearing the pie instead.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Fishing for a prize! These youngsters enjoyed the fish pond on Canada Day in Gore Bay.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Max Burt takes part in the egg toss game, as part of the annual Ice Lake Community Picnic held July 1.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Little Current Quilt and Stitchery Guild members were on hand in downtown Little Current selling tickets on their annual Haweater Quilt fundraiser.

photo by Michael Erskine



Youngsters of all age took part in this game, where they were attempting to throw plastic disk over a lollipop, to win the latter.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Manitoulin Centennial Manor administrator Don Cook, left, helps chef O'Brian Osbourne cook up a storm during the Manor's annual Canada Day barbecue.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon



Foam creatures! This was one of the more popular activities, at least for kids, at the annual Ice Lake Community Picnic July 1. There were many games, family activities, potluck lunch, auction, concession stand for everyone to enjoy.

photo by Tom Sasvari



Kids of all ages enjoyed flying a kite at the annual Ice Lake Community Picnic held on July 1.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your friendly busy beach and yard sale fly! Providence Bay is bustling right now at the height of her busy yard sale, outdoor market, beach, boardwalk and splashing around season. Cars and people are everywhere much to the delight of the seagulls and scavengers. Not so great for any critters, turtles or deer trying to cross the road, heads up out there road warriors. This is the time where your reflexes and reaction time need to be sharp. The weather has been favourable over all but when those cold and hot systems dance, watch out! Keep your Ontario Storm Watch apps handy and keep your eye on the sky! Be sure to check marine, weather and road reports locally before you venture out! Providence Bay is very beautiful this time of year and I count my lucky stars that I not only get to enjoy the summer season here but that I am blessed to call it my four-season home. We are so lucky! We welcome you, our visiting friends and neighbours to Manitoulin Island, this Island is such a marvel and natural wonder, remember no matter how busy we all are, there is always time to take a minute; find your centre, find some peace and take the time to recharge and reflect.

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 for the August Providence Bay Fair horse show. The bleachers are always a beautiful spot to see eagles, hawks and catch a great sunset. Stay tuned for the upcoming Friday Family Rec Nites that happen every Friday night from 7 to 9 pm at the arena. Family fun and games like basketball, air hockey, ping pong, cornhole, pickleball, badminton and more! Check the Providence Bay Spring/Bay Recreation Committee Facebook page for updates! Ages 12 and under must be supervised.

Providence Bay Curling Club: Check the Providence Bay Curling Club and the Providence Bay Lions Club Facebook page for information and 50/50 draw dates and winners and for yard sale updates.

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is reaching out to the community and local businesses for sponsors or silent auction donations for the third annual 2025 Lions Golf Tournament. This fundraising event supports the Providence Bay Curling Club youth and junior curling programs and the 1st Western Manitoulin Girl Guides SEGPR. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at Manitoulin Golf. To submit your team's registration, contact Lion Chris Bryan at 705-348-0493 or email chrisbryan84@outlook.com to confirm your attendance, donations and sponsorship.

Providence Bay Beach Boardwalk and Discovery Centre. Officially open for the season, seven days a week from now until the end of August. Wednesdays are event days, stay tuned for updates or call 705-377-5025 for information.

Sunset Music Series: The series officially marshalled in the new music season during the Canada Day opening weekend and last weekend and the hits keep on coming! The music series features great musicians and artists who take to the stage outside of Huron Island Time right beside the Boardwalk and Discovery center every weekend though July and August from 6:30 to 9 pm. This weekend be sure to check out Tristen Hall then Ricardo Chavez on Friday, July 11 and Saturday, July 12. Our friend Christian Lauder takes to the stage followed by Providence Bay's very own Chris Walker. Check out the posters around town or Sunset Music Series Facebook page for the full list of upcoming shows.

The Lions Club Bottle drive continues next to the arena; this program is open to the public and we encourage everyone to drop off their used bottles and cans - your empties help fund great local initiatives.

The Heavens: July 10, Full Buck Moon (tomorrow night). Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos.

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you early July babies! We welcome you

all to Manitoulin Island! We wish you a wonderful, happy and safe summer holiday. Be sure to take lots of pictures and please keep our beaches, hiking trails and waterways clean and litter free for the health and sustainability of our ecosystems and wildlife. Check out your favourite local businesses, art galleries and restaurants social pages for special events, keep your eye on this paper as lots of events are listed weekly. You can also visit the Central Manitoulin Events page for updates on what's happening near you! For a more detailed list of galleries, events, hiking trails, accommodations and pow wow schedules, visit ExploreManitoulin.com or pick up a copy of Manitoulin's Magazine from almost everywhere on the Island.

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

It's summer! Which means between the beach, the falls, the local eats, the marina, the markets, and all the goings-on, Kagawong is the place to be! This week's column is chock-a-block full of upcoming events, so much so that we have to be a little light on puns.

Tonight (Wednesday, July 9) is Students' Night with the Manitoulin Tennis Club. High schoolers can get some summer competition play, and younger students are welcome to come and try out the sport. The club meets regularly Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 12 noon at the Manitoulin Secondary tennis courts. Beginners and players of all ages and abilities are welcome!

The Billings Library is hosting Summer Fun Days! Kids aged 5+ are welcome to the library every Tuesday through the summer from 10 to 11 am for games, crafts and stories. Can't make it during those times? The summer hours for the library are Tuesday - Saturday, 9 am to 12 noon and 1 to 5 pm. Stop in and check out the fabulous selection of children's and young adult books, puzzles, games, and, of course, lots of books for the adults too! Visit the library Facebook page for more information ([Fb.com/Kagawonglibrary](https://fb.com/Kagawonglibrary)).

Also 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@billingsstp.ca for more information or to RSVP.

Beginning this Saturday, July 12th, 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.

Island-wide household hazardous waste collection is back! Residents of Billings Township looking to declutter (and keep harmful substances out of our landfill) can drop off batteries, electronics, paint, cleaners, pharmaceuticals, propane cylinders, pesticides and more at the Mindemoya Roads Building (7 Lakeshore Road off highway 542/551) on Saturday, July 19 from 1 to 4 pm. Check out the poster on the Billings Township Facebook page for more details on what you can and cannot bring.

The library board would like to remind everyone that the annual book sale fundraiser is Saturday, July 19. Friends of Manitoulin Turtles and Manitoulin Streams will be there with amazing displays, a children's book reading and fun activities. Rumour has it Science North might even be putting in an appearance! Stop in at the picnic pavilion in downtown Kagawong between 11 am and 3 pm to check it out.

The Township of Billings Climate Action Committee is hosting a township yard sale on Saturday, July 25 at the Park Centre parking lot and Kagawong River Complex. Bring along any items you'd like to sell and take some time to browse for some new treasures, all while helping to keep items out of our landfill.

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.

And back by popular demand, August 14 is the annual History Day in Kagawong. This year, Kagawongian extraordinaire Steve Paikin 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. Save the date!

We mentioned that we'd have to be light on puns this week. Truth was we weren't bright enough to think of any. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

John and Patty Bonwick are ecstatic to announce that they have a new grandson, Eddie James Bonwick. He was born June 27. We've all seen the pictures and he is a beautiful baby boy.

Kits and Quilts was cancelled this week due to its scheduled day being on Canada Day.

We didn't have any formal celebrations here, but a lot of people took in the events in other communities. Jamie and Norma Nelder went to Little Current and enjoyed the day. A group of us took in the parade in Silver Water. It was really well done. We had a great time.

I had a birthday this week. Rick and I went to Gore Bay and had a really nice dinner. Wednesday we were in Gore Bay as well. We kept meeting people from Meldrum Bay. I bought a ticket to support the hospital and the lady selling them said she had seen lots of Meldrum people.

A beautiful catamaran as well as other sail boats have been at the docks. Rick spotted several nice bass right at the marina.

Haying is underway. The corn is growing. It is fun to watch it stretching up. I want a nice big ruler like they use for flood waters so that I can measure the progress from the road.

Friday night at cards, the high lady was Janice Cada with 73 points. High man was Bob Benedict with 83 points and he won the money jar. Rose VanEvery won ladies' lone hands with four and Doug Carter on men's lone hands with three. Most euchres went to Karen Noble with eight. Lois Wismer brought home the door prize. Brenda Carter won the 50/50 draw.

Have a nice week everyone!

Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

As predicted, last week's rain has helped the hay crop to progress and the farmers will be going full tilt this coming week.

Also progressing is Rob Lane's building project; he had a whole group of friends and family out to help him raise the walls. The group included Jim Miller, Richard Runnalls, Mark and Terri Thrasher and an off-island friend by the name of Terry.

Marilyn Galbraith enjoyed Canada Day weekend here with her daughter and son-in-law.

Gordon/Barrie Island Recreation hosted a jam making workshop last Saturday at the hall. A group of 10 from all over the Island were guided through best practices of the fruit preparations and process of canning fruit by local gardener, Linda Willson. Each participant took home a jar of strawberry jam or haskap jam to enjoy! More workshops can be expected this fall so keep your eye on the municipality website.

Margaret and Jim Blanchard and Maggie the dachshund found their way back to their 'home and native land' from Tucson, Arizona carrying their new electric bikes along too. Jim is just figuring out how to get his going, so please be patient if you see him on the roads. Jim will soon be looking for his good neighbours to help get his dock in.

Speaking of neighbours, Carolyn Lane-Rock has been out around Barrie Island for dinner with Wayne Jeffkins and family and also over to the head of Barrie Island where she popped in on old friends

Ardiss and Don Luce of Sydney, Ohio. They've had family in and out already this summer. Daughter Yuri is here now and Austine and Nevoya will have just come up.

Linda Moffat has been spotted here and there in the community. She's had some company too and is planning on attending the upcoming Rotary Summer Dinner Theatre on July 11.

Another fun activity ahead: the Manitoulin Fine Art Tour, July 18,19,20. Enid's Studio on Barrie Island at 388 Eastline Road is open for the event. Enid's work focuses on the beauty of Barrie Island landscape, life and farm heritage.

At the causeway, Barb and Bob Norrish have been entertaining family this month. Notably, their daughter Teresa ventured from somewhere in the world to have a quick visit before she carries on to New Zealand where she plans to work for two years!

Bill Fogal has clipped the roadsides. Drivers of the local roads are very appreciative!

Our condolences go out to the family of John Featherstone, who passed away on June 28 in Manitoba. John and family lived and farmed on the North Line of Barrie Island and a Celebration of his Life is planned for July 17 at 6 pm at the Barrie Island Hall.

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday morning, June 27, a group of UCW ladies met in the Noble family farm barn to decorate the parade float. We were happy to have Theresa McDonald and Patti Vollick there to help.

Friday night we went to Meldrum Bay to play euchre.

Saturday morning, we set up our "in the garden" yard display with a deer and a rabbit amongst some flowers. We took the pies and silent auction donation to the hall once it was opened. We spent most of the day at the community hall. There was pie, ice cream, coffee, hot dogs and sausages all for sale. The fishpond and games were very popular with the children. The parade was very well done with several great ideas for garden themes. The silent auction was a success again this year. There was baseball in the afternoon with all ages playing. Thank you to everyone who helped with the organizing and all the participation in the day.

There were lots of families attending with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, locals and summer residents. It was great to see everyone gather to make the day.

Monday evening, we went to euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex. There were 43 players. Congratulations to Bill Baker, Ken Richards and Murray Duncanson who split the \$275 money jar.

Tuesday was Canada Day. Kits and Quilts was cancelled in Meldrum Bay and fire practice was moved to Wednesday. We went into Gore Bay to have the pancake breakfast at the Legion.

Wednesday morning Albert Meijer, Anne Boyd and I went to Espanola for appointments with the optometrists. Anne and Albert were told they have perfect sight and I ordered new glasses. We had a short visit with Marie Allen who is in Silver Water for the summer now with one grandson. We met Tom and Linda Rumley on their way back to Sudbury. We saw Joyce Benoit and Elaine McDonald on their way to Massey to Emiry's strawberry patch. We did not envy their picking in the afternoon heat.

Wednesday evening there was fire practice with members of the Burpee/Mills fire department joining the Robinson Township fire department. They spent time at Cook's Dock with the trucks. The highlight was the angel food and strawberries birthday cake.

Thursday morning I went to work in Gore Bay. The construction continues with progress being made. There are new curbs in place now. The blue lamp posts are a nice change.

Euchre was held at the Silver Water Community Hall on Thursday night with 21 people.

There will not be a market in our yard on July 12 or July 19.

Condolences to the family of Madeleine Ellison who passed away June 5.

...downtown revitalization project

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come at the end of the project and the new trees will be planted at the very end of the project as well as landscaping,” he said, noting the original target for getting the downtown revitalization completed was the end of October, and so far, everything is on schedule.

Overall, what is included in the project are for trees with tree cells, new street lighting and light stands and banners, low profile curbs to make them more accessible, new sidewalks, lockstone boulevards, new asphalt on the street and replacing water sewer connections.

The project has been in process for the past two years. Annette Clarke and Carolyn Campbell of LAMBAC carried out the grant work applications. Funding was approved from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and other sources. The town then tendered out the construction project with MCA Contracting Ltd. selected as the contractor for \$2,390,919.41.

While construction has taken place on the east side of Meredith Street, pedestrian areas have been in place on the other side of the street and pedestrian access has been provided to businesses on the east side of the street. The boulevards should be familiar to local residents as they are the same as those installed on Dawson Street last year.



‘Life is better by the bay,’ new light standards in the downtown core proclaim.

BELOW: A nautical theme is present with the downtown Gore Bay revitalization project.



Greenery in the form of autumn blaze maple trees (which grow 3-5 metres per year) will be planted, while on the boulevards to Meredith Street Nordic stone will be primary stone used with midnight charcoal border either side of the boulevard.

With the new water connections, water has been maintained to the businesses and residents affect during construction by a temporary water line.

“It is an exciting project,” stated Jason Quinlan, town manager and clerk, recently. He pointed out the last time the town had a project of this magnitude was in the 1980s. “MCA Construction has been welcoming and helpful. They have done everything to accommodate businesses and residents as much as they can and to make this project as seamless as possible.”

“It’s exciting to imagine what all of this will look like when it is all done,” added Mr. Quinlan.

“We can’t say enough good things about MCA,” said Mr. Dawson. “They have been very organized, and have kept the site clean, organized and have worked very efficiently. They have been very good to work with.”

To follow the progress of the project, Mr. Schickluna-Pierce is providing a weekly update on the town website.

...Dr. Steven Daniel as new Chief of Staff

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while also chairing the Assinack Family Health Team board of directors and the MHC Scientific Planning Committee. Additionally, his recognized expertise in disability makes him a valued faculty member on the NOSM University Accommodation Committee.

“I am truly honoured and excited to step into the role of Chief of Staff at Manitoulin Health Centre,” said Dr. Daniel. “As a proven leader through my military experience, I understand the importance of teamwork, adaptability and collaboration, values

that are essential in today’s complex healthcare environment. The healthcare system in Ontario faces significant challenges, and I look forward to using my experience to support our dedicated physicians, staff, and MHC team as we work together to improve the health and well-being of patients across Manitoulin Island.”

MHC extends its sincere gratitude to Dr. Stephen Cooper for his invaluable contributions and dedicated leadership. Over his remarkable 33-year tenure at MHC—where he has been a pillar of healthcare since 1992—he served a cumulative 13 years as chief

of staff. His comprehensive experience further includes his role as former chair of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), tireless advocacy for increased healthcare spending in Northern Ontario and his enduring work as a rural clinical and emergency room (ER) physician.

“On behalf of the board, we are incredibly enthusiastic to welcome Dr. Steven Daniel as our new chief of staff,” said Dennis McGregor, chair of the MHC board of directors. “His impressive background, particularly his extensive leadership in medical education and governance, combined with his north-

ern healthcare experience, makes him an exceptional fit for MHC. We are confident that his vision and collaborative spirit will be instrumental in guiding our medical staff and advancing our mission to provide outstanding care to the Manitoulin community.”

“At the same time, the board of directors and I wish to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Cooper for his dedication and insights over 13 years as our chief of staff at MHC.”

Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of MHC, echoed these sentiments, stating, “We are delighted to welcome Dr. Steven Daniel as chief of staff. His proven leadership, adaptability, and expertise in healthcare, particularly in medical education and governance, will be invaluable in upholding MHC’s commitment to quality patient care and navigating healthcare’s evolving demands.”

...Gore Bay to get veteran banners

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if more than 33 families come forward and want to purchase a banner,” said Ms. Wright. She said the banners will be similar in size and design as remembrance banners installed in Billings, Assinack and Little Current in recent years.

“The town light poles have banner brackets, so families only have to purchase the banners. And we will buy more brackets if over 33 are requested,” said Ms. Wright.

“The banners will probably be installed in late September and taken down at the end of November,” continued Ms. Wright. The veteran’s banners will recognize veterans “who are active, have passed away or were killed in action. This is open to all of Western Manitoulin, from M’Chigeeng First Nation (to Meldrum Bay) and can include any veteran who has served and is from Western Manitoulin.”

The cost per banner is \$175 and the deadline for submissions to request a veteran banner is July 31.



Veteran banners, like the ones that adorn utility poles in Kagawong, Manitowaning, Tehkummah and Little Current, will soon be seen in downtown Gore Bay.

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...Gala planned for 100th anniversary of Kagawong’s Old Mill

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vided by the Ministry of Culture that helped in this going forward, said Ms. Fraser. “One of the things the ministry representative told us was that in order to become a heritage museum was that the committee had to take over the post office museum, and that the building should exhibit what has been in the area over the years, such as Berry Boats, the pump mill, hydro electric generating plant, commercial and sport fishing, local businesses, Daniel Dodge, agriculture, fos-

sils, Bridal Veil Falls, ships and shipping, the Niagara Escarpment and the fact that this riding was Lester B. Pearson’s, with Thomas Farquhar having given up his seat for Mr. Pearson to fill this position, and Austin Hunt (long-time mayor, reeve and council member in Billings) was Mr. Pearson’s campaign manager. All of this ended up being very good advice from the ministry,” said Ms. Fraser. “The post office museum was moved from its previous location behind the Manitoulin Chocolate Works building close

to the Old Mill,” said Ms. Fraser. In 2007 Rick Nelson was hired as the museum curator, as the township had received two grants to hire a curator. “From there we started building up the exhibit we had,” said Ms. Fraser. “Over the years community members have been very helpful by donating many items to bring our museum exhibition come alive.” Ms. Fraser noted as well over the years the Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum interior has seen changes, such as the construction of a



Dianne Fraser, of the Billings Museum Committee stands within the Old Mill Heritage Centre display at the museum. The Old Mill is celebrating its100th anniversary this year, with a gala scheduled to take place on July 19.

On July 3rd, 2025 Hilda and Archie celebrated 60 years of marriage!

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We are so proud to be your children and so thankful for the gifts of love and faith you’ve shared with us.

Gizaaginim,
Jo, Paula, Karen and Clara

barn and exhibits being featured in it, including pictures and information of the barns of Billings Township over the years. “Residents and visitors of Billings can take a historic tour of Kagawong, which provide the buildings that still exist and sketches of those that no longer exist.”

The Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum opened in 2008 and held its grand opening in 2009.

“The committee has been discussing holding this celebration for about two years now, especially last year, to put plans in order.”

For the celebration of the 100 years of the Old Mill, the Billings Museum Committee has planned a day gala on July 19 from 10 am to 5 pm, with refreshments provided, and a night gala from 7 to 9 pm, with a short program and refreshments. Ms. Fraser will emcee the night gala event where she will welcome everyone with speakers to include Billings Mayor Bryan Barker, MPP Bill Rosenberg and MP Jim Belanger.

Ms. Fraser said for the celebration the Old Mill Museum has a new visitors book, an updat-

ed binder collection of newspaper articles from 2007-2025, a photo album of exhibits through the years developed to share the history of Billings, Manitoulin Island and special new events such as The Empress of Ireland. These photographs are also digitized on a small screen.

“Also to mark this special occasion, there are two items: a book, “Kagawong Old Mill-Celebrating 100 Years” and a commemorative pin of the Old Mill that will be available very soon,” continued Ms. Fraser.

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...Former Expositor editor Diane Sims is invested with Order of Canada

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of human beings went on to author a number of books that have gone on to be published internationally and enjoyed several successful careers including in national print and broadcast media, the editor at a publishing house and then as a corporate editor at a Crown corporation. She has had

short stories published in half a dozen international anthologies and was nominated for a National Magazine Award for her article about medical assistance in dying (MAiD) in Maclean's magazine in 2024.

The Expositor caught up with Ms. Sims following her investiture ceremony.

"I am totally humbled

and dumbstruck by it," she said of the experience. "It was the most outstanding ceremony I could ever imagine."

Ms. Sims was seated at the front row of those being invested in the Grand Ballroom of Rideau Hall. "I was the only one in a wheelchair," she quipped. "I got to see everyone receiving their awards; it's very choreographed. They tell you, 'first go to X on the rug and bow before the Governor General.' It was the first time that I bowed before royalty. Then you move to another spot facing the audience and they read your citation—the reason you are getting the award. Then you are back in front of the Governor General and she pins the award on your lapel."

"I had a nice lapel," she assures The Expositor, "I had on a mauve outfit and looked nice."

In a move not repeated for any of the other recipients, Governor General Simon placed her hand on the back of Ms. Sims as she guided her to turn for the official photographer.

Following the ceremony, Ms. Sims "retired" to the dining tent. "We had a gorgeous luncheon." Hers was one of only two reserved tables. "Mine was closest to the door."

The meal included a shrimp and rice dish. The chef informed her that the Parmesan cheese came from the Montfort cheese factory near Stratford. "I know the owner, Ruth," said Ms. Sims. "The chef came back to check on me and I asked if I could have a little more." He was quick to comply.

"The Governor General came in and I gave her a copy of my book," said Ms. Sims. "I told her, 'you gave me something, now I am giving you something'."

The Governor General read the back cover of her book. "She said 'oh, Lloyd,'" recalled Ms. Sims. The back of her book includes a citation from storied journalist Lloyd Robertson, himself an Order of Canada recipient. He was the anchor of CTV's news broadcast for decades and one of the most trusted voices in Canada.

Accompanying Ms. Sims at the ceremony was her personal support worker, Jim Mitchell. She noted that he was a friend of her late brother. "I have known him for 40 years," she said. "It was like having a bit of my brother with me."

Ms. Sims reflected on how she wound up receiving our nation's highest honour. She noted that former Manitoulin Expositor owner and publisher Rick McCutcheon had written "a beautiful letter about everything I have done" in support of her nomination for the Order of Canada.

"I thought about the work that I have done," she said of what was going through her mind during the ceremony. "I started the first MS chapter in Sault Ste. Marie and everything I have done with MS all through my 20s and 30s."

"Then I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer and became and advocate for



Diane Sims with Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Governor General of Canada, upon Ms. Sims receiving the Order of Canada.

ovarian cancer and spoke all over the country about the disease and how women must become the most important person on their health team—they have to learn everything they can about the disease."

At age 22 she also began advocating for accessibility, a cause she is still deeply involved in. "I lobby the mayor of the City of Stratford." She currently sits on the accessibility committee of that community. "I succeeded in getting the police station made accessible," she said. "There is now a ramp so people can get into the reception area."

Her latest project is aimed at improving the accessibility of a bridge leading to a popular local park. The current bridge is very steep, she explains, and nearly impossible for anyone in a wheelchair to be able to cross. She is also lobbying the famed Stratford Fes-

tival to ensure their new facilities are fully accessible as well.

Ms. Sims has been named as National Honourary Champion for Bridge C-14, a network of peer-to-peer connections and community supports through all stages of medical assistance in dying (MAiD). She told The Expositor that she has decided to take advantage of MAiD herself when she is unable to chew her own food or talk. Her voice, she explains, has been her world. These days, her always softspoken tone may be weaker than in some days past, but her passion for life and the causes she works tirelessly on behalf of, still resonate in her words

Copies of 'Living Beyond the Shadow' are available for sale at Print Shop Books at The Expositor Office in Little Current.

...Expositor welcomes Kevin Spikes

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"I've been coming up to the Island all my life," said Mr. Spikes. "We would bring our kids to Manitoulin every summer, when they were younger, so they are the third generation of our family that has been coming to the Island. They are all in their 20s now."

"My partner Tina and I moved up to the Island permanently in 2024," said Mr. Spikes. The couple lives in Honora Bay. "The original plan was to move up to the Island so



Kevin Spikes is The Expositor's new director of sales and marketing.

we could slow down—it hasn't worked out so far," he joked. "There is lots to see and do on the Island."

"My partner Tina works at the RONA in Little Current, where she manages the paint and stain department," said Mr. Spikes. The family also has a beloved chocolate lab, Coco.

As for his past work experience and education, Mr. Spikes told The Expositor, "I have spent most of career in sales or marketing, mostly in the IT sector. My employment before joining The Expositor was at GardaWorld where I was the director of business development sales with my focus being commercial property security consulting for large commercial properties in Toronto."

"I have spent 20 years, probably half my career in sales and the other half in marketing and communications," said Mr. Spikes.

Mr. Spikes earned a degree in print journalism from Ryerson University in 1985. After attending Ryerson he moved to Australia for a year, and then returned to Ontario and attended Seneca College where he obtained his diploma in Corporate Communications, followed by a co-op program position where he ended up working for IBM for six years.

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Aundeck Omni Kaning opens new beachside splash pad

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—A new watery playground has been installed in Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation, just in time for the hot weather to arrive, and the sounds of happy children could be heard reverberating through the band's park and across the waters of the North Channel during the opening ceremonies.

The splashpad has been years in the planning and Chief Patsy Corbiere credited the work of former Economic Development Officer Kathy Bebamash for the groundwork and application for funding, and the new economic development officer Kelly Esquimaux for seeing the project through.

"The project has been in the making for almost four years," said Chief Corbiere. "So, it was a request from our community members to have a splash pad like neighbouring communities such as Little Current and M'Chigeeng. We have a young and growing population so the band council invested and with the funding proposal in



BOTTOM LEFT: Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation economic development officer Kelly Esquimaux, left, is joined by Chief Patsy Corbiere, band manager Cynthia Behm and Northern Ontario development advisor Kristin Luoma, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines in opening the new splashpad in the community.

The new splash pad is a welcome addition to the Aundeck Omni Kaning waterfront.

photos by Michael Erskine

place we are able to have a splashpad here in Aundeck Omni Kaning."

Northern Ontario development advisor Kristin Luoma with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines was on hand for the opening and noted the ministry is always pleased to see its investments in Northern communities come to fruition.

"Fantastic!" was the response of Ms. Esquimaux when asked about how she felt about seeing the water flow through the new recreational playground.

The water for the splashpad comes from the community's water treatment plant, but a system filters and screens the water for recycling to save energy and conserve wa-

ter, explained Chief Corbiere. "There is a switch, a button, that turns the water on for a while and then it will shut down if it is not being used," she said.

Accompanying the grand opening were a host of displays from local agencies, a community feast and plenty of prizes and awards.

...Expositor welcomes Kevin Spikes

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Expositor. It's great and I love to get out and meet people, get to know them," said Mr. Spikes.

"I've always loved it here on Manitoulin Island," said Mr. Spikes. He added, "my dad was always a news junkie. He would get the Globe and Mail and Toronto Star delivered every day and when he came to the Island he would pick up

a copy of the Manitoulin Recorder and The Manitoulin Expositor every week and would keep the papers every week. I had the opportunity to read them as well, so it is like I've come full-circle by coming to work at The Expositor."

To reach Mr. Spikes, email him at sales@manitoulin.com, call his cell at 705-968-0580 or pop by The Expositor Office and say hello.

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...Mining company stakes EBC Heaven’s Gate hiking trail

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and travellers from across the globe.

Today, that preserve is the subject of concern following notification that a mining claim has been staked on a portion of the land.

The claim, discovered in late May or early June, was filed through Ontario’s public mineral claim system. While staking a claim does not equate to an active mine, it does permit the claimant to conduct exploratory work, such as sampling, trenching and drilling, to determine whether economically viable minerals are present.

“We’ve filed an objection to the claim with the province,” said Beth Gillespie, executive director of the EBC, which owns the land. “We’re also in contact with our funders, including the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and federal representatives, to understand what protections may apply given the public funding used to secure the land. We acquired the land for a really specific purpose — to preserve it.”

The purchase was no modest act. Nearly half a million dollars was raised through public and governmental generosity to protect Heaven’s Gate—or so they thought. But in Ontario, “forever” is a fragile word, easily fractured by extractive law.

Legal and Regulatory Gaps

Under Ontario law, lands held by private conservation organizations—including registered land trusts like the EBC—do not receive the same protections from mining activity as lands held by the Crown in the form of parks or conservation reserves.

“Land like ours—whether it’s held by the EBC, the Nature Conservancy of Canada, or smaller trusts—does not currently enjoy automatic protection from mining claims,” Ms. Gillespie said.



The Heaven’s Gate hiking trail, purchased in 2022 by Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, has been staked by a mining company for exploration.

Expositor file photo

She points out that this is not a new issue, but one that conservation groups have long raised. While land trusts aim to protect biodiversity in perpetuity, the current framework leaves privately conserved lands exposed to subsurface claims unless mineral rights were acquired along with the surface property—something that was possible at nearby Willisville Mountain but not at Heaven’s Gate.

There is currently no legislation in Ontario that automatically extinguishes mineral rights on land purchased by conservation organizations, even when those purchases are supported by government funds.

Gold in the Fault Lines

The company behind the claim is McFarlane Lake Mining, a Canadian firm with a portfolio of six gold properties stretching from Timmins to the Manitoba border. Three of their properties are past-producing mines. One of their primary targets: the Macmillan and Mongowin Properties, about 13 km south of Espanola and within the historic Huronian Gold Belt.

While the company has not announced specific plans for the newly staked claim within the preserve, historical data suggests that the region contains fault-altered geological structures linked to gold mineralization. Exploratory activities would likely be contingent on initial findings and economic viability.

These are not hobbyists. McFarlane is interested in albitized fault systems—those deeply fractured zones where gold has historically concentrated. And while the shaft of the old McMillan Mine reached depths of 900 feet

nearly a century ago, modern technology allows companies to dig deeper, faster and with fewer checks than ever.

Ms. Gillespie confirms the area in question is on the Canadian Shield—one of the few places in the La Cloche Mountains where the geology overlaps with known mineral potential. “When we acquired Willisville Mountain,” she notes, “we also acquired the mining rights. So, we don’t have to worry about that. But here, at Heaven’s Gate, we didn’t have that option.”

Lessons from Elsewhere

This is not the first time a so-called protected area has faced encroachment. In British Columbia, a 1982 provincial push to abolish the Gulf Islands Trust nearly succeeded. Only a massive public outcry saved the “preserve and protect” mandate from dissolution. But cracks remain. Developers have long poked at the legal definitions: What exactly is “unique”? What does “protected” truly mean? British Commonwealth legal traditions place significant weight on the semantics of statutory and contractual language, making precise wording central to how laws are interpreted and enforced.

Ontario’s record is more complex. Past policy changes have contributed to this regulatory gap. In the mid-1990s, amendments to Ontario’s Mining Act under Bill 26 reduced oversight, removed certain financial and liability requirements for mine closure and allowed for low-impact staking and exploration in areas designated for future parks.

While some reforms have since been reintroduced, legacy issues remain.

As documented by Mining Watch in 2005, sweeping changes under the Harris government deregulated the mining sector. Financial securities for mine closures were replaced with self-assurance programs. Liability for pre-existing hazards was eased, reporting requirements streamlined. Leaving more abandoned mines, more cleanup costs on the public dime.

Now in 2025, that legacy deepens. Municipal powers are eroding under new legislation. Environmental assessments are bypassed in favour of “streamlined development.” Land once considered sacred by community and government alike is once again being eyed for extraction.

A Broader Picture

And this is where the broader conversation begins. According to a 2023 report from the Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts, even returning land to Indigenous stew-

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...Birch Island works to implement unique turtle incubation project

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We're kind of going crazy in terms of numbers, and we monitor the incubator temperature constantly—28.5°C during the day and 21°C at night—just making sure nothing mal-functions.”

That level of meticulousness is hard-won. It stems from years of heart-break—like the discovery that nearly 95 percent of test nests placed along a former rail corridor were destroyed. The straight-line geometry of the decommissioned Algoma East Central railroad has created a deadly buffet for raccoons and other predators. “Turtles lay eggs and they bury them along the train track, but then raccoons and all sorts of animals come,” said Ms. Meng. “It’s basically like an all-you-can-eat buffet.”

The team hopes that artificial incubation—carefully warming and monitoring eggs until they hatch—will boost the survival rate and buy time for longer-term solutions. It’s a stopgap rooted in urgency, and hope.

But this isn’t just about hatching eggs. “We’re working on long-term population monitoring too—basically going into wetlands when we have time, based on suggestions from community members, just surveying,” said Ms. Meng.

And always, they’re lis-



Reta Meng with a McGregor’s Bay Blanding’s turtle.
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tening.

Each year, the project uncovers new habitats, more turtles, and fresh insight—much of it guided by the wisdom of Elders and the curiosity of local youth. As the work expands, so does community involvement, with students, families and knowledge holders joining the effort. For Ms. McGregor, the project is

more than research—it’s a chance to give back to her community and deepen the connections that make the work meaningful.

That connection has turned into a full-fledged collaboration between WRFN’s Lands Department and the two researchers. “Alex and I have been working together for this entire

time,” said Ms. Meng.

“This project doesn’t exist without Alex—we’ve really been building it on the ground together with the Lands Department,” Ms. Meng added.

The team isn’t shy about the urgency of their work. “We do still see people purposely run over turtles, and it’s really uncalled for,” said Ms. McGregor. “It’s July already, so we’re a bit past nesting season, but they’re very sensitive. It’s important to stay 10 metres away—and just slow down on roads if you see them.”

Why does this matter? Because turtles are far more than their shells. “They help control the populations of fish, frogs, tadpoles—keeping things balanced,” said Ms. Meng. “They also eat decomposing matter and cycle nutrients. They’re ecological indicators—if you see turtles in an area, especially the more sensitive Blanding’s turtles, it generally means the wetland is still somewhat functional, which is really good to see.”

But their role is not only scientific. “It’s not just that they’re cool creatures,” she said. “They have high ecological value, high cultural value.”

And therein lies the strength of this project: it is not merely conservation—it is restoration, resistance, and reclamation. With the support of

WRFN Chief and Council, the Lands Department, Elders, students, and local families who come out in droves for turtle education events, the Turtle Incubation Project represents a kind of living treaty—between youth and Elders, between species, and between two knowledge systems.

In the humid hush of a

lab, or the thick buzzing heat of a wetland, you can hear it: a promise cracking open. A future hatching.

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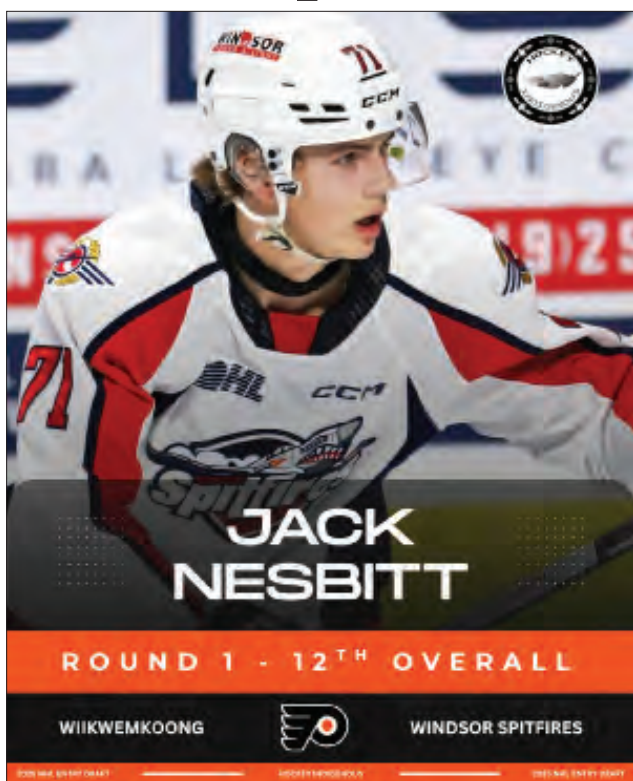
...Jack Nesbitt draft pick No. 12

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"He looks like a Flyer to me," Flyers president Keith Jones told ESPN after drafting Mr. Nesbitt. "We're fired up about it. We love the way he plays the game (with grit) and he's got some high-end skills to go with that and we think he's just going to develop into an outstanding player for us."

"We try not to show our hand and didn't want anybody to know, but you were our guy all along," stated Flyers general manager Daniel Briere on the national broadcast of the draft. "This is really, really exciting for us," he told the 18-year-old Nesbitt.

The 6'5" centre was one of the most improved players in the OHL this past season. He celebrated his Indigenous heritage (his mother is from Wiikwemkoong) as a member of Wiikwemkoong at his recent high school graduation. He told the Sarnia Star that,



"I think I'm around 50 percent Indigenous. It's pretty important to me. At graduation, they let my grandma give me my diploma and a blanket."

Mr. Nesbitt struggled in his OHL rookie season with the Windsor Spitfires recording 18 points in 58 games. He told the Windsor Star he had wondered at the time if he should ask for a trade. However, after notching 64 points in 65 games this past season he was voted the OHL's most improved player in the Western Conference by the league's coaches.

Mr. Nesbitt said on the national broadcast of the draft, "It's very exciting, and I feel very honoured to have that opportunity. I'm just excited to get going."



Half the proceeds from the Little Current edition of the Stairway to Murder murder mystery dinner theatre, amounting to \$400, was donated to the St. Bernard's Catholic Church toward its renovation fund. In photo Michael Erskine and Margery Frisch, right, cast members of Espanola Little Theatre, present the cheque to Jim Griffin and Giselle Ferro.

...Crown withdraws charges against Bill Concannon

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full access to mayor and CAO; the peace bond has absolutely nothing to do with any locations.

GORE BAY—The ongoing saga of charges against Gore Bay resident Bill Concannon were withdrawn on June 19 at during court in Wiikwemkoong, and a 12-month peace bond was entered into by Mr. Concannon the same day.

Keesha Seaton, media spokesperson for the ministry of the Attorney General issued a statement as follows: "Court staff have conducted a search of the court case tracking system and can advise the following. On June 19, 2025, two counts of Criminal Harassment – Section 264(1) of the Criminal Code before the court were withdrawn. On the same date, the accused person entered into a common law peace bond for 12 months."

The peace bond conditions include keeping the peace, being of good behaviour Mr. Concannon and of a personal nature not a professional one. Mr. Concannon still has access to the mayor and CAO. The peace bonds have nothing to do locations.

The Expositor, which has been reporting on the case as it proceeded through the courts, erroneously published a story indicating the accused had been convicted. The Expositor published a correction and apology for the error.

The Expositor reached out to Mr. Cannon for comment following the resolution of the case and to provide him an opportunity to provide his side of the story—earlier stories had simply been reporting what was happening in the courts.

Mr. Concannon was originally offered less than 18 hours in which to craft his response, but that was later amended by the Expositor's publisher to indicate the story could wait a week.

Mr. Concanon then responded to the publisher that: "I have decided that due to your previous biased reporting about me, you don't deserve a response. Govern yourselves accordingly moving forward". Bill.

The Expositor stands by its reporting in much of this case, with the obvious exception of the reported conviction, which, again, we offer an unqualified apology.

Should Mr. Concannon change his mind about commenting on the case, our phones remain open. Mr. Concannon has since reached out via Messenger to correct errors in this story.

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Downtown Little Current offers a Summer Breeze all year long

by Margery Frisch
LITTLE CURRENT—One automatically associates summer with flowers, so it's easy to make that connection when it comes to Summer Breeze Co., a new flower and gift boutique that opened in downtown Little Current. All the gifts, clothing and artwork are Indigenous creations, the brainchild of Summer Beaudin (another reason to connect Summer with flowers).

"I've always loved flowers, and wanting to arrange them," Ms. Beaudin said when asked what gave her the idea to open the shop. "Having an Indigenous-owned gift shop on the Island, I thought, would be really nice. I love seeing the different types of styles that artists do and just finding those pieces and having them all in one place."

A tour of the shop reveals earrings and bracelets from Rae's Crystal Creations of M'Chigeeng, Kookie Migwans, a cousin of Ms. Beaudin, has necklaces and earrings on display. She also does all the sewing, and her shirts and ribbon skirts are a beautiful, colourful addition to the shop. "We have new stock coming in every day. I have a few more artists that I'm hoping to get prints and paintings from," Ms. Beaudin said. There are Beam paints available and Lux Beam's pottery is on the shelves as well. "And there will be more



Summer Beaudin shows off a display of Indigenous jewellery in her shop, with more arriving each day!



Artist Michael Chokomoolin stands by his prints, wearing a shirt made by Kookie Migwans

coming soon." HilBrand Co is represented with beautiful macrame hangings.

Artist Michael Chokomoolin has a fine display of prints lining one of the shelves in the store. Mr. Chokomoolin grew up in James Bay coastal communities and now lives on Manitoulin Island. He is a member of Attawapiskat First Nation. While The Expositor was visiting the shop, he happened to come by to pick up a shirt he had ordered, created by Kookie Migwans. He promptly

photos by Margery Frisch

changed into the shirt for a quick photo op. Though he has no particular favourite when it comes to his artwork, the fact that Steven Seagal sought out and bought a copy of one of his prints ('Patience,' the Turtle), makes that piece quite special.

Ms. Beaudin really does search far and wide for interesting Indigenous creations, which is how she found Jam's Native Creations. A Dene woman from Arizona, Jam was more than keen to send beautiful beadwork and earrings to the shop,

and she's working on new pieces that should be in by the end of the month.

Flowers, of course, are Summer Beaudin's passion. She did the flowers and all the decorating for a retirement party recently, she's done memorial arrangements, and she wants to have the opportunity to do weddings as well. Then there are the bouquets people can order for a birthday, a special occasion, or just to say, 'I'm thinking of you.' There are countless reasons to come in and get a spirit-lifting floral bouquet from Summer Breeze Co.

Each day brings new inventory to the store, a reason to stop by often. The shop is open Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm, six days a week now, though the number of days and hours may change when the seasons change. Ms. Beaudin will take a wait and see approach in that regard. You can reach Summer Breeze Co. on Facebook and Instagram, and you'll find them at 35 Water Street in Little Current, a bright and beautiful addition to the downtown core.

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...United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising will enforce band bylaws

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led to a more autonomous process for First Nations to enact and publish their own laws. Today, UC-

CMM has used various avenues which included retaining their own legal council to manage and disseminate their laws, reflecting a shift towards

self-governance and sustainability.”

According to Mr. Atchison, UCCMM is the recipient of funding through the prosecution pilot project that is underway to explore the enforcement and prosecution of First Nations laws and bylaws. This initiative, funded jointly by the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) and Justice Canada, allows First Nations in Ontario to apply for funding to support the prosecution of their own laws. The pilot project aims to gather information and lessons to inform future strategies

United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Bylaw Operations and Community Safety Manager Jordan Atchison.

related to the prosecution of Indian Act bylaws and Land Code bylaws.



Through this project the UCCMM has retained their own prosecutor to prosecute their laws and bylaws in the Ontario Court of Justice.

Mr. Atchison is well prepared for his new role, having previously served over 16 years in First Nations policing. He said he has a vision for the program based on his own experiences within law enforcement, including the immediate need to address non-community members entering the communities for the purpose of the drug trade, human trafficking and other criminal elements.

In addition to community safety bylaws, the UCCMM will be looking to enforce animal control, building codes and standards, excessive noise complaints and other violations as the program continues to grow and develop. “This can be accomplished only through teamwork and full buy-in from our community members and stake holders,” he said.

Bylaw enforcement has been a challenge for many First Nations communities, like the OPP, UCCM Tribal Police Services are not mandated (or funded) to enforce bylaws. In the OPP’s case, those bylaws are set by municipalities, in First Nations communities, bylaws are set by band council resolution, but in neither case do the provincial or federal governments allow for the enforcement of such laws.

In municipal communities, bylaw officers are mandated to issue and enforce tickets. Now, Island First Nation communities will have the same level of support thanks to the new program.

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New kiosks will provide beach items at Prov Bay

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOU-LIN—A recommendation from the Central Manitoulin Finance and Economic Development Committee to allow the placement of self-serve kiosks on the Providence Bay Beach was approved by Central Manitoulin council—provided that the proper permits are obtained and that proper insurance is obtained in the amount of \$5 million and that the municipality is agreeable to the location that is proposed.

During debate on the motion, concerns were raised that materials rented from the kiosks be returned and not left lying all over the beach. It was pointed out that a deposit is paid when renting the equipment and not refunded until the items have been returned.

It was also pointed out that the proponent, Kelly Cutinello, lives nearby and is only a phone call away should an issue arise—but that the entire transaction is completed online through debit, credit card or PayPal.

The kiosks will be providing “beach things,” such as paddle boards, chairs and other items that would be popular with beach goers that they might not have brought from home or that they do not want to buy but are happy to rent.

The proponent is providing \$5 million insurance policy protecting the municipality. The locations for the self-serve kiosks must be approved by the municipality and will be in places that will not impact enjoyment of the beach or its vibe. The kiosks will be removed at the end of the season.



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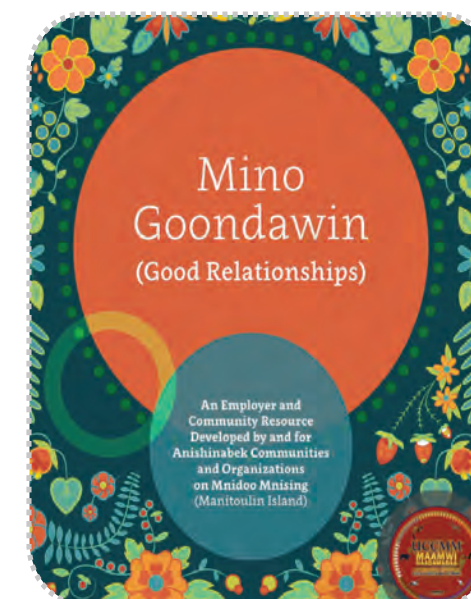


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...Jesuit from Romania visiting Little Current’s St. Bernard’s

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shrimp, rosé wine, this elderly lady invited us to her family’s barbecue.”

Looking back on that time, Deacon Duma said that he still misses it. “I still miss the feeling of freedom each morning. I had to, more or less, reach that place we calculated as a semi-goal.”

“You have to walk and see what God provides, but it’s this amazing feeling of freedom,” he said. “That was Genoa for two years and then I took the vows.”

It was not a path for everyone. “We started with 11 novices in my year, we took the vows with four,” said Deacon Duma. “Because people decide and evolve.” This was really just the beginning of the

journey.

“It’s about 10 years, 11 years, more or less, until you become a priest,” he said. “Fifteen years, more or less, until you finish the whole formation and you take the final vows.”

Deacon Duma described the intervening years as something of an adventure. “There’s a lot of energy,” he said. He went on to spend three years in Rome studying philosophy in the Gregorian School in Rome. “I’m looking back on it, it was so amazing—all vibrant. Philosophy was challenging in the beginning because, from an engineer’s mind to a philosophical one, it’s not an easy leap.”

“I enjoyed philosophy, once I got into it, I still enjoy it a lot,” he said.

From Rome he spent two years in Malta working in a college, then on to theological studies in Madrid. “Last August, I came here to Canada for my second cycle, we call it in theology,” he said.

The leap from engineering to a life of spiritual contemplation and social work was not as hard as might be expected, as Deacon Duma found the latter a much better fit for him—he said he enjoys meeting and working with people very much.

Deacon Duma is currently completing his second theology degree at Regis College in Toronto.

A number of people in St. Bernard’s parish have commented on Deacon Duma’s command of the English language, which

is very good.

“We started learning young, because our movies in Romania were always subtitled, not dubbed,” he said. “We always heard English on television and we start associating the words with the Romanian ones. I always laugh at this, while I was growing up at one point we got cable television, and we had the Cartoon Network. It wasn’t even subtitled, just English in the beginning, so you just had to work your way through it. I started playing video games, and it was always in English, and with my circle of friends, we kind of liked English, so we sometimes just spoke it.”

When it comes to a message he would pass onto youth, Deacon Duma said it was “twofold.”

“The first message is biblical—don’t be afraid—that is the most common one, the one that Lord says the most. His word, ‘don’t be afraid to take

the leap.’ Don’t be afraid to look what makes you move and what makes you live truly.”

“The second one is, be authentic,” he said. “When you are authentic and true to yourself is when you’re truly happy.”

Deacon Alex Duma, SJ, who will lead sessions aimed at deepening participants’ knowledge of some topics of interest for the Christian community, both local and wider. The sessions will happen on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at St. Bernard’s Church over the next two weeks.

On the next two Wednesday evenings, Deacon Duma will animate sessions at St. Gabriel Lalemant Church covering the same topics. Each evening will begin with a Eucharist (mass), at 6:30 pm, for any who wishes to come a bit early.

At 7 pm, Deacon Duma will lead the topic study, including a presentation, followed by question/

answer and discussion period. The first session took place Tuesday, July 8 with the theme ‘What are we saying (Nicene Creed)? What do we believe?’

The second session, Wednesday, July 9 at St. Bernard’s is on ‘What we believe and How our Sacred Art and Sacred Spaces Reflect our Beliefs.’

At St. Gabriel Lalemant in Birch Island on Thursday, July 10, the theme is ‘Sacred Art and Architecture: Formed by the Space we Form.’

At St. Bernard’s on Tuesday, July 15 it is ‘Prayer, or How to Find God in All Things.’

Wednesday, July 16 ‘Prayer, or How to Find God in All Things’ and at St. Gabriel Lalemant on Thursday, July 17, it is ‘L.O.L. (Laughing Out Loud) With the Saints.’

Deacon Duma stresses that these sessions are open to anyone who wishes to explore those questions and discern more about their own path.

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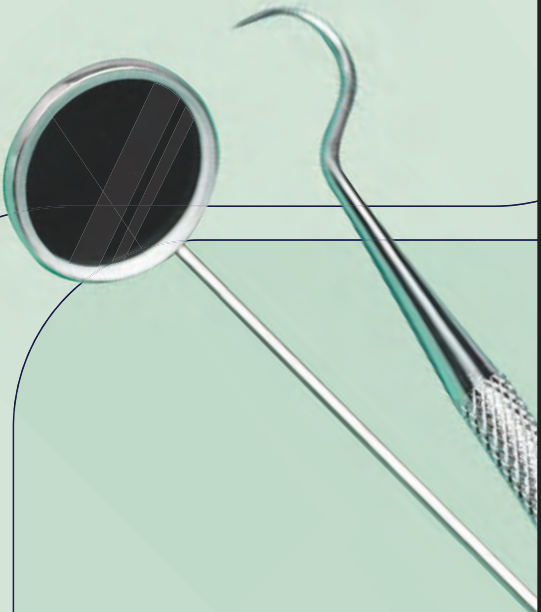
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CENTRAL MANITOU-LIN—The only thing more positive than the response the Central Manitoulin Lions Club received from sales of tickets for the draw for an \$8,500 Lions Barbecue ultimate dream package sponsored by Jake’s Home Centre in Mindemoya was the reaction of the winner of the draw.

“I still can’t believe it,” stated Annie Juurlink, of Spring Bay. “When (Lion) Marcus Mohr called to tell me I had won, my heart was pounding. My heart was even beating hard the next day when my husband Patrick and I went to the Mindemoya ballfield to pick up the barbecue package.” The couple has four adult children.

“I still can’t believe it,” said Ms. Juurlink. “We just moved up to the Island (from Kitchener). We have had a place for three



Members of the Central Manitoulin Lions Club, from left in photo, Marcus Mohr, Dale Scott (president), Adam Smith, of Jake’s Home Centre in Mindemoya, and Lions member Tom McQuay take part in the draw for an \$8,500 Lions barbecue Ultimate draw dream package sponsored by Jake’s, at the Lions Homecoming and Ribfest.

years here, a cottage that we are turning into a permanent home on Perivale Road East, just down the

road from the Perivale Gallery. We are going to be building a deck where we are going to be putting

the barbecue.”

“We bought a washer and dryer from Jake’s a couple of years ago,” said

Ms. Juurlink. “They are a fantastic business to deal with, and their service is great. The Island is a magical place. I feel really, really lucky.”

“A total of 907 tickets were sold of the 1,000 we had printed for the barbecue package,” said Mr. Mohr. “One-hundred and forty-three tickets being purchased off our Lions website helped out a lot. And now that we have that in place on our website, we can sell tickets on there in the future as well.”

Mr. Mohr noted that the Friday, June 27 the Lions Manitoulin Ribfest 50/50 winner of \$105 was Joanne Pheasant, with Saturday’s winner of \$644.50 being Wendy Niven, \$643.50 was won in the draw on June 29 by Carolyn McCourt and the Monday, June 30 draw ticket for \$35 was Beverley MacDonald.

Mr. Mohr said that an estimated 5,500 wristbands were given out (to attendees) at the Lions Homecoming Weekend and Ribfest.

Mr. Mohr said “We have lots of projects that the Lions Club donates towards each year. Last year we had multiple requests from families for travel/medical donations, and we also donate to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary, Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR), the Historical Society and upkeep of the Lions Pavilion and ballfield canteen. We also annually donate a lot to youth programs, schools, sports like Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) hockey, MSS athletics and robotics, the Youth Softball tournament (held in Mindemoya), and the Manitoulin Secondary School student bursary awards.”

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communities, emergency departments and inpatient units. It places a heavy burden on patients, families and our clinicians. We are committed to advocating for expanded local mental health and addictions services and additional funding to support both the individuals who need care and the dedicated healthcare professionals who provide it.”

“MHC was successful in obtaining a multi-sector accountability agreement (MSAA), which will open up opportunities to apply for additional funding and enable us to expand this (outpatient) service,” continued Ms. Fields.

Dennis McGregor, MHC chair, also touched on the issue. “Perhaps the single most challenging issue we face is the on-going increase of mental health and

addictions intakes which have seriously impacted our operations. I would like to thank the senior team for all their efforts in advocacy and seeking additional funding to alleviate the challenges we face as a result. I am very proud that the board approved the implementation of 24/7 security at both (hospital sites).”

“It should be noted that at present the ministry (of health) does not fund these costs, so the board has demonstrated it strongly believes that although this action will impact our budget it is more important that proper measures were undertaken to ensure the safety and well-being of our patients and staff alike,” said Mr. McGregor.

Ms. Fields told The Expositor after the meeting, “we are moving towards implementation of 24/7 security at both hos-

pital sites and working with challenges to recruit. No funding is provided by the province she said noting, “due to violence threats taken against staff by some patients, the funds for this security is coming out of the MHC operating funds. The safety and security of our staff members and all patients is paramount.”

She explained that currently, MHC is able to provide 12-hour safety security at both hospital sites every night and is moving toward having 12 hour day shifts as well.

Later at a regular MHC board meeting (the same evening), Melanie Stephens, director of strategy, integration and partnerships at MHC, updated the board on a new program that is being developed, in relation to this issue.

Ms. Stephens explained the Centre

for Addiction and Mental Health-Trauma Informed De-Escalation Education for Safety And Self-Protection (CAMH-Tides), “alongside SEMEL Ontario Health Team partners, Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre and St. Joseph’s General Hospital (Elliot Lake), MHC is engaging in a new training initiative to better support patients and healthcare personnel.”

“In an effort to help keep people safe during a crisis, this is a new training program called Trauma-Informed De-Escalation Education for Safety and Self-Protection (TIDES),” explained Ms. Stephens. “This program teaches people how to work together in situations where someone is becoming anxious, agitated

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Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group (MCSG) may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give/receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, July no meeting; and Wednesday, August 20 at the Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzie at 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young at 705-377-4998; or Ann Cranston at 705-282-7531 or bnannc@gmail.com.

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Coming Events

Cold turkey dinner, take-out only, at the Howland Seniors' Hall, Wednesday, July 16 from 4:30 to 6 pm, \$30 each. Serving cold turkey, dressing, cranberries, potato salad, coleslaw, sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, rolls, pickles and strawberry dessert. Reserve your tickets by calling Mary Ellen Myers, 705-368-3746; Gail Gjos, 705-368-2589; or Myrna Ferguson, 705-368-3638. Delivery available in Little Current.

6-8p

Pancake breakfast and yard sale at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Saturday, July 19. Breakfast from 9 am to 12 noon. Adults, \$15; ages 6-12 years, \$7.50; ages 5 and under, free. Yard sale from 9 am to 2 pm.

8-9p

Hot Turkey Dinner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Wednesday, July 23. Take-Out only. Adults, \$25; ages 6 to 12 years, \$12.50; ages 5 and under, free. Pick-ups from 4:40 to 6 pm. Reservations only, by Monday, July 21. Call Ann at 705-859-3540 or Diane at 1-705-282-4066.

8-9p

Auction and Dessert Night. An evening of fun with very interesting auction items and many delicious homemade desserts at Saint Paul's Anglican Church Hall, Manitowaning on Wednesday, July 23. Auction begins at 7 pm. Admission is \$5 per person, which covers auction paddle and your desserts. See you there!

8-9p

The Manitoulin Hillbilly Fish Supper is cookin' up a night of flavours, laughs and community spirit and you're invited! Saturday, July 12 from 5 to 7 pm at the Freshwater Community Church, Mindemoya. Adults, \$25; kids 12 and under, \$10; cash only! All proceeds go towards the Mindemoya Arena Repair Committee (MARC) helping to save our beloved J.H. Burt Memorial arena.

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Services

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

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Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday at the Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street at 8 pm. For more information please contact Lori at 705-507-6223.

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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUDS AND SCAMS

Join us for an
Ontario Provincial Police presentation
Wednesday, July 16, 2 to 3 pm at
Central Manitoulin Public Library,
Mindemoya.

Everyone welcome.

For more information contact (705) 377-5334



Attention Township of Tehkummah Taxpayers

You are invited to attend a town hall meeting to discuss your concerns within the township!

Your attendance matters.

Tuesday, July 15 at 7 pm
Tehkummah Triangle Seniors' Club
468 Hwy 542A

Bring your voices and your questions!
It's time we got answers.

Central Manitoulin Historical Society

Auction Fundraiser

by Swing Bridge Auctions

Thursday, July 10, 6 to 8 pm

Mindemoya Welcome Centre

2207 Hwy 551, Mindemoya

Rain date: Friday, July 11



Help Wanted

Wanted: Summer student, 18 plus, to pile five cords of wood in Kagawong. Wage is \$20 per hour. Call 705-282-3009.

9-10c



Services

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

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Services

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info.

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

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NEWS TIP?

CONTACT US!

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Death Notices

CLARK GEORGE DEWAR 1959 - 2025



With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Clark George Dewar, who died peacefully in Mindemoya, with his family by his side. Clark was born to Harold and Diane Dewar (née Best). He lost his mother at a young age and was lovingly raised by Harold and Shirley Dewar (née Cranston), who became his mom and gave him a nurturing, caring home. He grew up alongside his sister and best friend, Cheryl Anne Dewar. During his childhood, he remained deeply connected with his grandparents Borden and Vera Best and Reg and Grace Dewar, who played an important role in his early life. Clark was a brother to Cheryl Anne Dewar and brother-in-law to Rod Giroux, who predeceased him. He held close bonds with uncle Lyle and auntie Sharon, and uncle Darrel and aunt Marlene, as well as his cousins Deanna, Darren (Irene), Anita (Brenda), Valerie and Kelly Dewar (Jason). The next generation, Sophie, Ava, Ben, Abby, Joel, Grace and Mercedes, all knew and loved “Clarkie” for his humour, energy, unforgettable storytelling and advice. Clark spent most of his adult life in Vancouver, where he was known as a skilled carpenter and glazier. He worked fearlessly on skyscrapers, never backing down from a challenge or a height. He also worked as a labourer for a landscape designer, bringing strength and commitment to everything he did. Known for his quick wit, free spirit and larger-than-life personality, Clark was a born storyteller. His tales were told with full gestures, wild expression and plenty of laughter. Often turning everyday moments into unforgettable performances. He could charm a room in an instant and leave everyone smiling. He shared a lasting friendship with Kim Issac Godidek, someone who remained a caring and constant presence in his life and who meant a great deal to him through the years. In later years, Clark found peace on the Island, especially taking the family dog, Chase, on long e-bike rides, joyfully watching him run beside him. Clark lived boldly, laughed loudly and loved his people with his whole heart. He will be deeply missed by all who had the joy of knowing him. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the nursing staff at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya for their exceptional care, compassion and the unwavering support they provided to both Clark and his family during his final days. A graveside gathering to Celebrate Clark’s Life will be held at a later date. “Later,” Clarkie. You were truly one of a kind. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca

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EVELYN DORIS BRISCOE



In loving memory of Evelyn Doris Briscoe who passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at home at the age of 90. Beloved wife of Eric Briscoe (predeceased) of 59 years. Loving mother of Richard of Sudbury. Dear sister of Clarence Badgerow (Elizabeth) (both predeceased), Kay Reid (George) (both predeceased), Reta Pasco (James predeceased) of Ottawa, Marie Sloss (Willard predeceased) of Mindemoya and Calvin Badgerow (predeceased). Dear sister-in-law of Harold (Georgina) Briscoe (both predeceased), Cliff (Iva) Briscoe (both predeceased), Lloyd (Margaret) Briscoe (both predeceased), Iva (Bill) Nasmith (both predeceased), Evelyn (Allan) Cushon (both predeceased). Missed by many nieces and nephews. Evelyn enjoyed many happy years at her cottage at Nepewassi Lake snowmobiling, ice fishing and berry picking. She also loved to travel. At Evelyn’s request there will be no visitation or service. Cremation with interment in Gordon Cemetery, date to be determined. A date will be announced at a later time to for family and friends to Celebrate the Life of Evelyn.

BRUCE GEORGE LOVELACE October 17, 1946 - March 30, 2025



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Bruce Lovelace announces his passing at his home on Sunday, March 30, 2025 after a courageous battle with cancer. Bruce will be dearly missed by his wife of 52 years, Sylvia (nee DeMonte); daughters Brenda, Sharon (Ernie) and Joan; five granddaughters and one-great granddaughter. Bruce is also survived by his brothers Don and Tim (Karla) and his sister Cindy (Dan); and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Bruce is predeceased by his infant son John, his parents Norris and Norma and his brothers Gordon and Rick (Linda). Bruce loved his family fiercely and was a loyal friend to many. He was happiest when he was with his family, fishing or hunting or working in his garden. Bruce was an excellent welder, working in the trade from the age of 18 until his retirement. He loved working with metal and seeing his visions take shape. A memorial service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Little Current on Saturday, July 19, 2025 at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bruce’s memory may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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GARRY ROBERT BRYAN July 31, 1947 - June 22, 2025



In loving memory of Garry Robert Bryan who began his final journey in peace thanks to the very caring staff at Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya. Loving husband of 30 years to Jane Bryan. Son of Roy and Jean Bryan (both predeceased). He was the proud and loving father and grandfather of Daughness Migwans (Tim Bayer), Sarah Migwans (predeceased) and Zackry Migwans. He was also so happy to call Reid his great grandson. Garry was a caring stepfather of Jason Wilkins (Tanya) and Melissa Wilkins (Bryan) and loving Papa to Ashley Wilkins. Words can’t say how much all of you meant to him. He will also be missed by sisters Bonnie McFarlane, Jane Gordon (Louie predeceased), his brother Terry Bryan as well as many other relatives and friends. He made all of you laugh and that was his gift. He loved to fish, play cards and hang out at the hunt camps of his buddies (even though he didn’t hunt). He also loved his pets and helped raise many foster kitties. Donald was his guy and Sunny was his special girl. As Garry has requested, there will be no funeral. Please celebrate your own lives instead. Many thanks to Dr. Kilbertus and Dr. Alhadi as well as the rest of the dedicated staff at the Mindemoya Hospital for your care. You made everything so much easier. If anyone wishes to make donations to the Mindemoya Hospital or to the Manitoulin Pet Rescue, both would be appreciated. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

HÉLÈNE EADE



In loving memory of Hélène Eade, who passed away peacefully at the Espanola Nursing Home on June 25, 2025, at the age of 91. Beloved wife of more than 50 years to Harry Eade, whom she shared many wonderful vacations with. Helen was the dear daughter of the late Aime and Flore (nee Belanger) Lafrance. Predeceased by her sisters Fernande, Therese and Lucille. She was a special aunt to many nieces and nephews. She will be deeply missed by her relatives and friends, especially her best friend of more than 40 years, Dorothy. Hélène dedicated her life to nursing as a Registered Nurse in North Bay. After retirement, she was an active member of the Red Hats Society, Quilting Guilds and a dedicated volunteer for the Canadian Cancer Society. As per Hélène’s wishes, cremation has already taken place. A private service to be held at a later date. The family wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to Lynda and Dorothy, as well as the staff at the Espanola Nursing Home, for their dedicated care of Hélène over the past few years. Memorial donations can be made to the Espanola Nursing Home or the Canadian Diabetic Association. Arrangements entrusted to Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola.

HAROLD WILLIAM SIZE “HARLEY”

August 24, 1933 - May 25, 2025



In loving memory of Harold “Harley” William Size, who died peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current on Sunday, May 25, 2025 at the age of 91. Born to Nellie (nee Moggy) and Harold Size. Survived by his wife Irene. Loved by his children Amy (Dustin), Curtis and Heather May (nee Size). Grandfather of Sue-Ellen, Mathew, Lucas, Caleb and Brock. Brother of Bud Size (wife Nora) (both predeceased), Norman Size (wife Moyra) (both predeceased), Ted Size (wife Jean) (both predeceased), Erling Size (wife Effie) (both predeceased) and Lila Lockyer (husband Floyd predeceased). Will forever be remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial Service took place at the Island Funeral Home, Little Current on Saturday, July 5, 2025 at 11 am. Luncheon to follow.

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CAPTAIN BENSON WAYNE SANDERS

May 12, 1936 - June 26, 2025



It is with great sadness that the family of Benson Wayne Sanders announce his passing at Manitoulin Health Centre, Little Current on June 26, 2025 at the age of 89. Wayne was born to William and Neola (Leeson) Sanders (predeceased) on May 12, 1936. Predeceased also by brothers Paul (Zelda) and William (Patricia) Sanders. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Julia Sanders (nee Hall); brothers-in-law Floyd (Mary) and Don (Elaine) Hall, as well as much loved nieces and nephews. As Wayne and Julia celebrated their marriage at the Tehkummah Hall on September 29, 1962, a Going Home Celebration will be planned for that date in the weeks to come.

If you go, I'll follow you,
You can't leave my love behind.
If you go (if you go) I'll follow you,
Even death will never end this love of mine.

Law & Order

Wiikwemkoong man arrested on several charges that endangered community

On Friday, July 4, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS), with the assistance of the Greater Sudbury Police Service (GSPS), arrested Miish-Kii M’Koos Corbiere in Sudbury. The individual was wanted on several charges that were endangering the community. Mr. M’Koos Corbiere was charged with four counts of failure to comply with release order, dangerous operation, failure to stop after accident, flight from peace officer, assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon and forcible confinement. WTPS appreciates the information provided from the communities of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) and Assiginack township that aided in making the arrest. “WTPS continues to protect and serve to get criminals off the street to ensure a safer community for our residents.”


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ed or violent, which are commonly known as psychiatric and behavioural emergencies (other terms include ‘challenging situations,’ ‘crises’ and ‘rapidly changing situations’). “The TIDES program and training aims to help healthcare teams prevent these situations and to respond safely when they happen,” continued Ms. Stephens. “When staff are trauma-informed, it means they acknowledge that they don’t know everything that another person has experienced, and that people might have had experiences that affect their mental and physical health. This is way of working with people that has far-reaching effects, and can touch on and improve patient experiences, and the overall delivery of health services from an organization-wide level to the daily activities of someone receiving care.”



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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:

1. Adherence to the M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code;
2. Conduct the Election in accordance with the Code; Strictly adhere to the Election timeline as per the MFN Custom Election Code;
3. Report the results of the Bi-Election to the members of the First Nation immediately after the filing of the return of poll;
4. 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 outline 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 Enaagdenjiged at (705) 377-5362, ext. 1202 or via email enaagdenjiged@mchigeeng.ca.


Sealed Tenders will be accepted by the undersigned up until July 17, 2025 at 2:00pm

Attn: Chief & Council
c/o Enaagdenjiged
M'Chigeeng First Nation
P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, Ontario
POP 1G0

www.mchigeeng.ca

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, July 19



What to bring:

From your workbench:

- Adhesives, glues, resins
- Hobby supplies, artist supplies
- Latex, oil paints (SEE TIP)
- Stains, thinners and strippers, Varsol, solvents, Linseed oil

From your garage:

- Car batteries, dry cell batteries
- Engine degreasers, brake fluids
- Transmission fluids
- Engine oil
- Antifreeze

From your yard:

- Insecticides, herbicides, pesticides
- Propane cylinders (small)

What not to bring:

- Ammunition, fireworks, explosives
- Infectious and biological waste
- Syringes (your local drugstore will handle those)

To ensure safety:

- **NEVER MIX CHEMICALS** and **NEVER SMOKE** while handling hazardous materials
- Do not place waste in plastic garbage bags
- Tighten caps and lids leaving material in original labeled containers
- Sort and pack paint, pesticides and household cleaners separately

Residents of the Town of NEMI ONLY
Date: Saturday, July 19
Time: 8 - 11 am
Location: NEMI Landfill Site
9571 Hwy 6, Little Current
For More Info: 705 368-3500

Residents of Central Manitoulin, Townships of Assiginack, Billings, Burpee & Mills, Gordon/Barrie Island, Tehkummah and the Town of Gore Bay
Date: Saturday, July 19
Time: 1 - 4 pm
Location: Mindemoya Roads Building, 7 Lakeshore Rd off Hwy 542/551, Mindemoya
For More Info: 705 377-5726

Learn to Sail this Summer!



The Little Current Yacht Club is offering CANSail 1-4 Sailing Camps again his summer!

When: August 5th to 30th

Schedule: Tuesdays to Saturdays, for 4 consecutive weeks

Where: Little Current, Low Island

Availability (limited):
August 5-9: Eight spaces available
August 12-16: Eight spaces available
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August 26-30: Twelve spaces available


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<https://littlecurrentyachtclub.checklick.com>

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Celebrations of Life

JUDY VAN HORN




Please join the family and friends of Judy Van Horn to celebrate her life on Saturday, July 19, 2025 from 2 to 4 pm at the Mindemoya Curling Club.

VINCE BELENSON


Please join us to remember and Celebrate the Life of Vince Belenson on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 12 noon to 5 pm at the Harbour View Pavilion in Gore Bay.

DOUGLAS WILLIAM HORE
July 11, 1942 - May 27, 2025



Please join the family and friends of Douglas William Hore on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 1 to 4 pm for a Celebration of Life at the Rockville Hall, 1253 Rockville Road.

ARDETH ELIZABETH MARIET BURMASTER (nee Williams)



Please join the family and friends of Ardeeth Elizabeth Mariet Burmaster on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 2 to 4 pm for a Celebration of Life at the at the Burpee and Mills Hall, 8 Bailey Line Road, Evansville

St. Joseph’s health centre assumes management of Manitoulin Lodge

GORE BAY—It was more than just Canada Day that was being celebrated at Manitoulin Lodge on July 1!

July 1 was also the day that St. Joseph’s Health Centre of Sudbury

(SJHC) assumed management of the long-term care home, renamed St. Joseph’s Lodge of Manitoulin Island.

“We are committed to making the transition to the new management as

smooth as possible,” said Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, administrator of St. Joseph’s Lodge. “SJHC has an excellent reputation, and we are looking forward to working with the SJHC team for the benefit of our residents, families, and employees.”

Two of those residents are Joyce Martens and Roy Lumley. Mr. Lumley was a patient of SJHC at the former Clarion site in Sudbury.

“St. Joseph’s is an excellent organization,” explained Mr. Lumley. “The care was exceptional, and the staff was fantastic, like here at St. Joseph’s Lodge. With them taking over, it should be a smooth and easy transition.”

“Welcome to our lovely community,” added Ms. Martens.

St. Joseph’s Health Centre operates two long-term care homes in Greater Sudbury (St. Joseph’s Villa and Villa St. Gabriel Villa) as well as a two-site rehabilitation hospital in Greater Sudbury, St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre, the only stand-alone facility of its kind in Northeastern Ontario, specializing in rehabilitative services for older adults.

“We are honoured to have St. Joseph’s Lodge as part of the SJHC family, and we want to continue the Lodge’s proud tradition of excellent care for its residents and

the Gore Bay and Western Manitoulin community,” said Kari Gervais, SJHC’s president and chief executive officer (CEO). “We are also very excited about the future plans for St. Joseph’s Lodge. We think it is going to be wonderful for this community.”

“For over 75 years, St. Joseph’s Health Centre of Sudbury has proudly served and met the health care needs of Sudbury and the surrounding communities. Today, they’re assuming management of the Manitoulin Lodge Long-Term Care Home. With decades of experience overseeing the operation of two long-term care homes, I know the residents of Manitoulin Lodge and Gore Bay community will be well cared for with this change in management,” said Minister of Long-Term Care, Natalia Kusendova-Bashta.

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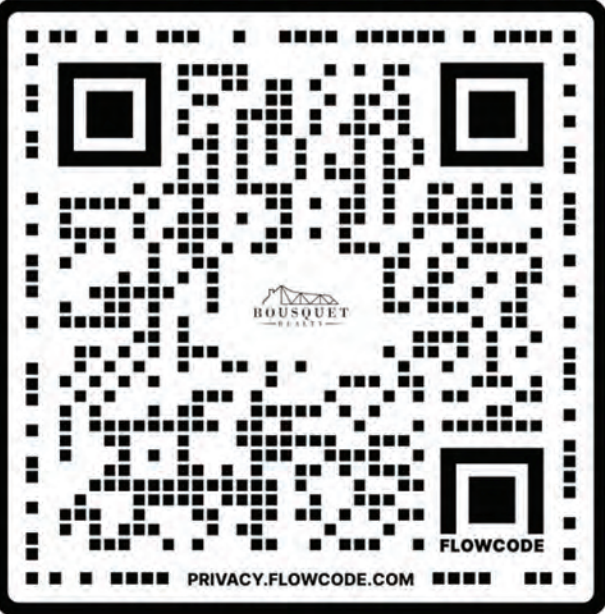


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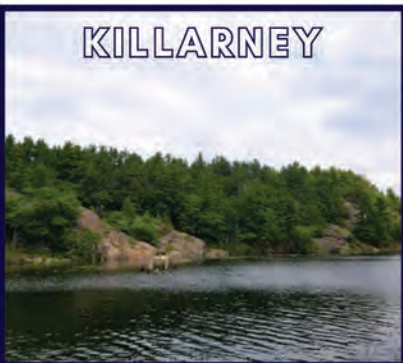
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Wiikwemkoong golfers score holes-in-one

MANITOWANING—A couple of Wiikwemkoong men, who are relatives, each notched a hole in one at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course (RRGC) in Manitowaning within a one-week time frame.

Cousins Pierre Trudeau and Robert Trudeau both achieved every golfer's dream, garnering aces. Pierre Trudeau notched his ace on Thursday, June 26, on the 11th hole at RRGC. "This is my second hole in one in the past three years," he told The Expositor. "Unfortunately, I never saw the ball enter the hole on either of them."

"On the one last Thursday (June 26) it was on the par three 11th hole, 182 yards," said Pierre. "It was on the back tees, and the ball hit the middle of the green, and both my playing partners said the ball disappeared."

"I took a video of my walk to the green," Pierre said, pointing out his two playing partners were Denis Audette and Brian Corbiere, whom he golfs with every Thursday morning at RRGC. He is a former employee of RRGC, having retired from the golf industry in 2015. He added that his first ace was on the par three second hole at RRGC two years



Robert Trudeau, in photo centre, notched a hole in one on the 16th hole at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course on Canada Day July 1.



Pierre Trudeau got a hole in one on the 11th hole at Rainbow Ridge Golf Course on June 26.

ago during a mixed golf tournament.

Robert Trudeau garnered his ace "on seniors' men's day on Canada Day

(at RRGC) on the 16th hole. My playing partners had all shot—I was last to play—and I used an eight-iron for the 131 yard hole. I hit a baby draw, and it hit the green about eight feet in front of the pin and rolled in. None of us could see it actually drop due the bright sunshine."

One of Robert's playing partners got to the green first and found the ball in the hole. His playing partners included Bill Orr and Tom Richards.

"This was my second hole in one," stated Robert. "The first came at the Men's Senior Open tournament (RRGC) in 2020." It came at the second hole about 139 yards.

New and interesting thing at Island markets

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Wiikwemkoong artist Dan Manitowabi brought his ribbon skirt-themed custom guitar to the NEMI Farmers' Market this past weekend.

"It took me about a week to make," said Mr. Manitowabi, "most of the time was spent just waiting for the coats to dry."

The colourful front of the guitar was created by lacquering many coats over ribbon skirt fabric. The neck was carved from Island maple, the body is poplar and the fretboard is rosewood. "The rosewood is the only wood that wasn't local," he said. "The binding is ABS plastic."

The pickups and knobs are not all that special, noted Mr. Manitowabi. "Really, the idea was to just make it a functional guitar," he said. That allowed the artist to price



Dan Manitowabi poses with his "ribbon Skirt" custom "Strat" at the NEMI Farmers' Market.

photo by Michael Eskine

the artwork/instrument at an accessible \$500.

Mr. Manitowabi has also made a musical instrument from material taken from the recently demolished Genossee Hall

in Wiikwemkoong. "That one went really fast," he noted. Not surprising, given the historical significance of that building to the community.

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Minor Hockey associations need numbers!

Hockey at this time of the year is usually the furthest thing from the minds of most people but increasingly, it should. The call is already out for minor hockey registrations to get all of their ducks in a row ensuring your kids season has no hiccups.

The Gore Bay Bruins executive has recently requested that parents/guardians make their intentions known for their children's upcoming, minor hockey season. Bruins proactive President, Nick Lane sums up the reality his and other associations are facing. He relayed that, "getting organized early helps us as an association figure out our teams, volunteers, schedules and ice time needed. Also with freedom of movement approved by the NOHA a couple years ago, parents/guardians are free to register players with any community association they wish. They don't necessarily have to register within the community/region they live in so, the choice is up to families where they want to play."

Although their deadline, isn't until September 12th getting yours' in early is important enough to the Bruins that they are offering various discounts and even an Early bird Draw! Based on your child's birth year from 2008 – 2021, U7's registration is only \$325 and the remaining ages \$425 and a sibling discount of 10% is also in effect. Finally, if you do register before August 15th, you could win one free, fee!

Please help your local association volunteers to get a better picture of what they need to prepare for and register now. In the same breath, all of Manitoulin Minor Hockey has a critical and chronic on-ice official shortage. If you or someone you know could help fill in these essential cogs in the hockey machine. All locals offer free NOHA regis-

tration and training for those that will don the stripes this fall. If you can't or won't, please be Official allies during this season and help stop any griping behind the glass. That will at least create a more positive atmosphere, especially for those young ears around you that are potential, future officials.

King, George at Development Camp!

Carter George recently renamed to the NHL's Los Angeles Kings' Development Camp has been fitting in and getting positive reviews. The Manitoulin connected teen finished last season playing a couple of games for the King's AHL farm team, Ontario Reign had a shut-out and a remarkable .984 save percentage. At Camp he was mic'd-up by the popular, Bardown, social-media enterprise. The clip shows a conscientious Carter staying loose, positive and fearless. What more can you ask from your goaltender? His perhaps, spotty rendition of Chappel Roan's Pink Pony Club only serves to demonstrate all of the above! Well done, Carter, we will all be seeing you soon!

PWHL'er with strong local connections, traded!

Professional Women's Hockey League player **Zoe Boyd** originally of Caledon Ontario is a regular visitor of her Grandmother, **Rosemary Thomson** who lives in the Big Lake area of Lake Manitou. Zoe, playing for the Ottawa Charge suffered a broken wrist this past spring in a game versus the New York Sirens, ending her season. In June she signed a one-year contract with the Boston Fleet.

Interestingly, her childhood friend **Kristin Della Rovere** also played for Ottawa but the pair also played for their home-town Caledon Hawks 'Boys' team where Kristin was assistant captain while Zoe was the Team Captain!

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Moving west!

Leeann Bell has taken over the ownership of The Outpost, which held the grand opening of its Gore Bay location on Friday, June 27.



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Firefighters rescue injured woman at Bridal Veil Falls

KAGAWONG—The Billings Township Volunteer Fire Department assisted paramedics with Manitoulin-Sudbury Emergency Medical Services (EMS) after a person sustained an injury at Bridal Veil Falls recently.

“We were called out to respond to a medical life assist call,” stated Martin Connell, Billings fire chief, of the incident that occurred on Saturday, June 28 at approximately 5 pm. “EMS received a call about an injured person at the base of the falls. A female had broken her leg.”

“We then received a call from the Sudbury-Manitoulin EMS to assist in carrying the injured patient up the stairs by the falls,” said Fire Chief Connell, who added that he wasn’t able to obtain any details on how the person had suffered the injury.

Fire Chief Connell said, “We don’t get many calls for service there (Bridal Veil Falls), probably about once every two years.”

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- Knowledge of accounting functions and principles: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, chart of accounts, etc.;
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- Ability to work independently, handle multiple projects, meet multiple deadlines and problem solve;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to learn very quickly in a fast-paced environment;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications, financial accounting software and general computer skills; and
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How to Apply – We Require:

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- Contact information for three (3) work-related references (1 current)
- Completed Consent and Release of Liability form (available at uccmpolice.com)

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

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

Email: recruitment@uccmpolice.com
Mail: UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, 5926 Hwy 540, Box 332, M’Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
NOTE: The successful applicant must clear a thorough background check prior to an offer of employment.


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

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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UCCM Anishnaabe Police is hiring



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Position: Human Resources Assistant
Term: Permanent Full-time
Salary/Pay: \$70,948.80 - \$80,953.60/annually (based on education and experience)

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

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

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

Your education and experience:

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

Your skills include (but are not limited to):

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

How to Apply – We Require:

- Cover Letter and Resume
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Manitoulin Golf enjoys great turnout for annual String Tournament



Manitoulin Golf held its annual String tournament on June 28. In photo is the winning team, which included Denis and Cheryl Audette, Jeff Audette and Sandy Bonbled.
photo by Tom Sasvari

by Tom Sasvari
GORDON—A total of 17 four-person teams took part in the annual String tournament held at Manitoulin Golf on Saturday, June 28.
In the first flight the team of Dennis and Cheryl Audette, their son Jeff Audette and Sandy Bonbled finished in top spot with a score of 49 (23 under par) in the 18-

hole tournament. Finishing second was the team made up of Drew Burrowes team which finished three strokes back with a score of 52.
The second flight saw Julia, Shelby, Keegan and Eddie take first place with a score of 58, two strokes better than the team of Tony, Diane, Stewart and Sheila.
The prize for the men's closest to the pin shot (fourth hole) was won by Nathan Byne, with the men's closest to the pin on the 13th hole being Denis Audette. Boston Thibault won the prize for men's longest drive on the 16th hole.
Amy Wright won the ladies prize for the closest shot to the pin on the second hole, with the ladies closest to the pin on the 11th hole being won by Diane S. The ladies longest drive prize was won by Gerry Lynn Manitowabi on the 16th hole.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION

GOVERNANCE MANAGER

TERM: INDETERMINATE (FULL-TIME)
Salary Range: \$77,600 - \$92,660 (Depending on education and experience)
+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions, and more!

The Governance Manager plays a pivotal role in implementing the Chief & Council's strategic direction and best practices for Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) governance functions. They will be responsible for all aspects of planning, direction and oversight of the governance portfolio within the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) administration, with a specific focus on implementing the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA). The Governance Manager will oversee strategic operations as they relate to this agreement, working and consulting with band members, internal staff, external partners, and the Chief and Council that will encompass the best interests of WRFN, all while guiding intra-departmental efforts to ensure the continued advancement of WRFN's self-governance goals in a manner that is as respectful as it is proactive and productive.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree in economics, business, commerce, public administration and political science, or experience in senior management at a First Nation level or related field.
- Experience in a related field, with a minimum of three (3) years of management experience.
- Experience working with First Nation Final Agreements and/or Self-Government Agreements.
- Experience advising stakeholders on policies, program delivery and the intersection of federal, provincial/territorial and Indigenous governance systems.
- Experience with community engagement strategies and practices in the context of indigenous governance.
- Experience in government-to-government negotiations and/or consultation will be considered an asset.
- Must have previous supervisory experience.
- Experience in government relations and advanced funding/reporting obligations.

SKILLS:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Ability to balance risks in ambiguous and complex situations.
- Experience implementing or designing privacy processes, policies, standards, controls and/or programs.
- Experience performing compliance assessments, gap assessments and rationalized frameworks.
- Experience in government relations and advocacy.
- Excellent computer skills and strong experience with Microsoft Office applications.
- Thorough knowledge of and ability to demonstrate/apply core First Nations values to design culturally appropriate services.
- Able to navigate and demonstrate knowledge of First Nations politics and specific issues related to governance.


***Must provide a clear Police Criminal Reference Check upon hire.*
***For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca*

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: JULY 11TH, 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:

CONFIDENTIAL: GOVERNANCE MANAGER
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

INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTOR

FULL-TIME
Salary Range: \$90,140 - \$107,632 / year (depending on education and experience)
**In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits Package, including group benefits, pensions and more!*

The Infrastructure Director, a pivotal leadership position, is of utmost importance as it is responsible for overseeing the planning, development and management of infrastructure projects within the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) community. This role, which encompasses various responsibilities such as managing public works, housing, facilities, land use codes and emergency services, carries significant weight in the community. The Infrastructure Director will oversee the planning, development and management of various infrastructure projects within the WRFN community. This role involves managing capital projects, ensuring compliance with standards and fostering positive relationships with stakeholders. The Director also plays a key role in developing and implementing infrastructure plans, managing budgets and ensuring the efficient and effective operation of infrastructure and community assets.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Developing and implementing strategic plans for infrastructure development, including long-term infrastructure planning, state-of-good-repair planning and asset management frameworks.
- As the Infrastructure Director, you will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of infrastructure projects, from planning and design to construction, operation and maintenance. This includes managing project budgets and timelines, as well as ensuring projects are completed on time and within budget. Your role is crucial in ensuring the smooth operation of the community's infrastructure.
- In conjunction with the Band Manager and the Finance Manager, plan and direct a comprehensive asset management program to ensure the efficient and effective operation and maintenance of the WRFN's infrastructure according to planned targets, budgets, procedures and priorities, and in accordance with applicable legislation.
- Mentor and supervise the Housing Manager, Public Works Manager, Facilities Manager, and the Infrastructure and Emergency Services Manager, as required, to operate the work as directed and assigned effectively.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Completion of a university degree in a related field (construction management, engineering, architecture, or related field), a master's degree or a post-graduate diploma is highly desired.
- Ten (10) + years of experience in capital project management, including five (5) + years in a leadership role.
- Previous experience working in a First Nations community and/or organization preferred.
- An understanding of relevant federal, provincial and local legislation, policies and procedures.
- Strong knowledge of infrastructure systems, including water, wastewater, roads and buildings.
- Significant experience in infrastructure planning, project management and financial management is essential.
- Sound knowledge of MS Office Programs (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Microsoft Project.
- Knowledge of the Aboriginal Water and Wastewater Association of Ontario (AWWAO).
- Knowledge of the Fuel Systems Management Circuit Rider Program.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS:

- A thorough understanding of First Nations culture, history and governance structures is often required.
- Thorough working knowledge of road/sewer/construction, maintenance management, waste management, water and subsidy processes.
- Experience developing and managing capital and operational budgets.
- Must possess excellent strategic planning, performance management, problem-solving and decision-making, as well as strong leadership skills.
- Sound judgement and professional tact to gain cooperation and compliance from members of the community, contractors and industry professionals (Engineers and Architects, etc.).
- Understands and ensures compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulations and any WRFN policies and procedures.
- Computer literacy utilizing the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook) and virtual meeting platforms.

**Must provide a clear Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC) upon hire.*
For a complete job description, please email: murray.mcgregor@whitefishriver.ca

Applications must be submitted by noon on July 14th, 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:

CONFIDENTIAL: INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTOR
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- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of:
Mrs. Megan Wickett, Operations Manager
Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
Or by fax to 705-377-7175

Community Living Manitoulin welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for applicants taking part in all aspects of the selction process.
For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit www.clmanitoulin.com.

Manitoulin Special Olympics qualify for provincials

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Special Olympics (MSO) softball team, along with several of its track and field athletes have qualified for and will be taking part in the Special Olympics provincial summer games. The event will mark the first time an MSO softball team has qualified for the provincial games.

“We have our softball team, and three track and field athletes going to the 2025 Ontario Special Olympic Summer Games taking place in Brantford July 10-12,” said MSO coach and MSO coordinator Janet Anning.

The MSO athletes had played in provincial qualifiers last year and pre-qualifiers in 2023. Last year the Manitoulin Wolverines C division softball team came home with a silver medal after being defeated by Almaguin at the provincial qualifier. The MSO track and field athletes had followed the same path and went to a regional meet recently held in Southern Ontario where all the team members, including Bruce Vanhorn, Kelsey Mellan and Matthew Bedard all posted personal best results in their events. Coach Joanne Mellan will accompany the track and field team to the provin-

cials.

The MSO softball team will include players William Leclair, Rebecca Strain, Emily Moggy, Marybeth Taliotis, Aaron Nickol, Mathieu Bouillon, Michael Cormiere, Jarred Ladouceur, Micheal Harper, Dylan Danville, Tyler Madahbee, Jeffery Harper and coaches Roslyn Taylor, Sandra Graham and Janet Anning.

“There will be a total of 18 softball teams at the provincials in different divisions,” said Ms. Anning. “We are included in one division with five other teams.”

“We are expecting the games to be really competitive and our athletes have been training hard. It’s going to be a blast,” stated Ms. Anning.

The MSO athletes will be competing with heavy hearts with the recent passing of John Featherstone, who was the coordinator of the Bluegrass in the Country for many years which supports MSO. His son Austin was an MSO athlete. “John was a big supporter of MSO and is going to be missed by the whole community. Obviously, we will be thinking about the Featherstone family and their loss. We will miss him,” she said, noting a celebration of life is being planned for Mr. Featherstone on July 17.



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Finance and Human Resources Assistant Full-time Position

Position: Finance and Human Resources Assistant
Location: Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service
Salary: \$75,130
Responsible To: Chief of Police

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

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

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

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


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

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

Subject: Finance and Human Resources Assistant

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

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



Wiikwemkoong
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Nakiwin Azheyaaksin
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

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

Confidential: Finance Officer Position
19A Complex Drive, PO Box 112
Wiikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve, Wiikwemkoong, ON P0P 2J0
erc@wiikwemkoong.ca

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